

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTE'S**  
**February 22, 2011**

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., EST. The meeting was held in the Sequoyah Room of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine.

Present: President Sommerfelt, Recording Secretary Kasten, Treasurer Jean Dinkins, and AKC Delegate Catherine Bell. Board Members Robin Brown, Barbara Price, and Paula Smiddy. Members: Karl Barth, Richard Bohanon, Dawn Darr, Trula Dinkins, Richard F\_\_\_\_\_, Phyllis Fortune, Judy Hart, Harlowe Jahelka, Dru Anne B. Martin, Judy and Mike Morman, Heather Roberts, and Carol Sommerfelt.

Absent: Vice President Merritt, Corresponding Secretary Beth White and Board Members Keith Bailey and Bernardine Luketich.

Visitors welcomed: Jennifer and Jeff Banta, Neena Van Camp, and Dean T. Howell.

Minutes: Motion passed unanimously on a motion by Catherine Bell.

Board Report: The 2011 nominating committee has been appointed, chaired by Keith Bailey. New club dues rate - \$25.00 for the first household member and \$15.00 for each additional member. Plans are underway for "B and Obedience Matches" and "Meet the Breed" events at Market Square in September or October, Bernadine Luketich, Chair and Paula Smiddy will be working on these events. Beth White was appointed to oversee a committee to create a vision for the performance side of TVKC. Set a goal to locate and secure a location for training classes which will be held all year round. Catherine Bell, Jean Dinkins and Carol and Walter Sommerfelt were appointed to a newly created committee to review the Club's By-laws and Standing Rules with a goal of completion by June 1. Catherine Bell reported that she had secured the Cooper Cellar on the strip for the club's 2011 Christmas party on December 13. TVKC's annual awards meeting will be a pot luck/picnic supper. Location will be named at a later date. A three-month trial of refreshments and social time will start at the February 22, 2011, meeting.

President's Report: As posted to the TVKC's web site.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary: White's report was read by Recording Secretary Kasten:

- Revised dues statements will be emailed later today.
- Agility Chair Darr will be proposing a change in trial dates which White supports.
- Performance Vision for the Future - the group has not met yet, recommendations will follow upon White's return.
- Training locations - Nothing to report
- Media/Community Outreach - TVKC's Facebook Page is working, Club Membership is now at 65 members, meeting notices - Gatlinburg Mountain Press, Roane County News (Harriman), News-Herald (Lenoir City), News Sentinel (Knoxville), the Daily Times (Maryville). If club members have any other suggestions, please email White with details.
- Sportsmanship Award - White is honored and humbled to be nominated for this award.

Treasurer's Report:

<b>November Confirmation Shows</b>	Income. . . .	\$ 32,600.09
	Expenses. . . .	\$ 24,984.63
	<b>Net . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 7,615.46</b>
<b>November . . .</b>	Checking Account. . . . .	\$ 32,187.41
	Money Market (12-12-10). . . . .	\$ 37,645.37
	<b>Total . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 69,832.78</b>
<b>December . . .</b>	Checking Account. . . . .	\$ 25,993.15
	Money Market (1-11-11). . . . .	\$ 37,657.75
	<b>Total . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 63,650.90</b>

AKC Delegate Report: Bell critiqued candidates for the AKC Board of Directors. Recommendations were to nominate Steven Gladstone, Robert Amen and John Ronald.

Cluster Report:

- This year's cluster falls on an UT football game.
- Judges' rooms and transportation have been finalized.
- The Judging Panel is near finalizing and will be reported later.
- There will be two concurrent specialities this year "Bulldogs" and "Collies" as well as supported entries.
- The judges' lunch area will be moved to the Northwest corner of the Jacobs Building.
- There will be some "reserved" grooming areas "ONLY FOR THOSE BREEDS ACTUALLY HOLDING A SPECIALTY NOT SUPPORTED ENTRIES."
- There will be outside rings at the steps of the Jacobs Building. Plans are to have (one) 40-foot by 40-foot tent for every two outdoor rings.
- Vendor pricing will remain the same. Vendors prepaying 60 days in advance with a Cashier's check will receive a discount of \$50.00 for each 10-feet of space.
- Indoor and Outdoor breeds will be listed in the Premium List; however, wording that gives the Cluster options in keeping breeds inside will depend on final entries.
- TVKC has sent out a questionnaire to prospective photographers. Voting will be later on TVKC's recommendations which will be sent to the Cluster Committee.
- The Cluster will once again invite senior citizens to the Thursday and Friday shows.
- Soliciting Corporate sponsors of some type are in the process.
- The Cluster brochure as well as the website if being revised.
- The Cluster will not be offering Junior Showmanship on Thursday or Friday shows as these are normally school days.
- Obedience will be limited to sixteen hours of judging each day and rally to eight hours of judging each day.

Agility Report: Darr reported the shows were a great success. She thanked all club members who came out and helped. She has a couple of recommendations which will be discussed later.

Trophy Report: Pottery trophies will remain, but downsized for 2011.

Club Awards Report: Jeane Ringe, Keith Bailey and Robin Brown will be reviewing the club's awards and will be making recommendations back to the board by May 17. Please report your awards to the committee.

New Members: The first reading for new members were Jennifer and Jeff Banta, Dean Howell, and Neena Van Camp.

New Business:

- There will be a Marti Growl held on March 5, at the Dog Park at 11:00 a.m.
- Agility: Spring shows will be held on February 3, 4, and 5, 2011. Darr recommends that the fall trial be changed from September to the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in December. Events will be held indoors. Motion by Bell, seconded by Fortune, motion passed unanimously. Also, recommended was a \$1.00 increase in fees. Darr noted that Georgia had the lowest fees and North Carolina had the highest. This will bring TVKC in line with surrounding clubs. Motion passed 12 to 2. Fortune recommended that the obedience fees for TVKC be consisted with ORKC fees concerning refunds on bitches in season. Motion by Fortune, seconded by Jahelka, motion passed unanimously.
- Voting: 2011 Club Sportsmanship Award is Phyllis Fortune  
  
Candidates for AKC Board of Directors are Steven Gladstone, Robert Amen, and John Ronald.  
  
Recommendation to the cluster for 2011 Show Photographer is Booth Photography.

Braggs: Robin Brown and Jean Dinkins on their dogs new titles. Congratulations to Dawn Darr on her engagement.

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment by Jean Dinkins, seconded by Phyllis Fortune was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m., EST. Doggy jeopardy will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maryellen Kasten*

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Recording Secretary