

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTE'S
August 16, 2011

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

- ◆ Present: President Sommerfelt, Vice President Paula Smiddy, Recording Secretary Kasten, and AKC Delegate Catherine Bell.
 Board Members: Keith Bailey, Pat Hodges, Barbara Price, and Pam Stanner.
 Members: Karl Barth, Richard Bohannon, Teresa Horn, Phyllis Fortune, Teresa Horn, Bernadine Luketich, Carol Sommerfelt, Barry Stanner and Ruby Valentine.
- ◆ Absent: Corresponding Secretary Beth White and Treasurer Jean Dinkins.
- ◆ Visitors welcomed: Karen Davis, Brandi Hodges, Dean Howell, Audrey Houser, Jess, Kay and Mike Irwin, Cheryl Kienast, Carol Ann Shipley, Collete Sutton, Kathy White and David Mynatt.
- ◆ Special Guest Speakers Karen M. Davis, PhD - Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Tennessee, on her ongoing study on play behavior within litters. Also present was Julie Albright, DMV of The University of Tennessee - Institute of Agriculture - Veterinary School. Club Members Teresa and Doug Horn have a litter that is being study at this time.
- ◆ Minutes: Corresponding Secretary didn't receive minutes in time for posting. Minutes will be voted on next month.
- ◆ Board of Directors' Report: None, next Board meeting Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at the home of the Sommerfelts.
- ◆ Corresponding Secretary's Report: President Sommerfelt read White's report. To be discussed and voted on later are AKC's Lifetime Achievement Awards. Conformation Events - Louis Auslander, Marion Bradshaw, or Jean Fournier. Companion Events - William Iwamoto, Patricia Scully or Betty Winters. Performance Events - Robert Fleury, Leida Jones, or Gerald Price. Training classes were a great success. Conformation classes are taking a break waiting for cooler weather and location of another site. Another round of Agility Classes will start again on September 21, 2010. A hefty round of applause is truly in order in appreciation for all the hard work by Angie Bass and Ace Russell. Membership outreach has involved many of training students who have expressed an interest in club membership. White has developed a new Member Information Form based on President Sommerfelt's draft. This form will be used for membership outreach visits. Also reported that White has prepared a Google map showing the geographic distribution of our membership. It has color coded markers for each member household by geographic zones. This map is secure - only visible by those who have been given the map's URL (link). The new cluster website is up and running at: <http://smokymtncluster.org/>. Your feedback is always welcomed.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report:
 July 2011

Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$ 23,530.84
Receipts from dues, training classes (conformation) and trophies.	\$ 152.50
Disbursements (Treasurer's office expenses for copies for the year, hospitality expenses for July's meeting, Tillery Storage annual rental expense and trophy expenses for the September 24 th Events	\$ 2,172.57

Checking Account Balance	\$ 21,510.77
Money Market Account Balance	\$ 37,724.15
Total	\$ 59,234.92

Motion passed unanimously.

- ◆ AKC Delegate's Report: Per Bell's recommendation, she will not be attending the September meeting due to not much taking place, this will save TVKC money and AKC will post minutes to their minutes to the AKC website.
- ◆ Cluster Report: Sommerfelt announced that 2011 the Cluster will have two National Specialties (American Foxhounds and the Otterhounds) and at least three specialty clubs (Boxers, Bulldogs and Collies.) Volunteers are still needed for this year's shows. Volunteers are needed for the Saturday night dinner/dance and raffle, also for Friday's Lottery Sweepstakes.
- ◆ Show Report: Premium list should be sent out soon for final proofing.
- ◆ Agility Report: Sommerfelt read Darr's email report - Rent verses purchasing timers will be discussed later. The premium for the December trail has gone through final proof reading and will be published next month in time for the October 5th opening. Darr is working on the premium for the February 2012 trial as well.
- ◆ Trophy Report: Carol Sommerfelt reported that this was the last night to purchase trophies for the 2011 shows.
- ◆ Open Show/Meet the Breeds Report : Luketich reported that the premium will be forthcoming and volunteers were still needed. She asked for member input on fun activities that children and their dogs could participate in, i.e, cutest puppy, best dog trick, etc. Smiddy reported that she had approximately 14 different breeds signed up for Meet the Breeds. She asked that anyone not signed up but willing to participate to please let her know.
- ◆ Old Business:

Voted in unanimously was Dean T. Howell.

AKC Delegate Bell presented the 2010 Sportsman of the Year Metal to Phyllis Fortune. Congratulations to Fortune on this honor.

Timer for agility trial was deferred to next week's board meeting. Recommendations will be announced at the September General Meeting for member discussion/voting.

TVKC's AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards votes were:

Conformation Events - Jean Fournier
 Companion Events - Patricia Scully
 Performance Events - No vote
- ◆ Club Brags: Keith Bailey, Richard Bohannon, Pat Hodges, Paula Smiddy, Carol and Walter Sommerfelt, and Pam and Barry Stanner.
- ◆ Motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Keith Bailey for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary