

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTE'S
September 20, 2011

Special Guest Speaker was Dr. Kristi Lively of Village Veterinary Clinic on the different types and methods of artificial fertilization.

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:45 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, Corresponding Secretary Beth White, Treasurer Jean Dinkins and AKC Delegate Catherine Bell.
 Board Members: Keith Bailey, Robin Brown, Pat Hodges, Barbara Price, and Pam Stanner.
 Members: Jeff Banta, Dru Ann B. Martin-Nutzell, Steve Merritt, Sandy Smith, Carol Sommerfelt and Ruby Valentine.
- ◆ Visitors welcomed: Janet Besanceney, Barbara and John Byrum, Jessica, Kay and Mike Irwin, Elizabeth Howell, Cheryl Kienast, and Carol Ann Shipley.
- ◆ Minutes: Kasten reported two amendments to the August's minutes. Motion to dispense reading of July and August's minutes by Keith Bailey and Catherine Bell. Motion passed unanimously.
- ◆ Board of Directors' and President's Report: President's report is posted to the club's website. The Board will be completing its contacting of club members for feedback on TVKC as a whole. Contacts with club members should be completed before the November meeting. Board will report back to club members on the Boards findings. Ace Russell has agreed to serve as the new Training Director for Performance Events. Later this evening the club will be presented with the Boards recommendations for changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and the Standing Rules. Club members will have until the November meeting for review. A new Program Committee has been formed. Chairman is Pam Stanner. Members also servicing are Keith Bailey, Barbara Price and Walter Sommerfelt. Previous winners of the TVKC Sportsmanship Award, Jean Dinkins, Eddie Delaney and Phyllis Fortune have nominated Dawn Darr and Barbara Price for this year's award. Voting will take place later in the meeting. Club Members may now send photo brags to the webmaster. It will appear for no longer than one month and will be subject to space. A new Audit and Budget Committee has been formed. Serving on the Committee will be Keith Bailey, Catherine Bell, Pat Hodges and Maryellen Kasten. TVKC is still looking for a permanent training site.
- ◆ Corresponding Secretary's Report: Performance classes start once again tomorrow night at Ace Russell's facilities. Pre-registration is now being accepted for agility classes held between November 16 and December 14, 2011.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report:
 August 2011

Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$ 21,510.77
Receipts from dues, training classes (conformation) and trophies	\$ 220.00
Disbursements (December's Agility Trial Ribbons (\$524.03), Knoxville News-Sentinel Ad for Breeder Referral (\$110.10), Sportsmen's Insurance - Fidelity Board (expires 7/22/14 for \$391.00) ORKC (SMBDC Trophies (\$80.00) and Edmund R. Sledzik (2010 Tax Return)	\$ 1,605.13
Checking Account Balance	\$ 20,125.64
Money Market Account Balance	\$ 37,739.76
Total	\$ 57,865.40
- Motion by Paula Smiddy, seconded by Keith Bailey to approve minutes unanimously as presented.
- ◆ AKC Delegate's Report: Bell did not attend the September meeting. She was out-of-the-country. Sommerfelt reported the full report is posted to the AKC website. There will be a new Reserve Best in Show Award, starting July 20, 2012.
- ◆ Cluster Report: Sommerfelt announced that 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. A sign up sheet will be passed around tonight for the bake sale, per Linda Pitt's request. Instead of members bringing bake goods, she has requested funds instead. She has made arrangements with a local specialty bakery to purchase bake goods at a special price. Letters to request donations from vendors will be posted online.

- ◆ Agility Report: White reported the next Agility Trial will be held December 2 through December 4, 2011, at Harriman. Entries close on October 5, 2011. Volunteers are still needed.
- ◆ Show Report: Bell reported that volunteers are still needed.
- ◆ Trophy and Judges Report: Carol Sommerfelt reported trophies have been purchased. She announced the passing of Judge Mr. Mac Rood.
- ◆ Open Show/Meet-the-Breeds Report: Smiddy reported that she had approximately 20 different breeds signed up for Meet-the-Breeds. Club members are still welcomed to bring their breed, let her know the breed you'll be bringing.
- ◆ A new Equipment Committee has been formed. Serving will be Jeff Banta, Robin Brown, and Jean Dinkins. There will be a club work day after the November shows. This will allow a cleanup of the storage building and storage trailer and an inventory of club equipment.
- ◆ Election of new club members: Elizabeth Howell and Cheryl Kienast were unanimously approved as members on a motion by Jean Dinkins, seconded by Catherine Bell.
- ◆ First Reading of new club members: Janet Besanceney, Jessica, Kay and Mike Irwin, Carol Ann Shippley.
- ◆ Old Business:

The Board recommends purchasing two new wireless timers for the Agility Trials at a cost of \$1,998.00. A motion by Dinkins, seconded by Bell to accept the recommendation of the board to purchase the upgraded timer equipment. Motion passed unanimously.
- ◆ New Business:
 - ◆ On a motion by DruAnn B. Martin-Nutzell and seconded by Keith Bailey, it was unanimously approved to delete the Knoxville News-Sentinel Breeder Referral ad.
 - ◆ Review of Constitution/By-Laws and Standing Rules: President Sommerfelt read the approved recommendations from the Board. Club members will vote on the Board recommendations on the Constitution/By-Laws at the October meeting. Standing Rules were voted on and approved by the Board. Any changes must be forwarded to AKC for approval.
 - ◆ Club Brags: Keith Bailey, Robin Brown, Jean Dinkins, Pat Hodges, Barbara Price, Paula Smiddy, Carol and Walter Sommerfelt, and Beth White.

Motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Jean Dinkins for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Kasten

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Recording Secretary