

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTE'S**

**October 18, 2011**

Special Guest Speaker was Dr. Sharon Startup from Animal Veterinany School on the importance of dental care for our dogs.

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:43 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. Absent: Pam Stanner.

Members: Jennifer & Jeff Banta, Karl Barth, Barb & John Byrum, Texas Eddie Dulaney, Judy Hart, Sandy Smith, Neena Van Camp, and Ruby Valentine.

◆ Visitors welcomed: Jessica, Kay and Mike Irwin.

◆ Minutes: Motion to dispense reading and accept as published. Motion by Bell, seconded by Price, motion passed unanimously.

◆ Board of Directors'/President's & Cluster Report: President's full report is posted to the club's website. Cluster entries close tomorrow. Volunteers are still needed for the show. Sommerfelt reported that a sign up sheet will be passed around for the bake sale per request from Linda Pitts. Donations are still being taken for the bake sale for those who don't wish to bake. Linda has made arrangements to purchase extra bake goods with donated money. Donations are still needed for the raffle. Letters to request donations are available for prizes. The cluster has already received some very nice prizes more are needed.

◆ Corresponding Secretary's Report: Performance classes started once again at Ace Russell's facilities. Pre-registration is now being accepted for agility classes held between November 16 and December 14, 2011. Conformation classes will run from October 17 through December 19. Instructor will be Angie Bass. See club's website for more information. The agility trial for December is on tract and Dawn will be present. See club's website for more information on classes.

◆ Treasurer's Report:

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Checking Account Beginning Balance .....	\$	20,125.64
Receipts from dues, training classes (agility & obedience) and trophies .....	\$	595.00
Disbursements - D & O Insurance (\$ 687.00), UT Vet School Scholarship (\$ 5,000.00), Open Show (\$ 162.54). ....	\$	5,849.54
Checking Account Balance .....	\$	14,871.10
Money Market Account Balance .....	\$	<u>37,745.96</u>
Total .....	\$	52,617.06

Motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Beth White to approve report unanimously as presented.

- ◆ AKC Delegate's Report: Bell reported nominations to AKC Board were William Fenney, Thomas Powers and Lynn Smith. Starting 01-01-12 there will be an additional \$10.00 fee for every co-owner listed on the registration. Group realignment has come up again. Delegates will vote at the November meeting on whether to increase the groups from seven to eleven. The full report can be seen at the AKC website.
- ◆ Show Report: Bell reported that volunteers are still needed.
- ◆ Trophy and Judges Report: Judge recommendations for the 2012 Shows are now being taken. Please state the breed for the particular judge you are requesting.
- ◆ Open Show/Meet-the-Breeds Report: Smiddy reported that she thought the events were very well received by those in attendance and everyone seemed to have a good time.
- ◆ Election of new club members: Jessica, Kay and Mike Irwin were unanimously approved as members on a motion by Jean Dinkins, seconded by Catherine Bell.
- ◆ Old Business:
  - ◆ Xmas Party will be held at the Copper Cellar on the UT strip on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited to 35 persons. Menu will consist of your choice of meat - filet (\$24.00), seafood (\$21.00) or chicken (\$17.00) with salad and one side. The club will finish the appetizer trays. Your reservation will need to be paid in advance, see Jean Dinkins.
- ◆ New Business:
  - ◆ Vote on changing the AKC groups from seven to eleven. Motion by Judy Hart, seconded by Catherine Bell to dispose change. Motion passed.
  - ◆ Club Brags: Keith Bailey, Robin Brown, Jean Dinkins, Pat Hodges, Kay Irwin, Barbara Price, Paula Smiddy, Carol and Walter Sommerfelt, and Beth White.

Motion by Barbara Price, seconded by Catherine Bell for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary