

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTE'S
November 15, 2011

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:05 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: Jeff Banta, Trula Dinkins, Phyllis Fortune, Elizabeth Howell, Judy & Mike Morman, Dru Anne B. Martin-Nutzell & Dave Nutzell, Neena Van Camp, and Carol Sommerfelt.

◆ Visitors welcomed: Diane Lee and Janet Besanceney - Sommerfelt reminded club members to take a few minutes and introduce themselves to visitors. He also reminded everyone that membership applications must be accompanied by a check and must be signed by two members. Applications will be read the following two months after application is received and the prospective new member has attended three meetings.

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

◆ President's Report: Sommerfelt thanked everyone for their help at the cluster. He also commented that the cluster will be looking for more people to take on several roles for the upcoming year. The Performance Committee will meet with ORKC regarding obedience, agility, and rally events for next year. Copies of the revised Constitution/ByLaws have been submitted to AKC.

◆ Corresponding Secretary's Report: None

◆ Treasurer's Report:

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Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$	14,871.10
Receipts from dues, training classes (agility & obedience), trophies Christmas party, sweeps, show settlement	\$	28,232.41
Disbursements - Certificate of Insurance for Training Classes, trophies, Storage Keys, Obedience Stewards, Judges Fees, B & G Catering for Friday and Sunday's lunches, and stamps.	\$	17,275.50
Checking Account Balance	\$	25,828.01
Money Market Account Balance	\$	<u>37,745.96</u>
Total	\$	63,573.97

Motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Robin Brown to approve report unanimously as presented.

◆ AKC Delegate's Report: Bell reported nominations to AKC Board from the floor Robert Schroll, John Ronald, Larry Sorenson, Pat Cruze and Jim Efron. Realignment of groups will be voted on at the March Delegates Meeting. The full report can be seen at the AKC website.

◆ Cluster Report: Show went very well with a few problems. The Saturday night dinner/dance/raffle had good attendance. The Cluster has received requests from exhibitors that the Bake Sale be expanded to a two-day event. The Chuck-A-Duck event sold out all three days. The Lottery Sweeps had forty-five entries and everyone entered had a good time. The Bull Dog and Collie Specialties were very happy and they will return next year along with two additional National Specialties next year.

- ◆ Agility Report: Sommerfelt read Darr's report stating that everything was set for the December 2 - 4, 2011 Harriman, Tennessee, trials. Entries close tomorrow. Volunteers are still needed. TVKC received a request from a Performance event exhibitor about refunding money due to their bitch being in season. Fortune made a motion, seconded by Brown for TVKC to be consistent with ORKC on refunding money on Bitches in season. Motion passed.
- ◆ Show Report: Bell reported that the LaQuinta Motel at the Strawberry Plains exit had a problem with one of the exhibitors bring a dog to the breakfast bar. She was told more than one that dogs were not allowed in the breakfast room. This will be discussed further at the cluster meeting. Bell also mentioned that several persons' who volunteered for work did not show up. Positions were covered but this does present a problem and needs to be addressed. Bell also reported that the food this year was a lot better.
- ◆ 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. Trophies will be discussed after the first of the year.
- ◆ Club Awards: Sommerfelt reminded everyone that anyone receiving new titles should send the information along with a copy of the certificate to Jeane Ringe for next year's award ceremony.
- ◆ Training Classes: Robin reported that Angie Bass has accepted a new job and regrets that she will not be able to continue teaching the conformation classes at this time. Barbara Price will seek volunteers for the remaining classes.
- ◆ Program Committee: Sommerfelt reported that the committee is trying to lined up the January, February and March Programs. There is no program for tonight.
- ◆ Equipment Committee: The committee will set a date for going through the storage building and the equipment after the first of the year.
- ◆ Election of new club members: None
- ◆ Unfinished 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. No gift exchange this year.
 - ◆ A "Thank You" note was received from UT for the \$5,000.00 scholarship donation.
- ◆ New Business:
 - ◆ The Knox Historical Society/McClung Museum as accepted TVKC's photos, catalogs, etc. for archiving. On a motion by Keith Bailey, seconded by Robin Brown to allow the them to decide if they want to also archive the clubs minutes. Catalogs date back to 1934.
 - ◆ First Reading of Membership Application from Janet Besanceney.
 - ◆ Club Brags: Keith Bailey, Robin Brown, Jean Dinkins, David Nutzell, Pat Hodges, Kay Irwin, Maryellen Kasten, Barbara Price,, Carol and Walter Sommerfelt, and Beth White.

Motion by Catherine Bell, seconded by Mike Morman for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Kasten

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