

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTE'S

March 20, 2012

President Walter Sommerfelt welcomed Guest Speaker Dr. Mitch Rosenzweig from The Animal Emergency, Critical Care and Referral Center will be speaking on total joint replacements with an open floor to address members questions on other types of bone surgery.

The meeting was to be held in the Sequoyah Room at the University of Tennessee Veterinary School. Meeting was called to order by President Sommerfelt at 8:00 p.m.

Present: President Sommerfelt, Vice President Paula Smiddy, Corresponding Secretary Beth White, Recording Secretary Kasten, Treasurer Jean Dinkins, and AKC Delegate Catherine Bell.

Board Members Present: Pat Hodges and Barbara Price. Absent was Keith Bailey, Robin Brown and Pam Stanner.

Members Present: Trula Dinkins, Phyllis Fortune, Judy Hart, Judy, Kay and Mike Irwin, Judy & Mike Morman, DruAnne Martin and Dave Nutzell, Carol Sommerfelt, Ruby Valentine and Neena Van Camp.

President Sommerfelt welcomed the following visitors - Donna and Quinto Burchi, Janis Flaherty, Erin and Victor Franco, Gene Price and Ashley and Hannah Richardson. He reminded everyone needed to sign the meeting sheet. He further explained that anyone wishing to join must submit an application along with a check at the end of the meeting. Application must be signed by two club sponsors. All applicants must attend three meetings after application. All application's will be read twice.

There were no minutes from the February meeting due to the Recording Secretary being absent.

President's Report: TVKC's Constitution and By-Law's have been approved as amended. The two amendments were: (1) Change AKC Delegate from a four-year term to a three-year term per AKC regulations. (2) Remove 20-year from the Honorary Membership. Everett Dean has passed away leaving a void for 2012 Judges Selection Committee. The Judges Selection Committee will need to met to name a replacement. The Performance Committee has recommended that TVKC keep the two event dates. The first week in February and the first week in December. Barbara Price has agreed to check into using Concord Park for our Annual Awards Meeting in June which will be a potluck supper (not yet confirmed.) Remember anyone putting a title on their dog(s) (January - December 2011) needs to get a copy of the AKC title to Jeanne Ringe no later than the end of April. Also, remember Club Members putting titles on their dogs are allow a ½-page ad in the upcoming Catalog for a fee of \$10.00.

Cluster Report: Cluster recommendations are that there will be one-ring for obedience and one-ring for rally unless adjustments need to be made for larger entries. This will allow two conformation rings. There are a couple of issues that need to be addressed concerning TVKC's entry fees for obedience and rally. This will be discussed later. He explained that when the Cluster was formed there was a contract signed by both parties. This was done for consistency. Each club has four voting members. He services as Cluster Coordinator and only votes in case of a tie vote. TVKC's voting members are Catherine Bell, Jean Dinkins (who also serves as the Cluster's Treasurer), Pat Hodges and Carol Sommerfelt. The contract also allows for absent voting member to be replaced by another club member for a proxy vote. As was the case when Phyllis Fortune severed for absent voting member Jean Dinkins. The cluster voted to allow all American dog entries for obedience and rally events. The cluster also voted to change parking fees. The new fees will be a four-day pass for \$20.00. Daily fees will be \$8 per day. There will be no additional admission fee for the shows. Due to parking being below the Jacobs building, the cluster voted to rent up to two golf carts a day for assisting exhibitors with equipment, etc. up the hill. There will be no Junior Classes offered again this year on Thursday and Friday. There will also be appointed a "Hearing Committee" to handle any hearing that might arise during the cluster. Sommerfelt reminded everyone that there was still positions open for Cluster Committees.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: There has been several lost files. The club's website will be updated.

Treasurer's Report:	February's Checking Account Balance	\$	35,624.19
Receipts:	Conformation Classes	\$	225.00
	Agility Vendor (February Event)	\$	<u>75.00</u>
	Total	\$	300.00
Disbursements:	Agility Application Fees (Nov. & Feb.)	\$	600.00
	(Dawn Darr Barrett)		
	Obedience Application Fee	\$	30.00
	Home Federal Check Stamp	\$	<u>38.98</u>
	Total	\$	668.98
	Total Checking Account Balance (3/10/12).	\$	35,155.21
	February Money Market Account Balance (2/9/12)	\$	<u>37,770.78</u>
	Total	\$	72,925.99

AKC Delegate's Report: AKC Delegate's meeting was March 13, 2012. After several votes, the three new AKC Board Members are Pat Cruise, Tom Powers and Bill Finney. The proposed new eleven group motion failed. Groups will remain at seven groups.

Nominating Committee Report: Nominations for 2012-2013 are as follows:

President Walter Sommerfelt
Vice President Barbara Price
Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten
Corresponding Secretary Beth White

Board of Directors: Keith Bailey, Jeff Banta, Pat Hodges, Kay Irwin, Paula Smiddy and Pam Stanner

Note: The new TVKC By-Laws just approved by AKC - consists of six non officer positions.

AKC Delegate: Catherine Bell

Note: New AKC Policy - The AKC Delegate is now a three-year position instead for the former four-year term.

The new TVKC By-Laws just approved by AKC - The AKC Delegate position is now a "Non-Voting" member on the board. However, the AKC Delegate may be nominated and elected to any position on the board on an annual basis.

No person may be a candidate for more than one position, except in the case of the AKC delegate being Nominated for an officer or board position.

Nominations will be received from the floor at the April Meeting. Voting will be held at the May meeting.

Performance Committee Report: Obedience Classes start once again on March 28, 2012. Agility Classes will start once again on April 21, 2012. Conformation classes will be moving to another location. Smiddy and Price will be checking out the new location. Recommendation from the committee to continue to hold two agility events a year; one the first week in February and one the first week of December.

Motion passed unanimously. Also discussed was the entry disclaimer statement. The Board voted to check and include the event disclaimer statement on all TVKC event forms.

Show Committee Report: Bell reported that AKC had received the Cluster's Show Application. Ace Miller recently passed away; therefore, the Golden Glove Building reverts back to the City of Knoxville. The city has assured Bell that the Golden Glove Building will be available as previously promised for the show dates. The Bulldog Club has not decided whether to hold a one-day or two-day specialty show. AKC has been asked to hold a Show Chairman's Seminar and an Events Committee Seminar.

Sportsman's Award: The 2011 Sportmanship Award was presented to Barbara Price by President Sommerfelt.

Old Business: Sommerfelt announced that ORKC had decided to change its Obedience and Rally entry fees from \$29.00 to \$27.00 for the first entry fee. A motion was made by Fortune and seconded to change entry fees to be consistent with that of ORKC. After considerable discussion, motion failed. TVKC's entry fees will stay the same. TVKC will go back to the cluster to see if a compromise can be worked out on fees.

Trophy Chairman Sommerfelt reported receiving several recommendations for 2012 trophies. They are (1) Alwine Pottery for BIS; (2) Money; (3) Vendor Bucks; (4) Rosettes for Breed Prizes; (5) Combination of Pottery, Rosettes and Vendor Bucks; and (6) Group Rosettes and Catalog with Rosettes. After several votes, trophies for 2012 will Pottery for BIS and rosettes for major entries of 10 or more. Club members may donate individual trophies. Those doing so must have trophies into the Trophy Chairman before final proofing of the Catalog.

Brag: Congratulations go to Beth White, David Nutzell and the Sommerfelts on their dog's accomplishments.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m., EST on a motion by Judy Hart and seconded Catherine Bell. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maryellen Kasten

Recording Secretary