

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTE'S

June 21, 2012

The Annual Awards and Picnic meeting was held at the Bear Creek Golf Course. Thanks to Barbara Price for making the arrangement's for the pavilion site. Thanks to Catherine Bell for purchasing the hamburger and hot dogs on behalf of TVKC and once again she prepared the hamburgers before the meeting.

Present: Vice President Paula Smiddy, Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten, Corresponding Secretary Beth White, Treasurer Jean Dinkins and AKC Delegate Catherine Bell. Board Members Present - Keith Bailey, Pat Hodges, Barbara Price and Pam Stanner. Members - Trula Dinkins, Judy Hart, Elizabeth Howell, Harlowe Jahelke, Judy and Mike Morman, Jeanne and Axel Ringe, Carol Sommerfelt, and Needa Van Camp.

Absent: President Walter Sommerfelt and Board Member Robin Brown.

Vice President Smiddy welcomed the following visitors:

Joe White (new), Beth White's husband, and repeat visitors - Donna and Quinto Burchi, Barbara and John Byrum, Charmaine Dawn, Erin and Victor Franco, and Gene Price (will be voted on for membership later in tonight's meeting.)

Minutes: No minutes due to lack of a quorum for the last two meetings.

President's Report: VP Smiddy read the President's Report "Please express my apologies for being out-of-town, and express that following this year's elections I am looking forward to continuing to work on our short and long term goals for the club."

Board Report: The Board of Directors has adopted the following procedure for honorary membership consideration. "To be nominated for honorary membership a member must be nominated in writing by a non-family member to the Board of Directors. The board will then review the members request and consider it based upon the nominated persons contributions to TVKC. The board does not feel that length of membership alone should be a qualifying factor. Rather a complete review of the member and his or her overall activity and contributions to the club will determine whether or not the board will bring the nomination before the entire club for a vote. Nominated members will be elected by a 2/3's majority vote of members present at that meeting to be elected. If the nominee is bestowed the honorary membership he or she becomes a "non-voting" member of the club and is exempt from paying dues. However, if the elected member desires he or she may retain voting privileges as long as they continue to pay normal dues. Once the Honorary Member gives up their voting privileges they may not get them back at a later date. Following the upcoming elections the new board will review and refine this policy at a future date."

Corresponding Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: March 2012

Checking Account Beginning Balance	.....	\$ 35,155.21
Receipts (Dues, Trophies, and Conformation Class)	.....	\$ 555.00
Disbursements (AKC Delegate expenses, Petree's Florist - Howard)	.....	\$ 890.76
Ending Checking Account Balance (3/10/12)	.....	\$ 34,819.45
Money Market Account Balance (3/12/12)	.....	\$ 37,777.40
Total Balance	\$ 72,596.85

April 2012

Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$ 34,819.45
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Receipts (Cluster Website and Dues)	\$ 450.00
Disbursements (Training Class Cleaning, Cluster Website & AKC Event Plans [Rally Application Fee])	\$ 650.00
Ending Checking Account Balance	.....	\$ 34,619.45
Money Market Account Balance (4/10/12)	.....	\$ 37,783.40
Total Balance	.....	\$ 72,402.85

May 2012

Checking Account Beginning Balance	.....	\$ 34,619.45
Receipts	.....	\$ 0.00
Disbursements (Sportsmen's Insurance)	.....	\$ 1,595.00
Ending Checking Account Balance	.....	\$ 33,024.45
Money Market Account Balance (5/10/12)	.....	\$ 37,789.61
Total Balance	.....	\$ 70,814.06

Motion by Bell, seconded by Jahelke to approve Treasurer's report, motion passed unanimously.

AKC Delegate Report: The September Delegate Meeting will be held in New Jersey. Several important rule changes applying to dog shows will be voted on. Full Report is available on the AKC website. Motion by Price, seconded by Bailey to send Bell to the September Meeting in New Jersey. Motion approved unanimously.

Cluster Report: Dinkins reported that Judges for the November Shows will be staying at the Holiday Inn Downtown Motel this year due to the Airport Motel already booked solid for these dates. Bell reported that the cluster was working on the Premium List which needed to be sent in by June 27, 2012. The Show Vet, Dr. Lively of Village Veterinarian Hospital reported that they will be unable to be in attendance all four days. Bell posed the question on what members wanted to do. After considerable discussion, Price offered to contact The Animal Emergency, Critical Care & Referral Center to see if they would be available. If so, they will be given free booth space for advertising their clinic. Several members voiced concern that Dr. Lively be contacted one more time to verify that they would not be available all four days. Price will contact them. It was also the consensus of the membership that if Dr. Lively still wanted to do semen collection for two days that was fine but the cluster would not donate a free booth.

Agility Report: White reported that everything was in order for the December shows.

AKC Show Report: Everything is moving on. I will contact Jeff Banta about bringing the storage trailer to the show site. Two new keys have been made for the storage building.

Judges Selection Report: Sommerfelt reported that she had the list of Judges with her and club members were welcome to check the list.

Training Classes Report: Advance Agility classes will be starting in two weeks. Conformation classes continue to going well. Obedience classes will start up again, date will be announced.

Program Report: Marilyn Mele, the head trainer for Wildwood Service Dogs based in Maryville will be the July Guest Speaker. She will be speaking on their program on training dogs to assist persons with neurological disabilities.

Elections of Officers: There was no election. Floor nominations were taken - Catherine Bell was nominated to the Board of Directors. There were no further nominations. Elections will take place at the July meeting.

Election of New Members: Charmaine Dawn, Erin and Victor Franco and Gene Price were all elected unanimously.

Unfinished Business: Price stated that several members wanted to move the meeting site on a three month trial to The Animal Emergency, Critical Care & Referral Center in west Knoxville off of Kingston Pike. The Board of Directors had vetoed this move at the May Meeting. Price made the motion to move the meeting from the UT Vet School, Bailey seconded the motion. After several members addressed concerns about holding meeting on a site where sick animals were walked and the additional distance of some members that don't live in Knoxville and one member addressed UT Vet School's attitude toward breeding and kennels, the motion carried. The July, August and September TVKC's meetings will be held at the new site.

New Business: Bell made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the AKC Human Fund, seconded by Sommerfelt, discussion followed. It was the consensus of the members that more information was required from AKC concerning what donations would be used. This will be discussed later when more information is received on how this fund works. A request has been received to change Bob Abbott's club status from voting member to honorary member. This will be discussed later.

Awards/Braggs: Congratulations to all that received awards from their 2011 activities. All congratulations to White and Sommerfelts' on their recent brags.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned on a motion be Bell, seconded by Dinkins. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maryellen Kasten

Recording Secretary