

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTE'S
July 17, 2012

President Walter Sommerfelt welcomed Guest Speaker Marilyn Mele, the head trainer for Wildwood Service Dogs based in Maryville. She will be speaking on their program on training dogs to assist persons with neurological disabilities.

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 7:45 p.m.

Present: President Walter Sommerfelt, Vice President Paula Smiddy, Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten, Treasurer Jean Dinkins and AKC Delegate Catherine Bell. Board Members Present - Keith Bailey, Pat Hodges, Barbara Price and Pam Stanner. Members - Jeff Banta, Karl Barth, Richard Bohanan, Chaimain Daum, Phyllis Fortune, Kay Irwin, Harlowe Jahelke, Carol Sommerfelt, Barry Stanner, and Ruby Valentine.

Absent: Corresponding Secretary Beth White and Board Member Robin Brown.

President Sommerfelt welcomed the following visitors:

First-time visitors Julianne Cole and Shannon Easterly and repeat visitors - Donna and Quinto Burchi, Barbara and John Byrum, and Janis Flaherty. [Donna and Quinto Burchi and Janis Flaherty \(will be voted on for membership later in tonight's meeting.\)](#)

Minutes: June minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Karl Barth, seconded by Catherine Bell.

President's Report: Sommerfelt notified everyone that member Neena Van Camp was undergoing cancer treatment.

Board Report: The board approved holding a "Meet-the-Breeds" and "Responsible Dog Ownership" met. Dates will be decided on at a later date. Volunteers are needed, TVKC hopes that new members will volunteer. Please contact Paula about volunteering. Date will be decided on soon depending on home UT football games and availability of Market Square Krunch Park.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: June 2012

Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$ 33,024.45
Receipts (Dues, Training Classes, & AKC Rally Refund)	\$ 1,085.00
Disbursements (AKC Delegate expenses, Fan for Training Classes and Paypal fee for dues payment)	\$ 790.90
Ending Checking Account Balance (June 2012)	\$ 33,318.55
Money Market Account Balance (3/12/12)	\$ 37,796.24
Total Balance	\$ 71,114.79

On a motion by Bell, seconded by Bailey to approve June's Treasurer's Report, motion passed unanimously.

AKC Delegate Report: See AKC's Chairman's Report is posted to the AKC site.

AKC Show Report: All Judges have been approved as of today. The Premium List will be coming out around the middle of August for final corrections/approval. Trophy Chairman reported that trophies could still be purchased until the fifteenth of August. President Sommerfelt noticed that more events for the Saturday and Sunday shows were being consider. Bell reported that volunteers were needed for Saturday night's barbeque. Rings will need to be taken down and tables put up for the barbeque. Rings will need to be replaced for the next day's show.

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: All training classes have been put on hold for the summer. New classes will be announced on TVKC's web site.

Unfinished Business: Sommerfelt thanked Price for obtaining the annual meeting's picnic site and Bell for once again preparing the hamburgers.

Next month's Guest Speaker will be Harlowe Janhelka on his California Police Work with Police Dogs.

Storage and Equipment Van: New keys have been made for the storage building. Storage keys are with Bell and Fortune. The old keys for the equipment van are still good and should not be disposed of.

Under the revised By-Laws, the board has approved two members the status of Honorary Members, upon approval by the membership. These will be non-voting members unless they decide to pay their annual dues. Those being considered are Bob Abbott and Dawn Darr . Both were approved as Honorary Members.

It was the general consensus that post cards should be sent out to members about the change in the August, September and October meetings to be held at the Animal Emergency, Critical Care & Referral Center on Kingston Pike.

New Business: AKC Judge Janhelka announced a new AKC policy concerning Obedience Regulations. If a Judge helps/instructs a person in any obedience classes that person is not allowed to show under that Judge for a period of 30 days. A motion by Janhelka, seconded by Fortune to send a letter to AKC to say that TVKC does not support this new rule. Motion was amended to have the AKC delegate to vote against this rule if it comes up for approval. Motion was unanimously approved.

The annual Board Meeting of New Officers and Board Members at the Sommerfelt home will be announced.

Election of New Members: Donna and Quinto Burchi and Janis Flaherty

Elections of Officers 2012-2013 are: President Walter Sommerfelt
Vice President Barbara Price
Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten
Corresponding Secretary Beth White
Treasurer Jean Dinkins
AKC Delegate Catherine Bell

Board Members: Keith Bailey
Jeff Banta
Catherine Bell
Pat Hodges
Paula Smiddy
Pam Stanner

Braggs: Keith Bailey, Richard Bohanan, Donna & Quinto Burchi, Barbara and John Byrum and the Pam and Barry Stanner.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned on a motion be Bell, seconded by Smiddy. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maryellen Kasten

Recording Secretary