

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES**  
**August 21, 2012**

Vice President Barbara Price introduced guest speaker Harlowe Jakelka who showed videos and spoke of his experience on the Johnny Carson and Walt Disney shows with his K-9 German Shepherd.

The meeting was held in the Animal Emergency Specialty Center. Meeting was called to order by Vice President Price at 7:25 p.m.

Present: Vice President Barbara Price, Corresponding Secretary Beth White, Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten, Treasurer Jean Dinkins, AKC Delegate/Board Member Catherine Bell; and Board Members - Keith Bailey, Jeff Banta, Paula Smiddy, and Pam Stanner; Members - Donna and Quinto Burchi, Trula Dinkins, Texas Eddie Dulaney, Janis Flaherty, Harlowe Jakelka, Cheryl Kienast, Gene Price, Carol Sommerfelt, Ruby Valentine, and Neena Van Camp.

Absent: President Walter Sommerfelt and Board Member Pat Hodges.

Vice President Price welcomed the following visitors:

Barbara and John Byrum will be voted on for membership later tonight. Julianne Cole (2<sup>nd</sup> visit) and Richard Cole (1<sup>st</sup> visit); Rebecca Malivik, Julie Serpher, and Cindy Valentine (1<sup>st</sup> visit).

- July's minutes were not read.
- President Message read by VP President Price . The new board will be meeting next month. If anyone wishes to be involved in a specific area of interest, members should make their feelings known to the President or Board Member.
- Corresponding Secretary's Report: None.
- Treasurer's Report:

**Treasurer's Report for July 2012**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$33,318.55</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
	Janis Flaherty	2012 dues \$25.00
	Quinto & Donna Burchi	2012 dues \$50.00
	Sandy Brown Smith	2012 dues \$25.00
	Eddie Dulaney	2012 dues \$25.00
	Dave Nutzell	2012 dues \$25.00
	Katie Nutzell	2012 dues \$5.00
	Jan Schmidt	2012 dues \$25.00
<b>Total Receipts:</b>		<b>\$180.00 \$180.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
4380	Jean Dinkins P O Box rental fee	\$52.00
4381	Hosting Check.com web site fee	\$20.00
4382	Jeanne Ringe plaques	\$524.40
4383	Jean Dinkins copies for 2011 year	\$55.30
4384	Tillery Drive Self Storage yearly rental fee	\$1,920.00
4385	Jean Dinkins annual report State of TN	\$22.25
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>		<b>\$2,593.95 -\$2,593.95</b>
<b>Ending Checking Account Balance</b>		<b>\$30,904.60</b>
<b>Money Market 7-11-12</b>	Interest 6.21	<b>\$37,802.45</b>
		<b>\$68,707.05</b>

- AKC Delegate Report: Three important changes are to be voted on at the September delegates' meeting. Bell asked the membership to vote on how she should vote. (1) Chapter 3, Section 3 - dog clubs must have a dog show in their area every two years or lose their area. Bell explained that this really didn't involve us because there were no other clubs that were competing with us. Motion by Van Camp to vote for this item, seconded by Dinkins, motion carried unanimously. (2) Chapter 5, Sections 6, 7, and 8 - Deals with ribbons and prizes being offered for Reserve Winner's Dog and Reserve Winner's Bitch. Motion by Van Camp to vote for this item, seconded by Sommerfelt, motion carried unanimously. (3) Chapter 16, Section 1 - Concerns a 3-point major for Reserve Best-in-Show for Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch when held at a National Specialty. This involves doubling the number count, depending on area, for this title. Example: if it takes eight dogs in the area to receive a 3-point major, then it would take sixteen dogs in the area for the Reserve BIS for Winner's Dogs, etc. Motion by Van Camp to vote for this item, seconded by Jakelka, motion carried unanimously. Bell also mentioned that through the CAR program it's possible to help local law enforcement agencies purchase a new K-9 dog (50/50%.) This might be something that TVKC might want to check into with the City and County agencies to see if they have any interests.
- Cluster Report: All is on track. The cluster is looking for donations to be contributed for the Saturday night raffle as well as commitments or monetary donations to purchase or prepare bake goods for the Friday and Saturday Bake Sale. Donations can be given to Treasurer Dinkins which will be forward to Linda Pitts.
- Agility Report: Next Agility Trial date November 30, through December 2, 2012, volunteers are needed.
- Trophy Report: Sommerfelt stated that she could still take donations for trophies until the Premium list came out.
- Club Awards Report: None
- Training Classes Report: Smiddy reported that she will be not be able to continue teaching classes due to husbands' health issues. Janis Flaherty volunteered to teach the classes. The starting date will be announced. Dulaney will do a Facebook page for the Training Classes.
- Programs Report: VP Price read Sommerfelt's report that TVKC had been taking with the Tennessee Federation of Dog clubs. They have a new set of officers elected and are seeking support of clubs. TVKC has invited them to come and speak to the club in September or October to share their plans with us. They were told previously that TVKC would renew our membership or make donations, but we would like to know exactly what they are doing for our cause in Nashville. Bailey stated that she had a friend that would like to do a program on how physical abuse, emotional problems, etc., affect our dogs and humans. She would be willing to do this program in September, October or maybe after the first-of-next-year. Sommerfelt will let Bailey know a date.
- Equipment Committees Report: Banta now has the appropriate keys. When the heat breaks a trip to the storage unit will be planned.
- New Membership Vote: A motion by Dinkins, seconded by Bell, Barbara and John Byrum were voted into membership unanimously.
- Unfinished Business: Jakelke commented that at last month's meeting he had asked the membership to vote on the new obedience regulations and ask that a letter be sent to AKC stating TVKC's disapproval. However, Jakelka commented that he read again the new regulations and speaking with other AKC Obedience Judges that he had misread the regulations and asked that his motion be rescinded. Motion was seconded, motion passed unanimously to rescind.
- New Business: Dinkins reported that per TVKC's CPA, TVKC should not donate any money to any Pack. TVKC could lose its nonprofit status. Smiddy reported that she would not be able to handle the "Meet-the-Breeds" program this year due to her husband's health issues and after considerable discussion on when, who, and cancelling the event all-to-gather, a motion by Bell, seconded by Dinkins to delay this event until something next year, motion carried unanimously. Bell stated that this year's Xmas party will once again be held at the Copper Cellar on the Cumberland Strip. Date and time will be announced.
- Brags: Bailey, the Burchi's. Flaherty, Kienast, and the Sommerfelt's.

There being no further business, a motion by Bell, seconded by Jakelka to adjourn the meeting, The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Maryellen Kasten*

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Recording Secretary