

TENNESSEE VALLEY KENNEL CLUB  
 General Membership Meeting  
 October 16, 2012

President Sommerfelt thanked tonight's special guest speaker Dick Dickerson for updating club members on past and proposed Tennessee legislation regarding our sport as well as our breeding programs.

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m., ESDST. The meeting was held in the Animal Emergency, Critical Care and Referral Center at 10213 Kingston Pike.

Present: Officers - President Walter Sommerfelt, Vice President Barbara Price, Corresponding Secretary Beth White, Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten, Treasurer Jean Dinkins;

Board Members - Keith Bailey, Jeff Banta, Pat Hodges, Paula Smiddy, Pam Stanner and AKC Delegate and Board Member Catherine Bell;

General Membership - Robyn Brown, Quinto and Donna Burchi, Barbara and John Byrum, Texas Eddie Dulaney, Janis Flaherty, Victor Francis, Judy Hart, Elizabeth Howell, Angie Bass Johnston, Cheryl Kienast, DuAnn B. Martin, Judy and Mike Morman, Dave Nutzell, Gene Price, and Ruby Valentine; and

Visitors - Rebecca Malivuk (2<sup>nd</sup> reading), Susan Corum (1<sup>st</sup> reading), Judith and Lacy Harville (1<sup>st</sup> reading), Michael Corum, Shannon Easterly, Donna FeFee and Rebecca Pierce.

Minutes from the previous meeting as posted on the Club's website and corrected were approved unanimously.

- President's Report - The Board has received a lot of positive feedback on TVKC's short and long-term goals. A majority of club members contacted concerning positions for the new year have accepted. There a few positions yet to be filled, please consider stepping up. Show entries close tomorrow. Reminder there are still things to do for the show's success (selling dinner/dance/raffle tickets for Saturday night. Tickets are \$15.00.)
- Cluster Report - It's are understanding the Oak Ridge Kennel Club is planning to leave the cluster following their contract obligations in 2013. However, at this point, TVKC has not been officially notified. ORKC has until December 19<sup>th</sup> for said notification or they become obligated for 2014. Due to this turn of events, TVKC will be exploring other options for 2014. Volunteers are still needed along with donations to the bake sale and raffle. Taping of vendor space and grooming space will take place on Tuesday afternoon starting at 4:00 p.m. On Wednesday, vendors will be allowed to move in at 10:00 a.m. Exhibitors will be allowed in grooming space at 1:00 p.m., and not before.

Treasurer's Report:

August	Beginning Balance	\$ 30,904.60
	Receipts (dues and bake sale donations)	80.00
	Disbursements - D & O Insurance	720.00
	AKC Delegate September Airfare	656.42
	2011 Tax Return	500.00
	AKC Delegate December Airfare	<u>207.20</u>
	Ending Checking Account Balance	\$ 28,900.98
	Money Market Account (8/13/12)	<u>\$ 37,809.29</u>
	Total	\$ 66,710.27

September	Beginning Balance	\$ 28,900.98
	Receipts (dues)	75.00
	Disbursements - Beth White (stamps)	21.81
	Canine Health Research	
	(In Memory of Sally Gervin)	100.00
	Jean Dinkins (Dec. 12 & Feb. 13	
	Agility Ribbons)	<u>1,181.28</u>
	Ending Checking Account Balance	\$ 27,672.89
	Money Market Account Balance (9/12/12)	<u>\$ 37,815.51</u>
	Total	\$ 65,488.40

- Corresponding Secretary's Report: None
- AKC Delegate's Report: New AKC Ring Placements are \$ 31.00 each. Motion/seconded and unanimously approved to purchase one new AKC Ring Placement.
- Show Chairman's Report: Bell, Dinkins, Fortune, and Kasten will meet on Saturday afternoon to check the storage building on items for the show. Bell will clean the coffee makers and Kasten will clean the coolers.

- Trophy and Judges Report: None
- Club Awards Report: None
- Conformance Class Report: Flaherty reported that conformance classes are on hold due to losing the class site.
- Performance Committee Report: Dawn Darr Bennett is stepping down as Agility Show Chairman after the February 2013 trials. Beth White is the new Agility Show Chairman after the February 2013 trials. Obedience and Rally class dates are posted to the club's website.
- Junior Showmanship Report: Committee consists of Jessica Irwin and Walter Sommerfelt. The committee will be looking for club members who are willing to be mentors.
- Meet The Breeds Report: Erin and Victor Franco and Gene Price will meeting later on a date and time.
- Audit Committee Report: Pam Stanner, we will be meeting in the near future.
- Rescue Liaison Report: None
- Legislative Report: DuAnn B. Martin has agreed to chair the Legislative Committee.
- Christmas Party Report: This year's Christmas Party will once again be held at the Copper Cellar on the UT strip on December 4 at 6:30 p.m.
- June Awards Banquet Report: None
- Long-Term Planning Report: Plans are to have approximately 10 club members to work on initial phases for long-term plans to develop our show/cluster. Members who volunteered are: Beth White, Wally Sommerfelt, Pam Stanner, Judy Hart, Pat Hodges and Neena Van Camp.
- Equipment Committee Report: Volunteers are needed to show up at the storage facility on Sunday to load the trailer before and after the show. Phyllis Fortune will be contacted to see if she will haul the equipment trailer to and from the show site.

Unfinished Business: The general consensus from club members was that they liked club members calling them to remind them about the next club meeting.

We have donation letters available here and on line for anyone wanting to donate to the raffle to benefit the Children's Hospital and MMC hospitality house.

We still need volunteers for ring stewards, selling catalogs/raffle tickets/Chuck-A-Ducks, trophy table, driving the golf cart for exhibitors parked in the lower parking lot. Also, needed are volunteers to set up and tear down tables for Saturday night's dinner/dance/raffle.

Reading of members and voting for new members - All new members must attend three meetings following submission of their application with check. Before voting, prospective members will be asked to leave the room. Club members will have the opportunity to make comments concerning each application before voting takes place. Each prospective member will be voted on individually.

New Business: None

Braggs: Keith Bailey, Barbara and John Bryum, Janis Flahery, Malivuk, Barbara Price and Texas Eddie Dulaney and Paula Smiddy.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned on a motion and second unanimously at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Maryellen Kasten*

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Recording Secretary