

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting
February 19, 2013

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m., EST. The meeting was held in the Animal Emergency, Critical Care and Referral Center at 10213 Kingston Pike.

President Sommerfelt thanked tonight's earlier guest speaker Trent Steele, President of Smoky Mountain Dock Dogs at <http://www.smokymountaindockdogs.com>.

Present: President Walter Sommerfelt, Vice President Barbara Price, Recording Secretary Maryellen Kasten, Treasurer Jean Dinkins.

Board Members - Keith Bailey, Jeff Banta, and Pat Hodges.

Members - Barbara and John Byrum, Susan Corum, Charmaine Daum, Victor Franco, Judy Hart, Harlowe Jahelka, Carol Sommerfelt, Susan Porterfield and Gene Price.

Absent: Corresponding Secretary Beth White, Board Members Paula Smiddy, Pam Stanner and Catherine Bell.

Guests: Judy and Lacy Harville (to be voted into membership tonight), Richella Veateh (2nd visit w/applicant), new visitors' Laura Vick, Angie McSwain, Trent Steele, and Clint Epps (membership application filed w/Treasurer at the end of the meeting.)

President Sommerfelt reminded members to introduce themselves to visitors. He also reminded club members, the procedures for membership applications, i.e., all applications for membership must be accompanied by a check and two club sponsors. All new members must attend three meetings following the meeting that they submit their application with check. Applications will be read the following meetings that applicants are present.

Minutes: Minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Keith Baily seconded by Barbara Price.

President's Report: Oak Ridge Kennel Club has decided not to extend their contract with Tennessee Valley Kennel Club effective 2014. TVKC is looking into other opportunities, i.e., Kingsport Kennel Club in the near future. VP Barbara Price has contacted Natural Balance who has agreed to donate financial support to the 2013 Cluster Shows.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: January 2013

Beginning Checking Account Balance	...	\$ 37,992.01
Receipts (which included February's Agility Trial receipts	...	\$ 21,573.00
Disbursements (including agility refunds, postage, scholarship fund, agility equipment and postage	...	\$ 9,008.82
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Checking Account Balance	...	\$ 50,556.19
Money Market Account Balance (1-10-13)	...	\$ 37,840.38
Total Treasury	...	\$ 88,396.57

- AKC Delegate's Report: Due to the resignation of Catherine Bell from the AKC Delegate position last month, there is no report. Judy Hart was elected by the Board of Directors' to fill out the remainder of the term.
- Performance Events Report: Sommerfelt read White's report stating that the next Agility Trial has been approved for December 6, 7, and 8, 2013. Eight participants are currently in Beginning Obedience Classes which are being held once again at Ace Russell's Meadowbrook Kennels. Spring Training schedules are ready for enrollment.
- AKC Show Report: Carol Sommerfelt reported that judges had been hired, pending AKC approval. She has the list of judges if anyone cares to view. White's email reported the following judges for rally and obedience, pending AKC Approval, Marina Caro, Bonnie Hornfisher, Richard Mullen and Barry Roland.
- Trophies Report: Carol Sommerfelt asks Kasten about the 2013 Trophies. Kasten reported that Chair Kienast had not contacted her yet. Kasten will contact Kienast to get started on the trophies. Kasten asked the membership what they would like to see in the way of trophies. Several items were mentioned. Bailey reported she liked useful things, like show camp chairs, etc. Budget will be \$400 per day for (four) trophies (BIS, Reserve BIS, HIT, and High Performance.) Rosettes will be given for the rest of trophies. Motion carried on a motion by Hodges and Hart.
- Judges Committee Report: Walter Sommerfelt explained the Judges Selection Committee process of selecting judges for the upcoming cluster. The committee for TVKC consisted of Keith Bailey, Barbara Byrum, Janis Flaherty, Wally Sommerfelt and Beth White and five members from the Oak Ridge Kennel Club. Sommerfelt stated the committee started off with 100 names for consideration and how they went about eliminating names until they came up with the final panel. Specialty Clubs for 2013 will be Dachshund's, Collies, Bulldogs, Belgian Tervurens. Supported Clubs will be Kerry Blues.
- Club Awards Report: Sommerfelt reminded everyone that anyone receiving awards for 2012 (January 1, 2012 thru December 31, 2012) should notify Awards Chair Jeannie Ringe. Be sure to send her copies of the AKC awards and let her know the choice of plaque that you want.
- Membership/Phone Tree Report: No report
- Conformation Class Report: No report
- Performance Class Report: Beginner Obedience Class - Wednesday, April 17 @ 6:15 p.m.

Intermediate Agility Class - Saturday, March 23 @ 1p.m. (To include a field trip or day off for the ORKC trial weekend.)

Beginner Agility Class - Sunday, April 28 @ 1 p.m.
Classes are held at Ace Russell's Meadowbrook Kennel.
- Awards Banquet Report: No report
- Long-Term Planning Report: Volunteers will be meeting in the next six to eight weeks to began long-term project.
- Programs Report: Price will continue working on guest speakers. Anyone that has suggestions, should forward names for consideration.
- Equipment Report: Jeff Banta will contact the Bull Dog club concerning their dog equipment.

Old Business:

- Membership information needs to be turned into Web mistress White for updates and brags.

New Business:

- 2013 Nomination Committee - Chair Judy Hart, Jeff Banta, Barbara Byrum, Needa Van Camp and Barbara Price and alternate - Quinto Burchi.
- Sommerfelt brought up the subject of the new meeting place, stating that he had several members question the new meeting location. One thought was to hold five meetings at the present location (November, January, February, March and April) and UT Vet School (May, July, August, September and October.) The annual meeting in June is usually held at an outside park for a picnic location. The December meeting is usually held at a Restaurant for the annual Christmas party. After considerable discussion, it was decided to table this question until a later date. Price will submit a list of pros for the new site and Dinkins will submit a list of cons for the new site. These lists will be posted to the TVKC website for members review and will be discussed at a later date. Barbara Price and Keith Bailey made a motion that the meeting location not be moved presently. Motion carried.
- New members voted into membership unanimously are Judy and Lacy Harville.
- Brags - Keith Bailey, Barbara and John Byrum, Judy Hart, Judy and Lacy Harville, Carol and Walter Sommerfelt, and Richella Vetvch.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned unanimously on a motion by Franco, seconded by Banta at 8:20 p.m., EST.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maryellen Kasten

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Recording Secretary