

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club
General Membership Meeting
March 19, 2013

The program was presented by Dr Rudd of [Animal Emergency and Specialty Center](#) of Knoxville. He told about some of the cases, places and people he saw while serving with the US Army in Afghanistan as a veterinarian.

The signatures of the 21 members & 6 guests at the meeting are attached to the minutes.

On a motion by Judy Hart & second by Victor Franko the minutes of the February meeting were approved as published on [TVKC.org](#). Motion carried.

President Wally Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM. Guests introduced themselves to the members.

President's Report: Wally reported that the next show cluster meeting will be at his home on 3/21/2013. Let him know before then if you have anything to be brought up to that meeting. One of the items for discussion is having Natural Balance Dog Food as a possible cluster sponsor. The club is still seeking good sites for our conformation, obedience & agility training classes. If any member knows people active in Real Estate check with them to see if they know of any available buildings that would be good for TVKC training classes. Keith Bailey will be talking to UT about using some of their barn areas now that they are updated.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Beth White – no report.

Treasurer's Report : Jean Dinkins reported the February receipts were \$1246.00 and disbursements were \$16,139.10. The ending checking account balance was \$35,663 added to the Money Market of \$37847.02 made the ending balance \$73,510.11. Member dues of \$25 each are payable between now and May. **On a motion by Keith Bailey & second by Carol Sommerfelt the treasure's report was approved as presented. Motion carried.**

AKC Delegate Judy Hart reported that her name has been published in the on-line March Gazette. She will be published again next month. She presented a brief synopsis on the actions taken at the March 12 Delegates' meeting.

Committee Reports

Agility Beth White reported that we are on track for the agility trials to be held Dec. 6 – 8, 2013.

Cluster Show: Carol Sommerfelt and Pat Hodges reported that judges' contracts are back in to them. The panels are submitted to AKC. Cheryl Kienast reported that it is her finding that most exhibitors would like gas cards or gift cards as their "trophy". There is a \$400 budget per show for trophies so please contact her if you would like to donate for any wins within your breed. The information is needed by June so that they can be included in the premium list and catalog.

Annual Awards: 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012– Wally reported for Jeanne Ringe – she lost emails due to a computer crash. If you requested an award resend your information, even if you got a reply from Jeanne, **SEND YOUR INFO AGAIN**. Her email address is: onyxk9@gmail.com.

Conformation Class: Janice Flaherty reported that she is still looking for a location for the classes.

Agility Class : Beth White reported advanced beginners classes have started and beginner's class will be starting soon. You can learn more about the class locations and times at www.tvkc.org – the club web site.

Meet the Breeds: Victor and Erin Franko indicated they are hoping to find a location for May. This seemingly is a better time than September for getting a general public turn out. Once location is firmed up members will be encouraged to bring their purebreds to the event.

June Awards Banquet: John and Barbara Byrum indicated they have reserved the same area as last year for the June 18 picnic. They plan on catered pulled-pork and chicken with members bringing their “pitch in” choices for the balance of the meal.

Long Term Planning Committee: Waally asked if anybody else would like to be on the committee as it will be meeting soon. Current members are Keith Bailey, Jeff Banta, Judy Hart, Pat Hodges, Carol Sommerfelt, Neena Van Camp, and Beth White.

Nominating Committee : Judy Hart reported that on March 5 the entire committee (Judy Hart, chair, Jeff Banta, Barbara Byrum, Barbara Price and Neena Van Camp) met to nominate the slate shown below. All candidates have agreed to serve.

OFFICERS nominated for 2013-2014

President - Walter Sommerfelt

Vice President - Barbara Price

Corresponding Secretary - Jeff Banta

Recording Secretary - Neena Van Camp

Treasurer - Jean Dinkins

BOARD nominated for 2013-2014

Keith Bailey

Catherine Bell

Barbara Byrum

Paula Smiddy

Pan Stanner

Beth White.

Nominations from the floor will be taken at the April meeting (if any additional nominee is not at the meeting their written agreement at the time of the nomination will be needed at that time). Annual elections will be at the May meeting.

Wally read a letter from AKC asking member clubs to provide names of nominees from conformation, companion events and performance events for 2013 Lifetime Achievement Awards to be presented in December. Please bring your suggestions to the April meeting for discussion and voting.

New Member Applications The application of Clint Epps was read for the 1st time and Richella Veateh's was read for the 2nd time. **Richella Veatch was voted into membership.**

Unfinished Business

Members discussed conformation classes, even at Gander Mountain, where they charge us a comparatively hefty fee per dog in the class. The membership agreed that the “instructor” could receive club reimbursement for travel to teach the class – regardless of how many were at the class. Barbara Price will get firmed up information from Gander Mountain. Janice Flaherty will check about also holding classes more to the eastern side of TVKC area.

New Business

None

BRAGS

Jan Flaherty, Beth White, Keith Bailey Richella Veateh, Pat Hodges, Carol Sommerfelt Cheryl Kienast, Lacy Harville and Wally Sommerfelt all gave details of their brags.

On a motion by Victor Franko/second by Janice Flaherty the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Neena Van Camp

Rec. Sec’y pro-tem