

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

General Meeting September 17, 2013

Following a well-received presentation on the CAR Emergency Trailers - fully stocked for the care of household pets in a declared National Emergency - by our AKC Delegate, Judy Hart, the General Meeting of the club was called to order at the Animal Emergency Center, Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN at 7:25 PM by President Walter Sommerfelt. 17 members and guest Lois Biedron were present.

Correction to the August minutes - there is a \$10 charge for a ½ page catalog ad for any TVKC member-owned dog honored at the June meeting. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

The President indicated:

The Bake-A-Wish sign-up sheet was passed around. Donors are Charmaine Daum, Carol Sommerfelt, Keith Bailey, Paula Smiddy, Beth White, Jean Dinkins, Janis Flaherty, Maryellen Kasten, Donna Burchi and Pat Hodges signed up.

The raffle to benefit Children's Hospital of East TN and Take-the-Lead is now taking donations. The sign-up sheets for commercial donors are on-line so that members may sign up their local businesses for raffle items or gift certificates.

TVKC's Christmas party would be a pot luck dinner with the club doing main course, soft drinks and coffee and utensils. It will be Dec 17 at the Animal Emergency Center's kitchen area beginning at 6:30 PM

Mary Dukes, AKC Field Rep, will be at the October 15th meeting to show fanciers how to conduct a proper Show Committee Hearing. Other kennel clubs from within about 100 miles of TVKC will be invited to attend too.

Conformation classes will be at UT's new facility starting 10/14/13. Keith Bailey has worked things out with Dr. Anderson of UT Vet School. We will have class from 7 - 8 with the building available from 6:30 until 9 PM on Mondays

Dr Keith Hnicla, a canine allergist will present the November meeting program.

November 13 members will vote on holding 5 meetings a year at the Animal Emergency Center (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb and March) and 5 meeting a year at UT's Vet School (April, May, July, Aug, and Sept). June is the picnic and December the Christmas party. **MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND VOTE.**

Jeff Banta - **Corresponding Secretary** – reported AKC has updated information on the new USDA law on selling dogs sight unseen to buyers. National Animal Interest Alliance has also provided information for the dog fancy on their web site – NAIA.org

Thank you notes received from UT scholarship recipients and the Jefferson County Humane Society for the donation in memory of Linda Howard.

Sylvia Bishop obedience completion seminar information is available on the TVKC web site. Member Catherine Bell is currently hospitalized.

Jean Dinkins –**Treasure** – provided reports for August and September. They were approved as presented.

AKC Delegate Judy Hart reported that she was elected to the Delegates By Laws committee. The delegates voted that premium lists must be sent out 5 weeks prior to a show's closing date. AKC CAR is now renamed AKC Reunite. The delegates may soon be asked to change the policy re who can be an AKC Delegate. It would be that only commercial breeders and dog dealers that could not be elected as a delegate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Performance - Beth White reported that Agility, Obedience and Rally class information is on the TVKC website. Premium lists for trials in Harriman at Roane College on Dec 6, 7 & 8 are on line. February trials' information is on the site too. The upcoming Obedience and Agility match will be at Diane's Dog School of Charm in West Knoxville.

There will be 6 weeks of obedience classes at UT on Monday nights along with the conformation classes as there is space for 2 rings.

Show Committee - Carol Sommerfelt and Pat Hodges

The premium lists are out. Some available at the meeting. The Judges Selection Committee members for 2014 show are asking for member suggestions for 2014's panels. The DROP DEADline for catalog ads is Oct 3.

October 12 from at 1 or 2 PM is the proposed time to help Jeff Banta prepare the club trailer for this year's shows.

Old Business - none

New Business

On a motion by Beth White, second by Eddy Delaney - Trula Dinkins become an honorary member of TVKC. Motion Carried.

Judy Hart motioned and Janis Flaherty seconded that TVKC commit itself to offer on ER animal containment hardware/supplies trailer to Knox County TN. Motion carried

Motion by Neena Van Camp, second by Paula Smiddy that TVKC start out the fund with \$1000. Motion Carried.

A committee to continue to gather the funds consisting of Judy Hart, Jeff Banta, Susan Corum, Paula Smiddy and Wally Sommerfelt will work to help members and fanciers gather the additional funds needed for a trailer.

Jean announced that Linda Howard's ashes will be spread at Gatlinburg in October. Details will be announced as soon as possible to members.

Braggs came from Keith Bailey, Charmaine Daum, the Burchis, Paula Smiddy, Pat Hodges and Janis Flaherty.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Neena Van Camp

Recording Secretary