

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club – General Meeting

November 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order at the Animal Emergency Center, Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN at 7:23 PM by President Walter Sommerfelt following a presentation by Matthew Guss of FauxTaux Grafix and Photography. He is looking to expand his portfolio of dog photos to use in efforts to solicit additional business in several of his lines of work. In order to use our show dogs for his SHOW DOGS he made several offers to members.

The sign-up sheet was passed around. There were 28 members, including 1 honorary, and 5 guests – Barbara & T J Whitworth, Pamela Smith, Pat Hartman and Lara Bierdon were present. Several guests received club membership applications.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as posted on the club website.

Presidents Report - Wally had all of the members who helped with the show stand up for acknowledgment (even some guests were standing). Member participation helped make the show go well. The weather helped too, he indicated.

The Christmas party will be on our regular evening with Paula in charge. We plan on having more info on soon. There will be \$10 value “Dirty Santa” gifting too. It was very last minute that Paula was not able to be at the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary – Jeff Banta reported he had received the show close out paperwork from AKC and emailed thanks from some of the judges - Marina Caro, Carol Steiner, Barry Roland, and Diana Engeszer. Carol Sommerfelt reported on and passed around written thank you notes from Jon Cole, Charlotte Patterson and Carol Steiner.

Treasurers Report – Jean Dinkins reported receipts of \$220, disbursements of \$3005.87 leaving a checking balance of \$14,168.31. Including the Money Market account of \$37,897.03 TVKC has a balance of \$52,065.34. The show made \$7000 and in addition we have also donated about \$4500 to Children’s Hospital of East Tennessee and Take the Lead. **Motion by Janice Flaherty, second by Keith Bailey that the treasurers’ report be approved. Motion Carried.** Jean said the final show report is not done since there is still some money to be disbursed from the cluster account once all bills are in.

AKC Delegate Judy Hart reported the next Delegates meeting is in December at the Eukanuba events. She is still trying to locate the proper person in Knox County to discuss TVKC’s gifting an AKC Reunite Trailer. She will have info on the AKC delegate board’s nominations at our January meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERFORMANCE – Beth White reported the Agility trials Dec 6, 7 & 8 are already ahead of last year’s entry with closing coming on 11/20. February 2014 trials are coming along very well too. Info is on the TVKC web site. Beth passed around the sign-up sheet for volunteers and workers.

SHOW – Carol and Pat were both happy with the feedback they got from exhibitors, stewards and judges about the shows. The catalog sales table heard some complaints. Attendees asked for announcements during the groups, especially names of the many newer/rarer breeds in each group. The PA upstairs blasted out while downstairs it was hard to tell what was being announced! Moving the x-pens was a plus, and marking the upstairs an even bigger plus. Collie exhibitors liked how well the show ran. Vendors were impressed with how much business they had. Channel 10 & FOX gave us good publicity.

TRAINING CLASSES - Conformation classes are going well. There are 2 groups from 7 til 8 PM. One is for smaller dogs being taught by Paula with large dogs being taught by Janis. Richella Veatch is set to start a 10 week obedience training session there soon. Beth figures we might have alternating obedience teachers offering classes for most weeks' year around.

MEET THE BREEDS – Victor and Erin Franko and Gene Price were not at the meeting. They'd reported to Wally that the event has been set for spring. Jean reminded all that we must have a permit to hold the event. It should be requested before year end. Information will be available soon.

OLD BUSINESS

27 Members casted their written ballots on the proposal to hold TVKC's October, November, January, February and March meetings at our current location and the April, May, July, August & September meetings at UT's Vet College. The vote was 15 for the proposal and 11 opposed. Proposal approved. June's picnic meeting & December's Christmas events will continue to "float" to appropriate locations.

NEW BUSINESS – none

BRAGS came from Janis Flaherty, Keith Bailey, Barbara Price, Pam & Barry Stanner, Carol Sommerfelt, John and Barbra Byrum, Susan Corum, Jan Carter and David Robinson.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Neena Van Camp

Recording Secretary