

## Tennessee Valley Kennel Club January 21, 2014

President Walter Sommerfelt convened the General Meeting at 7 PM at the Animal Emergency and Referral Center on Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN.

There was no program as the meeting had to be held in the lobby due to miscommunication. They had been told the meetings were moving sooner than the club planned.

The attendance sheet is with the recording secretary. Guests– Janice Morgan, Lois Biedron, Patty Ryea, Megan Jordan, and T J & Barbara Whitworth - were introduced.

The minutes of the November 2103 were approved as posted to the web site.

**President's Report** covered the excellent December agility trial results. The **2014 show planning meeting** is set for 7:30 PM Feb 25 at Panera Bread in Bearden 4855 Kingston Pike across from Kroger's. All groups that will be part of the show are asked to attend. The Board will meet beforehand at 6 PM.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Jeff Banta had no report

**Treasurer** – Jean Dinkins reported the beginning checking account balance for November was \$14,168.31. Income was \$26,293.38; expenses were \$13,069.06 and the CD was \$37903.67. For December the income was \$28,177 and the expenses were \$20,902.23. The balance at the end of 2013 was \$72,571.07. 2013's show had net income of about \$3900 with about \$3000 still to be distributed from the Cluster account. The December agility trial income was \$8,308.66. The donation to Take The Lead was \$3,095 and to East TN Children's hospital was \$1,683.90. The reports were approved.

**AKC Delegate** - Judy was unable to be at the meeting. Wally pointed out that the Delegate meeting minutes were already available to the AKC's website.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**AGILITY** – Beth White for help at the trial to be held Jan 31 to Feb 2 needs workers. Especially needed is Judges Transportation from the airport to Harriman on Thursday Jan 30.

**SHOW** – Carol Sommerfelt indicate things were quiet at this point in time. *Judge's Selection Committee is still taking suggestions for 2014's panel.* There is no specific number of breeds or groups that a judge needs to do. Hoping to have 5 main judges on the panel. Email suggested judges to chair Walter Sommerfelt.

**TRAINING CLASSES** – Janice Flaherty indicated we need to work out a method so that she knows if students are not going to be able to make it to class. She drives 45 miles one way and hates to arrive to zero students. Neena suggested that the classes be set up so that EVERYBODY is requested to sign up and pay in advance for "x" weeks of conformation class. There can still be drop-ins but they will be at a slightly higher cost to encourage sign ups. The idea of advertising the classes to fanciers and to the general public was suggested. A committee of Janice, Keith Bailey and Cheryl Kienast was appointed to prepare the proposal.

LEGISLATIVE – DruAnne Nutzell indicated local government wasn't prepared to begin setting up an advisory council on proposed dog legislation. Once volunteers are needed she plans to apply for the committee.

A bill has been introduced into this session of the TN legislature that will move dog bite hearings to General Sessions court from Circuit Courts. The former was formed to deal with traffic violations etc not for actual hearings. Club members are asked to let their legislators know to oppose the bill, if it comes appears to moving forward.

MEMBERSHIP - The application of Janice Morgan (Chow Chow) was read for the first time. Lois Biedron's application was read for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

**Motion by Jean Dinkins, second by Carol Sommerfelt to dispense with written ballots. Motion passed. Lois Biedron was elected into membership.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion by Neena Van Camp, second by Cheryl Kienast that TVKC reimburse DruAnne Nutzell up to \$500 in expenses to attend the AKC Seminar designed to help kennel club representatives understand how to be effective at dealing with state and local government legislators. Motion carried.** DruAnne will report back as to what she learns.

Cheryl Kienast provided club members with information on "Barn Hunt" Fun Days being held by the local area's group on Feb 1 & 2.

Braggs came from Janice Flaherty, Eddie Delaney, Keith Bailey and Carol & Wally Sommerfelt.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Neena Van Camp*

Recording Secretary