

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club March 18, 2014

At 7:44 PM President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at UT's Veterinary College Library following a very informative program from Monica Webb DVM about using stem cells and PRP (platelet rich plasma) for dogs on a practical basis to not just in research.

Guests (T J & Barbara Whitworth, Janice Morgan & Patty Ryea) introduced themselves briefly telling members of their dog interests.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as posted. February's notes were approved.

The Presidents message is posted on the TVKC website.

Corresponding Secretary – No report as Jeff Banta was not at the meeting

Treasurer's Report – Jean Dinkins reminded members that DUES ARE DUE for payment May 31. February's beginning balance was \$51,562.32 with income of \$4621.78; disbursements of \$17,612.43; left an ending balance of \$38, 571.67 in checking and \$37,922.77 in money market.

AKC Delegate Judy Hart reported that she was unable to attend the March Delegates meeting. She has already sent the election results to members by email. Once the AKC post's those minutes on-line she'll make sure a link is forward to members.

She talked to Chattanooga KC and learned that they have purchased a trailer without our assistance. Members directed Judy to continue talks with Clarksville, Murfreesboro & others in order to find the funding to locate a 2nd trailer in the eastern area of TN for declared disasters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Agility – Beth White reported that TVKC will be offering agility trials for 4 days December 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2014 in Harriman.

February 2015 dates have been adjusted to the 13, 14, and 15th. The official presenter of the Saturday date will be the East TN Collie Club. Pending TVKC agreement they have agreed to split the cost and profits 1/3 to the collie club and 2/3 to TVKC. **Motion by Judy Hart, second by Janice Flaherty that TVKC membership agrees with the Collie Club sponsoring one of the days and to split the expenses and profits accordingly. Motion carried.**

Bark at the Brehm - Neena Van Camp reported that plans are going well. Beth White is doing a lot of the work with the agility demo and will work with the public that wants to try it. She'll also be helping David Robinson with obedience demo and work. Erin Franko is striving to fill the slots needed for Meet the Breeds with 3 breeds per hour for at least 3 hours. There will be a club information table about TVKC, our classes and show and AKC. Professional groomer/members Erin Franko and Cliff Epps will be showing the public how to care for their dogs.

Show - Region wide dog groups are being invited to join TVKC at Chilhowee Park on Nov 1 & 2 to demo their events to the public. Each group will be responsible for putting on their own event with us doing the dog show work as usual. Some events may be AKC trials. Each activity will

have its own area and be responsible for meeting its needs. We're trying to attract dog fanciers for more show entries. And help the general public learn of many more activities to enjoy along with their dogs. Groups that have been asked to join us to include -- CGC test; TDI test; drug sniffing dogs, Barn Hunts, "My Dog Can Do That", Dancing with Dogs, Dock Diving and Fly Ball.

TVKC will be offering 4-6 month Puppy Classes each day and the Owner Handler series. There will be 4 obedience trials on the w/e along with at least one Rally trial.

Carol Sommerfelt indicated that the show apps have been sent to AKC. Richella Veatch will be the obedience chairman. (Prior chair is unable to serve.) Cheryl Kienast will be trophy chair.

Legislation – Wally told members about 2 dog related bills that are coming up in TN legislature. Bills are go to House committees on 3/19. Be ready to contact your State House Reps if it appears they will go for floor votes. Email notification will go out to members when contact's needed.

Membership **Motion by Jean Dinkins, second by Cheryl Kienast that we dispense with secret ballot. Motion carried.** The following members were unanimously elected into membership - Janis Morgan, Pat Ryea, Barbara and T J Whitworth

Old Business

Beth White advised that if we want to keep the web domain for the Smokey Mountain Cluster we need to pay to retain it soon. **Motion by Carol Sommerfelt second by Judy Hart that TVKC pay to retain the rights to the cluster name. Motion carried.**

New Business Janice Flaherty announced that vet schools are beginning to teach to only vaccinate dogs one time after initial shots. After that do titer checks instead.

Motion by Beth White, second by Victor Franko that TVKC purchase professionally done banners for club use at event such as Bark at Brehm and Meet The Breeds. Motion carried.

The members with brags were Janice Flaherty, Richella Veatch and Keith Bailey.

Jean again reminded members DUES ARE DUE by May 31.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Neena Van Camp,

Recording Secretary