

## Tennessee Valley Kennel Club September 16, 2014

Karen M. Davis, PhD of the UT Vet School presented an excellent program on her ongoing study on play behavior within litters and some preliminary differences between breeds. She still needs litters ages 3 to 12 weeks to film for evaluation in Puppy Play Behavior Study. Observation and filming of puppies at play will be at YOUR location. Contact Karen Davis 865-776-4480 [kdavis23@UTK.edu](mailto:kdavis23@UTK.edu).

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order UT's Vet School at 7:32 PM. 28 members & 6 guests signed in. Guests were Christi Glovak, Gregg & Erin Lonas, Linda Stafford, Elizabeth Davis and Donna McMahan, Each one introduced themselves and told members about their dog involvement.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as previously posted on the TVKC web site.

**President's Report** - Wally reported that TVKC needs volunteers to help set up the grooming area on the Thursday before the show for a few hours in the afternoon October 30th. Contact a show chair if you can help.

Excellent suggestions from the new members were

1. more pot lucks and fun days so members can interact more freely in relaxed circumstances.
2. Getting involved with the general public in doggy related events was as a way to get the word out that TVKC exists.
3. The board is looking for a Community Outreach Person to head up this effort.

**Corresponding Secretary** - Cheryl Kienast is still taking program surveys

**Treasurer's Report** – Jean Dinkins reported July's beginning checking balance was \$36,183.54. Income was \$600 and expenses were \$1134.58. August beginning checking balance was \$35,648.96 with zero income and \$487.20 in expenses. The Money Market account brought the club balance to \$73,122.15. The taxes have been filed and annual incorporation fee was paid. Jean has applied for the Animal Permit for the dog show.

**AKC Delegate** Judy Hart told members that Nashville KC agreed to be part of the AKC Reuntie Trailer Project. She will let us know when the Wilson County (Murfreesboro) dedication event will be held so TVKC members and their dogs can attend this social event. Members applauded all of her ongoing efforts.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Agility** – Beth White reminded members that TVKC will need help Thursday December 4 thru Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> for our agility trial. The February trial will be over Valentines weekend. Volunteers are still needed for the "My Dog Can Do That" ring at the show November 1.

**Show Weekend** - Carol Sommerfelt shared the premium list with members at the meeting. Pat Hodges is coordinating the jobs that need to be done at the shows starting about 3 PM on Thursday marking off the grooming area.

Cheryl has the trophies ready and waiting.

Catalog ads are due in to Carol by September 17.

Richella Veatch passed out posters for placement in vet's offices to lure spectators and entries.

Victor Franko updated members on Meet the Breeds. It will be 10 – 2 with each of 3 breeds being presented every hour for 1 hour. He and Erin will work around the dogs' ring times.

**Training Classes** – Janice Flaherty indicated classes are going very well at UT. There will be an advertisement for the classes in the show catalog.

Beth indicated obedience and agility classes are being held at both UT and Hush Puppy facilities. All class offerings are up to date on the web site.

### **Membership**

**Motion by Jean Dinkins and second by Judy we dispense with secret ballot. Motion Carried.** Christi Glovak - Labrador Retriever and Linda Stafford – Dalmatian & Bearded Collie were elected as new members.

**Unfinished Business** – Charmaine Daum offered to check on the pricing of storage units near to the show site to see how competitors were priced compared to our annual storage rental bill. Our current 10' X 36' space's upcoming cost will be \$2316. A proposed end space of 12' X 36' will be \$3000 a year.

**Motion by Beth White and second by Victor Smith - Jean, as treasurer, is authorized to spend up to \$3000 for a storage unit after she got the results from Charmaine. Motion carried.** The vote was 17 for and 2 opposed with several abstentions.

**New Business** – none

Braggs were offered by Beth White, Keith Bailey, Quinto Burchi, Pam Stanner & Carol Sommerfelt, Cheryl Kienast, Linda Stafford, Paula Smiddy, Richella Veatch, Victor & Pam Smith, Judy Hart, Donna Burchi and Jean Dinkins.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Neena Van Camp,*  
Recording Secretary