

## Tennessee Valley Kennel Club October 21, 2014

Beth White presented an interesting and inspiring presentation on how to properly start and succeed in agility training. She gave lots of examples of how to do it right – and how to correct mistakes from her and Nina's personal learning curves.

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order Animal Emergency Center on Kingston Pike at 7:35 PM. 22 members & 7 guests signed in. Guests were Donna and Anna McMahan, Gregg, Erin and Madeline Lonas, Naomi Finnald and Tanner Oguz. Each one introduced themselves and told members about their dog involvement.

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

**President's Report** - Wally reported that TVKC's has 704 dogs for our 2 days of shows. Obedience is way low at 30 dogs. There are over 30 entries in the 4 – 6 month puppy class. "My Do Can Do That", Chuck a Duck and the Bake Sale will be Saturday. We hope to have Meet the Breeds both day. He passed around the signup sheets for donations to the Bake Sale – both cash and in kind donations are needed.

**Corresponding Secretary** - Cheryl Kienast provided members copies of material provided to the club by the daughter of a Knoxville area AKC handler. She had written them for the News Sentential in the 1940s.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jean Dinkins was at the Great Dane's National.

**AKC Delegate** - Judy Hart was not present.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Agility** – Beth White reminded members that TVKC needs help Thursday December 4 thru Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> for our agility trial. The February 2015 trial will be over Valentines weekend. She has signed up volunteers for the "My Dog Can Do That" show ring November 1.

**Show Weekend** – Pat Hodges passed around sign-up sheets for volunteers for the various tasks that need to be done to put on the show. Set up in Thursday at 3 PM for 2-3 hours taping off vendor and grooming area. Collies and Vendors are in on Friday. Hospitality room and Ring Hospitality are needed for Saturday and Sunday as well as for catalog sales. An individual is needed to oversee the stuffed toy donation. Susan Corum is getting publicity information out to the local media.

### Training Classes –

All conformation and obedience class offerings are up to date on the web site per Beth White.

### Membership

Donna McMahan's application was read for the first time. Gregg, Erin and Madeline Lomas' application was read for the first time.

**Unfinished Business** – none

**New Business – Motion by Keith Bailey and second by Cheryl Kienast – in 2015 TVKC suspend holding obedience classes with our show.** Discussion followed. With an entry of only 30 it appears that TVKC will be losing about \$3000 on obedience when all of the costs are factored in. Many members hated to do so but the **Motion Carried** by a unanimous vote.

Paula Smiddy suggested that for publicity purposes TVKC participate in the December 5 WIVK 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Parade. The downtown parade starts at 7 PM with participants and their dogs needing to assemble between 5 & 6 PM. She'll locate a new red pick-up to lead the group decorating it and using the TVKC signage. Some people and dogs can walk along behind and others ride in the truck bed. Contact Paula to sign up for the event.

**Motion by Paula Smiddy second by Christi Glovak - TVKC budget \$100 for the event (\$65 entry fee). Motion Carried.**

Braggs were offered by Pam Stanner, Cheryl Kienast, Paula Smiddy, Keith Bailey, Beth White, Quinto Burchi, Donna Burchi and Richella Veatch,

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Neena Van Camp,*  
Recording Secretary