

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

Regular Meeting -- Tuesday, November 18, 2014

At 7 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at the Veterinary Emergency Care Center. **PRESENT:** Walter Sommerfelt, Cheryl Kienast, Jean Dinkins, Judy Hard, Janis Flaherty, Paula Smiddy, Beth White, Carol Sommerfelt, Linda Stafford, Janice Morgan, Pat Hartman, Pam Smith, Vic Smith, Pat Ryea, Lynn Dobiell, and Lois Biedron. **GUESTS:** Gregg Lonas, Erin Lonas, Madeline Lonas, Alice Kitts, Samantha Stafford, Elizabeth Davis, Elizabeth Franklin and Melissa Craft.

Program: Franya Peterson, D.C. of the McLoughlin Chiropractic Clinic (865) 405-0655--presented a comprehensive program which identified how chiropractic procedures can help our dogs—including for what purposes you may seek assistance from a chiropractor and how to manage your pet after treatment.

Motion by Judy Hart, seconded by Paula Smiddy to approve the Minutes of the previous general meeting of October 21, 2014, as published. **Passed.**

Treasurer’s Report. Jean Dinkins presented the Treasurer’s Reports for September and October 2014.

Beginning Checking Acct. Balance Sept. 2014	\$35,161.76	
Ending Checking Account Balance Sept. 2014	\$32,778.75	
Money Market Account as of 9/10/14	\$37,966.63	
	Total:	\$70,745.38
Beginning Checking Balance for October 2014	\$32,778.75	
Ending Checking Acct. Balance for October 2014	\$30,401.41	
Money Market Account as of 10/13/14	\$37,973.50	
	Total:	\$68,374.91

Motion by Carol Sommerfelt, seconded by Judy Hart to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. **Passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Obedience/Rally Committee. Discussed forming a committee to look into alternative venues for holding obedience and/or rally trials. Beth White is to Chair the committee and solicited members to serve.

Children’s Hospital Toy Drive: We received 65 stuffed animals to donate to the Children’s Hospital.

Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Cheryl Kienast stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Delegate’s Report: Judy Hart stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Agility Trials: Beth White discussed that she needs some additional members to volunteer to be present during the TVKC Agility Trials on December 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th in Harriman, TN. If you are available to either help with the trial doing light tasks or can just **BE PRESENT** at the trials—she particularly needs a couple more members to be present on Thursday and Friday, December 4th and 5th. Please contact Beth immediately if you are able to give a half day or so of your time. We are required to have at least five

club members present during the trials, so this is a very important plea for help from the membership. **Contact Beth White at knoxnusa@gmail.com** if you can be there for at least a half a day –especially on Thursday or Friday.

Christmas Parade: Paula Smiddy reminded the membership that TVKC has an entry in the WIVK Christmas Parade on Friday, December 5th. We will have a truck available so people can rest with their dog during the route if necessary. We have about a dozen members signed up to march. If you have volunteered to march in the parade, please go onto the WIVK website and search for “Christmas Parade.” There is a parade manual online which you can read for information on when and where to be.

Eye Clinic: Reminder that the Animal Emergency and Specialty Center is performing FREE eye OFA exams every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. until the end of the year. If you identify yourself as a member of TVKC, they will do their best to get you in. Call 693-4440 to schedule an appointment.

Vic and Pam Smith have volunteered to coordinate dog related events in the community such as the **Bark at the Brehm**. UT is looking at possible dates to host the 2015 Bark at the Brehm. More information will be coming.

Show: Carol Sommerfelt reported that the show went very well with no problems and very few complaints. The CGCs went well with most dogs passing the test. It was discussed that there were difficulties locating the Meet the Breeds area. Perhaps a large banner to place over the area visible from anywhere in the building would be a solution. My Dog Can Do That went very well. We discussed possibly “renting” the rings following Best in Show for practice of whatever kind the person needs—obedience, rally or conformation. It was suggested \$5 for 5 minutes. Carol wanted to thank all the volunteers. She felt that since we had so many people helping this year, the show went smoothly. The members were reminded that we voted to pull obedience and rally from our 2015 shows. Beth White is chairing a committee to see where we may be able to hold obedience and/or rally trials where we could get better attendance.

Community Outreach: Wally Sommerfelt talked about what we could do in the community to promote purebred dog ownership. Suggested that we try to find ways to get younger people involved in the sport of dogs. Madeline Lonas volunteered to assist in approaching schools or 4H groups so that we can put on a program perhaps twice a year.

Conformation Classes. Janis Flaherty reported that the classes are doing well. She had a lady from Memphis attend two weeks of classes while visiting family. The lady was very impressed with how much she learned at our classes. NOTE: Classes will be suspended after December 8th until the 5th of January.

Agility Classes: Beth White reported that the new beginning Agility class has started. If you want to attend but missed the first class, there is a video available about getting started in agility.

Christmas Party: It was decided to hold the **TVKC Christmas Party on Thursday, December 18th** at 6:30 p.m. due to members returning from Eukanuba. Everyone who wants to participate in the “Yankee Gift Exchange” bring a WRAPPED gift (range of \$10-\$12). It is a lot of fun to “steal” gifts when it is your turn to either choose a wrapped gift or “steal” one that has already been taken! Note that you may bring spouses or significant others as guests. **Motion** by Judy Hard, seconded by Janis Flaherty to spend a maximum of \$150 for plates and a main dish for the party.

Jean Dinkins discussed the storage facility matter. Should we decide to move to a different storage facility, she will be calling for volunteers to assist with the actual move. She will report back as she is still checking out different locations.

Reading for Membership: This was a first reading for Elizabeth Davis (Puli), and the final reading for Gregg Lonas, Erin Lonas and Madeline Lonas (Newfoundlands). Following voting, TVKC is pleased to accept Gregg, Erin and Madeline as new members.

Brags: The following members had brags--Jean Dinkins, Janis Flaherty, Paula Smiddy, Victor Smith, Pat Ryea, Gregg Lonas and Samantha Stafford.

Motion to adjourn by Janis Flaherty, seconded by Carol Sommerfelt. **Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Kienast