

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club March 17, 2015

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at the Animal Emergency Clinic on Kingston Pike near Pellessippi Parkway at 7:30 PM following a very informative program on K-9 Nose Work by Rosana Dropkin who lives in Blount County and is teaching in in West Knoxville area.

A roll call of members was conducted with 21 members responding. There were 8 guests signed in - Pat Wilkins, Ray and Judy Laureans, Debbie Hodges, Carol Wolters, Rosana Dropkin, Sharon Abmeyer and Shirley Williams.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

Wally presented his Presidents Report. It is also posted to www.TVKC.org

Corresponding Secretary – Cheryl Kienast reported that we had received a thank you note for the Bouvier Club for our donation in memory of Mr. Price's passing. The UT Veterinary School sent a thank you card for our donation to the scholarship fund in 2014.

Treasurer's Report – Jean reported the club's finances for February 2015 including the February Agility Trial. Total balance at the end of the month was \$66,115.97 **Motion to accept the report was carried.** 2015 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE TO THE CLUB VIA JEAN.

AKC Delegate – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Agility – Beth White reported the agility trial co-hosted with the East TN Collie Club was very successfully both in terms of income and how the events went. Applications are being made and judges hired for the 12/2015 and 2/2016's events.

Training Classes – Ace Russell reported that they were indeed very good trials! Performance training classes continue to do very well and to grow. TVKC is offering Conformation classes, Puppy Classes, STAR classes, obedience and agility classes to members AND to the general public. We are being "found" by a number of potential new members each month.

Shows – Carol Sommerfelt reported things are moving forward tho there may be no outward signs as there is no paperwork being done currently.

The 4-6 month Beginner Puppy Classes are paid entries at the show. They are being covered by TVKC member judges at no cost to the club.

Motion by Paula Smiddy and second by Jean Dinkins TVKC offer GIANT Rosettes for BIS and RBIS in place of trophies. Motion Carried.

Legislative Report - DruAnn Nutzell sent a report via the president that she participated in a conference call with Tennessee Canine Federation with Melisa Belash about many of the bills that were coming up in the TN Legislature this year. While there were some the representatives could support, many others were such that the interfered with animal care and they refused to support them. Some were to be opposed if presented out of committee.

Motion by Carol Sommerfelt and second by Keith Bailey that TVKC continue our \$150 membership in Tennessee Canine Federation. Motion Carried.

Community Involvement/Outreach

Pam Smith reminded members that the West Pet Village on Kingston Pike in Farragut area will be hosting their Pet Fair at their location on May 2. YOU are being asked to participate as part of the TVKC group as we try to reach the public with information purebred dogs and breeders.

The 2015 Audit Committee will be Barry and Pam Stanner. The 2014 books are ready for audit.

Chairman Cheryl Kienast on behalf of members - Lois Biedron, Barry Stanner, Richella Veatch and Neena Van Camp presented the 2015/16 Nomination Committee Report.

The Committee's proposed slate is	President	Walter Sommerfelt
	Vice Pres.	Neena Van Camp
	Rec. Sec'y	Cheryl Kienast
	Corr. Sec'y	Linda Stafford
	Treasurer	Jean Dinkins
	AKC Delegate	Richella Veatch

Board of Directors

Susan Corum, Janice Flaherty, Judy Hart, Victor Smith, Pam Stanner & Beth White

Membership

The applications of Rosana Dropkin and Debby Hodges were read for the first time.

The program for the March meeting will be by a canine eye specialist Dr Joanne McKinnon. The meeting will be at the UT Veterinary School Library on the 2nd floor.

Braggs were announced by Keith Bailey, Quinto Burchi, Carol Sommerfelt, Linda Stafford & Jean Dinkins.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Neena Van Camp,
Recording Secretary