

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club May 19, 2015

President Wally Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at the UT Veterinary School at 7:55 PM following a program by David Hamilton, Esquire on how members can use trusts to provide for care of their pets when incapacitated or after death.

A roll call was conducted with 28 members responding. The roll call sheet is with the secretary's records. 8 guests signed in – Mark Houck, Gail Schroth, Kathy Villars, Patty Keenan, Beth Messer, Leslie Roden and Cheryl and Richard Roach .

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as posted on the website.

President's Report – Wally thanked Keith Bailey, Paula Smiddy and Pat Hodges who are going off of the board for a while. All of them have been on the board for a number of years and contributed a lot of time, effort and successes for the club. They were applauded by club members.

The 2015 TVKC recipient of the AKC Sportsmanship Award was presented to Janis Flaherty. She has been outstanding with her willingness to work on behalf of the club.

Corresponding Secretary – The AKC application for the Feb 2016 Agility Trials was turned over to Beth White. She will be responding to AKC's request for new officer and committee chair list following tonight's meeting.

Treasurer's the Report – Jean reported the club's finances for April 2015. Income was \$475 and expenditures were \$623.46. Total balance at the end of the month was \$66,022.60 **Motion to accept the report was carried.** 2015/16 DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW. They are due before June 1.

AKC Delegate – Judy Hart reported the AKC Reunite paperwork is still in limbo somewhere within officialdom. They hope to get it cleared soon. Info on the dedication in the Murfreesboro area will be ASAP.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGILITY - Beth White reported the plans for the agility trials the first weekend in December are coming together well. One of our judges will be brand new so we will have an AKC Agility rep at our shows. Beth passed out the CLUB BUSINESS CARDS to all those at the meeting. The idea is that each member will have some to hand out when TVKC and its activities come into conversations with local puppy buyers and the general public.

SHOWS – Wally for Carol and Pat - we will have a Dalmatian specialty in 2015. Maybe a GSD supported entry in 15, for sure in 2016. Neapolitan Mastiffs inquired about holding their National with us in 2016.

TRAINING CLASSES

Conformation – Janis indicated puppy class starts again June 1. Ruby Valentine is the assistant trainer and with the size of the showmanship classes lately she is invaluable. Classes are Mondays at the area behind our meeting area at UT. Puppy classes are held from 6 - 7. 7:15 to 8:15 is conformation class.

Performance – Ace indicated that there are ongoing classes during the summer for STAR puppy and CGC testing held at Hush Puppies and the kennel. Starting 3 new classes in June Obedience, Rally and Agility. Since there will be 2 days of "My Dog Can Do That" at the shows more helpers will be needed.

The August meeting will be at Hush Puppies. BRING YOUR DOG as you try out some of the things they offer at their facility (except for dog bathing). Address is 9752 Parkside Dr sort of behind the fire station.

The annual Awards meeting and picnic will be held at the home of Pat and George Hodges in Loudon just off of I-75. There will be a Lottery Fun Match with prizes, bring your dog or borrow a loaner dog to be in the match as well as the dinner and meeting.

ELECTIONS

Motion by Judy Hart & second by Keith Bailey that the secretary cast one vote for the slate as proposed. Motion carried.

Walter Sommerfelt	President
Neena Van Camp	Vice President
Recording Sec'y	Cheryl Kienast
Corresponding Sec'y	Linda Stafford
Treasurer	Jean Dinkins

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

AKC Delegate Richella Veatch

MEMBERSHIP

Jean Dinkins presented the following for first reading -- Mark Houck, Kathleen Villers and Gail Schroth. She also had apps just turned in by Lilly Yapp & Melinda Yapp.

OLD BUSINESS

It was reported the West Pet Village Clinic event May 2 had about 30 vendors and several hundred people visiting to learn about the clinic and animals including purebred dogs.

New Business

Beth White explained to the membership her vision of Booth In Box. It would be available to take to events like the Village Pet Fair. Her proposed booth has a 10 x 10 pop-up with club name on it, an upright banner, 3 tables that can fit within the booth and items for displaying information and business cards.

Beth made a motion that the club proceed with the booth up to a total cost of \$1200; second by Judy Hart. Motion carried.

Beth indicated its inaugural will be as a booth at the 2nd Annual Hush Puppies Event May 31 from 2-5 PM. Other members are invited to join her and miniature poodle Nina.

Motion by Jean Dinkins; second by Beth White the 2015 shows be dedicated to the memory of Charles Price. Motion carried. Jean will be sure the photo and dedication page are in the catalog.

Braggs were announced by Gregg Lomas, Janis Flaherty, Cheryl Kienast, Madeline Lomas, Melinda Stafford, Ace Mathews, Beth White, Linda Stafford, Quinto Burchi and Keith Bailey.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Neena Van Camp,
Recording Secretary