

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club - September 15, 2015

Janis Flaherty and Judy Hart presented their program to highlight dangers that may be faced while at dog shows or hotels or traveling and how to best protect yourselves, your dog(s) and your valuables.

President Wally Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at the UT Veterinary College following the program at 7:30 P.M.

A roll call was conducted with 27 members responding. The roll call sheet is with the secretary's records. Guests –Rhonda Koons and Carla Holland.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as published.

President's Report – Wally reviewed the New Member rules and the need to do homework before signing as a sponsor. He reminded everyone that the rules read three meetings FOLLOWING the receipt of an application. We are doing a stuffed toy drive at the fall shows as well as at the agility trials with the toys going to Children's Hospital. We are revising our lunch set-up for the shows and will be utilizing vouchers for the food vendor. We are still working on a possible Junior Handler Class—which may be held once or twice a month. We plan to hold a Group Fun Match one Monday before the shows in October. The Show Chair for 2016 is Carol Sommerfelt with Janis Flaherty as Assistant Show Chair. The Judges' Committee has been appointed and includes Jan Flaherty, Cheryl Kienast, Samantha Stafford, Keith Bailey, Walter Sommerfelt and Richella Veatch.

Corresponding Secretary – No report.

Treasurer's Report – Jean Dinkins reported the club's finances for August 2015. The beginning balance was \$24,049.77. Income was \$370. Expenditures were \$2,365.00. Money Market Account is \$38,036.39 so the total balance at the end of the month was \$60,091.16. **Motion to accept the report was carried.**

AKC Delegate – Richella Veatch reported that she has received verification that she has been approved as the Delegate for TVKC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGILITY – Beth White was not present but is still seeking volunteers for the December Agility Trials. Please contact her if you are able to help.

SHOWS – Carol Sommerfelt reported that she is still looking for volunteers for various tasks. If you can spare an hour or two while at the shows, please contact Carol so that she may put you on the schedule. Carol needs your information if you are going to do an ad in the catalog. Remember that if you received an award for 2014, you may have a photo of your dog and the dog's name and titles placed in the catalog for \$10. She needs your information immediately. Please e-mail Carol if you want to participate in MEET THE BREEDS or MY DOG CAN DO THAT segments.

TRAINING CLASSES

Conformation – Jan Flaherty reported that conformation classes are going well. She very much appreciates Ruby Valentine's assistance with the classes.

MEMBERSHIP

A second reading was held on Rhonda Koons.

OLD BUSINESS—Discussion held regarding club T-shirts. It was decided that a cost of \$20 was acceptable. Debby Hodges is going to obtain a copy of our logo and work up a cost/shirt and report back to the club.

NEW BUSINESS—None.

HOLIDAY PARTY: It was voted in the Board Meeting that we would stay at the ER Clinic for our Holiday Party to be held December 29th. We will be doing a Yankee Gift Exchange again with a \$15 limit on gifts. No gag gifts this year, please. We want everyone to get something either dog related or fun or useful. Linda Stafford graciously accepted the position of organizer. Will whoever organized the party last year please contact her with any suggestions.

Braggs were announced by Jan Flaherty, Samantha Stafford, Debby Hodges, Quinto Burchi, Carol Sommerfelt, Karl Barth, Keith Bailey, Richella Veatch, Jean Dinkins, Cheryl Kienast, and Cheryl Kienast on behalf of Madeline Lonas.

Respectfully submitted, *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary