

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

General Meeting -- Tuesday, November 17, 2015

The General Meeting was held at the ER Clinic. President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:00. A roll call was conducted with 24 members responding. The roll call sheet is with the secretary's records. Guests – Cynthia Parker, Tony and Heidi Bible, Dori & Mark Yarberry and Rhonda Koons.

MOTION by Neena Van Camp, seconded by Madeline Lonas to approve the Minutes of the October meeting as published on the website. **Passed unanimously.**

President's Message: Walter gave a brief review of the annual show. Noted that we received \$162,660 for Take the Lead. Discussed that we will be doing three days of obedience/rally in 2016 which will use the space taken by My Dog Can Do That event this year. Discussed the stuffed animal drive for Children's Hospital. Gregg Lonas will be taking the toys and has arranged for Live @ 4 to cover the event. Discussed Meet the Breeds—we need better signage and information. Also discussed whether the Zoo would like to partner with the club during the show weekend with a possible reduced entry at the Zoo for show exhibitors. Walter reported an incident at the show of a reported stolen blow dryer, which was handled at the show. The show was a success from the standpoint of the exhibitors—almost everyone enjoyed the music and thought this was a fun addition to the show. Suggestions from exhibitors were that we provide a list of area restaurants for exhibitors and possibly doing a costume contest if our show date is on Halloween again. Madeline Lonas volunteered to do a PR job and Kathy Villars volunteered to help with PR for next year. We discussed the club's Facebook page. Cost of parking was discussed—members were not all aware that the city sets the price for parking which is used to pay the salary of the several security officers who were present and patrolling the show site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary. Linda Stafford reported that she had received two communications. One regarded the UT Veterinary College's 2016 Open House which will be on April 23rd. The e-mail was soliciting donations at various levels. We have until February 1st to donate. Tabled until the memo is sent to the entire Board for review. We will discuss what amount may be appropriate as a donation. The second e-mail was from the American Spaniel Club which is holding an obedience trial January 1st in Knoxville. The trial is open to all sporting breeds with a limit of 60 entries. Entries close on December 16th. Linda was accepting orders for the polo shirts with the club's logo in accordance with the e-mail she sent to the members prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Jean Dinkins was not present and did not present a report.

Report of AKC Delegate: Richella Veatch reported that there were seven items which were going to be voted on at the upcoming Delegates' meeting. Following reading and discussion, the membership voted on each item. **MOTION** by Neena Van Camp, seconded by Carol Sommerfelt that Richella vote yes on each item at the upcoming AKC Delegates' meeting in Florida.

Agility: Beth White passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet for the TVKC Agility Trials coming up December 4, 5 and 6 in Harriman. There will be an agility B-match at the agility trials as well which should occur between 4 to 5:00. If you are interested in volunteering, please **contact Beth White at knoxnusa@gmail.com**.

Show Committee. Carol Sommerfelt is already working on next year's shows. Madeline Lonas and Samantha Stafford will put on a juniors clinic next year. There will be a collie specialty, Tervuren, Belgian Shepherd, Bulldog, Schipperke and possibly a coonhound specialty held in conjunction with our shows. As already mentioned, we will also be offering three days of obedience and rally. If you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Carol. Walter announced that he has reserved Chilhowee through 2020 for our future shows at the same current cost.

Conformation Classes. Jan Flaherty was not present but it was reported that the classes are well attended.

Program Committee. We desperately are seeking someone to head up a committee to organize programs for our general meetings. If you have ANY interest, please contact Walter Sommerfelt.

Christmas Parade. Paula Smiddy is organizing the TVKC participation in the Knoxville Christmas Parade which will be on Friday, December 4th. Paula said she has about 20 dogs participating this year! If you want to join in the fun, please contact Paula immediately.

Holiday Party. Will be held December 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the ER Clinic where it was held last year. The club will purchase a meat item and soft drinks and the members will bring dishes to share. The gift exchange has a \$15 limit and we ask that no 'gag' gifts be used this year—dog related items or holiday related items. Visitors are very welcome!

Membership: Rhonda Koon's 2nd reading.

BRAGS: The following had awesome brags to share: Richard Roach, Judy Laureano, Richella Veatch, Samantha Stoddard, Kathy Villars, Beth White, Gregg Lonas, Erin Lonas, Dori Yarberry, Cynthia Parker.

There will not be a Board Meeting in December.

Motion to adjourn brought by Madeline Lonas, seconded by Carol Sommerfelt. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by **Cheryl Kienast**, Recording Secretary