

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

General Meeting -- Tuesday, January 19, 2016

The Board meeting was held at the ER Clinic. At 7:07 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order. There were 25 members present. **GUESTS:** Cynthia Parker, Sheila Riechers, Becky Gagne, Larry Schroth Sr., Shirley Williams, Connie Epp, Royer Epp, and Mary E. Meyer.

Minutes of December Meeting: Motion to approve Minutes as corrected passed unopposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary. Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report. Jean Dinkins presented a combined report for November and December, as well as breakdowns for the November conformation show and December agility trial. The full reports may be found on the website. Checking Account Balances are as follows:

Beginning Balance for December 2015:	\$44,812.34	
Receipts:	4,301.93	
Disbursements:	<u>(19,867.52)</u>	
Ending Balance:	\$ 29,246.75	
Plus Money Market:	<u>38,060.98</u>	
Total:		<u><u>\$ 67,307.73</u></u>

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report passed unopposed.

Show Committee: Discussion was held regarding the new committee which was formed to explore other possible locations for our fall conformation shows which will be chaired by Jan Flaherty. Jan Flaherty informed the members that the committee decided they wished to use pottery for the club's trophies and had met with the pottery folk which the club had used previously. Specific pieces of pottery were priced and chosen for various categories. A schedule of proposed sponsorship plans for the 2016 shows was presented and discussed. The schedule of suggested sponsorship levels will be placed on the website. The goal is to try to obtain sponsors for the trophies to generate offsetting revenue for the club's expenses. Carol Sommerfelt will be the Show Chair for 2016 with Jan Flaherty as Assistant Show Chair. Lois Biedron is the Trophy Chair. The Judges Selection Committee has met and has contacted the proposed judges. Most have accepted and the remaining couple will be signed soon.

Program Committee. Walter announced that Susan Corum has agreed to Chair this committee and called for volunteers. Gail Schroth volunteered to be a member along with Lois Biedron and Susan Corum.

Nominating Committee. Discussion was held regarding the Nominating Committee. It was decided that Keith Bailey will Chair the committee, Jan Flaherty, Gregg Lonas, Carol Sommerfelt will be invited to be the members on the committee with Barry Stanner as an alternate member.

Performance Committee: Beth reminded that our second agility trial will be held February 5, 6 and 7. She asked for volunteers and passed around a sign-up sheet. The membership was reminded that the club will be holding obedience and rally trials at our November shows. Ace was not present but

information from Kathy Villars was that the beginning agility class is continuing and that Ace intends to add an Agility 2 class on Tuesday nights which will focus on a single obstacle each week.

Appreciation for Service. Walter then presented a plaque to **Ruby Valentine** in appreciation for her many years of service to the club.

4-H Committee: Judy Webb stated that she is getting virtually no response from the group leaders to our inquiries.

Disaster Trailer: Judy Webb reported that the trailer has been delivered and that when the date is decided for the dedication ceremony, she will let us know so that we may hopefully be able to get a group together to attend the ceremony. Judy also stated that we have received a thank you note for our contribution toward the trailer which will be placed on the website.

Training Classes: Jan Flaherty reported that the classes have become huge and without the assistance of Ruby Valentine and Paula Smiddy, it would have been difficult to over the 15-17 large dogs and 5 smaller dogs who were at class on Monday, January 18.

Report of AKC Delegate: Richella Veatch was not present but submitted her report that there were seven items which were voted on at the December Delegates' meeting. All the items were approved at the Delegates' meeting with the exception of the term limits. That item did not pass.

Membership Readings: Larry Schroth and Cynthia Parker. We will be voting on Cynthia's application at her next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Debby Hodges brought the club shirts to distribute to those who purchased them. The shirts may still be ordered and shipped to the members.

New Business: Gail Schroth suggested that we try to be sure that there are outdoor trash receptacles available at the conformation show in the future, as well as plastic bags at the doors.

The February meeting will fall on the second day of the Westminster Kennel Club show so we have decided not to hold a meeting in February.

BRAGS: Pat Ryea, Larry Schroth, Keith Bailey, Connie Epp, and Gail Schroth.

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. to play Jeopardy!

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