

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

General Meeting -- Tuesday, March 15, 2016

The TVKC March general meeting was held at the ER Clinic. Susan Corum introduced Ruth Sapp from H.A.B.I.T. H.A.B.I.T. is a community group of volunteers working together to explore the circumstances and consequences of the human-animal bond and to promote this valuable bond between people and animals. H.A.B.I.T. is comprised of representatives from the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, volunteers from the community, and private veterinary practitioners.

Following the program, President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. There were 32 members present and 11 guests. **GUESTS:** Barb Allendorf, Brenda Weeks, Mark Weeks, Linda Bird, Lonnie Epp, Garron, Sheila, Anya and Reagan Riechers, Cynthia Parker and Kandace Wilson.

Minutes of January Meeting: Motion to approve minutes passed unopposed.

President's Message: Walter reminded the members that our April meeting would be returning to the University of Tennessee Veterinary School in the Pendergrass Library. Walter also announced that Countryside Veterinary Clinic is sponsoring one of the big trophies for our fall shows. He reminded that dues must be paid by June 1st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary. Linda Stafford announced that she had order forms for anyone who wished to order a TVKC club tee-shirt or golf shirt.

Treasurer's Report. Jean Dinkins presented a combined report for January/February 2016. These figures include the income and expense from the agility trials. The full reports may be found on the website. Checking Account Balances are as follows:

Beginning Balance for February 2016:	\$ 29,246.75	
Receipts:	20,862.15	
Disbursements:	<u>16,441.03</u>	
Ending Balance:	\$33,667.87	
Plus Money Market:	<u>38,063.78</u>	
Total:		<u>\$71,731.65</u>

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report passed unopposed.

Delegate's Report. It was reported that three new members had been elected as AKC Delegates.

Program Committee: Susan Corum reported that she has arranged to have Ed Presnall and Debbie Maheu, tracking judges, come to speak at our April meeting. Susan stressed that these individuals had a lot of knowledge and were very well respected in their field. They hold week-long tracking camps and are very free in sharing of their knowledge.

Show Committee: Carol Sommerfelt provided an update on the judges for the fall shows. All the contracts have been signed. There will be several concurrent specialties this year, in addition to offering three days of rally and obedience this year. She announced that the club is still in discussions with

another local club with the hope that we can combine to build a cluster of shows again in the near future. Lois Biedron announced that she had two sponsors so far for the larger trophy sponsorships. Members are encouraged to think about sponsoring a trophy for their particular breeds. We have a wide range of trophy items that can be utilized. Lois will ask the sponsors to send us their company logos to be put into the premium list.

Performance Committee: It was reported that the agility trial netted over \$3,000 for the club.

Disaster Trailer: The trailer was at the Nashville shows. When the date is decided for the dedication ceremony, we will hopefully be able to get a group together to attend the ceremony.

Training Classes: Jan Flaherty reported that she had a full puppy class and that she is now running two conformation rings simultaneously on Monday nights.

Outreach Program. Our prior community coordinator moved to Charleston. Following discussion (and arm twisting), Gregg Lonas has agreed to be our Community Coordinator for our outreach programs.

Scholarship to UT was discussed. Upon **MOTION** by Keith Bailey and seconded by Carol Sommerfelt, it was voted to donate \$5,000 again to the University of Tennessee Veterinary School. UT will have an Open House on April 23rd from 9 to 4. Jan and Neena will attend to represent TVKC. Keith wanted to stress how thankful we are for the use of the UT facility to hold our classes.

Nominating Committee. Keith Bailey as Chair of the Nominating Committee announced the 2016-2017 nominated slate:

President	Walter Sommerfelt
Vice President	Janis Flaherty
Recording Secretary	Cheryl Kienast
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Stafford
Treasurer	Jean Dinkins
Board Members;	Susan Corum, Beth White, Gregg Lonas, Keith Bailey, Paula Smiddy and Neena VanCamp

Membership. Walter held the first reading of Connie Epp's application for membership and the third reading of Cynthia Parker. Following a motion to dismiss with secret balloting, Cynthia Parker was voted in as a new member.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

BRAGS: The following members shared their outstanding wins and accomplishments: Melissa Craft, Janis Flaherty, Keith Bailey, Carol Sommerfelt, Samantha Stafford, Richella Veatch, Gail Schroth, Susan Corum, Madeline Lonas, Kathy Villars, Richard Roach and Garron Reichers.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

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