

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

General Meeting - March 19, 2016

The TVKC April General Meeting was held at the UT Vet School. Susan Corum wanted to assure everyone that the tracking judges will reschedule and were very sorry they were ill and had to cancel. Susan then introduced Ann Viera, a UT Veterinary Librarian. Ann graciously agreed to present a last minute talk about what the UT Library can provide to people researching canine diseases and other issues. She also handed out information on medlineplus.gov, where you may research health information on yourselves. In addition, she spoke about veterinary sites and what they can offer. It was a very interesting and useful program.

Following the program, President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:20 p.m. There were 23 members present and 9 guests. **GUESTS:** Donna Foster, Barb Allendorf, Brenda Weeks, Mark Weeks, Linda Schroth, Connie Epp, Garron Riechers, Alyssa Helms and Jenna Moe.

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

President's Message: Walter announced it was time to submit your information if you earned an AKC title during 2015. The Awards Presentation will be held at the June meeting, which will be held at Jean Dinkins' home and will be a pot luck picnic and dog show lottery fun match as we have done before. Directions will be on the website prior to the meeting. Also discussed was the new coursing competition called FAST.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary. Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report. Jean Dinkins presented the report for March. Jean also reminded the members that she is now accepting your annual dues. Account Balances are as follows:

Beginning Balance for March 2016:	\$33,667.87	
Receipts:	345.56	
Disbursements:	<u>(918.00)</u>	
Ending Balance:	\$ 33,095.43	
Plus Money Market:	<u>\$ 38,066.89</u>	
Total:		<u>\$ 71,162.32</u>

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report passed.

Program Committee: Susan Corum reported that the tracking judges who canceled due to illness will reschedule. She has arranged for a substitute program for this evening. Susan reported that the program for next month would be on K9 physical conditioning.

Performance Committee: Beth was not present. Richella confirmed that we will be holding three obedience trials and three rally trials at our fall shows. Judy Hart reported that AKC has approved a new coursing event called FAST which is in essence a 100-yard dash. It was discussed whether we could hold that in conjunction with our fall shows.

Show Committee: Carol Sommerfelt reported that the judging panel for Saturday has been approved by AKC. We need to obtain another judge for certain breeds as the judge we had intended to use had a conflict. Jan Flaherty is putting together the list of pet-friendly hotels for the premium list. Keith Bailey will see if Village Veterinary Clinic is interested in sponsoring a trophy for our fall shows.

UT Scholarship. Jan and Neena attended the scholarship awards dinner on behalf of TVKC. Jan told the membership that the students who received the money donated by TVKC meet with them at the banquet and wanted to let us know that they appreciated our sponsorship as it meant they were able to eat last year. One of the students who received our scholarship will be specializing in heart surgery in dogs.

Nominating Committee. Nominations were solicited from the floor. The following members were nominated:

Jean Dinkins nominated **Melissa Craft** for a position as a Board Member.

Melissa Craft nominated **Carol Sommerfelt** as a Board Member.

Janis Flaherty nominated **Lois Biedron** for a position as a Board Member.

Melissa Craft, Carol Sommerfelt and Lois Biedron accepted the nomination and will be on the Ballot at the May General Meeting. Jean Dinks made a motion to close the Nominations, seconded by Judy Hart. Nominations were then closed.

Membership Committee. First reading of Barb Allendorf, Mark Weeks and Brenda Weeks' applications for membership was held. Following a Motion to do away with secret voting, Larry Schroth, Connie Epp and Garron Riechers were voted in as regular Members of Tennessee Valley Kennel Club.

4-H Committee: Judy Hart stated that she has gotten no response from the group leaders to our inquiries.

Training Classes: Jan Flaherty reported that the classes continue to be well attended and that a new puppy class has started.

Report of AKC Delegate: Richella had nothing to report.

Awards: It is time to apply for any AKC awards earned by your dog during 2015. An e-mail with instructions will be sent to the membership. Jean Dinkins volunteered to host the June awards meeting at her home to commence at 6 p.m. on June 21st.

Community Outreach. Village Veterinary will be holding its annual event on April 30th. TVKC WILL have a booth and would love to see several members participate.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Barb Allendorf told the members about a foundation she created after a personal tragedy. The foundation is connected with a Walk N Wag dog walk to be held the first Saturday in June at the Victor Ashe Park. She is seeking sponsors for the event which will include various vendor booths. The deadline for sponsorship is the middle of May.

Brag: The following members had some wonderful brags on their dogs' accomplishments over the past month: Samantha Stafford, Madeline Lonas, Keith Bailey, Gregg Lonas, Carol Sommerfelt, Judy Hart, Richella Veatch, Lois Biedron, Richard Roach and Cheryl Kienast.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary