

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

General Meeting -- Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The May general meeting was held at the UT Veterinary School. The program this evening was by Dr. Amanda Pittman, who is a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner and Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist. Her program covered conditioning for the K9 athlete.

At 7:50 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order. There were 30 members present and nine guests. **GUESTS:** Mark Weeks, Malinda and Michael Presson; Veronica Hatfield, Pat Symons, Denise Meehan, Donna Foster and Beth Messer.

Minutes of April 2016 General Meeting: Motion to approve as posted passed unopposed.

Voting: All of the members running for office stood and introduced themselves. Ballots were distributed.

Annual Awards Picnic: The June meeting will be held at Jean Dinkins' home. Address will be posted on the TVKC website. Bring a dish to share and a chair and a dog so that you can enter the Lottery Match which is to be held.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary. Linda Stafford had nothing to report.

Delegate's Report. Richella Veatch reported on the proposed amendment to the rules, to the effect that the first day of a multiple day cluster was the date to determine eligibility due to date of birth; i.e., if a show was held over five days, for example, if your puppy wasn't 6 months old on the first date of the show, but turned 6 months old on the second day, it could not be shown. Neena Van Camp moved that our delegate vote in opposition to this proposed rule change. Passed unanimously.

All Breed Delegate Committee Best Practices Report. It was reported that the results of the March 2015 survey showed that 59% of clubs have fewer than 50 members. 93% of clubs wish to increase their membership. Most people join a club for socialization—20% join for training classes.

Show Committee. Carol Sommerfelt reported that the hotel rooms have been reserved for the judges. Jan Flaherty has called and updated the list of hotels which accept dogs. We need to submit changes to the Premium List by June 28th. Lois Biedron stated she is still seeking sponsors for individual breed prizes to be awarded at our fall shows. Richella reminded that you may also wish to sponsor a breed specific prize for that breed competing in obedience or rally. Walter found a contact person to speak with regarding the FAST coursing ability class. Neena will contact her to get more information regarding that event. Keith Bailey is working on the plaque for UT. Catalog ads have a September 24th deadline.

Community Outreach. Mark Weeks and his wife went to the expo at Village Veterinary. It was a good turnout. People had to get a map which was initialed at each vendor's. He handed out applications and provided information. Some people did not even know what a kennel club was and what it did. It was estimated that 700 to 800 people attended this year's expo. Gregg Lonas reported that there were no additional upcoming community events.

Treasurer's Report. Jean Dinkins presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2016:

Total Receipts	\$420.61
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Ending Checking Balance	\$33,516.04
First Tennessee Savings	<u>\$38,068.45</u>
Total:	<u>\$71,584.49</u>

Classes. Jan Flaherty reported that the next puppy class will begin July 11.

Agility: Beth White was not present.

Membership: The first reading was held for Donna Foster. Following a motion to dispense with secret ballots, we are pleased that Mark Weeks was voted in as a member of TVKC. Welcome, Mark!

Voting Results:

President	Walter Sommerfelt
Vice President	Jan Flaherty
Treasurer (for life)	Jean Dinkins
Recording Secretary	Cheryl Kienast
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Stafford
Board Members:	Keith Bailey
	Susan Corum
	Gregg Lonas
	Neena Van Camp
	Beth White
	Carol Sommerfelt

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Brag: The following members and guest had good news to report—Neena Van Camp, Jan Flaherty, Mark Weeks, Cheryl Roach, Cheryl Kienast, Keith Bailey, Carol Sommerfelt, Donna Foster, Gregg Lonas, Melissa Craft, and Walter Sommerfelt.

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

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