

**Tennessee Valley Kennel Club**

**General Meeting      Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

**Program:** The speaker was from UT College of Veterinary Medicine. She spoke on the challenges of caring for the animals injured in the recent Smoky Mountain fire. They had 22 cats brought for treatment, one dog and a pig. She had slides of the injuries and how they were treated.

At 7:45 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at UT. Roll call of the members elicited 18 members' response. There were five guests: Norma Scarlett, Shane Catalano, Sharon Someyer, Amanda Skinner, and Melissa Engelking present.

**Motion** to approve the Minutes of the previous General Meeting of March 21, 2017, as published. **Passed.**

**The next meeting will be the potluck and fun match. Bring a dog and a dish to share.**

**Corresponding Secretary.** Linda reported that we received a thank you for the UT Ag scholarship as well as a thank you from the NAIA donation.

**Report of Treasurer.** Jean Dinkins noted that our annual dues are now due and presented her report, which is summarized below:

Beginning Balance	\$27,014.43	Savings Balance	\$38,185.87
Receipts for March	\$ 475.46	Plus Ending Balance	<u>\$27,113.98</u>
Disbursements	<u>&lt;\$ 375.91&gt;</u>	Total:	\$65,299.85
Ending Balance	\$27,113.98		

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Motion passed.**

**Delegate's Report.** Richella presented a synopsis of the Delegates meeting of March 2017, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

AKC has approved Trick Dog Program which will offer four levels. CGC evaluators will be able to do the testing beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. Walter asked whether anyone wished to form a committee to look into what is involved. Erin Lonas volunteered to look into it and report back to the club.

FAST CAT. Under the rules, it is required that a member be involved in running this through the club. Therefore, Mark Weeks **MOVED**, seconded by Pat Symons, to make Jan Swayze a non-voting temporary honorary member for two years. **Passed.**

**Show Committee.** Carol Sommerfelt reported that AKC has approved the judges which are now up on the AKC website. We are doing the toy drive again. Chuck a duck and possibly gas cards will again be offered. Lois Biedron showed the trophies which will be offered. Following discussion, it was decided to change the moonshine jugs to pitchers.

**Community Affairs.** Gregg reported that the Village Vet open house will be held from 11:00 to 2:00 on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Mark Weeks is in charge of the booth.

**Performance.** Beth White was not present, but classes will be on the website.,,,,,,,

**Obedience.** Will be held in conjunction with our fall shows as we did this past year.

**Programs.** Susan Corum reported that she has booked a speaker from UT for next month who worked the recent Smoky Mountain fire.

**Nominating Committee.** Jan reported that the officers have agreed to remain in office for another term. The Board members will be: Carol Sommerfelt, Gregg Lonas, Susan Corum, Neena Van Camp, Keith Bailey and Lois Biedron. Richella will remain as Delegate. Nominations from the floor were requested. Melissa Craft was nominated for a Board position.

**Membership: Reading of Amanda Skinner and Melissa Engelking.** As this was **Melissa Engelking's** third meeting, upon Motion to dispense with private ballots, Melissa was voted in as a full member. Welcome!

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**New Business.** None.

**Brag:** The following members had brags to share: Quinto Burchi, Susan Corum, Carol Sommerfelt, Richella Veatch, Keith Bailey, Gregg Lonas and Linda Stafford.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Kienast, Recording Secretary*