

# Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

General Meeting -- Tuesday, June 20, 2017

The General meeting was held at the UT Veterinary School. There were 25 members present and 10 guests. The program was "Understanding a Breed Standard". Following the program, President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m. **GUESTS:** Tami Bradford, Janine Tash, DVM, Kayla Dodge, Amanda Skinner, Shane Catalano, Jaclyn Adkins, Randy Kitts, Norma Scarlett, Abigail Bauer and Jordan Severt.

MOTION to approve May minutes as published. Passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Trophy Donations.** Lois Biedron went to a corner of the room to take trophy donations while the meeting proceeded.

**Corresponding Secretary.** Linda read a thank you note from UT for our support of their scholarship program.

**Treasurer's Report.** Jean Dinkins presented the report for April and May 2017: Total receipts were \$2,453.21 and total disbursements was \$2,171.12. The Ending Checking Account Balance is \$27,396.07. The total amount in savings is \$38,185.87 for a total of: \$65,581.94.

**Report of AKC Delegate:** Richella Veatch reported on the June 12 & 13 Delegate Meeting. A copy of the minutes is attached.

**Agility.** Beth was not present. As she is going to be relocating to Nashville, we will be looking for someone to step up and work with her to learn how to run the agility trials.

**Program.** Susan Corum reminded the Board that next month's "program" is a tour of the Veterinary School.

**Agility.** Beth White was not present. Discussion held regarding the need to identify a new chair or back-up since Beth is moving to Nashville.

**Show Committee.** Discussion regarding the various groups holding specialties. Signs are needed for parking and directions to the FAST CAT area. Discussion regarding needing additional poop stations and bags. Jan asked that Chilhowee be requested to provide additional trash cans.

**Community Affairs.** Gregg Lonas said that there were no events in July. There is an event called Dirty Dogs at the Humane Society in August. He urged that people develop emergency plans at home for your pets. There will be a link to information on the TVKC.org website as well as our Facebook page.

**Conformation Classes.** Jan said that classes have been suspended until September due to the threat of canine flu, especially since UT had reported a couple of affected dogs.

**Membership.** Amanda Skinner had a first reading. Norma Scarlett and Shane Catalano had their second readings. Following a Motion to dispense with secret ballots, Norma and Shane were voted in and welcomed as new members.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**New Business.** It was announced that UT is seeking volunteers to have blood draws on bitches in post-estrus for an endocrinology study. If you have a bitch who is in heat now or will be soon, please contact UT to volunteer for the study. Pat Hodges mentioned that the Dachshund club wants to hold their round-up specialty again in 2018. Upon MOTION by Gregg Lonas, seconded by Keith Bailey, it was MOVED to make Paula Smiddy a non-voting lifetime member of TVKC. Passed.

**Brag.** The following members and guests had brags: Carol Sommerfelt, Connie Epp, Gregg Lonas, Jan Flaherty, Debbie Hodges, Randy Kitts, Linda Stafford, Keith Bailey, Lois Biedron, Cheryl Kienast, Alyssa Helms and Richard Roach.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary

**AKC Delegate Meeting  
June 12 & 13, 2017**

On Friday night notification of the passing of Steve Gladstone, AKC Board Member and Delegate from the Waterloo KC, while judging in Australia.

Before the Delegate Meeting on June 13, 2017 there was a forum with the topic, Dealing With Misconduct, Getting It Right The First Time. It was presented by Heather McManus, AKC VP and Deputy General Counsel, Patricia Proctor, AKC Field Director, Conformation, and Wanda Forlines, AKC Director, Compliance. There were 19,538 events held in 2017 with 12 event hearings. Knowing the procedures outlined in Dealing With Misconduct, is so important and if these events are not held properly it causes problems and may result in fines for the clubs.

At the Delegate Meeting the American Polish Lowland Sheepdog and the Hungarian Pumi Club of America were voted in as member clubs.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows which would include the eligible Best of Breed and Best of Variety non-regular class entrants in the calculation of Grand Championship Points. Currently, dogs that win Best of Breed or Opposite Sex and select from a non-regular class (such as veterans) can earn Grand Championship but are not included in the count for Grand Championship. This proposal passed easily.

There was a passing vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, New Sections 2 and 7, of the Beagle Field Trial Rules which allows various clubs etc. to hold Field Champion only stakes at their regular trials or as a stand-alone licensed field trial.

Also passing was a proposed amendment to the same chapter to allow Beagle Federations to hold one licensed derby stakes per calendar year and also to allow a Beagle to earn up to one-third of the requirement for a Field Champion title from derby stakes.

There was another proposed amendment to Chapter 14, section 4 which would give clubs the freedom to use a system of rotation for their stakes, which also passed.

A presentation by Joseph Baffuto, AKC Chief Financial Officer, stated the following:

AKC Balance Sheet YTD 2017 total assets in millions were \$152.0.

Total liabilities \$69.1  
Net was \$82.9

**Investment Performance :**

Return 5.2% Composite Benchmark for AKC Portfolio \$5.06%.  
Investment Gains were \$5.7 million

**Expenses:**

Payroll and Benefits +1,600,000 with FTE headcounts +23.5 for registration, technology and marketing.

Consultants were +220,000

Travel was \$113,000

For a total of \$1.9 million

**Revenue Growth:**

Digital Advertising +900,000 for 250%

Marketplace +144,000 for 45%

Ecommerce +143,000 for 35%

Core Registration Volume +6.6%

AKC Sports and Events recording/event fees of \$5.1 million

**Revenue & Expenses Summary**

Revenues     \$29,240

Expenses     \$25,696

Operating Income was \$3,544 in millions

The September 2017 Delegate Meeting will be held at the Newark Airport Marriott Hotel on Monday and Tuesday September 11 & 12, 2017. This created a one time conflict with a previously planned conference at the Doubletree.

Respectfully Submitted  
Richella Veatch  
TVKC AKC Delegate