

**Tennessee Valley Kennel Club**  
**General Meeting -- Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

The meeting was held at the Emergency Clinic on Kingston Pike. The program was a film from Netflix on *7 Days Out, Behind the Scenes at the Westminster Dog Show*. At 7:47 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order. There were 20 members present and 2 guests. The guests were Jennifer Holland and Donna Ernst.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve passed unopposed. (Jean D. Carol S.)

**President's Report.** Review of items discussed in recent Board meeting. Reminder that next month we meet back at UT. Discussion of the new club trailer. Donna Burchi is in Parkwest Hospital. Everyone is encouraged to send a card to her through Quinto to help cheer her up. Walter then read a letter from UT regarding the annual luncheon to honor scholarship recipients and asking for volunteers to attend. Erin Lonas and Jan Flaherty will be our representatives again this year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report:** Jean Dinkins reported that the beginning balance for February was \$49,358.63 with disbursements of \$21,777.26 and Receipts of \$1,389.70 for an ending balance of \$28,971.07, which combined with our savings balance of \$38,334.92 gave the club a total balance of \$67,305.99. Jean was asked for a clean copy of the bill from Chilhowee for the \$3500 in damages from the incident at our fall show.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded, and passed unopposed. (Carol S. Jan F.)

**Corresponding Secretary:** Erin had nothing to report.

**Report of AKC Delegate:** Richella Veatch reported on the outcome of the election (see attached). She also reported on the discussion she had with the all breed committee regarding the incident and outcome of the bench hearing at our fall show. As a result of her discussion with that committee, they are drafting a new rule to require that any suspension to an AKC member not end until any damages are repaid. In addition, the committee will add a rule that any handler whose assistant or employee caused such damages will also be held responsible for any damages.

**Code of Ethics:** Walter read the proposed Code of Ethics. Upon MOTION to adopt the Code of Ethics, it was passed without opposition. (Jan F. Lois B.)

**Show Committee:** Carol Sommerfelt presented her report including a list of concurrent specialties to be held along with rally and obedience.

**FAST CAT.** Debby Hodges was not present but it was noted that we have a contract with the same organization which ran the trial for us last year.

**Agility:** Jean Dinkins read a letter from Ace Russell. Ace is resigning as Trial Chair. Discussion regarding whether anyone would volunteer to be Trial Chair. Jean Dinkins will find out whether we have a reserved date at Harriman for the February trials.

**Applying for 501(c)(3) Status:** Discussion regarding the decision by the Board to move forward with applying for 501(c)(3) status for the club. Cheryl Kienast with work with Erin Lonas on the paperwork required for such action.

**Training Classes:** Jan Flaherty reported that puppy class was about over and that conformation class was well attended.

**Program Chair:** Susan Corum discussed the speaker for April which will be Ruth Sapp of HABIT "Human Animal Bond in Tennessee".

**Awards Picnic:** The annual awards picnic will be held in May. Place and details to be announced.

**Community Events:** Gregg Lonas presented his report of an upcoming event by Smoky Mountain Service Dogs. Information available on the FB site.

**Membership:** First reading on Jennifer Holland.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** Richella Veatch proposed not holding the Trick Dog or CGC event at this year's show due to lack of space. Following discussion, it was MOVED to hold Trick Dog and CGC on Friday evening. Passed unopposed. (Richella V. Jan F.)

**BRAGS:** Jan Flaherty, Carol Sommerfelt, Gregg Lonas, Pat Symonds, Jean Dinkins, Shane Catalano, Tammy Bradford and Cheryl Kienast shared their wins and good news.

**Next Meeting will be April 16 at UT.**

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully transcribed by *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary



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## Press Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### ***AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLASS OF 2023 ELECTED***

**New York, NY** – At the annual meeting of the American Kennel Club on March 12, 2019, the Delegates elected the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2023. The three Directors elected were:

- ❖ Dr. Charles Garvin, Delegate from the Dalmatian Club of America.
- ❖ Steven Hamblin, Delegate from the Pekingese Club of America.
- ❖ Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., Delegate from the Burlington County Kennel Club.

In addition, William J. Feeney (Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc) was elected as the Chairman of the Board and Patricia M. Cruz (Heart of the Plains Kennel Club) was elected as Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegates Meeting.

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#### **About the American Kennel Club**

Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club is a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its more than 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 22,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

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### **Tennessee Valley Kennel Club Code of Ethics**

- As a member of the TVKC I will become familiar with, and abide by the rules of the American Kennel Club, The AKC standard of my breed(s), and the constitution and By-Laws of the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.
- I will not engage in the wholesaling of litters or the selling of stock to such places as pet dealers, catalog houses or other commercial sources for the distribution of puppies.
- I will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under my care and I will arrange for appropriate veterinary attention when required.
- When breeding I will do it selectively by using a stud dog or brood bitch with the intent of breed improvement and I will abide by the breeding ethics outlined by the parent club regarding age, health and welfare of breeding stock.
- Any puppies or adults that may be sold will be in a clean and healthy condition and must be old enough to make the adjustment to a new home safely. No adults or puppies shall be sold without appropriate protection against disease.
- I will provide the purchaser of any dog the appropriate information as well as proper documentation as to ensure that they are educated to properly care for the health, safety, and security of the dog and the proper registration requirements needed for the AKC.
- I will fully disclose any physical or other issues known to me with regards to a dog. Also, in selling a dog in those instances where I have guaranteed to the purchaser that a dog is free of certain problems, I will fully honor my guarantee
- As a member of this club I shall not speak or write maliciously or use social media to impair the reputation, for my own benefit, of another member by reference to quality or breeding stock or other kennel matters.
- I will behave and gauge my actions based on the best interest of the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, as well as the sport of the dog fancy for both the present and the future.
- I will not allow any of my dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbors or those carrying out official duties.
- I will clean up after my dogs in public places or anywhere my dogs are being exhibited or housed.
- I will promise that my dogs will wear properly tagged collars or be microchipped or tattooed and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- I will display proper "sportsmanship" when exhibiting and competing in any events with my dogs.
- In the event of any complaint lodged against me with the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, Inc. I agree to extend my cooperation in the resolution of said complaint.

Adopted by the membership March 19,2019