

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

CORRECTED MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING -- Tuesday, April 16, 2019

The general meeting was held at the University of Tennessee Veterinary College. The program was by Ruth Sapp on the Human Animal Bond in Tennessee a/k/a H.A.B.I.T. At 7:32 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order. There were 17 members present and 8 guests. The guests were Donna Ernst, Jennifer Holland, Bandi Hammer, Brian and Laurie Dennis, Joanna Loden, Tom and Vicky Clark.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes as published passed unopposed. (J.F. and K.B.)

President's Report. Next month's annual awards potluck picnic will be held at the home of George and Pat Hodges. Directions will be put on the website. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a dog for the games. Walter discussed that Susie Stout has accepted to Chair the Agility Committee. The Weavers have accepted the Chair of the Obedience Committee. Walter then discussed the damage that occurred at our last show and shared the letter from AKC regarding the matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report. Jean Dinkins reported that the beginning balance for March was \$28,971.07 with disbursements of \$2,025 and Receipts of \$25.49 for an ending balance of \$26,971.56, which combined with our savings balance of \$38,353.31 gave the club a total balance of \$65,324.87. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and passed unopposed. (JF/LB)

Corresponding Secretary: Erin reported that our club members, the Pressons, had sadly lost one of their dogs.

Report of AKC Delegate: Richella Veatch reported that AKC has a new certificate for dogs who have children reading to them. This is not a title but a certificate may be earned. She also reported that our matter will be brought up at the next Delegates' meeting.

Show Committee: Carol Sommerfelt presented a brief report on our shows to be held November 1st through 3rd. The judging panel has been completed except for the 4-6 month puppies. We will be collecting stuffed animals for Children's Hospital again this year. Erin Lonas will Chair the Meet the Breeds program. Lois Biedron discussed the trophies.

Agility: Susie Stout has accepted the Chair of this Committee. We thank her for stepping up and will do everything we can to make this transition easy for her. Discussion was held as to possibly increasing our show in Harriman to a 4-day.

Applying for 501(c)(3) Status: Discussion held regarding the status of the application. Cheryl gave a copy of the draft application to Walter for review and input and another copy to Erin Lonas for review and input as to those flagged questions which need answers.

Fast CAT: Debby Hodges was not present but Walter reported for her that everything was on track.

Training Classes: Jan Flaherty reported that puppy class will not be held during the summer but that conformation class will continue. It was mentioned that Ace Russell offers obedience classes at the K9 Center.

Program Chair: Susan Corum discussed programs for the next couple of months. Also discussed that we are required to have a sponsor in order to hold our classes at UT. She will get me the information so that we can have it for future needs.

Community Events: Gregg said all he had was the May 11th FIDO event in Farragut. Discussion held regarding possibly holding a Meet the Breeds event at a Smokies game.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee has selected the slate. Following each officer/director, nomination was solicited from the floor. When none was presented, MOTION was made and seconded that the nomination for that position be closed. The nominated slate for 2019-2020 passed unopposed.

Walter Sommerfelt	President
Janis Flaherty	Vice President
Cheryl Kienast	Recording Secretary
Erin Lonas	Corresponding Secretary
Jean Dinkins	Treasurer
Keith Bailey	Board Member
Lois Biedron	Board Member
Debby Hodges	Board Member
Gregg Lonas	Board Member
Carol Sommerfelt	Board Member
Melissa Craft	Board Member

Membership: Jennifer Holland and Donna Ernst had their membership readings. It was announced that a check or cash must accompany the application for membership although they will not be deposited until the applicant has been voted into the club.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

BRAGS: Jean Dinkins, Melissa Craft, Carol Sommerfelt, Richella Veatch, Richella also bragged for George Rohde, Keith Bailey, Gregg Lonas, Joanna Loden, Jean Dinkins submitted a brag on behalf of Beth White, Erin Lonas, and Cheryl Kienast shared their wins and good news.

Next meeting will be May 21st at the home of George and Pat Hodges.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes respectfully transcribed by *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary