

**Tennessee Valley Kennel Club**  
**General Meeting -- Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

The general meeting was held at the University of Tennessee in the Brehm Animal Science Building, Room 260. The program was by Lisa Hudgens of Smoky Mountain Dockdogs on the various kinds of dock diving. At 7:42 p.m., President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order. There were 25 members present and one guest, Carol Siflinger.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes as published passed unopposed.

**President's Report.** Presented Quinto Burchi with his plaques, one for his new title earned in 2018 and the other in appreciation of his work on behalf of the club. Walter asked for copies of any contracts anyone may have between any vendor and the club as we need examples to attach to our 501(c)(3) application. He also reported on the response we received from AKC regarding why non-AKC clubs were allowed to hold AKC titling events. We are looking for volunteers to help inventory the club equipment in the storage unit. If you would please contact someone on the Board if you are willing to put in a couple hours on a Saturday morning, it would be very much appreciated.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report.** Jean Dinkins reported that the beginning balance for June was \$26,330.76 with disbursements of \$2,749.68 and receipts of \$525.49 for an ending balance of \$24,106.57, which combined with our savings balance of \$38,372.42 gave the club a total balance of \$62,478.99. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and passed unopposed.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Erin reported that she has placed a comment box on the website and would encourage people to please consider using it.

**Report of AKC Delegate:** Richella Veatch reported that she was unable to attend the recent meeting but reported that our matter regarding the damage to our show site was addressed by the AKC Board. She reported that as a result of our efforts, the AKC Board has decided that in the future no suspensions will be lifted until restitution has been made.

**Show Committee:** Carol Sommerfelt reported that the premium list has been submitted and will be returned for any final edits soon. She also reported on what specialties will be held concurrently with our show.

**Obedience:** The Trial Chairs, Jan and Gwen Wever will be meeting with Richella to finalize what they may need for the trials this year at our show.

**FastCAT:** Debby Hodges reported that we will be holding five trials in total over the three days of our show.

**Agility:** Susie Stout reported that we will be holding an Open and Novice trial soon. She was asked if they have enough volunteers and she believes there will be a good number but would always appreciate more.

**Trophies:** Lois Biedron reported that the trophies have been ordered.

**Ambassador Program:** Debby Hodges reported that she is in contact with some schools and was looking for other groups we might reach out to.

**Training Classes:** Jan Flaherty reported that puppy class will not be held during the summer but that conformation class will continue. She also mentioned that she will be having surgery in September so may need one or more people to temporarily take over the puppy and/or conformation classes.

**Program Chair:** Susan Corum discussed programs for the next couple of months.

**Community Events:** Gregg Lonas listed several upcoming events which should appear on the website.

**Membership:** No readings were held.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** Jean Dinkins discussed storage for the new trailer, which would appear to be an outside location. Discussion also held regarding the need to sell the rubber mats which have been stored. New mats cost \$550/roll and that an average obedience ring requires five of those mats. Offers are encouraged for one or more of the mats.

**BRAGS:** Jan Flaherty, Quinto Burchi, Debby Hodges, Richella Veatch, Carol Siflinger, Jean Dinkins, and Gregg Lonas shared their wins and good news.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes respectfully transcribed by *Cheryl Kienast*, Recording Secretary