

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

November 17, 2009

President Walter Sommerfelt called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Sequoyah Room of the University of Tennessee Veterinary College.

Guests at the meeting were Dave Nutzul and his daughter Katie, David and Patty Miller from Oak Ridge Kennel Club, Harlowe and Ann Inhelka, Angie Bass, Robin Brown, and Mike and Linda Pitts.

The Minutes from the last meeting (October 20, 2009) were read by Steve Merritt. One question came up as to what was the correction mentioned in those Minutes. It was discussed that when a correction occurs, it be clearly stated in the Minutes. Motion to approve by Karl Barth. Passed.

Jean Dinkins gave the Treasurer's Report. Karl motioned to send to audit. Passed.

Karen Clausing, Delegate to the AKC, reported that the plan for Group Realignment was tabled.

Show Chairperson, Catherine Bell, reported that a Bench Committee was called because an RV had gray water spillage in the RV parking area. The remedy to hire stewards for Obedience plus one steward to act as a floater in Obedience was well accepted.

Dawn Carr is working on the Agility premium list.

Carol Sommerfelt reported on trophies and future judges.

AKC Canine Experience: Committee members are Karen, Walter, Barbara Price and Paula Smiddy. The event would be held the Friday before our show at Chilhowee Park. We want to attract students, especially, to attend and learn about junior showmanship and other aspects of AKC events. Possibly get corporate sponsors to help with expenses. A high school band competition is another idea. Walter gave a wonderful presentation to an enthused membership on the possible use of the grounds at the Park.

Sign up sheets were passed around by Paula re the upcoming Christmas Party at our next regularly scheduled meeting. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of the usual 7:00 time. The Board Meeting held prior to the meeting will be short.

DruAnne Martin raised questions about the Breeder Referral ads in the newspaper. She will monitor the numbers of inquiries for the next couple months and report at a future meeting. If the inquiries are still few we may want to switch to using our website for referrals. Phyllis motioned to monitor the newspaper inquiries for the next month or two. Passed.

Steve passed out flyers that he had been working on showing the benefits of membership in TVKC. He will get prices on printing.

Jean moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Passed.

A program was given by Mike and Linda Pitts, professional handlers. Linda stressed that we need to get back to a four-day cluster and having a benefit dinner (Take the Lead; St. Jude's) would help us and she would be willing to help with a Take the Lead benefit!

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Anderson

(Acting Recording Secretary in the absence of Deborah Bailey)