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It's time to
**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**

Current membership dues expire December 31st. The renewal period begins in October. If you joined before October 1st of this year, membership expires December 31st.

Even if you are a current member, please fill out the membership form to update contact information, volunteer preferences, dog information and so on.

Please print the form from the website, mail the form and a check or money order for \$25, payable to ORKC at this address:

**Oak Ridge Kennel Club
P.O. Box 4473
Oak Ridge, TN 37831**

Please do not mail the form to Mary Jo Steger (older membership forms may have her address at the bottom) as she has retired as membership coordinator. Thanks!

Thank you!

Note from the Editors:

If you would like your pictures or brags to be put into the next Woofers, please send pictures and descriptions to **Paula Jenkins at pgjh@msn.com**. We would love to feature you!

Oak Ridge Kennel Club

Board Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2020

The November board meeting of the Oak Ridge Kennel Club was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Officers and board members present were: Ken Dudley, Barbara Byrum, Carol Jeffery, Joyce Cardwell, and Ashley Richardson.

Treasurer's Report

- Joyce reported that she is still working on the final numbers for the October shows and trials, but we do know that the club made money on the shows. There is a small amount owed Foy Trent for withdrawals of entries that went beyond the hold-back, but it will not make a significant dent in the show's profits.

Training Committee Report

- There are currently fifteen classes that are either in session or (four-week classes) just finishing. We had two incidents of covid19 in class members this session which resulted in those classes being postponed for two weeks and students and instructors involved in those classes asked to stay out of other classes they attend and/or teach at the club for those two weeks. In both incidents, the buildings and bathroom were disinfected and thoroughly cleaned. Because of the March-April session being canceled which resulted in a few class credits being issued, the class income for October-November was slightly smaller than normal. Covid procedures continue to be followed as written and masks and social distancing are still required.

Agility Committee Report

- There was not a member of the agility committee present, however Ashley reported that the club's January trials had been canceled before opening due to the uncertainty of the availability of our venue at Roane State.

Tracking Committee Report

- Jean Burdick and Paula Patton attended the meeting to talk about the plans to host a tracking test (TD) in Lewisburg, TN on February 28th. Paula will act as secretary for this test and Jean will do the footwork contacting our track layers both locally and closer to the test location. Ken suggested we make sure that we were clear regarding needing permission from any other local clubs who were able to hold tracking tests. Jean and Paula agreed to investigate it. The judges for the test will not charge us expenses as they are local. Ashley suggested that the club pay for one night in a hotel room for our workers that will have to travel to the site which is about three hours distance from our location. The board members present agreed, however there was not a quorum so it will go out to the board via email vote for final approval. Jean reported that she will need a document stating proof that the club is covered via our liability insurance for this event as required by the owner of the property where the test is to be held. We hope to look at Roane State again in the future for a TDU test.

Practice Committee Report

- Ken reported that practices are going on as usual and following COVID protocols.

Cleaning Committee Report

- The club approved purchasing two Ryobi stick vacuums last month. Those were purchased and are being used by instructors and by our cleaning crew. The cleaning committee has started back on a regular basis.

Show Committee Report

- Ken gave the show committee report. The "last minute" cluster show went very well, given the circumstances. There were no serious issues during our two days of conformation. We had one judge become unable to continue Wednesday night and he was able to be replaced by a new judge after Ken made several phone calls. This kept us from having to do a lot of judge and class juggling for Thursday. Ken reported that the Tri-Star club was excellent to work with and we mutually helped each other with our respective shows.
- The club will come out having made money at this show even with the considerable expenses. Conformation entries were at record numbers with over 1600 both on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Ken remarked that the club needs more volunteers to step up and help if we are going to be able to host shows of this caliber. Our show committee was exceedingly small and most work is being done by the same six to ten people. It is hopeful that someone from the club will step up and learn the positions, show chair and obedience/rally chair, and trophy chairs so that the current people who have done these jobs for the last few years can get a much deserved break.

- Ashley gave the obedience and rally trial reports. Both our judges were top notch and ran very efficient rings even with our record entries in all trials. We had several club members and friends earn new titles and got to witness a Scottish Deerhound earn the first OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion) of her breed! The venue (fully matted concrete under cover) was large enough for two regulation rings but did not have any room for crating, standing, or waiting. Due to the record conformation entry, a conformation ring had to be added in the entry area where there otherwise would have been room for obedience/rally crating. This led to entrants having to walk around to the side of the building through the grass and mud. Unfortunately, it rained most of the day Saturday resulting in the mats in the obedience ring becoming very slick, despite efforts by the superintendent to dry or mop them. The slick mats caused several dogs to fall when landing over jumps and a few handlers fell as well. No handlers or dogs were injured; however, several did withdraw from competition after the first falls. Ashley reported that she would not host another obedience / rally trial under these circumstances again.
- It is possible that our club could host separate obedience and rally trials at a different site. The K9 center just hosted a small trial that went very well. Considerations for that would be building rental expense (currently unknown), availability and weather. The building is only cool enough for a trial in the late fall, winter, and early spring. Summer months are out because it is too warm indoors. This will need to be researched and discussed.
- Ken concluded the show report by urging the board to discuss and consider what we plan to do next year. Some considerations are:

1) The Tri-Star club will be meeting this month to discuss whether they would be interested in joining in another cluster with our club (or another club) and under what conditions and circumstances. Currently they have an "all specialty" day on Friday. For us to have Thursday and Friday, those specialties would need to be assimilated into the four days of the two clubs' shows.

2) Does our club want to merge into a cluster? With Tri-Star or another club? It is possible that if COVID19 is still in a similar state by next October that we may not have the Roane State/Harriman venue again next year. Can we find another venue? We need to move quickly to decide if a show will be held next year (which would be in a cluster with Tri-Star if approved), do we plan a show hoping Harriman opens, or should we plan to cancel our show for next year? There are many factors to consider including driving distance, lack of volunteers, expenses, etc.

3) Do we have enough committed workers to do this?

New Business

- It was suggested classes be postponed till February due to COVID concerns and to give the registrar (Ashley) a break. That will be sent to the board via email for a vote.
- The heater in the bathroom was broken and will be replaced. Ashley will purchase a heater and deliver to the club.
- The current COVID policy seems to be working and can continue as written with the approval of the board.
- It was recommended that the club send \$10 gift cards in a holiday/Christmas card to all instructors and cleaning crew who worked for the club in 2020. That will go to the board via email.
- Mary Jo would like to retire from all membership coordinator duties. For now, until we get something set up with PayPal, membership applications will be mailed to the club's P.O. Box and brought to board meetings for approval of the board.

The board adjourned at about 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Richardson
for secretary, Karen Kressel in her absence

Random Holiday facts:

Christmas Trees are grown in all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska.

The shortest day of the year is December 21 or 22 and is called the Winter Solstice.

In many countries, it is believed that evergreens would keep away witches, ghosts, evil spirits, and illness.

The ancient Egyptians worshipped a god called Ra, who had the head of a hawk and wore the sun as a blazing disk in his crown. At the solstice, when Ra began to recover from his illness, the Egyptians filled their homes with green palm rushes, which symbolized for them the triumph of life over death.

Early Romans marked the solstice with a feast called Saturnalia in honor of Saturn, the god of agriculture. The Romans knew that the solstice meant that soon, farms and orchards would be green and fruitful. To mark the occasion, they decorated their homes and temples with evergreen boughs.

In Northern Europe the mysterious Druids, the priests of the ancient Celts, also decorated their temples with evergreen boughs as a symbol of everlasting life. The fierce Vikings in Scandinavia thought that evergreens were the special plant of the sun god, Balder.

The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree dates back to the Depression era. The tallest tree displayed at Rockefeller Center arrived in 1948. It was a Norway Spruce that measured 100 feet tall and hailed from Killingworth, Connecticut. The first tree at Rockefeller Center was placed in 1931. It was a small unadorned tree placed by construction workers at the center of the construction site. Two years later, another tree was placed there, this time with lights. These days, the giant Rockefeller Center tree is laden with over 25,000 Christmas lights.

Tinsel was once banned by the government. Tinsel contained lead at one time. Now it's made of plastic.

ORKC Membership Application 2020-2021

Name (First / Last): _____

Address: _____

Cell phone: _____ Home /Alternate phone: _____

Email address: _____

Do you use facebook? Y / N Do you use messenger? Y / N

What is your involvement with dogs at this time? (Showing, therapy, pet, performance, etc) What breed(s) do you own?

If you own or have owned AKC registered dogs, are you in good standing with the American Kennel Club? Yes / No

If membership is approved, will you support the objectives of the Oak Ridge Kennel Club? (Below) Yes / No

The objectives of the club shall be to support responsible breeding of purebred dogs; promote training; to disseminate the knowledge of obedience, conformation, agility, tracking, rally and other dog training; to conduct classes for the training of dogs and the education of the handlers; to encourage and cooperate with individuals and other groups with similar purposes; to hold and support dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, agility trials, rally trials, exhibitions, matches and other events under the rules of the American Kennel Club; and to promote cooperation and good sportsmanship among its members in the training and exhibition of dogs.

Are you willing to support our club by volunteering in some capacity, by attending meetings as able and participating in club activities? (Unless you are unable due to physical limitations or geographical distance, we strongly encourage members to volunteer.) YES / NO If no, please briefly state reason. _____

Please check each of the following areas for which you are willing to volunteer. (Training provided for most jobs):

- ____ Working at our dog shows, agility trials, fastCATS, scent work trials or tracking tests
- ____ Judging show n goes
- ____ Taking photos at club events and classes
- ____ Facility maintenance and repair
- ____ Newsletter
- ____ Legislation awareness
- ____ Teaching or assisting in classes (must be qualified).
- ____ Grounds and landscaping
- ____ Working on show committee throughout the year planning shows/trials
- ____ Program planning
- ____ Advertising, promotion, public relations
- ____ Fund raising
- ____ Photography
- ____ Welcome / bereavement committee & Hospitality
- ____ Computer/Document management
- ____ Making phone calls, sending emails
- ____ Library
- ____ Club Historian
- ____ Cleaning Committee
- ____ Website
- ____ Other _____

ORKC's Newsletter, The Woofers, provides members with official notification of meetings, events and club business. It is either emailed (free) or mailed (for \$20/year extra for postage and printing costs). Please indicate your preference by circling one of the options below. AKC requires your signature if you wish an email copy.

I prefer the US Mail or I agree to E-mail Signature _____

____ **Individual membership dues (one vote) \$25 per year.** ____ (If membership is not accepted, check will be returned.)

Membership runs from January 1 st to December 31st of each year. Please pay your dues each year before January 1 st . No individual renewal notice will be sent to you. If you have not renewed before March 31st , you will be dropped from membership rolls. Membership gives you the opportunity to have a voice in club operations and entitles you to priority registration for training classes and reduced fees for classes. Note: New members and members who rejoin after being dropped for late payment of dues,must pay non-member rates for classes

____ **The Woofers by mail is an additional \$20** _____

____ **Donation to Trophy fund (Any amount) \$** _____

We appreciate any donations to our trophy fund to help ORKC pay for trophies for our shows and trials.

In consideration of my acceptance into membership in this Club, I understand that the Club needs my participation in Club activities and I will commit myself to help when possible. Also, I agree not to hold the Club, its Officers, Directors, Training Instructors, nor the owner(s) of the property and building(s) where Club events are held, liable for any loss or damage that may occur to my person, family, or property as a result of my participation in Club activities.

Signature _____ Date _____

If under 18, a parent or guardian must sign for the applicant .

Please print and mail with check payable to ORKC to: Oak Ridge Kennel Club, P.O. Box 4473, Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Ringo and Mac



"Ringo" earned his WWDX title at the Swissypalooza Weight Pull at A. H. Stephens State Park over Halloween weekend. His owner "Mac" McFadden also won 2nd place in the Halloween contest for his decorations at the RV site. "Ringo" is GCHB CH Double Q's Rockstar At Sweetvalley, RATN, WWD, WWDX. He pulled 2295 pounds for Most Weight Pulled at two of the weight pulls. "Ringo" is owned and loved by Debbie Echols and Alan McFadden



New Scent Work Excellent Exterior and Excellent Interior Titles & Obedience Beginner Novice Title

GCH CH Silvercreek Applejohn's Little Mermaid BN RI NFP SWA SEE SIE SHDA TKP CGC "Ariel" earned the Scent Work Excellent Exterior and Excellent Interior titles in September 2020, at the Greater Kingsport Kennel Club scent trial. Ariel also completed the Beginner Novice obedience title at the Oak Ridge Kennel Club show in October 2020, running straight from the conformation ring (Best of Opposite Sex) into the obedience ring both days. Ariel is a Chesapeake Bay Retriever owned, trained, and handled by Lorrie & Joe Johnson.

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