

**Oak Ridge Kennel Club / October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Executive Meeting via zoom and in person.**

**Present:** President Shella Fuhrman, VP Tracy Jones, VP2 Cheryl Bingham, Treasurer Susan Varraso, Becky Malivuk, Barbara Byrum, Carol Jeffery, Gail Schroth. **Absent:** Taylor Aldt, Lorrie Johnson, Nancy Andrews. Audience John Byrum.

**Meeting called to order at 6:34pm.**

4 Topics.

**#1. New Member and Renewal Application Forms.** Everyone had a copy in their hands.

Tracy made a motion to accept new forms for 2023 membership applications and Barbara Byrum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All in Favor. 7/0 Motion passed.**

**#2. Member conflict/Conformation Class/ October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Naomi Furnald was the instructor of the conformation puppy class that morning. Member- Jeanette Saprone was said to be disgruntled and agitated during puppy class with vulgar language and anger towards Naomi. Discussion on how to handle future incidents if they arise. It was discussed that a Board member may ask student to leave the property if deemed warranted. To be discussed further by Training Committee and Board at a future meeting. A letter of warning and the Code of Ethics would be written by Barbara Byrum who was in attendance of said class with the help of Becky Malivuk. To be sent out by President and Training Director.

**#3. Simply Voting Program.** Shella stated that this is free program for up to 10 votes. She stated that she implemented it to give it a try. It does keep a professional record but discussion of the inconvenience of not knowing the results or who has voted until the time frame ends was discouraging to other board members. It wasn't ever adopted as an official tool by the board. Was suggested to only use in an emergency and all members couldn't be reached for a swift voting process.

**#4. Future Cluster with TVKC/ORKC 4 day events**

There was discussion on this future formation of a 4 day cluster for conformation at the Chillhowee Park/Knoxville, TN. The results of meeting with Wally Sommerfelt and TVKC members from Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were discussed. Pro's and Con's for both kennel clubs, locations, and future dates.

The dates of September 28,29,30 and October 1<sup>st</sup> was discussed by both clubs and that there was less competition from other shows in general and also it is the weekend before the large Nationals and Breed Specialties in PA the following week. The other dates of November 2-5<sup>th</sup> 2023 were also discussed and all were in favor of those dates as second choice if Chillhowee Park is not available.

The "old" contract from the original Cluster back in 2011 was reviewed and revised. There would be 3 members versus 4 on the show committee from each club. There would be 50/50 share in expenses and income besides the usual ribbons and such.

**Barbara made a motion to go in with TVKC for 2023 and 2024 Cluster shows and Carol Jeffery seconded the motion. All in favor.. 7/0 present and 2 by email. Motion passed.**

Barbara Byrum Yes      Carol Jeffery Yes      Cheryl Bingham Yes

Becky Malivuk Yes      Susan Varasso Yes      Gail Schroth Yes      Tracy Jones Yes

2 Email votes by Nancy Andrews Yes and Lorrie Johnson Yes

Motion made by Tracy Jones to have second dates of November /week #43 if if choice was not available. Barbara Byrum seconded all in favor 7/0. Motion passed.

Show Chair needed asap. Cluster Committee to be formed asap. Judges committee to be formed asap.

Motion made to close meeting at 7:24pm by Cheryl Bingham. Barbara Byrum 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor to end meeting. 7/0.

Submitted in secretary's absence,

Becky Malivuk