

**OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2023
6:30 PM Eastern Time**

The meeting was opened by President Richella Veatch at 6:35 PM eastern time via zoom.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's report was approved with a motion from Becky Malivuk and a second from Barbara Byrum.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Susan Varrasso reported on the current status of filing past tax returns. The total bill from the CPA firm is \$42,187.50, and does not include any penalties or fines from the IRS. The accounting firm has files Form 990 for our delinquent years, but going forward Susan will file a 990EZ form. In 2011 the club lost our Non-Profit status, so there is a chance we will have to pay income taxes. Susan will leave W9 forms at the club for those receiving various payments from the club. As these will have Social Security numbers and other personal information on them, she wants them to be mailed to her rather than leaving them at the club. Susan has secured a new club credit card and is in the process of transferring reoccurring bills to this card. Susan will be unable to attend the last day (April 9) of the Tracking Test. Barbara (also a signer on the checks) has volunteered to go on the 9th to write out necessary checks. Carol Jeffrey moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Becky Malivuk seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Susan also mentioned that we need to do more (trials, etc.) to raise money to combat the IRS fees and penalties. She suggested Fast Cat which always brings in many trailers. The club will look for suitable grounds.

Membership:

There were 38 members at the last membership meeting, so the quorum was met. A discussion was held concerning the reinstatement of the former Treasurer, Joyce Cargell(?). It was decided not to accept her reinstatement request due to the financial hardship she caused the club by not filing tax returns and causing bills to be late. A motion was made by Becky Malivuk and seconded by Tracy Jones to not reinstate her. Motion passed. Richella will send her a letter stating she would not be reinstated.

Richella also brought up Officer and Director liability coverage. Susan has requested information from our insurance company but they have not gotten back to her.

Training:

Becky is currently looking at the May/June schedule. Member Donna Truitt has been helping Becky and Sharon and might possibly accept the Training Director position at a later date. If drop-in classes are cancelled for the day/night, it needs to be posted on the ORKC Facebook page.

Barn Hunt classes/practice sessions are currently being worked on. It was thought to charge \$10/\$15 per practice session. While there are several bales of hay in the metal building, more will be needed. Shannon Parker is a new member who is very knowledgeable about Barn Hunt. If trials are held it was felt that doing the lower levels one weekend and the upper levels the following weekend would be better than just one weekend for every level. If the "Wisconsin girls" were to do it again, Rent would be \$400/day, but with multi weekend trials, fewer bales would be needed.

Nominating Committee:

The nominating Committee will consist of Barbara Byrum, Carol Jeffrey and Gai Schrotch.

Cluster Show:

There is another Cluster meeting next week. A list of the judges will be sent to the Board. Let Richella know if you would like a particular judge for your breed by Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was decided to table the discussion of the new By-Laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Tracking test has not filled. All TDX tracks are filled but there are some TD tracks still available. The fall test (10/22/2023) will have the same classes.

A motion was made by Carol Jeffrey, seconded by Becky Malivuk and passed, to pay Susan Varrasso \$2,500 for all the work she did with the outside CPAs to correct our lack of IRS filing. Susan thanked everyone but said she would not accept payment.

The next Board meeting will be April 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM Eastern Time. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 with a motion from Becky and a second from Barbara.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Andrews

ATTENDEES: President Richella Veatch, Tracy Jones, Barbara Byrum, Susan Varrasso, Nancy Andrews, Becky Malivuk, Taylor Seay, Carol Jeffrey, Gail Schrotch

Oak Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.
1790 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, Tn 37830

March 21, 2023

Joyce Cardwell
104 Hollbrook Lane
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

The Oak Ridge Board of Directors was presented with a request to renew your membership in the Oak Ridge Kennel Club, Inc. club on February 24, 2023. I am writing to inform you that your request is denied by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Due to your gross negligence as Treasurer of the Oak Ridge Kennel Club, Inc. for several years, much of the treasury of the Oak Ridge Kennel Club is lost. The loss to our club is in many thousands of dollars. The members of our club worked hard over the years by teaching classes, and having events, to build our treasury and now you have literally taken that from them. We also lost our non-profit status many years ago, which may never be approved in the future, again costing the club much more in taxes both past and future.

In addition to denying your membership renewal, you are personally banned from trespassing on the club property, accompanying any other member or person onto club property, taking any classes, or attending any meeting or seminar held at the Oak Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.

Oak Ridge Kennel Club, Inc. may also inquire about a legal route to restore funds lost due to your negligence. Our club depended on you, and was reassured by you, that you were taking appropriate actions as Treasurer when in fact you blatantly neglected your duties.

This is our final and non-refutable decision.

If you have questions, you may contact any Board of Directors member.

Signed,



Richella Veatch, President