

OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB
ZOOM ONLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 13, 2023 6:30PM Eastern Time

The meeting was opened at 6:32 PM eastern time by President Richella Veatch. Those in attendance were: Susan Varrasso, Barbara Byrum, John Byrum, Bonnie Hornfisher, Russell Hornfisher, Patricia Daugherty, Paul Singley, Julie Bonom, Joanne Ennis, Tracy Jones, Frances Hart, Taylor Seay, Sharon Zigler, Carol Jeffrey, Gail Schroth, Ken Dudley and Jessie ?. Those attempting to join at 7:30 were Ruth Andrick, Sherry Palko, Betsy Peck, Cindy Chilbert, Alice Andrews, and Maggie Buzzard.

A motion was made by Tracy Jones with a second from Susan Varrasso to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed

Treasurer, Susan Varrasso paid the regular occurring expenses and stated that Van Guard is still working on getting her onto the account. Our tax-exempt status has been reinstated but the club must conduct itself as a business. The IRS is still working on the fine situation. A brief recap was given concerning the IRS/tax exempt situation. Nothing had been filed with the IRS since 2008. Ken Dudley was concerned/unhappy with this and brought in Susan, who filed IRS-990 returns for all the missing years. The outside accountants charged \$43,000 for all the late filing and work involved. The IRS is yet to levy fines. Tracy Jones suggested that the club have a year-end audit committee to go over the books. Susan will set this up. A motion by Tracy Jones and seconded by Russell Hornfisher passed.

Membership: Paul Singley and Patricia Daugherty were voted into membership. They are particularly interested in tracking.

Nominating Committee: Gail Schroth is chairperson with the committee consisting of Barbara Byrum and Carol Jeffery. The following positions are filled:

President:	Richella Veatch
1 st Vice-President:	Open
2 nd Vice-President:	Cindy Chilbert
Secretary:	Open
Treasurer:	Susan Varrasso
Training Director:	Bonnie Hornfisher*

*Bonnie Hornfisher volunteered to be the Training Director, but acknowledged that there are times when she is doing multiple day judging and will be unavailable to handle any problems or issues that arise during these times. A motion was made by Tracy Jones and seconded by Susan Varrasso. Motion passed.

Training Committee: The Training Committee which currently consists of Bonnie Hornfisher, Becky Malivuk and Sharon Zigler, would like to add two more members, which would then enable the committee to have a chairperson of each of the club activities (Agility, Tracking, Obedience, CGC/Puppy). They would like to try this on a trial basis for a year.

Cluster Committee: The cluster show dates are September 28-29-30 and October 1. The judges have been finalized. Karen Lively is handling advertising. Catalog advertising will be a half page with a picture, etc. for \$10. Barbara Byrum is handling hospitality for Oak Ridge, which is provided by the Cluster Committee. Help is needed for the grooming set-up. All you need do is show up around 3:00 PM on Wednesday, September 27. Bob Byrum has volunteered to help.

Cleaning Committee: No report

Facility Maintenance: John Byrum has started mowing. He found 3 inactive ant hills in the lawn area. He also found ants in the gap between the building and sidewalk as well as in the bathroom. He has used a pet/human friendly spray. He found no ant hills in the agility field.

Tracking Committee: Tracy Jones reported that there is currently no committee or chairperson. New members Paul Singley and Trish Daugherty are interested and knowledgeable about Tracking. Oak Ridge is the only club in Tennessee that offers VST tracks. The next trial will offer 4 VST tracks and 4 TDU tracks.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Miller is the new Agility Chairperson. Before the January Agility Trial there will need to be maintenance on the timers. A \$500 limit was placed on the repairs. The committee will need to come back to the Board if the cost exceeds \$500. (Tracy Jones; Barbara Byrum, motion passed.) A new set of timers cost \$1,200. Tracy Jones was wondering if we have an insurance rider on these. It was stated that the borrowing clubs are responsible for any damage, loss, etc. It was discussed that the club should really have 2 sets of timers in the future.

Susan Varrasso mentioned that long-time member Marge Ellis passed at Easter.

Barbara Byrum is waiting on Comcast to set up an installation date with John. Susan stated that all contracts have been signed.

The All-Breed Puppy Match has been tabled.

The next membership meeting will be the first Thursday in May (May 4) and will be in-person and via zoom, with the Board of Directors meeting the week before (April 26).

A motion to adjourn at 7:31 was made by Russell Hornfisher, seconded by Tracy Jones and passed.

Respectfully Submitted:
Nancy Andrews