

ORKC Membership Meeting (In-person & Zoom)
April 18, 2024 @ 6:30 PM ET

Members in attendance: Richella & Robert Veatch, Susan Varrasso, Bonnie Hornfisher, Cheryl Bingham, Barb & John Byrum, Tina Winkler, Sandy Morris, Cindy Redd, Cindi Chilbert, Shari Butters, Linda Bayless, Cheryl Chipoco, Kyle Scripko, Heather Haynes, Joe Haines, Sally Coad, Christine Hardy-Atwell. **Guests:** Warren Coad, Jeff Atwell, McKinnely Earles, Brandi Cash, Austin & Deb Hogan, & Barbara Williamson. **Zoom Attendance:** Jeannelove Ferguson, Curt Zeiger, Mary Shephard, Denise Davis, Prisi Selfridge, Lisa Varrasoo, Morgan Jenkins, Rachael McKinney, Sharon Zichler, Sheri Palko, Lorri Johnson, Michael Chilbert, Taylor Seay, Frances Hart, Barbara and Julie (no last names)

Minutes for the last meeting were motioned and 2nd for approval. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Susan. This is the report for the end of March. Our deposits totaled \$10,452.59 Our expenses totaled \$9,985.26 leaving us with an ending balance in checking of \$105,826.63. As of March 31, 2024 the club has \$5,283.33 in savings. We have \$111,109.96 in Truist cash. Vanguard has \$71,192.74 with a total of \$182,302.70 in funds.

The Tracking test brought in \$1015 in entries, the expenses were \$1004 so we break even on that. Report motioned and 2nd to accept Treasurer's report. Approved.

President's Report: Richella spoke concerning being an AKC licensed club or an AKC member club. She asked for input. Not much response. She will resend the info.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Cindi Chilbert, Committee Chair reporting: The committee comprised of Cindi Chilbert, Sharon Walker and Mary Shephard present the following for officers and board members for '24-'25 year. President-Richella Veatch, Vice-President-Cindi Chilbert, 2nd VP – Mary Sonner, Treasurer-Susan Varrasso, Secretary – Jeannelove Ferguson, Training Director-Bonnie Hornfisher, Board members: Barb Byrum, Kathy Ambrose, Courtney Kleiman, and Kyle Scripko. One board seat remains unfilled. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the May meeting. Anyone nominated then must be present to accept the nomination.

Membership: Jeannelove reporting providing the names of the applying members and a little bit about them. Some spoke for themselves as well. All read were approved. Please contact Jeanne for their names. We have 6 new members.

Facilities: Bonnie announced the procedure for signing into the grounds. If you are an instructor or attending a class that you signed up for you do not have to sign in. If you are attending a drop-in class you have to pay and you do have to sign in and out. If you are training on your own on the agility field or in a building whether you blocked time on the calendar or not, you must pay and sign in and out. If you open the gate for any reason to be here you must sign in. If you have a guest with you they must sign in also. We need documentation of who and when people come into our grounds please.

Barbara Byrum reporting. The large poles with lights belong to the city and only the city can make changes to them. Barb suggested that we get a private contractor to install more lighting on the field and in the parking lot. Discussion, motioned and 2nd (Cindi and Bonnie) to get quote from private contractor for additional lighting on the grounds. Barb will get quote. Discussion turned to Camera monitoring of the grounds. Cheryl Chipoco provided information about this type of surveillance and it was motioned and 2nd she be authorized to investigate and provide input to the club on equipment and the services to monitor security.

Staff & membership Training: Membership asked if they are interested in the CPR training the Fire Department offered.

Training Committee: Bonnie reporting. May/June schedule is out. Classes start May 11th. Non member sign up coming. 26 classes available.

Cluster report: Richella reporting: The Cluster committee is as follows: Barb Byrum, Julie Burns, Cindi Chilbert, and Richella. Show applications are in, one glitch to work out. Judges approved. Still need volunteers to handle some jobs. Ashley Miller is the trophy chair. Trophy support is being requested and forms are available in the lobby here. We need help with advertising and several other jobs. Susan is the Treasurer for the event, Michael Beasley is the Obedience and rally chair, Michael Chilbert is the FastCat Chair. We need several other position chairs.

Cleaning Committee: Cindi going great. nothing to report.

Obedience and Rally Committee: Susan: Next show is November 9th and 10th at Ultimutt.

Tracking Committee: No report

Agility: Cheryl Bingham asked or suggested we get a covering for the chairs or benched in the Agility field.

Barn Hunt: Richella reporting: Barn Hunt at ORKC has been discontinued. This was a decision made by the Barn Hunt committee and the BOD.

Old Business: Cindi asked about the welcome committee approved some time ago. Volunteers to the committee were Courtney Kleiman, Jean Burdick, Julie Burns and maybe a few others had volunteered. Cindi will reach out to check on interest.

New Business: Susan speaking: An announcement is being prepared to inform about the ORKC Scent Work News. Trial approved for September '24 and we will be holding Sniff 'N Go's between now and then to build up funds. Many volunteers needed for these events.

The next BOD meeting is April 25th. The next membership meeting will be May 2nd, zoom and in person at 6:30 pm eastern with program. Bring Snacks.

Cheryl Bingham's dog earned his Excellent Jumpers with weaves title. I could not hear all the brags, sorry. Richella made the cut with some of her dogs at her Collie Nationals.

Adjournment: Motioned and 2nd to adjourn at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cindi Chilbert