

## ORKC Membership Meeting

February 1, 2024 @ 6:30 PM ET

**Roll Call, physical presence:** Richella & Robert Veatch, Susan Varrasso, Bonnie & Russ Hornfisher, Ashley Miller, Julie Burns, Rachel Hawkins, Cindi & Michael Chilbert, JeanneLove Ferguson, Lisa Carlson-Black, Linda Hargis, Jacqueline Mascioli, Mary Sonner, & Courtney Kleiman. **Guest** - Sandy Morris. **Zoom Attendance:** Amy Hoelzer, Gwen Coon, Joanne Ennis, Frances Hart, Gail Schroth, Gwen Weaver, Sharon Zickler, Lisa Varrasso, Kathy Ambrose, Prisi Selfridge, Gurusahai Khalsa, Jamie Nye, Patricia Doan, Gina Wauford, Ruth Andrick, Carol Malec, Becky Malivuk, Cyndi & Russ Beres and Nancy Andrews.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Approval of the January 4<sup>th</sup> meetings minutes was tabled till the next meeting.

**Treasurer Report:** Given by Susan. The Clubs 1099 has been sent in. Truist account beginning balance: \$78,084.16, monthly deposits totaled \$49,856.52 monthly expenditures totaled \$22,713.99, for an Ending Balance of \$105,226.69. Truist Savings: \$5,283.25. Total Truist Cash: \$110,509.94. Vanguard as of 12-29-23: \$65,613.50 Total: \$176,122.44. We received \$22,000 from the Cluster and \$22,000 from the agility trial making up the bulk of the income. The bulk of the expenditures went to the Agility Trial. Please contact Susan with questions or for more details. Ashley Miller moved to accept the report. Cindi 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved

### Committee Reports:

**Nominating Committee:** Cindi reporting: The Constitution and By-Laws states the committee shall be formed in February consisting of 3 members with not more than 1 presently serving on the Board. The committee has been formed with Cindi as Chair and Sharon Walker and Mary Shepard filling out the committee.

**Membership:** JeanneLove reporting: Lisa Carson and Michael Chilbert's membership applications were read. Each spoke and a vote was called for. Membership approved. Please get your 2024 dues sent in. Contact JeanneLove with any questions

**Training:** Bonnie reporting: The Training Committee has been working hard making the adjustments necessary due to the snowstorm that caused the cancellation of classes. The schedule for the next session is almost complete. It is anticipated that Instructors may be able to sign up as early as this weekend with member sign up on 2/18 and non-members on 2/25. Agility starts on March 16 and all other classes start the next week. It is now possible to pay for classes using PayPal. We are reminded that classes typically shut down for July.

**Cleaning Committee:** Cindi reporting. Not aware of any problems. Nothing to report.

**Obedience and Rally Trial:** Susan reporting. Everything is well in hand. Entries are coming in. Entries close Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Agility Trial:** Discussion about the Agility Trial occurred during the Treasurer's report. There was a question on how to increase the profits from the Agility Trial. Mostly we would need to increase entries by holding for classes and/or increasing fees or both. Finding a different facility was mentioned but it is known that participants like this facility for an Agility Trial because of the surface.

**Tracking Trial:** No report

**Puppy Match:** JeanneLove and Cindi reporting: Our first ORKC “Spring Fling” Fun Match and CGC-CGCA/Trick testing event will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Fun match will be in the West Bldg. Testing in the East Building. Courtney and Jackie are working on Match ribbons. If there is considerable interest in this Fun Match we will consider doing this annually. We need at least 6 more volunteers. Contact Cindi via text at 262-391-0563.

**Facilities:** Bonnie reporting: The lock code will not be changing this month. All those needing access have not completed the in-service on how to properly lock the gate. There is a binder in each building with the appropriate instructions and forms to be completed and a place in the office for the completed forms. Please complete the in-service ASAP. Only 1/3 of those eligible have completed the in-service.

**Old Business:** Richella speaking - We still need a secretary. Susan reporting: Last year we discussed the \$1000 gift the club has been giving to the UT College of Veterinary Medicine. It had been decided that ORKC would discontinue this gift and in turn provide scholarship monies to the 3 local High Schools. The Veterinary School has written a letter asking for the funds and the decision was to send them a \$1000 check with a letter informing them that this is end of this endowment.

**New Business:** Susan reporting: There has been discussion about the Club holding a small Scent Work Trial this summer. We would have Containers, Buried and Handler Discrimination, judging all levels. We will hold some “Sniff and Go” event practices to raise money for the supplies needed to hold the Scent Trial. Cindi made a motion to hold a Scent Trial, Ashley 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.

Richella reporting: “We need volunteers for a Cluster Committee.” The Cluster is coming up the end of September. The dates are 9/26 thru 9/29. It is time to start forming committees for the Cluster and for our Show. Several members volunteered for the committees. Thank you, Ashley Miller, and Julie Burns. There were questions on the duties for some of the committee chairs. Richella agreed to provide definitions for these roles and to put them online to help volunteers understand their roles better. There was also discussion about holding Obedience & Rally at this event. It can be very hot in the building because it does not have air conditioning. After discussion Mary Sonner made a motion to keep Obedience & Rally in the event. Julie Burns 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.

**Brags:** Richella had a litter of 11 rough collies she is hand raising. 8 surviving. 7 boys 1 girl.

The next meeting is March 7, 2024 in-person and zoom 6:30 pm ET. We will have a book sale.

**Adjourn:** JeanneLove made a motion to adjourn, Mary Sonner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved. Adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cindi Chilbert