

## ORKC Membership Meeting

January 4, 2024 @6:30 PM ET

**Roll Call, physical presence:** Rachel Hawkins, Julie Burns, Cheryl Chipoco, Jennifer Manning-Paro, Richella & Robert Veatch, Cindi Chilbert, Susan Varrasso, Bonnie and Russ Hornfisher, JeanneLove Ferguson, Maggie Buzzard, Jacqueline Mascioli, Mary Sonner, Courtney Klienman. **Present via zoom:** Ken Dudley, Michael Beasley, Michael Chilbert, Sandy Hann, Julie Haas, Barbara Byrum, Carol Jeffery, Beth Small, Patricia Doan, Velvet Cole, Sharon Zigler, Nancy Andrews, Ashley Miller, Kathy Ambrose, JoAnn Ennis, Cyndi & Russ Beres, Suzanne Fox, Kathy Ambrose. **Guests:** Sally and Warren Coad.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** There were 2 corrections, 1 to a title and the other concerning the location at Roane State in Oak Ridge for the Tracking Test. Minutes approved as corrected.

**Presidents Report:** Richella began the meeting with a strong message to the membership. We are still without a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and a Secretary. We have over 150 members in this club and there is not reason that these positions should still be unfilled. Members are urged to take responsibility and step up to fill these positions.

**Treasurer Report:** Given by Susan. Checking Account - Deposits totaled \$1,840. Expenditures totaled \$2,593. Ending Balance Cking: \$78,084.16. Truist Savings: \$5,283. Total Truist Cash: \$83,367.37 Vanguard as of 12-29-23: \$64,531.57  
Total: \$147,898.94

**Training:** Bonnie reporting: Classes start this coming week. Several instructors have taken a break for this session. It is felt that we still have a very strong set of classes that are absolutely full.

**Membership:** JeanneLove reporting: There are 60 renewals that have still not come into her. Urging those folks to renew asap. A new application was read and voted on for Sally Meric-Coad. Vote approved.

**Cleaning Committee:** Cindi reporting. Sharon and Cindi are sharing the duties for the cleaning committee. Working on the cleaning crew is an easy way to get your volunteer hours in during the year. Volunteering on the cleaning crew once every 3 months the requirements for volunteer hours should almost be met.

**Obedience and Rally Trial:** Susan reporting. Everything is well in hand. She has plenty of volunteers and entries open this coming week.

**Agility Trial:** Ready to go at Roane St. Expo Center Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Come out and help. The Spring Agility Trial will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Another club "I Spy Agility in Maryville" has asked to rent the timers. We will put this in the Woofer and see if there are any concerns.

**Tracking Trial:** Cindi reporting: Arrangements are underway. Judges are secured. Test will start at Roane St. Community College in Harriman and finish at Roane St. in Oak Ridge.

**Puppy Match:** JeanneLove reporting: Plans are coming together for a puppy match, CGC and Trick test at club March 2, 2024. This will be advertised and will be open to the public as well as club members. Contact JeanneLove or Cindi with questions or to offer help as we will need volunteers to assist with this event.

**Facilities:** Bonnie reporting: The lock code will be changing this month. Those needing the code will need training to perform the locking and unlocking of the gate. This is important to be sure the police and fire departments have access. Please contact Bonnie concerning the training. There is a binder in the office to maintain the training in-service forms. There was a question about the Amory building and the cities plans for it. Richella has been following the city reports and they have not discussed definite plans for it so far. 90 people have turned in and completed their volunteer hours but 60 people have not yet renewed. Please direct any questions about renewal to JeanneLove.

**Old Business:** JeanneLove reporting: We did not have a Christmas Party as the timing never worked. It was suggested that we have a summer picnic at club. More discussion at the next meeting.

**New Business:** Bonnie reporting: Bonnie and Susan went through the office, straightened and cleaned. We have many “old” books and some VHS tapes. They will be offered to the membership for a very small fee (25 cents maybe) and after that they will be donated. The 2024 meeting schedule has been sent out. Remember we will be electing Board members and officers in June.

**Brag:** Ken Dudley’s “Ranger” did very well at Royal Canin in Florida

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

Respectfully submitted

Cindi Chilbert  
Vice President