

**Oak Ridge Kennel Club General Membership Mtg. Minutes**  
**Club house & Zoom**  
**Nov. 2, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 Eastern time. Officers present: Richella Veatch, Cindi Chilbert, Susan Varrasso and Board Members: Bonnie Hornfisher, and Jeannelove Ferguson. Members in-person attendance: Jean Burdick, Jackie Mascioli, Courtney Kleiman, Gwen K. Coon, Mary Sonner, Denise Davies, Michael Beasley. Guests: Michael Chilbert, Rachel Hawkins, Julie Burns, Sheryl Morales, Sally & Warren Coal.

Members attending via zoom:

Minutes of the last meeting were previously disclosed. Motion to approve by Jeannelove and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Beasley, no objections. Approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Susan gave the report. The beginning balance October 1<sup>st</sup> was \$82,605.58. Our deposits for October were \$17,084.82. Expenditures were \$18,723.86 leaving and ending balance for October of \$80,966.54. Truist Savings are \$5,283.11. Total Truist Cash is \$86,249.65. Vanguard as of 10/31/2023 is \$56,565.52. Making the total of funds come to \$142,815.17. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Cindi Chilbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mickael Beasley. Approved. Susan also reported on the activity on the Tracking Test which took in \$880.00 and had expenses of \$1,670.74 with a loss of \$790.74 and the Rally and Obedience Trial held at Ultimutt which took in \$8,606.00, and had expenses totaling \$5,112.08, showing a profit of \$3,493.92.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Jeannelove reporting. These members applications were read and voted on. Denise Davies, Sheryl Morales, Rachel Hawkins, and Julie Burns. All were approved and voted into membership. She then continued with an explanation of the membership application process and the revamped membership application and membership renewal forms reminding all that it is time to send in your renewals. It was also stated that new members joining in November and December are grandfathered in for the coming year, 2024. Our guests Sally Coal and husband introduced themselves.

**Facilities Report:** Richella reporting: The Board approved soffit repair on the buildings at their last meeting and discussed and approved cleaning the floors in the West Building after the Barn Hunt Test is over.

**Training Committee:** Bonnie reporting. Please turn in your volunteer forms ASAP so they can be recorded. The new training session will start January 8, 2024. The current session will possibly continue into early December because of the Holiday and Barn Hunt Trial.

**Cleaning Committee:** Chairman Sharon Walker reported that will step down as the Cleaning Committee Chairman as of Jan 1, 2024. A few folks mentioned interest in chairing that committee.

**Facilities Maintenance Committee:** No report.

**Christmas Party discussion:** There was a lengthy discussion about when to have this gathering. The only time that seemed agreeable to most was a January date, possibly Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. A committee of Marry Sonner, Courtney Kleiman and Jackie Mascioli was formed to plan the date and activity.

**Rally and Obed. Trial:** Susan reporting and thanking everyone who helped make the Trials a big success. A big thank you also goes to our judges Russ and Bonnie Hornfisher for sharing their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with all of us and doing a great job of judging! There were 315 entries. There were 11 obedience titles earned and 22 rally titles earned. We had folks entered from Florida, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Alabama and Georgia.

**Tracking Committee:** The financial report given earlier was not a surprise. Those familiar with Tracking are aware that a tracking test cannot accept a very large entry due to the nature of the event. We are grateful to the Tracking committee for the excellent event they put on which receives many entries trying to make the draw.

**AMVETS Event:** Karen submitted a written report. The event on Sat. Oct. 28, 2023 was very well attended and a great success. We had agility and trick demonstrations with the public participated in, Meet the Breeds, a demonstration by the Police unit. We collected \$82 to donate to the Amvets Service Dog Programs and sold \$150 worth of ORKC t-shirts. Many, many thanks to our volunteers and participants.

**Barn Hunt:** Plans are proceeding.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Discussion about holding an all-breed puppy match, A CGC event or other activities. A CGC event was suggested and Cindi, Jeanelove, Courtney and Jackie will Co-Chair possibly on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Braggs:** There were brags from Susan V. Beth S. Rachel H. Michael B and Richells

**Board of Directors Meeting** – November 30, 2023 at 6:30, zoom only.

**Membership Meeting** – December 7, 2023 in person and zoom.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindi Chilbert,*

**ORKC Vice President**