

Oak Ridge Kennel Club General Membership Mtg. Minutes
Club house & Zoom
Sept.7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 Eastern time. Present: Richella Veatch, Cindi Chilbert, Suzanne Vassarro and Board Members: Barb Byrum, Ashley Miller and JeanneLove Ferguson Robert Veatch, Maggie Buzzard, Vickie Rhein and Cheryl Chipoco. **Zoom attendance:** Jamie Nye, Emily Harmon, Betsy Peck, George Rohde, Joe and Heather Haynes, Kathy Ambrose, Kay Irwin, Gurusahai Khalsa, Becky Malivuk, Sharon Zickler, Paul Singley, Patricia Daughert, Michael Beasley, Diane Sacksteder and Denise Davis.

Minutes of the last meeting were previously disclosed. Motion to approve with no changes or corrections and 2nd. No objections. Approved.

Treasurer Report given by Suzanne Vassarro: For the month - Deposits 10,314.00, Expenses \$6548.09. Ending balance in checking. \$93,161.85. Total cash \$98,444.90. Total Vanguard as of 7/31 \$60,759.79. Taxes have been paid. Total \$159,205.69. Motion made and 2nd to accept the report.

She also reported on Barn Hunt which had a profit of \$987.00 so far this year. Suzanne then read a summary of the events leading up to the club's situation with the IRS. Very briefly the previous Treasurer did not file taxes for several years. Susan has done everything required to bring the club back to good standing with the IRS but we are still awaiting news on what our fines will be as punishment for this negligence. This report will be available on the "members only" page of the Website.

Committee Reports:

Membership: JeanneLove reporting. Several membership applications were announced. Present were: Robert Veatch, Maggie Buzzard, Vickie Rhein and Cheryl Chipoco. Denise Davis attended via Zoom.

Cluster Committee: Richella reporting: 9/5/23 was the last cluster committee meeting before the Show. T-shirts for this event were not approved. 25 pink and green rosettes were ordered for the Pee Wees. We will have New Title ribbons. The show weekend is a game weekend so make your hotel reservations early. Set-up is Wed before the show. Volunteers are fed. Please come help if you can.

Cleaning Committee: No report.

Facilities Maintenance Committee: All the work done on the Air Conditioning and electrical has been inspected and have passed. Discussion on protecting the thermostat from tampering with the setting. Tamper proof covers should work. Motion made and 2nd to purchase and install Thermostat cage. There was discussion concerning proper care of the system centering on what temperature to keep the building set at. There is a recommendation to keep the temp setting at 74 degrees allowing for an adjustment up or down by 2 degrees. No final decision was made.

Tracking Committee: No report

Barn Hunt: The BH trials for December and next August have been approved.

Rally and Obed. Trial: Suzanne reporting. Event is Oct. 7th and 8th.

Training Committee: Bonnie reporting. Schedules are out.

AMVETS Event: Richella reporting - Oak Ridge Kennel Club, in conjunction with our neighbor Amvets, will put on this event. This year it's called Howl-o-ween and will be held Saturday, October 28, 2023, 10am-2pm. We'll need chairs, tables, tents, and most importantly, VOLUNTEERS!

If you can help in any way (including soliciting prizes to give away and getting sponsors to pay to have their logos on our poster), please email Karen Lively at karen.lively@comcast.net

Your hours will go toward your volunteer hours log.

This event will raise both awareness and donations for the Amvets Ladies Auxiliary's Service Animal projects and programs including PAWS WITH A CAUSE, Diabetes Medical Alert Dogs, K-9 Police Dogs and Veterans Service Animal Training.

This event also gives the ORKC greater visibility in our community and encourages new members and class participants, to further bonds between people and their dogs.

Unfinished Business: Amory update, Richella reporting. As of this time the city has no definite plans for the Amory. Richella will continue to attend the city meetings to stay with the issue.

New Business: It was discussed that we should have a "Welcome Committee" for new members Jean Burdick volunteered to head this committee and volunteers to join the committee are John, Cindi Chilbert, Cheryl and Barb Byrum

Board of Directors Meeting - September 26, Board of Directors Meeting is Cancelled

Membership Meeting - October 5, '23 Membership Meeting will be an in-person only meeting Pot Luck. The club will provide Meats and drinks. Jamie Nye and Ashly Miller volunteered to coordinate food.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm by JeanneLove and 2nd by Cindi Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Chilbert,

ORKC Vice President

In person attendance

Richella Vetch, Jeannelove Ferguson, Jean Burdick, Cindi Chilbert, Susan Varrasso, Barbara and John Byrum, Cindi Beras, Russ Beras, Ashley Richardson, Cheryl Chipoco, Susan Sinatro, Greg Sinatro, Bonnie Hornfisher, Jude (?) Shuler, Mary Sonmer, Cindy Redd, Ashley Miller, Cheryl Burghaw (?), Linda Haegis (?), Jeanette Spurling, Paul Snegler (?), Sandy Hunn, Becky Chittenden, Diane Stackstader, Pat Diane, Becky Peck, Nancy Andrews, Kay Irwin, Tracy Jones, Mike Beasley, Gina Walker, Debbie Echols, Carol Jeffries, Janet Hopson

Guests: Lianna Wilson, Vicky Rhein, Vicki Williams, Sarah Sears, Denise Davis, Carol Krocht, George Rohde, Emily Harmon

Zoom attendance

Jamie Nye, Emily Harmon, Betsy Peck, George Rohde, Joe and Heather Haynes, Becky Malivuk, Sharon Zickler, Kathy Ambrose, Kay Irwin, Gurusahai Khalsa, Paul Singley, Patricia Daughert, Michael Beasley, Diane Sacksteder, Jeanette Saprioni and Alice Andrews.