

ORKC Membership Meeting (In-person only)
June 6, 2024 @ 6:30 PM ET

Members in attendance: Kathy Ambrose, Michael Beasley, Cheryl Bingham, Naoko Blue, Barb & John Byrum, Ruth Cardwell, Cindi & Michael Chilbert, Cheryl Chioco, Denise Davis, McKinnely Earles, Suzanne Hall, Christine Hardy-Atwell, Amy Hawes, Heather & Joe Haynes, Amy Hoelzer, Bonnie & Russ Hornfisher, Sandy Hunn, Carol Jeffery, Lorrie Johnson, Courtney Kleiman, Carol Kract, Sharon Lemelman, Jackie Mascioli, David Miller, Sheryl Morales, Jamie Nye, Donna & Rick Post, Jeanne Ringe, Diane Sacksteder, Gail Schroth, Prisi Selfridge, Greg and Susan Sinatra, Angela & Tim Snow, Mary Sonner, Sandy Sutton, Susan Varrasso, Richella & Robert Veatch, Sandra Voina and Gwen Weaver. Guests present: Yolonda Freels, Larry Schroth, Jeff Atwell, Jan Weaver, Robert Hall, Cheryl & Bill Beams and Dylan Kirby

As this is our annual meeting and a pot-luck dinner we began with dinner which was very good. After the reading of the Treasurers report Richella thanked Jamie Nye and all the volunteers for heading up the organization and set-up for this meeting and the cooks Jen and Michael.

Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm (et). This being our annual meeting the first order of business was to distribute the ballots and tally the results. They are as follows: President: Richella Veatch, 1st Vice President: Cindi Chilbert, 2nd Vice President Mary Sonner, Treasurer: Susan Varrasso, Secretary: JeanneLove Ferguson, Director of Training: Bonnie Hornfisher Board members: Barb Byrum, Kathy Ambrose, Courtney Kleiman, & Kyle Skripko. As Jeannelove is now the Secretary, Cindi Chilbert has accepted the Membership Chair responsibilities.

Minutes for April and May were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Susan reporting: Our beginning balance was \$115,414.01. Total of Deposits was \$4,629.00. Total of expenditures was \$5,960.79. coming to an ending balance of \$114,082.22. With Truist savings, cash and Vanguard our total cash is \$191,374.97. A copy of Susan's report remains with the minutes on file. Acceptance of report motioned, 2nd and approved.

President's Report: Richella started the application to become a member club but has discovered a problem. Tennessee Valley KC is a member club and there may be a 200-mile distance jurisdiction between member clubs with AKC. She will go to the Board of Directors at AKC when she goes to the delegates meeting and see if we can work things out. There was a question as to why do this and she explained that it saves us money in the long run and protects our event dates with AKC. She has started the process and will keep the membership informed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Cindi reporting: Only a few applications to mention. Robin Hutchings has applied but not attended any meetings to date. Yolanda Freels has submitted an application which was read briefly. She is attending her first meeting today. Eric & Donna Knuth had sent in an application with payment but never attended a meeting. I contacted them and they asked for their application back and will resubmit later. McKinnely-Grace Earles is already on the membership list. If you have any questions, please text me.

Facilities: Richella reporting: The board has contracted with a pest control company to treat for ants and things, totally people and pet safe. Question raised about spraying the back for mosquitos and Barb will check with the company and get a quote for that.

Training Committee: Bonnie reporting. Finishing up our current classes. Our next session will start the week of August 19th. The new schedule will be out on our website and FaceBook page probably the 1st week of July. Susan Varrasso has worked out with Trish the owner of Ultimutt to share two rent-a-ring opportunities at Ultimutt on Sept. 7th before the Cluster and Oct. 19th before the trials at Ultimutt. It will be 10 min for \$10. People will be there to help and we are looking for volunteers to help.

Cluster report: Richella reporting: We have final approval for our shows. The premium list has been submitted to the superintendent. Still time to make corrections. We still need volunteers to help with some specific duties. We need someone to help exhibitors at the show and we need a safety coordinator who is trained in CPR that can be available during the 4 days of shows please let us know. We would need you on call this would save us \$40 per hour for 4 days to hire and EMT to be on call. Later a question was asked about the show location. It is in Knoxville at the Jacobs building on Sept. 26, 27, 28 & 29th, consisting of 4 conformation shows and specialties, 4 obedience trials, 4 rally trials, Fast Cat.

Cleaning Committee: Nothing to report, going fine.

Obedience and Rally Committee: Susan reporting: Next show is November 9th and 10th at Ultimutt and everything is scheduled and ready. We will have the rent-a-ring prior.

Track test Committee: Cindi said everything is under control.

Agility: David Miller speaking: He has filed the paperwork for the trial and is proceeding as usual.

Scent Work: Susan reporting: Another Sniff N' Go will be here on Sat July 13th starting at 10 am. The last Sniff N' Go raised over \$600.

Old Business: The Board has been discussing more security for the club. We had the break in and we are talking about cameras and lights. Still discussing what equipment will work best. If the agility folks would like lighting changes or additions, please let the Board know. Bonnie reminded the club members who know the access code to the club are not allowed to share that with anyone unless they are approved to have it. Reference books with this information are in each building. Richella reminded all to sign in to the log if you are here and not part of a class or scheduled event.

New Business: Richella: Is anyone interested in a puppy match? Chrissy has moved to have a puppy match, Richella 2nd, discussion followed. Cindi reported on the needs for volunteers. Interested folks should text Cindi. Motion approved.

The next club meeting would have been July 4th so we have decided not to have a July meeting and just enjoy the holiday. The new Board of Directors will meet on June 27th at 6:30pm eastern. The next membership meeting will be August 1st in person and zoom at 6:30pm eastern.

Brag: Sandy Hunn reported her dog went Best of Breed at a recent show also a Best of Opposite and a Best Owner Handler! Diane Sacksteder and Rune passed Trick Dog Novice and Intermediate, CGCA & CGCU and Frigga passed Trick Dog Advanced, all at Bark Week.

Any Other Business: Barb Byrum talked about the lighting that was installed, mentioning that she felt it wasn't quite right and asked for opinions from the club. She thought a light should be installed on the East Bldg. like the one on the West Bldg. and got a quote from the electrician of \$225.42 for the light and \$80 for installation. Asked for the club members opinion. Discussion followed. Several mentioned it's dark when the last class lets out. We will do more research into possibilities in lighting.

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

Respectfully submitted

Cindi Chilbert