

August 1, 2024 Membership & Zoom Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 PM EST

Roll Call:

BOD : Richella Veatch, Cindi Chilbert, JeanneLove Ferguson, Susan Varrasso, Bonnie Hornfisher, Kathy Ambrose (Virtual), Mary Sonner, Courtney Kleiman (8 Total)

IN PERSON Linda Bayless, Naoko Blue, Jean Burdick, Debra Echols, Yolanda Freels, Suzanne Hall, Christine Hardy-Atwell, Rachel Hawkins, Russ Hornfisher, Erin Lonas, Gregg Lonas, Carol Malec, Jacqueline Mascioli, David Miller, Jamie Nye, Donna Post, Rick Post, Cindy Redd, Ashely Richardson, Robert Veatch, Sandra Voina, Gina Wauford, Gwen Weaver, Vicki Williams, Naomi Furnaud, Miranda Ward (26 total)

VIRTUAL: Ruth Andrick, Michael Beasley, David Boruff, Denise Davis, Jackie Dean, Joanne Ennis, Janet Hopson, Sandy Hunn, Carol Jeffery, Rebecca Malivuk, Karen Orr, Vicky Rhein, Prisi Selfridge, Sharon Walker, Tina Winkler , Debbie Echols, Carol Malec, Nancy Andrews(18Total)

GUEST: Bill Beams, Cheryl Beams, Jeff Atwell, Morgan Jenkins, Debbie Reed, Jan ?, (6Total)

Total Meeting Attendance: 58

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of June Meeting Minutes: Bonnie Hornfisher Made a Motion to approve

Mary Sonner 2nd

APPROVED

(No July Meeting Minutes due to Holiday)

Treasurer Report: Jamie Nye Motioned to approve, JeanneLove Ferguson 2nd

APPROVED

Update of AKC Member Status (from Affiliated AKC club to a Member club) :

Richella Veatch is Continuing to work on this process, JeanneLove Ferguson working on gathering required member information to submit to AKC and associated letter for the submittal

Constitution and By-Laws committee working on reformatting and changing/adjusting for this also. Current Committee is Cindi Chilbert, Barb Byrum. Need to add more members to this committee

Richella Hopes to have all this information ready to present at the December AKC Delegate Meeting

Review Process is 4 weeks, then presented at next AKC Board Meeting and will be scheduled to be published in AKC Gazette afterwards

CLUSTER UPDATE:

Premium list live on 8/1/24

Conformation: no new information to report

Volunteers: Mary Sonner has made lots of calls and messages regarding volunteering, please get back with her

Combined Meeting: We will have a combined Meeting with TVKC on 9/19/24 to discuss final details and other pertinent information regarding the cluster. Please bring your chairs with you. ORKC will provide snacks and drinks for the meeting

Specialties: Vizsla, Newfoundlands, Bulldogs at the same time, Collies will have supported entries every morning with a raffle every morning (?)

Grooming area will be upstairs near the elevators

Obedience:/Rally Susan Varrasso- everything is on track and lots of volunteers

Fast Cat: Courtney and Becky- still need some volunteers , please contact if you are able to help out

Jackie Mascioli asked about 4-6 mo puppies listed as \$0 fee on the premium; Richella said she would check on that pricing

MEMBERSHIP:

New Members voted on:

Yoland Freels: Dobermans

Bill and Cheryl Beems: Standard Poodle

Morgan Jenkins:

Jeffery Atwell: Rough Coat Collie and participate in Obed, Rally, Dockdiving

Heidi Straub: Chessie puppy & will be participating in conformation, scent work, and possibly agility, rally/obed

Naomi Furnald: Boxer former member who participates and teaches conformation

Miranda Ward: ACD participating in Rally and other classes

TRAINING:

New Training Session Schedule Out and classes start on August 19th; currently scheduling non-members

Large response to classes, additional sessions added by JeanneLove Ferguson (STAR Puppy) & Shari Palko (Obedience)

Recent analysis of class fees with area fees and Board determined it was appropriate to raise the fees ORKC to be similar to other fees.

Class Fees were raised for upcoming session, Drop in Fees were not raised

FACILITIES:

Security: Adding in 3 security cameras for the campus, as of meeting they were not hooked up yet but will be within the next few weeks

New Code on Gate Lock because we were still having problems with non-qualified members gaining access to the campus. Additionally adding a 4th lock to the gate to be used for maintenance workers to have access when a member cannot be present

Lots of Work has been done to the campus: New light to the Bathroom, sign was fixed, hopefully adding an additional utility sink to the campus, removal of urinal

CLEANING:

Cleaning committee has lost two more members, and we need more; please talk to Cindi Chilbert or Sharon Walker if you are able to help. It is not a huge commitment, but we do need more volunteers

OBEDIENCE/RALLY:

Upcoming Rent a Ring (Saturday Sept 7) at Ultimutt to use to practice for upcoming trial. More information will be posted on social media
November Obed/Rally Trial upcoming at Ultimutt

TRACKING:

Rachel Hawkins reminded everyone that the premium to enter will be in a few weeks; Trial will be Oct 27, 2024 at Roane State Community College on the Harriman Campus

Jean Burdick mentioned that she would be willing to teach a tracking class in the future if members are interested.

SCENT WORK: 2nd Sniff n Go was SUPER Successful and a reminder that the upcoming trial (Sept 14 & 15) will be held at the club. Premium is full for lower levels with a waiting list and upper levels were almost full

AGILITY: David Miller Reporting that Fall classes will be starting back in August. January Trial- Judges have been chosen and dates secured. Will be held at Roane State Community College at Harriman Campus

David mentioned that the club needed to purchase a new Dog Walk; cost would be approximately \$2900 + shipping of \$700-800

Board approved the purchase; will be 14-16 weeks before delivery

Will need to look at ribbons for the January Trial and purchase a new wall jump since the AKC is getting rid of the table in upper levels.

JeanneLove Ferguson made a motion to purchase the wall jump, Ashely Richardson 2nd, Vote Passes to purchase for Wall Jump also

OLD BUSINESS:

AM VETS Event: Are we doing since Karen Lively is having back surgery and cannot do this year?

NEW BUSINESS:

JLF: OCT 12 Fall Fling (CGC/ATT/ACT/FETCH)- Agility Trial is same weekend- need to figure out

Cindi Chilbert: Welcome Committee? What happened to this and who was supposed to be on the committee? Courtney Kleiman volunteered to be the head of this. Need volunteers.

Jamie Nye- we need to purchase some more chairs since it is coming to the end of the summer season; if you see some on sale please contact Susan and let her know where you saw them

David Miller: also need to purchase more of the baby pools since it is the end of the season.

David Miller -Jeff and Jennifer Banta donated several items for the use of the club: books, vari-kennel, 10 ft tunnel, broad jump, and some agility jumps, need to send a thank you card

BRAGS:

Ashley Richardson's Dalmatian Bitch, Jovie, won her 12-18 mo class at the DAL National Specialty

Cindi Chilbert: Has a new Fauve puppy (2 weeks old) after trying for 3 years

Michael Beasley's dog Cassy went to the Rally Nationals in the Excellent Class and finished 16th out of 147 dogs

Richella Veatch's dog Willie qualified for every run entered at the Rally Nationals

Carol Malec's dog won the Intermediate Class at the Rally Nationals

ORKC was well represented at the Rally Nationals !!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 PM