

Sept 5, 2024 Membership & Zoom Meeting Minutes  
**Meeting Called to Order** 7:03 PM EST

**Roll Call:**

BOD : Richella Veatch, Cindi Chilbert, JeanneLove Ferguson, Susan Varrasso, Bonnie Hornfisher, Kathy Ambrose , Barbara Byrum, Mary Sonner, Courtney Kleiman(V) (9 Total)

IN PERSON: Linda Bayless, Naoko Blue, John Byrum, Debbie Echols, Yolanda Freels, Carol Jeffery, Deanne Leveque, Jacqui Mascioli, Angela Snow, tim Snow, Robert Veatch, Gina Wauford, Tina Winkler, (13)

VIRTUAL: Terry Albert, Ruth Andrick, Michael Beasley, Bill Beams, Cheryl Beams, David Boruff, Michael Chilbet, Carmen Davis, Jackie Dean, Pat Doan, Ken Dudley, Christine Hardy-Atwell, Janet Hopson, Carol Malec, Jeanne Weber Ringe, Jeanette Saprioni, Gail Scroth, Taylor Seay, Prisi Selfridge, Beth Small, Heidi Straub, Catherine Talbert, Curt Zeiger, Sharon Zickler, Ashley Miller (24)

GUEST: Daria Wang, Cat Bladerston, Nancy McCurdy (3)  
Total Meeting Attendance: 49

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Approval of June Meeting Minutes:** Changes to attendance approved

**Treasurer Report:**

Ordered new T-shirts and hats from Borderland Tees. They ar available to purchase in the office. Pricing is the same.

See Report from Susan

Agility Ribbons Bought & Scent work Ribbons bought

New Dogwalk purchased, waiting on delivery

IRS Settlement of 13 years of NOT filing has been settled ALL penalties have been forgiven and the matter was closed ( approx. \$60K)

\$46K spent on the filing fees and accountant

Non-profit status has been reinstated; we are a 501c3

**COMMITEES:**

**AGILTIY:**

Naoko Blue suggesting exploring the possibility of an enclosed building on the agility field that would be approximately 100X200 feet with 2 rings so as to be able to practice or hold trials inside. Would also allow for more trials of other types and could become a source of income for the club ( ie. Rally/obed, scent work, conformation)

Discussion of costs associated with building a building and income

Bonnie Hornfisher asked the potential cost; Naoko has done preliminary research and cost could be \$531K

Bonnie Suggested a building feasibility study

Linda Bayless mentioned discussion with TVKC for potential future trials

Ashely Miller mentioned that the back of the property sits in a 100 yr flood plain

JeanneLove Ferguson suggested creating a building committee

Following people volunteered to sit on a Building feasibility committee:

JeanneLove Ferguson (head)

Cindi Chilbert

Jacque Mascioli

Linda Bayless Mary Sonner Naoko Blue

Debbie Echols asked if members support idea

### **Cleaning:**

Cindi Chilbert mentioned we need more volunteers for the cleaning committee

Also please check the bathroom at the end of time on the property to make sure fans are off and lights are off

Also please place dog waste in metal cans and not into the plastic cans in front of the buildings

### **Facilities:**

**Security:** Cameras are working and we have several officers are checking

Gate has been left open on several occasions; reminder if you are the one who unlocked the gate and someone else arrives to use the property to check with them before they leave and make sure that they know to lock up

Best policy is not to leave someone alone on the grounds.

If you are on the property by yourself, perhaps, close the gate ( but not locked) to give the appearance that it is not accessible

**Buildings:** Board is looking at termite eradication; we have termites in both buildings ( wood)

Working on adding a utility sink to the bathroom to help with clean-up from events

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

New Members voted on:

Robin Plott Hutchins- has been put on hold because of family health problems

Cat Balderson- new puppy Kooikerhondje

Nancy McCurdy- Boykin Spaniel and a Aussiedoodle- competes in obedience with her dogs

Daria Wang- Mini Poodle 11 mo old; new dog owner and wants to work on training

### **OBEDIENCE/RALLY:**

Obedience/Rally Trial at the Cluster; Michael Beasley chair, says we need more volunteers

November Obed/Rally Trial upcoming at Ultimutt ( Nov 9 & 10); Entries will open 9/25/24

Rent a Ring for practice \$10 for 10 minutes at Ultimutt ( 9/7/24)

Can Crate indoors

Tina Winkler volunteered for cluster

**SCENT WORK:** Trial (Sept 14 & 15) will be held at the club. Judging Schedule out  
Lots of Volunteers

**TRACKING:**

Trial will be Oct 27, 2024 at Roane State Community College on the Harriman Campus  
If you are interested in a class or learning more about tracking email Bonnie Hornfisher

**TRAINING:**

New Schedule will be coming out soon and reminder that fees were raised to reflect other  
pricing in the community/area

**TVKC Puppy Match**

Reminder that there will be a puppy match Sunday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> with day of entries for puppies  
4-6 month

**OLD BUSINESS:**

AM VETS Event: Tina Winkler has said she will take over since Karen Lively is unable to do  
this year do to surgery

Event will be October 26 on our grounds in conjunction with AMVETS  
Need Volunteers to work the event, agility demo, meet the breed, etc

Fall Fling: Canceled due to too many conflicts; will do in February/March

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It has come to Cindi Chilbert's attention that according to old by-laws and constitution we  
are not voting members in the way we are supposed to. According to By-laws only the BOD  
is supposed to be voting on new members. She is still working with other committee  
members to get us current to submit new format for AKC and for Membership application.  
Need other people to be on the committee.

Current Committee is Barbara Byrum, Cindi Chilbert, Richella Veatch  
Catherine Talbert and Jeanne Weber Ringe volunteered

Carol Jeffery questioned about our plans to submit application to be an AKC member club  
because we are so close to TVKC

Richella stated that this only applied to specialty clubs that per AKC we are fine and not too  
close to TVKC to get approved to be a Member club

Deanne Leveque: Woofers will not come out until after the CLUSTER so as to include all of  
the brags. We are also going to start to include a Members Buy/Sell/Trade section for  
equipment. Some discussion about how to list with contact info since it will be listed on  
the website.

Sept 19 @ 7pm: ORKC will be hosting TVKC for one last meeting to go over certain items for the Cluster.

**CLUSTER:**

Mary Sonner stated we have over 100 volunteers for the CLUSTER; but do still have a few slots we need filled. Please contact Mary if you can volunteer.

Judging program will be out on Sept 19

BOD Meeting on Sept 26<sup>th</sup> canceled due to CLUSTER

Next meeting will be October 3 @ 7PM; in person and via Zoom

**BRAGS:**

Susan Varasso went to the Chessie Specialty and achieved an RAE ALSO earned Master and Master Elite in Scent work at the Columbus Trial

Debbie Echols Swissie earned 2 group 4s at recent trial

Tina's Leonberger is the #4 in the country

JeanneLove Ferguson Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm; Mary Seconded

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23PM