

May 1, 2025 Membership & Zoom Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 7:01 PM EST

Roll Call:

BOD : Richella Veatch, Cindi Chilbert, JeanneLove Ferguson, Bonnie Hornfisher, Courtney Kleiman (Virtual), Susan Varrasso , Kathy Ambrose, (Virtual), (7 Total)

IN PERSON: John Byrum, Cheryl Chipoco, Lesley Hardin ,Russ Hornfisher, Sandy Morris, Robert Veatch, Linda Wolfenbarger (7 total)

VIRTUAL: Terry Albert, Leora Berry, Naoko Blue, Sally Coad, Denise Davis, Jackie Dean, Joanne Ennis, Frances Hart, Lorrie Johnson, Cheryl Kienast, Erin Lonas, Gregg Lonas, Rebecca Malivuk, Rachel McKinney, Sheri Palko, Jeanne Weber Ringe, Heidi Straub, Catherine Talbert, Lisa Varrasso, Lisa Wood, (20 total)

GUEST: Kat Engstrom, Marsha Keck, Charmane Thompson, Janet Wolf , Cynthia Long ALL VIRTUAL (5 Total)

Total Meeting Attendance: 39 Total

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Corrections to April's minutes: Sandy Morris name's was misspelled (Morris not Murse) Bonnie Hornfisher Motioned to approve, Susan Verasso 2nd APPROVED

Treasurer Report:

Cash Report sent out to Board; OBD/Rally Trial brought in \$9,144 minus \$5,535 for costs associated with putting on the trial for a profit of \$3500 (Approximately)

Agility Trial: \$19,595 Gross \$19,371 Cost for a Profit of \$223- LACK of entries for the trial- could be because it coincided with the Shows/trials in Perry, GA; need to look at this for trial next year See attached Full report

Approval: JeanneLove Ferguson motion to approve, Cindi Chilbert 2nd APPROVED

COMMITTEES:

Facilities:

Buildings: John Byrum purchased a new 8' ladder for the club and grass was recently cut; it looks nice due to all of the rain we have received

Iris needs to be thinned or they will die and stop blooming. Bring a shovel and a bucket at the June In person meeting if you would like some. They are the purple ones

MEMBERSHIP:

Cynthia Long 2nd reading of application APPROVED

Cindi asked that all membership applications that are NOT mailed to her, be put on the desk in the office with her name on it (in an envelope) DO NOT put in the black boxes

Charmaine Thompson asked what are requirements to become a member; Cindi stated she would call her

TRAINING:

Bonnie Hornfisher: May-June Classes begin May 19th (Monday)

Non-Members registration closes soon

Bonnie stated dates are listed on the website

CLUSTER & SHOW COMMITTEE:

Show Chair: Cindi Chilbert

Assistant Show Chair: Richella Veatch

Treasurer: Susan Varrasso

Trophy Chair: JeanneLove Ferguson

Volunteer Chair: Mary Sonner & Sophie Beery

Advertising: Courtney Kleiman

Obedience/Rally Chair: Michael Beasley

Catalog Sales:

Judges Hospitality:

Exhibitor Hospitality:

Safety Coordinator: (needs to be CPR certified)

Cindi & Richella updated on status of the Cluster; Richella and Cindi went to the fair grounds with Wallie, Carol and others from TVKC: no major changes although looking to add a GSD specialty

Mary Sonner has agreed to be the sole Volunteer Chair; Sophie Beery is working on completing her dissertation and could not do this year.

JLF: change to the due date of sponsorships. It is not May 15th and not May 31st as previously reported. Premium changes are due to Richella and then to Carol by May 21st. So please get your sponsorships into JLF ASAP.

Richella mentioned that we should offer trophies for Obedience/Rally Trials at the cluster not just the Conformation portion of it.

Cleaning:

Good Shape; nothing new to report

OBEDIENCE/RALLY:

Reminder the next ORKC OBD/RLY trial is November 8 & 9th at Ultimutt Knoxville

TRACKING:

Nothing new to report, everything on track for the November Trial

AGILITY: Nothing new to report

SCENT WORK:

Reminder that the Scentwork Trial (Containers and Buried) is this weekend (May 3rd & 4th)
Trial is Filled

Set-up will be on Friday; more than likely will be raining but should not affect the trial

OLD BUSINESS:

Richella: No news on the Constitution/By-laws or membership application from AKC

At recent TVKC OBD/RLY trial there was information about their club and there was a lack of information about ORKC at our trial. We need to make sure that we have membership applications, business cards, or a post card with info about the club at our events.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reminder we vote in person on New Board at June Meeting (that is in person only); it is a cookout with burgers/hotdogs. Club will provide meet etc.

Susan will be organizing and will post a link to sign up for items in an email communication to club member.

Leona Berry asked if can write in on the ballot ? She was told the time for that ended in April.

Discussion to offer Zoom for voting for the annual June meeting; was not decided for certain.

Lesley Hardin asked about the signage into the club off of the turnpike

Cindi Mentioned that this had been discussed at a previous meeting

Courtney Kleiman offered to get pricing on metal signage (small not large signs) to replace the current signs because she has a vendor she deals with at work that she thinks would be able to do it for us. She would also research what we can and cannot do with the City of Oak Ridge.

Cindi Chilbert motioned for Courtney to proceed; Lesley Hardin 2nd APPROVED

Next meetings:

Board Meeting: Thursday 29th , 2025 Zoom only 7PM EST

Membership Meeting: Thursday June 5th , 2025 In person ONLY; 6:30 PM

BRAGS:

Leona Berry: her labradoodle puppy graduated from puppy class

Cindi Chilbert: Jitterbug earned 1st place (blue ribbon) in her class at her first show; they will be going to the GSP Nationals in Washington state

Linda Wolfenbarger: Randy earned a preferred title in obedience and titled

Cheryl Chicopo: Sophie earned her Rally Novice Title

Kat Engstrom: "No Name" earned Best Opposite Sex Puppy at the Lawrenceville Show

Heidi Straub: Ginger earned her BCAT and is currently in 1st place in Chessies with a 28.29 MPH

Catherine Talbert: Lots of Titles and qualified runs at the MAS Nationals

Gregg Lonas: Gus earned his Scentwork Master Containers (SMC) Title and one leg of his Scentwork Excellent Exterior at the shows in Kentucky

JLF: Camden earned his Scentwork Novice Interior Title (SIN) additionally, he earned a 2nd, 3rd, 5th placements (was .38 of a second from the 4th place finish) in his class at his FIRST Scentwork trial at the Charleston Dog Training Club Scentwork Trial, Charleston, SC

Richella called for adjournment; JeanneLove motioned, Russ Hornfisher 2nd

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45PM

CASH REPORT For End of April 2025

OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB CASH POSITION as of April 30, 2025

Checking account at Truist

Bank:

Beginning Balance	126,269.03	
Deposits		
	199.00	Practice
	525.00	Membership dues
	20,315.00	Agility trial
	1,435.00	Drop in Agility
	264.00	Drop in Conformation
	7,478.96	Obedience/Rally trial
	100.00	Class Registration
Total	30,316.96	
Expenditures		
	770.43	Utilities
	120.34	Comcast cable
	553.00	Agility refunds
	273.41	Insurance
	1,597.00	Obedience/Rally show

	18,910.78	Agility trial
	0.00	Mowing
	680.82	Truist Bank-Jotform,Adobe,Supersaas, AKC,GoDaddy
	25.12	Supplies
	5.00	Bank fees
Total	22,935.90	
Ending Balance	133,650.09	
Truist Savings	5,283.85	
Total Truist Cash	138,933.94	
Vanguard as of 4.30.2025	76,663.62	
Total	215,597.56	