April 2, 2026 Membership (In-Person & Zoom) Meeting Minutes
Guest Speaker: None
Meeting Called to Order 7:00 PM EST
Mary Sonner, Vice President, presiding over the meeting while Richella Veatch was out of town

Roll Call:
BOD : Cindi Chilbert , Bonnie Hornfisher, Sandy Morris, Mary Sonner, Courtney Kleiman, Susan Varrasso, Richella Veatch, (7 Total)

IN PERSON: Michael Beasley, Jean Burdick, John Byrum, Barbara Byrum, Gwen Coon, Deb Doney, Kristy Hensley, Sheldon Hensley, Carol Jeffery, David Miller, Tina Winkler, (11 Total)

VIRTUAL: Leora Berry, David Boruff, Sarah Brock, Maggie Buzzard, Becky Chittenden, Carmen Davis, Denise Davis, Amy Hoelzer, Sandy Hunn, Tracy Jones, Cheryl Kienast, Carol Malec, Rebecca Malivuk, Ashley Richardson, Jeannette Saproni, Catherine Talbert, Robert Veatch, Gina Wauford, Linda Wolfenbarger, Sharon Zickler (20 Total)

GUEST: Kathleen Karcher

Total Meeting Attendance: 39 Total

Approval of Meeting Minutes:
None: Due to JeanneLove traveling for work
Sandy Morris recording minutes for JeanneLove

Treasurer Report:
See attached
Courtney Kleiman Motioned
Cindi Chilbert 2nd
Approved

COMMITEES:
MEMBERSHIP:
17 members did not renew
2 new applications; they are waiting to attend meeting before applications are read
Kathleen Karcher DVM, application read; will be voted on at May meeting after second reading

Facilities:
Outside Faucet needs to be replaced; needs to be replaced with a Frost-Free Faucet.

Barbara is working on getting quotes and then moving forward with scheduling. In the meantime, John bought a hose to use temporarily.

TRAINING:
Bonnie has reached out to instructors
New Session will begin on Monday May 18

CLUSTER & SHOW COMMITTEE:
Richella Veatch, Show Chair reporting

- Applications are updated and submitted to AKC
- Payments were for old fees (licensed club); JLF contacted AKC and we will be reimbursed by the difference and moving forward should be corrected
- Mary Sonner is working on Arranging DockDiving ; Charge of $200 to fill pool; waiting on contract
- Courtney got contract for FastCat with SpeedDog
- JLF has submitted applications and made payment for the application
- Courtney working on fun runs that proceeds will be donated to FOCAS if membership agrees with; Cindi motioned to donate, Bonnie 2nd- Approved
- Cluster members are going to visit the Cumberland Co Fair Grounds for future show site usage on April 6. Mary Sonner planning on attending
- Buhund Nationals will be at the McDonald Show and they are requesting Farm Dog (even though the committee voted against this); we will revisit it at Cluster meeting
- Regular Cluster Committee meetings being held at the Sommerfelts home once a month; next meeting to be April 13, 2026 6:30PM

CLEANING: Nothing new to report

OBEDIENCE/RALLY:
Trial from previous weekend was well attended with 375 entries; profit of $3500
Fall trial dates are November 7 & 8 at Ultimutt

TRACKING:
Tracy Jones is Committee Chair; Jean Burdick & Gwen Coons are instructors for the club.
Tracking trial is set for Nov 15

AGILTIY:
David Miller Spring trial will be April 10-12 at Roane State Ag Center in Harriman; set up on April 9. Trying something new- 1 judge and 2 rings; Friday & Saturday are full with a wait list. Need volunteers during trials and with clean-up on Sunday.

SCENT WORK:

Susan Varrasso: Sniff n Go on Saturday; $800 in pledged runs. Upcoming trial May 2-3 at Ultimutt. Entries close on Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS:

AKC Member Club: We will need to elect a delegate to represent the club at Quarterly meetings; Jeannette Saproni would like to nominate herself for the position

Nominating Committee reports:
Deb Doney read the nominations for the Board:

- President: Richella Veatch
- Vice President: Debby Reed
- Secretary: JeanneLove Ferguson
- Treasurer: Susan Varrasso
- Board Member: Courtney Kleiman, Mary Sonner, Sandy Morris
- Delegate: Mary Sonner, Jeannette Saproni

June Meeting we will vote on the Board positions and have picnic
Club will provide hot dogs and burgers ; membership will bring other items. More information to be sent out at may Meeting
In-Person Only

NEW BUSINESS:

Tracy Jones: Scholarship Opportunity: AKC Humane Fund

- 5 full-time students that are enrolled in courses of study that contribute to the well-being of dogs and the advancement of responsible per ownership
- Sir John D. Spurling Scholarship; he was the founder of PetPartners, Inc
- Scholarships are $2500 each for 5 students
- Tracy forwarding information to Richella
- Will be discussed at the May Meeting

Courtney mentioned the Farm Bill that is being considered and mentioned we should contact our representative about this legislation

Next meetings:

Board Meeting: April 30, 2026 Zoom Only 7PM
Membership Meeting: Thursday May 7 , 2026 Zoom and in-person 7PM; Speakers TBA

BRAGS:

Cindi Chilbert: Bruno earned 2 WD and Group 1 in NOHS; Benjamin won WD at Purina Farms Fauve Nationals
Becky Chittenden: Finished 2 Havanese littermates at 9 months of age

Gwen Coon: 11 yr old Golden earned Advanced Rally Title and is a Therapy Dog; 2 younger dogs earned Fetch Retriever Titles
Maggie Buzzard: Solo, Border Collie, earned his CD
Gina Wauford: Poodle earned Rally Advanced
Tina Winkler: Leonberger earned a title in Obedience/Rally ?
Carol Malec: Kooikehondje is ranked #2 in Front and Finish stats

Mary Called for adjournment of the meeting
Michael Beasley: Motioned
Cindi Chilbert: 2nd
Meeting Adjourned 8:01 PM

OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB CASH POSITION as of March 31, 2026

Checking account at Truist Bank:			
Beginning Balance		74,472.13	
Deposits		235.00	Practice
		4,082.33	Class Registration
		438.00	Drop in Agility
		0.00	Drop in Conformation
		9,025.64	Showentries
		210.00	Rent a Ring
		54.00	Show donations
		430.00	T shirts
		652.59	Membership
	Total	15,127.56	
Expenditures		841.19	Utilities
		173.63	Comcast cable
		310.33	Insurance
		1,175.87	Obed/Rally expenses
		60.00	Mowing
		508.01	Borderland T shirts
		1,811.75	Truist Bank-Jotform,Supersaas,Hodges,TN SoS
		89.88	Supplies
		5.00	Bank fees
	Total	4,975.66	
Ending Balance		84,624.03	
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Truist Savings	80,379.72
Total Truist Cash	165,003.75
Vanguard as of 03.31.2026	91,548.51
Total	256,552.26

Ultimutt Obedience/Rally March 28-29, 2026

11,488.00	Revenue from entries
210.00	Bonita's rent a ring
54.00	Donations/balls
(388.00)	Refunds
11,364.00	Total revenue
2,462.36	ShowEntries services
1,609.50	AKC recording fees
1,000.00	Ultimutt facility rental
300.00	AKC Application fees
1,435.98	Judges
200.00	Supplies/gift cards
500.00	Ribbons
393.09	Food/supplies
7,900.93	Total expenses
3,463.07	Profit from show