November 6 , 2025 Membership Zoom & In -person Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker: Frank Woodward VP of Advancement Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN
Frank spoke of the history of LMU, the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Undergraduate Vet Med Technician AA degree at LMU and how an ORKC scholarship would work.

Meeting Called to Order 7:35 PM EST

Roll Call:
BOD : Richella Veatch, Cindi Chilbert(V), JeanneLove Ferguson, Bonnie Hornfisher, Courtney Kleiman(V) , Sandy Morris, Mary Sonner, Susan Varrasso (8 Total)

IN PERSON:Michael Beasley, Sophia Beery, Jean Burdick, Julie Burns, Rachel Hawkins, Heather Haynes, Russ Hornfisher, David Miller, Robert Veatch, Kathy Grunwell (10 Total)

VIRTUAL: Ashley Barber, Leora Berry, Barbara Byrum, John Byrum, Jesse Counts, Denise Davis, Jennifer Gueho, Vicky Rhein, Beth Small DVM, Gina Wauford, Linda Wolfenbarger, Lisa Wood (12 total)

GUEST: Madison Holtzclaw, Julie Holtzclaw, Jeff Beckenheimer (V), Velvet Cole(V), _____(V), Mary _____ (V) (7 Total)

Total Meeting Attendance: 37 Total

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Not presented due to not being taken at the October Volunteer Party/Meeting

Treasurer Report:
September and October Cash Reports
See attached Full reports

Approval: Michael Beasley motion, Bonnie Hornfisher 2nd APPROVED

COMMITEES:
Facilities:

- **Old Armory Building:** New Owners of the Building (Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge) want to meet with us to discuss their plans and timeline. Board Members working on setting this up. Will keep everyone informed.
- **Gravel:** Barbara Byrum had gotten quotes in the summer but nothing was ever decided. She is having a hard time getting anyone to return her calls. Velvet Cole recommended Ed's Trucking in Maryville, someone else mentioned Roger's Quarry in Oak Ridge. Bonnie wants to get a quote for the whole lot to be done. David Miller

asked if she meant the current gravel area? Bonnie Motioned for new quotes, Rachel 2nd Vote Approved. Richella stated that the Board will discuss and vote at the next Board Meeting.

- New Power Pole was installed by the city; the old pole was rotten from the inside out and it was a matter of time before it fell on the building.
- David mentioned that the Light is still out in the back of the Agility Field and City is the one who needs to replace it. David said he would call and get it taken care of

MEMBERSHIP:

Bonnie and Lisa have been working on creating a way for Membership Renewal to be more automated by using a jot form and PayPal. Links to it will be sent as an email to the general membership and will eventually be listed as a link on the website.
Reminder of the benefits of membership and please report your volunteer hours to Bonnie NOT to Membership Director
Due are due by 12/31/25 with a 3 month grace period

Sandy Morris read the Membership Applications in person since she will be slowly taking over the role since Cindi Chilbert will be moving back to Wisconsin to be with family in the near future.

- Julie and Madison Holtzclaw 1st reading
- Deborah Doney 2nd reading

Richella Dispensed with secret ballots on membership; All Voted in & added to membership.

TRAINING:

Bonnie Hornfisher: Classes will start January 12, 2026
Schedule will be posted on December 7th
Members can register beginning December 7
Non-members can begin to register December 14

CLUSTER & SHOW COMMITTEE:

Due to the City of Knoxville giving the Jacob's Building to The Muse; the Smoky Mountain Cluster will not be held at Chilhowee Park.
The Cluster for 2026 will be held will in McDonald, TN at the Tri-State Exhibition Center. This is a temporary solution for 2026.
Additionally, due to availability of the venue the show will be held Sept 17, 18, 19, 20, the weekend after the Chattanooga Shows.
There is not a place available for Obedience an Rally but we may be able to add other things like FastCat, BarnHunt, etc.
Cindi Chilbert motioned to Accept this change; Barb Byrum 2nd
ALL voted to accept this change; none opposed
Barb asked if this would change our dates in the future? Richella: This should not

Due to the distance between Knoxville and the site, Volunteers who work the weekend will be put up in a hotel near the site. (LaQuinta Inn is the closest hotel to the site)

Richella stated that we need people to volunteer be on the Show Cluster Committee
Show Chair: Richella Veatch
Asst Show Chair: JeanneLove Ferguson
Volunteer Chair:
Show Treasurer: Susan Varrasso
Trophy Chair:
Hospitality:

According to Richella and discussing with Walter Sommerfelt (Cluster Chair) all cluster committee members will be included in all meetings

CLEANING: Nothing new to report

OBEDIENCE/RALLY:
Susan Varrasso: Upcoming Trial (Nov): Rally has a waitlist and Obedience is close to being full
There are a total of 325 total entries
Next Trial will be held in February 2026

TRACKING:
Jean Burdick: November Trial is set to go. 14 entries for 6 tracks
Being held at Roane State Harriman Campus and Oak Ridge Schools
Workers are contracted, Mary Shepherd will be providing lunch

AGILITY: Reminder the following local Agility trials:
TVKC: December 5-7
ORKC: January 9-11- Premium is up
TVKC: February
ORKC: April; David is contacting AKC to see if we can change the dates, Roane State Ag Center Double booked on the dates we normally have the trial.

ALL are held at Roane State Ag Center. Need volunteers and reminder to support our local trials

SCENT WORK:
Still looking for places to hold a trial locally (other than club site) so we can have all 4 elements
Will continue to offer classes

OLD BUSINESS: Susan Varrasso asked if the club wanted to contribute to the AKC Humane Fund donating to help with victims of Domestic Violence. In the past we have donated $500

David Miller Motioned to continue with the donation Michael Beasley 2nd: Approved

NEW BUSINESS:

None

There will be no November Board meeting due to it falling on Thanksgiving

December Meeting is only person only due to Holiday Party.
Meeting will start at 6:30PM

Membership Renewals will go out in Nov/December

Next meetings:

Board Meeting: None
Membership Meeting: Thursday December 4 , In person ONLY 6:30PM EST

BRAGS:

Cindi Chilbert: Bruno, earned 2nd place in Fauvres at AKC FastCat National Invitational and
Courtney Kleiman: Beau, came in 1st place on Sheltie's at AKC FastCat National Invitational

Sophie Beery's Sheltie earned her 1st point towards her Championship
Richella's Sheltie Willie came in as the #1 Sheltie in Rally Intermediate earning 781/800 points

JeanneLove Ferguson attended the Labrador Retriever Club National Specialty at Purina Farms in October and Camden earned 3 out of 4 Qualifications(containers and interior) in his first Advanced Scentwork Trial. He additionally earned the Nina Mann Award- Dog For All Reasons Award and came in 3rd place in his Conformation class during the DFAR portion.

Mary Motioned to Adjourn
Micheal 2nd

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

CASH REPORT For End of September

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

Checking account at Truist Bank:				
	Beginning Balance		61,894.62	
	Deposits		290.00	Practice
			230.00	Membership dues
			191.55	Misc-T shirts,CGC rosettes, Trick Dog
			694.00	Drop in Agility
			110.00	Drop in Conformation
			190.00	Cluster trophy donations
			3,963.84	Class Registration
		Total	5,669.39	
	Expenditures		738.46	Utilities
			170.34	Comcast cable
			0.00	Agility judge
			0.00	Mowing
			310.33	Insurance
			0.00	Class refund
			1,287.40	Truist Bank-Jotform,Supersaas,Hodges,puppy toys
			93.94	Mike Davis agility wagon repair
			0.00	City of Oak Ridge property taxes
			0.00	Supplies
			5.00	Bank fees
		Total	2,605.47	
	Ending Balance		64,958.54	
Truist Savings			80,286.38	
Total Truist Cash			145,244.92	
Vanguard as of 9.30.2025			92,574.98	
Total			237,819.90	

OAK RIDGE KENNEL CLUB CASH POSITION as of October 31, 2025				
Checking account at Truist Bank:				
	Beginning Balance		64,958.54	
	Deposits		270.00	Practice
			25.00	Membership dues
			577.00	Drop in Agility
			90.00	Drop in Conformation
			30.00	Cluster trophy donations

			2,695.00	Class Registration
		Total	3,687.00	
	Expenditures		877.52	Utilities
			170.34	Comcast cable
			3,342.30	Fowlers Clay Works
			470.00	Mowing
			310.33	Insurance
			950.03	David Miller-agility supplies
			270.77	Truist Bank- Jotform,Supersaas, white boards
			1,772.00	Anderson County taxes
			117.91	Supplies
			5.00	Bank fees
		Total	8,286.20	
	Ending Balance		60,359.34	
			60,359.34	
Truist Savings			80,287.06	
Total Truist Cash			140,646.40	
Vanguard as of 10.31.2025			94,739.05	
Total			235,385.45	