December 4, 2025 Membership (Zoom/In-Person) Meeting Minutes
Guest Speaker: Dr. Kathleen Carcher, Best Friends Vet Clinic, Crossville, TN
Holistic Vet, Herbal Medicine, Food Therapy, Acupuncture

Meeting Called to Order 7:48 PM EST

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

IN PERSON: Debby Reed, Jeanette Saproni, Robert Veatch, Gwen Coon, Mary Beth Bryson, (5 total)

VIRTUAL: Deborah Doney, Jeanne Ringe, Michael Beasley, Tracy Jones, Wendy Smith, Becky Malvuk, Carol Malec, Diane Sacksteder, Kathy Ambrose, Lisa Wood, Sandy Sutton, Sandy Hunn, Sue Hall, Denise Davis (14 total)

GUEST: None
Total Meeting Attendance: 26 Total

Approval of Meeting Minutes:
August & September : Jeannete Saproni Motioned Michael Beasley 2nd APPROVED
October (NO MEETING- Volunteer Party)
November : Jeanette Saproni Motioned, Mary Sonner 2nd APPROVED

Treasurer Report:
See attached Full report
Approval: Courtney Kleiman motion to approve, Jeanette Saproni 2nd APPROVED

COMMITEES:
MEMBERSHIP:
Julie Holzclaw 2nd reading of application
Madison Holzclaw 2nd reading of application
Mary Sonner Dispensed with secret ballot; Both Voted in to membership
Jeff Bechleheimer 1st reading

Jotform for renewals will be sent out and will allow for electronic renewal and payment via PayPal
Cindi Chilbert is still receiving renewals in the mail; reminder to send them to Sandy Morris since she is the new Membership Chair

Facilities:
Board met with the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge (new owners of old armory in front of the club) 12/3/25

- They will not be opening the building until late 2027
- They will be willing to work with us on paving the road leading to ORKC
- They will be adding a garage for maintenance of their vehicles on the side of the building closes to Girls Inc and will be adding an "alleyway" behind their building making it easier for the vehicles to exit the garage by driving around the building
- Be adding Signage at the road and will allow for us to add our information to it when they add it
- The clinic is for working individuals who do not have health insurance, appointments only
- No money or pharmaceuticals will be kept on the premises
- Hours of operation will be 8-4; M-F with the occasional clinic on Saturdays with a specialist

Gavel: Is membership interested in investing in a gavel to be used at meetings?
Membership had no strong feelings for or against
Would allow the Board to make the final decision
Jeannette Saproni Motion; Michael Beasley 2nd APPROVED

TRAINING:

Classes start for the new year in January
December 7: Instructors Register
December 14: Members Register
December 21: Non-members Register
December 28: Registration Closes
Class Schedule is posted outside the doors on the buildings and online

CLUSTER & SHOW COMMITTEE:

- Due to Chilhowee no longer being available for the fall cluster; the Cluster committee decided to move forward with moving it to the Tri-State Expo Center in McDonald, TN for the 2026 show.
- Cluster Dates will be September 24. 25, 26, 27, 2026
- Richella volunteers to be the Show Chair
- JeanneLove Ferguson will be the Assistant Show Chair
- Cluste Committee will visit show site January 8
- Cluster Committee meeting January 14
- Do we want to try and move forward with still holding Obed/Rally at the new site?
    - Diane Sacksteder has concerns about the site
    - Carol Malec does not like the options
    - Michael Beasley stated may end up losing money if it is held the cluster because of the potential location to hold it (outside under cover)
    - Denise Davis questioned if we cancel it for this occasions, can we resume it for a future show date
    - Mary Sonner would like to discuss it with Bonnie and Susan & Caroline Hibbs (TVKC)

    - Richella feels we should not do OBD/RLY at the 2026 cluster and remind everyone that once we (ORKC) are voted in as a Member club, we will be able to have dates secured for future events

- Reminder we still need the following Chair positions filled: Volunteer, Trophy, Hospitality
- We had several trophies donated to the club (returned) do we want to use for future shows or give as gifts?
- JLF stated we are already using as gifts for guests and key volunteers occasionally
- Richella encourages Membership to look online at the McDonald site for more information

CLEANING: Nothing new to report

OBEDIENCE/RALLY:
Next ORKC OBD/RLY trial is March 28 & 29h at Ultimutt Knoxville

TRACKING:
Tracy Jones: Details about the November Tracking Trial are listed in the most recent edition of the Woofer; Trial was very successful

AGILTIY:
David Miller: TVKC trial at ISpy in Maryville this weekend (December 5-6)
ORKC Agility trial will be January 7-11 at Roane State Agriculture Center in Harriman

SCENT WORK:
Susan Varrasso: TVKC will be hosting a Scentwork Judging Seminar n the spring; spots will fill quickly

OLD BUSINESS:
Received Notification that the ORKC membership application will be voted on at the December delegate meeting; we will not have to wait until March meeting. Richella will send email results from the Orlando meeting.
JLF read a thank you note from people who attended the cluster
Sandy Morris: Where do we stand on the Scholarship? No decision made

NEW BUSINESS:
None

Next meetings:
Board Meeting: None due to holidays
Membership Meeting: Friday Jan 2nd, 2026 In person ONLY: Holiday Party with no speakers

BRAGS:
JeanneLove Ferguson:
Camden received a special recognition at the Greater Atlanta Labrador Retriever Club's Specialty show in November for earning multiple titles in one year

Kathy Ambrose: Stormy earned a leg in Obedience Beginner Novice and earned her Rally Novice Title; she completed her overall Scentwork Novice title and her SWCA and SWIA
Wendy Smith: Tucker earned Rally Intermediate Novice Title
Jeanette Saproni: while attending her National Specialty her girl earned 2nd place in Team Rally and her boy earned an Award of Merit and a dog she co-owns earned 3rd place in his class
Gwen Coon: Prix passed her Farmdog Title and is still going strong at 13+ years. Shge is also doing Therapy Dog visits in Crossville at the Hospice House and Home Hospice of Cumberland County; Blaze earned her TDX title in the Spring and earned her Advanced Fetch Title; Ever passed her Advanced Fetch Title and earned one leg of her Retriever Fetch Title
Courtney Klieman: Beau earned his Barn Hunt Championship
Richella: Faith earned her Rally Intermediate Title and Sunny earned her Rally Novice Title
Richella called for adjournment

Mary Sonner motioned for adjournment; Jeannette Saproni 2nd

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47PM

CASH REPORT For End of November 2025

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

Checking account at Truist Bank:			
Beginning Balance		60,359.34	
Deposits		39.00	Practice
		520.00	T Shirts
		518.00	Drop in Agility
		10.00	Drop in Conformation
		150.00	Rent a Ring
		14,149.25	TVKC cluster half
		8,291.66	Ultimutt O/R show
		1,015.00	VST Tracking test
	Total	24,692.91	
Expenditures		962.65	Utilities
		170.34	Comcast cable
		110.00	Class refund
		245.00	Mowing
		310.33	Insurance

		Ultimutt facility
	1,000.00	rental
		Truist Bank-Jotform,Supersaas, white
	857.92	boards
		AKC Humane
	500.00	Fund
	2,186.78	Judges O/R show
		AKC recording
	1,277.50	fees
		Borderland t
	735.25	shirts
	53.35	Supplies
	5.00	Bank fees
Total	8,414.12	
Ending Balance	76,638.13	
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Truist Savings	80,287.72
Total Truist Cash	156,925.85
Vanguard as of 11.30.2025	94,967.00
Total	251,892.85

Ultimutt Obedience/Rally November 8-9, 2025

10,568.00	Revenue from entries
150.00	Bonita's rent a ring
10,718.00	Total revenue
2,276.34	ShowEntries services
1,239.00	AKC recording fees
1,000.00	Ultimutt facility rental
300.00	AKC Application fees
2,638.11	Judges
290.54	Supplies/gift cards
350.00	Ribbons
282.23	Food/supplies
8,376.22	Total expenses

	2,341.78	Profit from show

November 2025 Tracking Test

Income	145.00	Judy Harding
	145.00	Jane Knapp
	145.00	Cheryl Shea
	145.00	Angel Andrews
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	145.00	John Courtney
	145.00	Thomas Snee
	1,015.00	
Expenses	205.33	Tracking test judge - Terri Schmitt
	268.00	Tracking test judge - Anthony Ginter
	24.50	AKC recording fees
	11.90	Postage
	50.00	AKC fees
	906.29	Tracking test hotels
	1,466.02	
Profit/Loss	(451.02)	