

Dr. Douglas Hill presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Durham Kennel Club held on May 17, 1954 in the Agricultural Building.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported receipts of \$1325.91 and disbursements of \$1325.94 since the last report. The balance in the checking account stands at \$543.54 and the Building and Loan account contains \$1507.50. This report was approved.

Mr. Claudius Jones made a detailed report of the Dog Show held on April sixth. He listed expenses of \$2642.54 and a gross income of \$2938.31, leaving a net income for the Show of \$295.77.

Mr. Kepler made a motion that the Club extend Mr. Jones a vote of thanks for being instrumental in conducting a most successful show. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Kepler announced that one Obedience trophy had been misplaced at the time of the Show and the highest scoring dog had not received his trophy. The Club authorized Mr. Kepler to purchase an appropriate trophy and present it to the winner with apologies from the Durham Kennel Club for the delay.

Dr. Hill stated that the annual report of the American Kennel Club had been received and was available to any Durham Kennel Club member who desired to study it.

He also announced that the Club had been notified that members had the privilege of subscribing to "The Dog News" at a reduced price through the Club Secretary.

Dr. Hill then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Moore to conduct the program for the evening.

Mrs. Moore introduced Mr. Claudius Jones who offered several recommendations for conducting the Show next year. After pointing out the fact that while Durham had had the largest entry in the show giving history of the Durham Kennel Club, we still had the next to lowest number of entries on the circuit, he suggested that an effort be made to improve our Show by

1. Increasing the price of the catalog to \$1.00
2. Making entry fees for all classes \$4.00
3. Giving cash prizes in the following manner:
\$25.00 to first in each group, \$15.00 to second in each group, \$10.00 to third in each group and \$50.00 to Best in Show
4. Continuing the present policy on entertainment since money so spent was well invested
5. Making money should not be the main reason for conducting a Dog Show. A good show and a large entry should be strived for
6. Appointing a Bench Show Chairman immediately so that plans for the 1955 Show can be gotten under way and basic arrangements made early this summer.

Mrs. Moore then introduced Mrs. Hoenig to present the findings of the Club House Committee. Mrs. Hoenig announced that the Committee felt that having a Club House would help to unite the Club. It would provide space for meetings, social occasions, trials and sanction matches and for meetings of a possible Junior Kennel Club. She stated that to date no suitable location had been found which would be within the means of the Club and suggested that the President appoint a standing committee to continue the search for a proper site and report to the Club from time to time.

Mrs. Cuyler moved that a standing committee be appointed to keep the idea of a Club House before the Club and report its findings occasionally. Mrs. Hoenig seconded the motion which carried.

Mrs. Moore said that Mr. Paul McGhee had planned a talk on the forming of a Junior Kennel Club. Since Mr. McGhee was not present, she moved that in the near future the Durham Kennel Club discuss and take under consideration the formation of a Junior Kennel Club. Mrs. Cuyler seconded this motion and it was so voted.

Mr. Moore pointed out that there were only twenty-seven members now in the Durham Kennel Club. He suggested that a concerted effort be made to increase the membership.

Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Nominating Committee offered the following slate of officers to serve for 1954-1955:

President
1st. Vice President
2nd. Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Mrs. Charles Moore
Mr. Paul McGhee
Mrs. Douglas Hill
Mrs. James Perkins
Mr. Charles Moore

Board of Directors

Dr. Douglas Hill
Mr. Ector Morris
Dr. Robert E. Cox
Mrs. H. E. Hoenig
Mrs. Rife Atwood.

Mrs. Cuyler moved that the Club accept the slate as presented. Mr. Kepler seconded this motion and it was passed.

Dr. Hill then turned the Chair over to Mrs. Moore.

Mr. Claudius Jones moved that the Club offer a vote of thanks to Dr. Hill for so ably leading the Club for the past year. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane R. Atwood

Mrs. Rife Atwood