Following a program presented by DKC member Dr. Shirley Sanders on "Being The Best That You Can Be" the meeting was called to order by President, Richard Perschel.

The minutes from the meeting on January 20, 1997 were read and approved as read.

President's Report: Richard Perschel reported that soil samples from the Harris Road property have been taken for testing and our club is on the schedule (with Southern States) for liming early this spring. Fertilizing and seeding will take place in the fall. We have been informed that mowing will be better than bush-hogging the property so mowing will take place in the future.

Rob Bozeman, Corres. Secretary shared several items of correspondence, all of which have been distributed to the proper club member or placed in the DKC entry area for review by interested parties.

Treas. Report: Checking account: \$18,731.27

Savings account: 26,871.31 FTF 1,838.96 Loan balance: 55,854.29

Connie Howard, Ch. for the spring show reported that we have an entry of 2609 dogs this year. Help is still needed in the following areas: Judges will need transportation from the motel to the show site early in the morning and then back to the motel following their assignment. People are needed in the superintendents office to answer the telephone and Judy Ortiz said that she still needs stewards for the obedience rings.

Stella Maunsell read the following names of people who have applied for member-candidacy:

Susan Kozker, Cuneyt Unutmaz, Rebecca Landau, Natalie Youngtree, Lucis Welbourne, Maria Manta, Jill Kaplan, Brian Wall, William Pitzer, Susan Jones, Daphne McKee, Jim Blumenthal, Lynn Degitz and Steven Hartman.

The DKC membership voted Karen Jordan in as a regular Durham Kennel Club member.

April 6th is the date for our next tracking test. Cathy Fogel will need food donations for the after-test luncheon and Brona Hicks reported that entries are available for anyone interested.

Marie Inman reported that she and her committee had been able to sell 30 full page ads for the spring show catalog. Marie also reported that she is willing to serve as trial secretary for the 1997 December obedience trials.

It was announced by Richard Perschel that anyone having DKC library books out over a long period of time will have their name listed in the May newsletter if the book(s) are not returned prior to that time. Please check your book shelves and make sure that you haven't forgotten to return a book or two. Remember, the DKC library is there for all of our members to use and enjoy and this isn't possible if books are not returned in a timely fashion.

Stella Maunsell announced that an instructor's meeting will be held on May 12th. There will be more information on this as the time gets closer.

The suggestion was made to print the minutes from the membership meetings in the newsletter rather than having them read at each meeting. Fran Hoffman made a motion that this be done, the motion was seconded and approved by the membership. This suggestion was made in the interest of time and also due to the fact that most of the information contained in the minutes is "past news" by the time the minutes are read. This also will give members not able to attend the opportunity to stay informed as to club activities.

Joyce McHenry announced that on April 18, 19 and 20 a professional photographer (working for CCI) will be in Raleigh to take pictures of dogs. Anyone wishing to have more information on this should contact Joyce for the location, etc.

Following several brags, there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted with respect,

Marjorie J. White, Recording Secretary.