Talbot Kennel Club
General Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2026 7:00 pm
Talbot Kennel Club

Officers	**Board Members**
President – Renee' Morris	Joann Beavers
Vice President – Pam Johnson	Shirley Bigelow
Corresponding Secretary – Michael MacLeod	Joanne Silver
Recording Secretary – Sally Kepfer	Marian Shaw
Treasurer – Denise Jester	Kim Moore
AKC Delegate – Ann Wallace	Dara Kraitchman

Call to Order – Renee' M called the meeting to order at_____ pm.

Approval of Minutes – _____ made a motion to approve the minutes. _____ seconded. Motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Michael MacLeod: A thank you card was received from Renee' Morris for the surgery care package. Yearly agility paperwork was received by AKC and give to Renee'. Renee' will get a box to store it on the agility trailer. The 5 free AKC Obedience Regulation books were received by Sally K. One was given to Terri as an obedience instructor. Other instructors will be given a copy.

Treasurer's Report – Denise Jester: Month for August 2026 the club had a profit of $1,778.34. Total gross income for the month was $8,458.90 with expenses of $6,680.56. Income included class income of $6,846.50. Expenses included class instructors $2,820.00, building repairs of $1,040.00.

Year to Date – The club has a profit of $11,087.17. (02/01/2026 through 8/31/2026)

Bank Balances – The operating account has a balance of $30,571.49 as of 10/02/26.

The Money Market CD has a balance of 10,772.71 and the other CD has a balance of $51,430.66 as of 10/2/26.

Committees Reports

Agility – Renee' Morris: Plans are well underway for the October 30 - November 1, 2026 agility trial at Heartland Equestrian Center in Frederica, DE. Judge is Laura Kuterbach from Dubois, PA. The premium is on the website and opened September 22, 2026. Volunteers will be needed for set-up (Thursday, October 29, 2026 (4pm) and also during the trial. An email will be sent to all TKC members, closer to the trial, with a link to sign-up.

Agility Equipment for Trials. TKC just purchased a Foam Broad Jump and Foam Panel Jump. Most AKC agility club are transitioning from the wooden broad jump and pvc panel jump to the safer foam constructed ones. The cost was $450 for the Broad Jump (stanchions not needed as the current ones TKC has work for the foam broad jumps) and $230 for the foam Panel jump. The Board approved this using an email vote.

There is conversation as to what TKC is going to do with the current trial broad jump and panel equipment that is on the trailer. We will talk to Linda on selling either the trailer equipment or the KC

equipment (if no longer needed). Linda will determine if it is best to store the new equipment on the trailer or in the TKC building.

Barn Hunt – Marian Shaw: Fall dates will be October 9-11, 2026. Premium is posted on the TKC website and the Barn Hunt website. Barn Hunt practices are being held in September & October 2026 at Spring Cove Farm. Dates and times are listed on the TKC website. An email was sent to TKC members to sign up to volunteer for set-up and during the trial.

Practices are doing well. We will practice most Thursdays until the trial, please look at the website.

Breed Show – Joann Beavers: The Breed Show is in the books. A special thank you to all that could volunteer! The shows went very smoothly and there were many compliments on the show site and how well the shows ran. Once all the numbers get in, a report will be developed on the profit/loss.

Building – Pam Johnson: The wall A/C units were deep cleaned in July by Shaw's Heating & Air Condition. The filters in the units were full of dog hair, which was restricting the air flow and efficiency of the units. After the units were professionally cleaned it was much cooler in the building. The cost was $1040.00.

The Board approved a yearly service contract on the AC units.

The new floor cleaner is getting broke in.

Linda is researching an electrical vendor to install the rest of the LED outside lights at the Kennel Club. Pam is going to talk to the guys in the end unit to see if they are interested in changing the lights.

Michelle Carpenter's husband fixed the toilet that has been running. Thank you, thank you!

Delegates Report – Ann Wallace: September AKC Delegates meeting.

Education – Sally Kepfer: The Fall schedule is posted and classes are going well. A new schedule will be posted in a few weeks for classes that were not completed. The new Therapy Dog Prep Class is full and people and their dogs are enjoying the class and learning a lot.

Legislative – Joanne Silver: Nothing to report.

Membership – Miriam Pomilio

> **Current Membership** – 121 Members.
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> **New Members** – 2 new members, Marc and Michele Land, were voted in by email since the August meeting since there was not a quorum.
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> **New Member Applications** – Two new applications were was received Nancy Pikulik and Sarah Mosslih. They both plan to attend the October meeting and introduce themselves.

Obedience/Rally – Sally Kepfer: The September 4 – 6, 2026 trials are in the book! This is the first time Sally can remember that Rally didn't totally fill. Our limit is normally 60, this judge requested 55. We had 54 in our first trial and 50 in the second. So we were down 16 over a normal trial. We did have 10 extra in obedience on Saturday due to hiring a provisional judge for Novice and BN. We also had 3 extra on Sunday because we switched from a limit of 60 to 8 hours. So in the end, we were only down 3 entries.

Publicity – No report.

Scent Work – Marian Shaw: Our fall judges are Jennie Mitchell and Teri Eyer on October 24 – 25, 2026 at Pinewood Kennel in Sudlersville MD. Containers, buried, exterior and lower-level interiors will be offered. The trial is full!

Volunteers are needed for the trial. An email will be sent to TKC members closer to the trial with information for volunteering.

The application to the Queen's Anne 4-H park for the March 13 - 14, 2027 trial. A location is still needed for the October 2027 trial.

Standing Rules – Joann Beavers: The following is wording proposed for the Standing Rules. The Board has written and approved SOPs for seminars and events held for or at TKC.

All proposed seminars and events must be submitted to the Board for approval prior to commitment to a presenter/instructor *based on the TKC Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for seminars.* Motion passed.

Motion was made by _____ to accept the proposed wording. Seconded by _____. Motion _____.

Sunshine – Kathy Beisner: (For the period 8/02/26 – 10/2/26)

JoAnn Tolson – a thinking of you card was sent to her on 8/12 and flowers were sent on 8/27.

Eric and Cally Mack – a sympathy card was sent on 8/12 for the passing of their dog, Gator.

Larry Jester – a get well card was sent to him on 9/2.

Diana LaClair – a get well card was sent on 9/12 for her dog Gully that had surgery

Website – Renee' Morris: The TKC website is up to date with all the current offerings at TKC including the Fall trials and premiums for each trial.

Nominating Committee (Renee' Morris) According to the By-Laws a Nomination Committee is to be established in September, which consists of one Board member and two members. Pam Johnson will serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee. She is working on establishing the committee members.

Old Business:

OFA Eye Clinic (formerly CERF but now CAER) – 57dogs with lots of donuts, coffee and pizza. Good time was had by all.

CGC/CGCA, Trick Dog & Fit Dog Walk (Joanne Silver) – The event was well attended and Joanne and the volunteers worked non-stop.

Verizon – Denise J is looking into what we can do with the phone to reduce costs.

New Business:

Linda Rose Agility Seminar (Renee' Morris) Monday, September 28, 2026. The Linda Rose Agility Seminar was well attended and participants were very pleased with the content and presentations

for each topic. For the Puppy Performance Primer there were 6 attendees. The Attention & Connection seminar had 8 participants and 3 audit participants. Net profit for the seminar was $596.00. Thanks to Linda Syner for securing Linda Rose.

Next General Meeting: December 7, 2026. 6 pm. Annual Holiday Gathering.

Adjournment: A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn the meeting at _____ pm.

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