Talbot Kennel Club
General Meeting Minutes
June 1, 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' called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Approval of Minutes – Linda S made a motion to approve the minutes. Beth P seconded. Motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Michael MacLeod: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – Denise Jester:

Month – For April 2026 the club had a profit of $5,492.63. Total gross income for the month was $22,188.56 with expenses of $16,695.93. Income included class income of $5,047.50 and the spring barn hunt trial income of $10,306.12, as well as spring rally/obedience trial income of $5,997.05.

Expenses included the purchase of trophies for the breed show of $2,445.81. Class instructors $1,890, barn hunt trial expenses $5,721.26, and the final rental payment for the upcoming trial at Crown of $3,392.00.

Year to Date – Year to date the club has a profit of $12,449.22. (02/01/2026 through 4/30/2026)

Bank Balances – The operating account has a balance of $54,360.52 as of 05/26/26. The CD's only send balances quarterly.

Committees Reports

Agility – Renee' Morris: The May 29 - 31, 2026 TKC Agility Trial at Crown Sports Center is in the books! Judge was Megan Shepter. Back by popular demand was the super fun Golden Oldies Challenge and heartwarming Veterans Run. There were nearly 60 more runs for the summer agility trial than last year. Special Thank you to Linda Syner & Pam Johnson (Chief Course Builders); Sandy Moody (Trial Secretary); Robin Valliant (Photo Op and NQ raffle) and Denise Jester (Volunteer Coordinator).

Audit Report – Sally Kepfer: Committee members, Sally, Kathy Beisner, Renee' Morris, and Denise Jester. The committee met on April 6th. There were no discrepancies found.

Barn Hunt – Marian Shaw: Spring dates were April 24-26.

Fall dates will be October 9-11. Judges have been selected. A judge will have to be picked up at the airport.

Breed Show – Joann Beavers: The judging panel is set for September 17 - 20, 2026. We lost one judge, added one, and moved some people around. Beverly Drake had a serious fall and back injury, so Rod

Herner stepped up to cover. Also working on the panel for 2027. The date shifts in 2027 to September 23 – 26, 2027. The clubs are still working on ways to economize without losing quality.

We are still waiting on MB-F to return the draft Premium. Trophies donations are completed. We are going to have a PeeWee competition on Saturday, September 19th, limited to 20 and 4 – 6 month puppy classes both Saturday and Sunday.

Delaware State Senator Eric L. Buckson will be awarding BIS on Saturday!

Building – Pam Johnson: Nothing to report. Currently we are turning off the AC because no one is in the building Friday – Monday evening.

Linda S is going to look at replacing the outside lights with LED bulbs. Some are currently not working.

Delegates Report – Ann Wallace: AKC has issued an invitation to participate in the first AKC All-Breed Dog Shows held outside the United States. In collaboration with the Federación Canófila Mexicana, FCM, there will be shows held in Mexico City, November 12-15, 2026. AKC points and awards will be awarded at that show.

An AKC Breeder Focus Committee has been formed with the intention and deep respect for the people who sustain the AKC, the breeders. The committee's focus is ways to support breeders. "Breeders are not adjacent to our mission. They are central to it, and we need breeders to help drive the registry." The committee will serve as a consultative body focused on issues related to breeding, litter, and puppy registration. It will identify concerns, examine trends, and develop thoughtful recommendations to strengthen the value, accessibility, and integrity of AKC registration. It is charged with helping to build stronger, more meaningful relationships with breeders. "

To be voted on at the next Delegate meeting:
Proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 12 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. "a competitive non-regular class may not be offered by an event committee for which castration or spaying is a condition of the class." This will be voted on at the June meeting. AKC Owner Handled competition will now have levels such as Platinum, Gold, etc.

The next AKC Delegate meeting is June 8/9 in Newark, NJ.

Education – Sally Kepfer: The Spring Schedule has been loaded to the website. Lisa Trippett is going to add another scent work class to Wednesday, plus an introduction to rally and obedience. Joanne Silver is going to start teaching Puppy and Family Dog on Wednesday evenings.

Legislative – Joanne Silver: Nothing new to report. Legislative issues on the Farm Bill were sent out to all members.

Membership – Miriam Pomilio

Current Membership – 113 Members.

New Member Applications – Erica Noseworthy was voted in at the April General Meeting.

New applications received, Marc and Michele Land. Marc and Michele have been active members in the past.

4 members were voted in at tonight's meeting. Motions made to accept as followed. All motions passed.
Theresa Pitts – Linda S made a motion to accept, Kim M seconded.

Susan Miller – Kim M made a motion to accept, Pam J seconded.
Andrea Straw – Linda S made a motion to accept, Kim M seconded.
Gail Witten – Linda S made a motion to accept, Ann W seconded.

Obedience/Rally – Sally Kepfer: The next trials are September 4 – 6, 2026. The premium is available. We made a change to the premium. Karen Tucker will be judging everything but Novice and Beginner Novice on Saturday. These classes will be judged by Annette Flippen, a provisional judge that needs to be reviewed by Linda Morris to become an official judge. Karen will be judging 50 dogs on Saturday, with Annette judging 20.

Profit on the March trials was $3,684.56.

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.

Denise Jester will be co-chair in October 2027 with Marian, since Marian will be at her national during the trial.

The March Scent Work trial, held at the building, resulted in a profit of $5,586.88

Standing Rules – Joann Beavers: October is the next time for proposed changes.

Sunshine – Kathy Beisner: (For the period 4/3/26 – 5/26/26)

Linda Morris – a sympathy card was sent to her on 4/8 for the passing of her Mother, Barbara Hotton Furbush, (SMKC Member).

Erica Noseworthy – a sympathy card was sent to her on 4/9 for the passing of her dog, Greta.

Kim Carney – a sympathy card was sent to her on 4/27 for the passing of her husband, Dave. A memorial donation was also sent to the ALS United Mid-Atlantic.

Family – a sympathy card was sent "To the Family of Jeannine Dennis" on 4/27 for the passing of Jeannine, (SMKC Member).

Jennie Mitchell – a sympathy card was sent to her on 5/17 for the passing of her dog, Pebbles.

Joanne Silver – a get well card was sent on 5/23 for the illness of her dog, Bob.

Website – Renee' Morris: Please let Renee' know if anyone sees anything that needs to be updated. The TKC website is up to date with the Spring 2026 class schedule, along with upcoming trials.

Old Business:

OFA Eye Clinic (formerly CERF but now CAER) – August 23, 2026 (Joann Beaver) Cost is $60 per dog.

Memorial Plaque (Shirley Bigelow): The plaque has been updated.

New Business: It was brought up by Joann Tolson about the need for a copier in the building. It was determined that at this time, one was not needed.

We discussed a light being installed in the kitchen. Linda S will take care of this.

Next General Meeting: August 3, 2026 (7pm)

Adjournment: A motion was made by Kim M, seconded by Beth P to adjourn the meeting at 7:59.