

CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 19, 2014

<u>In Attendance</u>: Linda & John Morris, Marissa D'Andrea, John Smayda, Marisa Fowler, Joan Toepke, Valerie Mendizabal.

President: The meeting was called to order by President Linda Morris at 7:13 pm.

Corresponding Secretary:

No Report

Treasurer:

 Current account balances are as follows: The Main general checking account has \$18,643.86, Health \$3,471.31, and Rescue has \$6,303.98. The total of all CVVC accounts are \$28,419.15.

Recording Secretary:

 A motion was made to accept the minutes as written from the January 05, 2014 Board & General Membership meeting. The motion was made by Marisa Fowler, the motion was seconded by Joan Toepke and it was passed unanimously by the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rescue:

- Update: The rescue Lucy is back with Bill and Kathy again after the family she was placed
 with let her lose with another dog, there was food involved and a fight ensued. Stephanie
 Fisher is still involved with the case. Although Lucy is not officially in the CVVC program
 Marisa has put time into assisting the foster family.
- Marisa Fowler and Jasmine Kovacs are going to evaluate a potential rescue candidate on Sunday. It is an older female dog that is approximately 10 years old. The owner has a job transfer and is unable to bring the dog. Marisa has been in contact with a family that is ready to take her and they have owned Vizslas in the past.

Hunt:

The date for the 2014's Hunt Test is scheduled for the last weekend of June 28th & 29th.

Field:

• The date for the 2014's Field Trial is scheduled for May 16-17, 2014.



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Health:

John Smayda provided the board with material from an owner survey (please note: that
this was not a controlled research study) conducted by Christine Zink DVM PhD that was
published in the 2/1/2014 issue of JAVMA "Journal of the American Veterinary Medical
Association". It was a survey on the "Evaluation of the risk and age of onset of cancer and
behavioral disorders in gonadectomized Vizslas."

Conformation:

 Joan Toepke was notified that there would be no Pioneer Valley Kennel Club show in Greenfield, MA in August. CVVC will need to find another supported entry venue.

Newsletter:

No Report.

Membership:

No new perspective members reported.

Merchandise:

No report.

Fun Day:

- The Spring Fun Day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Tails-U-Win on Adams Street in Manchester, CT.
- A Flyer for the Fun Day has been created to be posted online as well as sent out to the membership. The flyer includes information about the morning event, an application, the entry fees, a schedule of events for the day and a choice of events for the afternoon.
- A Fun Day budget was presented to the board for approval. The motion was made by
 Marisa Fowler to accept the Fun Day budget, the motion was seconded by Val Mendizabal
 and it was passed unanimously by the board.

Old Business:

- Bylaw changes: Linda Morris will be contacting the AKC to get explanation on the exact meaning of the AKC's specified wording of a section of the Constitution pertaining to how the CVVC monies are handled. Once clarified, CVVC can finalize changes and the Bylaws can be resubmitted to AKC for final approval.
- Paypal: set up is complete and ready for a test run. We still need a volunteer to handle the
 Paypal account for the club. John Smayda offered assistance if needed because he has
 had experience with setting up Paypal. Once the issues are worked out, it was suggested
 that Jasmine put a link on the website so Paypal can be used to pay for a sample item as a
 test run.



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 The Connecticut Dog Federation is asking for additional information before the CVVC can be accepted into the program. Linda Morris has been working to gather the additional information and submit it to them.

New Business:

- Membership Dues: Changing the layout of the membership renewal form to clarify selections was suggested. There was a discussion on increasing the dues for 2014/2015 renewal period.
- Marisa Fowler suggested there be a time limit (suggested limiting the commitment to no more than two years) for any Chair Position held on the Standing Committees. More discussion to come.

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, March 10, 2014: CVVC General Membership Meeting, Bertucci's, Newington, CT
- Saturday, March 22, 2014: CVVC Spring Fun Day at Tails-U-Win, Manchester, CT.
- Wednesday, April 16, 2014: CVVC Board Meeting, Location TBD
- Friday Sunday, May 16-18, 2014: CVVC Field Trial, Flaherty Field, E Windsor, CT
- Saturday/Sunday, June 28/29, 2014: CVVC Hunt Test, Flaherty Field, E Windsor, CT

Joan Toepke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marissa D'Andrea seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Effective: June 8, 2013

CVVC OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Linda Morris VICE PRESIDENT: Sandy Jacobus TREASURER: Valerie Mendizabal

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marissa D'Andrea
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Kim Himmelfarb

CVVC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Marisa Fowler
Ida Kavafian
John Smayda
Joan Toepke
Amanda Tortora

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

RESCUE: Marisa Fowler or Amanda Tortora
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Debra Loomis
HEALTH ISSUES: John Smayda
NEWSLETTER/PUBLICATIONS: Jasmine Kovacs

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BREEDER REFERRAL: Linda Morris WEBMASTER: Jasmine Kovacs HUNT TEST: John Morris FIELD TRIAL: Audra Jaconetti FUN DAY: Sandy Jacobus

Minutes Submitted by: Marissa D'Andrea, Recording Secretary

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