

**CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB**

**BOARD MINUTES, 08/16/2016**

**General meeting**

 **In Attendance:** Kim Markey, Linda Morris, John Morris, Sandra Jacobus, Andrew Campbell, Cory Roy, Kim Himmelfarb, John Smayda, Marisa Fowler, Deb Loomis, Rich Loomis

**President:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45.

**Recording Secretary:** There was a correction to the May minutes--a paragraph about the Field Trial was inadvertently carried forward from the previous month and needs to be deleted. Kim Himmelfarb made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; the motion was seconded by Kim Markey and passed.

**Corresponding Secretary:** A note from Greenwich Kennel Club Specialty judge Pam Landry was read aloud by Sandy Jacobus. Sandy also reported sending a gift card to Jennifer Stern to thank her for working with the club logo for our new merchandise company. CVVC also sent a sympathy card to Christopher and Christine Arnone after the passing of their dog, Ginger. Joan Toepke sent Sandy a set of sympathy cards that she created for use by CVVC.

**Treasurer:** Current balances as of 8/15/2016 are as follows: Checking: $14,793.30 Health: $4231.31 Rescue: $8,204.23. Anyone who wants to see a complete treasurer’s report can contact Kim Markey at the following address: CVVCTreasurer@gmail.com

***Committee Reports:***

**Rescue:** Rescue placeda dog named Otto in a home and the family was informed that he had behavioral issues.

**Hunting Test**. CVVC’s Fall Hunting Tests will take place on November 19th. We are holding a Double-Header this year with both tests on the same day--one in the AM and one in the PM. The Southern New England Brittany Club will be holding their Double-Header on that following Sunday. John M. is working on the judging panel and Linda will be putting the premium together during the next couple of weeks.

**Field Trial:** Andrew reported that the Flaherty summer meeting was held in July. There was a workday held with good representation from our club. Thanks to Dick Frawley, Cory Roy and Andrew Campbell for volunteering. The CVVC Walking Trial will be held on December 10th and 11th. The AKC has approved everything and half the judging panel is in place.

**Health:** John Smayda provided some health links that should be of interest to all:

Transmitted Through Water, This Disease Is A Silent Killer Of Dogs And Can Infect Humans Too [http://www.reshareworthy.com/leptospirosis-infects-dogs/](http://www.reshareworthy.com/leptospirosis-infects-dogs/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

Want to know the best way to stop a dog fight? Just click here: [https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/canine-corner/201606/what-is-the-best-way-stop-dog-fight](https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/canine-corner/201606/what-is-the-best-way-stop-dog-fight%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

Interesting facts you might not know about your favorite 4-legged friend:

 [http://www.akc.org/akc-dog-lovers/7-things-you-didnt-know-about-the-vizsla/?utm\_source=FB keywee&utm\_medium=Social&utm\_campaign=Things\_didnt\_know\_vizsla&kwp\_0=175120](http://www.akc.org/akc-dog-lovers/7-things-you-didnt-know-about-the-vizsla/?utm_source=FB-keywee&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=Things_didnt_know_vizsla&kwp_0=175120" \t "_blank)

**Conformation:** Our Spring Specialty at the Greenwich Kennel Club went well, despite a downpour during hospitality. There was a discussion about trophy costs in relation to trophy donations.

**Newsletter:** The winter newsletter is due to be out in the next week, it is currently being edited.

**Membership**: Deb Loomis received a new member application Kristen Marsello. Her name will come before the club next month to be voted in as a member. Deb will be sending one more reminder about dues to all members.

**Merchandise:**  There continue to be some problems with the quality of the logo on items embroidered by Queensboro. There are a few items available for purchase at this time. If anyone is interested in making a purchase, please contact Sandy Jacobus. srjac@att.net Sandy is working to add an ordering link to our web page.

**Fun Days:**  CVVC will be paying the Flaherty Association fee for the Fun Day that did not take place due to our date being the same day as the Greenwich Kennel Club Specialty.

***Old Business:***

1. Discussion continued on our tax status. Kim M. will be looking into the progress of our 501-C7 tax status. She will check with Elise Wright to see if the VCA might pay our expenses for this.
2. CVVC will be purchasing an ad to support the VCA National Field Trial. Kim M made a motion that we donate $155.00; $55.00 for an ad and $100.00 as a donation in support of the event. Sandy J. seconded the motion; all voted in favor.
3. The CVVC 2017 Calendar committee received over 150 puppy photos for consideration!!!  Photos that are not selected for this year’s calendar will be saved for consideration for our 2018 calendar.  Thank you to all who submitted photos in order to make this project a success for our club.
4. John S. is working on the web page. He would like all items by the third Wednesday of each month so he can make the changes. New photos are always a welcome addition.
5. Newsletter: John has been working on putting information together in preparation for getting the newsletter to the membership. We are searching for someone to take over this project. Anyone with computer skills who would like to become editor of Vizsla Tales or assist John with working on the newsletter, please let him know. jsmayda@gmail.com
6. Web Page fees have been paid for the next six months.
7. Kim Markey set up a new PayPal account that is linked to CVVC’s checking account. This will allow members to pay dues through their PayPal accounts. The hope is that, In the near future, members will also be able to purchase merchandise and calendars and pay for entries to Hunting Tests and Field Trials. She is also is getting information about opening a debit card in the name of the treasurer and CVVC to aid with club purchases. In addition, CVVC is looking for an automated solution to process for trophy donations for 2017.

***New Business:***

1. Andrew Campbell discussed the requirements for dogs/bitches that are entered in the Hunting Dog class at Specialties. He and Cory will be submitting information so the Conformation Committee might consider changing the requirements to attract more entries.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Morris and seconded by Cory Roy. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

**Upcoming Events:**

***September 13th, 2016:*** CVVC General meeting at Sofia’s Restaurant in East Windsor, 136 Prospect Hill Rd, East Windsor, CT ·  Dinner at 6:30; meeting to begin at 7 PM

***October 18th, 2016:*** CVVC Board and General meeting Place To Be Announced

***November 15th, 2016:*** CVVC Board meeting; time and place TBA

***November 18th, 2016:*** CVVC Double-Header Hunting Test to be held at Flaherty Field. Information will be forwarded to all members

***December 10th-11th, 2016:*** CVVC’s Walking Field Trial to be held at Flaherty Field. Information will be forwarded to all members