

**CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB**

**Board Meeting, 05/17/2016**

**Board meeting**

**In Attendance:** Kim Himmelfarb, Kim Karkut, John Smayda, Linda Morris, Dick Frawley, Kim Markey, John Morris.

**President:** John Smayda called the meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

**Recording Secretary:** Dick Frawley made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded; Kim Karkut 2nd, the motion was passed.

**Corresponding Secretary:**  No report.

**Treasurer:** Current balances are as follows: **General Fund** - $17,651.79; **Health Fund**: $4,231.31; **Rescue Fund** - $8204.23. **Deposits:** Hunt Tests (April)-$1,111.00; Field Trial (April)-$5,683.00; Total: $6794.00. Expenses paid: **$1,584.00**. **Expenses paid:** Fun Day - $21.98 Hun Test (April 2016) - $724.25Field Trial (April 2016) – $5937.70; **Checks outstanding:** 2341 Hunt Tests Bristol Fish & Game (grounds)- $50.00; 2338 Field Trial - AKC Recording Fees (109 dogs) $381.50 Total: $431.50 Reconciling Reports: Hunt Test April 2016: $253.70 Field Trial (April 2016) Cost to Club: $769.45.

***Committee Reports:***

**Rescue:**  There are no dogs in rescue.

**Hunting Test:** Despite low entries, the test was successful. There was some discussion about ways to increase the number of entries for next year.

**Field Trial:** We currently have 118entries. The trial is being held April 21-24 dinner will be held every night and members are encouraged to come and watch the events and take an opportunity to be mentored. We welcome all to buy raffle tickets to help support the event and to for and enjoy the dinners.

**Health*:*** A new study by neuroscientist Gregory Berns at Emory University supports positive behavior training in dogs. Dr. Berns used MRI scans of dog’s brains to determine what part of the brain is affected by shock versus positive reinforcement. A link to the article can be found here:

<https://pethelpful.com/dogs/A-New-Study-May-Forever-Change-the-Way-We-Train-Our-Dogs>

**Conformation:** Our summer Specialty at Greenwich and Supported Entry at Longshore is coming up on June 11 & 12. Entries close Wednesday, May 25th. Be sure to get your entries submitted if you intend to be there! As in the past two years, both shows will be at the same location in Norwalk, at Taylor Farm Park in Norwalk.

For Greenwich, our Sweeps judge is Dot Romano and regular judge is Pam Lambie. For Longshore, our Sweeps judge is Rich Black and regular judge is Anne Yuhasz. The Conformation Committee selected all these judges.

Trophies have been ordered for both shows. Greenwich will feature stained glass ribbons in appropriate colors for each prize, and Longshore will be a combination of embroidered beds for the top prizes and photo frames for the rest.

As always, help will be needed for hospitality. John S. will be contacting a few board members to see if they would be willing to assist. More information about these shows can be found on our Facebook page.

**Newsletter:** John is working on getting the CVVC newsletter, Vizsla Tales, out by the end of June. He would like all pictures, ads, articles and other items that might be of interest to club members to be submitted to him by the 3rd week of the month. We are still looking for someone to take it over long term.

**Membership**: Kim Karkut made a motion to accept Daniel Casey as a new member of CVVC. Linda Morris seconded the motion and it was passed. Welcome, Daniel!

**Merchandise:** Progress has been made getting our logo re-digitized for Queensboro, our new merchandising company. Marisa had Jennifer Stern-Hasemann, a friend of hers, re-do the logo and will work with Queensboro to get things completed. Kim Himmelfarb made a motion that CVVC get a $25 gift card to thank the friend for her work. Kim Karkut seconded the motion and it was passed.

**Fun Days:** Unfortunately, due to the Leap Year, the dates drawn for the Fun Day are the same as our Greenwich Kennel Club Specialty. Marisa still intends to hold the event--she is working with Rich Murphy of Flaherty to get dates so we can hold it. Information will be forthcoming.

W**eb Site:** The webmaster is doing a good job for us, getting items up in a timely manner. Kim Karkut made a motion that CVVC pay $300 for her to continue for the next 6 months. Things can be added daily if necessary--please contact John Smayda if you need something added to the web site.

***Old Business:***

1. John spoke with Ed Naval about moving our tax-exempt status forward. They are planning to get together to discuss the forms needed and ideas to complete this process.
2. Development Committee - A small group will be formed to brainstorm ideas for club development.

***New Business:***

1. CVVC’s slate for 2016-17 is as follows:
   1. President: John Smayda
   2. Vice President: Marisa Fowler
   3. Recording Secretary: Linda Morris
   4. Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Jacobus
   5. Treasurer: Kim Markey
   6. Board of Directors: Cory Roy, Andrew Campbell, Kim Himmelfarb, Kim Karkut, Matt Ensero.
2. The subject of guest speakers came up and Sandy is going to research getting a speaker to discuss different dog foods.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kim Karkut; Linda Morris 2nd the motion, all were in favor and meeting was adjourned 8:39 pm

**Upcoming Events:**

***June 11th and 12th: CVVC*** Greenwich Kennel Club and Longshore Kennel Club Specialties to be held at Taylor Farm Part in Norwalk. Entries close May 25th. Everyone is invited to join us for what is always a wonderful day.

Our next meeting will take place at the Greenwich KC show.