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From TCVESSA's President-

With the arrival of spring my husband and I have worked many hours planting, weeding and pruning in our large vegetable garden. Now, with summer in full force, the benefits of all of our hard work and labor are paying off. We have to our use lettuce, spinach, zucchini, peas, well, I think you get the picture. So it is with any organization, the leadership has the responsibility to "weed" out what's not working, and "plant" those ideas and programs that would benefit the majority of the members. The TCVESSA board has been looking again at our mission statement, followed with principles and goals of how we want to achieve the mission statement. The purpose in doing this will be to evaluate what we are doing in line with the mission statement of the club.

A clear mission statement will also help with one of my primary criticisms of charitable organizations; they don't always understand the bigger picture of keeping their organization healthy. With many ideas and suggestions placed in front of them, clubs go from one thing to another, keeping the "calendar" busy, but often not meeting the needs for the majority of the members. Like our vegetable garden, which is now yielding an abundance of crops, so is my hope for TCVESSA that once we have weeded and pruned what's not necessary, we will produce ideas and events that will benefit many and get people excited about helping with our wonderful organization. Don't misunderstand me; we have done a lot of amazing things in the past with limited financial and human resources, but as always, there is room for evaluation, change and growth.

Looking ahead here is a brief view of what we do have planned for TCVESSA'S calendar:

July 25th TCVESSA Board meeting, 6:30 Byerly's in Maple Grove
August 15th TCVESSA Board meeting, 6:30 Byerly's in Maple Grove
August 23 & 24 TCVESSA Specialty show, Washington County Fairgrounds
September 29-October 7 ESSFTA National show
November 10 & 11 Reproduction seminar

2008

February 2 & 3 Patricia McConnell & Steve White seminar
February 9 Annual Banquet and membership meeting.

Until next time, stay cool!

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TCVESSA Board Meeting 04/18/07

- ✎ Email was approved for sending board business items
- ✎ By-law Committee meeting scheduled for 04/28/07
- ✎ Board Members and then club members will be able to volunteer to help with the November reproductive seminar and will get a discount on the fee for their efforts
- ✎ The club will rent two RV spaces near our specialty building. B.A. Breese is paying for 60.00 of the cost and the club will pay the remainder.
- ✎ Membership- First reading approved for Kandi Bierle, second reading and membership approvals for Kay Esler, Vicki Larson, Ivan and Julie Silverman and Heather Rand.
- ✎ The Membership Chair will assume the duties of welcoming new members.
- ✎ WD Test- Shirley Harford will talk to MHSA and see if we can coordinate a joint WD test.
- ✎ VOX- The VOX will continue to be postal mailed to all club members.
- ✎ A "Springer Day" was proposed by Julie Roberts. It would include various events and activities. The proposed date is 10/20/07.



Club Member Brags and Results

DarTek Ilean's Black Pearl of Chyna."Chyna"
Owners Barb DiGiovanni & Tekla Viker
3/4/07****Tracking Dog Title**** TD
3/23/07 DFWESSA Specialty.WB 5 pts....

DarTek's Ilean Endeavor..."Trevor" ...
Owners Tekla Viker & Barb DiGiovanni
2/24/07 GLESSBA...Sweepstakes...BOS
3/24/07 Fort Worth K.C WD

Pine Bend Show Off CD NA NAP OJP RE
"Belle"
Owned & Handled by Kay Esler
3/10/07 WCKC Rally Trial-Rally Ex B 3rd
place-2nd leg
4/26/07 SPDTC Rally Trial-Rally Ex B 3rd leg
Rally Excellent Title Completed

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A/C Intl CH Cymbeline's Anticipation JH CD
RN "Karli"
Owner/handler Karen Larson
5/11/07 Cambridge MN KC Rally Trial
Rally novice leg- 3rd place
Rally Novice Title Completed

Intl CH Dansen's Miss Congeniality "Mariah"
Owner Karen Larson
Fargo-Moorhead KC
WB/BOW- 3 point major
AKC Championship Finished

Tagalong N Shamrock Irish Eyes "Sully"
Owners: Cyndi Myhre and Sarah Kraft
1/20/07 WD BOW 3pt major Des Moines, IA
2/23/07 RWD to a 4pt major Blackhawk KC,
Chicago, IL
3/31/07 WD 3pt major Indianhead KC, Eau
Claire, WI
5/6/07 WD 5pt major WESSA Specialty

Fox Hollow Brand New Day NA NAJ WD
"Kiera"
Owner/handler Ann Sunderman
5/27/07-1st leg AKC Junior Hunter title
7/15/07- Duluth KC WB/BOS

Fox Hollow Shamrock Front Page News
"Page"

Owners: Cyndi & Gary Myhre, Ann
Sunderman, Jessica Hanson
3/31/07 WB/ BOW 3pt major Indianhead KC,
Eau Claire, WI
6/23/07- MHSA Working Dog Test
WD Title earned
6/30/07- WB/BOS Sioux Valley KC- 3 pt. major
AKC Championship Finished

Ch. Cedarwood's Ain't Misbehavin "Billie"-
Owners Pat Welch & Jack Filipek
Handler Brenda Filipek
6/9/07 WB/BOW Lake Minnetonka. KC
AKC Championship Finished

BISS A/C Ch. Sprucehaven Under Time
RA NA NAJ NAP NJP "Charlie"
Owned by B.A. Breese and Mary Frisch
4/28/07 – Heart of Iowa K.C. - Group 3
5/6/07 – WESSA Specialty - BOB
5/26/07 – Corn Belt K.C. - Group 4
6/1/07 – Fargo/Moorhead K.C. – Group 2
6/2/07 – Fargo/Moorhead K.C. – Group 4
6/29/07 - Champaign Illinois KC Urbana, IL –
Group 1
7/1/07 – Mattoon KC Urbana, IL – Group 3

Delstyl's Aspen Full Reflection "Hunter"
Owned by Liz Pike and Carol Hathaway
Handler Sherry Richardson
Cambridge MN KC
6/21/07 - WD
6/22/07 – WD/BOW/BOB
Sioux Valley KC, Vermillion, SH
6/30/07-WD/BOW/BOB
7/1/07-WD/BOS

Intl CH Fox Hollow So Much to Say "Rory"
Owner/handler Ann Sunderman
6/2/07- Fargo-Moorhead KC- WD
6/3/07- Fargo-Moorhead KC- WD/BOW-major
6/23/07- MSHA Working Dog Test
WD Title Earned
7/14/07- Duluth KC- WD
7/15/07- Duluth KC- WD/BOW
*** AKC Championship Finished***

PRA DNA test and DNA Bank-

“The DNA Bank should include broad representation from field dogs, show dogs, pets, and companion hunting Springers. The broader and deeper the DNA Bank is, the better equipped our research team is -- there are other research projects down the road and other discoveries yet to be made about PRA and other eye diseases, too. Spread the word and "bank" DNA. This is about the research value of the DNA Bank, more than it's about one particular test or result.” – Francie Nelson

I think that most everyone in the “Springer World” has heard about the new PRA test offered by the University of Missouri. If not, there is information at www.caninegeneticdiseases.net. The test identifies the gene in the ESS that increases the likelihood of a dog being PRA affected.

Despite the fact that our culture wants everything right NOW, there is no “quick fix” for this. As with any other breeding endeavor, there are no black and white answers. It took us generations upon generations to get to where we are today with our gene pool. It’s going to take us several generations to improve our ratio of PRA affecteds and carriers to PRA clears.

We don’t have all the answers yet. We’re not even close. The PRA test is just the tip of the iceberg. Please continue to support the ESSFTA Foundation and keep banking those dogs!



From the Specialty Show Chairperson Re: Parking at the show site

Washington County Fairgrounds will be towing all vehicles parked in prohibited areas (for example, in front of and around our building) without exception. In the past, towing has been threatened but has not been enforced. Multiple towing services have been hired for this year's shows and a portion of the towing fees will go to canine rescue organizations. There is an incentive to tow and fine, and there will be resources to do that. Please be aware and be considerate.

This year auto parking at the Fairgrounds will be in the "Bean Field" across the road, not the field that is more convenient to the buildings (and frequently under water). That field is under construction. We can hope that they are installing drain tiles.



Specialty Shows Judging Panel Changes

Due to unexpected scheduling conflicts we have had to make changes in our judging assignments. Here is our updated judging panel:

Thursday August 23

Laurent Pichard - Regular classes, Best Puppy Awards of Merit

Susan Bosshart - Sweepstakes and Junior Showmanship

Friday August 24

Patricia Robinson - Regular classes, Best Puppy, Awards of Merit

Sarah Munoz - Sweepstakes

Darryl Cooper - Junior Showmanship

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused and appreciate your understanding.

Maryevelyn Monty

Specialty Show Chair



May 23, 2007 Board Meeting Summary

Maryevelyn Monty has resigned as treasurer and B.A. Breese has accepted the position. B.A. reported that there is \$9061.35 in the account

Kris Radermacher reported that the by-law committee uncovered that the revisions done in 2004 were never submitted to AKC; therefore the committee will have to start from scratch.

Education committee: The reproductive seminar brochure is on the web site. The seminar with Patricia McConnell is in the final stages of planning. A grooming seminar is being planned for March of 2009 possibly.

Maryevelyn Monty is looking for a volunteer to assist her for next year's specialty shows. Shirley Harford did the 2nd reading for Kandi Bierle. Membership approved.

Shirley Harford talked to MHSa and it's too late to join them for their working dog test.

Cyndi Myhre will check alternate site locations for our own Working Dog test.

The board tabled the Springer Expo plan for the time being. It was discussed that a possible grooming seminar/Springer Expo might be considered.

Francie Nelson volunteered to put together a rough draft of a club mission statement for the board to consider.



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2007 ESSFTA National Basket

The ESSFTA National Specialty show is just months away. The Parent club is asking local clubs to once again sponsor a club basket to be donated at the Silent Auction. Cyndi Myhre has agreed to head up this project for TCVESSA and will transport our basket to the National. Francie Nelson has graciously donated a large minnow bucket to use as the main part of the basket. Here's how you can help! We need Minnesota items to fill the minnow bucket. Please contact Cyndi at shamrockess@msn.com to donate items or money to buy items.

National Derby Hat Contest

Another fun contest at the National this year will be the "Derby Hat" contest. If you are interested in helping Cyndi with the making of a Minnesota Derby Hat please contact her at the above email address. We need everyone's help with these projects so put your thinking caps on and let's put together a basket and hat TCVESSA can be proud of!