



From TCVESSA's President: Francie Nelson

It's Specialties time!! The premium list is out, the trophies and ribbons are ordered – and, hopefully, we won't have a snow storm during the specialty weekend, but . . . who knows??!! I hope everybody comes out to show, watch, and work! This is our first year of the expanded obedience/rally events – two obedience trials and two rally trials each day – plus, of course, our lovely Minnesota and Upper Midwest show Springers to be appreciated and admired. Hope to see all of you on May 18 and May 19 for two great days celebrating TCVESSA and our Springers.

There's much to do in preparation, and there are always last-minute tasks on show days. If you have time on Friday May 17 to help set up, or time to lend a hand on Saturday or Sunday, please get in touch with Liz Pike.

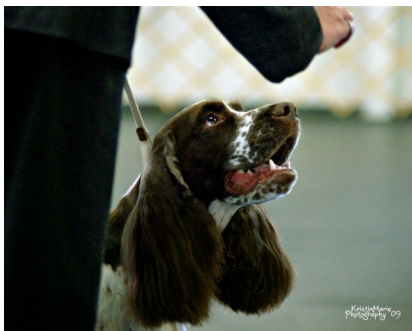
If you haven't yet made a donation to our Trophy Fund, be sure to do so. No contribution is too small (or too large!) and we really need your help and support.

In June we look forward to another agility weekend! The June trials will be, once again, under the banner of the ESSFTA (national Parent Club) and we really appreciate the support we've received from them. The great news is that we are now approved – as a club – to hold agility events and will be doing so “on our own” in October 2013 and January 2014 and beyond!! The club owes special thanks to all the TCVESSA board members who have applied such incredible energy and passion to making this happen. THANK YOU!!

I'm really looking forward to greeting all our members – long time and new – at the May specialties. Ours is a special group of people!

Speaking of special people and unique, wonderful Springers, I'd like to add a deeply personal word . . . I want to thank my TCVESSA friends for the kindness and comfort you've shown since I lost Felon in late March. I'm not sure I'll ever stop missing him, and I want each of you to know how much your notes, Facebook posts, cards, e-mails, calls, and hugs have meant to me. **Thank you.**

“No stone rests over where he lies. It is on my heart that his life is engraved.” – John Galsworthy, “Memories”



The Results Are In



Below is a condensed list of the Award Winners that were announced at our Annual Awards Banquet that was held Sat, March 9 at the Medina Entertainment Center.

As a group, TCVESSA members earned a total of 68 titles. 22 Agility, 22 Obedience, 11 Rally, 7 Champions, 3 Grand Champions and 3 Canine Good Citizen.

Please check the TCVESSA Website for the entire program from the evening.

Best of Breed Springer of the Year

GCH Delstay's Aspen Full Reflection—"Hunter"
Elizabeth Pike & Carol Hathaway

Best of Opposite Springer of the Year

CH Eldamar's Catch the Spirit—"Morgan"
Julie Roberts

Owner Handled Springer of the Year

CH Spellbound's First Half Stache—"Stache"
Courtney Hansen

GCH Springbrook's Lost in Magic—Sawyer
Becky Hoskins

Obedience Springer of the Year

Jon Pidde & Benson

Novice Springer of the Year

Sheila Koon & Reesan

Open Springer of the Year

Krista Trempe & Jasper

Utility Excellent Springer of the Year

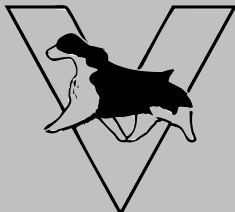
Jon Pidde & Benson

Ambassador Award

Shirley Harford & Forest

Courtney Hansen & Charm, Booker, Amelia & Alice

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Rally Springer of the Year

Kathy Patregnani & Splash

Rally Novice Springer of the Year

Tekla Viker & Bliss

Rally Advanced Springer of the Year

Karin Anderson & Tuula

Rally Excellent Springer of the Year

Diane Slais & Skye

Rally Advanced/Excellent Springer of the Year

Kathy Patregnani & Splash

Agility Springer of the Year

Kathy Patregnani & Splash

Novice Agility Springer of the Year

Tekla Viker & Bliss

Open Agility Springer of the Year

Sheila Koon & Reesan

Excellent A Agility Springer of the Year

Julie & Tim Damgaard & Wrigley

Excellent B Agility Springer of the Year

Kathy Patregnani & Splash

Performance Championships

Kathy Patregnani & Sizzle—MACH

Kathy Patregnani & Splash—MACH2

TOP Award Winner

Jon Pidde & Benson

Added to the Club Versatility Trophy Plaque

Kathy Patregnani & Sizzle

GOLD Star Appreciation Award

Kathy Raidt

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TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2013

Officers present: Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, B.A Breese, Treasurer, and Kathy Raidt, Secretary

Directors present: Liz Pike, Maryevelyn Monty, Carmen Laing, Kathy Patregnani, and Jon Pidde

Members present: Courtney Hanson

The meeting via teleconference was called to order at 6:36 PM by Francie Nelson.

Secretary's report: The notes, from the January 14, 2013, Board meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded, and approved.

A second reading for a new membership application for Debbie and Dale May was heard. A motion to accept their membership application was made, seconded, and approved.

A letter from the AKC where they have approved our club for agility events was read. Kathy Patregnani will call the AKC to clarify a point.

Treasurer's report: It was reported that an amount of \$4,267.07 was in the club's account. We profited \$65.00 from the A-Agility match held in January at On the Run Canine Center in Ham Lake, MN.

Specialty: : Liz Pike reported that she is still waiting on a couple of approvals from the AKC. Lori Ericson will be our photographer for the Specialty. Steve Deinard requested that he be released from his contract to judge in 2014, because he will be judging at National. It was moved to release him from the contract, seconded, and approved. Liz has not received a response regarding electrical and catering.

Banquet: Carmen Laing reported that the Annual Banquet has received reservations for 22 people so far. Francie will create a reminder for the club's members.

Agility: Kathy Patregnani reported that the A-Agility Match in January was a success. She would like to order ribbons for the June Agility trial so she will order them and bill the club. 300 Q ribbons and combined New Title and Double Q ribbons will total approximately \$500.00. There was a consensus among the board members to purchase these ribbons. We have to split the income from this trial with the AKC, 50/50, but this is the last time we have to split the proceeds with them.

The 2014 Agility match is scheduled for May 30, 31, and June 1, 2014.

Kathy Patregnani proposed to submit paperwork to the AKC for a trial in October 2013 which would be \$300.00. There isn't a provisional judge available, though. She knows of a local judge who would give us a discount for \$125.00 for 110 runs on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There was a consensus from the board members to accept this proposition.

Kathy Patregnani proposed another agility trial in January 2014 for the 24th, 25th, and 26th. St Paul Training Center is available and a local judge is available.

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Francie Nelson broached the subject of our club's budget. We have \$4267.07 before the Specialty in May and we hope to profit \$2,000 in June from the Agility trial. Liz Pike will give us an estimate for the specialties' up-front costs.

Kathy Patregnani will send Liz an estimate for the trophies for the Specialty.

Trophy Fund: Maryevelyn Monty reported that this fund currently has \$480.00. Dog beds, towels, toys and dog treats will be offered as trophies. Liz Pike will bring a gift basket to be used as a raffle to support the Trophy Fund at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Kathy Patregnani will talk with Jean Dockendorf to ascertain the cost of ribbons for the Specialty.

Annual Awards: The awards totaled about \$700.00 last year. There was a discussion concerning how to manage this expense, with the decision that the awards should, as usual, be given at the banquet.

Francie requested that when we identify costs between now and the Specialty, please let her and BA Breese know in advance. No major expenses will be made without approval.

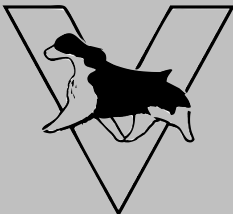
New Business: Jon Pidde proposed that the club apply to hold an agility trial in 2014 on January 24th, 25th, and 26th. Initially it was postponed because of the cost to apply but later, the board members agreed to apply since other clubs were applying for agility events and there were few open week-ends available in 2014.

Sunshine Coordinator: Maryevelyn Monty sent sympathy cards to family members of Agnes Willms, a long time TCVESSA member.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2013, at Byerly's in Maple Grove in the open area restaurant. The following meeting devoted to the Specialty will be held at Liz Pike's home on Sunday, April 28, 2013, at 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathy Raidt
TCVESSA Secretary



TCVESSA General Membership Meeting: March 9, 2013

Officers Present: B.A Breese, Treasurer, Kathy Raidt, Secretary

Directors Present: Carmen Laing, Maryevelyn Monty, Liz Westring, Jon Pidde

32 members were present, comprising a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by board member Liz Westring in the absence of the president and vice president.

The reading of the minutes from the October General Meeting was waived by motion made, seconded, and approved.

The nominated slate of officers and directors for the 2013/14 year was presented. It was noted that there were no additional nominations. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to elect the following officers and directors:

Officers

Francie Nelson, President

Julie Roberts, Vice President

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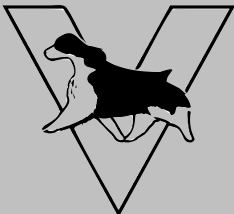
Courtney Hansen

Kathy Patregnani

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryevelyn Monty, Secretary



WINS & BRAGS**Briarton Heaven Sent Rendition
"Macie"****Owned by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen**MKC Rally Trial

Feb 23 Novice B Score 100 1st leg & 2nd place

**CH Rosebud's Lion Heart
"Leo"****Owned by Alice & Jim Musburger**Sunflower Classic—Kansas

April 5 BOB

April 6 BOB

April 8 BOB

Waterloo Kennel Club—Waterloo, IA

April 20 BOB & Group 4

April 21 BOB

GCH FinishedMESSAGES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**TCVESSA SPECIALTY****MAY 18 & 19, 2013****ON THE RUN****HAM LAKE, MN******PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STOP BY FRIDAY 1-4PM TO HELP WITH
SET-UP****

UPCOMING EVENT

Please mark your calendar to help ESRA celebrate 15 years of Rescue

**English Springer Rescue of America (ESRA)
15 years and 15,000 Dogs**

Sunday, July 14, 2013

Stone Mountain Pet Lodge
Blaine, MN
1-4pm

There will be snacks, a silent auction, bake sale and informational speakers.

Dogs and all family members are Welcome

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