



## From TCVESSA's President: Francie Nelson

### **An Important Message to All Members: Please Read Every Word!!**

Hello to all TCVESSA members as we trudge through another cold snap and face more predicted snow. Felon's big feet are permanently captured in ice on my patio. He flies around the snow-filled yard while I stand shivering on my back step, wrapped up like a burrito, cursing a seemingly-endless bout of wind and cold.

### **But more cheerful days are ahead for all of us, and for TCVESSA.**

Your Board of Directors met recently to discuss the club's finances and I want to give you all an update, and let you know how you can help. The cushion of a big treasury is not ours this year. It looks like we have just enough, if we conserve, to cover the costs of some major expenditures this spring. As you know, we've begun offering agility trials, and – in addition to being great fun – they will ultimately provide an important revenue stream that will help our club. This spring, though, we are going to have to be careful and cautious with our funds. So you may notice some changes – nothing that will impact the club's commitment to its membership greatly, but some things that are evidence of careful conservation of our funds. Our specialty ribbons and trophies may be a bit less glamorous (but no less meaningful); you may not receive a token gift at the banquet. Small things – but important savings.

### **As we go through this time of cautious expenditure, there are ways that members can help.**

Re-join the club if you haven't already.

Come to the March 9 banquet, and bring items for the raffle – it's great fun and a great fund raiser.

Support the rescue raffle with items, too – both Rescue and TCVESSA need your support more than ever.

Support the TCVESSA Specialty Trophy Fund. For each \$5.00 you donate to the Trophy Fund at the banquet, you'll receive a ticket to a very special and mysterious prize drawing. Liz Pike won't tell what she's up to, but I guarantee you'll want to take home the special prize she's concocting.

Volunteer. Got a special skill or interest? Share it – make your interest known to any of us on the board and we'll find a place for you, helping out at the specialties or the agility trials, or perhaps in other creative ways.

We are looking forward to improvements to our financial position as we move into the summer months and I'll keep you all informed and in the loop.

In the mean time, please contact Carmen Laing at [carmen913@msn.com](mailto:carmen913@msn.com) and tell her you're coming to the annual TCVESSA Awards Banquet on March 9! Or forms are available on the website.

Give an extra treat to your chilly Springers – yes, spring will come. It always does!

Francie



## The Deadline is Fast Approaching



### 2012 Annual Awards Banquet

" Spring~ it on!!! "

Saturday, March 9, 2013  
6:00-10:00pm

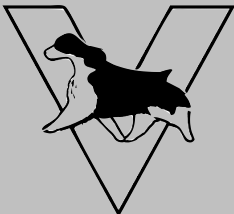
Medina Entertainment Center  
500 Highway 55  
Hamel, MN 55340

### RSVP's Due by February 28

Forms available on the TCVESSA Website

Don't forget your items for the Raffle

We are also having a Raffle to benefit Springer Rescue you are encouraged to bring items for this raffle also.



## TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes: November 12, 2012

**Officers present:** Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, and Kathy Raidt, Secretary

**Officers absent:** B.A Breese, Treasurer

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 PM by Francie Nelson.

**Secretary's report:** The notes, from the October 8, 2012, Board meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** It was reported that an amount of \$4,164.16 was in the club's account.

**Agility:** The AKC Agility trial for 2013 will be changed to October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> because On the Run Canine Training Center is not available on October 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Patregnani will change the schedule with AKC.

The A-Agility Match for January 25, 2013 will cost \$60 per hour to rent On the Run Canine Training Center from 1:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The first run will be \$7 and the second one will be \$5. The club will make \$450 with 100 runs but it will cost the club \$600 for the match.

A new Agility event is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2014 at On the Run Canine Training Center with AKC's approval.

### **Education:**

The Dr. Dodman seminar requires \$10,000 in advance so a motion was made to table this seminar. It was seconded and approved. Francie Nelson will contact Kris Bailey.

### **Specialty:**

Liz Pike updated the board on the judges. We'll have the same show secretary, Dog Shows by Design. Fees were discussed and Julie Roberts will research other local shows. Photographers, social hour, catering, electrical, and trophy discussions ensued. Jean inventoried ribbons and there are 379 ribbons or \$880 of inventory. She will conduct more research on the costs of needed ribbons. We'll recommend the same hotels as we did in 2012. We need volunteers so please contact Liz Pike.

**Banquet:** A budget and restaurant options were discussed. The board discussed whether we should continue to offer a gift for each member at the banquet, recognizing that we will have to control costs carefully this year.

### **New Business:**

Kathy Patregnani proposed a fundraiser for the Trophy Fund. Sweatshirts will be sold with the TCVESSA logo. The order form will be included in the next VOX.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 14, 2013. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathy Raidt  
TCVESSA Secretary

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

**Members present:** Jean Dockendorf

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Francie Nelson.

**Specialty:** Liz Pike gave us updates on Rally and Obedience as well as Grooming.

Jean Dockendorf reported on ribbons in stock and proposed ribbons needed for the Specialty. Kathy Patregnani and Jean will discuss what ribbons will be needed for the agility trials in the future.

**Secretary's report:** The notes, from the November 12, 2012, Board meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and approved.

A new membership application was read for the first time for Debbie and Dale May.

**Treasurer's report:** It was reported that an amount of \$4675.86 was in the club's account. Total income from the Agility A-Match on January 25, 2013, at On the Run Canine Training Center in Ham Lake, MN, is \$582.00.

**Banquet:** Carmen Laing reported that the Annual Banquet will be held at the Medina Entertainment Center in Medina, MN, this year. The Award forms will be posted on our website, [www.tcveessa.org](http://www.tcveessa.org). Francie facilitated a discussion about the cost of Awards, specifically the momentos.

**Agility:** Kathy Patregnani reported that the Agility A-Match was full with 100 runs. It will be potluck and the match begins at 3:00 PM at On the Run Canine Training Center in Ham Lake, MN.

Kathy Patregnani proposed a provisional judge for the October Agility Trial. She'll report on her research for one at the next board meeting.

**Trophy Fund:** Maryevelyn Monty reported that this fund currently has \$350.00.

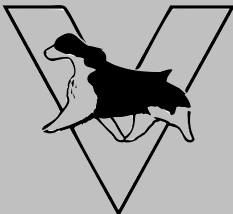
We will use the current towels we have in stock and Kathy Patregnani will research crate pads.

Francie Nelson proposed that the VOX' original name, VOX Voyageur, be reinstated.

Liz Pike requested that the board meeting notes be sent to the board members in advance of the next board meeting.

The board recognized the passing of a lifetime member, Agnes Willms. A memoriam will be in the next VOX Voyageur. Maryevelyn Monty, the Sunshine Coordinator, will send the family a sympathy card.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2013, at Byerly's in Maple Grove in the open area restaurant.



### Kathy Raidt interviewed our Members: Deanna & Tom

Deanna Henshaw and her husband, Tom Lenzmeier, joined TCVESSA in 2012. They are proud owners of two springers, Puzzle, aka Crow River Puzzle Girl, and Maxie. In their picture, Tom has Puzzle and Deanna has Maxie.

Puzzle is 10.5 years old and was adopted at the age of 7 years. Maxie is 15 months old and was adopted at the age of 7 months. All four of them take agility classes at St Paul Dog Training Club which is close for them as they live in Apple Valley. Jon Pidde is one of their instructors.

They chose the English Springer Spaniel as a breed for their family because Deanna was acquainted with a springer at a barn for Hunter Jumpers. She knew that springers were smart and would be easier to train. Puzzle was mentioned on an online forum, Chronicle of the Horse. Her owner was looking for a new home for her.

They didn't plan to adopt a second springer as quickly as they did. They attended the TCVESSA Specialty last May looking for a larger springer for Obedience or Rally but there weren't any puppies available. But then they saw Maxie on a rescue bulletin board and Tom claimed "he had to have this dog."

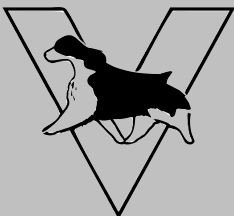
So, now, Maxie takes Obedience training with Deanna and takes Agility training with Tom. Puzzle has both of her Novice titles and she has 2 legs in each of her Open titles. Competition is one of their main goals because the dogs like it. They plan to continue adding titles on both of the springers. Their goals are to have a MACH dog and a PACH (preferred) dog. Puzzle didn't start competing until she was 10 years old and she received her Novice within four shows.

When the time comes for Puzzle to not jump anymore, the plans are to take her to Rally events.

Once Puzzle is retired and Maxie has moved into Preferred, they will be ready for another springer puppy.

**Tom Lenzmeier &  
Deanna Henshaw**

**Puzzle & Maxie**



LITTERBOX ANNOUNCEMENTS



L to R Mayzie, Gertrude,  
Bartholomew, Sneetches, Lola



MY-SUN

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presents its first litter...

“The **Dr. Seuss** litter”

DOB: 12-18-2012

Sire: Can Ch Bondir’s Lumineux Albert “Albert”

OFA Hips: Excellent ~ Elbows: Normal ~ PRA: cord 1 Normal Clear ~CERF

Dam: Ch Eldamar N Myshamrock Charlie’s Angel, “Charlotte”

CHIC 83704 OFA Hips: Good ~ Elbows: Normal ~ Thyroid: Normal ~ Heart Normal ~PRA cord 1 Normal Clear ~CERF

Owners of Albert:  
Lynn, Barb, and Anne Dorsay

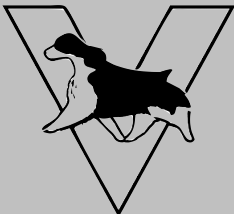
Owners of Charlotte:  
Cyndi Myhre and Ann Sunderman

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WINS & BRAGS**CH Tagalong & Owen's Sweet Magic NAP, NJP  
"Maggie"****Owned by Rick & Sue Owens**Cambridge Show at On The RunDec 15 Novice Agility Preferred Title **NAP**Novice Agility Preferred Jumpers Title **NJP****Eldamar's Dartek Wish Upon A Star  
"Kensi"****Owned by Julie Roberts**St. Paul Land O'Lakes Show

Jan 5 Winners Bitch



MESSAGES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MAY 18 &amp; 19, 2013

ON THE RUN

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RAINBOW BRIDGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECAP YOU SPECIAL ONES LIVES

PHOTOS WELCOME

**NEXT VOX DEADLINE**

April 19, 2013

please send all wins & brags, litterbox announcements, upcoming events  
 and articles.

submit to: Carmen913@msn.com

