



From TCVESSA's President: Liz Pike

Happy Spring, Springer Enthusiasts!

Days are getting longer, ground is getting wetter, and OH, THOSE MUDDY PAWS! It's a joy, albeit a messy one, to emerge from our self-imposed Minnesota hibernation!

Club members did venture out to recognize award winners and celebrate the many accomplishments of our Springers at our Annual Banquet on March 18th at the Roasted Pear in Brooklyn Park. Sixteen club members with their 26 dogs earned 57 new titles – quite an accomplishment! In addition to our historic Annual Performance and Conformation Awards, we added two new awards this year, The Grand Champion Award, awarded to Julie Robert's Carson, and The Preferred Agility Award, awarded to BA Breese's Niki. Many thanks to Carmen Laing for once again putting on a fun and memorable evening and to Alice Musburger for her tireless work in managing the awards process. We are truly fortunate to have an active and engaged club membership.

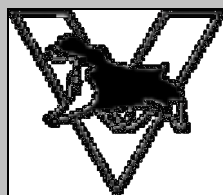
Our next big, BIG event is the annual Specialty on May 20th and 21st at On the Run Canine Center in Ham Lake. We'll offer two conformation shows, three obedience trials, and three rally trials with great judges, great prizes, and great company. Make sure you send in your entries (closing on May 3rd) and your grooming and lunch reservations by May 5th. Plan to come for the show and stay for the club hosted SOCIAL HOUR after Best of Breed judging on Saturday. We'll also have a club prize drawing as well as a Rescue prize drawing – Kathy Raidt will be managing the prize drawings and would welcome donations for the Rescue prize drawing.

Volunteers are always needed – set up on Friday, stewards, lunch monitor (!) – please reach out to any club board member if you are able to give us a few hours to help make the show successful.

Finally, I wanted to comment on some postings I recently saw on a Dog Show Forum Facebook site. The string started as a commentary on the lack of young people in clubs and quickly turned to a debate on why club membership is falling. Much to my surprise, quite a few people talked about not feeling welcomed by clubs, even when they had a strong desire to connect, volunteer, and contribute to the club. It caused me to do some self-reflection – and ask what else I could do to make sure ALL of our members feel welcomed and wanted? I'd ask you to challenge yourself with the same question and to go out of your way to meet someone new at the Specialty and bring an attitude of genuine hospitality and welcoming!

See you in May!

Liz



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TCVESSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2017

President Liz Pike called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Officers and Directors Present: Liz, Diane, BA, Tekla, Alice, Courtney, Carmen and Kathy (Late). Directors Absent: Julie

Approval of the minutes from the December 1, 2016 meeting: Diane move to approve the minutes and Courtney gave a second to this motion. Minutes from December 1, 2016 were approved.

Secretary's Report:

1. Alice reported that 29 members have renewed to date. Five of these are families.
2. Names of members not yet renewed were read and board members offered to remind those with whom they will have contact.
3. Alice has received nine applications for annual awards. She reported that the club will need to purchase 2 new plaques (BOB and BOS) as two are now full. It is necessary to decide on mementos for the 2016 awards. Mugs have been used for the past two years. Liz volunteered to call Cyndi Mhyre to arrange for the return of the Versatility Trophy.
4. Alice updated the club's information for Pheasant Fest 2017 to be held Feb 12-19.
5. Membership renewals, award application reminders, information for picture certificates and instructions on using the AKC Website for award records were emailed to the membership on January 10, 2017.
6. Alice proposed the possibility of getting someone to take action shots at the upcoming specialty in May. Liz is to discuss this with Laurie Erickson.

Treasurers Report: B.A. reported a current balance of \$9878.47.

Upcoming Agility Trial January 28-29, 2017: Workers are needed especially Sunday afternoon.

Banquet to be held March 18, 2017 at the Roasted Pear. Carmen also reported that she has not yet sent out the January VOX and needs input and information for it.

Specialty Update: Liz reported that Dr. Dana Massey-Smith would probably not be able to judge due to illness. Liz is going to submit to the AKC, Amy Gau to judge pending her AKC judging interview. Tekla is to check with Amy for follow up on her interview date. Trophies for this year are to be towels and bully sticks.

New Business: There was much discussion for planning a grooming seminar. Polling members at the banquet and specialty for their interest, locations such as Fusion Pet Retreat, Canine Cabin and Total Recall and comparing our ideas to the Chattahoochee Seminar and having it next February 2018 were mentioned. Janice Johnson is to be contacted as the person to lead the seminar.

New Business Continued: The Party Light Candle sale never got off the ground in December. A new attempt is currently being spear headed by Kathy and Courtney. Candle sell for \$29 and the club makes 40% on all sales. Ten people are needed to order to get it going and to make it ongoing.

Next Board Meeting: February 16, 2017 at 7:15 pm via conference call.

Adjournment: Alice moved and Diane second to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted by
Alice Musburger

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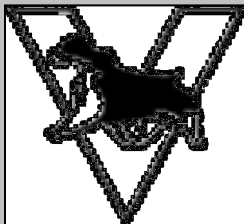
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TCVSSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 16, 2017

President Liz Pike called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm

Officers Present: Julie Roberts, Alice Musburger, Carmen Laing, Courtney Hansen, B.A. Breese and Diane Slais. Officers Absent: Kathy Patregnani and Tekla Viker

Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2017: Minutes were read and approved without changes.

Membership Report: Alice reported that nearly all current members have renewed membership for 2017. Last reminder will be sent before March first, as the deadline to renew is April first.

First reading of membership application for Joan Ewers of Mason City, Iowa

Treasurers Report: \$11,724.58. January agility trial brought in \$1600. Two-day trial was a good success over a three-day trial at SPDTC.

Courtney requested reimbursement of \$96.01 for purchase of umbrellas for specialty gift bags.

Old Business: January agility had a great entry and much help from many club members that was great! Pictures by Liz for competitors were big success. Next year the trial will probably be held at Fusion dog training center and not in St Paul.

Carmen reported that everything is on schedule for the upcoming March 18th banquet, however, she only has received 7 reservations thus far. Alice is to include reminder with membership reminder. Liz is to put reminder on Facebook Page.

Alice reported that it was good to send award confirmations to recipients to approve the spelling and titles to be engraved. Two new plaques have been ordered along with 12 large mugs and 10 small mugs and one medallion. Alice and B.A. are going to Viking Trophy and will place the order Feb 21th. Liz still needs to get new trophy and owner handled plaque to Viking Trophy when new trophy arrives. Alice is to send final title report list to Liz. 53 new titles were earned in 2016.

Liz reported that all information for the May specialty has been submitted except for the Sunday judge. Amy Gau is to have her AKC interview this coming weekend. Cindy O'Hare has been contacted. AKC does not list sweeps judges. Awards for the specialty are to be embroidered towels and bully sticks. Kim Slaybaugh will do the embroidering for cost. Jean Dockendorf is taking care of the specialty ribbons as in the past. Kathy Raidt will be the judge hospitality person and run the raffle this year. Shirley Harford is in charge of the welcome bags. Julie Roberts will over see the reserved grooming. Electrical plugs for grooming will be charged by the plug. Laurie Erickson is hired for specialty photography and is willing to take ring shots. B.A. volunteered to direct the social hour.

New Business: All agreed to have 1-2 larger items including a Visa Gift Card for the Specialty raffle. Members were to think about other ideas.

Panera sandwiches in bulk will be ordered for the lunches for the Specialty instead of individual orders. Chips, cookies and pop will be purchased from Costco.

It was approved to put in an advertisement for the Specialty in the Spring Springer Showcase Magazine

The date for the next VOX club newsletter is April 2017. Alice will submit the award results from the March banquet to Carmen for printing in the April VOX.

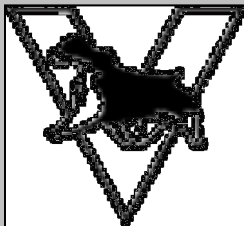
Progress has been made on a grooming seminar. Janice Johnson has been contacted and has agreed to put on the seminar. April 2017 is the current projected month according to Janice's schedule. Canine Cabin would charge \$75 for 5 hours. One dog bath can be given for participants to observe. Courtney is going to look into the cost to do the seminar at Total Recall. A basic grooming seminar will be presented covering fundamental and pet grooming. Another seminar will be planned that focuses on advanced techniques and show grooming.

Discussion followed around the club's participation at the annual Pet Expo. Booth rental is \$300. Even with a cost split with ESRA it was deemed not worth the cost for the club to participate. A motion was made and passed to not participate at Pet Expo.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting date was set for Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. via conference call.

Meeting was adjourned: 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Musburger



TCVESSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 2017**(Awards Banquet)**

Location: The Roasted Pear, Brooklyn Park, MN

President Liz Pike called the meeting to order.

Abbreviated Minutes from February 16, 2017 were read. Courtney Hansen moved to approve the minutes and Sheila Koon seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Club Members voted and approved the slate of TCVESSA Board Members for 2017:

President: Liz Pike

Vice President: Courtney Hansen

Secretary: Alice Musburger

Treasurer: B.A. Breese

Officers at large: Carmen Laing, Tekla Viker, Kathy Patregnani, Diane Slais, and Julie Roberts

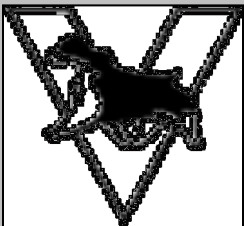
Sheila Koon moved to accept this roster of board members and Karin Anderson gave

A second. The new board members were approved.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Musburger



TCVESSA BOARD MINUTES (Via Conference Call) March 23, 2017

President Liz Pie called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Patregnani, Julie Roberts, Diane Slais, Courtney Hansen, Carmen Laing Liz Pike and Alice Musburger.
Officers Absent: Tekla Viker

Approval of Minutes From March 18, 2017: Minutes were read. Kathy move and Julie seconded. Minutes were approved as read.

Membership Report: Second reading for Joan Ewers. Diane moved and Julie seconded to accept Joan Ewers as a new member beginning in 2017. First reading for Heidi Sargeant as new member. Treasurer Report: B.A. reported a balance of \$10,720.25. Courtney requested reimbursement for towels for upcoming specialty prizes for about \$1,000.00.

Old Business: A summary of the March 18 awards banquet was given by Carmen. Twenty- eight people were present. Usually there are an average of 35. Possible reasons for the low attendance were discussed. Kathy suggested a survey or ways to ask for improvements. Each board member agreed to personally invite people next year to add a personal touch. The club was set back financially this year as the meals were subsidized. The cost for the Roasted Pear was \$850.

Progress for the May specialties was discussed. Kathy Raidt has reached out for arrangements with the judges. Dinner for the judges this year was brought up. Persons showing can invite judges after judging has happened but before hand as this would be unethical. Liz and Kathy Raidt are to ask Ms. LaFernier and Mr. Anton out for Saturday evening, as they will be staying over until Sunday. Kathy P said there would be no plans for performance judges as they are local and would want to be going home.

Ring stewarding was discussed. Inside ring steward should not have any AKC relationship with any dogs in the ring. Alice is to send steward volunteer information from membership renewal to Liz and Kathy. Inside ring stewards are B.A. on Saturday and Carol Hathaway on Sunday. Cyndi Myhre has also expressed interest in Chief Ring Steward duties.

Liz has received AKC approval for sweepstakes.

Food and beverage reported that B.A. is the coordinator. Liz reported that the cost for bulk orders from Panera was about the same as individual orders so Box Lunches will be advertised.

Kathy and Courtney gave Liz the prize list. Towels, bully sticks and toys left over from last year will be used.

Kathy reported that Dick Wood would judge performance instead of Chuck Anderson. However, this cannot be official until Sharon Wood retires from her job as an AKC Field Rep until May 13 or so. Show Secretary, Cindy O'Hare has all this updated information.

Liz volunteered to check with Michelle Schwartzbauer on the electrical situation.

Friday set up will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and this will be printed in the premium. Also, the building will remain open 2 hours after best in show on Saturday and 1 hour afterward on Sunday.

It was agreed to pay Michelle Schwartzbauer to use her cleaning crew to clean up after the show. Liz was to discuss price with Michelle.

Michelle will also be asked about her preference for using the dog grooming room. This information will not be in the premium but will be in the show-judging program. She will also be asked if a club member needs to be present.

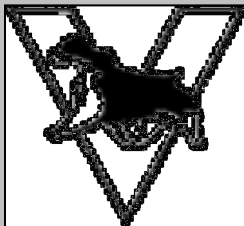
Friday there will be a "Run and Done" ring rental for \$5.00 for 5 minutes. No judge is required and no advertising is needed, as it is not an AKC event.

Shirley Harford is in charge of the welcome bags and is currently working on them.

Kathy asked that all steward orders go through her for coordination.

Kathy Raidt is doing the ESRA raffle and will supervise the TCVESSA raffle as well. A Visa card is to be one of the larger prizes and other ideas in the \$75 range were requested. Two to three ideas are needed.

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TCVESSA BOARD MINUTES (Via Conference Call) March 23, 2017 (Continued)

New Business: The June agility trial is on schedule to take place at On The Run June 2-4, 2017. Donations are needed for the worker raffles.

Brief discussion about revising the current award guidelines on recognition of all Championships took place. This was tabled for further talk until after the specialty. Alice proposed a new form be added to the website for members to use for wanting a certificate from Liz for new titles to avoid confusion in awards and titles and spellings, etc.

Next Board Meeting Date: The next board meeting date was set for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. via conference call.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Musburger

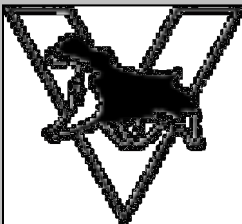
Rescue Raffle

Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the TCVESSA Specialty

*There will be a raffle for Springer Rescue (ESRA) on Saturday.
Please let Kathy Raidt know if you have anything you would like to
donate to the Rescue raffle.*

*Raffle donations do not have to be dog related, wine baskets, textiles,
food baskets, movies, baked goods, gift certificates are all accepted.*

Kathy can be reached at: braidt@minn.net



TCVESSA ANNUAL SPECIALTY SHOWS**MAY 20 & 21, 2017****ON THE RUN CANINE CENTER****HAM LAKE, MN****Upcoming Deadlines**

Entries Close: Wed. May 3, 2017
www.dogshowsbydesign.com

Continental Breakfast available both Sat and Sun

Panera Box lunch available for Pre-order
Send your lunch order form to Julie Roberts by Friday, May 5

Grooming and Electrical Space reservations
There is NO unreserved grooming space
Send your grooming and electrical reservation forms to Julie Roberts by
Friday, May 5

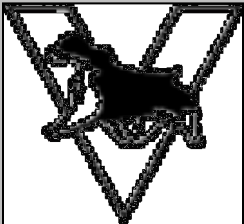
A Club hosted Social Hour will be held on Sat at the conclusion of judging.

***Obedience and Rally***

Kathy Patregnani is still looking for stewards for the Obedience and Rally Events.

*Please let her know if you have ANY time you can help with these.
Experience NOT required.*

Kathy Patregnani—VinEwoodESS@hotmail.com



WINS & BRAGS

**Hirdler Hill's Life in the Fast Lane OA, OAJ, CDX, RA, BN, GN, CGCU
"Rev"**

Owned by Brian Schaffer

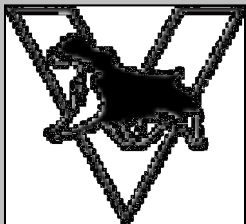
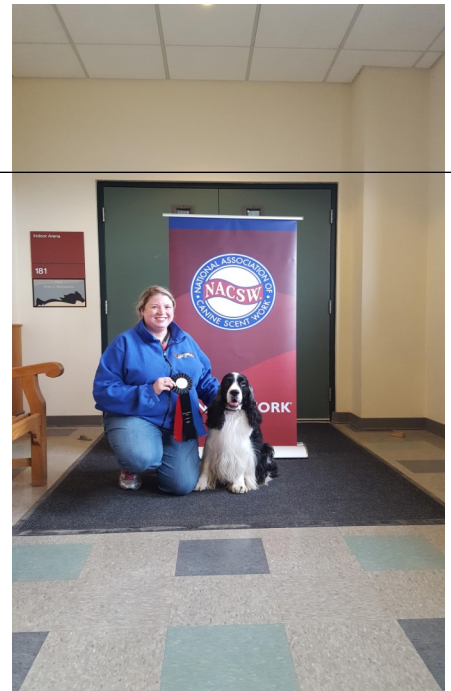
Dakota Hunting Retriever Club

March 11 Upland Pass
March 12 Upland Pass

**Gr CH Spellbound's First Edition BN, CD, RE, AX, AXJ, CGCA
"Booker"**

Owed by Courtney Hansen

April 22 NW1 NoseWork 1 Title



WINS & BRAGS

**Intl CH Eldamars Paws Upon a Star CGC, BN, CD, RN, DJ, NA, NAJ, RatN
“Elsa”**

Owed by Carmen Laing & Julie Roberts

Bales & Tales Barn Hunt

March 12	Novice	3rd Leg	1st Place	RATN Title
March 12	Open	1st Leg	3rd Place	

**Intl CH SVCH Sagewinds Paws Up its Griffin CGCA, CDX, GN, RE, DN, OA,
OAJ, AXJP, RatN
“Griffin”**

Owed by Carmen Laing

Bales & Tales Barn Hunt

March 12	Novice	3rd Leg	3rd Place	RATN Title
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**CH Briarton Patriot Games BN, PCD, RA, RatI, RatN
“Duncan”**

Owed by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen

Bales & Tales Barn Hunt

March 12	Novice	2nd Leg	4th Place	
March 12	Novice	3rd Leg	1st Place	RATN Title
				High in Class

LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT VOX DEADLINE

July 4th, 2017

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

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