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From TCVESSA's President: Liz Pike

TCVESSA Members and Friends,

As we enjoy a brief respite from the bitter cold of our Minnesota winter, I hope you are planning your calendar for the next few months and that your plan includes lots of events with your dogs and with TCVESSA. On Saturday and Sunday, January 28th and 29th, TCVESSA is hosting an Agility Trial at the St. Paul Dog Training Center – these trials have been the funding engine for our club so if you have even a few hours to volunteer, send a note to Courtney Hansen spellboundess@yahoo.com and she'll happily find you a spot.

Next comes our always FABULOUS TCVESSA Annual Awards Banquet – it's a great time to connect with your fellow Springer Enthusiasts and to celebrate the many accomplishments of you and your dogs. The Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 18th at the Roasted Pear in Brooklyn Park – if you haven't received your Banquet information and reservation form, please contact Carmen Laing Carmen913@msn.com. The new awards forms are on the www.tcveessa.org website – don't forget to get your forms into Alice Musburger and your photos in to me liz.westring@genmills.com for your award certificates.

We'll be back at *On the Run* in Ham Lake for our TCVESSA SPECIALTY on May 20th and 21st – with two conformation/sweepstakes shows and three rally trials and three obedience trials. It's my favorite show of the year and I sincerely hope you'll join us for the fun!

I continue to find the articles published in the online magazine "Best in Show" to be both interesting and thought provoking. The article I've chose to share was published a few weeks ago and challenges our thinking about winners and losers – and how we need to pivot our thinking if we want the fancy to continue for many years to come. Let's all decide we don't want to just survive – we want to thrive in 2017!

All the best,

Liz



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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November 13, 2015

General Fall Membership Meeting, Total Recall, Hugo, MN

Officers and Directors Present: Liz, Courtney, BA, Kathy, Alice, and Carmen

Meeting Called to Order by Liz

Approval of the Minutes from October 6, 2015 – all in favor

New Membership Applications:

First Reading	Dixie Sarna	All in favor
First Reading	Maggi Stow	All in favor

Treasurers Report: BA reported a balance of \$11,366.90.

Old Business

Alice Presented the New Annual Awards that were recommended and approved

By the board at the October 6, 2015 board meeting.

New Business

Nominating committee (BA) reported that Jamie Schommer withdrew from her position as club secretary.

Liz explained that Jamie's withdrawal/resignation after the nominating committee completed the slate of officers/board members for 2017 required a nomination from the floor according to the by-laws.

Kathy motioned that Alice become the new secretary. Janice moved to second and Alice accepted. All approved.

Nominations from the floor motioned and approved that Diane Slias become the new board member at large. This position was vacated as Alice moved to the Secretary position. All approved.

Kathy reported that the next agility trial is January 29-29, 2017 at St. Paul Dog Training Center. Kathy asked that all board members donate time to help at the trial and encouraged all members to do the same.

Kathy request \$1,000 for more agility ribbons and bars. Motion moved and carried.

Maggi Stow reported on new cardiac surgeon is now present at the U of M as a result of efforts to help her deceased Springer Ari.

Liz thanked everyone for the wonderful potluck spread and encouraged everyone to stay and participate in beginner agility help from Kathy and conformation coaching from Janice.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Alice Musburger

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As the Wheels Turn – You Win. I Lose.

Posted By Laura Reeves PHA

Many of us involved with purebred dogs find purpose, excitement and enjoyment in the heat of competition. The adrenaline rush is part of the passion we bring to the game.

Whether it is realized in the whelping box, in the show ring or in competitive performance venues. It becomes ingrained deep in the grooves of our brains....

Winning is good. Losing is bad.

That's fine as far as it goes.

But...

Sometimes the passion morphs and becomes something altogether different. The "If You Win, I Lose" mindset is the root of many evils in our fancy. It applies to everything from jealousy over another exhibitor's win to the fiefdoms of kennel clubs. We encounter it in the *expectation* that any friendly overture has an ulterior motive. As a whole and with exceptions in emergencies, we are not a cohesive group. Number one. First. Best. Foremost. Record-setting. These are our golden idols and, too often, we guard them viciously.

But that "dog in a manger" attitude serves only to divide and conquer our fancy.

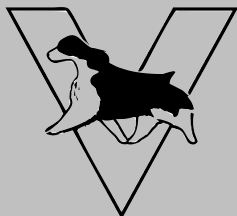
How does it hurt you to help someone else? What harm to have two good dogs, ideas or events? What if we celebrate, support and cheer on others who are doing well or doing good?

Teach the newbie. Help the youngster. Support someone else who has a good dog, a good idea or an exciting plan. What's the worst possible thing that could happen? That you wouldn't be the best? The point of the exercise to challenge ourselves to continue to improve — our breed, our skills, our knowledge. The only way that will happen is if someone comes along with a better mousetrap, as they say, and we have to improve on our design.

Ours is a tiny microcosm of the real world. We would do well to remember that making it smaller with petty squabbling does nothing more than weaken our ability to resist outside forces working hard to squash us all like bugs. Anybody read the AVMA proposal about "regulating breeders"? I highly recommend Bill Shelton's article in the June 6 "Dog News Magazine" for a bit of perspective.

As we start out 2017, let's make a conscious decision to see others' success as the same as our own. Because then, the purebred dog fancy becomes a powerful force for good in the world. When you win, we ALL win takes us to an entirely different level of influence. Whether in legislative matters or in creating an appealing and exciting sport which draws participation and builds our future from within.

Shall we call it the Year of Living TOGETHER?



UPCOMING EVENT**2016-2017 TCVESSA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017
6-10 PM**

**THE ROASTED PEAR
9690 COLORADO LANE N
(HWY 610 & ZANE)
BROOKLYN PARK, MN 55445**

**INFO HAS BEEN MAILED
BANQUET RESERVATION DEADLINE—MARCH 7, 2017**

**AWARDS PAPERWORK CAN BE PRINTED FROM THE WEBSITE
DEADLINE TO TURN IN SHEETS—
JAN 31, 2017**

**SEND YOUR PICTURES AND TITLES TO LIZ BY
FEB 8, 2017**

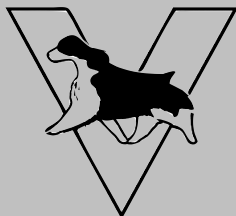
**PLEASE BE AWARE OF ALL DEADLINES FOR CERTIFICATES AND
AWARDS**

UPCOMING EVENT**TCVESSA SPECIALTY SHOW**

MAY 20-21, 2017

**ON THE RUN CANINE CENTER
HAM LAKE, MN**

IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!!!





Booker

Kenna

Sizzle

Dulce

Reesan

Griffin

Mia

Niki

Baby Flying Dogs in Training

Lattee

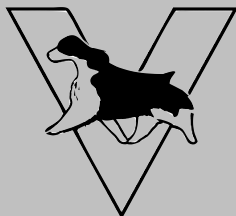
The
FLYING DOGS
of TCVESSA
at the
January 2017
club agility trail

Photos by Liz Pike
Design by Joan Beck

WINS & BRAGS**VinEwood Truth in Action
“Justice”****Owned/Bred by Kathy Patregnani****Granite City Show—St. Cloud**

Dec 17	BOB	3pt Major
Dec 18	BOB	3pt Major

Thanks to Janice & Erica Johnson for handling him and Courtney Hanson for kennel help



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CH Cedarwoods Enchanting Vision OA, OAJ CGC
(Keeva)
And
GCH Dalins He's In Love with Disney
(KC)

December 26, 2016

4 B/W puppies, 1 male, 3 female

Owner: Maggie Stow

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**NEXT VOX DEADLINE**

April 4th, 2017

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

submit to: Carmen913@msn.com

