



**From TCVESSA's President: Liz Pike**

### **TCVESSA Super Specialty and the ESSFTA Notable National**

The 2017 TCVESSA Specialty is in the books and another fun and successful event can be celebrated! We had three great Obedience and Rally trials with lots of qualifying legs – and although it might have been a bit stressful for the owners, it was fun to see the number of dogs who participated in both performance and conformation events. We had a lovely conformation entry (and especially spectacular Veterans' classes – our Springers age well!) and had the honor of being the club that hosted the record breaking 37th Specialty Win for George, GCH CH Ocoee DSQD With A Vengeance. George's owners – Melanie King, Kathy Lorentzen, Liz Kiener and our own BA Breese - as well as his breeders, Janice Johnson and Erica Brookshire, were all on hand for the big event. The celebration that followed with balloons, confetti, cake and a dog themed bouquet (courtesy of Joan Beck's creativity) was spectacular – as our judge, Mr. Richard Anton, noted that “those Minnesota clubs know how to party!”. Not only does this club know how to party, it also knows how to work hard to create a memorable show – special thanks to Courtney Hansen, Kathy Patregnani, Kathy Raidt, Julie Roberts, Tekla Vicker, BA Breese (who both hosted and donated the After Glow Party), Alice Musburger, Jean Dockendorf, Shirley Harford, Jon Pidde and Shelia Koon.

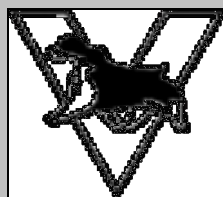
With just enough time to catch our breath and repack the vans, many of our club members were off to the ESSFTA National Specialty at Purina Farms – and we can be darned proud our TCVESSA Family! Julie Robert's beautiful veteran bitch, Phoebe, was best in Sweeps and an AOM, Janice Johnson's two class dogs came home with placement ribbons, Pat Welch's Jasmine won the Open Bitch class, and Odie with Jean Dockendorf won his class – and lots of familiar faces were pulled out during the cuts. We even got to see Kathy P in the breed ring in a skirt (!) with her Bred By boy, Justice. Obedience, Rally and Agility also saw TCVESSA members with lots of Qs and big ribbons: Jon Pidde, Kathy Patregnani, Courtney Hansen, BA Breese, Janice Johnson, and Jean Dockendorf. And even though I didn't take a dog, there was an opportunity to compete – Janice Johnson, Courtney Hansen and I won the “Best Grooming Decorations” contest! Despite the heat and a few unfortunate RV incidents, everyone had a great time.

We're already beginning the planning for our Fall Membership meeting and our upcoming Agility Trials and 2018 Specialty. We welcome your ideas and your help making this club even better!

Enjoy this glorious Minnesota summer and take a walk with your favorite Springer (or two or three....)

Liz Pike

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### **TCVESSA BOARD MINUTES (VIA CONFERENCE CALL) April 18, 2017**

President Liz Pike called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Members Present: B.A. Breese, Courtney Hansen, Carmen Laing, Alice Musburger, Kathy Patregnani, Liz Pike, Julie Roberts and Diane Slais.

Officers Absent: Tekla Viker.

Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2017: Minutes were read. B.A. moved and Courtney seconded.

Membership Report: Second reading for Heidi Sargeant as a new member. Kathy moved and Diane gave a second to approve Heidi as a new member beginning April 2017.

Treasurer Report: B.A. reported a current balance of \$9,038.93. Courtney requested reimbursement for \$40 paid to continue TCVESSA membership with the Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association for 2017.

Breed Specialty May 20-21, 2017: Hospitality for the judges was planned. Kathy Raidt is to as Ann LaFernier for dinner and Julie Roberts is willing to host her. Kathy will also ask Richard Anton about dinner plans for Saturday evening. Amy Gau will be arriving on Sunday and Kathy will also check with her plans for meals. Jean Dockendorf is in charge of ribbons and all ribbons are done as of this date. Stewards are still needed for obedience and rally. Lynn Hicks and Deanna Henshaw have volunteered but three more are needed. B.A. volunteered to work part time and it was suggested to ask Heather Rand and Heidi Sargent for help to involve newer members. A post requesting help will be put on the club Face Book page. Courtney volunteered to ask Jim and Elfie Shay to steward for conformation. Food and beverages were discussed. B.A. is in charge of the Saturday social and Liz is in charge of the breakfasts and beverages. Three coolers are still needed. Kathy P. will leave 2 from the Cavalier Trial, Liz will bring one as will B.A.

Arrangements for grooming electricity were finalized. B.A. will pick up the turtles Wednesday or Thursday and Dave will set up OTR cables. Friday set up was planned for 2:00 p.m. Alice and Courtney will be there to help. Liz will ask Jon Pidde and Sheila Koon to set up the rings. Competitors will be able to set up on Friday from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Michelle Schwartzbauer has been asked and approved the use of the grooming area to bathe dogs for \$5 per dog on Friday. Board members will supervise. It was decided to use Michelle's cleaning service after the specialty for \$250. Courtney and Alice will take care of flowers for the three judge's ring tables. Alice is working on a TCVESSA display and will coordinate the podium and skirt with Laurie Erickson. Liz will ask Laurie about flowers for the podium photography. There will be a "run and done" ring rental on Friday for \$5 for performance and breed rings. Shirley Harford, Kathy P. and Courtney are working on the Welcome Bags. 50 bags were made last year for \$250. Kathy P. motioned and Courtney seconded that \$350 be allotted for the bags this year. The motion passed.

Kathy P. will ask Penny Freeburg to vendor Lazer Lites products. A table will be set up for her.

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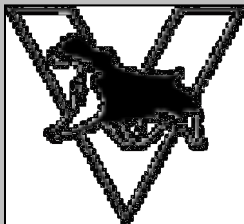
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Club raffle prizes were discussed. Prizes will be given out during the social hour. Three larger prizes are desired. Currently a \$100 Visa Card and a set of four wine glasses at a cost of \$60 plus S&H with a bottle of wine have been procured. Courtney is in charge of the main raffle items and was given the ability to decide what the third main item will be. A metal springer welcome sign for \$25-\$30, EBay Royal Doulton figurines for \$50 and dog beds were offered as ideas. Liz is to discuss the ramp for the breed ring with the show superintendent Cindy O'Hare. Julie reported that no grooming reservations have been received to date and only a few Panera orders turned in.

Lastly, Liz will repost the club's specialty Springer Showcase ad on the club website highlighting deadlines for motel reservations on May first, show closing on May third and grooming and meal reservations on May fifth.

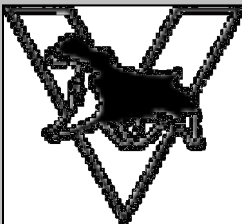
Other Business: Alice reported that the board and membership roster for 2017 has been registered and accepted by the AKC. Carmen stated that the next VOX issue date would be the weekend of April 22, 2017. Award results from the banquet would be in the VOX or posted on the club website. Plans are on target for the June 2-4 club agility trial at On the Run. Kathy asked for food ideas. Kathy also reported that the ESSFTA Board of Governors' meeting was soon and input would be timely for discussion on the breed standard and tail docking, re-adjusting award criteria and asking for more parent club transparency. It was highly recommended to write Sue Ellen Healy regarding all issues for emphasis.

No future board meeting was set. Kathy P. moved and Diane gave a second to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Musburger



## NEWS FROM TCVESSA SECRETARY

## NEW FROM THE AKC!

Hello everyone! Hope you are enjoying the summer with your dogs. I have been made aware of many new changes in several venues with AKC events. I would like to draw your attention to them and encourage you to explore the AKC website for more information or contact me if you need direction.

In March of this year, the AKC announced the launching of the new **Trick Dog Titling Program**.

The AKC began processing Trick Dog title applications on May 1, 2017. The primary characteristic of trick dog training is having fun. Tricks can be both entertaining and practical. The training is another way to make a team out of handler and dog. The titles are listed on the dog's AKC record and will appear on pedigrees. The AKC has partnered with another organization, the DMWYD (Do More With Your Dog), founded in 2005. This organization has been introducing trick dog training to thousands of owners and their dogs. The premise is similar to the CGC training and has the same benefits of providing dogs with basic training for other AKC sports and preparing dogs for successful participation in more areas of life. There are four Trick Dog Titles: Novice Trick Dog (TKN), Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI), Advanced Trick Dog (TKA) and Trick Dog Performer (TKP). There are two ways to earn Trick Dog Titles. A dog may perform tricks in the presence of and approved CGC Evaluator or earn titles through the DMWYD program.

In either case, the dogs must have an AKC, PAL or AKC Canine Partners number and apply to the AKC with appropriate application and processing fee just as in all alternative titling programs. It is important to note that DMWYD Titles will only be grandfathered until the end of 2017. The AKC website has free forms, applications, resources, training videos, training books and evaluator guides as well as in detail descriptions of each title.

Starting last year the AKC announced the new **Agility Grand Champion Award (AGCH)**. This award became effective July 1, 2017. In addition to a title certificate, a plaque will be awarded to each AGCH recipient. To earn the AGCH title, the following number of qualifying scores must be earned:

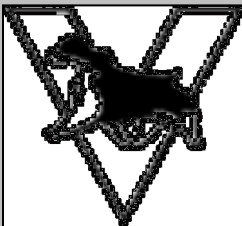
\*Master Standard & Master Jumper with Weaves – 100 qualifying scores from each class.

\*Master Fast – 75 qualifying scores.

\*Time 2 Beat – 75 qualifying scores.

\*Premier Standard and Premier JWW – 50 qualifying scores from each class.

Qualifying scores will be grandfathered and may be earned from either the Regular or Preferred classes or a combination of these classes.



Many of you are aware of the new changes in **AKC Rally Competition** and Titles. These changes go into effect November 1, 2017. AKC has created a new class and title for dogs that have won the Rally Novice Title, but have not yet earned a qualifying score in the Advanced Class. The Rally Intermediate Class and associated title (RI) will provide a stepping-stone class to help prepare teams for the off-leas performance required in the Advanced Class. The Intermediate course is a mirror image of the Advanced Course without a jump. It is the Novice Exhibitor's choice to take advantage of this additional opportunity and the RI Title is not required to enter the Advanced Class. There is also a new Master Class and associated title (RM) as well as the Rally Champion Title (RACH) both of which will provide additional challenges for dedicated rally exhibitors.

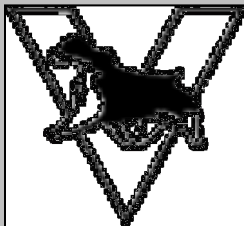
The criteria to earn the RACH title requires the team to earn 20 triple qualifying scores; qualifying in the Advanced B, Excellent B and Master classes at the same trial, at 20 separate events, plus earn 300 RACH points from the Excellent B and Master Classes. Points are determined by the dog's score. At least 100 RACH point must be earned from the Rally Master Class.

**New Breeder of Merit** Levels of Recognition were also announce by the AKC this past May. Breeders are the cornerstones of our sport. In an effort to recognize to those who are advancing successful breeding programs and producing quality dogs, the Breeder of Merit Program has been expanded and enhanced. It now includes Breeder of Merit Bronze, Breeder of Merit Gold and Breeder of Merit Platinum. Each of these levels requires a breeder to have bred a certain number of dogs that are actively earning titles.

The **Puppy Achievement Program** was also announced this past May. The Puppy Pilot Achievement Program is a new certificate to encourage exhibitors to compete by providing a realistic goal for puppies while they gain ring experience. The program requires that a puppy earn 10 POA points from the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition and/or regular Puppy Classes.

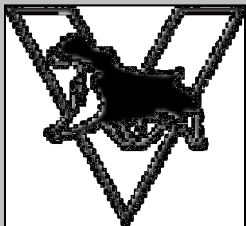
Beginning in October 2017, exhibitors can participate in **AKC Scent Work Competitions**. There are four difficulty levels for each element – Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master – and factors such as the size of the search area the number of hides, whether the number of hides is known to the handler, and the maximum height of the hides will change with the difficulty level. The most accomplished dogs will also be eligible for The Detective Class, which contains many hides in a variety of environments. The AKC website has all the information regarding who is eligible, how the trials work, the odors, the elements and the divisions as well as what constitutes a qualification.

Lastly, there have been several changes in multiple areas in **AKC Agility**. These rules changes apply to the last rule publication that was printed July 1, 2016. There have been changes to the Fifteen and Send Class (FAST) and a new class has been added which is a non-regular class called International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) which became effective January 3, 1017 and April 4, 2017 respectively. Regular double bar jump and ascending double bar jump now have only one bar for 4" dogs which is to be placed on the back of the jump. There is no bar on the ground. Effective January 2, 2019 is the new ruling for the pause table. Eight inch, twelve, sixteen and twenty inch dogs will then be required to mount the table equal to these heights for each group. Be sure to check the AKC website to read about other changes and updates.



This is all for now, and it is a lot! I will do my best to keep everyone up to date, as I am made aware of future changes.  
Alice Musburger

2017 SPRINGER NATIONAL



WINS & BRAGS



**Springer National**  
Sofia and Justice  
\*Ribbon Haul\*  
After 5 days of agility.

**Springer National**  
Sofia and Justice —Highest Scoring Jr  
Obedience and Rally



WINS & BRAGS

**Cedarwood’s Odin of Arrowrock**  
“Odin”

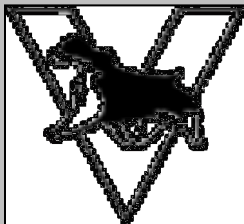
Owed by Jean Dockendorf & Patricia Welch

**TCVESSA Agility Trial**

June 3	Novice Standard	Leg #1	1st Place
June 4	Novice Standard	Leg #2	1st Place
June 4	Novice JWW	Leg #1	1st Place

**ESSFTA National Agility Trial**

July 9	Novice Standard	Leg #3	1st Place	<b>NA Title</b>
July 9	Novice JWW	Leg #2	1st Place	
July 10	Open Standard	Leg #1	1st Place	<b>NAJ Title</b>
July 10	Novice JWW	Leg #3	1st Place	
July 11	Open Standard	Leg #2	1st Place	
July 11	Open JWW	Leg #1	1st Place	



WINS & BRAGS

**VinEwood Truth in Action  
"Justice"**

**Owned/Bred by Kathy Patregnani**

**Cambridge Kennel Club Show**

June 24

**Championship Title**

**ESSFTA National**

**Novice Std Title**

**Novice Jumpers Title**

Beginner Novice

Leg #1

Beginner Novice

Leg #2

Rally Novice

Leg #1

**VinEwood Once Upon a Thyme  
"Novel"**

**Owned/Bred by Kathy Patregnani**

**Springer Trial**

June

**MACH Title**

**ESSFTA National**

Obed Novice B

Leg #1

Obed Novice B

Leg #2

**VinEwood MT Pockets  
"PenE"**

**Owned/Bred by Kathy Patregnani**

**ESSFTA National**

**Novice Std Title**

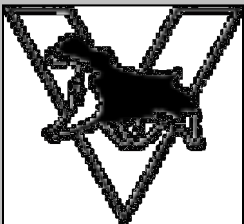
**Novice Jumpers Title**

Open

Std Leg

Open

JWW Leg





WINS & BRAGS

**Three Pines N Cedarwood's Fire and Ice  
"Sylvie"**

**Owned by Maggie Stow & Megan Stow**

ESSFTA National

July 6-9 month class 2nd Place/17 dogs



**CH Signature's Leap of Faith BN, RN, THDN, CGC, TKN  
"Lily"**

**Owned by Mary Dahl &**

Has earned 7 new titles in 2 months CH, BN, RN, THDN, CGC, TKN

**Fox Hollow Blue Skies BN, CD, RAE, NA, OAJ  
"Skye"**

**Owned by Diane Slais**

TCVESSA Specialty

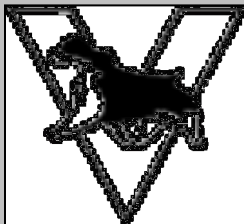
May 20	Rally Advanced B	1st Place	
	Rally Excellent B	1st Place	RAE2—1st Leg
		<b>High in Trial—High Combined</b>	

**My-Sun A Kind of Magic BN, RA, CGC  
"Sage"**

**Owned by Diane Slais**

TCVESSA Specialty

May 20	Rally Adv B	3rd Place	1st Leg	
May 20	Rally Adv B	3rd Place	2nd Leg	
May 21	Rally Adv B	4th Place	3rd Leg	<b>RA Title</b>



WINS & BRAGS

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

**Owned by Carmen Laing & Julie Roberts**

**Bales & Tales Barn Hunt**

April 29                      Open                      2nd Leg                      1st Place

**Duluth Trial**

May 5                      Time to Beat                      1st place

May 6                      Rally Adv B                      Leg #1  
Rally Adv B                      Leg #2

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

**Owned by Carmen Laing**

**Bales & Tales Barn Hunt**

April 30                      Open                      1st Leg                      2nd Place  
June 25                      Open                      2nd Leg                      1st Place

**Duluth Trial**

May 6                      Rally Adv B                      RAE Leg #1  
Rally Ex B

FOR SALE

**Notice of New Home Needed**

Jon Pidde is looking to re-home these pottery items. These are from past trials so maybe you want to increase the size of your set???

Please contact Jon if you are interested in any of these pieces.

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