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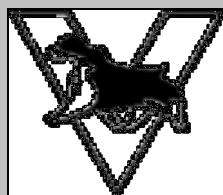
### From TCVESSA's President: Liz Pike

Fall Greetings to all Springer Enthusiasts!

It's Minnesota, so we all know what happens after the leaves are gone from the trees and the winds start to blow colder – snow!!! Why am I bringing up that dreaded four letter word at this point? To reflect on how winter not only impacts us but our Springers as well. I was recently at the vet for a wellness check for my 12 year old (but still naughty) Hunter. I told him that Hunter was having trouble sleeping at night (which means we are also having trouble getting a good night's sleep) and we discussed several treatment options. And then he asked me a thought provoking question – “Do you think he’s getting enough exercise AND mental stimulation?” He talked about how dogs, maybe especially our smart, inquisitive, and eternally “busy” Springers, need to be challenged mentally in order to be happy and healthy. He talked about giving them puzzles (the well known muffin tin with treats and tennis balls on top of the treats – I plan to try that one right away) and other activities that challenge them to keep learning. I know many of our club members participate in performance training and events – a great way to stimulate new learning. So, think about how you will make sure your four legged family members don't suffer from “cabin fever” this winter by keeping them both physically and mentally fit. And if you have more ideas to share with club members, please post them on our Facebook page – we'd love to hear from you!

Don't forget the upcoming Fall Membership meeting on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at Cloud Nine Dog Training in Minnetonka. The meeting will be held from 11:00 am to 2:00pm – bring a dish to share and come prepared for a great afternoon with fellow club members.

All the best,  
Liz Pike  
TCVESSA President, 2017



Liz Pike

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TCVESSA BOARD MEETING August 17, 2017

President Liz Pike called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Officers Absent: B.A. Breese.

Approval of Minutes from July 3, 2017. Kathy moved to approve the minutes and Courtney gave a second. The motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** \$3,078.53. Expenses since occurred were mesh ringside bags purchased by Courtney and Rubber Maid containers purchased by Kathy.

**Old Business:** The annual Fall General Membership Meeting was discussed. The date was set to be Sunday afternoon, November 12, 2017. Locations were mentioned. Fusion with Mike Teh was too expensive unless owner agreed to a lower price. Kathy and Diane are to check with Dawn on Cloud 9 Minnetonka location and requirements. Kathy volunteered to also check with Sue Kothe on using Total Recall as was done last year.

Discussion continued on holding our Spring Specialty with the Cavalier Club as a joint specialty. Many pros and cons were brought forth. It was noted that the Cavalier Club would not tax obedience or rally entries and judges much as they would have a very small entry. TCVESSA would save \$1,000 if the two-day building rental were split. It would be very difficult to find breed judges who could justly judge Springers from the sporting group as well as judge Cavaliers from the toy group. Other ways cut the club's costs were explored but nothing concrete was decided. A difference in the personality of the two clubs' was compared. It was noted by many that we have worked hard for several years to create the special atmosphere our specialty is noted for. The final decision on entertaining a joint specialty was tabled until the September meeting in order to give everyone more time to fully consider this idea.

The search for conformation judges for the 2018 Specialty is ongoing. Judges from the Bismarck Shows this summer were mentioned as well as Eva Berg, Patricia Trotter, Lorraine Botwell and Charles Olvis. It was agreed to find years in advance that Linda Robe and Steve Danaird could be contracted. Local judges such as Penny Freeburg and Susie Bossard could cut costs. Contacting Dr. Dana Massey Smith again is a possibility. More discussion will follow.

**New Business:** It was decided that TCVESSA would not participate this year in agility demonstrations at the Minnesota State Fair. The club has volunteered for the past two years. It is a long day and a lot of work and nothing benefitted the club in terms of new members or even inquiries about our club or breed. The club would also not be participating in the Minnesota Responsible Dog Ownership Day on September 9th by the St. Croix Valley KC.

Liz brought up that according to the by-laws it is time to appoint the nominating committee for the board for the year 2018. Courtney is willing to be the board representative along with two at large members from the club. Karen Anderson and Janice Johnson are going to be asked. The by

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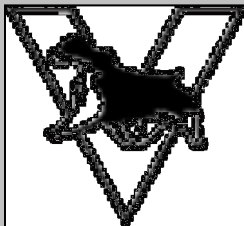
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laws also require the President to poll the current board of officers as to their interest in keeping their current positions. Everyone unanimously agreed during this conference call to stay on another term thus saving Liz the time to do a poll. Only B.A. needs to be contacted.

Liz also brought up the fact that 2018 will be her third term as President. A new president will be needed for 2019. Traditionally this has been the Vice President, which is Courtney Hansen.

Kathy reported on judges for the 2018 Specialty for obedience and rally. She has talked to Sharon Woods. If only Sharon is to judge, then we should probably only have one trial instead of two. If we want two days, then perhaps Patty Paulson could be the second judge.

Liz reported on her recent trip to the AKC Health Foundation Meeting that is a continuing education event for veterinarians. It was held in St. Louis. Topics were tick borne diseases, canine epilepsy and drug effectiveness, fertility versus sperm motility and morphology as well as pyometria and drugs used with bitches going into season and more. It was a wonderful conference.

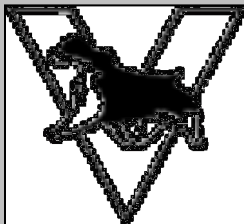
Carmen mentioned that the annual awards banquet for 2018 would fall on St. Patrick's Day. She will look into changing our date with the Roasted Pear to either March 10th or 24th to avoid the St. Pat's crowd.

Motion was moved and carried to adjourn.

Next meeting is scheduled to be Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. via conference call.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Musburger



## TCVESSA ONLINE GARAGE SALE

Do you have more crates than you need? Do you have shampoo or product bottles that are half full that you will never use? Here is an opportunity to give away, trade for other items, sell or ask for an offer on your extra doggie “Stuff” that needs to find a home other than yours!

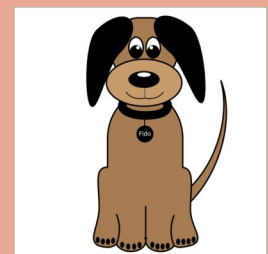
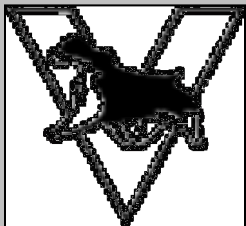
Advertise your items on the TCVESSA Facebook Page or just bring them to the Meeting!

From now until November 12, list your item with pictures. Note what you have and what you want for it. Others can connect with you if they are interested in your items. THEN, bring your items to the annual fall membership meeting for exchange or payment!

The Facebook Page is listed as Twin Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Association.

Examples: Kathy Raidt is willing to buy crates, collars and leashes for Springer Rescue. Maybe you have a whelping box you are willing to lend out. Do you have products that were once the rage you no longer use but you hate to throw away?

The Annual Membership Meeting is on November 12, 2017 at the Cloud 9 in Minnetonka from 11:00 – 2:00.



## FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Sunday, November 12, 2017**

**11:00—2:00 pm**

**Cloud Nine Training Facility  
11521 K-Tel Drive  
Minnetonka**



Potluck—Please bring a dish to share



Board Meeting



### Introduction to Barn Hunt

We will be offering the opportunity to try your dogs at the sport of Barn Hunt.

Barn Hunt is a fun new sport that is rapidly gaining popularity. Barn Hunt is basically letting your dog hunt/find a live Rat which is in a PVC tube and placed in an arrangement of straw bales.

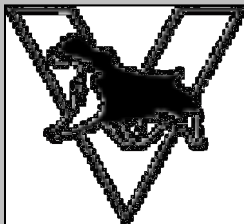
Cathy, Barn Hunt Instructor, will be there to help with the introduction.

This will be an Introduction to the Rat in both a wire cage and the PVC tube and straw bales.

Please e-mail me ([Carmen913@msn.com](mailto:Carmen913@msn.com)) if you will be bringing a dog and want to try.

I need to give Cathy an estimate on the number of dogs so we can plan how much time we will need.

Yes, this involves Live Pet Rats. The rats are in a bin/cage and you do not have to see them if you do not want to. We will have the “Barn” in the back of the room.



UPCOMING EVENTS**2017-2018 TCVESSA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018  
6-10 PM**

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

**MORE INFO WILL BE MAILED SEPARATELY IN JANUARY 2018  
AWARDS FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE  
START GATHERING YOUR INFO**

**AKC AGILITY TRIAL**

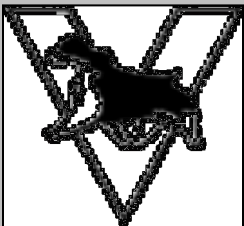
**DECEMBER 22, 23, 24, 2017**

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

**TCVESSA SPECIALTY SHOW**

**MAY 19 & 20, 2018**

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



WINS & BRAGS

**Briarton Heaven Sent Rendition BN, CD, RE, CGCA, TKN, RatI  
"Macie"**

**Owned by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen**

Bales & Tales Barn Hunt

Oct 7 Novice 2nd Leg 2nd Place

Evaluations

Sept 23 CGCA  
CGCU  
Novice Tricks Title

**Intl CH Telltale Seaview Firefly at Starlight CGC  
"Zoe"**

**Owned by Joan Beck**

Bismarck, ND

Aug 6 WB 5pt Major

**Starlight's Beyond the Night  
"Ziva"**

**Owned by Joan Beck**

Bismarck, ND

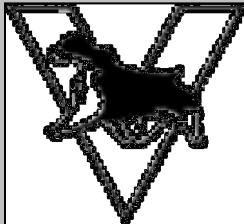
Aug 5 Reserve WB  
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**Intl CH Eldamars Paws Upon a Star CGC, BN, CD, RN, DJ, NA, NAJ, RatO  
"Elsa"**

**Owned by Carmen Laing & Julie Roberts**

Bales & Tales Barn Hunt

Oct 7 Open 3rd Leg 1st Place RATO Title



**WINS & BRAGS**

**Pine Bend Tuula Sunshine CD BN RE ACT2 Ratl TKA CGC  
"Tuula"**

**Owned by Karin Anderson**

**AKC ACT Event**

|        |       |         |           |             |
|--------|-------|---------|-----------|-------------|
| Feb 25 | ACT 1 | 2nd Leg | 2nd Place | <b>ACT1</b> |
| Feb 25 | ACT 2 | 1st Leg |           |             |
| Feb 25 | ACT 2 | 2nd Leg | 1st Place | <b>ACT2</b> |

**Bales & Tales Barn Hunt**

|          |          |         |           |  |
|----------|----------|---------|-----------|--|
| March 11 | Instinct |         |           |  |
| March 11 | Novice   | 1st Leg | 2nd Place |  |

**AKC Trick Dog**

|         |              |  |  |            |
|---------|--------------|--|--|------------|
| July 1  | Novice       |  |  | <b>TKN</b> |
| July 1  | Intermediate |  |  | <b>TKI</b> |
| July 1  | Advanced     |  |  | <b>TKA</b> |
| Sept 21 | CGC          |  |  | <b>CGC</b> |

**GCH CH Rosebud's Lion Heart AXJ MX CGC  
"Leo"**

**Owned by Alice and Jim Musburger**

|        |  |          |  |           |
|--------|--|----------|--|-----------|
| Sept 9 |  | 10th Leg |  | <b>MX</b> |
|--------|--|----------|--|-----------|

**LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT VOX DEADLINE**

Dec 28, 2017

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

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