



From TCVESSA's President: Liz Pike

What's On Your Doggie Bucket List?

*If you don't live your days by personal goals and plans, chances are you spend most of your time caught up in a **flurry of day-to-day activities**. Ever felt that your days are passing you by without any tangible output to speak of? What did you accomplish in the past 3 months? What are your upcoming goals for the next 3 months? Look at the things you did and the things you're planning to do next — Do they mean anything to you if you are to die today? Having a bucket list reminds you of what's really important so you can act on them.*

Even if you frequently live by goals or to-do lists, they are probably framed within a certain social context e.g. performance, career, health. A bucket list opens up the context. It's a forum to set anything and everything you've ever wanted to do, whether it's big, small or random.

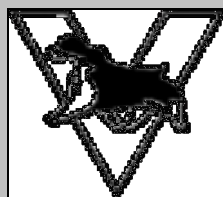
By [Celestine Chua](#)

Many of my “dog friends” have goals for their dogs – titles, new venues, therapy, or maybe just improving their behavior on the grooming table (sounds like someone that lives in my house!). As I reflected on our upcoming banquet and the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our Springers, I got to thinking about what might be on a “doggie bucket list” – maybe it's a big win at a Specialty show, a Top 10 placement in a performance event, or one of our Annual Trophies. Maybe it's a trip to one of the “big three” – Royal Canin, Crufts, or Westminster. Or maybe it's getting past your own inertia and starting something new!

I used the excerpt above because I thought there was this thought provoking observation: ***Having a bucket list reminds you of what's really important so you can act on them.***

Do you have Bucket List for yourself? For you and your canine companions? What are your hopes and dreams for the future? Whatever they are, remember to start small but dream big!

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step



Liz Pike

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TCVESSA BOARD MEETING Oct 5, 2017

Vice President, Courtney Hansen, called TCVESSA board meeting to order at 7:21 pm.

Board member present: Courtney, BA, Tekla, Julie, Diane and Carmen.

The secretary's report was read. It was noted that a potential obedience judge was listed as Patty Paulson and should be Patty Fulton. The report was approved with the correction.

Treasurers report - \$3022.27. The only upcoming bill we have is from Kathy for food/paper product for the upcoming agility trial. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bill.

Old Business:

November general membership meeting: Is Sunday November 12th from 11-2. Kathy P. made arrangements with Don at Cloud 9 to hold the meeting at their Minnetonka location. After some discussion on cost and location, Courtney was going to check with Kathy on cost and confirm if we can have potluck, and which location. We also discussed briefly about an agenda for the meeting. Courtney was going to check with Liz, Kathy and Janice and work on some activities and the agenda for the meeting. Alice will send out a notice to the general membership.

Nominating committee: Courtney Hansen is the chair. Janice Johnson and Karin Anderson have agreed to be on the nominating committee. All on the board have agreed to stay on. Alice will send a notice to the general membership letting them know we are in the process of nominating the 2018.

May specialty: Courtney reported that Liz has secured Linda Robey and Steve Dainard for the 2019 specialties. Dana Massey Smith has agreed to judge in 2018. It was noted that due to her illness she is canceling assignments, so we really need to get 2 judges for 2018. Eva Berg was mentioned, but she judged our specialty in 2011. Also mentioned was Lorraine Boutwell. We also discussed sweepstakes judges. Sue Bosshart is interested. Some other names mentioned were Penny Freeberg, Jean Shepard, Marissa Shepard, Carol Rushing, Laurin Howard, Renee Holt and Kristi Howe. The topic was tabled and Julie Roberts is going to put together some names and send to the committee for the 2018 specialty. It needs to be done soon as we need to complete paperwork for the AKC.

Banquet: The award banquet will be March 24, 2018 at the Roasted Pear.

New Business: None

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tekla Viker

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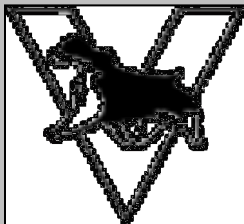
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TCVESSA Fall General Membership Meeting

November 11, 2017

Cloud 9, Minnetonka, MN

(17 persons in attendance for barn hunt demonstration)

Minutes

The meeting was called together by Vice President, Courtney Hansen. Minutes from the March 2017 Banquet were read and approved. Minutes from the board meeting on October 5, 2017 were also read and approved.

Treasurers Report

\$3885.58 was the balance. Cathy Hoese was paid \$100 today for the barn hunt demonstration. The agility trial December 22-24 is the only upcoming possible expense.

Secretary Report First

The first reading of application for membership for Emily Perez took place. Alice reminded everyone that membership renewal for 2018 is due on January 1, 2018.

Nomination Committee Report

Courtney announced the nominations for the board for 2018 as follows:

President, Liz Pike

Vice President, Courtney Hansen

Secretary, Alice Musburger

Treasure, BA Breese

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

There were no nominations from the floor. Motion was made and moved to approve this slate of officers.

Old Business

Kathy reported that the upcoming agility trial on December 22-24 was obtained this year in order to secure this weekend at On the Run training facility. In years to come, this weekend will have more favorable dates. Kathy said that the January 2018 agility trial would be at Fusion Pet Retreat instead of St. Paul Dog Training. Hopefully, the new venue will draw better attendance. The immediate future thus would have four trials a year (Jan, June, Oct & Dec). One trial may be let go if this is not profitable for the club. Participation in December hopefully will be good as many clubs end their year for awards on December 31. Kathy has 5 years planned for agility trial judges. If a VMO is needed, Sharon Anderson will be present.

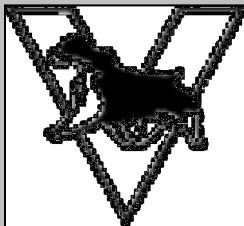
Specialty 2018 Report – Sweepstakes judge is to be Christi Alquist and Sharon Woods will do obedience and rally. There was discussion on how many obedience and rally trials to hold over the weekend and what classes to have.

New Business

Alice reminded everyone that the guidelines and forms for end of year awards will be posted on the website soon. The award forms are due January 31, 2018.

Joan Beck reported that there is a free area where the club could host a member with their dog (s) type social gathering in the East metro. It was a swimming pool that has now been filled and grass planted. Many commented on how good it would be to gather and have fun with our dogs.

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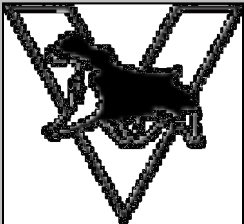


Janice Johnson reported that she is planning multiple sessions for a grooming seminar. She has a location. She is thinking next year after January. She is undertaking this planning and presentation on her own.

Joan suggested that the club form a committee to plan a seminar in the future that would involve continuing education credits for veterinarian. The Golden Retriever Club is interested in sharing this event.

Motion was made and moved for adjournment.
Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Musburger



TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2017

Liz Pike brought the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Members present were Liz, Diane, BA Alice and Kathy P. The minutes from November 11, 2017 were approved.

BA reported that the club treasury has \$3,174.53. Kathy requested \$300 for the January 2018 agility trial.

There was a second reading of the membership request by Emily Perez. All agreed to accept her as a new member. Alice reported that there have been 8 membership renewals thus far for 2018. Two of these are family memberships. There are currently 9 lifetime members. There are 29 remaining members yet to renew. Four of these are family memberships.

Kathy gave a full report regarding the agility activities. The upcoming December 22 + 23rd trial dates at On The Run filled and there are 177 runs for December 24, 2017. The January 26 -28, 2018 trial will be at Fusion Pet Retreat. Mike Teh is the secretary. The premium list for this trial will go out December 11th. Courtney is the volunteer worker coordinator. All the trial for 2018 have been AKC approved.

Alice reported that all the forms and directions for club awards for 2017 are on the website. It was agreed to keep the glass mugs as awards. Award applications are due January 31, 2018. Liz volunteered to do photo certificates again with the same due date.

Liz reported on the upcoming May 2018 specialty. The dates are May 19 and 20. There will be one obedience and one rally trial per day. Laurie Erickson will be the photographer. The show secretary will remain Cindy O'Hare. The Saturday judge will be Mr. Robert Vandiver and the sweepstakes judge will be Suzie Bosshart. One judge is still needed for Sunday and the sweepstakes judge is Kristi Alquist. Sharon Woods is the obedience/rally judge. Michelle Schwartzbauer has been contacted for the contract for On The Run. Discussion followed on the rally classes to be offered and the possibility of raising the entry fee. It was suggested to have the new rally intermediate class and the nonregular obedience classes. There will be no rally masters class. Liz is going to investigate other club and area shows fees. Judging contracts for 2019 have been sent to Steve Dainard and Linda Robey.

Liz led a debriefing of the Fall general membership meeting. The turn out for the Barnhunt demonstration by Cathy Hoese was good. Janice Johnson expressed willingness to do several grooming seminars at Canine Cabin. Liz will follow up with Janice at the Granite City Show. Alice will follow up with Joan Beck on her interest in a money-raising seminar that included continuing education credits for veterinarians as well as her idea to hold a club casual event at a filled in swimming pool near her home.

Carmen confirmed that the Awards Banquet will be at the Roasted Pear in Maple Grove. The date has been moved back a week to March 24th to avoid St. Patrick's Day.

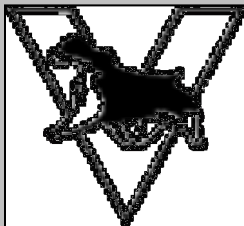
Alice described the new AKC Achiever Program, which began December first, as well as new changes to the AKC Grand Champion Point scale.

The next board meeting was set for Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. via conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Musburger



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

PACKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT -
THEY ARE ALSO ON THE WEBSITE

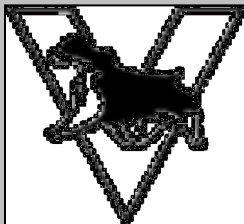
AKC AGILITY TRIAL

JANUARY 26,-28 , 2018

FUSION PET RETREAT
MINNETONKA, MN

PLEASE CONTACT COURTNEY HANSON ABOUT
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

*****WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP *****

**TCVESSA SPECIALTY SHOW**

MAY 19 & 20, 2018

ON THE RUN CANINE CENTER
HAM LAKE, MN

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

DUE JANUARY 1

PLEASE SEND TO ALICE MUSBERGER

ALL AWARD APPLICATIONS FOR 2017

DUE JANUARY 31

PLEASE SEND TO ALICE MUSBERGER

PHOTOS FOR TITLE CERTIFICATES

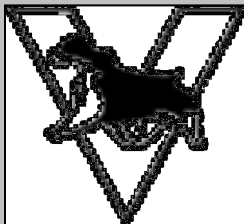
DUE JANUARY 31

PLEASE SEND TO LIZ PIKE
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BANQUET RSVP

DUE MARCH 12, 2018

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WINS & BRAGS

**Intl CH Eldamars Paws Upon a Star CGC, BN, CD, RA, DJ, OA, NAJ, RatO
"Elsa"**

Owned by Carmen Laing & Julie Roberts

SPDTC Agility Trial

Nov 10 Open Std 2nd Leg 2nd Place

TCOTC Agility Trial

Nov 25 Open Std 3rd Leg 2nd Place **OA Title**

Nov 26 Ex Std 1st Leg 2nd Place

Nov 26 Open JWW 2nd Leg 2nd Place

BOTC Obedience Trial

Nov 3 Rally Adv B 3rd Leg **RA Title**

Nov 4 Rally ExB 1st Leg

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

Owned by Carmen Laing

BOTC Obedience Trial

Nov 3 Rally Adv B
 Rally Ex B RAE leg #3

Nov 4 Rally Adv B
 Rally Ex B RAE leg #4

**Briarton Heaven Sent Rendition BN, CD, RAE, CGCA, TKN, RatN
"Macie"**

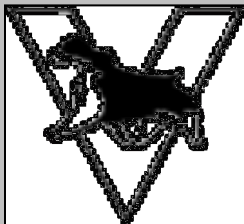
Owned by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen

Bales & Tales Barn Hunt

Dec 29 Novice 3rd Leg 3rd Place **RatN Title**

TCOTC Rally Trial

Oct 21 **RAE Title**



WINS & BRAGS

**CH Briarton Patriot Games BN, PCD, RA, RatI, RatN
"Duncan"**

Owed by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen

Evaluations

Sept 23 CGCA
CGCU
Novice Tricks Title

**Cedarwood's Odin of Arrowrock NA, NAJ
"Odin"**

Owed by Jean Dockendorf

Minneapolis Kennel Club

Nov 18 WD

Granite City Kennel Club

Dec 17 WD

TCVESSA Agility Trial

Dec 22 Open Std 3rd Leg 1st Place

LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT VOX DEADLINE

March 27, 2018

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

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