



## From TCVESSA's President: Liz Pike

### Read the Breed – Standard, That Is.

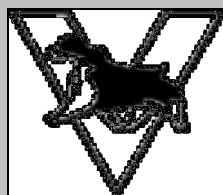
With our upcoming May Specialty, I was reading some historic articles about the origin of breed standards and the English Springer Spaniel standard in particular. Did you know that the ESS standard is among the longest, if not the longest, written standard among AKC recognized breeds? At 2000 words, it describes all aspects of the Springer, from appearance to temperament. The lengthiest part of the Springer standard is the section on the head. At 542 words, no detail of the skull, muzzle, stop, eyes, ears, nose, teeth or bite is without considerable description.

An article in the February, 2016 Canine Chronicle written by William Given asserted: *The primary responsibility of a breed standard should be to list, define and describe the elements of type by the breed which identifies it from the other 189 recognized breeds. This summary of breed type can be and very often is expressed in a single paragraph, and the reader begins to form a mental picture of the dog as a whole with respect to the functional history which may apply to the origin and development of the breed.*

With that in mind, consider the opening paragraph of the English Springer Spaniel standard:

*The English Springer Spaniel is a medium-sized sporting dog, with a compact body and a docked tail. His coat is moderately long, with feathering on his legs, ears, chest and brisket. His pendulous ears, soft gentle expression, sturdy build and friendly wagging tail proclaim him unmistakably a member of the ancient family of Spaniels. He is above all a well-proportioned dog, free from exaggeration, nicely balanced in every part. His carriage is proud and upstanding, body deep, legs strong and muscular, with enough length to carry him with ease. Taken as a whole, the English Springer Spaniel suggests power, endurance and agility. He looks the part of a dog that can go, and keep going, under difficult hunting conditions. At his best, he is endowed with style, symmetry, balance and enthusiasm, and is every inch a sporting dog of distinct spaniel character, combining beauty and utility.*

Do you have a mental picture of that “perfect” Springer? Keep reading – your standard, that is, to bring more texture and completeness to that picture. And you’ll be ready for our May Specialty!



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2018

President, Liz Pike, called the meeting to order via conference call. The minutes from the December 7, 2017 were approved.

Treasury report was a balance of \$5741.16 Kathy requested an additional \$500 for agility ribbons. Carmen requested \$500 for March Banquet and Courtney requested \$20 for an auction item. All requests were approved.

Secretary reported that 32 members have paid dues for 2018. Nine of these are lifetime members and seven are families. Eighteen remain to renew for 2018. Two of these are families. Alice is to send roster to Liz.

Alice also reported receiving AKC closeout notices for the December 2018 agility trial as well as event approvals for the May specialties and performance trials. Kathy Raidt also forwarded information to Alice regarding Pheasantfest 2018 in Sioux Falls. It was suggested that Alice contact Brian Schaffer about his possible attendance to Pheasantfest since he lives in South Dakota. Alice received information and links from the AKC about club development as well as media coverage for the specialty. Alice is to send these to Liz. Alice inquired about the club's Minnesota State Incorporation status as well as the IRS reporting responsibilities. Julie is to check on these.

Plans are on target for the coming May specialty. Judges are secured. Liz will as Kathy Raidt about helping with judges' hospitality and transportation. Everyone agreed to have ESSRA have a raffle table present. Two-three larger raffle items are to be found. Julie offered a Ruth Dehmel piece that needs framing. A VISA gift card was agreed upon. Entry fees were raised for this year's show. They have not been raised for 5 years? Expenses for electricity were discussed. It was decided to raise the electric fee to cover the electrical expense. (To what?) We talked about using Panera again for lunches. The possibility of using salads and half lunches were brought up. It was decided to get box lunches for the judges. Everyone agreed to place an advertisement for the specialty through Joan Beck in the upcoming Springer Show Case and to list our agility trial in the add also.

Carmen asked if we wish to supplement the cost per plate for the banquet this year. It would be \$20 a plate per person?

Ideas were tossed around to help improve club member involvement at our events. Liz is going to make up a punch card that can be used to thank people for volunteering. Things like discounts or free entry fees were discussed. It was decided to present this idea and the cards to members at the banquet and enact it after the banquet or for 2019?

Jean Dockendorf is retiring from the ribbons for the specialty as well as the club website. Carol Hathaway and Joan Beck have expressed an interest in the website. These vacancies need to be filled.

Other business included finalizing any grooming clinics Janice Johnson may want to offer. Janice would like to use the Canine Cabin owned by Rachel Lucas.

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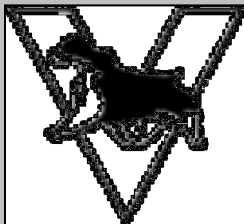
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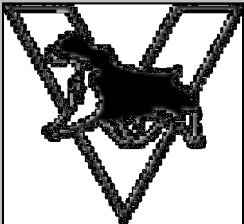
Alice reported that Joan Beck is looking into the use of a park in Cottage Grove for a springer get together. The park area is owned by the city of Cottage Grove.

Liz polled the board on their interest at the Fall National regarding a welcome party or having multiple hospitality events spread through out the week. Most favored have more affordable and more accessible to be held during the week.

Lastly, Janice Johnson has purchased 10-13 large glass Springers that could be used as specialty prizes or award trophies or raffle items. Liz will see them in person.

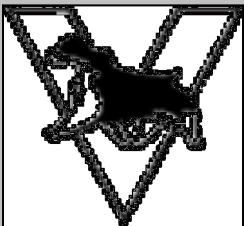
The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. via conference call.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alice Musburger



# 2018 TCVESSA AWARDS BANQUET

*Congratulations  
on all your achievements!*



## UPDATES IN REGULATIONS FROM AKC

There have been many changes in regulations by the AKC that go into effect this year. Please take the time to go to the AKC website and familiarize yourself with these changes to avoid future misery! Most notable are:

January 9, 2018 – There are changes in the Behavior and Misconduct Regulations

May 1, 2018 – There are many significant obedience regulation changes. This includes both regular and nonregular classes and pertains to more than just the long sit and long down exercises.

May 16, 2018 – The new point schedule for conformation goes into effect.

## ESSFTA MEMBER INFORMATION

There has been a mistake or hack or something in the parent club membership roster. If you are a member, you need to log into the ESSFTA website and go to the membership roster and check to see that your contact information is correct. If you do not have a website login, follow the directions to create one. If you still have issues, you may contact Danelle Oliver, the membership secretary at [Oliverdanelle@gmail.com](mailto:Oliverdanelle@gmail.com).

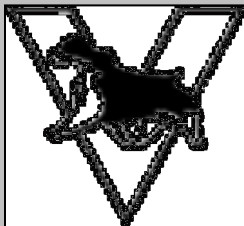
As always, if you have any questions about the above topics, you may contact me anytime at [rosebudspringers@gmail.com](mailto:rosebudspringers@gmail.com).

## New AKC Achiever Dog Pilot Program

The AKC Achiever Dog Pilot Program launched December 1, 2017! This program celebrates the dedication of exhibitors and versatile skills of their dogs. Starting this past December, the AKC will keep track of your progress and send you a certificate noting this impressive accomplishment.

It is easy to get started. Requirements are that you participate in at least 3 different sports/venues, earn a qualifying score or placement, and then receive a certificate that showcases your achievement. At the end of the year, a survey will be sent out to evaluate the program. Feedback will help improve the program and decide whether to make it an ongoing program. To learn more details, go to the AKC website and look it up in the search bar.

Thanks, Alice Musburger



**TWIN CITIES VOYAGEUR ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL ASSN.**

**2018 Specialty Shows and Obedience/Rally Trials**

(Closing date 5/02/2018)

**May 19-20, 2018**



**Premium lists available online after March 15th, 2018 at:**

Superintendent: Cindy O'Hare  
 Dog Shows by Design ~ (320) 963-6087  
[www.dogshowsbydesign.com](http://www.dogshowsbydesign.com)  
[cindy@dogshowsbydesign.com](mailto:cindy@dogshowsbydesign.com)

**Club hosted continental breakfast both days. A social hour after the completion of BOB on Saturday.**

**ESRA and TCVSSA will have a raffle/prize drawings.**

**Reserved electrical only in the grooming area.**

**Show Chair:**  
 Mary Elizabeth Pike  
[liz.westring@gmail.com](mailto:liz.westring@gmail.com) ~ 763-764-3402

**4-6 Mo Beginner Puppy, Best Puppy and Best Bred By each day**

**Show Hotel:**

**Best Western Plus Blaine at the National Sports Center**  
 10580 Baltimore St. NE Phone: 763-792-0750  
 Blaine, MN 55449  
 Two dogs/room limit  
 Ask for English Springer Spaniel Dog Show rate  
 Reservations must be made by April 18, 2018

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**JUDGES**

**Saturday**

Conformation Regular classes:

**Mr. Robert Vandiver**

Junior Handler classes:

**Mr. Robert Vandiver**

Veterans & Puppy Sweeps classes:

**Ms. Suzie Bosshart (BenMer English Setters)**

Obedience and Rally Judge

**Mr. Robert M. Burgin**

**Sunday**

Conformation Regular Classes

**Ms. Julie Virosteck**

Junior Handler classes:

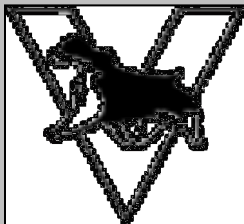
**Ms. Julie Virosteck**

Veterans & Puppy Sweeps classes:

**Kristi Alquist (KrisMyth American Cocker)**

Obedience and Rally Judge

**Mr. Robert M. Burgin**



UPCOMING EVENTS

## TCVESSA SPECIALTY SHOW

MAY 19 &amp; 20, 2018

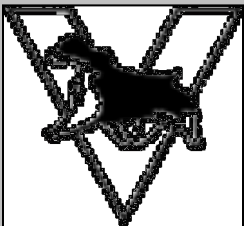
ON THE RUN CANINE CENTER  
HAM LAKE, MNPREMIUM AVAILABLE AT  
[DOGSHOWSBYDESIGN.COM](http://DOGSHOWSBYDESIGN.COM)

## AKC AGILITY TRIAL

JUNE 1-3, 2018

ON THE RUN  
HAM LAKE, MNPLEASE CONTACT COURTNEY HANSON ABOUT  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

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

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET PUNCHES ON  
YOUR VOLUNTEER CARDPREMIUM AVAILABLE AT  
<http://agilitysec.weebly.com>

WINS & BRAGS**Am GRCH /Can CH Signature's Leap of Faith BN RN ThdN CGC TKN  
"Lily"****Owned by Mary Dahl****Mpls Kennel Club**

Nov 2017

BOB

**Granite City Kennel Club**

Dec 2017 Sat &amp; Sun

Select Bitch

**Land O Lakes Kennel Club**

Jan 2018

Select Bitch

**NE WI Classic**

Fri &amp; Sat &amp; Sun

Best of Opposite

**New Grand Championship****President**

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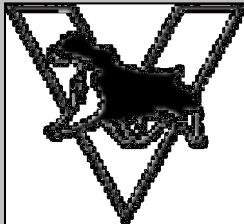
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LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTSNEXT VOX DEADLINE

June 27, 2018

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

submit to: Carmen913@msn.com