



CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, March 10, 2014

**In Attendance:** Linda & John Morris, Marissa & Sandi D'Andrea, John Smayda, Marisa Fowler, Joan Toepke, Valerie Mendizabal, Sandy Jacobus, Kim Himmelfarb.

**President:** The meeting was called to order by President Linda Morris at 6:57 pm.

**Corresponding Secretary:**

- CVVC received acknowledgement that our \$60.00 penalty remuneration was received removing all blocks for all future club events and planning's. This late penalty was imposed after a late submission into the Winter Garden Specialties (Formerly the Garden State Specialty held in Secaucus, NJ). The fine was to no fault of the club because we were not notified of all the changes necessary to entering the event in a timely manner. Thank you to the conformation committee that worked diligently to get our submission in and getting the fine imposed by AKC reduced.
- AKC sent CVVC notification of the club's eligibility to participate in the AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship Field Trial in Reno, Nevada being held in early May.
- The updated membership list that is required to be submitted annually by AKC was successfully uploaded.
- A thank you card was received by Kim Himmelfarb to express thanks to the club for the donation given in her father's name.
- A thank you card was received by Trudy Lanman to express thanks for the minutes being mailed to her.

**Treasurer:**

- Current account balances are as follows: The Main general checking account has \$18,693.86, Health \$3,471.31, and Rescue has \$6,304.03. The total of all CVVC accounts are \$ 28,469.20.

**Recording Secretary:**

- A motion was made to accept the minutes as written from the February 19, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was made by Joan Toepke, the motion was seconded by Marisa Fowler and it was passed unanimously by the board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Rescue:**

- Update: 10 year old was finally evaluated by Marisa Fowler and Jasmine Kovacs after the owner had cancelled several times due to difficulty of parting with the dog. The dog was calm, well-mannered and displayed appropriate reactions during the evaluation. The family that was going to initially take the dog has since backed out. Marisa is going to be in touch with another family that Vizsla's have been placed with in the past. In the



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meantime the owner is putting together a biography and pictures. She can keep the dog until her move out of state for her job transfer in June.

- Lucy: haven't heard anything since returning back to Bill and Kathy.

Hunt:

- The date for the 2014's Hunt Test is scheduled for the last weekend of June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Work is being done with getting the Judging Panel together and getting a check from Val so the application can be filed. The budget is being worked on and should be submitted in the next week or so.

Field:

- The date for the 2014's Field Trial is scheduled for May 16-18, 2014.
- The Judging Panel and Premium are almost complete.
- Field Trial Budget has been submitted to the board for approval. The board would like further review and clarification on transportation, lodging and number of entries expected.

Health:

- John Smayda has an acquaintance whose dog consumed an entire bottle of vitamin D. A trip to the veterinarian's office and used charcoal to absorb the chemicals so the dog would not overdose. Items we use in everyday life can be a danger and we may not realize it. The poison control numbers will also be posted on the website.
- Pet Poison Helpline: 1-800-213-6680 (\$39 per incident fee applies)
- Animal Poison Control: 1-888-426-4435 (\$65 consultation fee may apply)
- John Smayda had provided the board with the article by Christine Zink DVM PhD "Evaluation of the risk and age of onset of cancer and behavioral disorders in gonadectomized Vizslas." This article was sent to Dr. Steven Feldman for his opinion.

Conformation:

- Joan Toepke was notified that there would be no Pioneer Valley Kennel Club show in Greenfield, MA in August. It was decided that the Pioneer Valley Kennel Club supported entry will not be replaced this year due to the shortage of time to find another venue after the event was cancelled. Plans are in place to find a new venue for next year so we can add the supported entry back into our calendar.
- VCA asked the club for funds towards some of the events at the annual VCA National Specialty Show. There is a lot of time and money going into event like ringside hospitality, parade, live stream, general awards funds and much more. Donations from clubs will be acknowledged in the national specialty catalog and the VCA news. The motion was made by Sandy Jacobus to donate \$100.00 to the VCA towards the National Specialty Show activities, the motion was seconded by Kim Himmelfarb and it was passed unanimously by the board.



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- Ad for Nationals deadline was extended due to a lack of advertisement for the catalog. CVVC submitted a previous year's ad with some slight changes on date and font so we could get the club's ad in the catalog this year.
- The Vizsla Futurity/Maturity Program is administered by a separate committee (FMC) of three people. The FMP has its own bank account and funds are kept entirely separate from the VCA. The Futurity/Maturity Committee consists of three members in good standing with the Vizsla Club of America, Inc. and American Kennel Club, Inc. Corinne Miklos plans to address the concern that the FMC currently has no reconciliations of the funds and get this back into the membership's hands at the CVVC specialty show.

Newsletter:

- No Report.

Membership:

- No new perspective members reported.

Merchandise:

- No report.

Fun Day:

- The Spring Fun Day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Tails-U-Win on Adams Street in Manchester, CT.
- Only a few people have registered so far. Morning snacks of bagels, donut holes and coffee will be picked up by Val.
- Lockup needs to be checked for plates, utensils and other supplies needed for the event.
- Agility Run Thru's will be at the end of the day.
- The Summer Fun Day that is usually held in June will likely be held later in the summer. Date and location is still being determined and discussed. John Morris has volunteered to help plan the event.

Old Business:

- The Connecticut Dog Federation was supposed to send a new application form for the club to submit for acceptance. Nothing has yet been received. Linda Morris is considering sending in the old application so that we can get something submitted.
- Pet Trusts: Linda Morris found an attorney that specializes in Pet Trusts named Jeffrey Nirenstein. Linda is in contact with him to confirm up a date in May to speak to the club on setting up Pet Trusts and to field a question session at the end of the presentation.
- Tax Status: Deb Loomis has an acquaintance who is a retired attorney that is willing to help the club file taxes. The attorney will be compensated for their time to get the club back on track. It is not believed that anything was filed in 2013. Sandy Jacobus





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remembered sending in a payment for something for 2013 and will be verifying whether it was for the taxes.

New Business:

- Membership Dues: Changing the layout of the membership renewal form and to revamp the trophy donation section to clarify choices. Sandy Jacobus volunteered to see where the CVVC membership dues were in comparison to sister clubs.
- Sandy Jacobus volunteered to compile a calendar list of important club submission dates and deadlines for events and commitments. A couple members remembered a detailed similar list some time ago but not sure where it is currently located.
- Nominating Committee: Marissa D'Andrea, John Morris, and Sandy was going to check with Steven Tenenbom.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, March 22, 2014: CVVC Spring Fun Day at Tails-U-Win, Manchester, CT.
- Monday, April 21, 2014: CVVC Board Meeting, Location TBD
- Friday - Sunday, May 16-18, 2014: CVVC Field Trial, Flaherty Field, E Windsor, CT
- Monday, May 18, 2014: CVVC General Membership Meeting & Guest Speaker, Location TBD
- Saturday/Sunday, June 28/29, 2014: CVVC Hunt Test, Flaherty Field, E Windsor, CT

Sandy Jacobus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John Morris seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Effective: June 8, 2013

CVVC OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Linda Morris  
VICE PRESIDENT: Sandy Jacobus  
TREASURER: Valerie Mendizabal  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Marissa D'Andrea  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Kim Himmelfarb

CVVC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Marisa Fowler  
Ida Kavafian  
John Smayda  
Joan Toepke  
Amanda Tortora

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

RESCUE: Marisa Fowler or Amanda Tortora  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Debra Loomis  
HEALTH ISSUES: John Smayda  
NEWSLETTER/PUBLICATIONS: Jasmine Kovacs  
CONFORMATION: Ida Kavafian & Joan Toepke

BREEDER REFERRAL: Linda Morris  
WEBMASTER: Jasmine Kovacs  
HUNT TEST: John Morris  
FIELD TRIAL: Audra Jaconetti  
FUN DAY: Sandy Jacobus