



CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 21, 2014

In Attendance: Linda Morris, Marissa D'Andrea, John Smayda, Marisa Fowler, Sandy Jacobus, Kim Himmelfarb, Amanda Tortora.

President: The meeting was called to order by President Linda Morris at 6:56 pm.

Corresponding Secretary:

- No Report

Treasurer:

- Current account balances are as follows: The Main general checking account has \$17,729.44, Health \$3,471.31, and Rescue has \$6,504.48. The total of all CVVC accounts are \$ 27,705.23.

Recording Secretary:

- A motion was made to accept the minutes as written from the March 10, 2014 General Membership meeting. The motion was made by Sandy Jacobus, the motion was seconded by John Smayda and it was passed unanimously by the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rescue:

- Lady Update: 10 year old was officially placed by Marisa Fowler. The owner was moving to New York and had cancelled several times due to the difficulty of parting with the dog. The dog was spayed and adopted out. It was asked that donations be made by the party relinquishing the dog and the family adopting Lady to partially pay for the blood work and spay.
- Lucy Update: It was learned that Lucy was recently put down due to the escalating aggression issues. (Lucy was not officially in the CVVC program but Marisa was assisting the foster family).
- Sophie: The six year old was placed this month. The family had been unable to pay for veterinary care and the dog hadn't been seen since 2008 for vaccinations or examinations. When the owner was diagnosed with cancer it was decided it was best to relinquish the dog. Marisa placed Sophie when she ran into someone she had done a home inspection for a potential rescue last fall and they agreed to take Sophie.

Hunt:

- The date for the 2014's Hunt Test is scheduled for the last weekend of June 28th & 29th.
- Everything is moving along with the planning and preparations for the Hunt Test.



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Field:

- The date for the 2014's Field Trial is scheduled for May 16-18, 2014.
- Everything seems to be on track; the premium and finishing details are being finalized.
- The budget was submitted and passed.

Health:

- John Smayda passed around an article discussing over vaccination. If you are interested in receiving the article please contact John Smayda at jsmayda@gmail.com

Conformation:

- Phoebe Booth has agreed to be our sweeps judge at our Greenwich Kennel Club Specialty held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 in Norwalk, CT. We are looking for volunteers to help with hospitality and running the raffle so if you are interested in helping please contact the conformation committee chairs; Ida at vizslas@aol.com and Joan at jztvizsla@aol.com. Everything else is on track for the specialty planning and a budget will be presented to the board for the next meeting.

Newsletter:

- No Report.

Membership:

- No new perspective members reported.

Merchandise:

- No report.

Fun Day:

- The Spring Fun Day held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Tails-U-Win on Adams Street in Manchester, CT was a success. Two people said they were interested in joining the CVVC. There were 16 dogs entered in the agility instruction. The delicious pizza lunch was a donation by Val and Lorenzo in memory of Maxi. Some wonderful photos were taken and should be posted to the webpage soon.
- The Fun Day Reconciliation was presented and final cost was \$45.00 to the good.
- Volunteers Needed!!!! We only have a few people currently on the Fun Day Committee and we would like some volunteers to help the Fun Day preparation and events run more smoothly. Please contact Sandy if you are interested or if you would like to find out more about the committee at: srjac@att.net



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Old Business:

- CT Dog Federation: Susan Potocik agreed to be the club's delegate for the Connecticut Dog Federation. The application has been filled out and is ready for submission.
- PayPal: John Smayda volunteered to be the lead on the PayPal Account. We are going to use samples that are simple entries to use as a test transaction to run through the account. We hope to use PayPal for normal club transactions such as: annual dues, entries, merchandise and donations. We are currently set up with a password for the PayPal account but have not yet accessed the account or run a test transaction through the system.
- Tax Status: Linda Morris and John Smayda have planned a meeting with the attorney to discuss the club's tax status situation tomorrow (4/22). The attorney sent a list to the club for review of documentation that may be required.
- Bylaws: AKC came back with some recommendations on Section 2: Dues. The club currently has different membership tiers/at different membership due amounts and the bylaws will be re-worded to a blanket statement that dues will not exceed \$50.00 for any membership level. By re-wording to a more generalized statement the bylaws will not need to be changed each time there is a change in membership dues for any of the membership tiers. AKC suggested that the Chair/Committee positions for the Standing Committees be combined as one position. There were some other small changes with wording that were changed with AKC's recommendation.
- Rescue: Some procedures and guidelines need to be written up for the Rescue committee so that a protocol set up by the club can be followed.

New Business:

- Field Dates: Linda Morris will be contacting Rich Murphy to see if there is any chance CVVC's HT dates for next year will be close to our dates in the past.
- 2014 Slate: Any nominations will be taken from the floor at our May 19, 2014 and the new board will be voted in by the membership at the June specialty.
 - **President:** Linda Morris
 - **Vice President:** Marissa D'Andrea
 - **Treasurer:** Kim Himmelfarb
 - **Recording Secretary:** Marisa Fowler
 - **Corresponding Secretary:** Joan Toepke
 - **Board:** Val Mendizabal, Sandy Jacobus, Sue Makoski, Kim Karkut, Cory Roy
- Treasurer: Linda Morris was going to speak with the attorney to get their suggestion on if the Treasurer needed to be bonded for the club.



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Upcoming Events:

- Friday - Sunday, May 16-18, 2014: CVVC Field Trial, Flaherty Field, E Windsor, CT
- Monday, May 19, 2014: CVVC General Membership Meeting & Guest Speaker on Pet Trusts, Elaine's Restaurant, Wethersfield, CT
- Saturday, June 7, 2014: Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club Specialty, Norwalk, CT
- Saturday/Sunday, June 28/29, 2014: CVVC Hunt Test, Flaherty Field, E Windsor, CT

Kim Himmelfarb made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marisa Fowler seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 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