



CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 09/01/2015

General meeting

In Attendance: Linda Morris, Kim Karkut, Kim Himmelfarb, Sandy Jacobus, Marisa Fowler, Dick Frawley, Cory Roy, John Smayda, Sue Makoski .

President: The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm.

Recording Secretary: John Smayda asked if any had any changes to the minutes. There were no changes and a motion was made to accept the minutes by Cory Roy, Kim Himmelfarb second and the motion passed

Corresponding Secretary: Dr. Bernard E. McGivern Jr. has passed. A discussion was held about how involved with the breed and how much influence he was. A discussion was opened to the floor and a suggestion was made to make a \$50.00 donation to Vizsla wellness fund in his memory. Kim Himmelfarb made the motion and Sandy Jacobus seconded it and the motion passed. Graeme Burdon's wife, Christine Burdan, has also passed; Kim will send a card from the club. Jasmine and Peter Kovacs had their baby boy in the beginning of August. Discussion was held as to what should be done for them; a motion to purchase \$50 gift card from Target by Marisa Fowler, Linda Morris seconded it. It passed unanimously; John Smayda will purchase and mail the card.

Treasurer: Checking \$21,666.31/ Health \$3596.31/ Rescue \$7559.23. Income: (Greenwich reconciliation) \$10.85, *Membership – renewals, donation, \$3865.00*, *Total income \$3875.85*. Expenses : (Flaherty Field Trial Association Annual ad), \$50.00, Rescue- travel reimbursement, \$30.00, VCA National Field Event trophy sponsorships \$150.00, Total Expenses: \$230.00.

Committee Reports:

Rescue: Marisa contacted the new owner of "Kazac" now called Zac. She received update on him and how he's doing. She also received some pictures; she will do a write up and forward it to Jasmine to put on the website. There are no other dogs in rescue.

Hunting Test: John Morris submitted the budget for the fall hunt test. A motion to accept the budget was made by Kim Karkut, Linda Morris seconded it, and the motion passed. The dates will be October

3rd & 4th at Flaherty. John is looking for volunteers to line marshal, plant birds and someone to clean the bird house on Sunday afternoon. Please contact him by email (reddogsmorris@comcast.net) if you wish to help out.

Field Trial: Andrew Campbell will take over the position of delegate for the Flaherty Association. Cory Roy will take over the position Field trial chair for the committee, and will be in charge for the December trial. Andrew will take over as Spring Trial chairperson and all future trials. The Fall Field trial dates are December 5th and 6th at Flaherty; it is our walking trial.

Health: Elijah Stommel friend of Liz Clarke (breeder) is conducting research on blue green algae and its connection to ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) in humans. <http://digital.vpr.net/post/controversial-research-probes-link-between-blue-green-algae-and-als> .

Further research is needed to see if there is any effect on canines.

An interesting article on positive reinforcement in dog training can be obtained by going to; <http://www.companionanimalpsychology.com/2012/08/positive-reinforcement-and-dog-training.html?m=1>

Conformation: No report.

Newsletter: Jasmine is looking for some support in working on the newsletter. John Smayda offered to do editing and the next newsletter is due October. Any articles or members brags and submissions should be forward to John. If you have any articles, ads, or brags, please contact John S. or Jasmine.

Membership: An application was taken for a potential new member, Nathan Knight. He was read into the minutes.

Merchandise: Sandy is planning on following up and getting the logo made with Queensboro. She is hoping to have something for the October hunt test.

Fun Days: Sue Makoski was asked if she would take on the March fun day, she will need to investigate teacher cost and get a budget together; she agreed to coordinate the event with Sandy Jacobus.

Old Business: John Smayda and Linda Morris are moving ahead with CVVC's 501-C7 tax status. John Smayda paid the state of CT for our business status for the year 2015 and that brought us up date. **It will cost \$50.00 to remove Carol Phelps as listed agent and list John Morris as CVVC's agent to the state**

New Business:

1. Discussion was held about whether or not email and minutes would constitute an endorsement and published for a new member. As the bylaws don't specify what format should be used, it was agreed

that a note by email from two members as sponsors and the name being published in the minutes would fulfill the bylaws.

2. It was decided to keep the two-signatory requirement for the club check book and not change to 3 signatories. Linda Morris and Kim Himmelfarb will be the two signatories for this year.

3. Adrienne Fryer who is the 2016 VCA Show and donation chair contacted the club to see if clubs are in favor of an unpainted animal table top statue/trophy. They are not asking for a donation at this time, John will contact her.

4. Barb Kitchener was sent an apology from the club stating that CVVC was sorry that she received no notice from the club for any donations that might have been made in memory of her deceased husband.

5. Linda Maus submitted the ad for VCA field trial, but we have time to further update it. Marisa has a good field photo and will send it to Kim Himmelfarb and Linda Maus. Linda will be able to change it and make the ad more pertinent.

6. Marisa is hopeful that the calendar will be ready for purchase at the October hunt test.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kim Karkurt; Kim Himmelfarb seconded it; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Upcoming Events:

October 3rd & 4th: Fall Hunt at Flaherty Field trial grounds in East Windsor.

October 13th: Board meeting at J.Timothys in Plainville.(Bertucci's in Waterbury)?? **TBD**

December 5th & 6th: Walking Field Trial at Flaherty Field, East Windsor, CT