



CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB  
BOARD & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, January 05, 2014

**In Attendance:** Linda & John Morris, Sandy Jacobus, Marissa D'Andrea, John & Sue Smayda, Marisa Fowler, Joan Toepke, Kim Himmelfarb, Elliot & Carolyn Jessen, Ida Kavafian, Steven Tenenbom, Valerie Mendizabal, Christine & Christopher Arnone, Marty Spoor, Sharon Myjak

**President:** The meeting was called to order by President Linda Morris at 3:35 pm.

**Corresponding Secretary:**

- A gift card was purchased for Crystal Ashe in welcoming her new baby on behalf of the club.
- A sympathy card was sent to Laurie Andrews and Loretta Gleason with the recent passing of their dog.
- The notice for the Greenwich show has not been received and Ida will follow up on this.
- Kim has received a penalty fee for entering WGS late and the club is in the process of contacting the AKC to resolve this issue.

**Treasurer:**

- Current account balances are as follows: The Main general checking account has \$18,070.66, Health \$3,471.31, and Rescue has \$6,303.93. The total of all CVVC accounts are \$ 27,845.90.

**Recording Secretary:**

- A motion was made to accept the minutes as written from the December 16, 2013 Board meeting. The motion was made by Val Mendizabal, the motion was seconded by Ida Kavafian and it was passed unanimously by the board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Rescue:**

- Update: The rescue Lucy is back with Bill and Kathy. She was returned after the cat of the adopted family went after her and got her ears pretty good. She is adoptable and the foster family has been working with Marisa. The foster family appreciates all the help from the club and plans to make a donation to the CVVC Rescue Fund in the future.
- Marisa Fowler and Jasmine Kovacs went to see a Vizsla in Berlin after receiving a call. The dog did bite the 18 month baby and broke the skin; although it could have been worse it definitely was a bite and not a nip. The rescue committee after assessing the dog, discussing amongst the committee members and consulting with a behaviorist decided that he was a big liability to the club. Taking this into consideration the club decided we wouldn't be able to take him on due to his bite history. The family had a friend living in Long Island that was willing to take him in. Marisa had a long discussion with the mom that he needed to find a good behaviorist not a trainer as he was well trained to most



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commands. The behaviorist would work with the dog and be aware that it is a matter of when and not if he would bite again.

- In both the situations described above the CVVC is not involved in the actual placement of these dogs but only in assisting the families to figure out how to find a group to help with placements or help them place the dogs themselves.
- New: No new dogs have come into the CVVC rescue.

Hunt:

- The dates for the 2014's Hunt Tests and Field Trials have not been drawn yet. The original meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and another hasn't been scheduled yet.

Field:

- Audra has provided the reconciliation for the field trial held in December at Flaherty Field, East Windsor. This year's trial showed a profit of \$1,602.00. Many thanks to Audra Jaconetti, field trial committee and volunteers for the wonderful job providing such a nice event.

Health:

- A Pet Shop Task Force has been formed to get puppy mill dogs out of all Connecticut Pet Stores. The purpose of this legislative task force has been meeting to study the inhumane sourcing of dogs and cats sold in pet shops. Most of these pet store puppies have come from puppy mills where many live their lives in crates and raised with insufficient veterinary care, exercise, food and water. The legislation is going to be introduced and passed in 2014 making the state of Connecticut the first state to prohibit sales of puppies from puppy mills in shops. The dogs and cats sold in the pet stores will be obtained only from shelters and rescue organizations.

Conformation:

- In 2014, the new Specialty Show cluster that takes place just before Westminster will be known as the "Winter Garden Specialties" (WGS). The new location is the Rye Hilton in Rye, NY, which is a convenient location only 30 minutes to the Garden.
- Joan Toepke provided the board with the proposed budget for the "Winter Garden Specialty" being held on February 9, 2014 in Rye Brook, NY.
- Judging for the regular classes will be Linda Clark and Sosanna Folz will be the sweeps judge.
- A welcome gathering is being planned for Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark Toepke has donated cases of wine for the event.
- We are still in need of high-end raffle items. Please contact Joan Toepke if you would like to donate for the raffle. The committee is hoping to have three baskets put together.



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- There is a problem with the Rau website with getting our premium up and entries open. Joan has been working diligently to resolve this issue and should be resolved shortly.

**Newsletter:**

- The anticipated release date of the club's next newsletter should be January mid-month. There is going to be an article submitted to the newsletter on conformation.

**Membership:**

- Deb Loomis did an outstanding job on the new 2014 Membership Directory and has recently been distributed to the 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.
- Lorna Godsill and Nancy Triou will again be teaching an Intro to Agility class and photographer Andrew Fotta will be taking portraits.
- Sandy and the committee are planning other activities for the day and a suggestion was made for a puppy match. More to come on the details of the day.

**Old Business:**

- The board will be reviewing the Bylaw changes at the upcoming meeting so the changes can be finalized and resubmitted to AKC.
- Paypal: set up is complete and ready for a test run. Someone will be needed to take over maintaining the Paypal account.
- The transfer of webmaster from Elaine Poulin to Jasmine Kovacs has been made. Jasmine has already begun updating the webpage and is going to create a members only section on the site.

**New Business:**

- Responsibility of minute and newsletter snail mailings to members without email was volunteered by Kim Himmelfarb, Corresponding Secretary.



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Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, February 9, 2014: CVVC Specialty Show in Rye Brook, NY. (Sister Club Vizsla Club of Long Island Specialty is being held on Saturday, February 8, 2014, same location).
- Wednesday, February 19, 2014: CVVC Board Meeting at J. Timothy's Taverne in Plainville, CT.
- Monday, March 10, 2014: CVVC General Membership Meeting, Location TBD
- Saturday, March 22, 2014: CVVC Spring Fun Day at Tails-U-Win, Manchester, CT.
- Wednesday, April 16, 2014: CVVC Board Meeting, Location TBD

Ida made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sandy J seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.