



CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, May 19, 2014

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

President: The meeting was called to order by President Linda Morris at 7:05 pm.

Corresponding Secretary:

- Crystal sent a thank you to the club for the baby gift.
- Standard emails have been received from AKC on rules and notifications; nothing that directly pertains to the club.

Treasurer:

- Current account balances are as follows: The Main general checking account has \$17,049.12, Health \$3,471.31, and Rescue has \$6,304.13. The total of all CVVC accounts are \$ 26,824.56.

Recording Secretary:

- A motion was made to accept the minutes as written from the April 21, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was made by Sandy Jacobus, the motion was seconded by Val Mendizabal and it was passed unanimously by the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rescue:

- Lady Update: Lucy was recently spayed and has gone to her new home. She is recovering very well after the surgery. The veterinarian had some concerns with the recovery time being it was a late spay at 10 years old.
- Sophie Update: The six year old has also been placed.
- A family contacted the rescue after a biting incident with a child had occurred. The child jumped on the dog as it was sleeping. The breeder had gotten back to the family and has taken the dog back.
- There were some Vizslas in Florida that were at risk of being put down. Marisa had contacted the Florida rescue groups. The Florida rescue immediately jumped into action and the situation has been taken care of.



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Hunt:

- The date for the 2014's Hunt Test is scheduled for the last weekend of June 28th & 29th.
- There is a lot of help still needed to ensure the Hunt Test runs smoothly:
 - Need Line Marshalls (two each day)
 - Clean Up Crew on Sunday
- Please contact John Morris if you can help out at the Hunt Test at reddogsmorris@comcast.net

Field:

- The date for the 2014's Field Trial was on May 16-18, 2014.
- A field trial participant called Linda after the conclusion of the trial to mention that everything was very well organized, hospitality/dinner went well and the raffle offered some very nice items.
- A huge thank you to all on the Field Trial Committee and volunteers who contributed to help facilitate the event to run smoothly.
- For anyone in the club interested in volunteering at the next field event; there is a large presence of experience and expertise on the Field Trial Committee.

Health:

- John Smayda spoke with Dr. Douglas about speaking to the group on pet insurance in the future.
- New oral medication for tick prevention called NexGard has come on the market and thus far seems pretty effective.
- Bravo has some raw food recalls: <http://www.bravorawdiet.com/bravonews.html>
- If you are interested in receiving any additional information on the above please contact John Smayda at jsmayda@gmail.com

Conformation:

- Everything is on track with the trophies and extra tables for our Greenwich Kennel Club Specialty held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 in Norwalk, CT. Sandy and Kim have graciously agreed to run the raffle. The plan is to do chicken again because it is economical and delicious but the committee is going to need help with cutting the chicken and coordinating. We are also in need of side dishes and desserts. If you are interested in helping please contact the conformation committee chairs; Ida at vizslas@aol.com and Joan at jztvizsla@aol.com.

Newsletter:

- No Report.



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Membership:

- New perspective member: Nancy Chere, Oxford, CT.

Merchandise:

- Hats and Tick Keys will be available for purchase at the specialty and supported entry.
- Catalog is available at every meeting to look at and order from.

Fun Day:

- No Report.

Old Business:

- CT Dog Federation: The CVVC is now a member. The meeting is on June 3, 2014 and Susan Potocik and Linda Morris will be attending on behalf of the club.
- Tax Status: Linda Morris and John Smayda have planned a meeting with a CPA this Friday (5/23) at 10 am to further discuss our Tax Status and how the club should move forward.

New Business:

- Dick Frawley reported that the club needs new bird bags and clips. Marisa made the motion to have Dick pick up 8 new bird bags and big clips to keep the bird bags closed and reimburse him the cost. Sandy seconded and it was passed unanimously by the board.
- John Morris is going to check on the cost of new signs for the club to use at Hunt Tests. The ones we currently have are in rough shape and been used for many years.
- 2014 Slate: Nominations was officially opened during the meeting on May 19, 2014, no nominations from the floor were received 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
- The club is going to send a baby gift to Amanda and Dan Tortora to welcome their new baby. John Smayda made the motion to get \$100.00 total in gift cards. Kim Himmelfarb seconded and it was passed unanimously by the board.
- Sandy Jacobus spoke with Andrew Fota about the possibility of renting out the small backroom of Tails to have him take Holiday photos during the month of October/November. We would like feedback from the club members to see if there is interest: please contact Sandy at srjac@att.net



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- Marisa is going to contact the owner that relinquished Lady because no donation to the club has been received.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, June 7, 2014: Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club Specialty, Norwalk, CT
- Sunday, June 8, 2014: Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club Supported Entry, Norwalk, CT
- Saturday/Sunday, June 28/29, 2014: CVVC Hunt Test, Flaherty Field, E Windsor, CT
- Wednesday, July 16, 2014: Proposed Board Meeting, Location TBD
- August 2014: Break

Sandy Jacobus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marisa Fowler seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 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