



**CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES, 7/16/2014**

**In Attendance:** Linda Morris, Kim Himmelfarb, Sandy Jacobus, Kim Markey, Dick Frawley, John Morris, Marissa D'Andrea, Kim Kurkut, Susan Makouki, Marisa Fowler, Amanda Tortora

**President:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm

**Recording Secretary:** Motion to accept minutes as recorded from the board meeting from May was made by Kim Kurkut, Sandy Jacobus 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; motion passed unanimously by the board. June meeting was held at Greenwich kennel club specialty, where the new slate of officers and board was accepted.

**Corresponding Secretary:** No report

**Treasurer:** Current balances are as follows: General Fund - \$ 17,117.26; Health Fund -\$ 3,471.31; Rescue Fund - \$6304.23. The total of all accounts -\$26892.80. The treasurer mentioned that in the future receipts will be needed to back up purchases for reimbursement to take place.

**Committee Reports:**

**Rescue:** There are currently no dogs in rescue. VCA updated the website and Marisa Fowler is listed for CT and RI as rescue coordinator, and she is getting (Facebook) Vizsla rescue coordinators alerts. Any rescues information received through FB she is passing to prospective owner. Marisa spoke with Stephanie Fischer about what the surrounding clubs ask for donations. Stephanie forwarded to Marisa their forms and the info that they use. Sandy Jacobus agreed to help Marisa look at the forms and revamp our forms. Discussion about amounts to ask for donation was tabled until next meeting and after forms were worked on.

**Hunting Test:** The test was held June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, reconciliation was submitted and the profit for the test was \$130.50. Entries were as follows: 26 junior hunters, 33 senior/ master. John Morris reported that junior entries were low, but consistent with what other test have been facing this spring. There was discussion about CVVC taking back hospitality but it was agreed to continue to pay Sue Way to do hospitality. It was decided cost was justified. The idea of getting back to our Oct. dates was discussed for next year's hunt test and had to be tabled until after the Dec Flaherty Assc. Meeting. The Southern New

CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES,

England Brittany club asked us to do a double header with them in the spring 2015 at Wolcott Rod and Gun club. Marisa Fowler volunteered to chair the event. John Morris will discuss it further with the hunt test committee and bring it back to the board at the next meeting.

**Field Trial:** The spring trial was held on May 16-18, reconciliation was submitted. Ending receipts were as follows: profit \$14.04.

**Health:** The committee sent following link to an articles dealing with garlic for dogs.

Garlic: Friend of Foe [www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/garlic-friend-or-foe/](http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/garlic-friend-or-foe/)

**Conformation:** The Greenwich Kennel Club show made \$13.85 for the club; the Winter garden Specialty made \$425.00

**Newsletter:** Jasmine needs to update board member and committees on website and in the newsletter. Linda Morris will email her. Nov 2 is the next deadline to get articles and any other info to Jasmine for our fall/winter newsletter. She is working on a publishing date of Nov 30 to be able to include holiday party info. We need her to put a note reminder calendar photo contest again on FB and website.

**Membership:** Dues notices went out; no report

**Merchandise:** Sandy Jacobus usually has catalog with her at events. She sold 1 hat at Greenwich; nothing else new

**Fun Days:** Bird training Fun Day was discussed for a possible Sept date. Dick Frawley will check into Wallingford Gun Club as potential place to hold it. We are avoiding Sept 4-7 because of the Vizsla Specialty in NJ.

**Old Business:**

1. Bird Bags were purchased. Because of complaints about the clasp breaking eventually, Dick had the company add Velcro closings in addition to the original clasp. He also donated several pairs of gloves to be used for bird planting. One bird bag is already missing after the Hunt test.
2. Linda Morris brought up PayPal and what we want to do about it. No one is knowledgeable about using it for accepting payment, and we need a member to take it on. Decision was made to table it until a volunteer could be found.
3. Tax status: Linda Morris and John Smayda went to Michael Ziebka, accountant with Budwitz and Meyerjack in Farmington. There was discussion about whether we should follow through with his recommendation to file as a 501c7. The accountant will charge us \$350, which is discounted fee for him, to file the papers and there is an addition \$350 for the paperwork. Kim Markey and Kim Himmelfarb agreed to look into it further; the issue was tabled until the next meeting.
4. We hope to have a speaker for our Sept meeting. Jeff Nirenstein will speak on how to create trust for your dog. Possible dates for the Sept. meeting are Mon 15 or 22<sup>nd</sup> sept.

CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES,

5. Linda Morris is looking for ideas for future programs for meetings. Suggestions are welcomed from the membership
  
6. Just a reminder to all--please follow the links from the article on the Connecticut Dog Federation, as it's important to know about upcoming legislation that will affect our lives. Please remember that **ALL** groups that work with dogs are being placed under the same umbrella, whether it's pet shops, local breeders, dog clubs, or large scale breeders (what we would call puppy mills). According to Arnie Goldman DVM, it really important for all dog related groups is nice to each other and works together against organizations like the Human Sociality of US or PETA.

**New Business:**

1. Kim H. announced that the Pioneer Valley Kennel Club show will not take place this Aug. The club will be holding back-to- back All Breed matches on Aug 2 & 3 instead. They will take place at the show site; for further information contact Linda Gagnon @ [www.wetacres@gmail.com](mailto:www.wetacres@gmail.com)
  
2. Dick Frawley made a motion that 2015 CVVC Calendar proceeds go to the account to pay for tax status work. Kim H motion second the motion and it passed.
  
3. The photo calendar closing date will be reset due to lack of entries. A notice will be sent out to membership

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandy Jacobus; Dick Frawley second the motion. It passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:30

**Upcoming Events:**

**August:** No meeting

**September:** General meeting to be held on Mon the 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> for meeting depending on speaker. No location had been determined at this time. John Morris, Jasmine Kovacs, and Linda Morris will bring dogs and assorted Vizsla-related books, photos and other paraphernalia to represent CVVC. The details are in the attached flyer.

**Sept. 27th:** Trap Falls Kennel Club is sponsoring a Responsible Dog Ownership Day in Milford, CT.

**October:** Board meeting to be held on Tue 14<sup>th</sup> meeting; No location had been determined at this time.

**November:** General meeting to be held on Wed 12<sup>th</sup>; No location had been determined at this time.