



CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, 9/15/2014

In Attendance: Linda Morris, Kim Himmelfarb, Kim Markey, John Morris, Marissa D'Andrea, Susan Makoski, Marisa Fowler, Richard and Deb Loomis, Cory Roy, Sandi D'Andrea, John Smayda, Geza Kiss

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

Recording Secretary: Motion to accept minutes as recorded from the board meeting from July was made by Marisa Fowler, Marissa D'Andrea 2nd the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary: A sympathy card for Joan Toepe's brother in law, John Fury, was sent from the club, and a get well card was sent to Iren Kokai. The VCA is looking to fill multiple chairperson positions for the upcoming Nationals; the key position that needs to be filled is Chairperson for confirmation. An email was received from the CT Federation of Dog Clubs & Responsible Dog Owner, Inc. It is currently accepting nominations for one year terms on the 2015 CFD Board of Trustees. The duration of the 2015 term extends from January 1st through December 31, 2015

Treasurer: Current balances are as follows: General Fund - \$ 21,056.13; Health Fund -\$ 3,221.31; Rescue Fund - \$6304.23. The total of all accounts -\$30,581.67.

Committee Reports:

Rescue: There are currently no dogs in rescue. Sandy Jacobus and Marisa have met and started going through the rescue forms to get to a first draft. Plans are to present them at the next meet.

Hunting Test: No report.

Field Trial: The fall field trial dates are December 6th and 7th, Cory Roy reported that everything is on track for the trial and in process of getting judges.

Health: The committee thanks the board for donation for rabies challenge, Elise Wright asks that anyone that has a dog with epilepsy contact the Canine Epilepsy Project and participate. You can find more information at <http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/index.html> .

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Conformation: No Report. Joan Toepke made a request that the February Winter Garden Specialty be in her memory of brother in law, John Fury, who passed suddenly and was very involved not only with the breed but with CVVC up until the family moved to Maryland. John Morris made a motion to make Joan's request published in the premium of the Winter Garden Specialty in memory of John Fury, Kim Markey seconded the motion. Discussion was opened to the floor, President ask for a vote, motion passed.

Newsletter: November 2nd 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 November 30th to be able to include holiday party info.

Membership: Deb Loomis reported that she received \$1,985.00 in dues, \$1,070.00 in trophy donations, \$740.00 in rescue donations, \$320.00 in Health donations, and \$90.00 not assigned. Nancy Chere was voted in as a new member of CVVC. Applications for new members were presented by Deb Loomis and are as follows: Ritu Gorczyca & Daniel Zilka, Tristan Boscardin.

Merchandise: No Report

Fun Days: Bird training Fun Day was discussed for a possible future date for next year because Dick Frawley was unable to get the Wallingford Gun Club to rent only the orchard and not the club house. Because they wanted us to rent both sections, the amount was prohibitive as a potential place to hold it. We will discuss possible dates and locations at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Kim Markey reported back to the board that she was unable to find the forms need for tax exempt online. Geza Kiss had to fill the same forms out and file the 501c3 for his rescue club and will send them to Kim.

New Business:

1. We need a host for the January holiday party; it would be great if the location was fairly centralized so a majority of the membership could attend, but anyone wishing to volunteer their house would greatly be appreciated and should contact Linda Morris.
2. John Morris made the motion to purchase a \$100 gift certificate tor Wholesome Animal Grocery to give to Jeffrey Nirenstein who was our speaker on pet trust for the evening. Deb Loomis 2nd the motion and the motion was passed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rich Loomis, Marisa Fowler 2nd the motion, all were in favor and meeting was adjourned 8:50pm

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Upcoming Events:

Sept. 27th: Trap Falls Kennel Club is sponsoring a Responsible Dog Ownership Day in Milford, CT. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact Linda Morris.

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

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

December 6th and 7th: CVVC winter field trial at Dr. John Flaherty Field, East Windsor, CT

The speaker for the evening was Jeffrey A. Nirenstein Esquire. His law firm specializes in estate planning, and he spoke about the particulars in setting up living trusts. His talk was most informative, giving information on how probate affects estates and how trusts can help us get the care we want for our pets when we are no longer able to provide it ourselves.

If you are interested in contacting Attorney Nirenstein you can reach him at 860-548-1000, or jnirenstein@nhalaw.net, 43 Woodland St., Hartford CT 06105