



CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB

BOARD MINUTES, 07/21/2015

General meeting

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

President: The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Recording Secretary: John Smadya asked if any had any changes to the minutes. There were no changes and a motion was made to accept the minutes by Kim Karkut, Sandy Jacobus second and the motion passed

Corresponding Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: Checking \$18,020.46/ Health \$3596.31/ Rescue \$7559.23. Income: (Greenwich, Longshore shows & Fun day) \$1624.40. Expenses :(Greenwich), \$3375.45, Hunt tests \$33.15, Field trial judge's gifts \$481.00, Fun day \$580.47, annual storage unit and postage \$526.23, Total Expenses: \$4996.31. Rescue donation: \$400.00.

Committee Reports:

Rescue: The transfer of the rescue from Greenwich is final. The new owner made a donation of \$350.00. The old owner donated \$50.00 with the promise of when he is back on his feet he would make another donation to rescue. The dog is doing extremely well and the new owner has made great strides in socializing and giving the dog leadership which he really needed. Marisa will try to get some pictures with the new owner to put on our website. There are no other dogs in rescue.

Hunting Test: John Morris has most of the judges in place; Sue Wade has been contacted to do hospitality for the fall hunt test on October 3rd & 4th.

Field Trial: There are some upcoming changes to the committee. Audra is planning to step down as chairperson of the committee. Cory Roy is planning to taking over that position and they are working

with a member who might take over as chair of the event. Also Audra is trying to step away as CVVC's delegate to Flaherty. Cory is working with her to find a replacement. The Fall Field trial dates are Dec. 5th and 6th at Flaherty, it is our walking trial.

Health: SUMMARY OF FIRST RABIES CHALLENGE RESULTS: The first trial in the final challenge phase of The Rabies Challenge Fund research has been completed. The data yielded mixed results, which are not applicable to our goals of determining the long-term duration of immunity of the rabies vaccine in dogs and establishing a canine rabies titer.

Our challenge was conducted in a USDA-approved facility by a group of research scientists using the USDA Title 9 standard for rabies vaccine licensing, upon which The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarian's Rabies Compendium and state laws are based. That standard requires that 80% of the control dogs test positive for rabies disease. Only one (10%) of the 5 control dogs tested positive for disease, while another tested positive for infection. None of the ten vaccinates tested positive for rabies disease or infection.

These results show that the challenge virus used by the investigators in this first trial was not virulent enough to cause disease in 80% of the control dogs.

It is our intention to conduct another challenge using a new highly virulent challenge virus from the USDA, which has been successfully used in recent canine rabies trials. www.RabiesChallengeFund.org

Conformation: The reconciliation for 2015 Greenwich Specialty was submitted to the board; Income: \$996.85; Expenses \$1631.00; Total cost of the event: \$634.15. The cost of this year's show was \$298.00 less than was projected due to some savings on hospitality and the raffle being well received and run well by Joan Topke. Ida has the Greenwich judges lined and is up working on Longshore Kennel Club for 2016. Joan Topke is going to talk to Pioneer Valley Kennel Club about CVVC doing a Supported Entry again. She will bring a proposal to the board.

Newsletter: no report.

Membership: Graeme Burdon's name was read as a proposed new member and a vote was taken to accept as a new member. Linda Morris made the motion and Kim Himmelfarb seconded it and the motion passed.

Merchandise: Marisa gave Sandy information and a catalog for an online wholesale company to purchase merchandise from. We do not currently own the stitch file of our logo. Queensboro would digitize the logo for \$50. It would allow members to purchase a wider variety of items with our logo from the online store, but we would be able to maintain the stitch file. A motion to spend the \$50 to digitize the logo was made by Kim Kurkart and Cory Roy seconded it, the motion passed.

Fun Days: The June Field Fun Training Day was June 14th was a huge success. The turnout was three times what was expected. We ran 30 dogs and the total cost of the event was \$167.00. There were several inquire as to when we would do another similar day.

Old Business: John and Linda met with Michael Ziebka, CPA, about CVVC's 501-C7 tax status. He requires 3 years of financial records along with officer's names and any paper showing proof of existence of the club. Elise wright informed John that we are no longer able to use the VCA 's tax info and the VCA will cover the cost for the 501-c7. She told him to let her know the cost. cost.

New Business:

"Give the VCA a Bird": The VCA is looking for a donation to help out this year's field trial; \$210 was the suggested amount. There was a discussion about the fact that for the first time in several years the VCA is rotating the location of the VCA Field Trial. The last several VCA FT's have been held in the Midwest. Since CVVC does support the idea of rotating venues, we wanted to make a donation that would indicate that fact. Sandy made a motion to donate up to \$150 to support the event. The monies will be used to purchase of Championship rosettes for placements. In addition there will be a \$55 ad placed in the catalogue. Linda Maus will be asked if she would work on the ad. Kim Karkut seconded the motion and it was passed. The VCA is looking for the club to further promote Vizsla owner joining the national club. Discussion was held to put it on the website and to hand out flyers at our events but no decision was made.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by; Kim Karkurt made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Kim Himmelfarb seconded it; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:31pm.

Upcoming Events:

August: no meeting

September 1st: General Membership meeting J. Timothy's in Plainville.

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