



CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB
BOARD MINUTES, 02/23/2015

Board meeting

In Attendance: Linda Morris, Sandy Jacobus, Kim Karkut, Marisa Fowler, Kim Himmelfarb, John Smayda, Marissa D'Andrea and D'Andrea, John Morris .

President: The meeting was called to order at 6:57pm.

Recording Secretary: Sandy Jacobus made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded, and John Smadya 2nd, the motion was passed.

Corresponding Secretary: No report. Joan Topke is working on the membership and officers list for the AKC for renewal.

Treasurer: Current balances are as follows: General Fund - \$21391.71; Health Fund -\$ 3,596.31; Rescue Fund - \$7159.23. Deposits: \$570.00; Checks activity: INCOME: calendars \$260.00, Raffle WGS \$240.00, Merchandise \$20.00, Membership \$50.00; Total disbursements: \$1996.57 Expenses: WGS Trophies \$675.00, Toepke \$178.95, Liability Insurance \$600.00, Field Trials (Hodges Badge Co.), Hunt test application (fall) \$70.00, Website Design \$70.00 & hosting \$7.95 (Poulin), Holiday Party (host gift) \$20.00, Calendars (reorder & postage) \$115.25.

Committee Reports:

Rescue: There are currently no dogs in rescue. Marisa was contact by a family through the website. They in Higganum and asked for our help. The plan is to evaluate the dog and see if she could help them keep their 3 year old male vizslas. The 2 forms that are left to be revised are being put on hold until June.

Hunting Test. Spring Hunt Test Dates: April 11th-12th (Double Header) with Southern New England Brittany club, Location: Bristol Fish & Game Club in Wolcott. The application is pending AKC's approval of the judging panel. The premium is due to be out by February 28. Birds are ordered, hospitality is being taken care of, we will need bird planters and marshals, but all is on schedule and going very smoothly. Fall Hunt Test Dates: October 3rd & 4th; AKC application has been initiated.

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Field Trial: Cory Roy was unable to attend, but submitted the budget for the spring field trial for approval. There were some questions, so Linda will Cory for explanation.

Health: John Smayda reported that the UK is working on research comparing human and canine DNA. There is some new research dealing with hemangiosarcoma. John S. will be including a link to the information in his article for Vizsla Tales.

Conformation: Joan sent a message that we needs to get an ad in for national catalog and asked about making a donation to the raffle and trophy again this year.

Newsletter: The winter newsletter is due out the end of March. Any articles, brags, ads, etc. need to be to Jasmine by February 28th.

Membership: Deb Loomis submitted four new member applications--Patricia Crowley, Craig Brown, Susan Marucci, and Dan Sullivan. A fifth was inadvertently missed due to scanning issues--Matt Ensero has also submitted an application. These prospective members will be voted into the club at our next meeting.

Merchandise: No report.

Fun Days: It was decided to cancel the Winter Fun Day. The plans that were in place will be used next year. Plans for June Field Fun Day are under way, Marisa called and left a message at Bristol Fish and game to inquire about the availability and cost for the weekend of June13-14

Old Business:

1. Kim Himmelfarb bought up the discussion about tax status. Linda will be checking with Kim Markey for further suggestions on what our next step should be.

New Business:

1. Linda Morris asked for volunteers for the 2015 nominating committee. She will ask the club members who were suggested if any of them would like to be on the committee. Needed is one person from the board and two from the general membership.
2. There was a discussion about how to use the proceeds from the calendar. Kim Kurkut made a motion that \$150 go towards the website and the remainder be held in reserve for further discussions. Marisa Fowler seconded the motion and the motion passed. One suggestion was to use the remainder of the money to purchase a bulletproof vest for a state police dog; this was tabled for further discussion.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kim Himmelfarb; Sandy Jacobus 2nd the motion, all were in favor and meeting was adjourned 9:00 pm

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Upcoming Events:

March 19th: The March is a general membership meeting will be held at J. Timothy's Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 to order dinner 7 pm for meeting.

March Fun Day: Will not be held this year.

April 11 and 12: The first Spring Double-Header Hunt test is being held at Bristol Fish and Game in Wolcott in conjunction with the Southern New England Brittany Club. The premium is due to be mailed out February 28th.

April 20th: The April Board meeting will be held Monday April 20 location to be determined.

April 24 -26: The Spring Field Trial will be held Flaherty Field in East Windsor.

April 27-May 2: VCA National Events to be held in Sandusky, Ohio. Further information is available on the Vizsla Club of America web site.