

Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club General Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2010

In attendance:

Sandy Jacobus, Val Mendizabal, John Morris, Linda Morris, Amanda Tortora, Rich Loomis, Joan Toepke, Mara Fizdale, Dan Tortora, Crystal Ashe, Susan Nakamura, Diana Ayrula, Adnan Aryula

President John Morris called the General meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Recording Secretary

The minutes from the June general meeting (held at the GKC Specialty) were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rich Loomis reported that we have \$13,059.13 in our main account, \$4,229.86 in the Health Fund, and \$5422.56 in Breed Rescue for a total of \$22,611.55.

Corresponding Secretary

Mike Canalizo (Director of AKC Event Management) has sent a letter to Cvvc, among other clubs, about the possibility of a new set of shows to be held at the Javits Center in Manhattan the weekend before Westminster. This follows much conflicting correspondence between the clubs that participated in the GSA and Don Snyder, GSA show chairman. Further discussion on this topic follows in the Conformation Committee report.

Information has been received from the AKC that our Sweeps for the Springfield KC Supported Entry in November 2010 has been accepted.

Committee Reports

A. Rescue Committee

No report

B. Conformation Committee

1. CVVC has made the decision not to join the proposed show at the Javits Center at this time. For 2010 we will proceed with our November Supported Entry at the Thanksgiving Cluster (Springfield Kennel Club Show,) with that becoming our winter Specialty in 2011. We are also setting up a supported entry at the Pioneer Valley show in Greenfield MA. We have not made a decision about Specialties for 2012.

2. VCGNY has reported that they may take Don Snyder to court in an attempt to get the money they are owed. (Our payment selection worked in our favor in this instance, and they are owed far more money than we.) They have an attorney who is a member of their club looking into that possibility.

C. Hunting Test Committee

1. Our Hunting Test will be held October 23rd and 24th at the Dearborn Tract at Flaherty Field Trial Grounds. Members are encouraged to enter their dogs in our test. Information is available from any Hunting Test Standing Committee member.

2. Reminders will be sent to the judges, and the premium, which has been emailed to all members and various other hunting venue lists, will be emailed again 2-3 weeks prior to the closing.

3. The President's Hospitality post did bring results--we have some volunteer workers, but still no Hospitality chairperson.
4. Purina will be donating some items (vests, food samples, etc) for our raffle.

D. Field Trial Committee

1. The December 4th and 5th Walking Field Trial proposed budget was distributed After it was reviewed, Rich moved to accept the budget, Crystal seconded the motion, and it was passed.
2. Amateur gundog will be a Vizsla only stake. Members are encouraged to contact Field Trial Standing Committee members with any questions about entering this stake.
3. There will be food available for purchase all day and there will be a dinner Saturday night (price to be determined). Donations of snacks for the daytime and an appetizer or dessert for the dinner are welcomed.
4. All club members are invited to come for the day and/or for the dinner even if you are not running a dog; there is always a wonderful raffle, and you don't have to be present to win.

F. Merchandising Committee

If you are interested in purchasing any items from the catalogue, please check the CVVC web site and contact Sandy as soon as possible.

G. Health Committee

1. Sue Nakamura submitted a bill for vet supplies for the last Blood Draw (she paid for the vet's supplies herself and needs to be reimbursed.)
2. Sue is also doing research on the National Canine Cancer Foundation's study of Hemangiosarcoma to see if we wish to contribute to the study. Many of us have lost dogs to this dreaded disease.

H. Fun Day Committee

Spring Fun Day will be held sometime in March. The committee is looking for ideas. Anyone with suggestions is invited to contact a Fun-Day Standing Committee member.

I. Newsletter Committee

1. Crystal would like members to send brags about things your dogs do; establishing a fantastic point, starting a new venue, obtaining a new title, etc. These will be published for free.
2. She also needs photos, articles, and ads for the upcoming newsletter. Check an old newsletter for prices.
3. There was further discussion about getting ads for the newsletter from outside sources; decision was tabled.
4. The possibility of having the newsletter published online was brought up again. Val suggested including with the membership drive letter, a question about membership interest in an online newsletter. Some members felt that a hard copy is still nice to have.
5. All items need to be sent to Crystal by 10/1 for inclusion in the 10/15 newsletter.

Old Business

A. The corresponding secretary will send a note of welcome to the new members voted into CVVC:

1. Richard Malchow (Crystal made the motion, Amanda seconded, passed unanimously)
 2. Debbie Fields (Joan made the motion, Amanda seconded, passed unanimously)
 3. For all that they have contributed to CVVC over the years (time, energy, and supplies for a blood draw, giving CVVC a discount for any rescue exams and meds needed, and the work they did with Fala for no charge,) Joan made the motion that Steve and Lilly Feldman be made honorary members of CVVC. Sandy seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. In addition to the membership, they will be given CVVC hats and hunting vests.
- B. David Margolin will be taking photographs for CVVC events if he is present, but only with the resolution to include them in emails if there are professionals on the scene. He will try to send them in printable resolution if no professional photographers are there.
- C. The Jessens have had to rescind their invitation to have the Holiday Party at their condo, as the room is not available. Two club members volunteered their homes (Joan and Val); decision to be made at the next meeting.
- D. Rich made a motion that supplies be bought (to cost no more than \$100.00) for a First Aid basket that will be sent to the Nationals in Wisconsin for their raffle. Susan N. seconded the motion and it was passed. Joan will purchase supplies, put the basket together and transport it to the Nationals.

New Business

- A. CVVC Bylaws need to be updated. Rich will get the AKC format so our changes are in accordance with their rules. At that time a committee will be formed to work on an update. Any recommended changes will be brought before a General meeting for review.
- B. John will send a memo to our membership to review the Standing Committees, make sure each has a Chairperson and a Communicator, and to reaffirm those who wish to remain on the committees and take off any members not wishing to do so. If you are interested in joining one of the committees, please contact John
- C. There was a brief discussion about holding meetings other places than J. Timothy's. Members have been very satisfied with the room, the food, and the service. Future meeting locations will be discussed at each meeting.

Susan N. made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Rich seconded it and the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, Oct 13th: Board Meeting at J. Timothy's in Plainville, CT

Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24, 2010: CVVC Hunting Test at Flaherty Field in East Windsor, CT

Wednesday, November 17th, 2010: CVVC General Meeting at J. Timothy's in Plainville, CT

Sunday, November 28th, 2010: CVVC Supported Entry at the Springfield Kennel Club Show in West Springfield, MA

Holiday Party: to be announced

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Morris

Recording Secretary