

CONNECTICUT VALLEY VIZSLA CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

President John Morris called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance: John Morris, Rich Loomis, Joan Toepke, Amanda Tortora, Susan Nakamura, Marisa Fowler, Sandy Jacobus, Val Mendizabal, Sandy D'Andrea, Marissa D'Andrea, Sandy Ehmer, Dick Frawley, Linda Morris, Crystal Ashe

President's Report's Report:

We are currently working on a reorganization of the standing committees.

We have received correspondence from the Greater New York Vizsla Club that their suit brought against Don Snyder dealing with the Garden State Shows was decided in their favor.

Recording Secretary's Report:

Minutes were read. Rich Loomis made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Susan seconded, motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: no report

Treasurer's Report:

Rich reported that we have \$13,339.27 in the checking, \$6,428.33 in the Breed Rescue Fund, and \$4,495.36 in the Health Fund for a total of \$24,262.93 in the CVVC treasury.

Committee Reports:

A. Rescue

There are no dogs in rescue.

B. Hunt Test

The Hunt Test committee has completed securing judges for the HT to be held on October 22nd and 23rd. Due to an error by the Chairman the budget for the HT was submitted quite late. Crystal made a motion to accept the budget, Amanda seconded. The motion passed.

C. Field Trial

no report

D. Health

1) The Health Committee proposes that CVVC hold a collection of puppy tails at the Springfield Kennel Club Show and the CVVC Hunt Test to submit to the epilepsy study. Amanda made a motion to approve these collections. Rich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2) A proposal was made to assist The Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium with the lymphoma study that is being conducted by Dr. Roe Froman DVM. He is collecting DNA swabs from Vizslas and other pointing breeds to (find a marker for lymphoma). CVVC is proposing to volunteer to assist with this collection by having these swabs available at the Springfield show and at the CVVC Hunting Test. The collection will be anonymous, with the swabs being used on site and then left in a drop box.. Linda made a motion to help the study by having DNA swabs supplied at SKC show and the CVVC hunting test to be left in a drop box anonymously and submitted to Dr Froman. Crystal seconded. The motion passed.

3) The Epilepsy Study at the University of Minnesota stated that it wants blood only from vizslas currently seizing or those older than 10 years at this time. Amanda made a motion that

Vizsla owners who want to join the study and have dogs that fit the criteria be reimbursed up to \$50 for having the blood drawn and shipped to the University independently. Sandy seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

E. Conformation

no report

F. Fun Day

no report

G. Communications

no report

H. Merchandise

Sandy reported that we are low on hats and tick keys and she will be reordering to replenish I stock.

J New Business:

1) A bill was submitted for \$569 for officers insurance. Sandy made a motion to accept and pay the bill. Joan seconded and the motion passed.

2) Flaherty Yearbook advertisements are due at the cost of \$50. Susan made a motion to continue our ad this year. Marisa seconded and the motion passed.

3) The following people have submitted applications and were published in the most recent newsletter

Eduardo & Tasha Cabral

Joseph & Lucia Donahue

Robin & Mark Scorotti

Erin Halfnight

Michael & Kate Mercede Mehok

Geza and Erika Kiss

Crystal made a motion to accept the new members. Dick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4) Joan made a motion that we send flowers to Marty Spoor after her recent hospital stay.

Rich seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5) Copies of the By-Laws were distributed and a point-by-point discussion was begun. Because it was soon apparent that, in order to do a thorough job, a special meeting was necessary, Rich made a motion to call a special general membership meeting to discuss the By-Laws in October. John will call a special meeting after talking with the Board. Marisa seconded and the motion passed.

Susan made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, Marisa seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 22nd & 23rd, 2011: Hunt Test at the Dearbourne Tract, East Windsor, CT

Saturday, October 22, 2011 & Sunday, October 23, 2011: CVVC Fall Hunt Tests, Dearborn Tract Flaherty Field Trial Area, East Windsor, CT

Sunday, November 27, 2011: CVVC Winter Specialty, Springfield Kennel Club, West Springfield, MA

Saturday, December 3, 2011 and Sunday, December 4, 2011: CVVC Walking Field Trial, Flaherty Field Trial Area, East Windsor, CT