

TCVESSA BOARD MINUTES (Via Conference Call)

March 23, 2017

President Liz Pie called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Members Present: Kathy Patregnani, Julie Roberts, Diane Slais, Courtney Hansen, Carmen Laing Liz Pike and Alice Musburger.

Officers Absent: Tekla Viker

Approval of Minutes From March 18, 2017: Minutes were read. Kathy move and Julie seconded. Minutes were approved as read.

Membership Report: Second reading for Joan Ewers. Diane moved and Julie seconded to accept Joan Ewers as a new member beginning in 2017. First reading for Heidi Sargeant as new member.

Treasurer Report: B.A. reported a balance of \$10,720.25. Courtney requested reimbursement for towels for upcoming specialty prizes for about \$1,000.00.

Old Business: A summary of the March 18 awards banquet was given by Carmen. Twenty- eight people were present. Usually there are an average of 35. Possible reasons for the low attendance were discussed. Kathy suggested a survey or ways to ask for improvements. Each board member agreed to personally invite people next year to add a personal touch. The club was set back financially this year as the meals were subsidized. The cost for the Roasted Pear was \$850.

Progress for the May specialties was discussed. Kathy Raidt has reached out for arrangements with the judges. Dinner for the judges this year was brought up. Persons showing can invite judges after judging has happened but before hand as this would be unethical. Liz and Kathy Raidt are to ask Ms. LaFernier and Mr. Anton out for Saturday evening, as they will be staying over until Sunday. Kathy P said there would be no plans for performance judges as they are local and would want to be going home.

Ring stewarding was discussed. Inside ring steward should not have any AKC relationship with any dogs in the ring. Alice is to send steward volunteer information from membership renewal to Liz and Kathy. Inside ring stewards are B.A. on Saturday and Carol Hathaway on Sunday. Cyndi Myhre has also expressed interest in Chief Ring Steward duties.

Liz has received AKC approval for sweepstakes.

Food and beverage reported that B.A. is the coordinator. Liz reported that the cost for bulk orders from Panera was about the same as individual orders so Box Lunches will be advertised.

Kathy and Courtney gave Liz the prize list. Towels, bully sticks and toys left over from last year will be used.

Kathy reported that Dick Wood would judge performance instead of Chuck Anderson. However, this cannot be official until Sharon Wood retires from her job as an AKC Field Rep until May 13 or so. Show Secretary, Cindy O'Hare has all this updated information.

Liz volunteered to check with Michelle Schwartzbauer on the electrical situation.

Friday set up will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and this will be printed in the premium. Also, the building will remain open 2 hours after best in show on Saturday and 1 hour afterward on Sunday.

It was agreed to pay Michelle Schwartzbauer to use her cleaning crew to clean up after the show. Liz was to discuss price with Michelle.

Michelle will also be asked about her preference for using the dog grooming room. This information will not be in the premium but will be in the show-judging program. She will also be asked if a club member needs to be present.

Friday there will be a "One and Done" ring rental for \$5.00 for 5 minutes. No judge is required and no advertising is needed, as it is not an AKC event.

Shirley Harford is in charge of the welcome bags and is currently working on them.

Kathy asked that all steward orders go through her for coordination.

Kathy Raidt is doing the ESRA raffle and will supervise the TCVESSA raffle as well. A Visa card is to be one of the larger prizes and other ideas in the \$75 range were requested. Two to three ideas are needed.

New Business: The June agility trial is on schedule to take place at On The Run June 2-4, 2017. Donations are needed for the worker raffles.

Brief discussion about revising the current award guidelines on recognition of all Championships took place. This was tabled for further talk until after the specialty. Alice proposed a new form be added to the website for members to use for wanting a certificate from Liz for new titles to avoid confusion in awards and titles and spellings, etc.

Next Board Meeting Date: The next board meeting date was set for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. via conference call.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Musburger