

TCVESSA Board Minutes
February 17, 2021

Board members present: President Courtney Hansen, Vice President Liz Pike, Treasurer B.A. Breese, Kathy Patregnani, Carmen Laing, Julie Roberts, Tekla Viker and Diane Slais. Six to eight club members also dialed into the Zoom meeting.

Absent: Secretary Alice Musburger,

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Liz Pike.

Minutes from January 17 were amended to remove the duplicate of Julie and add Diane as present. Moved by Kathy, seconded by Diane to approve as amended; motion carried.

BA reported that there is \$12,620.81 in the treasury after a very successful January agility trial.

Secretary report from Alice: all current (2020) members have renewed. We had the first reading of the new member application by Laura Schreiner from Green Bay (interested in agility, will be getting a puppy from Kathy).

Old Business

January Agility Trial Debrief – Filled and made money! Club members who worked the weekend have a received a free entry in appreciating for their heroic efforts. We discussed the “best practices” during COVID – using text and FB to signal when it was time to run so people felt really safe. Kathy suggested we contact Michelle to understand what rules she will have in place for the May Specialty. Tekla and Courtney will be Des Moines this weekend and will be able to tell us how they handle different aspects of the show.

The 2021 Specialty and All-Breed Obedience/Rally Trials -Final approvals have come through from AKC. Jean suggested we encourage people to groom outside. Jean suggested we use the same technology set up for people to see on FB live the pace/place of classes during the show. A question was raised about security in the parking lot as people will be going in and out frequently. Liz will check with Michelle on security and Brian offered to help patrol when not showing. Tekla suggested we need to confirm that we can use both rooms for grooming to allow for social distancing; we will likely need to put plastic down in the back room.

Kathy asked if we will do a club raffle and suggested a RuffTuff kennel. Brian can get them for \$189 (gray) direct from the factory. Brian will check on colors; additional colors are about \$40 more. Tickets at a recent trial with Ruff Tuff were \$10. We also have a dolly that has already been purchased. Kathy moved that Brian purchase an intermediate purple Ruff Tuff for the Specialty raffle; seconded and approved. Brian also offered to make a raised food (Spring Ridge Kennel) dish holder with our logo. Mary Dahl / Signature Springers offered to donate a \$100 Visa card for the raffle.

We are in the process of submitting applications for the Des Moines KC designated specialties on September 11 and 12. We will use the DMKC judging panel but will need to identify Sweepstakes judges for both Saturday and Sunday. Liz asked for anyone with ideas to submit them to the Judges Selection Committee (Julie, Tekla, Courtney)

We had a brief discussion about annual mementos – a sturdy tumbler or water bottle was suggested. More discussion and input is invited.

Summer activity – we are looking for a fun, outdoor summer activity in place of the Spring Banquet. Joan investigated Park and Rec in her area (Cottage Grove); hockey rinks are grassy areas, charge \$50 for the rink plus \$40 for a porta potty. Joan suggested you could look for a central location with a grassy hockey rink. What is an ideal location? Joan was going to check Bloomington.

Scent Work Seminar and Tracking Seminar ON HOLD FOR NOW until some COVID restrictions have lifted.

New Business

The club still needs to have a first quarter general membership meeting in order to vote on the new slate of officers for 2021. A large Zoom meeting is a possibility.

Next meeting date was scheduled for March 17th at 7 pm via Zoom.

General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Closed Session with Board Only (this should not go to the membership or VOX)

A question has been raised on recognition for Juniors. Discussion ensued and the following was agreed:

The Board agreed to recognize Juniors' achievements with some kind of memento at the annual award time (titles, invitation to Westminster, Royal Canin, Agility Invitational). We agreed to provide a one-time \$100 scholarship from the club to any Junior club member qualifying for one of the invitational events. The junior would also have the option to run a raffle at one of our events.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Alice Musburger,
Liz Pike