

TCVESSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – 2-3-22

Board Members Present: Liz Pike, B.A. Breese, Alice Musburger, Courtney Hansen, Kathy Patregnani, Julie Roberts, Carmen Laing, Tekla Viker, Diane Slais. TCVESSA member Joan Beck, Mary Dahl and Mary Haggerty also joined the ZOOM call.

A motion was made to approve the November '21 minutes by Liz. B.A. seconded.

Alice, in tandem with Julie, provided the Secretary's Report. First readings were done for Rita Bakalar, Maria Barton and Demelza Homes. The second readings for Sterling Erickson; Jill, Cody and Grady Dunham; Joane and Liz Riel, as well as Mary and Matthew Haggerty were completed. It was also mentioned that Mary Dahl is now a lifetime member.

Treasurer B.A. indicated that TCVESSA's account balance is now \$13,610.04.

Kathy mentioned that the club took in \$3,700.00 at last month's agility trial. Since we have not had a meeting since November, and we were running low on ribbons, Kathy stated that she made an executive decision to order approximately \$600.00 worth of ribbons. There were no other requests for money.

There was a short debrief of the January agility trial at Cloud 9. As noted above, TCVESSA made \$3,700 from the event. Kathy stated that she had an unpleasant verbal exchange with C9 owner Dawn Falk and that Dawn was quite inhospitable at the trial. Kathy mentioned that she looked into FUSION for next January's agility trial, as a result. C9 charges \$2,800.00 for the weekend rental and FUSION would only charge us \$2,400.00.

Courtney gave an update on the Nose Work/Scent Work seminar to be held on Feb 12/13 at the Canine Cabin in Clearwater. The instructor will be Holly Bushard. Of the 12 working spots, only 1 is still open for both days. All 6 of the audit spots, for both days, are still open. The club will provide snacks and water. A registration form is not needed, COVID waivers will need to be signed on site (for TCVESSA) and no face coverings will be required.

Alice provided the award update. She is still waiting for 2 people to send her information before she can do the final tabulation of the 2021 awards. Twenty-three dogs applied for awards and there are approximately 30 new titles. There was a discussion about the plaques which are displayed at the banquet. Does the club want to continue on that path? The process is quite an undertaking (engraving, transporting, storage 364 days a year) since they are only displayed once a year at the Annual Banquet.

Carmen stated that she has received 3 reservations for the Annual Banquet/Meeting, at Pub 42, on March 26th. She would welcome any help from members to help her set up the private dining room at 4:30 p.m. on that day. Although Carmen sent an email/PDF to all members about the Annual Banquet, Alice suggested that Carmen send a PDF directly to Jean Dockendorf, so she can add the event to the TCVESSA website.

The Des Moines Specialty will be held on the weekend after the National, so it was agreed that we will decline this year.

Liz made an executive decision and said "yes" to the supported entry at Key City, which will be held around Memorial Day weekend.

Brief update on our ESS specialty in May: All Judges (4 conformation, 2 obedience/rally) are confirmed, Mike Teh will be the trial secretary and Kayla Nyvold will run the club raffle.

There was a Fast Cat discussion. Kathy has spoken to an individual named Matt who is well-versed in this area. TCVESSA will need to get licensed through AKC to have any trials. Alice suggested the Wright County Fairgrounds as a venue, should we be approved for a license. Kathy also mentioned that a weekend could support 4 trials/500 runs and could bring in \$5,100.00.

Joan mentioned that she will do a VOX soon. Julie and Diane will provide her with the approved Board Meeting minutes from October and November for publishing.

The meeting ended, however the Board continued on in a closed session for another 12 minutes.

Liz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Kathy seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Slais