



## From TCVESSA's President: Francie Nelson

Once again, our May specialty shows are history!

We have become, as I keep saying to Liz Pike, Jon Pidde, and others, very good at organizing and presenting our specialty shows, obedience trials, and rally competition. This means that our exhibitors enjoy the competition in a relaxed atmosphere, because we excel at planning and preparation.

I'd like to thank the TCVESSA board of directors. Every single person undertook a specific leadership role in order to ensure the success of our weekend. Additionally, members stepped up to help in various important ways. All bases were covered!

It felt kind of like "old home week" on Saturday – there were Mary Davis and Melanie Bergstedt on duty as our regular class conformation stewards. I swear they both looked exactly the same – no years added – as they did when last they stewarded together at our specialties! How great, too, to see and hug Bud Davis!!

I'd like to say a special "thank you" to the obedience/rally leadership team and to all exhibitors. Our club has its very roots in obedience (ask me, Julie Roberts, or any other club life member how we got started – obedience!) and we have always had strong exhibitor participation in obedience. There were new potential club members competing in rally and obedience and this is so important to the future good health of TCVESSA.

On the "down side," our conformation entry was smaller this year. The board is actively engaged in discussions about how to reverse the downward trend. We are also engaged in a great deal of discussion concerning events and activities that can generate helpful revenue in support of all our events and programs, including the specialties.

Watch the web site and future issues of the VOX as we get our event/activity plan together. We have much to look forward to – an education seminar in late July and an Agility Trial weekend in October, for starters.

Have a wonderful summer with your Springers!  
Francie Nelson

PS: I've had a number of requests for a continuation of the discussion of our Breed Standard that we began last year. So we've planned it – for Sunday July 29 from Noon – 2 PM at Pet Junction. There's more information ahead in this newsletter. We need 10 people to make this worthwhile to do, so please let me know if you plan to come. Email me at [fanfarespringers@comcast.net](mailto:fanfarespringers@comcast.net) – Thanks!



## TCVESSA Specialty 2012

Liz Pike - Show Chairperson

BIG THANKS to everyone who helped make this year's Specialty such a big success.

We are fortunate to have members who are committed to putting on a great show and your willingness to contribute and volunteer is simply outstanding. Special thanks to the following individuals:

Judges Hospitality – Kathy Raidt, Club Raffle – Carmen Laing, Social Hour – Maggi Stow and Pat Welsh, Trophy Fund – Maryev Monty and Kathy Patregnani, Ribbons – Jean Dockendorf, Rescue Raffle – Shirley Harford and Ann Sunderman, Set Up/ Clean Up – Jon Pidde, Shelia Koon, Julie Roberts, BA Breese, Courtney Hansen, and Sue Owens, Obedience Chair – Kathy Patregnani, TCVESSA Board, Raffle contributors, and all the Ring Stewards, extra hands, and willing volunteers. You made this show a success!

And thank you again for a terrific 2012 Specialty!

### We Need Your Ideas!

Every year, the members of TCVESSA strive to put on a memorable Specialty and we want to continue that tradition as we (already) begin to plan for our 2013 show. In the spirit of continuous improvement, we'd like your input and ideas.

Each year, the Board works hard to put together a Judging panel that is balanced and will have broad appeal. Our strategy has been to provide diversity by having a breeder judge and an all-breed judge for conformation. For Sweeps, we look for someone non-local, who has history in the Springer fancy, and for the second judge we look locally for someone who is knowledgeable about sporting breeds.

For Rally and Obedience, we try to find versatile judges who can handle all the classes we want to offer so that we can minimize costs. The Board carefully considers candidates, rank orders them, and then we contact the judges to determine availability for our dates. Then, if the stars all align, we have contracts signed and finalize our Judging Panel.

While the Board will maintain accountability for the final selection of the panel, we would love to hear your ideas for judges who fit our criteria –and who will help us have a fantastic show. If you have ideas for Conformation, Sweeps, Rally and/or Obedience judges, please send them to Liz Pike ([liz.westring@genmills.com](mailto:liz.westring@genmills.com)) before our next Board meeting which is scheduled for Monday, July 30.

Also, I would welcome ideas for how to improve our show in general – we want to continue to offer the “Best” in Springer Specialties from the Best in Springer Clubs!

Liz Pike  
[Liz.westring@genmills.com](mailto:Liz.westring@genmills.com)



## TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2012

**Officers present:**

Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, B.A. Breese, Treasurer, and Kathy Raidt, Secretary

**Directors present:**

Liz Pike, Carmen Laing, Maryev Monty, and Jon Pidde

**Directors absent:**

Jean Dockendorf

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 PM by Francie Nelson.

A motion was made to waive the reading of the notes from the November Meeting. It was seconded and approved.

**Presentation of slate:**

Francie presented the proposed slate of board members:

Officers: Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, Kathy Raidt, Secretary, and BA Breese, Treasurer.

Directors: Carmen Laing, Maryevelyn Monty, Kathy Patregnani, Jon Pidde, and Liz Pike.

A motion was made to accept this slate of board members to be approved. It was seconded and approved.

Outgoing: A special thanks goes to Jean Dockendorf who has stepped away from the board but will still be involved with responsibilities within the club. A special thanks also goes to Kandice Bierle for being the editor for VOX for several years.

**Newsletter:**

A request was made for someone to be editor of the VOX. Kandice Bierle has stepped down as editor and the club is looking for another volunteer.

**Specialty 2012:**

A plea for more support of the Trophy Fund for the Specialty in May was made. Liz Pike stated that the Premium would be mailed next week. The judging slots have been filled and Liz is still looking for more volunteers.

**Agility Announcement:**

Kathy Patregnani and Jon Pidde have researched and proposed an agility trial this year in partnership with our parent club. We have reserved the St Paul Training Club for October 12, 2012, through October 14, 2012. 60% of the profits will come to our club and 40% will go to our parent club, ESSFTA.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:45 PM. It was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kathy Raidt, TCVESSA Secretary



## TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes - March 27, 2012

**Officers present:**

Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, B.A. Breese, Treasurer, and Kathy Raidt, Secretary

**Directors present:**

Liz Pike, Carmen Laing, Jon Pidde, Kathy Patregnani, and Maryev Monty

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM by Francie Nelson.

**Secretary's report:** The notes, from the February 2, 2012, Board meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** It was reported that an amount of \$6,398.86 was in the club's account.

**Memberships:**

The first reading for membership approval for Tari Jolin from Holt, MO, was read.

**Specialty 2012:**

The club is watching expenses. Maryev Monty will write a reminder for the Trophy Fund.

**Agility:**

Kathy Patregnani has reserved the St Paul Dog Training Club for October 12, 13, and 14, 2012, for our first agility trial. A motion to move forward with this trial was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

**Education:**

We will still hold our November General Membership meeting along with an educational event. Francie Nelson will continue teaching about the breed standard.

Kathy Patregnani proposed a performance class.

Francie Nelson will contact Kristen Radermacher about marketing an educational event.

**Banquet:**

All of us thanked Carmen Laing for another successful and fun banquet on March 10, 2012.

**New Business:**

Francie Nelson started a discussion on multi-year membership renewals. B.A. Breese will research PayPal for members to pay annual dues.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 2012, at 2:00 PM at the home of Liz Pike in Plymouth, MN. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy Raidt

TCVESSA Secretary



## TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes - April 27, 2012

**Officers present:**

Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, B.A. Breese, Treasurer, and Kathy Raidt, Secretary

**Directors present:**

Liz Pike, Carmen Laing, Kathy Patregnani, Jon Pidde, and Maryev Monty

The meeting was called to order at 3:19 PM by Francie Nelson.

**Secretary's report:** The notes, from the March 27, 2012, Board meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** It was reported that an amount of \$5,913.47 was in the club's account.

**Memberships:**

The second reading for membership approval for Tari Jolin from Holt, MO, was read. Her membership application is approved and accepted.

**Specialty 2012:**

Liz Pike, Specialty Chairperson, facilitated discussions about the Specialty.

Verification of judges and their arrivals was affirmed.

Stewards were assigned

Kathy Patregnani stated that all of the trophies were ready.

Liz will follow up with Jean Dockendorf about the ribbons.

The social hour is planned and ready per Pat Welch and Maggie Stowe.

The grooming area will have 24 plugs.

Set up will begin that Friday at noon. The public may start setting up between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Maryev will make the Results Boards.

The prize drawing was reviewed and confirmed.

Francie will follow up on an "unentered dogs" ruling.

Joan Beck will be asked to communicate to the club members that more volunteers are needed for cleanup.

The total entry will be available this next Thursday or Friday. A reminder about the deadline will be posted on Facebook, our website, the ESS Group e-mails, and TCVESSA Announce.

Run through will be open from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM for \$5 per 5 minutes.

**Agility trial:**

Kathy Patregnani has submitted the application to AKC.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at Byerly's in Maple Grove.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy Raidt

TCVESSA Secretary



## TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes - May 30 , 2012

**Officers present:**

Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, B.A. Breese, Treasurer, and Kathy Raidt, Secretary

**Directors present:**

Liz Pike, Carmen Laing, and Jon Pidde

**Directors absent:**

Kathy Patregnani and Maryev Monty

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 PM by Francie Nelson.

**Secretary's report:** The notes, from the April 29, 2012, Board meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** It was reported that an amount of \$3,692.93 was in the club's account.

**Specialty 2012:**

The board discussed the costs and entries of the Specialties held this month. Liz Pike proposed surveying the membership for input on judge selection for future Specialties. Two obedience and two rally events per day were also reviewed.

2013 Specialty will be held in the same location, On the Run Canine Center in Ham Lake, MN.

An AKC ruling states that there will need to be free grooming space but electrical is not required.

**Education:**

Francie reported that she spoke with Kris Radermacher at the specialties. Kris has indicated her willingness to help with an educational seminar, perhaps in November or early in 2013. Francie will invite Kris to the next board meeting for more discussion and ideas.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 28, 2012, at Byerly's in Maple Grove. A proposed date of Thursday, August 2, 2012, for the July/August meeting was scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy Raidt

TCVESSA Secretary



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PER JEAN WINZENBERG:

JEAN HAS A NEIGHBOR, KRISTEN RICE, THAT IS LOOKING FOR DOGS/PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER VISITING AT THE CARE CENTER HER MOTHER IS IN. SHE CURRENTLY VISITS THERE WITH HER GOLDEN, DISNEY, AND THE RESIDENTS LOVE IT.

PLEASE CONTACT KRISTEN AT:

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AUGUST 15, 2012

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