



From TCVESSA's Vice President: Francie Nelson

Hi all –

I'm filling in for Julie, who is in Montana as I'm writing this report to you. Here's an update on our club and its recent activities.

As many of you know, we had very successful specialty shows in May, with great comments from exhibitors. Our agility trials, held in late May/early June, were also very successful. We have reserved our wonderful venue, On The Run, already for 2015 and we're moving ahead with plans for next year's events. As always, your volunteer support is always appreciated and there are many ways to help out at club events so make your interests known!

The Board has agreed to increase the October, 2014 agility trials to 440 runs, given our success at filling our May/June trials. We'll need lots of volunteers, so please – whether you're running in the trials or just coming to watch – volunteer to help. Board contact information is included in the newsletter so just zap a message to Courtney Hansen or Kathy Patregnani and help out at the October trials. Thanks!

TCVESSA is now a member of Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders' Association. This will help bring visibility and awareness to our club and our breed. It also will allow us to be represented at the State Fair. Even more importantly, we'll be informed about legislation and information that has an impact on purebred dogs, and we'll share it either here in the newsletter or on our club web site.

Soon it will be time to plan our late October/early November education day and general membership pot luck/meeting. If you have a particular area of interest and would like to suggest that we plan some activities around it, let me – or any member of the TCVESSA board – know. Last year, we did some beginning agility work and some conformation training. The meeting was well attended so if you enjoyed and participated, let us know that, too, and we'll consider repeating!

As I've mentioned before, we have a volunteer position available as Annual Awards Co-chair for Conformation. This person determines, from member submissions, the winners of our annual trophies and special awards. Jon Pidde handles the performance awards. This job must be done by someone "local," as it involves visits to Viking Trophy to handle the ordering and pick-up of the club's engraved plaques and annual awards. I have enjoyed this job for several years and if you'd like to know more, please get in touch.

Have a great summer with your Springers!!
Francie



TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes May 28, 2014

Officers present:

Julie Roberts, President, Francie Nelson, Vice President, Maryevelyn Monty, Secretary, B.A. Breese, Treasurer

Directors present:

Liz Pike and Courtney Hansen

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM via conference call by Julie Roberts.

Secretary's Report

The notes from the March 24, 2014 meeting were read, corrected, accepted, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

It was reported that \$5,758.93 is in our account and there are no outstanding expenses to be paid.

A discussion ensued concerning the expenses of the Specialty Shows. Total income from the show was \$5,715. The show secretary cost was \$3,067, The facility cost was \$1475. Judges cost \$1300. We earned \$650 from electrical plug reservations. The expenses for prizes and ribbons were acknowledged but the detail was not immediately available. To sum up, the Specialty is an expensive event that does not break even.

Specialty

Julie Roberts stated that she heard only positive comments from exhibitors. It was agreed by all that this show can be considered a success! Liz Westring was recognized and thanked for her efforts as Show Chair.

A discussion ensued concerning the future of the show including a possible date change, change of venue and whether to continue as a standalone show.

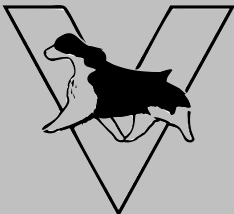
It was agreed that we must keep our current date as there might be conflicts with WESSA. And it was agreed that On the Run, our current show site, is great for our needs and we will commit for the 2015 show.

Francie Nelson commented that she prefers a standalone show. A brief discussion ensued, and it was decided that we will commit to the current show site for the near future.

Julie Roberts stated that good judges are the key to drawing more entries to our show. She asked that we begin to think of who we think would attract entries and prepare a list.

Courtney Hansen reported that Kathy Patrignani sent a message to remind the board that judges for Obedience and Rally need to be hired soon. Local judges will be at a seminar required by AKC at that time, and we will have to import judges next year.

Additionally, Kathy suggests that we consider offering 4 obedience shows next year. The board decided to table that for discussion at the next board meeting.



May—Cont.

The after show clean-up arrangements was discussed. The board decided that it is helpful if people other than club members clean the show site, and we are willing to pay for this service.

It was reported that Michelle, the owner of On the Run, complained that we did not recycle as much as we should. We will be sure to address this next year.

A discussion ensued concerning a conflict between performance exhibitors and breed exhibitors, and timing of their events.

It was reported that the hotel did not provide poop cans on their lawn. We will be sure to attend to that for next year's shows.

Overall, the board agreed that the exhibitor reaction to our show was very favorable.

Old Business

It was decided to postpone any discussion of award changes to another meeting.

Courtney Hansen previously suggested that the Board consider membership in the Minnesota Purebred Breeders Association. This organization exhibits at the MN State Fair and it is a big draw. Francie Nelson asked Courtney to investigate their Code of Ethics. Courtney agreed to bring that information to the next meeting.

Shirley Harford has requested a refund of the entry fees for the Specialty due to her dog's injury. A discussion ensued. It was decided that even though we are sympathetic, per our stated practice we cannot issue a refund. Julie Roberts will address this with Shirley.

It was decided that the club should send an expression of sympathy to Joan Beck on the loss of her dog, Venus. Even though she not a member of TCVESSA at this time, she has been active in the ESS fancy. Maryevelyn Monty will send a card to her.

Next Meeting will be on June 23, 2014 via teleconference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes: Monday, June 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order by president Julie Roberts at 7:15 PM. All directors were present except for Maryev Monty, who had indicated that she would not be able to attend this meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: BA reported a balance of \$10,884.69.

Agility: The late May/June trials were very successful with many positive comments. Kathy requested and received authorization (unanimous) to purchase ribbons for the October and January trials. She noted that the October trials will be 440 runs.

Specialty: Chair Liz Pike noted the following:

Doug Johnston has agreed to judge regular classes at the Sunday 2015 specialty; Liz will contact the other proposed judge for Saturday.

On the Run is confirmed.

There was considerable discussion about obedience judges. It was agreed that we would seek judges within driving distance but also consider bringing one judge in who could do both obedience and sweepstakes (conformation). Suggestions were made concerning the other sweeps judge and that person will be invited.

There was some discussion about the AKC National Owner Handler Series and whether we must offer it (NOTE: FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE NEW REGULATIONS HAS BEEN RECEIVED).

Old Business: The following items of old business were discussed:

The board unanimously agreed that TCVESSA will join MN Purebred; annual dues \$40.00. Courtney will move forward on our membership application.

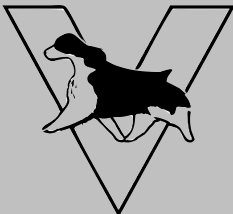
Suggestions for 2014 annual awards were discussed. We agreed to keep the certificates (we all love them) and price engraved beer steins/mugs (Francie will check with Viking) and custom picture frames with TCVESSA logo (Kathy P will check prices). We could alternate years.

New Business: No items of new business were raised.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 28, 7:00 PM via teleconference (numbers are always the same)

Adjourned: 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Francie Nelson (for Maryevelyn Monty)



WINS & BRAGS

**GCH Rosebud’s Lion Heart CGC
“Leo”**

Owned by Alice Musburger

Sunflower Cluster

April 4	Select Dog	
April 5	Select Dog, BOB—Owner Handler, Group 2 Owner Handler	
April 6	Select Dog	

**Hirdler Hill’s Victory Promise CD
“Tori”**

Owned by Alice Musburger

Sunflower Cluster

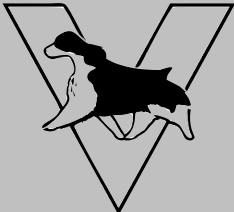
April 4	Rally Novice B	Leg 1—1st Place (99/100)
April 5	Rally Novice B CGC	Leg 2—3rd Place (97/100)
April 6	Rally Novice B	Leg 3—1st Place (100/100) NEW TITLE-RN

**Sagewinds Paws Up Its Griffin CGC CD RE NA NAJ
“Griffin”**

Owned by Carmen Laing

TCVESSA Specialty Obedience Trial

May 17	Open A	Leg 1 1st Place
May 18	Open A	Leg 2 1st Place



WINS & BRAGS**Briarton Patriot Games
“Duncan”****Owned by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen****TCVESSA Specialty**

May 17 Puppy Sweepstakes—Best of Opposite Sex

Duluth Kennel Club

July 12 WD, BOW—2 points

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TCVESSA AGILITY TRIAL

OCTOBER 2014

ON THE RUN CANINE CENTER
HAM LAKE, MN

NEXT AGILITY TRIAL—JANUARY 2015

LITTERBOX ANNOUNCEMENTSNEXT VOX DEADLINE

Sept 20, 2014

please send all wins & brags, litterbox announcements, upcoming events and articles.

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