



From TCVESSA's President: Julie Roberts

Yesterday it was 80 degrees, today it's snowing, only in Minnesota do we find such extremes in temperatures. Well, I guess in Iowa too!

However, spring is right around the corner and with the changing of seasons from winter into spring, won't you think about "springing" into action and consider working on one of TCVESSA's various committees? Currently Liz is looking for volunteers for our upcoming specialty show in May in the following areas:

1. Friday afternoon set up
2. Sunday afternoon clean up
3. Saturday morning breakfast set up
4. Sunday morning breakfast set up
5. Lunch manager (check off names, set up food) Saturday
6. Lunch manager (check off names, set up food) Sunday
7. Conformation ring outside steward on Sunday.
8. Obedience and rally stewards.

Send an email to liz.westring@genmills.com and let her know where you can help!

Besides our specialty show TCVESSA is always looking for volunteers and people to help with the many events and functions that we are planning. We have an education committee that has two wonderful seminars in the works that we will need help on, a show committee, hunt test/working dog test, a yearly awards committee, a fun match that needs to be planned, and the list goes on. What a wonderful way to serve this organization, meet many new faces and build community with fellow Springer lovers. Let someone on the board know that you are willing to help, and what area you would like to be involved with. Congrats to all of our award winners for 2013. Sorry I couldn't be at our annual awards meeting to see everyone; I heard the food was terrific!

In the meantime I'm looking forward to serving as your president once again. I'm not sure how things will go trying to run a club from a distance, but I'll try my best. I'm not too far from the Clear Lake, Mason City area so stop by anytime. Come on Wednesday nights and do some obedience, rally and conformation work with the Springer's and the Belgium Tervuren's!

Julie



TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes February 17, 2014

Officers present:

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

Directors present:

Liz Pike, Jon Pidde, Kathy Patregnani, Carmen Laing, and Courtney Hansen

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM via conference call by Francie Nelson.

Secretary's Report

The notes from the January 6 meeting were read, accepted, seconded and approved.

The second reading of a membership application for Jan Baker and Jackie Alschuller was made and approved.

A discussion concerning life membership criteria was postponed to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

It was reported that \$11,363.06 is in our account and there are no outstanding expenses to be paid.

Specialty

Liz Westring, Show Chair, reported the following:

Photographer Laurie Erickson has been contacted about acting as show photographer again. If she is not available we will use Shawn Dunford. It was agreed that Laurie did a great job and is our preference.

AKC has accepted our 4-6 month puppy class entry fee of \$10.

Conformation ring stewards are confirmed for Saturday. We still need stewards for Sunday conformation.

Joan Beck is working on an ad that will be in the next Showcase.

Kathy Raidt has agreed to act as judges host again this year.

Kathy Patregnani reported that she has contacted Jean Dockendorf concerning show ribbons.

We need to place an order for \$350 worth of ribbons. The board approved this expenditure.

A discussion ensued concerning catering at the show. We provide a lunch to judges, stewards, and volunteers. It was agreed that we should explore something other than the outside food truck that we have used in the past. Jimmie Johns or Panera lunch boxes were suggested for consideration. We could make the lunch box available to exhibitors via a reservation form in the premium and offer it at a fair price. Last year we spent \$1000 on catering.



We need someone to manage our club raffle. Kathy Patregnani will ask Ann Sunderman if she would be willing to take this on. Our trophy fund solicitation, usually presented at the Banquet, will be changed to reflect B. A. Breese' contact information.

A discussion ensued concerning the specialty trophies. It was agreed that we will offer beds for the larger prizes and treat bags for placements. For obedience we will offer water buckets and dog treats.

It was reported that Judge Richard Beauchamp is very ill and there is a possibility that he might not be well enough for our Specialty. A discussion ensued concerning a back-up. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

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Agility

Kathy Patregnani reported that our recent agility trial earned \$2300 after expenses.

A discussion ensued concerning our next agility trials, May 30, 31, and June 1. There are no conformation shows scheduled during that weekend. To keep expenses down we are using local judges. Kathy advised that we should schedule our January 2015 trial now.

It was reported that we need more Q ribbons, and more MACH ribbons. The expense of \$250 was approved by the board.

Awards Banquet

Carmen Laing continues as the Banquet Chair. The date for the 2014 awards banquet is March 8 at the Medina Event Center. Carmen has sent the banquet announcement and reservation form to all members via US post. A reminder email will be sent to the TCVESSA Membership as well.

New Business

Courtney Hansen raised the possibility of TCVESSA membership in MN Purebred Dog Association. This was tabled until we can review membership requirements and other relevant facts about this organization.

A discussion ensued concerning the publication of the VOX. It was agreed that this will be changed to quarterly in place of bi-monthly.

Next Meeting will be on March 8, 2014 at our Annual Awards Banquet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryevelyn Monty
Secretary



JOIN US FOR THE 2014 TCVESSA SPECIALTY

It's snowing, it's pouring
At least it's never boring!
Our Specialty will soon be here
I promise spring is very near!

Our Springers are all Best of Breed
And Rally Champs that do succeed
With sloppy kisses and whoo whoos
No dog entered here will ever lose!

So join us in the month of May
And don't forget to mark the day
For winners all, I know we'll be
If not, there'll be a drink on me!

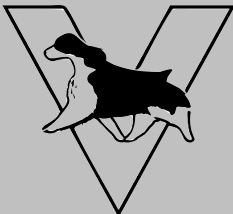
Now that I have your attention with my "poetry", please join us for our 2014 Specialty on May 17th and 18th at **On the Run Canine Center** in Ham Lake, MN (www.ontheruncaninecenter.com).

Don't Delay!! Entries are due to Dog Shows by Design by noon, April 30. (www.dogshowsbydesign.com) Premiums are available on both the TCVESSA and Dog Shows by Design websites. Don't forget to reserve your grooming space and lunch (there will be no other food service on site)!

And, back by popular demand: club hosted continental breakfast both mornings and a Social Hour on Saturday evening after Breed Judging.

Because we are not using an outside caterer this year, we need club members to help set up and manage the breakfast and lunch food. As always, volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Email liz.westring@genmills.com to help with this great event.

I can't wait to see ALL of you in May!



Hello, Everyone,

ESRA has been invited once again to hold a raffle at the TCVESSA Specialty held at On the Run Canine Center in Ham Lake, MN, on May 17th and 18th.

We are looking for items for you to donate.

Suggestions:

Anything related to springers or dogs

Basket of dog treats, collars, shampoo, etc.

Bottle of fine wine

Baked goods

That really nice item that you don't need but think someone would love to have

Gift cards

I can pick up any items for the raffle on Sunday, May 11th, if you live in the 7 county area. You are welcome to drop off your items, too, at One the Run Canine Center Friday, May 16th, in the afternoon, if you live in the area.

I have created a video and published it on You Tube so take a peek and enjoy seeing some of the springers that you have fostered. Let's raise some money for ESRA!!!

<http://youtu.be/kmrwv23b8x0>

Kathy Raidt



A SHORT MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hi all – just a thank you to Carmen, Jon and Sandy Pidde, Liz, and all who attended the banquet in March.

The awards display was awesome; the food was great; the mood was festive. A special thanks to Liz for the ride. That was – truly – above and beyond the call of duty, and very much appreciated.

Our new officers are now in place; congratulations to new president Julie Roberts!

Looking forward to all of our spring events and hope to see y'all there, with your Springers, enjoying the camaraderie and enjoying lots of success.

Francie

UPCOMING EVENT

TCVESSA AGILITY TRIAL

MAY 30, 31 & JUNE 1, 2014

ON THE RUN CANINE CENTER
HAM LAKE, MN

NEXT AGILITY TRIAL—JANUARY 2015



WINS & BRAGS**MACH11 Cedarwood's Chaotic Crescendo MXG4 MJB5 MXF TQX T2B
"Chaos"****Owned by Jan Baker & Jackie Alschuler**ESSFTA

Agility Springer of the Year—4th year

MACH 11

**Sagewinds Paws Up its Griffin CGC CD RE NA NAJ
"Griffin"****Owned by Carmen Laing**TCVESSA Agility Trial

Jan 25 Standard Novice B

Leg 2 1st Place

Jan 25 JWW Novice B

Leg 3 1st Place—NEW TITLE—NAJ

St. Paul Dog Training Club

Feb 22 JWW Open

Leg 1 1st Place

Feb 23 Standard Novice B

Leg 3 1st Place—NEW TITLE—NA

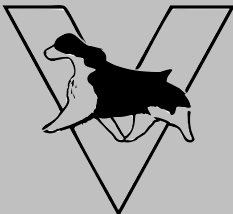
Feb 23 JWW Open

Leg 2 3rd place

**Cache's Head Over Heels
"Audrey"****Owned by Heidi Buytaert & Jennifer & Bob Eaton**Land O'Lakes Kennel Club

Jan 4 Best of Opposite

Jan 5 Select Bitch



RAINBOW BRIDGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CH ASPEN'S ASHWYN PARTY GIRL CGC, TD, OA, NAJ, JNP
"REBA"

(CH ELDAMAR'S ASHWYN DISCOVER "AUSTIN" X A/C CH ASPEN'S CANAMER CAPER
"CAPER")

2/1/2000 - 10/18/2013

This picture is of Reba at age 12 1/2 yrs. old winning 1st place at an AKC Rally trial.

Reba excelled in agility, obedience, therapy dog, tracking, and she enjoyed field work. But most of all she was my heart dog for over 13 1/2 years and a constant companion to Cooper.

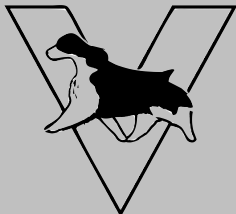
She was smart, funny, animated, and a blast to work with in any venue. She made me laugh every day of her life.

Reba was a therapy dog at Regions Hospital where she made a difference in the lives of everyone she visited. Sometimes, she was the only visitor for hospital patients, or those there for cancer treatment, or families waiting for their loved ones who were in surgery. She had her own photo ID, volunteer scarf, and parking pass.

She is also the dam of Apollo and Bobbie, littermates who won winners dog and winners bitch at the 2006 ESSFTA National Specialty.

In addition, she was the junior's dog for two outstanding junior handlers. She left so many wonderful memories and blessings for those that knew her. Owned by: Carol J. Hathaway, Jacquie Dean, Melissa Thorson. Bred by: Carol, Jacquie, and S. Salzwedel.

THANK YOU,
CAROL HATHAWAY



LITTERBOX ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN: JAN 22, 2014

SIRE: CH DARTEK'S PAYDIRT "PAYTON"

DAM: CH CACHE'S HAMM IT UP "MIA"

HEIDI BUYTAERT

CACHE ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANEELS

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June 20, 2014

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

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