

VCCNE Board Meeting

Attendees

- Charles Mielcarek, Tristan Boscardin, Cheryl Mielcarek, Patsy Dahlinghaus, Amy Balogh-Warner, Deadra Doku Gardner

Meeting called to order: 7:42PM

Agenda items read: Board Meeting Schedule, Secretary's comments/report, Treasurers Report, By Law Committee, Hunt/Show Committees, Holiday Event, Donation Request -VCA, General Business.

Board Meeting Schedule: Next two meetings will be Thursday November 8th - 7:30PM and Thursday January 10, 2019 - 7:30 PM

Secretary's Comments/Report - Officers changed on AKC. Other AKC recorded positions
Breeder Referral - after some discussion it was decided Tristan would be on a committee regarding breeder referral. Need: *Breeder Referral Coordinator* / recommendations on that Breeders need to be or become members if on list / improve process of info to puppy buyers and from prospective buyers to breeders on list. **Admin for breeder referral group:** Currently Cheryl - Tristan offered to learn / assist and pose to committee. **Education Coordinator** - currently listed as Wendy Russell, will contact and consider replacement in near future if necessary. Tristan commented about this position fostering mentor/mentee relationships. **Raffles** - will benefit the club in general as opposed to rescue as has been the practice until about a year ago. **Thank You Notes** - discussion the paper thank you notes are a nicer touch. Charlie offered to print some letter head and note cards and distribute to Patsy and others that need them on the Board.

Treasurer's Report -

\$ 2,682.75 Club Checking

\$15,164.30 Rescue Checking

\$ 7,088.48* Event Checking*

\$24,935.63 TOTAL

*Event Checking will return to balance of \$200.00. Account was Board approved to be started for N.E. Dog Jog. The \$200.00 simply holds the account open. Current balance will be disbursed to 5 Dog Jog event beneficiaries, including VCCNE, with the exception of the original \$200.00 balance. Cheryl reviewed the Dog Jog finances for the new Board members. Also, discussed members paying dues after Sept 1st and the need for the member to re-apply and a new approval by the Board.

By-law Committee - Amy - main ask from the committee was the Board's thoughts on Junior Member category. After some discussion, the thoughts were:

- Junior Members are covered in a household membership since Jr. Member is not able to vote and therefore does not require a separate membership.
- A request for a Junior Member outside of a household would be rare (ie: an under 18 join without an adult requires parental/guardian consent) and is deferred back to by-law committee for more discussion.
- Other recommended edits will be completed and forwarded to the Board for review and discussion at an upcoming Board Meeting. Final Draft will be made available to membership for review.

Hunt & Show Committees - Charlie and Patsy brought up that it is time to forecast Hunt and Show expenditures. Charlie suggested reviewing this year's expenditures and extrapolating for the coming year. Deadra brought up deadline for Trapp Falls is pending in the next few weeks and requested approval to proceed to register. None opposed. Charlie and Tristan discussed the membership with HELDCA (Hopkinton Everett Lake Dog Club Association) through which almost all events for Hunt are done at Sharpe's Farm. HELDCA meeting will be on September 27 for 2019 year. All agreed to review expenditures to discuss at Nov 8 Board Meeting. Conformation and Show events are difficult to have break even. Hunt related events stand a better chance of breaking even. We have had good luck with remaining bird stock being purchased to help to balance the expenses. Both event venues benefit from raffles to help mitigate costs.

Holiday Event - Sunday 11:30 to 3:30 December 9 - at Masterpeace Dog Training Center in Franklin, MA - All is moving forward, committee for the event is organizing food and raffles. Discussed possibility of member meeting at this event.

Donations and Requests - specifically VCA upcoming event - Board unanimously agreed to support the upcoming VCA National Field Champion with an ad in the catalog. Discussion about other requests was had. Requests will be considered and voted on by the Board as they are received.

Meeting Adjourned - 9:29pm