

VCCNE BOD Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 16th, 2019, 6:00 pm
188 Taylor Street
Granby, Massachusetts

Present: Tristan Boscardin (President), Rick Carbonneau (VP), Wendy Garnett (Treasurer) and Daniel Zilka (Corresponding Secretary).

Vacant Positions: Recording Secretary, At-Large, At-Large

Meeting was called to order at 6:23pm with quorum of the Board of Directors.

Previous Minutes

Read into the record.

[Accepted Unanimously]

President Report

The mission of this term of Presidency is to facilitate execution of activities and participation of the membership in organization of the club. Through maintaining open lines of dialogue, the membership will have a clear and current picture of what the club has in store for the future and the board has a greater understanding how we can best address the membership's wants and needs.

The board need the memberships help hosting events. We are a volunteer organization and intrinsically limited in the scope of our offerings, by our members generosity in time and resources. If members want to organize an event, new or traditional, the board would like to hear and support thoughtful and detailed proposals.

We are currently looking for creative solutions to address the issues of geographic distance and member engagement. The majority of our activities happen in a three-hour radius, there are some logistical reasons for this, but improving access to our outlying membership is a concern. We would like to hear the membership's ideas regarding how they think the club can increase participation.

The club currently needs volunteers to fill a number of committee positions, to fill vacant board positions, and is looking for experienced and knowledgeable members to mentor newer members in club operations and event management. We will be sending notice for specific needs as we progress, but if you have interest in participating in any facet of club organization, big or small, please reach out either directly to me, tristan@kingscrook.com, or through the Corresponding Secretary.

[Accepted Unanimously]

Treasurer Report

General Fund: \$2772.56

Rescue Fund: \$17618.24

Dog Jog Fund: \$2201.00

Working on transferring Paypal to current board.

[Accepted Unanimously]

Corresponding Secretary Report

There was no correspondence to the club from the membership or outside entities.

[Accepted Unanimously]

Conformation Committee Report

The Show committee reported a budgetary breakdown of the last show. All members stepped-down and going forward the committee is vacant. The board thanks the committee for their hard work put on conformation events through the past several years and welcomes future participation going forward.

[Accepted Unanimously]

Hunt Test Committee Report

The Hunt Test is planned for September 14th, the premium should be out shortly.

[Accepted Unanimously]

Breeder Committee Report

The new board members were presented with a copy of the Breeder Listing Program Proposal for future review. Interest was expressed to bring it for member review.

[Accepted Unanimously]

Rescue Committee Report

VCCNE currently have no dogs in rescue, but are assisting with a purebred dog. Nancy Tarbox is requesting volunteers for home visits, phone calls, and dog evaluations.

[Accepted Unanimously]

The Board voted to appoint Nancy Tarbox as Chair of the Rescue committee and Judy Resnick as a member (if there is no objection from the appointees), to confirm continuing participation in the role of rescue.

[Approved Unanimously]

The Board would like to schedule a meeting with Nancy to be brought up to speed with the current state and needs of the rescue program.

[Approved Unanimously]

Old Business

- Bylaws Edits and Preparation for AKC Transmittal

Bylaws as passed in the Annual Meeting are currently in the process of being put into the proper format for AKC submittal.

[No Action Taken]

- Specialty Raffle

The Board voted to approve the original request to donate 75% of the raffle proceeds to charity and use the remaining 25% to cover show costs

[Approved Unanimously]

- Volunteerism/Member Engagement

The club is a volunteer organization that will not function without volunteers. The Board discussed methods of including more members and bringing more value to membership. Topics discussed include: looking into local event coordinators, finding mentors for new members, and providing educational opportunities.

[No Action Taken]

New Business

- Special Club Meeting During Hunt Test

We would like to have an opportunity for club members to engage with the board. Please come join us for the Hunt Test as either a Spectator or Participant and help us generate ideas of how we can add value to your membership.

[Approved Unanimously]

- Additional Relevant Committees

The board approved the formation of the following committees:

- History Committee, to document, preserve and archive the history and achievements of our club.
- Media Relations and Public Relations Committee – To organize, structure and delegate club communications with the public in a clear, homogenous, and coordinated manner across platforms.

Beyond formalizing the participation of those in existing roles, if you would like to participate on any committee, please contact the Corresponding Secretary.

[Approved Unanimously]

- Club Calendar

Operational Dates were filled into the current quarter of the club's operational calendar.

[No Action Taken]

- Membership Directory

The membership directory is slated to go out in September upon the culmination of the 2019-2020 renewal period.

[Approved Unanimously]

- Club Newsletter

Tabled to a future meeting

[Approved Unanimously]

- Website and Facebook Discussion

We have a gracious offer from a web designer to update our website Pro Bono this fall. The board voted to approve updating the website.

[Approved Unanimously]

The board voted to clarify the club's Facebook presence taking steps to eliminate unnecessary pages and create obvious and authoritative oases for VCCNE's social media representation.

[Approved Unanimously]

- Club Email Addresses

Club email addresses would help transfer club resources between club board members. Current experiences with transferring bank accounts tied to personal emails has been troublesome. The board voted to look into club email accounts.

[Approved Unanimously]

- Standing Strong Documentary Film Screening Proposal

Daniel Zilka brought forward an opportunity to Screen the Film Standing Strong (<https://clearcaninecancer.com/my-friend-standing-strong/>) about Canine Osteosarcoma. The Board voted for dates for the screening will be negotiate between October 10th and 14th with the organizers CLEAR. Trailer available here: (<https://youtu.be/7twV9Uw6jwg>)

[Approved Unanimously]

Promotional strategies were discussed.

[No Action Taken]

- Membership Renewal Process

Tabled to a Future Meeting

[Approved Unanimously]

- Introduction to Birds workshop

Tabled to a Future Meeting

[Approved Unanimously]

- PAL (Purebred Alternative Listing) / AKC Registration Numbers

The board voted to have Rescue provide PAL numbers, where appropriate, to Vizslas coming through rescue so they have access to participation in club events.

[Approved Unanimously]

- Nose Work/Dock Diving Proposal

We have member working on the beginning stages of Nose Work and Dock Diving Event proposals. The board discussed potential resources and tabled to the next meeting awaiting a formal proposal.

[Approved Unanimously]

- Independent Specialty Proposal

Discussion on controlling costs of running conformation events was explored, including collaboration with neighboring clubs. The board voted to approve further investigation into what measures may be taken to improve the long-term viability and economic well-being of our events.

[Approved Unanimously]

Meeting Adjourned 10:21pm

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting, September 14th, Sharpe's Farm, Little Frost Rd, Hopkinton, NH 11:00am

Special Club Meeting, September 14th, Sharpe's Farm, Little Frost Rd, Hopkinton, NH 11:01am

Other Upcoming Events

- September 14th, 2019 - VCCNE Fall Hunt Test
- * October TBD - "Staying Strong" Canine Cancer Documentary Film Screening