TCVESSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

President Liz Pike called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm

Officers Present: Julie Roberts, Alice Musburger, Carmen Laing, Courtney Hansen, B.A. Breese and Diane Slais.

Officers Absent: Kathy Patregnani and Tekla Viker

Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2017: Minutes were read and approved without changes.

Membership Report: Alice reported that nearly all current members have renewed membership for 2017. Last reminder will be sent before March first, as the deadline to renew is April first.

First reading of membership application for Joan Ewers of Mason City, Iowa

Treasurers Report: \$11,724.58. January agility trial brought in \$1600. Two-day trial was a good success over a three-day trial at SPDTC.

Courtney requested reimbursement of \$96.01 for purchase of umbrellas for specialty gift bags.

Old Business: January agility had a great entry and much help from many club members that was great! Pictures by Liz for competitors were big success. Next year the trial will probably be held at Fusion dog training center and not in St Paul.

Carmen reported that everything is on schedule for the upcoming March 18th banquet, however, she only has received 7 reservations thus far. Alice is to include reminder with membership reminder. Liz is to put reminder on Facebook Page.

Alice reported that it was good to send award confirmations to recipients to approve the spelling and titles to be engraved. Two new plaques have been ordered along with 12 large mugs and 10 small mugs and one medallion. Alice and B.A. are going to Viking Trophy and will place the order Feb 21^{th.} Liz still needs to get new trophy and owner handled plaque to Viking Trophy when new trophy arrives. Alice is to send final title report list to Liz. 53 new titles were earned in 2016.

Liz reported that all information for the May specialty has been submitted except for the Sunday judge. Amy Gau is to have her AKC interview this coming weekend. Cindy O'Hare has been contacted. AKC does not list sweeps judges. Awards for the specialty are to be embroidered towels and bully sticks. Kim Slaybaugh will do the embroidering for cost. Jean Dockendorf is taking care of the specialty ribbons as in the past. Kathy Raidt will be the judge hospitality person and run the raffle this year. Shirley Harford is in charge of the welcome bags. Julie Roberts will over see the reserved grooming. Electrical plugs for grooming will be charged by the plug. Laurie Erickson is hired for specialty photography and is willing to take ring shots. B.A. volunteered to direct the social hour.

New Business: All agreed to have 1-2 larger items including a Visa Gift Card for the Specialty raffle. Members were to think about other ideas. Panera sandwiches in bulk will be ordered for

the lunches for the Specialty instead of individual orders. Chips, cookies and pop will be purchased from Cosco.

It was approved to put in an advertisement for the Specialty in the Spring Springer Showcase Magazine.

The date for the next VOX club newsletter is April 2017. Alice will submit the award results from the March banquet to Carmen for printing in the April VOX.

Progress has been made on a grooming seminar. Janice Johnson has been contacted and has agreed to put on the seminar. April 2017 is the current projected month according to Janice's schedule. Canine Cabin would charge \$75 for 5 hours. One dog bath can be given for participants to observe. Courtney is going to look into the cost to do the seminar at Total Recall. A basic grooming seminar will be presented covering fundamental and pet grooming. Another seminar will be planned that focuses on advanced techniques and show grooming.

Discussion followed around the club's participation at the annual Pet Expo. Booth rental is \$300. Even with a cost split with ESRA it was deemed not worth the cost for the club to participate. A motion was made and passed to not participate at Pet Expo.

Next Meeting Date: The next board meeting date was set for Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. via conference call.

Meeting was adjourned: 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Alice Musburger