



From TCVESSA's President: Francie Nelson

Fall is my favorite time of year!

Warm days and cool evenings are spent on the patio with Felon literally on my feet. School has started again – as Tom Hanks' character notes in "You've Got Mail," it's time for the fragrance of freshly-sharpened pencils. And it's time for Springers – fall dog shows, agility trials, and hunting season!

Our agility trials are fast approaching on October 12-13-14, and our chairperson Kathy Patregnani reports that entries are filling fast. If you want to help out, or just be a spectator like me, please be sure to make the scene at St. Paul Dog Training Club on any one of those three days. Best of luck to all club members who are competing! Fall is also a time for TCVESSA to offer its annual General Membership meeting and education day. Look for the flyer in this issue of the VOX. In typical TCVESSA overachieving style, we have a great day planned for you – something for all Springer interests. Here are the basics:

**DATE: Sunday, October 28**

**TIME: 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

**PLACE: Tails Up, Burnsville (see flyer for location)**

We'll have a meeting to announce our slate of officers and directors for 2013 and to hear what's going on with planning for our 2013 specialty shows and other events and activities.

Then, we'll swing into three different educational programs for you – a conformation class with Julie Roberts, an introduction to Beginner Novice with Jon Pidde (if he's not hunting!!), and a talk on the breed standard with Yours Truly. You can participate in all three of these programs, or choose one or two.

Also, it's Halloween, so there'll be a costume competition with prizes and treats for all! Dress up your Springer, paint some freckles on your face, and come join us on October 28 for a great day of fun with your Springer friends!

Excuse me, while I adjourn, with Felon, to the patio. There's a hint of fall in the air and I'm off to enjoy a late night beverage and some stargazing. Hope you're enjoying your Springers, too!

Francie Nelson  
President, TCVESSA

PS: All good wishes to everyone who plans to attend this year's National Specialty at Purina Farms – blue ribbons for all!! And all the best to our very own Sarah Kraft, who's judging the sweepstakes!!



### We Need Your Ideas!

Every year, the members of TCVESSA strive to put on a memorable Specialty and we want to continue that tradition as we (already) begin to plan for our 2013 show. In the spirit of continuous improvement, we'd like your input and ideas.

Each year, the Board works hard to put together a Judging panel that is balanced and will have broad appeal. Our strategy has been to provide diversity by having a breeder judge and an all-breed judge for conformation. For Sweeps, we look for someone non-local, who has history in the Springer fancy, and for the second judge we look locally for someone who is knowledgeable about sporting breeds.

For Rally and Obedience, we try to find versatile judges who can handle all the classes we want to offer so that we can minimize costs. The Board carefully considers candidates, rank orders them, and then we contact the judges to determine availability for our dates. Then, if the stars all align, we have contracts signed and finalize our Judging Panel.

While the Board will maintain accountability for the final selection of the panel, we would love to hear your ideas for judges who fit our criteria –and who will help us have a fantastic show. If you have ideas for Conformation, Sweeps, Rally and/or Obedience judges, please send them to Liz Pike ([liz.westring@genmills.com](mailto:liz.westring@genmills.com)).

Also, I would welcome ideas for how to improve our show in general – we want to continue to offer the “Best” in Springer Specialties from the Best in Springer Clubs!

Liz Pike  
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## TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes - June 28, 2012

**Officers present:**

Francie Nelson, President and Kathy Raidt, Secretary

**Officers absent:**

Julie Roberts, Vice President and B.A. Breese, Treasurer

**Directors present:**

Liz Pike, Carmen Laing, Maryevelyn Monty, and Jon Pidde

**Directors absent:**

Kathy Patregnani

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 PM by Francie Nelson.

**Secretary's report:** The notes, from the May 30, 2012, Board meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and approved.

The parent club requested financial support at National for a morning Hospitality Tailgate event. Francie will contact GLESSPA, WESSA, and the IA club to join us. A motion to go forward was made, seconded and approved. Our club will sponsor the morning event with \$100.00.

**Memberships:** Patricia Hansen's and Deanna Henshaw's applications were read the second time. A motion to accept them was made, seconded, and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** It was reported that an amount of \$2,412.29 was in the club's account.

**Education:**

We discussed educational events for the club. Francie offered to continue her talk on the breed standard and it will be scheduled on a convenient date. We will discuss a larger fundraising seminar at a future board meeting.

**Specialty:**

2013 Specialties are confirmed for May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at On the Run Canine Center in Ham Lake. Liz proposed requesting suggestions from the club's members for judges for next year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kathy Raidt  
TCVESSA Secretary



## TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes - July 30, 2012

**Officers present:** Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, B.A. Breese, Treasurer, and Kathy Raidt, Secretary

**Directors present:** Carmen Laing, Kathy Patregnani, and Jon Pidde

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Francie Nelson.

**Secretary's report:** The notes, from the June 28, 2012, Board meeting were read. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's report:** It was reported that an amount of \$2,445.36 was in the club's account. There is an \$8.00 service fee every month when the balance falls below \$3000.00. A motion was made to accept this. It was seconded and approved. \$100.00 has been sent to ESSFTA to sponsor a morning Tailgate event.

**Agility:**

Kathy Patregnani gave us a full report. \$790 is needed for ribbons. The food cost will be paid the day of the event. A motion to approve incidental expenditures up to \$1500 (receipts required) before the trial was made, seconded and approved.

**Education:**

Kris Radermacher researched several options for seminars. More discussion will continue in the next board meeting.

**Specialty:**

There was a discussion of sweepstakes judges for 2013 Specialty.

**General Membership Meeting:**

A place needs to be researched. A Nominating Committee will be formed and they will facilitate the nominations for next year's board members.

**New Business:**

A question was raised if we could begin to approach judges for the 2014 Specialty for Obedience and Rally. We are proposing two trials per day. The board agreed that early conversations would be appropriate.

**Banquet:**

Carmen is looking for suggestions for the banquet for next March. Francie suggested Granite City in Maple Grove – they have a banquet room facility.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 27, 2012. A meeting on October 1, 2012, was scheduled also.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kathy Raidt  
TCVESSA Secretary



## TCVESSA Board Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2012

**Officers Present:** Francie Nelson, President, Julie Roberts, Vice President, B.A Breese, Treasurer

**Directors Present:** Carmen Laing, Kathy Patregnani, Maryevelyn Monty, Liz Westring

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by Francie Nelson.

**Secretary's report** from the July 30, 2012 board meeting was read. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and approved.

**Treasurer's report.** Current balance is \$1,879.23

### **Agility Trial**

Scheduled dates are October 12, 13,14. Kathy Patregnani reported that the Show Secretary, Jan Richards, says that registration is currently  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. The cost of ribbons is \$469, much lower than anticipated. Food for volunteers was discussed and it was decided that pizza would be provided on Friday, Chinese on Saturday, and pizza on Sunday. TCVESSA is on track to add significant dollars to the treasury.

### **Seminars and Education**

Kris Bailey (Radermacher) has volunteered to research and plan fee based educational seminars for 2013 which would be open to the public. In the recent past, seminars have proved to be very profitable for the club. As Kris was unable to be at this board meeting, a brief discussion ensued. It was agreed to table this until Kris can attend another meeting. The board would like to see a budget (both income and expense estimates) for the seminar. There was also a discussion of the club running a fee based grooming seminar sometime in 2013.

### **Specialty 2013**

There was an ongoing discussion of judges for Breed, Sweepstakes, and Obedience/Rally. Liz Westring requested that hiring decisions be made soon, otherwise judges we like may not be available.

### **General Members Meeting**

This is scheduled on October 28, 2012 at Tails Up training center in Burnsville. Kathy Patregnani agreed to form a nominating committee for new board officers and directors. TCVESSA will also present three educational classes: Intro to Beginner Novice Obedience, a Conformation Class, and a review of our Breed Standard. The club will offer a Halloween Costume Contest for single, adult and junior teams. Prizes will be offered in each class for Most Original, Cutest, and Scariest. Maryevelyn Monty volunteered to create a flyer for the coming VOX.

### **Banquet 2013**

We have not yet determined the site of the banquet in March. The Maple Grove Granite City was suggested.

The next meeting will be the General Members Meeting October 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Maryevelyn Monty for Secretary Kathy Raidt.



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AUG. 24, 2012 TOPEKA KENNEL CLUB.....3RD LEG OPEN A... 1 ST PLACE

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**NEXT VOX DEADLINE**

OCTOBER 22, 2012

PLEASE SEND ALL WINS & BRAGS, LITTERBOX  
ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS AND ARTICLES.

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