



From TCVESSA's President: Francie Nelson

Hi everyone –

In addition to serving as your president during a fun and eventful 2015, I also chaired this year's nominating committee. We've just completed our work, and the nominating report has been sent to you – or is about to be sent to you – separately. We have proposed officer and director changes that are exciting and positive for our club!! Jamie Schommer will come on board and will take over the Secretary's duties. Joining the board as new directors will be Alice Musburger and Tekla Viker. Three valuable new voices and welcome new faces, keeping our great balance among all the breed's interests.

Of course, we must acknowledge with such great appreciation the contributions made to the board – and to TCVESSA – by its outgoing board members/officers. A million thanks to Jon Pidde for all that he has done (and, I'm sure will continue to do). He has been an anchor for our obedience and rally trials each May. He has provided excellent support for our annual awards program; the performance awards are so complicated yet he always seems to move through all that work with ease and graciousness. And that just scratches the surface of all that he has done for our club. Thanks, Jon – we appreciate you mightily.

And Maryev . . . staying close to us all in such a meaningful way; keeping the Secretary's post even after your big move to New Hampshire. You are a treasure and I suspect you may even continue to dial in to TCVESSA board meetings . . . I hope so. Your generous and positive spirit has been a huge part of the great group dynamic that this particular group of board members now enjoys. We love and miss you here in MN but in many ways, you're still so close to us!! Thank you.

The third board member who is taking a break is . . . well, it's me. My business has really begun to boom. My treasured involvement with the Springer Foundation is about to get more intense as we move close to completing and publishing the Springer Health Survey. AND I have major overseas travel right around our specialty time next year, to judge at the championship level in England. So this is a good time to let someone else step up and learn the ropes. I'm around to help whenever Liz asks.

This club is comprised of solid, generous, committed Springer lovers. As clubs around the country experience diminished membership and tough financial times, we have succeeded, with the help of so many board members and regular members, to keep our TCVESSA strong and healthy.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our November 15 fun day – the information is here in the VOX. Y'all join in the fun, OK?

Francie (and Arthur)



TCVESSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Monday, July 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Francie Nelson at 6:37 PM. All directors were present. **Minutes** of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: BA Breese reported a balance of \$9,728.22.

Secretary's Report

Maryevelyn Monty reported that expressions of sympathy were sent to three members who had recently lost loved ones. Cards were sent to B.A. Breese, Kathy Patregnani, and Cyndi Myhre.

Specialty

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the recent Specialty shows. All agreed that the shows went well and were well received by the exhibitors and judges.

Liz Pike reported that we lost money on these shows, but it was much less than in the past. On the Run canine sports center is an expensive venue, but offers a lot. It was decided that we should reserve the site for our 2016 Specialty.

The Panera box lunches were appreciated by all. Some exhibitors combined the grooming charge and the lunch charge on the same check, which was sent to the grooming chair. This made it challenging to figure out exactly how many lunches were needed. It was decided that this will be made clearer in next year's premium. Approximately one half of the lunches purchased were for judges, stewards and workers.

A discussion ensued concerning the pacing of the conformation shows. One of the judges had to make a 5:30 pm flight. This flight was chosen as it was a better value. It was decided that we should not rush through our Specialty. We want it to be enjoyable and not feel time constraints. We will address the judges travel schedule for when we begin planning our next Specialty.

AGILITY

Kathy Patregnani reported that our May trial went well, even with the necessity of a formal complaint hearing. One of the exhibitors was observed treating a dog with a harsh manner. Kathy said that the committee members handled themselves in an unbiased manner and she was proud of their professional behavior.

Kathy requested funds for additional ribbons for the future trials. \$500 was approved for this purpose. She also requested \$600 for AKC fees for next year's trials. This was approved as well.

OLD BUSINESS

TCVESSA has renewed its membership in the Minnesota Purebred Breeders Assoc.

NEW BUSINESS

We have received a membership application from Pam Lanlainen of Minnetonka. She is getting a puppy from Pat Welch who encouraged her to join. A second reading of her membership was waived and she was unanimously voted in.

A discussion ensued concerning board membership. The current Secretary will come off the board for the next membership year. Francie Nelson agreed to chair a nominating committee.

The club has been asked to provide a prize basket for the drawing at the National Specialty. The member who created the clever basket last year will be asked if it is feasible to do that this year.

It is time to plan for the November General Membership Meeting. Jon Pidde will research available sites for a proposed November 14 or 15 event. We will inquire if Diane Slais would be willing to present Nosework as the education portion of the meeting.

Next Meeting:

August 27, 2015 via dial in

Adjourned: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Maryevelyn Monty
TCVESSA Secretary

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TCVESSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES: August 27, 1015

The meeting was called to order by President Francie Nelson at 6:35 PM Directors present were Maryevelyn Monty Secretary, B.A. Breese Treasurer, Liz Westring Pike, and Carmen Laing.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: BA Breese reported a balance of \$8,356.48

Secretary's Report

Maryevelyn Monty reported no activity this month.

SPECIALTY

Liz reported that On the Run canine center is booked for next year's shows. She would like to begin lining up judges. It was decided that we should consult with some of our conformation members, obtaining input from them. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

AGILITY

As Kathy Patregnani and the other agility board members were absent, there were no updates for our agility shows.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion ensued concerning board membership. The current Secretary will come off the board for the next membership year. Francie Nelson has formed a nominating committee and asked for recommendations to fill board positions.

The club has been asked to provide a prize basket for the drawing at the National Specialty. It was decided that we will donate money in place of a basket.

It is time to plan for the November General Membership Meeting. We learned that Tails Up was not available for a proposed November 14/15 event. We may have to fall back to Pet Junction unless another site can be found.

Next Meeting:

October 1, 2015 via dial in

Adjourned: 6:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Maryevelyn Monte
TCVESSA Secretary





Sniff, Sniff, Sniff, and a Ho Ho Ho!!
**IT'S TCVESSA'S ANNUAL
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, EDUCATION
 AND FUN DAY!!**

DATE: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15
TIME: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm (set up from 11-11:30 am)
PLACE: PET JUNCTION
(INTERSECTION OF 694 AND RICE STREET)

FEATURED ACTIVITIES:
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (SHORT!!)
INTRODUCTION TO NOSEWORK WITH DIANE SLAIS
AND . . .
A HOLIDAY PHOTO BOOTH!!

And SNACKS!

**YES, MY LITTLE ELVES!! THERE WILL BE NOSEWORK,
 AND A PHOTO BOOTH FOR
 HOLIDAY PICTURES OF YOU AND YOUR DOGS!**

**PHOTO COST: A MUCH-NEEDED CONTRIBUTION TO
 THE TCVESSA TROPHY FUND**
Suggested: \$10.00 PER PHOTO per MEMBER (more, or less, if you wish!!)



*'Twas the night before Christmas.
 I sat in my chair --
 My Springers around me, all listening there . . .
 Just waiting for Santa and hoping that he
 Might bring them some goodies to fill them with glee.*



October 10, 2015

**TCVESSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2016**

COMMITTEE: Francie Nelson (chair), Julie Roberts, Tekla Viker

The 2015 Nominating Committee is pleased to present its report. The 2015 (current) and 2016 (proposed) slates are:

2015 (current slate)

President: Francie Nelson
Vice President: Liz Pike
Secretary: Maryevelyn Monty
Treasurer: BA Breese

Board members:

Courtney Hansen
Carmen Laing
Kathy Patregnani
Jon Pidde
Julie Roberts

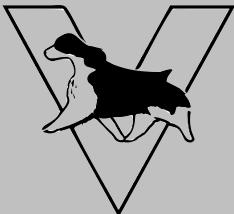
The board would like to acknowledge and thank Jon Pidde and Maryevelyn Monty, who have done such excellent work for TCVESSA as board members and club leaders. Jon and Francie will remain active in the club, continuing their strong involvement in so many TCVESSA events and activities. Maryev will remain a dear friend of TCVESSA and may even continue to dial in to our board meetings!

2016 (proposed slate)

President: Liz Pike
Vice President: Courtney Hansen
Secretary: Jamie Schommer
Treasurer: BA Breese

Board members:

Carmen Laing
Alice Mussburger
Kathy Patregnani
Julie Roberts
Tekla Viker



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BY-LAW SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS

No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. Only voting members in good standing may be nominated for the Board. At least two months before the fall meeting, the Board shall select from the voting membership a nominating committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of which may be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committee and alternates of their selection. The Board shall name a chairman for the Committee and it shall be that person's duty to call a nominating committee meeting, which shall be held at least six weeks before the fall meeting.

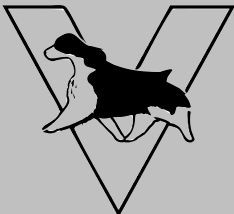
The committee shall nominate a candidate for each office and one candidate for each position on the board and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report the nominations to the Secretary in writing or by E-Mail.

Upon receipt of the nominating committee's report, the Secretary shall, at least three weeks before the fall meeting, notify each member by US Mail or E-Mail of the candidates so nominated.

Additional nominations may be made, by any member in good standing in attendance at a general membership meeting designated by the board for that purpose, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his/her name is proposed and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at the meeting, the nominating member shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his/her willingness to serve. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than provided in this section.

No person who has resigned from the Board may be eligible to serve on the board for one complete official year following his/her resignation.



WINS & BRAGS

**Briarton Patriot Games
“Duncan”**

Owned by Kay Glaeser & Cathy VanKempen

St. Croix Valley KC—Lake Elmo

Aug 23 Winners Dog

Des Moines Kennel Club

Sept 6 Winners Dog

Sept 5	Rally Novice	2nd Leg	1st Place
Sept 6	Rally Novice	3rd Leg	NEW TITLE—RN

**Sagewinds Paws Up its Griffin CGC, CD, RE, OA, OAJ
“Griffin”**

Owned by Carmen Laing

ESSFTA National

Sept 23	Graduate Novice	1st Leg	1st Place
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Sept 25	Graduate Novice	2nd Leg	1st Place
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Canine Good Citizen Advanced Title—CGCA

**Eldamars Paws Upon a Star BN
“Elsa”**

Owned by Carmen Laing & Julie Roberts

ESSFTA National

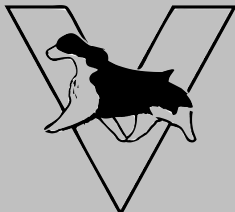
Sept 23	Novice B	1st Leg
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Sept 24	Rally Novice B - Trial #1	1st Leg
	Rally Novice B—Trail #2	2nd Leg

Sept 25	Novice B	2nd Leg
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Canine Good Citizen Title—CGC

Sept 25	NADD—Dock Diving	1st Leg—Novice
	NADD—Dock Diving	1st Leg—Junior
	NADD—Dock Diving	2nd Leg—Junior



WINS & BRAGS**GCH Rosebud's Lion Heart NA, NAJ, CGC
"Leo"****Owed by Alice & James Musburger**Thunder Bay, Canada

June 26	Group 4			
June 26	Group 3			
June 27		BIS		Canadian Championship

Wright County Kennel Club

Oct 3	BOB			
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**Hirdler Hill's Life in the Fast Lane OA, NAJ, CDX, RA, BN, GN, CGC
"Rev"****Owened by Brian Schaffer**TCVESSA Specialty

May 16	Rally Advanced		1st leg	
May 16	Rally Advanced	4th Place	2nd leg	
May 17	Rally Advanced		3rd leg	RA Title

TCVESSA Agility

May 31	Novice Standard	2nd Place	1st leg	
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ESSFTA Agility Trial

Sept 18	Novice Standard	1st Place		NA Title
Sept 19	Novice JWW	1st Place	2nd leg	
Sept 19	Open Standard	1st Place	1st leg	
Sept 20	Novice JWW	1st Place	3rd leg	NAJ Title
Sept 20	Open Standard	2nd Place	2nd leg	

ESSFTA Agility Trial National

Sept 21	Time to Beat			
Sept 22	Open Standard	2nd Place	3rd leg	OA Title



WINS & BRAGS

**Pine Bend Tuula Sunshine
"Tuula"**

Owned by Karin Anderson & Erik Scheurle

St. Paul Dog Training Club

Oct 3	Novice B	2nd Place	3rd Leg	CD Title
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**Selah's Revin Up the New Year
"Harley"**

Owned by Brenda Filipek

TCVESSA Specialty

May 16	Rally Advanced		1st leg
May 17	Rally Advanced		2nd leg

**CH Myshamrock A Spoonful of Sugar
"Poppy"**

Owned by Cyndi Myhre

WESSA Specialty

May	Rally Novice B		1st leg
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TCVESSA Specialty

May 16	Rally Novice B	4th Place	2nd leg
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Fargo/Moorhead Kennel Club

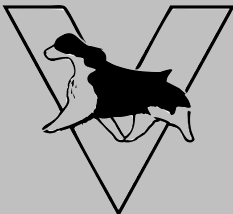
May 29	BOS, BOBOH
May 30	BOB, BOBOH
May 31	Select Bitch, BOBOH

**GCH Eldamar N Myshamrock Charlies Angle
"Charlotte"**

Owned by Cyndi Myhre

WESSA Specialty

May	Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
	Best in Altered Sweepstakes
	Best Veteran
	Best In Specialty Show



UPCOMING EVENT

TCVESSA AGILITY TRIAL

JAN 22-25, 2016

SOUTH ST. PAUL DOG TRAINING CLUB
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Vinewoodess@hotmail.comJon Pidde
J5of12@visi.comCourtney Hanson
Spellboundess@yahoo.comJulie Roberts
EldamarESS@gmail.comUPCOMING EVENT

2015-2016 TCVESSA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
6-10 PMTHE ROASTED PEAR
9690 COLORADO LANE N
(HWY 610 & ZANE)
BROOKLYN PARK, MN 55445MORE INFO WILL BE MAILED SEPARATELY IN JANUARY 2016
AWARDS FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE
START GATHERING YOUR INFONEXT VOX DEADLINE

Dec 21, 2015

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

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