

## TCVESSA All Member Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 15 at 8:00 PM CST

**Board Member Attendees:** Sarah Willms, Kathy Patregnani, Courtney Hansen, Tekla Viker, Jean Dockendorf, Heather Rand, Gretta Thorson, Diane Slais, Alice Musburger.

**Club Member Attendees:** Liz Pike, Carmen Laing, Karen Andersen

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 8:05 p.m. by Sarah, second by Jean.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** from June 10, 2026. Motion to accept by Liz, second by Heather.

**President's Report (Sarah):** Sarah thanked all the volunteers who helped at the recent specialty show, agility trial, and obedience/rally trial. Sarah also reminded attendees of open opportunities for volunteering.

### Treasurer's Report (Greta):

- Gretta advised that expenses for Ribbons and Awards were overstated in last month's report. She has corrected it so our opening balance is higher than previously reported (\$6,429.17 instead of \$5,783.09). We have a total net gain of \$4,721.86 year to date.
- Sarah requested that trophy donations be "restricted funds" and used only for trophies and not put into the general fund. Gretta will present trophy donations separately.
- Alice reported that we have trophy donations for most awards at the Hutchinson show. Sarah will post donation sheet on Facebook.

| TCVESSA Monthly Financial |                                         |                                    |                       |              |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|                           |                                         |                                    | 6/11/2026 - 7/15/2026 |              |
| Opening Balance           |                                         |                                    |                       | \$ 6,429.17  |
| INCOME                    | Event Income                            |                                    |                       |              |
|                           |                                         | Event Income:Banquet               |                       |              |
|                           |                                         | Event Income                       | \$ 16,100.00          |              |
|                           | TOTAL Event Income                      |                                    |                       | \$ 16,100.00 |
|                           | Donations (Trophy)                      |                                    |                       | \$ 250.00    |
|                           | Dues                                    |                                    |                       | \$ -         |
|                           | Fundraiser (Raffles, mug)               |                                    |                       | \$ -         |
|                           | Interest Inc                            |                                    |                       | \$ 0.05      |
| TOTAL INCOME              |                                         |                                    |                       | \$ 16,350.05 |
|                           |                                         |                                    |                       |              |
| EXPENSES                  | Business Expenses                       |                                    |                       |              |
|                           |                                         | Business Expenses:Incidentals      | \$ 7.48               |              |
|                           |                                         | Business Expenses:Insurance        | \$ -                  |              |
|                           |                                         | Business Expenses:Website and Zoom | \$ -                  |              |
|                           | TOTAL Business Expenses                 |                                    |                       | \$ 7.48      |
|                           |                                         |                                    |                       |              |
|                           | Events:AKC Application Fee              |                                    |                       | \$ 300.00    |
|                           | Events:AKC Recording Fees               |                                    |                       | \$ 4,477.50  |
|                           | Events:Secretary Fee                    |                                    |                       | \$ 3,233.75  |
|                           | Events:Equipment                        |                                    |                       | \$ 100.00    |
|                           | Events:Facility                         |                                    |                       | \$ 3,551.91  |
|                           | Events:Food and Supplies                |                                    |                       | \$ 28.08     |
|                           | Events:Ribbons and Awards               |                                    |                       | \$ 134.43    |
|                           | Events:Volunteer Recognition Thank yous |                                    |                       | \$ -         |
|                           | Judges:                                 |                                    |                       |              |
|                           |                                         | Events:Judges:General              |                       |              |
|                           |                                         | Events:Judges:Judge Fee            | \$ 1,741.25           |              |
|                           |                                         | Events:Judges:Judge Incidentals    | \$ 255.37             |              |
|                           |                                         | Events:Judges:Judge Lodging        |                       |              |
|                           |                                         | Events:Judges:Judge Travel         |                       |              |
|                           | Total Event:Judges                      |                                    |                       | \$ 1,996.62  |
|                           | TOTAL Events                            |                                    |                       | \$ 13,822.29 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES            |                                         |                                    |                       | \$ 13,829.77 |
|                           |                                         |                                    |                       |              |
| Ending Balance            |                                         |                                    |                       | \$ 8,949.45  |
|                           |                                         |                                    |                       |              |
| NET GAIN/LOSS             |                                         |                                    |                       | \$ 2,520.28  |

**Secretary's Report (Jean):**

- New member application: Second Reading for Megan Robison from Baltimore, MD. Motion to accept by Courtney, second by Alice. Welcome Megan!! Alice to send official welcome packet she created.

**Old Business:**

**1. Agility Trial Updates (Kathy)**

- o Request for up to \$1200 in funds to purchase ribbons for agility trials that should last approximately 2 years (8 trials). Kathy checked with Ravishing Rosettes and they can offer better pricing and no shipping costs (located in Rochester, MN). This expense to be amortized over the next eight trials. Motion to approve Heather, second by Diane.

**Upcoming Agility Events:**

- a. ESSFTA Agility Trial Fundraiser, July 17-19, Cloud 9:  
Trial didn't fill, but decent numbers. Mike to pick up judge from airport and will host him, so no hotel charge. Gretta or Karen will give judge a ride back to airport on Sunday. A fundraiser for a vest for the new K9 office in Maple Grove will be held. Kathy will also be selling raffle tickets for the ESSFTA National.
- b. TCVESSA Agility Trial, October 16-18 at On the Run: Approved
- c. TCVESSA Agility Trial, December 18-20 at On the Run: Approved
- d. TCVESSA Agility Trial, January 29-31, 2027 at On the Run: Pending

**2. Summer Solstice/Cambridge Conformation shows, June 18-21, (Sarah/Courtney)**

- a. Sarah provided the following observations: smaller entry, not a lot of time for advertising, hotel rooms very difficult to get. Prizes were well received. Jason Hoke did not charge for entries because of the all-breed. Nice Building, but would need fans in case of extreme heat.
- b. Alice indicated that she would like to purchase a few mums for more informal photos/selfies. She will also investigate purchasing a new vertical banner for the club's 50th anniversary next year.
- c. We are invited back to Cambridge next year. Decision on whether to participate again was tabled until next meeting. May also want to consider a stand-alone spring specialty at St. Croix Valley in May.

**3. Crow River/Hutchinson Conformation shows Oct. 6-9, Hutchinson, (Sarah/Michelle B)**

- a. 4 supported entries, 1 concurrent specialty (Saturday).

- b. Will want to order another ESSFTA 100th anniversary cake. The club will be reimbursed for up to \$50.
- c. ESSFTA Banner (Sarah)
- d. Judge contacts:
  - i. Jean sent contract to Thomas Alexander (regular classes), to Kristi Howe (Sweeps) and to Dr. Jennie Chen (Juniors). All at no cost other than gifts/gas money.
- e. Sponsor signup for trophies & ribbons (Alice)

**4. Volunteer Opportunities (Alice):**

- a. Alice created drafts of job descriptions for membership chair and sunshine person (emailed). No volunteers so far.
- b. Jean will continue as acting membership chair.
- c. Alice suggested emphasizing the all-volunteer nature of the club rather than implementing a strict hour requirement. The discussion concluded with agreement to separate membership applications from volunteering forms and add a paragraph explaining the purpose of volunteer commitment.

**5. Fall All-Member Meeting:**

- a. Discussed the following options for the Fall All-Member Meeting:
  - i. Total Recall at \$350 for half a day
  - ii. Canine & Coffee #2 discussion at Byerly's Community room, no charge.
  - iii. Dog Tank for 4 hours: Dock Diving plus the little training area for our meeting. Available Sunday, November 8. Cost is \$600.
- b. It was decided that Kathy would contact Total Recall to check availability for November 8 or 15, from about 1-4 p.m. Total Recall has a kitchen area we could use for food.
- c. Club members will need to vote on the Bylaws changes.
- d. We could possibly to run-thrus for agility, obedience and rally.
- e. Sarah to contact Joan about possible activity after dates and venue confirmed.

**6. VOX Newsletter: (Alice):**

- a. Submitted dog-related articles, book reviews, etc. in addition to Brags, etc.
- b. Next publication date is September 15. Deadline for submissions is September 1.

**7. Fund Raising (Diane S):**

- a. **TCVESSA Logo gear/Big Frog:** Sarah to ask Ruth Dehmel about new art after illustrated standard is complete.

- b. **Dog Portrait Fundraising:** Diane to work with Sarah to plan the introduction of the artist Catherine for the pet portrait fundraiser, targeting the October agility trial.

**8. Bylaws Committee (Alice M/Heather):**

- a. Committee members: Alice, Heather, Karin Andersen, Carol Hathaway
- b. Goal: Have all revisions completed so that Bylaws can be voted on at our annual fall meeting. Draft to board before September meeting.

**New Business**

- a. Discussed 2027 Awards Banquet: Carmen to reserve Lord Fletchers again for next year. Jean moved, Tekla Second.
- b. Alice: Deadline to appoint a nominating committee for officers would be September 8.

**Next Meeting**

- a. The next board meeting will be on Monday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Jean, second Tekla.