

TCVESSA MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Meeting called to Order 7:33p.m. Via Zoom Meeting

Attended by: Mary D, Tekla V, Courtney H, Liz P, Joann R, Diane S, Sandi K, Sarah W, Michelle B, Jean D, Kathy P, Heather R, Carol H, Carmen L

Clarification was made about board minutes, corrections and who can or cannot make motions and second motions as follows:

Typo corrections made to last month's meeting minutes and discussion around membership meeting vs board meeting and who can approve the meeting minutes.

With membership meeting minutes everyone in attendance can approve, Board meeting minutes can only be approved by board members

Going forward we need to designate membership meeting vs board meeting at the beginning of the meeting and minutes need to reflect so we know who can approve the minutes for that portion of the meeting if there is a board only portion of the meeting

Diane approved, Mary 2nd

No new membership applications. 11 members have not paid yet. Mary will send a note. Membership

dues can be collected at the March 15th meeting

Treasures report

\$240 income and \$72 from Baray

Jan Agility expenses and \$350 for AKC fees need to be paid

ending balance \$6006.16

*request for funds for May Obedience trial

*request for funds for June Agility

*Liz was going to work with Sarah for application(s) for Cambridge and associated fees (we may be on the late side of things)

Michelle B was going to send examples of contracts for judges to Sarah & Courtney

Courtney was going to update the premium for Cambridge and check on entry fees with Gloria if Cambridge wanted them all the same

Discussion ensued around filling out applications and around the specialties

Discussion ensued around Oct 1-4 specialties in Hutchinson and the cost differences between a

designated and concurrent (more expensive for the club). Prizes and ribbons are most of the cost. The

club receives approx. \$18 of each entry from regular classes from a designated. Michelle states that she needs help with the Oct specialty and cannot do it alone. Several people offered help with different

pieces of the specialty, and it was decided that we would scale back for 2026 and 3 supported entries and 1 concurrent

Kathy approved and Tekla 2nd

Mary was to send out the spreadsheet for cost breakdowns for 2025 Hutch specialty.

Diane will be point person for fundraising efforts (she is not in charge of it all and can recruit help)

Discussion ensued around TCVESSA Logo gear from Big Frog; Sarah was going to ask Ruth Dehmel about some artwork

Discussion ensued around fundraising idea of having members sponsor ribbons and/or prizes for placements at the specialties and obedience trials (like the National)

Michelle to send a spreadsheet for ribbon and prize donations

Liz R offered to make some wooden Springers for both specialties and the obedience trials

Discussion ensued around Coffee and Canines meeting in St. Louis Park and how some clubs have turned it into a fundraising event. This could be a possibility for us in the future.

Zoom Account update: Gretta was changing over the Zoom account to herself and another person to be able to host the meetings. The names of the people on the account can be changed as needed if it is set up under the club's name.

Conclusion of membership meeting

Board only Meeting:

Discussion around the bylaws and Zoom voting for members

The wording that the National Club used was read and discussed.

and it was agreed to adopt the same wording as ESSFTA

Addendum to the by-laws will not go into effect until all members are notified, likely after the Awards Banquet

We will need 2/3 of members in attendance pass such an addendum.

Discussion ensued around some voting needing to be done in secret and this can be done via the chat feature on Zoom but will need to take some planning prior to the meeting.

Gretta motioned Heather 2nd.

Discussion around the meaning of "in good standing" for members when it comes to voting at meetings.

It was decided that if members are paid in full for their dues prior to the meeting being called to order they will be allowed to vote at the meeting they attend. (if meeting is called to order 5pm if dues are paid by 4:59pm the member will be considered in good standing and can vote).

Gretta motioned and Heather 2nd.

Next meeting March 5 7:30pm

motion to adjourn Gretta 2nd Tekla meeting closed at 916pm

submitted by:

Courtney Hansen