

TCVESSA

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026

Call to Order: 7:34PM

Roll Call:

Present: Mary Dahl, Sandi Klimers, Carmen Laing, Liz Pike, Cyndi Myhre, Alice Musburger, Tekla Viker, Diane Slais, Gretta Thorson, Michelle Berge, Courtney Hansen, Kathy Patregnani, Jean Dockendorf.

Absent: Heather Rand

Reading of Minutes of November Meeting:

First Motion to Approve: Mary Dahl

Second Motion to Approve: Diane Slais

Motion Carried

OFFICERS REPORTS

President: No Report.

Vice-President: No Report.

Membership Chair Report: No Report.

Treasurer:

Beginning Balance (11/20/2025)		\$5,473.10
Income		\$16,236.02
Dues, Donations +Interest	390.02	
December Agility Trial	15,846.00	
Expenses		-14,892.28
Website/PayPal	-23.15	
Restock Ribbons	-\$1,532.97	
December Agility Trial	-13,336.16	
Ending Balance (1/8/2026)		\$6,816.84

First Motion to Approve: Diane Slais

Second Motion to Approve: Tekla Viker

Motion Carried

Secretary: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS – No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

December Agility Budget/Update

The group discussed the financial results of December's Agility trial with major expenses being AKC fees, judge costs, and facility rental.

Fall Membership Meeting

They agreed to hold the January annual meeting on January 24th at the agility trial location, with members arriving around 3 PM and the meeting starting between 4:30-5 PM.

October 2025 Specialty Update

The meeting focused on a misunderstanding regarding judge selection procedures for a club specialty show. Cindy, the show chair, had initiated a process to collect bios for sweepstakes judges to help members make informed voting decisions, which led to a conflict with a few members of the board. These few board members expressed that while the idea of bios was good, the process should have gone through them first. The discussion revealed a lack of communication about existing procedures, with Liz acknowledging she had previously documented judge selection responsibilities, but these weren't shared with the new show chair. The conversation ended with Cindy announcing her resignation due to the conflict, though the board expressed regret about the situation and acknowledged communication failures on both sides. Liz Pike emailed Mary and Courtney the show chair responsibilities document.

Addressing Leadership and Communication Concerns

The board discussed concerns about communication and leadership changes with it being tabled until next meeting.

Cambridge Dog Show Planning Meeting

The group discussed plans for an upcoming dog show in Cambridge, focusing on application details and judge selection. Courtney and Sarah are handling show chair duties, with Liz providing assistance on applications. The group discussed the selection of judges from Cambridge's panel to save on expenses. The group agreed to proceed with the current plan for the specialty show, with a focus on determining if the location and timing work well for future events. The club discussed plans for concurrent shows and agreed to start with two concurrent shows this year to test the concept, with supported entries on other days, rather than fully committing to all four days.

Vox Editor Update

It was reported that no update on this position. Alice mentioned that she is willing to do the job but wants assistance.

Annual Awards

Alice reported that she currently has 11 applications and trophy expenses. The board approved using dog tags as a new recognition method for title earners and kennel plates for new titles.

NEW BUSINESS:

Website

Jean Dockendorf explained that website issues are across the board (internet) and should be resolved shortly.

- Next Meeting Date: February 12, 2026, at 7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned: 8:34 PM

Next steps

- [Mary: Look at membership status and update next week.](#)
- [Alice: Text Mary with Sheila Kuhn's new email address.](#)
- [Jean: Continue to monitor web host outages and consider searching for a new web host if issues persist.](#)
- [Jean and Alice: Email forms to members who need them while the website is down.](#)
- [Liz: Send Alice contact information for the parent club's new Spotlight editor \(Laura Burns\) for newsletter template assistance.](#)
- [Mary: Look through membership list for anyone with skills or interest in helping with the newsletter.](#)
- [Liz: Send Mary \(and Courtney\) the show chair responsibilities document for Google Docs.](#)
- [Mary: Put Liz's show chair responsibilities document into Google Docs.](#)
- [Diane: Reach out to Cindy \(after Michelle checks in with her\) to discuss recent events and encourage continued involvement, as appropriate.](#)
- [Michelle: Reach out to Cindy to check on her feelings and report back to Diane before Diane contacts her.](#)
- [Alice: Take the lead on finding someone to create photo certificates/awards for next year.](#)
- [Courtney: Reach out to Jordan Smith to confirm interest in producing dog tags for title earners and provide approximate quantity \(about 40\).](#)
- [Mary and/or Gretta: Update the event/financial spreadsheet to reflect approval of dog tags for title earners.](#)
- [Liz: Update and send out the meeting flyer for the January 24th membership/cookie exchange meeting at On the Run, once details are received from Courtney.](#)
- [Courtney: Send meeting details \(date, time, location, etc.\) to Liz for the flyer.](#)
- [Courtney: Update/post the January 24th meeting notice on Facebook.](#)
- [Carmen \(or designee\): Send out meeting notice for the January 24th membership meeting/cookie exchange at On the Run.](#)
- [Alice: Provide Michelle with information on previous award winners/plates for efficient ordering of new plates for annual awards.](#)
- [Alice: Prepare and send list of dogs/call names to Courtney \(and/or Jordan\) for dog tag production.](#)
- [All: Send Alice any names of people who might be able to help with photo certificates/awards for next year.](#)
- [Mary: Schedule and send notice for February 12th board meeting.](#)