

VCC Meeting Minutes:9/3/2022
Meeting called to order at 12:07 PM

Katie Titus Odum moves to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting, Denise Patterson seconds. Members present and voting unanimously vote to approve the minutes.

Jane Robbins provides a membership update which includes the following

- We are in the membership renewal period.
- This year, the club will only be taking cash or checks; no PayPal or Venmo transactions will be accepted.
- Members must also fill out the form to go with payment, however, if there are no changes to previous personal details, members may note that on the form so as to not need to fill out the form in its entirety.

The next order of business is the consideration of member requests to become voting members. Members present vote by secret written ballot and the results are as follows:

- Michelle Porfido DeLucia: approved by unanimous vote
- Katherine Kabat: approved by unanimous vote
- Kit Bergoon: approved by unanimous vote
- Rick and Debbie Lewis: approved by unanimous vote
- Emily Ansel: approved by unanimous vote

Beth Kirven then provides the Show Committee Report as follows:

- The club is still in need of trophy sponsorships; members may sponsor a specific trophy if available or contribute to the general trophy fund.
- The club is also in need of volunteers to run the health clinics. The eye clinic will be located next to Nancy's RV where dogs will check in and get dilated. We need individuals to escort those dogs to the cardiac testing which is located in the canteen and then BACK to the eye testing
- Cleaning will be of special interest this year. Members are asked to ensure that everyone is up to date on vaccinations and that they utilize the cleaning stations to spray locations on the ground after a dog pees or poops.
- Fast cat online entries closed on July 13th. Entries can be mailed by August 1 for full price. The Fast cat schedule will work around the vizslas' show schedule. They also will be offering try it/fun runs.
- We will have food on site with at least two food trucks. Another vendor may also be joining us.

Nancy Edmunds then provides an update on the Wirehaired Vizsla Club Specialty Show and puts out a call for individuals to help handle Wirehairs.

Katie Titus Odum then gives an update on the status of the Bylaws Committee. She states that plans are coming together for scheduling the first Zoom meeting and that the goal is to have a new set of bylaws approved by the Committee for a consideration and a vote at the November board meeting.

Beth Kirven then states that there is no new update from the Finance Committee. New Treasurer Abbie Hanson is currently working with outgoing Treasurer Ed Foster to receive all of the books and transition accounts as needed.

Beth Kirven then provides the Hunt Test update as follows:

- The Hunt Test will be the 2nd weekend in February at Armenia Winds
- We need volunteers
- We are working on getting fast cat on site

Committee then moves into a discussion about the possibility of putting on an agility trial. Beth Kirven states that this has been done in the past. We previously partnered with the Greater Columbia Obedience Club to put on the trial. The problem and reason we have not endeavored to put on such an event in recent years is that the VCC consistently does not have enough volunteers to host an agility trial. The Committee discusses other clubs' volunteer policy and some members suggest including mandatory volunteer hours in the new VCC bylaws.

Emily Ansel then moves into a health testing update. She describes the new tests for the "Long Coat Gene" and "Dwarfism." She describes both conditions and states that these tests will be another tool in the toolkit of breeders to make educated, responsible choices about their breeding pairings. Both tests will be offered by the VCC at a discounted rate. It will be \$40 for the dwarfism test with the discount, and \$30 for the long coat gene test with the discount.

Katie Titus Odum then moves into a breeder referral update. She informs the members that VCC members that are breeders have the opportunity to be listed on the VCC website. In addition, she notes that if breeders need homes for their litters, they need to inform her of their litters and availability. She receives inquiries, but almost never receives updates from breeders about litters.

Nancy Edmunds then requests to provide an update on the "Michigan Parvo Situation." She states that the Wirehaired Vizsla Club Health Chair is a veterinarian and provided the board with an email that states that the supposed new strain of parvo is in fact just regular parvo. The dogs that have been affected were not vaccinated or were under vaccinated.

Beth Kirven and Jane Robbins then move into an update on the 2022 VCC Fun Day at the Robbins' House. The day is the Saturday the same weekend as the Winston Salem show. As in previous years, there will be hunt training opportunities with a trainer. In addition, this year Ann Standen will be offering Trick Dog testing and try it agility runs. There will be a VCC meeting and lunch that day.

At 12:55, Katie Titus Odum moves to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Edmunds seconds the motion and the meeting adjourns.