

VCC Meeting 3/26/16

Meeting called to order at: 12:43pm

Roll Call and Attendance: There were 12 members and 5 guests at the meeting. Members in attendance were Amanda Matthis, Thecla Tyner, Theresa Robards, John Gentry, Karen Gentry, Nancy Edmunds, Karen Beckwith, Jane Robbins, David Martin, Andrea Martin, Paula Murphy and Beth Kirven. Guests at the meeting were Electra Westmoreland, Doug Richardson, Garrett Robbins, Michael Gittleman and Colleen Conley.

Minutes of the last meeting: Thecla read the minutes from the last meeting. Theresa Robards moved to accept the minutes and Karen Beckwith seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Report of the President: The hunt test was a success but I understand it was cold as blue blazes! I was at home birthing puppies, but I made chili for Saturday and Lyn took it to Chester for everyone to enjoy. Since I was unable to be there, I will defer to Beth Kirven for this report. The agility trial is just around the corner. The club cannot operate unless its members stand up and volunteer for positions needed. Abbie says that we are in need of more volunteers, so please contact her and let her know how you can help. I will defer to Abbie for more information. We have supported entries in Greenville, SC in July and our specialties are just around the corner in September. We will need everyone pitching in. Please tell us what strengths you have and how you can volunteer to help with these events. This is a large undertaking for the club and we all need to pitch in and help out.

Report of Secretary: We have five new members to our club. Our new members are Patrick and Evelyn Irwin, Gail Romine, and Joshua and Jessica Vasiu. Welcome new members!

Report of Treasurer: Prepared by Ed Foster. We are in good shape financially, we have already purchased the supported entry trophies for July, and we have purchased some of the trophies for the specialty in September. Our hunt test cleared \$1217.09. We had donations for the supported entry trophies of \$280.00. We have an Emergency Dog Fund of \$479.18. The Treasurer's report will be sent to Nancy Edmunds to post on our website each quarter.

Report of Committees:

Conformation-Show/Match Committee:

Specialty Shows: Our supported entry is in July at the Greenville, SC shows. Our specialty is coming up in September. We will be having a total of 4 specialties and 2 sweepstakes. We have the 2 sweeps on Friday, 2 specialties on Saturday and 2 specialties on Sunday. **We need volunteers to help out with grounds, hospitality, selling merchandise and handling the raffle.** We would like more items to raffle if you have them. Our trophy lists for our specialties are available for you to sponsor. Please see Beth for the remaining trophies left so you can sponsor the one you want.

Agility Committee: Report by Abbie Hanson. Dates for our agility trial are April 7&8, 2016. Set-up for our agility trial next month will begin on Wednesday and breakdown will be on Sunday. We need people to come out and help with the set-up and be there for the breakdown. We also need volunteers to help out during the trial. Please volunteer for a specific position so that Abbie will know what jobs are left to be filled. Theresa Robards is taking care of hospitality. We need people there!

Historian Committee: No report given.

Hunt Committee: Prepared and read by Beth Kirven.

Membership Committee: Prepared by Amanda Matthis. To date, our club has 21 full voting members, 33 associate members, 1 junior member, and 5 new members.

Election of new members: The VCC would like to welcome our new members to the club. None were present at this meeting.

Nomination Committee: We need a committee to nominate. We will review members up for election. Nomination Committee needs a committee chair.

Merchandise Committee: By Beth Kirven. Still have items to sell. The VCC has shirts available and new window decals. Window decals are \$6 each. If you would like one, please see Beth for details.

Newsletter/Website Committee: The Officers/BOD would like Scott Wofford to dedicate all of his energy to being the Hunt Test Chair in the future, so Theresa Robards agreed to be the newsletter editor again. The newsletter will be published quarterly, unless an adjustment is needed to facilitate the VCC even schedule. We will also look into creating a closed Facebook group for members. We will discuss this item in later business.

Breeder Referral: Nothing to report.

Technical: No report given.

Unfinished Business: We are looking to change the cost of advertising.

We talked about sending out the minutes of the meetings by email, but some people couldn't open the files, so we put them on the website under the Member's Only page. We can do both based on personal preference.

We would like to have a second person for our website.

New Business: Our club would like to have an anniversary party at the show location in Fletcher. There are two weekends of shows a couple of weeks apart. The first weekend is the Memorial Day show weekend and the next show is the weekend of June 9th. We will discuss which weekend is better due to summer heat and vacations. Hotel reservation rates Memorial Day weekend will be slightly higher than the second weekend of shows. It was decided that we would put out a survey to see which weekend works best.

Adjournment: John Gentry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Karen Beckwith. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm.