

Vizsla Canada Board Meeting Minutes - September 2006

The meeting was held by electronic mail and opened on September 16, 2006.

Numbering of motions indicates year and month of the meeting at which the motion was made, and item number on the agenda. If there is more than one motion per agenda item, they are distinguished with letters. E.g. 2006-01-06C indicates the third motion made on agenda item 6 at the January 2006 meeting.

1. Review and adoption of the minutes from the April 2006 meeting

2006-09-01 Acceptance of the minutes of the April 2006 board meeting.
In favour 4 (PL, HB, LC, JC) Against 0 Abstain 1 (LW)
Motion Carried

2. Report on 2006 Specialty

Hilarie gave a report on the 2006 Specialty which was held in British Columbia in conjunction with a Sporting Dog specialty and a US Vizsla specialty just across the border. Entry numbers were good and the show a success despite the heat, with thanks to Hilarie and Barrie Brinkworth and their volunteers for their hard work in organizing it.

3. 2007 Field test planning

Discussion was held about who would be willing and able to organize field tests in Ontario and still meet the deadlines needed to use our priority dates in June.

2006-09-03 Moved by Hilarie Brinkworth: That Ray Rowan submit an application immediately for Field Tests in 2007.
In favour 4 (PL, HB, LC, JC) Against 0 Abstain 1 (LW)
Motion Carried

4. Annual General Meeting planning

It was decided to hold the meeting at Francois Bernier's home, with a flyer and renewal notice sent to members as soon as possible.

5. Fund raising update

Update given by Laura on the Archives CD and suggestions as to what to charge for it were asked for. Laura is trying to organize an eye clinic as a fund raiser for the club.

2006-09-05 Moved by Jayne Coneybeare: That we proceed with plans to hold an Eye clinic in 2007 and that arrangements be made to book the veterinary eye specialist and venue for this.
In favour 5 (PL, HB, LC, LW, JC) Against 0 Abstain 0
Motion Carried

6. Amendments to the club bylaws

Francois said he has made a start on them.

7. New member welcome package

The need to ensure that all new applicants are contacted by mail or email in a timely manner and have a proper welcome package sent to them, including the latest copy of the newsletter, was brought up.

2006-09-07 Moved by Laura Wright: That the board accepts the welcome letters drafted by membership chair Rachel Delaney and translated into French by Jacqueline Veillette.
In favour 5 (PL, HB, LC, LW, JC) Against 0 Abstain 0
Motion Carried

8. Newsletter

The need to find a new editor for the newsletter was discussed. Current editor Martha Lacko says she will stay on until we find someone as a replacement. Cost of the production and mailing of the newsletter was also brought up.

2006-09-08 Moved by Laura Wright: That in order to keep the membership informed with 6 newsletters per year, yet stay within our means financially, the newsletter be published in print format three times a year, alternating with an electronic format three times a year, with the electronic format focusing primarily on club business and news.
In favour 5 (PL, HB, LC, LW, JC) Against 0 Abstain 0
Motion Carried

9. Report from the Treasurer

2006-09-09 Acceptance of the Treasurer's report.
In favour 4 (PL, HB, LC, LW) Against 0 Abstain 1 (JC)
Motion Carried

10. Report from the Correspondence Secretary

2006-09-10 Acceptance of the Correspondence Secretary's report.
In favour 4 (HB, LC, LW, JC) Against 0 Abstain 1 (PL)
Motion Carried

11. Other/New Business

Membership Survey

The question "What does the membership want from the club?" was brought up. Input from the membership committee was received. The idea of a membership survey, with a draw for one paid 2007 membership as an incentive to participate, was put forth. Discussion on whether or not board and membership chair members should be eligible for the draw followed.

2006-09-11A Moved by Laura Wright: That the board conduct a survey of the membership to determine the reasons they are members of the club and what changes they would like to see in the club in the future. This survey is to be primarily web-based for timely, cost-effective information gathering. There will be a draw for one paid 2007 Vizsla Canada membership to encourage participation in the survey.
In favour 5 (PL, HB, LC, LW, JC) Against 0 Abstain 0
Motion Carried

2006-09-11B Moved by Laura Wright: That Vizsla Canada board members and members of the Membership Committee be excluded from the survey draw if they choose to complete the survey.

In favour 5 (PL, HB, LC, LW, JC) Against 0 Abstain 0
Motion Carried

2007 Specialty Show

Show chair Martha Lacko listed possibilities of where to hold the 2007 Specialty, with her recommendation of what would be both easier for her to organize from her new location and at the same time bring a good entry.

2006-09-11C Moved by Linda Currie: That Martha Lacko proceed with her proposal to hold the Vizsla Canada 2007 Specialty on July 15, 2007 in conjunction with the Oxford Kennel Club shows July 13-15, 2007. The Show judge is Mr. James Reynolds, Sweeps judge is Mr. Tony Smid, with VC Booster to be held on July 13th at the same show.

In favour 5 (PL, HB, LC, LW, JC) Against 0 Abstain 0
Motion Carried

Ontario Director

With Martha Lacko moving to the U.S. and forcing her to resign her position as Ontario Director for the club, the position would be vacant. Ray Rowan was willing to step up to this position.

2006-09-11D Moved by Hilarie Brinkworth: That Ray Rowan be appointed as the Ontario director for the balance of this term.

In favour 5 (PL, HB, LC, LW, JC) Against 0 Abstain 0
Motion Carried

Voting in of new Regular Members

2006-09-11E Moved by Laura Wright: That we endorse the names of the members who the membership committee has recommended for regular membership in Vizsla Canada, given that no quorum was attained for the AGM.

In favour 5 (PL, HB, LC, LW, JC) Against 0 Abstain 0
Motion Carried

Purchasing of CKC Stud Books

At the April meeting, the motion was passed to purchase CKC stud books for club use.

2006-09-11F Moved by Laura Wright: That where feasible, instead of purchasing the CKC Vizsla stud book each year, the club manually retrieves stud book information from the CKC library.

In favour 5 (PL, HB, LC, LW, JC) Against 0 Abstain 0
Motion Carried

12. Next meeting date

A suggestion of January 27, 2007 as the start date of the January meeting was not met with any objections.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on December 22, 2006.

No votes received from BB, FB, JV.

Submitted by Recording Secretary Laura Wright