

Minutes of the Vizsla Canada January 2006 Board Meeting

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.

This meeting was held by electronic mail and called to order on February 1, 2006 at 6:43 am. Board members present were François Bernier (Chair), Martha Lacko, Linda Currie, Jayne Coneybeare, Jacqueline Veillette, Barry Bassingthwaighte, Hilarie Brinkworth, Pam Laprise, Laura Wright and Frank Lacko (past president). Member Sherryanne Farr was also present.

The January 2006 meeting agenda and the minutes from the October 2005 board meeting were circulated.

Laura discussed the method of voting to take place at the end of the meeting, noting that past boards had not used a seconder for motions. There was no clear consensus on whether this board would like to have a seconder, but no motion was made to adopt the practice of a seconder, so the practice of the previous boards will be continued.

Item 1 - Review and adoption of minutes from October 2005 meeting.

2006-01-01 Moved by Laura Wright: that the minutes of the October 2005 meeting be adopted.

In favour: 6 (ML, LW, JC, LC, FB, PL) Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (JV)

Motion Carried

Item 2 - Appointment of a Correspondence Secretary.

Because of the resignation of elected Correspondence Secretary Susan Scobie, it was noted by some board members that they would be happy to have election runner-up Pam Laprise in this position. It was declared by François that on the basis of Pam Laprise being the runner-up and no other nominations for the position being made and no objections received, that Pam be appointed to this position. Pam joined the meeting at this point.

Item 3 - Plans for the year - field tests, specialty, etc.

Martha offered that Ray Rowan was willing to be field test chair and would apply to the CKC to hold the test on our priority dates weekend. Barry offered to be test secretary and to print the premium list.

2006-01-03 Moved by Martha Lacko: that the board approves the VC Field Test for FDX, FD, FDJ to be held on June 10 and 11, 2006 at Liz Outram's farm in Norwood, Ontario so the application for the test can be submitted to the CKC as soon as possible in order not to pay penalty for late filing. Field Chairman Ray Rowan, Field Test Secretary Barry Bassingthwaighte. Budget to be submitted to the board at the later date.

In favour: 9 (FB, LW, JV, BB, ML, JC, HB, LC, PL) Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Laura informed the board that the CKC was extending the current priority date cycle and that we had to notify them if we wished to keep our dates for those extra two years. No objections were received to continuing to have these dates.

Martha informed the board that our Specialty date has been approved and showed us the flyer that has been made to advertise it.

Item 4 - Newsletter - search for new editor.

Martha would like to continue doing the newsletter but would like a co-editor to help with content. It was discussed that an email to members and approaching individuals about this was the best way to find someone in addition to announcing the need in the newsletter. By the end of the meeting, Martha announced that member Lori Vickerman of Calgary was willing to take on the role of co-editor. It was also mentioned that she could use help with the website, so that position will be advertised in the next newsletter.

Item 5 - Club archival material cataloguing and storage.

Laura informed the board that at her own expense, she has properly stored the material in our archives which were previously kept loose in a cardboard box. Most items are now in protective plastic sheets in binders and have been numbered. An itemized list of all archival material has been made, as well as electronic copies of everything. Since we now have these electronic copies, it will be possible to allow members access to them without the worry of items being damaged or lost. François suggested creating a PowerPoint presentation out of the photos and slides. Jayne suggested that if financially feasible, Laura be reimbursed for her expenses relating to the archives. The amount we might charge for a CD of our archival material, if made public, was discussed.

2006-01-05 Moved by Laura Wright: that Vizsla Canada makes its archives available in electronic format to the membership and other interested parties, and charges a fee for this to offset costs and raise money for the club.

In favour: 7 (ML, LW, JC, LC, FB, JV, PL) Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Item 6 - Amendments to the club by-laws.

Laura brought the current board up to date on the previous board's work on amendments to our by-laws. A good start has been made on the items in most need of revision, but there are still changes to be made. François suggested that it might be easier if he and Laura continue to work on the amendments together and present them to the rest of the board at their next meeting. No objections to this were raised.

Item 7 - Report from the Treasurer.

Jayne reported on financial activity since taking over as Treasurer:

Deposits: \$1,073.57 (Memberships \$817.22; Breeder List \$200.00; Trophy Fund \$56.35)
Expenses: Repayment of loan from Francois Bernier \$1,000.00
 Purchase new cheques for account \$102.29
 To VSO for VC donation to their 2005 trophy fund \$40.00
 Service charge \$4.00

The club has a bank balance of \$2429.00 as of January 31, 2006 (2005 outstanding cheques notwithstanding).

2006-01-07A Moved by Laura Wright: that the Treasurer's report prepared by Jayne Coneybeare be accepted as information.

In favour: 6 (ML, LW, LC, FB, JV, PL) Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (JC)

Motion Carried

There was discussion on how we could raise some money for the club. Martha brought us up to date on what has been done in the past. Ideas for items that could be sold were investigated. Hilarie suggested holding a temperament test in B.C. Various types of seminars were discussed, as well as holding a sanction match or a health test clinic. Laura will investigate an eye clinic.

2006-01-07B Moved by Hilarie Brinkworth: that Vizsla Canada look into holding a temperament test in B.C. as a way to raise money for the club.

In favour: 7 (ML, LW, JC, LC, FB, JV, PL) Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

Item 8 - Report from the Correspondence Secretary.

Laura, as past and interim Correspondence Secretary, presented her report for the past 3 months of activity.

Item 9 - Other/New Business.

2006 Booster Show

Martha informed the board that our booster which was planned for the Oxford County Kennel Club shows did not get into the premium lists and as a result, we cannot hold it at those shows. It was agreed to look into another Ontario show for our booster this year.

Committees

Several committees need to be filled:

1. Membership Committee:

2006-01-09A Moved by François Bernier: that Rachel Delaney is appointed as Chair of the Membership Committee, with Anthea Boechler and Susan Verbocy as members of the committee.

In favour: 7 (ML, LW, JC, LC, FB, JV, PL) Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

2. Breedlines committee: Jayne is happy to continue to head this up, with Laura as part of the committee. Two more members needed.

3. Fund Raising committee: Martha suggested that Rachel Delaney remain as head of this committee. Two more members needed.

4. Publication committee: Martha to head this committee. Two more members needed. Hilarie will continue if nobody else is found.

Notice in the next newsletter as well as an email to members will be sent out regarding the openings on these committees.

Jayne will continue to compile titles earned and stats for rankings for show, field and obedience for the newsletter.

Martha is willing to continue being our standing Show Chair to coordinate shows, boosters and trophies.

2006-01-09B Moved by Laura Wright: that Martha Lacko remain as our standing Show Chair.

In favour: 6 (LW, JC, LC, FB, JV, PL) Against: 0 Abstain: 1 (ML)

Motion Carried

Dogs in Canada club listing

Renewal of our Dogs in Canada breed club listing was agreed to be done.

10. Next meeting date.

The next meeting of the board will start on April 22, 2006.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned on March 7, 2006 at 6:48 am.

Note: Barry Bassingthwaighe and Hilarie Brinkworth were absent at time of voting on all items except item 3.

Minutes taken by Laura Wright, Recording Secretary.