

## January 2008 Vizsla Canada Board Meeting Minutes

*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 October 2007 meeting

**2008-01-01** Moved by Pam Laprise: to accept the minutes of our October meeting.

**For 7 (JC, JV, PL, LC, RR, HB, BBr) Against 0 Abstain 1 (LW)**

### 2. Bylaw amendments update

Ballots for voting on bylaw amendments have been mailed out. Voting to end January 31. Update at end of meeting: All amendments were accepted by the membership.

### 3. Postage fees – International members

Newsletter editor Martha Lacko has asked that the board consider charging international members a postage fee in addition to their membership fee, to cover the extra money it costs to mail their newsletters. The pros and cons of doing this were discussed, including the concern of losing some of our international members.

**2008-01-03A** Moved by Jayne Coneybeare: that we add a note on our membership form that international postage costs the club approximately \$15./year and donations to help cover this would be gratefully accepted.

**For 7 (LW, JC, PL, LC, RR, HB, BBr) Against 1 (JV) Abstain 0**

**2008-01-03B** Moved by Laura Wright: that this change to the renewal form take effect for 2009 renewals.

**For 7 (LW, JC, PL, LC, RR, HB, BBr) Against 0 Abstain 1 (JV)**

#### **4. 2007 Field Tests Report**

A brief report was given by Laura Wright, who submitted the CKC paperwork on behalf of Test Secretary Ray Rowan. Jayne Coneybeare provided a financial report on the tests.

#### **5. Merchandise for sale**

Martha Lacko is going to investigate the sale of winter dog coats which would require no pre-purchasing of merchandise.

Laura reported that 11 Archive CDs have been sold so far, raising approximately \$220 for the club. She suggested the club run an ad for the CD in the VSO's newsletter.

**2008-01-05** Moved by Jayne Coneybeare: that we place an ad for the VC Archives CD in the Vizsla Society of Ontario newsletter and that the club pay for the ad.

**For 8 (LW, JC, JV, PL, LC, RR, HB, BBr) Against 0 Abstain 0**

#### **6. Trophy and club donations**

Discussion about what to do with general club donations.

**2008-01-06** Moved by Jayne Coneybeare: that half of the funds from the general donations to the club (about \$225) be made available to purchase certificates and prizes for the combined [field test/sanction match] event.

**For 7 (LW, JC, JV, PL, LC, RR, HB) Against 1 (BBr) Abstain 0**

#### **7. Electronic newsletter**

Discussion on the size of the electronic newsletter and pros and cons of publishing it on the website. Some had the opinion that it might attract new members. Others had the opinion that the newsletter is a benefit of membership, which might decline if people can get it for free.

**2008-01-07** Moved by Jayne Coneybeare: that the electronic version of the VC newsletter be available on the website after it has been sent to members.

**For 5 (JC, JV, LC, RR, HB) Against 3 (LW, PL, BBr) Abstain 0**

## **8. Provisional membership objections**

Update given to the board about an application for provisional membership that received objections by several VC members.

## **9. 2008 Field Tests and Specialty planning**

Test secretary Rachel Delaney provided us with an update on the organization of the field tests. Site and judges are booked, premium list is being worked on, CKC confirmation received, ribbons ordered.

**2008-01-09** Moved by Jayne Coneybeare: that Ray & Martha proceed to apply for and plan a Vizslas only Sanctioned Match for the Saturday of the VC Spring 2008 Field Dog Tests.

**For 7 (LW, JC, JV, PL, LC, HB, BBr) Against 1 (RR) Abstain 0**

Specialty Chair Martha Lacko reports that planning is going well. It will be held at Woodstock July 14. Judge is Dorothy MacDonald, sweeps judge Francois Bernier. Trophies planned, complimentary lunch offered.

## **10. Report from the Treasurer**

**2008-01-10A** Moved by Laura Wright: that the board accepts the report of the treasurer.

**For 7 (LW, JV, PL, LC, RR, HB, BBr) Against 0 Abstain 1 (JC)**

Treasurer Jayne Coneybeare informed the board of how Stacy Miller has played a very helpful role in the financial reporting of the club.

**2008-01-10B** Moved by Laura Wright: that the board publicly thank member Stacy Miller for her work in organizing the club's financial paperwork, which saved the club money in accountant's fees.

**For 8 (LW, JC, JV, PL, LC, RR, HB, BBr) Against 0 Abstain 0**

## **11. Report from the Correspondence Secretary**

**2008-01-11** Moved by Laura Wright: that the board accepts the Correspondence Secretary's report.

**For 7 (LW, JC, JV, LC, RR, HB, BBr) Against 0 Abstain 1 (PL)**

## **12. Other business**

Conformation match – Ontario director Ray Rowan would like the club to hold a conformation match in conjunction with our field tests in order to promote the dual nature of the breed, and present an award to the top dog in both field and show. Much discussion on how it is best to go about doing this. Pat Iredale has agreed to judge the match. See item 9 for related motion.

Specialty Winner advertising – It was brought to the board's attention that the cover of our newsletter was only available to club members. Specialty Chair and Newsletter Editor Martha Lacko suggested that we make the cover available to non-member Specialty winners as well.

**2008-01-12A** Moved by Laura Wright: that we offer the cover of our printed newsletter following the Nationals to ANY Vizsla that wins our Best of Breed in the Vizsla Canada National Specialty, not just member-owned Vizslas.

**For 7 (LW, JC, JV, PL, LC, RR, HB) Against 1 (BBr) Abstain 0**

**2008-01-12B** Moved by Laura Wright: that the date of the 2008 AGM be Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**For 8 (LW, JC, JV, PL, LC, RR, HB, BBr) Against 0 Abstain 0**

### **Item 13 – Next meeting date**

Next board meeting to begin April 19.