

**2007 VCA Board of Directors Meeting  
Omaha, Nebraska  
October 16, 2007**

President Barbara Snyder called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:13 am, and welcomed everyone and introduced the new members who were present: Susan Glasgow and Judy Richey .

**Present:** Barbara Snyder, President; Julia Bonar Vice President; Jill Brennan, Recording Secretary; Lynn Worth Smith, AKC delegate; Linda Kelly; Richard Lantz; Kathy Rust; Susan Glasgow; Judy Richey; and Mark Smith  
**Absent:** Dave Kayser, Treasurer, Jean Matmor, Brooke Folley - Counts, Kim Himmelfarb, Corresponding Secretary, and Peggy Schmidt

Guests 9:13 -9:30 Stella Lang, Sylva Kerr, Rhoda Ezell, Kate Payne, Al Lucas, Megan Tallman, and Eleesa Markham

**Motion 1**

*Recording Secretary Jill Brennan moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2006 board meeting as they had been reviewed, corrected, approved by the directors and printed in The Vizsla News.*

**Second:** Richard Lantz

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

Guests 9:30 -10:00 Stella Lang, Sylva Kerr, Rhoda Ezell, Kate Payne, Al Lucas, Megan Tallman, and Eleesa Markham

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dave Kayser was absent, but submitted a report, which was distributed prior to the meeting, with the other officers' reports.

**Motion 2**

It was brought to the board's attention that AKC HIGHLY recommends all clubs do an ANNUAL audit of their books, not because anyone suspects wrong doing, but because this prevents any accusations of such. With this in mind, the board of directors agreed that it had been several years since an audit had been completed, and thus should move forward with an audit in 2008.

*Richard Lantz motioned for an independent audit of the financial reports and accounts to be completed no later than March 31, 2008.*

**Second:** Mark Smith

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

Guests 10:00 -10:30 Julie La Rue, Stella Lang, Sylva Kerr, Rhoda Ezell, Kate Payne, Al Lucas and Eleesa Markham

**Old Business:**

**Motion 3**

Discussion incurred regarding the general membership's desire to vote on the new standard on a section by section basis, which resulted in Motion number 3.

*Kathy Rust moved to vote on the breed standard by sections and sub-sections.*

Second: Richard Lantz

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

**Motion 4**

*Linda Kelly moved to accept all of the following Hall of Fame Committee actions:*

- *Change HOF nominations submission date from 1 May deadline to 1 April deadline.*
- *Publish all HOF nominations in the Vizsla News in the May/June edition and on the website.*
  - a. *This will allow the membership time to research/ discuss the nominations prior to the ballot going out.*
  - b. *Publish a picture and 3 generation pedigree with the nominations.*
  - c. *There would be no need to publish the entire nomination on the ballot, only a need to list the names and voting instructions.*
  - d. *This would highlight to the membership the importance of the HOF*
- *Offer HOF CD for sale*

**Second:** Julia Bonar

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

Guests 10:30 -11:00 Julie La Rue, Stella Lang, Sylva Kerr, Rhoda Ezell, Kate Payne, Eleesa Markham and Al Lucas

11:00 -11:05 Break

11:05 Barbara Snyder, Julia Bonar, Jill Brennan, Lynn Worth Smith, Linda Kelly, Richard Lantz, Kathy Rust, Judy Richey and Mark Smith returned

Guests 11:00-11: 30 Julie La Rue, Stella Lang, Sylva Kerr, Megan Tallman, Rita Prindle, Kate Payne, Debby Lynn, Jack Sharkey, Diane Shearer, Ed Foster, Marion Coffman, Eleesa Markham, and Al Lucas

### **Motion 5**

It was suggested that the Board revisit the Bylaws, ARTICLE 1: Membership; Section 3 Dues. Where there is a surcharge of \$35 for postage for FOREIGN memberships included. This amount is higher for some areas than the actual cost. A recommendation that the dollar amount be removed and replaced with wording “*plus a surcharge of the actual cost for postage, payable in US Funds. This actual cost is to be determined by MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN based on current postage rates and approved by the Board of Directors by September of each year, prior to renewals for the next year*”. It was also suggested, but eventually tabled, that while addressing this Section, adding language that would list the uppermost limits for each area of dues, in order to avoid frequent bylaw amendments. (i.e. *Dues shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_*) should be considered. The statement should be included for each type of membership, in addition to when and by whom the dues may be increased.

*Judy Richey moved that with the exception of the tabled language, the board of directors accept the changes presented by Rhoda Ezell and Barbara Snyder concerning raising the dues to cover the actual charges for postal rates, and present them via the annual ballot to the general membership for a vote.*

**Second:** Lynn Worth Smith

**In favor:** Bonar, Brennan, L. Worth Smith, Kelly, Rust, Richey, and M. Smith

**Opposed:** Lantz

**Absent:** Glasgow, Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

11:23 -Susan Glasgow returned

Guests 11:30 -12:00 Julie La Rue, Stella Lang, Sylva Kerr, Megan Tallman, Rita Prindle, Kate Payne, Debby Lynn, Jack Sharkey, Diane Shearer, Ed Foster, Marion Coffman, Eleesa Markham, and Al Lucus

### **Motion 6**

It was brought to the boards' attention that reporting the top ten on the VCA website was not working and the data was not as timely as was hoped.

*Mark Smith moved that that the Board of directors reinstate the Top Ten to the Vizsla News, asking the editor to have a minimum of three pages.*

**Second:** Kathy Rust

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

It was reported to the board that a cold cast bronze of a vizsla on point by British artist Anne Kilminster had been ordered and is being shipped to Adele Neupert. The trophy is being donated to the VCA by Eddie and Adele Neupert. A base will be made with space for engraved brass plaques for the names of the winners of the NGDC. It should be ready for the 2008 NGDC

**Action Item:** *Julie LaRue agreed to contact Adele regarding assisting with the shipment of the new Gun Dog championship Trophy*

11:43 Susan Glasgow exited

**Motion 7**

*Mark moved that the guide lines for the top field producers list be accepted, and that the program be started as soon as a reporter could be found.*

**Second:** Linda Kelly

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Glasgow, Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

11:57 Susan Glasgow returned

Guests: 12:00 -12:30 Sylva Kerr, Rita Prindle, Debby Lynn, Jack Sharkey, Diane Shearer, Ed Foster, Marion Coffman, Eleesa Markham, Rita Mather and Al Lucus

**New Business**

**Motion 8**

Discussion incurred regarding the AKC CHIC program. It was explained that other national clubs were encouraging participation in the CHIC program, by offering incentives for completing all the required health checks.

*Linda Kelly moved that the VCA offer an advertising discount in The Vizsla News for those advertisers who include the dog's CHIC number in a full page add. The timeline and amount to be determined following the financial review.*

**Second:** Jill Brennan

**In favor** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

AKC has offered to allow all Parent Clubs to utilize their archives for storage of club records.

**Action Item** -*Barbara Snyder is going to ask Michel Berner to follow up with the AKC in regards to placing VCA historical items in the AKC Archives.*

**Motion 9**

*Richard Lantz moved to accept the changes to the by-laws as presented in #3 in new business, (printed below) and present them via the annual ballot to the general membership for a vote.*

*3. Bylaws Modifications Needed Due to 07 Vote*

*Article 1: Membership*

*Section 2. Classification of Membership*

*b. Associate*

- *Options.....*

- Non-voting.....
- Ineligible to hold office and/or to chair committees
- Eligible.....
- May apply.....
- Bulk rate.....

*Rationale: Ineligible is consistent wording with other classifications*

*And/or to chair committees -if unable to vote, would not be able to vote to break a tie in a committee vote if necessary. This modification would not prohibit committee participation, only chairmanship.*

**Second:** Julia Bonar

**In favor:** Bonar, Brennan, L.Worth Smith, Lantz, Rust, Glasgow, and Richey

**Abstain:** Kelly, M. Smith

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

Guests 12:30 -1:00 Sylva Kerr, ,Rita Mather, Debby Lynn, Rita Prindle, Jack Sharkey, Al Lucus, Ed Foster, Marion Coffman, Rhoda Ezell and Diane Shearer

**Motion 10**

*Linda Kelly moved that the VCA dog of the year criteria be revised to allow the award to be given as long as one owner is a current VCA member -timeline to begin with the 2008 statistics.*

**Second:** Kathy Rust

**In favor:** M. Smith, Glasgow, Richey, Brennan, Kelly, Rust and Lantz.

**Opposed:** L. Worth-Smith and Bonar

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

Guests 1:00 -1:30 Sylva Kerr, Rita Mather, Debby Lynn, Rita Prindle, , Jack Sharkey, Al Lucus, Ed Foster, Becky Smith, Kate Payne, Eleesa Markham, Megan Tallman and Diane Shear

1:00 Richard Lantz Exited

1:05 Susan Glasgow Exited

1: 08 Susan Glasgow returned

1:10 Richard Lantz returned

**Motion 11**

VCA members have given OFA 30 years to show an improvement in Hip health. Statistics directly from the OFA show that from the late 1960's to the 1990s there was a 3.8% decrease (i.e.10.3% to 6.5%) in the rate of dysplastic dogs, but in the last 17 years (1990 -2006) there has been a .1% INCREASE in dysplastic dogs. With this in mind, it was proposed that the Board of Directors allow the general membership the opportunity to revamp the code of ethics to allow breeders to utilize either OFA or PENN-Hip evaluations if they prefer, or personally believe one or the other to be a better system.

This will not only encourage more breeders to supply Penn-Hip with data, thus increasing their database, but because Penn-Hip requires that its certified veterinarians submit ALL x-rays they take, (good or bad,) the VCA should get a more accurate picture of the health of the hips of our breed.

*Jill Brennan moved that the following modification to the code of ethics be taken to a general membership vote:*

***“Breeding*** - VCA members shall breed only with the intention of improving the breed by breeding only those vizslas who conform to the standard as recognized by the American Kennel Club and who exhibit soundness, stable temperament and natural hunting ability. Further, VCA members shall breed only those dogs who have a DNA number and are free of serious hereditary defects (including epilepsy, progressive retinal atrophy, Von Willebrands, entropion and cranial muscular atrophy), and are over two years of age and have been xrayed and OFA-certified as free from hip dysplasia or PENN HIP certified as “No Evidence of Degenerative Joint Disease”...

***Resolution*** - The Vizsla Club of America has resolved that all breeding stock is to be radiographed and that only those animals certified free of hip dysplasia are to be used for breeding purposes. Prospective breeders and puppy buyers are urged to inquire as to the OFA certification or PENN Hip ratio of both the sire and the dam prior to purchase. Breeders in the Stud Dog Listing/Breeders Directory must be VCA members. Instructions for OFA diagnosis may be obtained for a fee, from the Orthopedic Foundation of Animals, 2300 Nifong Boulevard, Columbia Missouri 65201-3826. FMI: 573/442.0418 or Instructions for a PennHIP diagnosis may be obtained from, PennHIP Analysis Center, 20 Valley Stream Parkway, Suite 267, Malvern, PA 19355.“

*Note: This does NOT change the OFA requirement for advertising nor the age requirement of two years.*

**Second:** Kathy Rust

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

Guests 1:30 -2:00 Sylvia Kerr, Debby Lynn, Rita Prindle, , Julie La Rue, Jack Sharkey, Al Lucus, Ed Foster, Becky Smith, Rita Mather, Rhoda Ezell, Lu Hart, Eleesa Markham and Diane Shearer

1:37 Judy Richey exited

1:40 Judy Richey returned

**Motion 12**

Rita Mather presented an overview of the 2008 nationals which resulted in extended discussion.

*Kathy Rust moved that we approve the bid for the Nationals 2008 in Arizona*

**Second:** Julia Bonar

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

Guest 2:00 -2:30 Sylva Kerr, Debby Lynn, Rita Prindle, Jack Sharkey, Al Lucas, Lu Hart, Kate Payne, Rhoda Ezell, Megan Tallman, Eleesa Markham and Diane Shearer

### **Motion 13**

Lu Hart presented her idea to produce a DVD intended to educate the public on both the positive and negative qualities of the vizsla as a pet.

*Lynn Worth Smith moved that Lu Hart create a prototype DVD educating the public on the vizsla, "Is the Vizsla the Right Dog for You?"*

**Second:** Julia Bonar

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

Guest 2:30 - 3:00 Sylva Kerr, Debby Lynn, Rita Prindle, , Jack Sharkey, Al Lucas, Rhoda Ezell, Kate Payne, Megan Tallman, Lu Hart, Eleesa Markham and Diane Shearer

Lu Hart, Megan Tallman and Kate Payne presented information on the appearance of the vizsla breed on a list of banned breeds, in breed specific legislation for a small town in Kansas.

**Action Item:** *Kim will be approached by Barbara about establishing a committee to look into putting policy into place to deal with any future breed specific legislation.*

**Guests** 3:30 -4:00 Sylva Kerr, Debby Lynn, Rita Prindle, Jack Sharkey, Al Lucas, Rhoda Ezell, Kate Payne, Megan Tallman, Lu Hart, Eleesa Markham and Diane Shearer.

### **Motion 14**

The American Pointer Club has a wonderful web based program for conducting official business. The company that developed the software, LBRB.com will have the software available to other parent clubs by the beginning of 2008. The cost for the use of the software will be about \$200 a year. The software will allow our VCA website to have a member only area, a board only area, and a general public area. The hope is that due to several features built into this software, such as an automated reporting function, communication between the board of directors and the general membership will not only be improved, but it will also be easier.

*Kathy Rust moved that the VCA lease the web-based member and board of directors software from www.LBRB.com*

**Second:** Julia Bonar

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

### **Motion 15**

*Kathy Rust moved that a Yahoo Group for board business be established.*

**Second:** Julia Bonar

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

**Action Item:** *Rhoda Ezell was asked to establish this via Yahoo, then turn it over to the 2008 Board.*

**Guests 4:00 -4:30** Julie La Rue, Diane Shearer, Al Lucas, Rhoda Ezell, Rita Mather, and Eleesa Markham

4:01 Linda Kelly exited

4:03 Linda Kelly returned

### **Other Business**

### **Motion 16**

The Vizsla News editor reported several people had backed out at the last minute on their cover advertising, therefore she asked that a deposit be required at the time of reservation to hold it.

*Mark Smith moved to require a \$50.00 non-reimbursable deposit on The Vizsla News Cover, starting in 2008.*

**Second:** Richard Lantz

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

### **Motion 17**

It was discussed that it was not fair to all the “national champions,” (such as the high-score-in-trial, national champion, best of breed, gun dog championship winner, etc.) that only one of them was honored on the cover of the newsletter each year. With that in mind, ideas on honoring the top winners in all of the editions of the news were discussed.

*Richard Lantz moved that all covers of the VCA newsletter be released for sale, and that all the national champions (top honor winners) be honored in a place and time to be determined by the 2008 Newsletter Committee.*

**Second:** Kathy Rust

**In favor:** All

**Absent:** Kayser, Matmor, Folley - Counts, Himmelfarb, and Schmidt

**Carried**

AKC has asked the parent clubs to establish an “Emergency Manager” to collect regional club membership lists in case of regional emergencies.

**Action Item:** *Barbara will talk to Kim Himmelfarb about establishing the emergency manager details.*

Dinner break was taken, but all board members were asked to return for an executive session immediately following the meal.

Executive Session 5:21 to 10:53.

Action would be discussion of committee chairmen positions, and the national events.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Brennan  
Recording Secretary