



Hungarian Vizsla Society

Promoting the Health, Quality and Duality of the Vizsla

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Hungarian Vizsla Society held on Sunday 27th February 2011 at Stoneleigh, Nr Coventry CV8 3DG

The meeting was opened at 2.19pm by Chair Sheila Gray, who thanked everyone for attending.

Those attending were:

Sheila Gray (Chair), Jean Robertson (Treasurer), Chantal Fisher (Secretary), Eric Seales, J Hurley, P J Easy, Paula Watson, Sylvia Cox, Emma Faulkener, Lynn Eales, C H McDonald, A N McDonald, Lindsey Townsend, Keith Earl, Sarah Earl, Penny Simpson, Deb Bowns, Betty Smith, Amanda Roche, James Roche, Kim Gallimore, Sue Harris.

Apologies were received from:

Keith Scattergood, Elaine Cannon, Helen Gore, Louise Petrie-Hay, Cath Harris, Margo Robertson, Susie Zarpany, Natascha Dobrovits, Steve Watson, Derek & Simone Whitfield, Chris Snelling, Christine Church, Claire James, Graham Gallimore, Tracey Whitman, Linda & John Dickenson.

Minutes of the 2010 AGM:

Copies of the minutes were distributed and read, (they had also been published on the website for all members to see) and members were asked if they should be taken as correct.

Proposer: Eric Seales

Seconded: Jennifer Hurley

Accepted

Matters arising:

A suggestion that we should investigate copywriting our name and logo has been checked out, but was found to be too expensive for a small Society – this more being aimed at corporate logos.

President's Report:

This being my last year as President I am delighted to say that the committee have all worked hard again this past year in the general running of the HVS and the putting on of many successful events both in the field and the show ring. I am pleased to say I was present at some of these events and enjoyed them immensely. It is not only the events that the committee put on but there is a tremendous amount of input that goes into the welfare of this breed and much work is done in the background to try to secure the Vizslas future, both generally and of course the input by the hard working Vizsla Rescue team. Also many efforts are being made to educate would be owners about this breed and to the health issues that are facing us at this time.

I personally have enjoyed my time as President and it has been a great honour for me to have had this position. Over the years that I have been President I have seen the committee go from strength to

strength putting in much time and effort at their own expense which shows their commitment and passion for the Vizsla.

I wish the HVS much luck for the future and hope that they continue their hard work. I hope my successor enjoys their position as much as I did and wish them good luck for the future.
Keith Scattergood.

Chair's Report:

Today marks the end of my term of office as Chairman of the Society. I am content to relinquish this post to a new incumbent.

I do so utterly confident that she will be working for the Society with one of the best committees that I have ever served with. Each and every member have always given willingly and conscientiously the time and effort required to keep the Society solvent, active and forward looking.

Many hours of discussion and, yes, some arguing, are spent trying to reach the right, sometimes very difficult decision. Planning for future roles and activities to enable them to fulfil their various duties. All undertaken in a cheerful, but thoughtful, manner. We should remember all the Committee have families, homes and work making equal demands on their time and energy. They also have their own ideas and beliefs which sometimes have to be suppressed in order to reach general agreement. Despite this, they always respond to the needs and the requirements of running all the Society's various activities.

I do not intend to single out each member and their particular responsibilities as each will report to you themselves. But, I do say they should all be proud of the events they organise to make the Society what is, in my opinion, one of the best dog clubs in the country. I thank them for the unfailing support they have always shown me.

We are all aware of the recent health concerns the breed has. The Society has and will give full support to any endeavour dedicated to finding cause and cure of any health problems. However, we will not be supportive of any initiative which condemns, blames or shames those affected by this horrid disease. We all appreciate the important and urgent need to collect and collate the information the research team needs to move forward.

An enormous amount of time has already been invested by those who have undertaken this task with much information already having been made available to all Vizsla owners. However, we do feel this must be undertaken with the compliance and co-operation of those involved, for they surely know the pain and anxiety it causes breeders and owners. They must have all our sympathy and support

Last year I spoke of the increase in the number and complexity of Vizslas coming forward for rescue. Sadly, as you will hear, the situation has not improved. Sylvia and Amanda seem to have endless problems to cope with, that they rarely fail to do, but at what cost to themselves. I know from personal experience, we have all dealt with calls which reduce us to tears.

Last year we discussed one of the possible causes, namely the misconception which describes the Vizsla as always being ideal family pets. To try to redress this, we have placed on our website, a caution to those interested in obtaining a Vizsla, it encourages them think very carefully whether this is really the right breed for them, their family and their lifestyle. This has resulted in prospective owners taking time to research the breed further before committing themselves. I would hope breeders would suggest that potential puppy buyers read Gay's book, which contains a very apt and informative description of the Vizsla's temperament.

We hope to persuade the KC to amend their description of the breed to reflect this.

Since its inception in 1972, the Society has faced and overcome many problems, the enduring concern of members has always been to maintain and preserve the Health, Duality and Quality of our lovely

dogs. I am glad and grateful to have been part of this, to have worked with so many people I have appreciated and admired. Long may their ethics endure.

The joy of living with and loving the Vizsla is a great privilege. His sense of humour and his energy contrives to ensure life with him is fun and never boring. Please let it always remain so.

To finish, I am happy to say the Society has a committed and professional Archivist who will shortly begin work on the Society's history. Eventually a complete record should be available to all members.

Sheila Gray

Lifetime Achievement Award:

My admiration of this lady is immense. Her service to the Vizsla, past, present and future, in my opinion will never be surpassed. When this lady first joined the Society we were quickly made aware of her deep commitment to her dogs.

She very soon became established as an outstanding trainer, handler and producer of wonderful working Vizsla. Indeed she bred, trained and handled the breeds first FT CH. She also proved an all-round breeder of quality by producing a SH CH. Her stock always exhibit the sweetest temperament as the many lucky owners will attest.

During this time she became part of the rescue team, eventually taking over as Rescue Co-ordinator. For many years she has taken into her home countless difficult and distressed Vizslas and, with endless patience, has reassured and rehabilitated them to the point they are able to go out to new homes. They can then enjoy happy and fulfilled lives. By doing this she had undoubtedly saved many from possible death.

Always willing to assist any Vizsla and their owners, she and her family have given years of their time and money. She is a shining example to us all and will remain so for generations to come.

The HVS honours her for her compassion and care for our unwanted and homeless dogs. It gives me the greatest pleasure on your behalf to award this Lifetime Achievement Citation to **Sylvia Cox**.

Sylvia's response was one of complete amazement, remarking "What an honour! Thank you all – this is one of the best things I have ever received".

Health Report on Polymyositis by Emma Faulkener BvetMed MRCVS:

Emma gave a passionate report on her investigations into Polymyositis – pointing out that it had been around for years in the breed but had previously not been correctly diagnosed in many cases. Information was available on the internet, but it was mainly from medical and information sites only. She informed us that there was now an open information site, run by Di Addicott, that listed 42 pedigrees that had PM in their lines and stressed that it was not a complete list and that nearly every line was/could be affected. Working towards a DNA test that could give accurate affected/carrier/clear indications was paramount, but that in the interim breeding must go on.

Owners with affected dogs, or litter mates and parents of such should submit either a blood sample or muscle (EDTA sample) which may be obtained from a Vet, or a saliva sample obtained by using a mouth mop which may be obtained from Di Addicott or direct from Clare Rusbridge the Veterinary Neurologist who has agreed to undertake the research into the DNA test when sufficient samples have been collected. Any samples sent to Clare are completely confidential.

Betty Smith commented that the reason Di wants the information is because she has complete records, completely up-to-date and asked that we must let Di know the names of any newly affected dogs in order that their siblings and parents may also be sampled.

Sheila Gray asked that we try to encourage the owners and breeders of affected dogs to come forwards – but that there must be no blame attached. Lynn Eales stated that her dog had produced PM twice and in the last month there had been 3 newly diagnosed cases in the UK. Kim Gallimore stated that known affected dogs must not be bred from.

Lindsey Townsend pointed out that if you are the owner of a diagnosed affected dog, then by all means go straight to Clare Rusbridge for sampling, but that Clare does not have complete records whereas Di Adicott does and will let you know if samples from your dogs are required.

Penny Simpson pointed out that she had been informed by someone other than Di Adicott that she had bred 2 possible PM dogs, and that this person had been informed of that fact by Di – whereas Penny herself as the breeder had not been informed. She felt very strongly that the breeders of both the Dam and Sire should be informed – even if the owners were not willing to do that. Sheila agreed that the information should be open within the whole breed not only Di Adicott.

Emma said that the issue was so important that we must keep coming forward with information. She had spoken to Di, who wished to draw a line under past events and asked people to swallow their pride and contact Di by either telephone or email. Or, if that were not possible, then to contact Emma herself who would then contact Di. She also suggested that the KC be contacted to see if they would forward a mailshot to all registered owners whose dogs might be required for samples. Sheila pointed out that as a breeder, if anything threatens your lines, then it has a dreadful impact. The initial reaction is horror or even resistance to the fact, but that everyone must be united.

Penny Simpson said that PM must be more than genetic, as she had done a repeat mating resulting in 22 pups, but that only 2 were affected, therefore there must also be a trigger. Emma replied that this must be the case – a predisposition to PM and a trigger, but that now we had the chance to produce a DNA test we must do all we can to provide the required number of samples. She also pointed out that PM was also in GSPs and Wirehaired Vets.

Emma proposed that an article with easy to follow links be placed on the HVS website – this was accepted.

Lindsey Townsend proposed that Emma be made the designated contact for the HVS in regard to PM matters – this was accepted.

Sue Millson, as breed health rep, to be contacted by the Society regarding the KC mailout.

Secretary's Report:

I would like to start by saying what a privilege it has been to serve on this Committee over the past 3 years. Very hard work, yes, but working with a group of people that really put themselves out for our breed has been great.

With regard to the KC Breed Record Supplement: I must point out that we do our best to analyse the data correctly – but we are not perfect and therefore request that anyone who notices an error should let us know as soon as possible.

I have a more detailed analysis for anyone that is interested, but the basics are as follows:

Total Litters registered in 2010 = 213 (197 in 2009)
Total pups registered in 2010 = 1480 (1324 in 2009)
Litters which do not comply with the HVS Code = 93 or 44% (a slight improvement on last year at 47%)

Dogs under age: 7
Bitches under age: 11
Bitches over age: 0

Less than 1 year between litters: 13

8 breeders have produced a 4th litter from their bitch
4 breeders have produced a 5th litter from their bitch

158 breeders had 1 litter
30 had 2
3 had 3
3 had 4
1 had 5

204 dogs were hipscored in 2010
44 dogs that were not hipscored were used and 62 bitches not hipscored were used.

29 litters were produced where neither the sire or dam were hipscored
77 litters were produced where either the sire or the dam were not hipscored

Good news: 125 litters complied to the Code

The highest and also the most disproportionate hip score was 22/6 = 28

39 dogs and 51 bitches had a hip score of higher than 12

47 litters or 22% of litters were bred by members but unfortunately 6 litters or 13% bred by members broke the the code – Actually we are talking about just 5 breeders here, 2 of whom have not rejoined the Society this year (2011) and 2 others had their litters before the Code was incorporated into our rules. That leaves just 1 member who will be contacted by the Committee in the very near future. We fully appreciate that not all members like all the rules associated with breeding and also that the KC is planning to reduce the maximum number of litters to 4 in 2012 – (a step in the right direction) however the line has to be drawn somewhere and membership of the Society is something to be proud of – but that does mean abiding by the rules.

Membership is seen as security by members of the public – that there are known rules that are adhered to – that they are not buying their pup from a smooth talking, puppy farmer who has a very enticing website.

The facility for members who have bred within the code of conduct to advertise their litters on the HVS website for nothing is proving very popular with both breeders and prospective purchasers, but we have taken a Committee decision not to accept adverts where the combined hip score of both the sire and the dam is in excess of 24 (the BVA recommends that anything over 12 (the current average) should be excluded from breeding).

Similarly our stud dog page is also proving popular – but there is still room for more.

Phone calls and emails from prospective purchasers seem to be coming in more regularly, and we continue to try to offer constructive advice to those who are at least doing a bit of homework before purchasing their puppy - it hasn't dented the numbers coming into rescue though – so we will continue to try to educate the public at large about the demands of being owned by a Vizsla.

If you received a written notification about the incorrect date of the AGM and you do have an email address, please can I implore you to let us have it! Postage is rising again by 4p for a 2nd Class small letter and by 7p for a large letter ie your newsletter – we have approximately 600 members addresses costing over £200 to send a small 2nd class letter to.

We have continued to monitor the new KCAB members who show a Breed Club Accolade when they are not members and persist with trying to get the KC to correct these.

Finally I would like to propose a huge vote of thanks to the unsung heroes of the Management Committee – I am, of course, talking about the “other halves” - husbands, wives, partners and sisters – who support the Committee members by driving us halfway round the country and back again so we can attend meetings and events; who look after the dogs and children we have had to leave at home; who put up with the hours of phone calls every evening and the holes in the bank accounts until expenses are claimed – I could go on.

They do this with little complaint and certainly no glory – and we could not do all the work that we do without their support.

Chantal Fisher

Treasurer’s Report:

You will all have before you the Income and Expenditure for the HVS for the y/e 31st December 2010.

It has been a very busy and interesting year. Activities from both the Show and Working elements both showed surpluses. Membership has increased again which is very encouraging and greatly helped the by the hard work of our Membership Secretary We have good balances in all the accounts which bears well for the future.

We did have a problem during the year that has happened before but not quite to this scale when the sum of £420.74 was taken from our current account by Direct Debit without any authorisation. After much time spent with correspondence and verbal communication with the Bank enquiring how this can happen it seems that the AUDDIS system is responsible. This system allows companies to set up Direct Debits via a centralised system without the need to obtain signed authorities. I, my fellow officers and committee find this amazing as we have to have two signatories for any other transaction. Without going into too much detail for obvious reasons, fraud being one, it leaves the likes of Clubs and Charities very vulnerable as our details are often open to a wide audience. In fact a bank official told me many Charities are being hit by this. I took the step of informing other dog clubs and on the banks advice taking our bank details off the web. The monies were refunded to us in full.

We have been extremely fortunate in that we have received this year from the estate of the late Christine Ann Worthington a further sum of £21000.00. With this money we decided that we would use some of it to build more Kennels at our main rescue co-ordinators premises consisting of 3 kennels and a food store by a company that specialise in this type of work, they are insulated and heated. With the kennels and the land work needed for them the total amounted to £8471.75. We also spent much more on Vets fees this year helping these unfortunate Vizslas which was what the monies were intended for. The remainder of the £21000.00 is in the Rescue Account and we still have £31000.00 from this bequest on deposit. I did another investigation into the possibility of setting up a Charity but it is just not viable as a whole new organisation would have to be set up. So we have decided to keep the monies in our funds and will be investigating better interest rates in the future. We have set up a Gay Gottlieb memorial fund to go to rescue and collected £170.58 on Gay’s memorial day we split this and sent £85.29 each to the HVC and Rosy a charity close to Gay’s heart.

I would also like on behalf of the HVS to thank all those that made donations throughout the year it is very much appreciated indeed.

I would like to thank my fellow officers, the Committee and the sub committees for all the hard work they put in last year in putting on the events and making such a success of all of them. This is my last report as Treasurer and would like to say it has been a very interesting 6 years. I have seen very difficult times which were overcome and it gives me great pleasure to hand over the accounts in a very healthy state to my successor.
Jean Robertson.

Proposal that the Accounts be accepted:

Proposer: Kim Gallimore Seconded: Paula Watson Accepted

A presentation of flowers was made to Jean by Sheila Gray with the following announcement:

May I, on your behalf, thank Jean for her excellent work as the Society's Treasurer, she took over at a difficult time in the Society's history. With great application, she helped to resolve some of the difficulties and has returned the Society to a firm financial footing. Jean always works at ways to save the cost of running the Society's business. We are much indebted to her. In addition, she has, for the past year, acted as Field Trial Secretary with, we can all agree, outstanding success. Happily for us she has agreed to continue this excellent work on our behalf.

Auditor for 2011:

Proposal that John Taylor should remain the Auditor for 2011:

Proposer: Sylvia Cox Seconded: Penny Simpson Passed

Show Secretary's Report:

As Cath Harris was unable to attend the AGM – the following was read out by Chantal Fisher (Hon Sec):

Well here we are again after yet another busy year for the HVS Show team.

Last years show diary started with Yogi winning best in show at Crufts in March 2010. Well done to everyone involved in keeping him at the top of his game for so long.

In April 2010 the HVS held its 24th Championship Show which drew a very nice entry. The raffle was a huge success and thanks to Kim and Amanda for "persuading" everyone they really needed to buy more than one ticket! Well done girls.

After a good summer around the shows, with some nice weather for a change. The HVS Open Show was held in November resulting in yet another good entry. It is apparent that the entries for all the HVS Shows have risen since it has moved to the Sports Connexion at Ryton on Dunsmore as this is a very central location for exhibitors.

Also during November the planning for our HVS breed seminar started.

Plans were put in place to hold a Breed Specific Seminar with hands on assessment on the 13th February 2011. We were pleased to have the day fully subscribed and even had a waiting list for candidate's places. Since the seminar took place a few weeks ago, I have received e-mails, Telephone calls and thank you cards from candidates and helpers who expressed their thanks to the organisers on how well the seminar went on the day. Whilst talking on the subject of the Seminar I really have to say a huge thank you to my very good friends from Newport, Wales who gave up their Sunday day off to help me out with all the preparation and serving of a hot meal for everyone at the Seminar, so Sue Hillier and Jill Thomas I am sure everyone would again like to say Thank you for all your hard work, the kitchen was left looking cleaner than it had when we arrived! Thank you to all the people who supplied dogs for the candidates to assess, your help was essential and we again appreciate you giving up your Sunday for us.

Another big thank you goes to Jackie Perkins for supplying the photos and drawings for the candidates and to Chantal for all your help with compiling the candidate's packs.

Last but certainly not least I want to express my thanks to my five assessors, and my three speakers, you had a difficult job but carried it out very professionally, and you were a credit to the Society, Thank you.

The Show Committee are now discussing holding another Seminar next year which will cater for the

new judges and all owners and others who have an interest in our wonderful breed, so watch this space for an announcement of what we plan to do next.

Finally the entries for the HVS 25th Anniversary Championship Show to be held on the 3rd April 2011 are coming in fast and the entry looks very good with another week before entries close. Our judge is Sally Coote. We have a lot of special things planned for exhibitors on the day, if you haven't entered yet please consider supporting this special 25th Anniversary Championship Show.

Cath Harris

Acting Field Trail Secretary's Report:

I am pleased to report that once again we have had a very busy and successful year running working events including 2 Spring Pointing Tests, a Water Training day, Working Test and 2 Field Trial training days at Kinoulton and Monksmead, as well as six Field Trials. Sadly we had to cancel 2 trials one because of the weather and one because of the hosts health. We have been fortunate that our trials have all been well subscribed many clubs having to cancel trials through lack of entries. We used Bunwell again which is a paid for trial but it is a very good ground and because of the other events we are able to pay for it out of Working events funds. I would like to thank our hosts at Launton, Apley Park, Bletchingdon, Stoke Rochford, Bunwell and last but not least North Lodge for allowing us to use their grounds. Kinoulton for the training day and I would also like to mention Monksmead which was cancelled due to the bad weather but kindly put a training day on for us late January which was a great success. Plus our Spring Pointing at Coleby and Bainton, also thanks to The Baron for our Working Test ground and last but not least Keith Scattergood for allowing us St Margarets Lake for the water training day which is going from strength to strength.

I would like to thank the sub committee, as all planning and decisions are made as a team, for all their hard work this year and a particular thanks to Jennifer Hurley for the considerable amount of work she puts into the working test.

The Treasurer has confirmed that despite having again to pay for a trial we still finished the year with a surplus this would have been more if the late December trial had not been cancelled.

It is very encouraging to see the Vizslas that have done well in trials and they are as follows:

Andrew McDonald Ch. Bitcon Gold Coast at Northey 2nd 3rd & 4th Open
Rory Major Szajani Komika 2 x CoM Open
Sue Harris Szajani Varazslo 2 x 3rds Novice
Jean Robertson Greenwire Lenci 3rd Open
Roz Dear Greenwire Samuel CoM Novice
Greenwire Lazar Greenwire Lazar 1st, 3rd and com Novice, 4th All Aged
Richard Chellumbrun Addaci Mystic Ocean at Vizellven 1st in Novice
Richard Herbert Dallandor Gyorgy Com All Aged
Ped Barnard Daxpack Best Mate 1st Open
Penny Easy Bozz Fino 3rd Novice
Nigel Lambert Archenfield Wigeon 1st & 3rdh Novice
John Churchill Conigree Lazer Com Novice, 3rd All Aged

Congratulations to them all. A special mention is due to Ped and Sara Barnard' Daxpack Best Mate who won an Open this year. He and the McDonalds Bitcon Gold Coast of Northey have a leg up and need one more Open win to achieve their dreams. It is unfortunate at the moment as it is very difficult to get a run in an Open trial the entries being well over subscribed and the Field Trial world are looking to a solution to this problem and I believe both of these Vizslas could not get runs in all the Opens.

We look forward in 2011 to a full calendar of working events: Spring Pointing, a Grouse Pointing, the Water Day, Working Test and possibly some further training opportunities which are being investigated as well as the Field Trials and we would be delighted to welcome those who have not yet joined us at

any of these activities.
Jean Robertson

Rescue Co-ordinator's Report:

I feel it is so very important to recognise and acknowledge the kindness and concern people show towards the breed. Helping in different ways, be it fund raising or actual hands on, however small a part might seem to a person, it all add to the greater picture. Without these people, there would be a lot more work to do for those of us on the front line.

I am also aware that these people don't expect any recognition or praise, they help purely because they care about and love the Vizsla – but I am going to recognize and thank them anyway to start my 2010/11 report. So, in no particular order, sincere thanks go to:

Penny & Ajun Waheed and all the Richmond Park Viz Whizz gang, the South West Walkers, Pam Pounds, Mr & Mrs Appleby, The New Forest Viz Whizz of Juliet and friends, March Schofield and the Cheshire Viz Whizzers.

For hands on – Dawn Cummings, Fred & Catherine Williams, Ian & Jeanette Duncanson, Steve Buller, Lindsey Townsend, Chantal & Eric Fisher, Any Mellors, Kim & Graham Gallimore, Anne Knight, Keith & Sarah Earl and last but not least – Jim & Amanda Roche and Sheila Gray – my 'prop-me-ups' when I get a bit frazzled.

Last April, 3 lovely new kennels and a store shed were purchased for Rescue use from some of the Late Christine Worthington's bequest to the the Society. The new accommodation couldn't have been more timely as ever since the day they went up, they have been fully occupied. In fact, permanent rescue boy Becks, who's now 12 years old, and has been with me for 2½ years, has had to move out of his own pad and into the store shed on several occasions to make more room. He's very sweet about it and looks up at me as if to say "Oh, its time to go into the broom cupboard again!!!" - but at least he gets to sleep with all the dog food!!

As lovely as the dog accommodation is, whenever possible, the dog room in the house or my kitchen is my first choice for a new inmate to come into. With this available as well, you must now be getting an idea of just how busy it has actually been.

I really couldn't believe the final count of 42 Vizsla. This figure is only the actual number signed over to the Society and re-homed by us. I say only because there were many more that, for various reasons, , ended up in the 'no-outcome' box. These cases often take up far more time and effort trying to help and sort out than a straight forward 'dog must go' situation.

A lot of these Vizslas were problem Vizslas – no long happy with a variety of reasons – other dogs, strange people, children, family members, other family dogs etc.

I do know that many more Vizsla are being put down. More are not liking children and more are not fitting in as family pets, and I am not surprised that so many of the owners who gave up their Vizslas to the Society told me that really, in hindsight, they should never have bought one, they didn't expect such hard work from a dog!

I have made a list of what came in, when and their ages:

Feb	3 dogs	6 months, 10 months, 1 year
March	1 dog 1 bitch	8 months 9 months
April	2 dogs 1 bitch	12 years, 6 months 6 years
May	1 dog	2½ years – sadly put to sleep – thanks to Kim and Graham for all the heartache they had and then had to do the final deed.

Also, although not counted as one of the 42 – a 5½ month dog pup was put into Wood Green Animal Shelter at Godmanchester, Huntingdon. The shelter contacted me re possible Vizsla homes, but went ahead and re-homed him themselves.

June	1 dog	2½ years
July	2 dogs	9 years, 7 years
Aug	2 dogs	14 months, 17 months
	1 bitch	15 months

Also – I was saddened when a 15 month old bitch was due to come to me – her owner didn't drive, but said a friend would help – then she changed her mind and said she would keep her and get in a behaviourist – only to find out the following week that she had been put into the Dog's Trust at Roden Nr Telford.

Sept	4 dogs	7 years, 3 years, 9 years and poss 6-8 years as one dog was taken from a dogs home near Cardiff – they thought he was approx 2-3 years at the time.
Oct	1 dog	2½ years
	4 bitches	7½ years, 5 years, 17 months, 12 months
Nov	3 dogs	8½ years, 6 years, 5 years
	2 bitches	8 years, 9 months
Dec	1 bitch	3½ years
Jan	2 dogs	5 months, 9 months
	3 bitches	6 years, 5 years, 2 years, 5 months
Feb	2 dogs	3 years, 5 years
	3 bitches	2 x 8 years, 12½ years

A glance breakdown shows 24 dogs and 18 bitches

8 of the dogs were under 1 year

4 of the bitches were under 1 year

5 were under 2 years old

5 were under 3 years old

22 of the Vizsla – over half – were just young dogs.

I wish we could stop people wanting to make money out of breeding Vizsla puppies, but its just too lucrative and easy. If the right homes were there – waiting – for every puppy – it wouldn't be so bad, but the Vizsla is definitely not for everyone.

Sylvia Cox

Annual Trophy Awards:

The Mabel Deakin Trophy	Most Points Work/Show or both	Sue Harris Szajani Sipos JW (356pts)
The Gemini Trophy	Runner up Mabel Deakin	Mr & Mrs Mc Donald Ch Bitcon Gold Coast at Northey JW
The Barbara Douglas-Redding Memorial Trophy	Show Vizsla	Sue Harris Szajani Sipos JW
The Janos Field Trial Trophy	Field Trial	Keith Scattergood Greenwire Lazar (170 pts)
The Taschler Working Trophy	Working Test/ Spring Pointing	Mel Crook Finnougric Bramble
The Victoria Salver	Show & Work Points	Mr & Mrs McDonald Ch Bitcon Gold Coast at Northey JW

The Alec MacCrae Memorial Trophy	Young working Vizsla	No Takers
The John Harris Memorial Trophy	Spring Pointing	Mel Crook Finnougric Bramble

Congratulations to all and a special mention to the Spring Pointing Trophy winner in grading Excellent on Grouse.

Election of Officers and Management Committee Members:

The following list of nominations for Officers and Management Committee membership for membership approval and also those willing to stand for sub-committee's was read out and members asked if they were willing to vote 'en bloc' which was agreed.

Position	Name
Chair/Management Committee Member	Lindsey Townsend
Treasurer/Management Committee Member	Amanda Roche
Secretary/Management Committee Member	Chantal Fisher
FT Secretary/Management Committee Member	Jean Robertson
Show Secretary/Management Committee Member	Cath Harris
Management Committee Members	Natascha Dobrovits Sylvia Cox
Field Trial sub-committee members	Keith Scattergood Jennifer Hurley Penny Easy Susie Zarpanely Sylvia Cox
Show sub-committee members	Elaine Cannon Nicola Green Sylvia Cox

Proposed: Kim Gallimore Seconded: Paula Watson Approved

A presentation of flowers was made to Sheila Gray by Chantal Fisher with the following announcement:

Sheila was co-opted as Chair in November 2007 – initially for a period of just 1 year, but fortunately for us she agreed to stay on for her full 3 year term. Her immense knowledge and experience has guided us safely through this period with unfailing good humour and sound reason. From keeping us in order at Committee Meetings to providing cakes for the working test and seminar she has been nothing less than a star and a treasure - even suffering the indignity of being balanced precariously on my laptop keyboard on the speaker phone during Skype committee meetings and doing battle with the fax machine (I believe its fax machine 3 – Sheila 1).

The rules of the Society state that: The role of the President shall be to lead and advise in all matters pertaining to the Society and the Committee felt that Sheila would be an ideal person to take over from our retiring President – Keith Scattergood, and we are really delighted that she has agreed to do this, thereby ensuring we still have access to her wealth of experience and knowledge in all things Vizsla and we all know there is no substitute for experience.

Proposed changes to our Rules:

1 New Rule: Non members who break our Code of Ethics may be refused entry to HVS events and be excluded or removed from our Judges list. (Insert at rule 8, subsequent rules to be renumbered).

Proposed: Eric Seales Seconded: Jennifer Hurley Approved

2 Rule 5.1: Change to read: The Annual Subscription shall be reviewed and amended by the Committee as deemed necessary. All subscriptions are payable to the Hungarian Vizsla Society on the ***2nd*** January in each year. No member whose subscription is unpaid ***at the current rate*** shall be entitled to any of the privileges of membership, and if any member shall fail to pay the ***current*** annual subscription prior to the AGM, the Committee shall have the power to erase the name from the list of members, but the member may, at the discretion of the Committee, be re-admitted to Membership.

Proposed: Keith Earl Seconded: Deb Bowns Accepted

3 New Rule 5.2: Any subscription not paid at the current rate shall be deemed as a donation after all efforts have been made to contact the member/s concerned.

An amended proposal was made by Kim Gallimore:

3A New Rule 5.2: Any subscription not paid at the current rate shall be deemed as a donation after a minimum of two efforts have been made to contact the member/s concerned.

Seconded: Jennifer Hurley Accepted

Rescue Co-ordinators:

Proposal to have 2 joint Rescue Co-ordinators (Currently to be Sylvia Cox and Amanda Roche) and any other assistant members to be deemed as Rescue Helpers.

Proposed: Kim Gallimore Seconded: Sue Harris Accepted

Honoraria:

Sylvia Cox and Amanda Roche were asked to leave the room.

1 Proposal to give honoraria to the Rescue Co-ordinator/s.

Proposed: Penny Simpson Seconded: Penny Easy Accepted

2 The amount of the Honoraria: The amount to be the same as that currently paid to other Committee members to be paid from Rescue funds.

Proposed: Deb Bown Seconded: Keith Earl Accepted

A proposal was made by Penny Simpson that the amount of all honoraria paid be reviewed at the next AGM

Seconded: Emma Faulkener Accepted

Honorary Life Members:

Jean Robertson proposed by Kim Gallimore Seconded by Lynn Eales Accepted

Any Other Business:

Penny Simpson sought approval from the Chair to read a statement concerning Simon Barnes which was agreed by Sheila Gray

"Under the Law of the Land we are deemed to be innocent until we are proven to be guilty, under the rules of the Kennel Club when a complaint is raised regarding the actions of another, they are deemed to be guilty unless they can prove their innocence.

In the face of the KC Disciplinary Committee and their Barrister Legal Representative, Simon Kirby with the support of a friend was unable to prove that the allegations of Harsh Handling of his beloved Vizsla, Bailey, were unfounded. As a result Simon was fined, he was NOT banned from taking part in any KC event nor being a member of a KC affiliated Club.

Nearly 100 people who have known Simon for a number of years, who have spent much time with him at Field Trials and Gundog Working Tests who have never witnessed him abuse his dogs in any way, signed a petition in Simon's support. A number of leading HPR trainers and individuals also sent letters of Support for Simon to the tribunal but these were disregarded.

I believe that Simon was told if he defended his case with legal representation the outcome would have been different, but the resulting stress caused to the family made Simon wish to draw a line under the whole affair.

Many of us believe that Simon has not only been the subject of a miscarriage of justice by the KC, but is now being tried and found guilty by the HVS without consultation with its members.

The result of the exclusion from the HVS means that Simon is unlikely to ever get a run in the HVS Field Trials and deprive the HVS of the support of a gentle, kind man who has a deep love of our breed.

I would ask the HVS to consider their decision and allow Simon's membership."

Penny Simpson

Sheila Gray responded that at the time of the Committee Meeting where Mr Kirby's application was to be considered, the Kennel Gazette had just been received with the report of the findings of the Kennel Club at their hearing and their subsequent punishment. It was therefore felt that it would be inappropriate to offer Mr Kirby immediate membership, but he was written to with the Committee's decision and an offer for him to re-apply for membership next year provided no further occurrence of the cause of the complaint took place.

Date and Venue of Next AGM:

To be held on Sunday 26th February, 2012 at Stoneleigh Village Hall, Stoneleigh, Nr Coventry CV8 3DG.

The meeting was closed by Sheila Gray at 4.38pm