

October 6, 2015
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America General Membership Meeting Minutes

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Location:

Paroquet Springs Conference Center, Shepherdsville, Kentucky

Members Present:

The Recording Secretary had all STCA members in good standing sign in. 52 members in good standing were present. The Recording Secretary determined a quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. EST

Ed Thomason requested the floor and was given the floor by the President. Ed Thomason motioned to change the order of business to immediately deal with the scheduled expulsion of Jeanette Benson and John Glenn. Jim Wheat 2nd. No discussion. Unanimous Yea 0 Nah 0 Abstain.

Expulsion of Jeannette Benson:

The business item of the expulsion of Jeanette Benson was immediately considered.

The procedure for expulsion as provided for by the club's bylaws Article VI Section 4 was read aloud by the Recording Secretary.

The charges and findings and the recommendations were read aloud by Brenda Martz.

Jeanette Benson was then called upon and invited to speak upon her own behalf being reminded that no evidence could be presented at this meeting.

It was determined and made apparent that Jeanette Benson was not present to speak on her own behalf.

Discussion took place.

Discussion was halted at 7:57 EST and ballots were handed out for a secret vote. Members were instructed to vote "yes" if in favor of a permanent expulsion for Jeanette Benson. Members were also instructed to vote "no" if not in favor of a permanent expulsion for Jeanette Benson.

The ballot counters Stephanie Rogers, Cindy Stroupe, and Frances Gray tallied the ballots in secret under the auspices of Chris Dickey (Professional Registered Parliamentarian). The results were handed to the President to be read.

The tally of the vote was 43 yes, 9 no, 5 invalid, and 1 blank.

The affirmative has it and Jeanette Benson has been expelled from the STCA, Inc.

Expulsion of John Glenn:

The business item of the expulsion of John Glenn was immediately considered next.

The charges and findings and the recommendations were read aloud by Brenda Martz.

John Glenn was then called upon and invited to speak upon his own behalf being reminded that no evidence could be presented at this meeting.

It was determined and made apparent that John Glenn was not present to speak on his own behalf.

Discussion took place.

Discussion was halted at 8:14 EST and ballots were handed out for a secret vote. Members were instructed to vote "yes" if in favor of a permanent expulsion for John Glenn. Members were also instructed to vote "no" if not in favor of a permanent expulsion for John Glenn.

The ballot counters Stephanie Rogers, Cindy Stroupe, and Frances Gray tallied the ballots in secret under the auspices of Chris Dickey (Professional Registered Parliamentarian). The results were handed to the President to be read.

The tally of the vote was 45 yes, 5 no, and 1 blank.

The affirmative has it and John Glenn has been expelled from the STCA, Inc.

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Recording Secretary: Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: The draft minutes of the 2014 STCA General Membership Meeting were passed out to the membership. The 2014 STCA, Inc. General Membership Meeting minutes stand as is because no corrections or objections were made when asked for.

No report.

Presidents Report: Brenda Martz

Brenda Martz said that 2015 was stellar. Membership increased and 4 more new members were awaiting approval to become members via this meeting. The board has decided to communicate to the members via electronics means like email in the upcoming year. Members should opt in to the option.

Renewal forms this year will now reflect this option. She concluded by saying that she appreciates the members.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Frances Conner

Frances Conner reiterated the push for members to opt in to electronic communications from the board.

Treasurer's Report: Carrie Huddleston

Carrie Huddleston read the complete audit report submitted to the club from Ballard & Company, Ltd. Ballard & Company, Ltd. Examined the records of the treasurer for a twelve-month period through June 30, 2015.

As of August 2015, it was reported that the club had a beginning balance of \$40,784.10 and an ending balance of \$40,736.26.

A copy of the Ballard & Company, Ltd. Report will be filed with the treasurer and the recording secretary.

Committee Reports:

Health Committee: Faith Beiser Chairperson

Brenda Martz read an email report from Faith Beiser.

Public Relations: Pam Nemecek Chairperson

Pam Nemecek thanked her committee members and helpers. She explained some of the venues her committee exhibited at and some of the plans for next year. Lastly, she asked for the members to donate pictures for her use.

Archives Committee: Richard Gray Chairperson

Richard Gray commented upon the numerous lost artifacts of our breed. He explained that family members usually throw these artifacts into the trash upon a member's death. He asked that club members will their artifacts to the club.

Furthermore a request for volunteers was put forth.

Judge's Education/Mentor: Sara Nugent Chairperson

No Report.

Moonlight World Challenge: Carrie Huddleston Chairperson

Carrie Huddleston reported that the competition this year will take place tomorrow after breed judging. Entry fees are \$35 and will be taken up to 1/2 hour before the competition begins. She also announced the judges.

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Editorial/Magazine Yearbook: Al Bincarousky Chairperson No Report.

Futurity: Brenda Martz Chairperson

Brenda Martz reported that 2015 was a good year resulting in 11 litters and 27 puppies being nominated and competing this year. 2016 already has 7 litters nominated and a maturity competition will be added.

Website: Frances Conner Chairperson No Report.

Judges Selection: Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson

Tom Rapinchuk explained that the tally was done at last years show. The top three judges were read for 2016, 2017, and 2018. He explained that the full reports for each year were available on the website and have been there since last year.

Awards:

No Report.

Rescue: Courtney Morris

Courtney Morris explained that she is still organizing this committee.

Standing Rules: Monica Davi Chairperson No

Report.

Legislation:

No Report.

Delegate: Jeanette O'Hanlon

Jeanette O'Hanlon reminded the members that her reports are in the magazine. She also reminded the members to contact her with any questions, concerns, etc.

Performance: Sonia Bincarousky and Jeanette O'Hanlon Co-Chairpersons

Sonia Bincarousky orated upon the successful year the performance committee had. She also explained plans for the upcoming year and her decision to step down after the 2016 national.

Registry of Merit: Lydia Castagna No

Report.

Sportsmanship Award: Monique Bertrand No

Report.

Old Business:

2016 Nationals will be held in Conroe, Texas. The KOA is accepting reservations. The dates are October 10 through 15, 2016. Agility trials are about 45 minutes away on Saturday and Sunday. Performance is planning a lot of new activities.

New Business:

Election of Members:

An application for new membership was read for Mathew Ahern (single).

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Judy Morris motioned to accept Mathew Ahern as a new member. Heidi Burton 2nd. Unanimously passed.
An application for new membership was read for Nicole Nesbit (single).
Courtney Morris motioned to accept Nicole Nesbit as a new member. Gigi Sager 2nd. Unanimously passed.
An application for new membership was read for Heather Silas (single).
Lacy Keller motioned to accept Heather Silas as a new member. Barb Sohayda 2nd. Unanimously passed.
An application for new membership was read for Samantha Little (single).
Genoa Brown motioned to accept Samantha Little as a new member. Kelly McCabe 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Announcements:

Please clean up after yourself and your dogs.
Greg Conner asked everyone to please take their chairs back to outside the ring.
Lydia Castagna is doing ataxia testing, thyroid testing, Baer testing and micro chipping.
The breeders' roundtable is Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the hotel. The banquet is Friday night please come.

The meeting was terminated by Brenda Martz at 9:08 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rapinchuk

Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.

(Secretary's note: Although some Committee Chairs and Officers were present the floor was not passed to them so no report).