

July 25, 2014  
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes  
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**Conference Call**

**Members Present:**

Frances Conner, Brenda Martz, Tom Rapinchuk, Lydia Castagna, Judy Morris, Al Bincarousky, Jeff Morrison

**Members Absent:**

Open Position, Open Position

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. CST

**Recording Secretary:** Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for the June 27, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections. Judy Morris motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Lydia Castagna 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

**Presidents Report:** Brenda Martz

Special kudos were given to Pam Nemeč for her outstanding work at the Houston show, as well as, her tremendous efforts on the website. Everything else is normal.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Frances Conner

(Frances Conner to send email of all correspondence this month to the Recording Secretary to be included here).

The AKC inquired about our club's participation at the 2014 Eukanuba show. The letter was forwarded to Pam Nemeč to coordinate any activity with our breed booth should the PR committee decide to participate.

John Glenn sent a letter concerning the judge's selection procedure. Tom Rapinchuk will draft a response for board approval prior to being sent to Mr. Glenn.

A letter was received accusing a member of violating good business practices and our code of ethics. Action against the accused member was requested. Discussion ensued concerning our Code of Ethics and its applicability to members for immediate disciplinary action if violations are apparent. The Ethics committee will be consulted. The committee will decide if the Code of Ethics is binding upon a member's conduct. In addition, the committee will develop guidelines for the Board to follow regarding reported violations to our Code of Ethics. These guidelines will also detail when and if the Board can and will get involved in these types of violations. The general membership will probably be consulted for final approval of this topic. With regards to this specific letter, Brenda Martz, Frances Conner, and Lydia Castagna will correspond with the involved parties to investigate further and try to mediate an acceptable outcome from both parties involved. Tom Rapinchuk cautioned and expressed that the Board should not be involved in civil issues and personality conflicts. The duties and responsibilities of the Board are detailed in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club. The Board needs to decide and communicate its disciplinary and enforcement roles (if any).

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to approve the Secretary's Report. Judy Morris 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

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**Treasurer's Report:** Judy Morris

June 2014

|                   |          |
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| Beginning Balance | 49541.62 |
| Deposits/Credits  | 1511.89  |
| Checks Cleared:   | 6849.78  |
| Cash Withdrawals  | 0        |
| Ending Balance:   | 44203.73 |

Cleared Checks

|             |         |                          |                                 |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Check #2320 | 897.00  | Great American Insurance | Policy #073875141               |
| Check #2715 | 1500.00 | Jean Ghantous            | Archive Purchase                |
| Check #2717 | 122.00  | Store More-Forney        | Archive Storage - 7/1 - 7/31/14 |
| Check #2718 | 4330.78 | Minuteman Press          | 1st Qtr Magazine Printing       |
|             | 6849.78 |                          |                                 |

Outstanding Checks

|             |        |                             |  |
|-------------|--------|-----------------------------|--|
| Check #2317 | 76.76  | Judy Morris                 | Treasurer Expenses<br>\$35.71 - supplies<br>\$41.05 - postage  |
| Check #2716 | 200.00 | Reliant Prk WS of Dog Shows | PR Committee<br>\$150 - Booth Reservation<br>\$50 - Parking  |
| Check #2719 | 508.71 | Frances Conner              | \$65 - AKC Event Fees<br>\$155.82 - Corresponding Secty Supplies<br>\$287.89 - Corresponding Secty Postage |
| Check #2720 | 400.00 | Pamela Nemec                | WebMaster Fee - 6/1/2014 - 5/31/2015   |
| Check #2721 | 35.00  | Robin Griffith              | Refund Overpayment 2014 Membership Dues  |
| Check #2722 | 35.72  | Michael McMurray            | Refund Overpayment 2014 Membership Dues  |
| Check #2723 | 51.15  | Kenneth Guilmette           | Refund Overpayment 2014 Membership Dues  |
| Check #2724 | 459.88 | Pamela Nemec                | \$59.88 - Reimburse GoDaddy Web Hosting Fee<br>\$400 PR Committee Advance To Purchase Booth                |

Decorations & Auction Items

|             |         |                       |  |
|-------------|---------|-----------------------|--|
| Check #2725 | 132.00  | Store More-Forney     | Archive Storage - 8/1- 8/31/14         |
| Check #2726 | 253.02  | Holly Sheltry         | June AKC Delegate Meeting Expenses     |
| Check #2727 | 97.83   | Nancy Hjelmstad       | Magazine Mailing Envelopes             |
| Check #2728 | 1000.00 | Rabies Challenge Fund | Health Committee Donation For Research |
|             | 3250.07 |                       |  |

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|---------------------|----------|
| Legislative         | 1106.17  |
| Rescue              | 7403.56  |
| Health              | 4118.90  |
| General Fund        | 1237.46  |
| Archive             | -2455.00 |
| General Trophy Fund | 1295.49  |
| Performance         | 5865.34  |
| Public Relations    | 756.67   |
| Futurity 2014       | 1073.01  |

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| Committee Funds | 20401.60 |
| Club Funds      | 23802.13 |
|                 | 44203.73 |

Frances Conner motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

**Committee Reports:**

**Health Committee:** Faith Beiser Chairperson

Faith Beiser reported that an anonymous donor will double our rabies challenge fund donation. She also discussed some website changes she will forward to Pam Nemeec. Merchandise to be sold for her committee and the national is being ordered.

**Public Relations:** Pam Nemeec Chairperson

The Houston activity at NRG Park went extremely well. Raffle income was \$335.80. Expenses were \$400.00. Some of the expenses were re-useable items like banners, flyers, business cards, and the like.

Pam Nemeec is working on her set-up for the Nationals.

**Archives Committee:** Richard Gray Chairperson

Richard Gray expressed nothing is really new. He requested an inventory of all items purchased from Jean Ghantous. Tom Rapinchuk will forward a list of all merchandise received from Jean Ghantous. Al Bincarousky will reconcile this list against his list of items that were supposed to be included in the sale. Tom Rapinchuk asked if we have an inventory list of all items in the possession of the Archive Committee, and if not, could one be developed. Richard Gray expressed that such a list is in existence.

**Judge's Education/Mentor:** Sara Nugent Chairperson

No Report.

**Moonlight World Challenge:** Carrie Huddleston Chairperson

This is all set ready to go. Judges will not be announced until 2 days before.

**Editorial/Magazine:** Al Bincarousky Chairperson

Al Bincarousky reported that Kathy Gotchsall is having a hard time understanding our ad dimensions. He is and will continue to work with her to resolve the issues.

The next issue of the magazine is at the printer now.

The following issue of the magazine will be a stud dog theme.

An online only version of the magazine is still being researched.

New printer software is also being researched.

**Futurity:** Brenda Martz Chairperson

21 puppies are entered. Trophies are being ordered.

**Website:** Frances Conner Chairperson

The committee members and their emails need to be put back onto the website.

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**Judges Selection:** Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson

12 ballots have been received so far. Tom Rapinchuk reported that John Glenn also emailed him personally. Tom Rapinchuk will develop a draft letter for board approval prior to being sent to Mr. Glenn.

Anne Katona will be contacted for the 2015 National judging assignment. Tom Rapinchuk reported that he did not contact her yet.

**Awards:**

No Report

**Rescue:**

The Board is actively seeking a person to fill the position of Chairperson.

**Yearbook:**

No Report

**Standing Rules:** Monica Davi Chairperson

No Report

**Legislation:** Jeff Morrison Chairperson

Jeff Morrison wanted to know if his committee had a budget. He was instructed to look at the Treasure's Report and that any expenditures need Board approval prior to being committed and paid out. The club will not reimburse expenditures without Board approval.

Jeff Morrison is looking for volunteers in the Midwest. Holly Lowery is working on a Facebook page. Pam Nemec put his information onto the website. Denver and Atlanta appear high the radar.

**Delegate:** Holly Stump

No Report.

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

Sonia Bincarousky reported that her co-chairperson is Jeanette O'Hanlon. Her committee members are as follows:

Chairperson – Sonia Bincarousky

Co-Chairperson Jeanette O'Hanlon

Committee Members:

Sylvia Krpan

Al Bincarousky

Cindy Lottinville

Denise Wedel reported that the performance awards were not yet on the new website. Al Bincarousky mentioned that a numerous amount of new titles have been added and a complete review of the form is in process to reflect the new awards. The board decided to put the old form onto the website immediately because the nationals are quickly approaching. Al and Sonia Bincarousky will get this form done this weekend.

Denise Wedel will be asked to volunteer for this committee.

Discussions took place regarding the medallions and ribbons for the AKC invitational. Sonia Bincarousky will provide a list of all agility ribbons needed. Frances Conner will help coordinate the purchase. Judy Morris will fill out the form and pay the AKC per their letter. The amount is about \$215.00.

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The Rally Judge wanted the club to pay for his travel expenses up front. The board decided to not do this.

Agility and obedience ribbons, as well as qualifying ribbons need to get ordered since Lucia Corace has not returned to the club our inventory. It is believed that the trial secretary should order these.

A lure-coursing machine has been found and will be purchased. It will become a club asset. The money will come out of the performance budget. The machine will be utilized at shows on a per run basis. No titled events are planned. It is a fun run pay per run type of activity. Eventually this will become an income generation activity.

**Old Business:**

Greg Conner's letter was responded to.

Refunds were issued to 3 memberships who overpaid the dues.

The AKC Owner Handler series was discussed. The board decided to defer the issue to the general membership at the next general membership meeting coming up. The general membership should decide if we want to offer this or not.

**2014 National Specialty**

Purina Farms will be donating items and trophies.

The premium list is done and ready to be sent out.

Trophy donations are coming in very slowly.

Only non-paid judges will receive presents.

**2015 and 2016 National Specialty:**

**New Business:**

Pay pal pay buttons and papal fees were discussed. The fees trigger is very inconsistent and not yet understood. This results in the club being shorted because of the fees going to pay pal. Al Bincarousky will work with Pam Nemeck to get this figured out and corrected.

The general membership meeting will be held Tuesday night September 29, 2014.

**Election of Members:**

None.

Next meeting will be August 22, 2014 at 7:30 CST.

Jeff Morrison motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tom Rapinchuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 pm CST

Respectfully submitted

Tom Rapinchuk  
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.