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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, Chuck Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m. CST.

**Recording Secretary:** Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for the January 31, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.

The updating of the Current Membership list is occurring in association with the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary as Dues payments are received.

**Presidents Report:** Brenda Martz

The Club Members are interested, active and participating in the Club, which is nice to see. Their participation, interest, and activity have come in the form of questions, comments, and suggestions – all of which are very welcome.

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

Approved with changes

Incoming Communication Received January 24, 2014 thru February 28, 2014

- 1/27/14      Email from Faith Beiser Attached is a copy of the research support agreement for the 2 research projects we are supporting in 2014. Our balance in the AKC/CHF DAF will be \$13,428.97 after this contribution is made.
- 1/28/14      Email from Final Frontier Farm  
Home of AKC Champion American Staffordshire Terriers  
Cindy and David Stroupe  
The AKC rep made the statement if the parent club says ramps optional then no problem if a judge needs to judge them on one however by not saying anything they aren't supposed to ask for it. I know we have had some Nationals where the dogs were judged on a table/ramp and personally since these guys are groomed on a table anyway doesn't see the problem. Is there anyway it can be voted on so that AKC judges don't get in trouble if they have health issues requiring them to judge our guys on a ramp?  
Second question what was the outcome on length AmStaff have to run to qualify on the lure course?
- 1/30/14      Email forwarded from Alpine AST for magazine subscription
- 1/30/14      Email from BaRay Event Services, Inc with proposal requested for being Superintendent for the 2014 Regional and Nationals
- 2/3/14      Email from AKC Stud Book Report
- 2/4/14      Email from Holly Sheltry APHIS Press release related to new dog breeder rules  
June AKC Delegates Report
- 2/4/14      Email from Robin Griffith in regards to his new membership.

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- 2/5/14 Email from Kim Pallante in reference to possible AmStaff with puppies at nursing home. Can we help rescue the puppies? Location is North Carolina
- 2/9/14 Email from Karen Herrold on hosting a supported entry Terrier Association of Oregon show on July 18, 2014. Also her inquiry of where the 2014 Nationals will be held
- 2/14/14 Emails from Sandy Underwood on 2015 Regional and Nationals in Kentucky
- 2/17/14 Email from Carrie Huddleston on Sweepstakes Judge for 2014 Regional
- 2/21/14 Email from Sonia Bincarousky on Performance Events for 2014 Regional and Nationals
- 2/22/14 Judges for the 2014 Regional and Nationals have accepted the Assignments
- 2/26/14 AKC email on reminders for Performance Events that have been canceled Events were set up for 2014 during the 2013 Show Schedule

Frances Conner commented that this year it seems that an unordinary amount of magazine only subscriptions are being processed.

OUTGOING COMMUNICATION

All emails listed above were responded to providing information requested by the inquiry

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy Morris

Approved

Our club's AKC dues were sent in.

Calculated 2013 National Specialty Income vs Expenses as follows:

Gross Income	19327.51
Overall 2013 National Expenses	-14214.16
Net Gain/Loss	5113.35

Latest Activity

January 2014

Beginning Balance	44568.86
Deposits/Credits	2973.29
Checks Cleared:	3131.8
Cash Withdrawals	0
Ending Balance:	44410.35

Cleared Checks

Check #2636	35.72	Marla Zarnow	Refund Moonlight World Challenge Entry
Check #2672	500.00	Purina Farms	Deposit - March 2014 Performance
Check #2676	1000.00	TGCASTC	BBQ Receipts Paid to STCA
Check #2668	77.99	Rau Dog Shows	Futurity Ribbons - 2013
Check #2693	500.00	Purina Farms	Deposit - 2014 National Specialty/Regional
Check #2696	271.09	Denise Wedel	Performance Expenses

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Check #2697	122.00	Store More-Forney	Archive Storage - 2/1 - 2/28/14
Check #2698	25.00	AKC	2014 Parent Club Dues
Check #2699	200.00	Postmaster	Bulk Permit Fee
Check #2700	400.00	Postmaster	4th Qtr Magazine Postage
	3131.80		
Outstanding Checks			
Check #2701	382.15	TGCASTC	2013 Regional Income - Foy Trent
Check #2702	1446.92	Minuteman Press	4th Qtr Magazine Printing
Check #2703	12.68	Pam Nemec	PR Committee Expenses
Check #2704	122.00	Store More-Forney	Archive Storage
Check #2705	139.65	John Lottinville	Recording Secty Postage
	2103.40		
Committee Funds:			
Legislative	888.20		
Rescue	7348.72		
Health	4895.93		
General Fund	2227.46		
Archive	-91.00		
General Trophy Fund	1275.49		
Performance	5934.42		
Public Relations	1207.38		
Futurity 2013	618.34		
Committee Funds	24304.94		
Club Funds	20105.41		
	44410.35		

**Committee Reports:**

**Health Committee:** Faith Beiser Chairperson

No Report . Faith Beiser sent web updates which will be incorporated into the website.

**Public Relations:** Pam Nemec Chairperson

No Report

**Archives Committee:** Richard Gray Chairperson

Work is continuing on gathering materials. Richard Gray will be contacting Wayne Brown to draw up a form for members who wish to will their memorabilia to the STCA, Inc. upon their passing. Richard Gray mentioned that a plethora of valuable materials has been lost forever in the past and very recently. If people willed the memorabilia to the STCA, Inc., then these materials could be saved.

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

No requests for seminars came in. Sara Nugent outlined a new idea. She will develop this idea more and present a detailed plan back to the board when finished.

**Moonlight World Challenge:** Carrie Huddleston Chairperson

No Report.

**Editorial/Magazine:** Al Bincarousky Chairperson

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No communication to explicitly state the Board's new policy to the printer and Nancy Hjelmstad was sent this month. It will be done this next month.

The membership application in the magazine needs to be fixed.

**Futurity:** Brenda Martz Chairperson

Brenda Martz has been communicating with the entrants for this year. Currently 4 litters are nominated. Due to the lack of communication from the previous chairperson and not receiving materials that were to be sent, the committee is almost finished re-writing the rules. The competition will be re-opened for further entrants who have expressed a desire to compete. This will be communicated via the web site. In addition all entry fees were started from scratch since the payments for the entry fees have not been forwarded either.

**Website:** Frances Conner Chairperson

Constant and continuing updates to the website are being processed. The store is also being worked on. Separate sections are being worked on for performance. The priority is 2014. 2015 and 2016 will follow.

**Judges Selection:** Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson

Contracts have been received for both the 2014 National and Regional judges.

The balloting and judges selections procedures were discussed and revised. Also a new method of disseminating information was discussed.

Jeff Morrison motioned to explicitly state in the procedures that only approved AKC judges, not pending judges, at the time of the club mailing, from either the AKC website, via an AKC special report, or from the AKC Judges directory be utilized as the pool of judges for balloting and that the sentence "The winning judge will be contacted by the Corresponding Secretary or the show chairman be changed to "The judges will be contacted by a person designated by the board of directors." Judy Morris 2<sup>nd</sup> Passed

**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 reported that he is still looking for more volunteers. The current focus of the committee are bills in Ohio and Georgia.

Jeff Morrison reported the following for committee members.

Northeast	Holly Sheltry and John O'Hanlon.
Southeast	Cindy Stroupe and Cindy Ward.
Midwest	Holly Lowery
Southwest	
Pacific Northwest	Karen Herrold

**Delegate:** Holly Stump

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The AKC Board of Directors elections are coming up in March. Her recommendations are Ron Menaker, Patricia Scully, and Charles Garvin.

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to allow our delegate to express to the AKC that the STCA, Inc. Board of Directors has no opposition to 6 months or older dogs participating in lure coursing. Judy Morris 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

**Performance:** Sonia Bincarousky Chairperson

Lucia Corace still will not communicate with the club. No assets have been returned and our facebook page, passwords, and usernames have not been communicated.

**Old Business:**

**April 2014 Agility Trial in St. Louis:**

The status of this event is still unknown. Attempts to contact Cindy Lottinville and Susan Waterman were unsuccessful. Further research is ongoing.

**2014 National Specialty:**

Obtaining trophy donations has become a high priority. The club will allow more than one trophy for a category i.e. Best of Breed.

Frances Conner is the Show Chairperson. Greg Conner is the on site superintendant and show secretary. Foy Trent is the superintendant for entries and catalogs.

All committees associated with the show are being put onto the website.

Sonia Bincarousky needs to get local judges for Agility, Rally, and Obedience. Sonia Bincarousky needs to get a trophy committee established quickly to fund the performance trophies.

A budget is being prepared and the entry fee was established.

Most of the paperwork has been completed and should be done by the end of March 2014.

Discussion took place about our show's close timing to Montgomery.

**2015 and 2016 National Specialty:**

Lydia Castagna and Frances Conner have been working with Sandy Underwood for this show. The performance committee needs to get involved in this process. Obedience and Rally do not appear to be a problem for this show, however, Agility will be a challenge because we need to obtain the equipment. The club may hold a separate National Agility trial elsewhere because of this.

A letter from Cindy Stroupe concerning the distance that our breed is required to run in order to obtain a lure coursing title was discussed. The question was should our breed have to run 300 or 600 yards to obtain a title?

Tom Rapinchuk motioned that the American Staffordshire Terrier would need to run the 600 yard course in order to obtain a lure coursing title. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

This board decision will be passed onto the AKC and the Lure coursing organization.

**New Business:**

A letter from Cindy Stroupe pertaining to judges judging our breed on a ramp and whether or not the use of a ramp is acceptable within the AKC dog show rules was discussed. The official AKC Table and Ramp Breeds document revised February 20, 2014 was consulted. According to this document, our breed should not be judged on a ramp except in situations this document classifies as emergencies. The Board overwhelmingly has the opinion that this should be changed. The Board's position is that our breed should be able to be judged on the ground, on a table or on a ramp at the discretion of the judge. The board, however, feels that this is a full membership decision, not a Board decision. This vote will be put to the membership this year. The AKC will be contacted for full clarification.

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Karen Herrold requested that the STCA, Inc. be the sponsors of a supported entry for the Terrier Association of Oregon shows through her. The board respectively declined her request.

Chuck Nelson sent in a letter of resignation for his board position.

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to accept Chuck Nelson's letter of resignation. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

Discussion took place on how to proceed on the two open board positions. It was decided to hold off on replacements until the deadline for membership renewals has passed.

**Election of Members:**

New membership application received from Courtney Morris for a single membership. Judy Morris motioned to accept Courtney Morris as a new member. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

A PayPal payment for membership dues was received from an applicant without an application. This person will be contacted and the proper procedures will be explained.

Next meeting will be March 21, 2014 at 7:30 CST.

Jeff Morrison motioned to adjourn the meeting. Judy Morris 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 11:19 pm CST

Respectfully submitted

Tom Rapinchuk  
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.