

January 16, 2015
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

Members Present:

Frances Conner, Brenda Martz, Tom Rapinchuk, Lydia Castagna, Carrie Huddleston, Al Bincarousky

Members Absent:

Jeff Morrison, Open Position, Open Position

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. CST

Recording Secretary: Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for the November 21, 2014 meeting were read. Corrections were made.

Carrie Huddleston motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

Tom Rapinchuk reported that all minutes approved as of this date are on the website.

Tom Rapinchuk reported that no membership renewal information has been forwarded to him yet to update the membership list for 2015. He explained that receiving the renewals as they came in piecemeal, as done in past years, allows for a more expeditious and timely updating of the records versus receiving all the renewals at one time. A bulk receipt of the renewals may create a delay in updating the records due to the amount of time required to process the renewals all at once. Carrie Huddleston said the renewal information would be forthcoming in the near future.

Presidents Report: Brenda Martz

No report,

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Frances Conner

The AKC (Jim Crowley) has been notified of our club's decision regarding ramping of our breed.

The paperwork to change our delegate has been submitted.

The paperwork concerning Meet the Breeds for New York has been submitted.

Frances Conner would like everyone to accept the conference call invitations when they are sent out.

Lydia Castagna motioned to approve the Corresponding Secretary's as corrected. Carrie Huddleston 2nd. Passed

Treasurer's Report: Carrie Huddleston

Carrie Huddleston is working on changing the signature of the accounts. She has received the notarized letter necessary to expedite this process. Working with Bank of America is difficult since no local branch exists.

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November 2014 Financial Statement

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Beginning Balance	46086.50	
Deposits/Credits	253.94	
Checks Cleared:	5568.54	
Cash Withdrawals	0.00	
Ending Balance:	40771.90	
Cleared Checks		
Check #2745	53.94 Frances Conner	Corresponding Secretary Expenses
Check #2748	625.00 Purina Farms	RV Parking
Check #2757	75.00 Purina Farms	RV Parking
Check #2769	3953.85 Purina Farms	Event Venue Rental & Fees - Regional/National/Performance
Check #2771	64.28 Frances Conner	Corresponding Secretary Expenses -/Remainder to Mail AKC Event Paperwork & Fees \$35.80 - Postage to Mail Health Committee Hoodies Back to Commit. Chair \$28.48 - Postage for Mailing AKC Event Paperwork & Fees
Check #2773	300.00 AKC	June 2015 Agility Event Fees
Check #2775	14.47 Jeanette O'Hanlon	Postage To Mail Performance Awards \$6.23 & ATTS Certificate Postage \$8.24
Check #2777	132.00 Store More-Forney	Archive Storage 12/1 - 12/31/14 - Invoice #7886
Check #2778	350.00 Chris Dickey	STCA Complaint Hearing Parliamentarian Fees
	5568.54	
Outstanding Checks		
Check #2779	25.00 AKC	2015 Parent Club Dues
	25.00	
Legislative	1106.17	
Rescue	7403.56	
Health	4196.27	
Archive	-2508.00	
Performance	5596.45	
Public Relations	1151.88	
Futurity 2014	635.01	
Futurity 2015	357.50	
Committee Funds	17938.84	
Club Funds	22833.06	
	40771.90	

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to reimburse Carrie Huddleston \$359.19 for her purchase of the non-profit version of QuickBooks for the club to become a club asset. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

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Frances Conner motioned to reimburse Carrie Huddleston \$285.00 for the laptop she purchased to run QuickBooks. This laptop will become a club asset and travel from treasurer to treasurer in performance of their job. Lydia Castagna 2nd. 5 Yeas 1 Nay. Passed
Carrie Huddleston is now working on the taxes.

Committee Reports:

Health Committee: Faith Beiser Chairperson
No Report.

Public Relations: Pam Nemecek Chairperson
Jeanette and John O'Hanlon will be doing the Meet the Breeds in New York. They are coordinating with Pam Nemecek for decorations, information, and pictures. The AKC will reimburse up to \$150 for expenses for this activity. Our booth won a ribbon at the Eukanuba show.
Renee Kay will be coordinating and doing our booth at the Seattle shows in March.
Prizes for the winners of the Home for the Holidays contest are being sent out.
The committee is working on fundraising ideas.
The committee has not heard from Karen Herrold.

Archives Committee: Richard Gray Chairperson
This committee is working on a fundraiser utilizing Al Bincarousky's own pedigree database.

Judge's Education/Mentor: Sara Nugent Chairperson
Sara Nugent reported that nothing is scheduled. She is trying to develop a list of one or two points to alert the conformation judges of our club's concerns. She would like the member's opinions on what these points should be. She will solicit input via an article in the magazine, but would also like to utilize the club's Facebook page, which hasn't been utilized for quite a few years. Pam Nemecek and Al Bincarousky will investigate the access to this Facebook page since the control of this page was lost with the passing of one of our members.

Moonlight World Challenge: Carrie Huddleston Chairperson
Judges have not been hired yet for 2015. Before the judges are hired, Carrie Huddleston needs to know where and when the event will be held. She prefers that the event not to be held outdoors. It appears as though the only time to hold this event is in the evening on the day of the National show's dog classes judging.

Editorial/Magazine: Al Bincarousky Chairperson
The 4th quarter magazine is being printed. The cover was not bought. No update was provided concerning an electronic version.
The cost of our printer seems very high. Alternatives are still being looked at.

Futurity: Brenda Martz Chairperson
2015 Futurity already has 5 litters nominated with 2 for sure and possibly a third pending.
A maturity event is in the development stage.

Website: Frances Conner Chairperson
No Report.

Judges Selection: Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson
The 2016, 2017, 2018 final tally reports are on the website.

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Brenda Martz asked if the judges were hired for 2016 and 2017. It was noted that judges can't be hired until the locations and dates for the shows are finalized. As far as hiring the judges, it should be the responsibility of the show Chairperson or show secretary, not the judges selection committee.

Awards:

Discussion took place about resurrecting an offering for producers of record. Some type of program is in written form but needs to be reviewed and perhaps tweaked for a better program. Lydia Castagna will take charge of looking into this program.

Rescue: Courtney Morris

No Report.

Yearbook:

The yearbooks are printed. Lydia Castagna will mail out the yearbooks ordered via padded envelopes or flat rate boxes depending on costs and method least likely to cause damage in shipping.

Standing Rules: Monica Davi Chairperson

No Report

Legislation: Jeff Morrison Chairperson

No Report.

Delegate: Jeanette O'Hanlon

All the appropriate paperwork has been submitted to the AKC notifying them of our club's delegate change. No response has been received.

Performance: Sonia Bincarousky Chairperson

Jeanette O'Hanlon resigned her position as co-chair of this committee because she took on the position of our club delegate. She said John O'Hanlon would volunteer as her replacement on this committee. Sonia Bincarousky will consider this offer.

Agility trials are going to be held in Texas on June 13, 14, 2015 and on July 24, 25, 26, 2015. Monica Lindquist will be the show secretary. Brenda Martz will be the show Chairperson for the July shows.

Sonia Bincarousky wants the STCA club to make Monica Lindquist an honorary member or wants the club to pay for her membership to the STCA, Inc. Sonia said that the show secretary must be a member of our club according to the AKC Agility rules. It was pointed out during the meeting that this is untrue according to the AKC rules for Agility trials. The requirements according to the AKC rules state that the show committee must be made up of 5 STCA, Inc. Members. If the show secretary were a member of our club, then only 4 other members of our club would be needed to get approval for an Agility trial. This becomes an advantage to our club when Agility trials are held at distant locations not near the performance committee's membership. It would allow Agility trials to be approved with only 4 local club members needed at these distant locations. The Board will take this proposal under advisement.

As of November 2014 the performance budget stood at \$5,596.

Email Activity:

Kevin Crider of the TGCASTC wants to borrow the STCA license number for its July 2015 show in San Antonio. Great Western requested a letter from the national club to hold its specialty in June 2015.

Old Business:

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Carrie Huddleston motioned to extend an invitation to Stephanie Rogers to fill one of the vacant board positions. Al Bincarousky 2nd. 4 Yeas, 1 Nay, 1 no vote. Passed.

Frances Conner motioned to extend an invitation to Monique Bertrand to fill one of the vacant board positions. Carrie Huddleston 2nd. 5 Yeas 0 Nays 1 no vote. Passed.

Frances Conner will send the invitations.

Our club's medallions for Eukanuba were given to the Staffy Bulls again this year.

2015 National Specialty:

The website could use more information and more up to date information concerning the show.

Three regional shows are being discussed. They may be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with the National show being held on Thursday and Friday. The three Regional shows also may be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with the National show being held on Friday and Saturday. No decision or information has been decided.

Discussion of when to judge non-regular classes such as Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, and Parade of Champions took place.

The goal in scheduling these classes is more participation and spectator attendance. Lydia Castagna will work on this.

Discussions about the current proposed schedule for Nationals week with specific emphasis on auxiliary events (futura, sweepstakes, Owner/Handler series, Midnight World Challenge, Performance, etc.) took place. No tentative schedule has been produced or disseminated yet. It was suggested that the Vice-President produce a tentative working schedule for everyone to see so no pertinent activities are missed and to alleviate conflicts between all activities being planned. In addition, a master list of all activities to be included during the Nationals should be produced so none are missed in the planning process.

A potential seminar by either Pat Hastings or Mr. Battaglia does not seem possible at this point. Costs and scheduling for this seminar seem prohibitive.

Performance:

The agility judge has been hire for Saturday and Sunday. The Obedience and Rally Judges have not been hired yet. These shows will be held about 40 minutes away from the conformation site. The cost of the building for four days is \$400 per day along with a \$100 fee for each of equipment rental and set-up respectively. So \$1800 has already been paid out.

The show secretary has been hired.

Sonia expressed that she is having a difficult time coordinating the performance events and schedules for her committee's activities during the National's week. She is trying to find out when and where to hold activities such as the temperament test and others.

Sonia Bincarousky should be contacted to coordinate the performance events for the Nationals week.

2016 National Specialty:

The Texas club is negotiating a contract for the KOA site in Conroe Texas.

New Business:

Cindy Munroe sent in a renewal for membership. Her membership terminated in 2014 for no renewal. She needs to re-apply and submit an extra \$10. Frances Conner will contact her.

Gina Dattilo was voted in as a new family member under Chuck Nelson in 2014. This is not an appropriate family membership. Chuck paid his 2015 family renewal (\$50) in 2014 plus Gina's application fee for 2014 (\$10) plus the upgrade fee from single to family for 2014 (\$15) in 2014. For the 2015 renewals, Gina needs to renew at the \$35 single membership fee and the club need to refund Chuck \$15 or find out if Chuck wants to donate the \$15 to the club's general fund. Frances Conner will contact Gina Dattilo. Tom Rapinchuk will contact Chuck Nelson.

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to allow the TGCASTC club to borrow the STCA license for its show in July 2015. Frances Conner 2nd. Passed

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Brenda Martz will make sure the Texas club pays its \$1 per entry fee back to the national club for BSL for borrowing the license.

Frances Conner motioned to send a letter of approval to Great Western to hold their show in June 2015. Tom Rapinchuk 2nd. Passed.

Election of Members:

Applications were read for single membership for Nicole Maples, Mariah Mazurek, and Valarie Candelaria.

Carrie Huddleston motioned to accept Nicole Maples as a single membership. Frances Conner 2nd. Passed

Al Bincarousky motioned to accept Mariah Mazurek as a single member. Carrie Huddleston 2nd. Passed

Carrie Huddleston motioned to accept Valarie Candelaria as a single member. Tom Rapinchuk 2nd. Passed

Open discussion:

Tom Rapinchuk expressed a desire to not utilize and/or to change the board generic email due to apparent spam activity and strange occurrences when it is utilized. Other board members have experienced the same situations and concurred with abolishing its use.

Tom Rapinchuk requested that all committee reports and reports for board meetings be submitted in writing in advance of the board meetings to allow the board members to be informed of issues and topics prior to the meetings. In addition, it would allow for more efficient and organized meetings and better minutes to be produced for the club members. The board agreed and Brenda Martz will be in charge of this implementation.

Next meeting will be February 20, 2015 at 7:30 CST.

Carrie Huddleston motioned to adjourn the meeting. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 12:01 pm CST

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rapinchuk
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.