

April 24, 2015  
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes  
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**Conference Call**

**Members Present:**

Brenda Martz, Frances Conner, Tom Rapinchuk, Lydia Castagna, Al Bincarousky, Jeff Morrison, Stephanie Rogers, Monique Bertrand

**Members Absent:**

Carrie Huddleston.

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. CST

**Recording Secretary:** Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for the April 24, 2015 meeting were read. Corrections were made. Frances Conner motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

**Presidents Report:** Brenda Martz

Various correspondences was received and answered by the president. The blanket approval for regional specialty clubs to borrow the parent club license has been removed. Regional clubs must now apply each year with the parent club.

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

Frances Conner discussed the AKC health check correspondence and coordinated with Faith Beiser. We are awaiting AKC response.

Lots of issues with the Specialty shows paperwork were received. Lydia Castagna will resolve any and all issues.

New membership cards were sent out.

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to approve the Corresponding secretary's report. Stephanie Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

**Treasurer's Report:** Carrie Huddleston

February 2015

Beginning Balance	\$38,790.97
Deposits/Credits	\$940.27
Checks Cleared	\$1,650.94
Cash Withdrawals	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$38,080.30

Cleared Checks

Check #2328	\$322.43	Pamela Nemec	Eukanuba 2014 Meet the Breed - P.R. Committee
Check #2329	\$778.79	Minute Man Press	2014 - 4th Quarter Magazine Printing
Check #2330	\$264.00	Store More - Forney	Archive Storage 2/1/15-2/28/15 & 3/1/15-3/31/15
		Invoice #8340	
Check #2332	\$285.72	Carrie Huddleston	Reimburse Purchase of Laptop for STCA Treasury

Outstanding Checks

Check #2780	\$286.50	Faith Beiser	T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Order for Health Committee
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Check #2331	\$138.71	Nancy Hjelmstad	Shipping Yearbooks & Magazines to Carla Restivo
Check #2333	\$397.01	Carrie Huddleston	Reimbursement for purchase of Quickbooks for STCA
Legislative	\$1,126.17		
Rescue	\$7,438.56		
Health	\$4,049.77		
Archive	-\$2,833.92		
Performance	\$5,716.45		
Public Relations	\$829.45		
Futurity	\$1,069.66		
Committee Funds	\$17,396.14		
Club Funds	\$20,684.16		
	\$38,080.30		

It was noted that the board wants Carrie Huddleston to list individual items.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Health Committee:** Faith Beiser Chairperson

Below are the 2 research areas that we have chosen to sponsor in 2015. We donated \$2,500 from our AKC CHF donor advised fund to each one. We will be notified when the specific grants from each research program are chosen. We will keep you posted as we receive updates.

##### Immunology and Infectious Disease Research Program RFP

###### Due Date for Grant Applications: April 6, 2015

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is requesting basic science, discovery and clinical research that will aid in the prevention and treatment of infectious and allergic disease. Research including the role of immune function in the pathogenesis of disease, relevance of infection in the development and exacerbation of allergic diseases; identification of novel therapeutics and new diagnostic tests, and the role of environmental allergens and/or genetic background as risk factors for the development of allergic diseases is all considered responsive. As with all CHF research programs, collaborative, multi-disciplinary teams of investigators who can approach discovery research from a multi-'omics' perspective will be considered more competitive than genomic research approaches working in isolation.

Grants are requested for the following topics:

- Food Allergy
  - Including research into skin and/or gastrointestinal manifestations of disease
- Development of Non-Antibiotic Antibacterial Agents
  - CHF seeks to fund pilot projects that will stimulate discovery efforts and/or early-stage development of novel therapies for treatment of infections caused by bacterial pathogens of significant clinical concern that are rapidly becoming resistant to currently approved drugs. Research can include efforts to target bacterial virulence factors or transport mechanisms; identification of novel host-directed therapeutics (immunomodulators); novel biologics such as monoclonal antibodies and peptides.

##### Senior Dog Health and Wellness Research Program Area RFP

###### Due Date for Grant Applications: June 1, 2015

Senior dogs currently make up roughly 40% of the patient population in veterinary practices and have unique health concerns. The AKC Canine Health Foundation seeks to award research that will stimulate novel approaches to senior dog healthcare.

Grants are requested for the following topics:

- Relationship between 'inflammaging' and gastrointestinal health or cognitive function in senior dogs
- Use of rehabilitation to preserve cognitive function in older dogs

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- Factors responsible for systemic aging
- Pilot data to support the value of a longitudinal study to enhance or prevent age-related degenerative disease; Mitral Valve Disease is of particular interest
- Pain, Analgesia, and Anesthesia in senior dogs
- Osteoarthritis

**Public Relations:** Pam Nemecek Chairperson

Susan Watermann is looking for help for setting up at Booth at Purina Farms on June 13, 2015...International Cheese, Wine, and Canine Festival. If anyone can help her please direct them to her.  
The committee would like to start PR Awards for those that go up and beyond promoting Amstaffs.

**Archives Committee:** Richard Gray Chairperson

No Report.

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

Planning for the specialty week and a presenters seminar are in progress.

**Moonlight World Challenge:** Carrie Huddleston Chairperson

No Report.

**Futurity:** Brenda Martz Chairperson

We are awaiting inquiries for entries. It appears as though we have 11 litters plus 1 late fee for 2015.  
We have 2 litters for 2016 already.  
Maturity will be an event in 2016.

**Website:** Frances Conner Chairperson

No Report.

**Judges Selection:** Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson

No Report.

**Awards:**

No Report

**Rescue:** Courtney Morris

No report

**Editorial/Magazine Yearbook:** Al Bincarousky Chairperson

Carla Restivo will be doing the mailing from now on.  
Yearbooks are selling.

**Standing Rules:** Monica Davi Chairperson

No Report

**Legislation:** Chris Berg Chairperson

No Report.

**Delegate:** Jeanette O'Hanlon

No report.

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

The premium list and coordinating schedules at the National specialty in the future were discussed at length.

**Registry of Merit:** Lydia Castagna

Lydia Castagna will keep track of the records for this award and administer it. This will be put onto the website.

**Sportsmanship Award:** Monique Bertrand

Work is continuing on the project.

**Email Activity:**

**Old Business:**

Lydia Castagna will buy the broken vase replacement.

Brenda Martz will replace the lost pig on the Danny Quest trophy.

The breeders listing on the website is being audited for correctness by Carrie Huddleston and Frances Conner.

**2015 National Specialty**

Various details were discussed with Sandy Underwood and Greg Roadhouse.

The premium list is filled out.

Olaf Verhorevoort will judge the Kentucky regional sweepstakes.

Many issues exist via AKC communications regarding the paperwork for the shows. Lydia Castagna will resolve any and all issues.

The general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday and a parliamentarian will be hired.

Hospitality will be held on Monday Night.

**2016 National Specialty:**

**New Business:**

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to have Lydia Castagna head the nominating committee as prescribed in the bylaws. Monique Bertrand 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

**Election of Members:**

An application for a single membership for Kelly Townsend was read.

Lydia Castagna motioned to accept Kelly Townsend as a member. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

An application for a single membership for Dereck Shaw was read.

Stephanie Rogers motioned to accept Dereck Shaw as a member. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

An application for a single membership for Ellen Bannin was read.

Lydia Castagna motioned to accept Ellen Bannin as a member. Stephanie Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

An application for a single membership for Jesse Foley was read.

Stephanie Rogers motioned to accept Jesse Foley as a member. Lydia Castagna 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

An application for a single membership for Greg Roadhouse was read.

Lydia Castagna motioned to accept Greg Roadhouse as a member. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

An application for a single membership for Abbe Seldin was read.

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to accept Abbe Seldin as a member. Stephanie Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

An application for a family membership for Marnie Wortham and family was read.

Frances Conner motioned to accept Dan and Marnie Wortham and family as family members. Jeff Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

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Next meeting will be May 15, 2015 at 7:30 CST.

Lydia Castagna motioned to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:57 pm CST

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rapinchuk  
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.