

September 30, 2014
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America General Membership Meeting Minutes
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Members Present: The Recording Secretary had all STCA members in good standing sign in. Thirty-seven members in good standing were present. The Recording Secretary determined a quorum was present.

Holiday Inn Eureka Missouri

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Morrison, Open Position, Open Position

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

Recording Secretary: Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: The draft minutes of the 2013 STCA General Membership Meeting were passed out to the membership. A motion was made by Greg Conner to accept the minutes as is. Jeanette O'Hanlon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Presidents Report: Brenda Martz

Brenda Martz emphasized that this a members' club. What members put into the club is what they get out. The board values everyone's input, appreciates all of the communication received, and requests more. The club had a good year, but next year could be even better. With everyone's help it will be.

The election had no member nominations resulting in the nominating committee's slate being elected by default. Lydia Castagna, Tom Rapinchuk, Carrie Huddleston, Al Bincarousky, and Brenda Martz were the elected candidates.

Brenda Martz thanked Judy Morris, the outgoing treasurer, for her outstanding service and notified the members that Judy Morris is no longer a member of the board.

Brenda Martz also reminded the members that the board needs the members' involvement and ideas. The board has worked hard to develop more transparency and communication. Great strides have been made in these areas, but more is still needed. She requested everyone to tell the board their thoughts good or bad.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Frances Conner

Frances Conner reminded everyone to fill out their Purina cards to get a free Purina bag that can be filled with goodies for free at the Purina store.

Frances Conner notified the membership that the Lure Coursing yardage for our breed to get a title will be 600 yards.

Frances Conner asked the membership for their decision regarding our breed being a ramp/floor breed or just a floor breed when being examined by a judge in conformation. Discussion ensued.

Chuck Nelson motioned that the American Staffordshire Terrier be classified as a ramp/table breed according to the discretion of the Judge when judging our breed. Judy Morris 2nd. 27 Yes. 8 No. 4 abstain. Passed

Frances Conner asked the membership for their decision regarding holding the Owner Handler competition at Regional shows held in conjunction with a National show, and at the National show. Discussion ensued.

Kelly McCabe motioned to hold the Owners Handler Competition at Regional shows held in conjunction with a National show, and at National Shows. Greg Conner 2nd. 19 Yes. 4 No. 10 abstain. Passed

Frances Conner explained the basic types of correspondence she deals with.

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Treasurer's Report: Judy Morris

Judy Morris reported:

Beginning Balance:	42,384.05
Income:	2,236.05
Checks Cleared:	3,284.10
Ending Balance:	41,336.00

Judy Morris requested members to utilize very specific notes when paying through paypal. She explained the difficulties encountered when the specifics of payments are unknown and the guessing which sometimes needs to take place resulting in errors, which must be corrected. She also explained how it complicates matters when using a business account to pay. The treasurer in these circumstances does not know which member is associated with the business account in many circumstances.

Judy Morris detailed the magazine drain on the club finances. She requested more participation in advertising.

Judy Morris reported that Michael Rose CPA completed the audit of our finances and we passed.

Judy Morris requested members to pay early and not wait until the last minute. Late and delayed payments cause a flurry of activity and makes everyone's job more difficult. Late payment activity and delaying payment beyond deadlines causes the committee chair people and the treasurer unnecessary work in trying to reconcile things at the last minute and can cause ads, trophy acknowledgements, etc. to be pulled.

In addition, she thanked Carrie Huddleston for her work with the trophies.

Committee Reports:

Health Committee: Faith Beiser Chairperson

No Report.

Public Relations: Pam Nemecek Chairperson

Pam Nemecek could use volunteers from around the country to help. Brenda and the board reported the outstanding job Pam has done in this position. Everyone should visit the PR booth at the show.

Archives Committee: Richard Gray Chairperson

Richard Gray reported that his committee consists of himself, Thomas Mount, Karla Restivo, and Al Bincarousky. Richard Gray explained the travel trailer in Lehr Brisbane's possession left to him by the passing of Phil Rayburn. Phil Rayburn's desires for the proceeds from the sale of the trailer are directed to go to a research facility in Georgia. Discussion ensued about the purchase of the trailer and its usefulness to our club. No decision was made.

Judge's Education/Mentor: Sara Nugent Chairperson

Lydia Castagna mentioned that anyone desiring to be a mentor should read the requirements and contact her.

Moonlight World Challenge: Carrie Huddleston Chairperson

Carrie Huddleston reported that the Midnight World Challenge will take place tomorrow night (Wednesday). The judges are Lydia Castagna (AKC judge), Alain Crabos (breeder), and Brenda Martz (handler). The cost is \$35 and entries will close ½ hour before judging begins. The location is the Missouri Room. There will be a cash bar available for spectators.

Editorial/Magazine: Al Bincarousky Chairperson

Al Bincarousky reported the drain the magazine currently is on our club's finances. He explained various ideas he has in mind to increase interest. He asked the members to submit articles and suggestions. Al Bincarousky explained that the fourth quarter magazine will not only be printed, but an online version will also be published for a test. Input regarding this test online version as a replacement for the print version is being requested.

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Al detailed the costs of the magazine by quarter to explain the dilemma. Al Bincarousky also requested volunteers for regular columns as well as editors. Regional clubs were encouraged to write articles. Yearbooks were reported to be at the printer now. A few may be mailed to the show.

Futurity: Brenda Martz Chairperson

5 litters with a total of 19 entries were reported to the membership. The trophies to be given are outstanding. Brenda Martz requested everyone to provide input to improve this new program that is still in its infancy.

Website: Frances Conner Chairperson

Brenda Martz reported that Pam Nemec has done a fantastic job. If you would like to see changes please see Pam Nemec or Frances Conner.

Judges Selection: Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson

Tom Rapinchuk reported that the deadline for turning in ballots by hand passed with the start of this meeting. Betty Hargis, Barb Soyhada, and Stephanie Rogers volunteered to tally the ballots. The time and place will be posted on the white board at the show site for anyone interested in watching the tally effort. It is a public event.

Awards:

No Report

Rescue:

Brenda Martz reported that the Board is actively seeking a person to fill the position of Chairperson. Please contact the board if you have interest in this position.

Yearbook:

It is being printed now. A few may make their way to this show.

Standing Rules: Monica Davi Chairperson

No Report

Legislation: Jeff Morrison Chairperson

No Report.

Delegate: Holly Stump

No Report.

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

Al Bincarousky thanked the committee and all the helpers for their efforts. Sprint Racing this year will be for fun only – no titles. It is scheduled for Thursday and runs can be done anytime.

Dock diving is available to try tomorrow (Wednesday) – see Sonia Bincarousky.

A temperament test will take place Thursday. See Jeanette O'Hanlon for the time and place and qualifications for your dog.

Silvia Krpan inquired about the club sponsoring the Medallions for performance at the Eukanuba show and also asked why the club did not sponsor them last year. It was explained to the membership, that the club did sponsor the medallions last year, however, a mix up at the AKC put our Medallions under a different breed. In addition, it was explained that the club has already sent in the payment to sponsor the Medallions for our breed for this year. Sonia Bincarousky will check with Gina Leish to avoid any possible mistakes.

Old Business:

2014 National Specialty

Thank you for coming and good luck to all.

T-shirts and hoodies are for sale at the show. T-shirts are \$20. Hoodies are \$40. X sizes are \$5 more.

2015 and 2016 National Specialty:

Sandy Underwood is present with a few information packages for this show and to answer any questions.

The 2015 show will be 2 Regional shows plus the National show just south of Louisville Kentucky.

The 2016 show will be in Texas.

2017 National Specialty:

The board requested suggestions. Currently the board is strongly considering coming back to Purina Farms. Members requested that if possible the national should not be held close to the Montgomery shows held in October.

Election of Members:

Applications were read for:

Chris Berg (single), Misty and Leonard Dietz (family), Gina Dattilo (family onto Chuck Nelson), Leigh Munoz (single), Gwyn Scheidt (single), Enrique Juliachs (single), and Stacy Withrow (single).

Brenda Martz asked for a motion to accept the applicants for membership. Various members so moved. Various members so 2nd. Unanimous passed.

Next meeting will be announced next year.

Greg Conner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Betty Hargis 2nd. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:31 pm CST

Respectfully submitted

Tom Rapinchuk
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.