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Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

(Tom Rapinchuk presided over the meeting due to Brenda Martz's absence)

Members Present:

Frances Conner, Tom Rapinchuk, Lydia Castagna, Carrie Huddleston, Al Bincarousky, Jeff Morrison, Stephanie Rogers, Monique Bertrand

Members Absent:

Brenda Martz

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. CST

Recording Secretary: Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for the February 20, 2015 meeting were read. Corrections were made. Lydia Castagna motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Stephanie Rogers 2nd. Passed

Tom Rapinchuk gave a status report of the membership renewals.

2 memberships appear to have paid twice - Silvie Nuzzolilo and Tiara Tuck. Carrie Huddleston will reconcile and refund the appropriate amounts.

3 memberships renewed who were not members in 2014. All three need to send in an additional \$10 application fee and application before being voted in as new members. – Michelle Aguillar, Sean Nowicki, and Cindy Monroe. Frances Conner will contact these people noting this.

Abbe Seldin sent in a renewal but was a subscription member in 2014. She needs to apply and pay the appropriate fees.

Presidents Report: Brenda Martz

No Report

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Frances Conner

3 AKC notices were received for the performance events to be taking place in June. Sonia Bincarousky will take care of the issues pertaining to the application fees for the events, notification of the show secretary for the events, etc.

Treasurer's Report: Carrie Huddleston

Carrie Huddleston reported that she is still not yet on the account due to the problems encountered with Bank of America. This should be all resolved within 1 week. As a result, she still does not yet have a February statement.

The 2014 taxes are being worked on and going out to the accountant tomorrow.

The T-shirt, catalog, and magazine moneys from the National in 2014 to be attributed to the Archive committee are still being accounted for.

January 1, 2015

Beginning Balance	\$43,341.90
Deposits/Credits	\$2,425.35
Checks Cleared	\$6,976.26
Cash Withdrawals	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$38,790.97

Cleared Checks

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Check #2781	\$132.00	Store More - Forney	Archieve Storage 1/1/15-1/31/15 Invoice #8123
Check #2326	\$6,844.28	Minuteman Press	Yearbook Printing
 Outstanding Checks			
Check #2780	\$286.50	Faith Beiser	T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Order for Health Committee
Check #2328	\$322.43	Pamela Nemeč	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	Archieve Storage 2/1/15-2/28/15 & 3/1/15-3/31/15 Invoice #8340
Legislative	\$1,126.17		
Rescue	\$7,438.56		
Health	\$4,049.77		
Archive	-\$2,884.26		
Performance	\$5,716.45		
Public Relations	\$829.45		
Futurity	T\$1,017.51		
Committee Funds	\$17,293.65		
Club Funds	\$21,497.32		
	 \$38,790.97		

Committee Reports:

Health Committee: Faith Beiser Chairperson

Faith Beiser received a statement from AKC CHF. The balance in our Am Staff DAF as of 12/31/14 is \$16,139.64. We are still in the process of discussing the proposals and grants of 2015 and will soon decide which one (or two) we will support for this year. Minimum contribution for each one is \$2,500. We would like some feedback on the silent auction at the National. Was it successful last year? It seems like in the past few years there hasn't been as much interest in the auction as we had in previous years. We are going to decide if raffles, etc would be a better option for fundraising. I will continue to do clothing each year as that is always a good fundraiser.

Public Relations: Pam Nemeč Chairperson

On March 8-9, 2015 the Seattle Club Dog Show had a wee bit o'luck with these Amstaffs posing for pictures and shamrocking around the show. Thank you to: Renee Kay, Chip Kay, Becky Dickerson, Noel Gauweiler, Melissa Poeschel, Chris Johnson, and Jayme's daughter Ava for organizing and putting on this great Breed Booth for Amstaff.

Amstaffs were invited to march in the Rodeo Parade in Texas City for the opening of their new modified dog park... Pamela and her Amstaffs Celtic/Bella participated decked out in their glitter cowboy/cowgirl hats greeting the public.

I noticed that a lot of kids (adults too) didn't know who to approach dogs of all breeds so.... I presented a program I am working on to a local city to do a pilot test on kids...An Amstaff named Celtic assisted Pamela Nemeč to show school kids on how to approach dogs or what to do when they see a stray dog. The AKC Video "The Dog Listener" was shown and then afterwards children had to approach the dog according to what they learned. The children had to make like a tree and cross their arms...approach the dog from the side... and what to do if they encountered a stray dog. I showed them if they had a ball possibly they can throw the ball and calmly walk the other direction. The Amstaff wore a basketball outfit and dunked his jolly basketball into the modified little tykes hoop (WHICH will be the future Amstaff Basketball Staffy Ball)... working with local animal control and school districts to show the video on a larger level and of course promoting Amstaffs in the process. Hoping to encourage this program across the US using Amstaffs ...Made cupcakes and popcorn for the kids too! Will Post pics and video above later next week.

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I have a call into AKC but the person responsible for this kind of materials/etc is out until later in the month and no back up...as soon as they return I will email the board.

Archives Committee: Richard Gray Chairperson

Al Bincarousky flew to Texas to meet with Richard Gray and Carla Restivo. He reported that the storage facility is nice and all materials are stored up off the floor. The shelving being utilized appears to be weak and replacements should be found. Preliminary replacement costs for store bought shelves are in the \$500 range. A suggestion to build them from wood was made, however, labor to construct the shelves in this manner may be difficult to get volunteers for. Replacing the shelving will not done until a more cost effective alternative is found.

The Archie committee once again wanted their committee budget to be folded into the general club funds because their committee is always running a negative balance. The board explained that prior discussions in years past determined that the Archive committee should be shown as a separate entity in the financials for transparency's sake. This committee is a vital and important aspect for the club and the members need to be aware of the costs associated with this activity. Burying these cost into the general fund will serve no purpose and will not help fund raising activities for this committee.

Judge's Education/Mentor: Sara Nugent Chairperson

Lydia Castagna is in the process of setting up an approved Judge's education seminar for those people who will become the approved presenters. Everyone except Sara Nugent will bear his or her own costs.

Moonlight World Challenge: Carrie Huddleston Chairperson

No Report.

Futurity: Brenda Martz Chairperson

No Report.

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

Yearbooks are now available for ordering and purchase.

Nancy Hjelmstad sent the wrong mailing list to Carla Restivo for the 4th Quarter magazine mailings that were mailed out. No one knows what list Nancy Hjelmstad utilized. It was not the current list set from Tom Rapinchuk to Al Bincarousky that Nancy should have utilized. This was a total screw up and must not happen again.

Monique Bertrand motioned that Al Bincarousky hire a new magazine layout and production person which will be reviewed by the board next meeting for approval or not. Jeff Morrison 2nd. Passed

Monique Bertrand volunteered to help Al Bincarousky on his committee.

The hunt for a new lower cost printer is still ongoing.

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The online magazine is not yet up.

Standing Rules: Monica Davi Chairperson
No Report

Legislation: Chris Berg Chairperson
No Report.

Delegate: Jeanette O'Hanlon

Jeanette O'Hanlon attended her first delegate meeting. She reported she knew many of the folks and was able to attend within budget.

She is not planning to attend the Florida meeting due to costs but is planning on attending the other 3 meetings.

CHIC award information is on the AKC website.

The Dock and Crop issue is raising its ugly head again.

Carmen Bataglia, Dr. Thomas M. Davies, and Steven Gladstone were elected to the AKC board.

Jeanette O'Hanlon informed the board that an AKC Health seminar will be held in St. Louis later this year if the club wants someone to attend. Al Bincarousky will notify Faith Beiser and ask her if she will be attending.

Performance: Sonia Bincarousky and John O'Hanlon Co-Chairpersons
No Report

Registry of Merit: Lydia Castagna
No Report

Sportsmanship Award: Monique Bertrand
No Report

Email Activity:

An inquiry was received from Vicki Fabela concerning the correct amount of fees due from members for 2015 breeder referral pages. The renewal form listed the fee at \$25, however elsewhere it states that the fee is \$50. The board discovered that the renewals sent out were not changed to correctly up the breeder referral fee to \$50.

Al Bincarousky motioned that the board keep the 2015 breeder referral fee at \$25 for 2015 and to have Frances Conner update the renewal forms for the future to correctly state the breeder referral fee at \$50 for the future. Carrie Huddleston 2nd. Passed

The board voted unanimously to pay the cost of \$116.61 to replace the broken Eagle trophy.

Old Business:

Tom Rapinchuk reported that the broken Eagle trophy has been replaced with an exact duplicate. The other broken vase replacement is currently on hold.

Lydia Castagna motioned that the STCA, Inc. remove all blanket approvals for any club borrowing the National club's license. All clubs needing to borrow the STCA, Inc. license will need to contact the STCA, Inc. for approval for each and every show. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

Frances Conner will coordinate and with the AKC to ensure this motion is followed.

2015 National Specialty

Jack Onofrio Dog Shows has been contracted as the superintendent for the shows.

The Texas Club will hold a Regional Specialty on Monday October 5, 2015.

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The Kentucky Club will hold 2 Specialties on Tuesday and Wednesday October 6 & 7, 2015 respectively.

The National Specialty show will be held on Thursday and Friday October 7 & 8, 2015.

Performance events will begin on October 3, 2015. Agility will be at a location about 40 minutes from the host hotel.

Each show is a separate show and is required to have its own paperwork applications and post show reports. Lydia Castagna will submit the applications for the Texas and Kentucky Regional's and National shows and post show reports for respectively. Performance will do their own paperwork.

Sandy Underwood has forwarded her paperwork to Lydia Castagna for submission to the AKC.

The Texas Club has submitted their paperwork to Sandy Underwood and Lydia Castagna for submission to the AKC on 2-27-2015.

Premium lists are being developed.

The National Club logo needs to be on all ribbons because the national license is being used.

Rosettes will be ordered for any awards preceded with the word BEST. If other rosettes are desired, then Sandy Underwood needs to be contacted to place the order.

The Kentucky Club has contracted Manual Torres and Johan Becerra to be their judges.

The Kentucky club requested that the board reconsider its decision to only hold a sweepstakes competition at the National show only. The Kentucky club wants to hold sweepstakes on Tuesday morning and has a potential judge. The board tabled this decision until its April meeting to reconsider this request.

Sandy Underwood has begun the development of a chart and schedule for all events to be taking place during the Nationals week. She mentioned that she is having difficulty completing this schedule because of all the activities that must be taken into account. In addition, she mentioned that she is really not aware of a lot of the activities that must be scheduled for. She agreed to email the schedule she has to the board members and will coordinate with Lydia Castagna on completing the schedule along with any other concerns she has. The board members will provide their input for activities that must be scheduled.

The cost of the building is \$500 per day and includes equipment. The building is available from 7 am until 7 pm each day. Additional charges past 7pm are \$100 per hour.

Conformation shows will start at 9 am each day unless a sweepstakes is held on Tuesday. In this case the start time will be 8 or 8:30 am. The National show start time has not yet been decided.

It was confirmed that Regional clubs and their shows are fully in the hands of the Regional clubs. All expenses, profits or losses are theirs. The National specialty and banquet is the sole responsibility of the National club.

A discussion took place regarding limiting the awards of merit different from the requirements of the AKC. If so desire this is OK as long as the premium list has specific language detailing such.

The Texas Regional judge is not yet known.

The host hotel is the Sleep Inn. 50 rooms have been reserved at \$89 per room (\$109 for a suite). This reservation will be upped to 68 rooms in anticipation of an increased entry this year. There is no pet fee, however, it is unknown whether or not a limit exists on the number of dogs per room. Sandy Underwood will update as the information is obtained.

The hotel is approximately 20 minutes for the airport.

Camping is available at a nearby campground. Sandy Underwood is checking with the hotel to see if a dry dock camping permit will be allowed at the hotel. There may be a fee associated with this.

Kim Davis is contracted to judge the National Sweepstakes. The AKC approved her ability to show in obedience at our show.

Frances Conner motioned to set the entry fees for the 2015 Nationals week as follows:

1 st entry	35
2 nd entry	25
Puppy	25
Bredby	25
Stud dog	25
Brood bitch	25
Conf. Brace	25

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Sweeps	20
Futurity	25
Junior	10
4-10 puppy	20
Beginner obedience	28

Monique Bertrand 2nd. Passed

Al Bincarousky motioned to utilize Stephanie Rogers' sister again to print our t-shirts since she was so cot effective and produced such quality last year. Lydia Castagna 2nd. Passed

Pam Schweiss is the show chairperson for the Texas and Kentucky shows.

Tom Rapinchuk will be the show chairperson for the Nationals.

Backup judges will be planned for if entries surpass 175.

2016 National Specialty:

New Business:

Al Bincarousky will welcome all new members in the magazine.

Election of Members:

An application for a single membership for Brian Pellerino was read.

Frances Conner motioned to accept Brian Pellerino as a member. Jeff Morrison 2nd. Passed

An application for a family membership for Dan and Monica Lindquist was read.

Al Bincarousky motioned to accept Dan and Monica Lindquist as family members. Frances Conner 2nd. Passed

Next meeting will be April 24, 2015 at 7:30 CST.

Lydia Castagna motioned to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Rogers 2nd. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:44 pm CST

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rapinchuk

Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.