

June 27, 2014
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, Open Position

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m. CST

Recording Secretary: Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for the May 16, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections. Jeff Morrison motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Judy Morris 2nd. Passed

Lydia Castagna motioned to possibly amend last month's motions listed under the Recording Secretary's report after consultations with the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Frances Conner 2nd. 6 yea 1 nay. Passed

Tom Rapinchuk was assigned the task of coordinating this motion with the committee.

Presidents Report: Brenda Martz

Business as usual – nothing new to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Frances Conner

INCOMING COMMUNICATION RECEIVED May 18, 2014 thru June 28, 2014

6/14/14 Email Garden State All Terrier Club reference 20th Anniversary 2015 Show Deadline is 7/15/14
Contact Joan G Murko donohill@optimum.net

6/20/14 Email from Jessica Rice D'Amato AKC
Hi everyone,

I hope you're doing well! My name is Jessica and I'm the PR Manager at the American Kennel Club. We've been invited to participate in a television segment with veterinarian Dr. Heather Loenser on Thursday, July 3rd in New York City about American breeds and Fourth of July. It's an early morning show and we're still waiting on the timing, but it would most likely take place between 7-9am. We'd love to feature an American Staffordshire Terrier in need of a home and I was hoping you could point me to who handles rescue for your club. Most likely one of the hosts would handle the dog while Dr. Loenser talks about the breed and what makes it unique. Would someone you know in the tri-state area be able to participate? We can reimburse for gas, tolls, and parking up to \$100.

Thank you so much for your help!

Best,
Jessica

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Responded to both, to be discussion at board meeting 6/27/14

Frances Conner will contact Faith Beiser and John O'Hanlon concerning the AKC letter.

Lydia Castagna motioned to support the Garden State Club. Brenda Martz 2nd. Passed
 Frances Conner will contact them for more information and follow-up.

Lydia Castagna will work with Frances Conner in response to Greg Conner's inquiry.

Judy Morris motioned to accept the Secretary's report. Lydia Castagna 2nd. Passed

Treasurer's Report: Judy Morris
 May 2014

Beginning Balance	48791.22
Deposits/Credits	1648.36
Checks Cleared:	897.96
Cash Withdrawals	0
Ending Balance:	49541.62

Cleared Checks

Check #2709	\$25.96	Heidi McClure	Reimburse Overpayment Breeder Web Site
Check #2712	250.00	Frances Conner	Reimburse AKC Event Fees Paid For 2014 National
Check #27	122.00	Store More-Forney	Archive Storage - 6/1 - 6/30/14
Check #2714	500.00	Edmund Sledzik & Ass.LLC	2013 Tax Preparation Fee
	897.96		

Outstanding Checks

Check #2715	1500.00	Jean Ghantous	Archive Purchase
Check #2716	200.00	Reliant Dog Shows	STCA Booth Fee & Parking Pass - PR Committee
Check #2717	122.00	Store More-Forney	Archive Storage - 7/1 - 7/31/14 - Inv. #6829
Check #2718	4330.78	Minute-Man Press	Magazine - 2014 1st Qtr Issue
Check #2719	508.71	Frances Conner	\$65 - AKC Event Fees, \$155.82 Copying & Supplies, \$287.89 Postage
	6661.49		

Legislative	903.20
Rescue	7403.56
Health	4915.93
General Fund	1237.46
Archive	2323.00
General Trophy	1295.49
Performance	5768.54
Public Relations	953.70
Futurity 2014	853.34
Committee Funds	25654.22
Club Funds	23887.40

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49541.62

\$811.89 was received from Purina farms for our dog food plan. The board decided to divvy up these proceeds as done in the past, except, the Rescue committee will be omitted. This means the proceeds will be split four ways for the Public Relations Committee, the Health Committee, the Legislative Committee, and the Breeder/ Judges Education Committee.

The Treasurer was reminded that refunds are still pending to the three 4th quarter 2013 new members who renewed in 2014.

Frances Conner motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Lydia Castagna 2nd. Passed

Committee Reports:

Health Committee: Faith Beiser Chairperson
No Report.

Public Relations: Pam Nemecek Chairperson
Susan Waterman is helping Pam Nemecek. Pam Nemecek discussed their detailed plans for raffles, their planned wine and cheese party, their sponsors, and efforts to at least break even.

Archives Committee: Richard Gray Chairperson
No Report.

Judge's Education/Mentor: Sara Nugent Chairperson
No Report.

Moonlight World Challenge: Carrie Huddleston Chairperson
Everything for the Challenge is set up and ready to go.

Editorial/Magazine: Al Bincarousky Chairperson
The Magazine was mailed.
Nancy Hjelmstad agreed to do the mailings for the rest of this year to use up our bulk-mailing permit that expires January 22, 2015.

Jeanette Benton requested a refund on her ads due to the late mailing. The board unanimously decided against issuing a refund. Al Bincarousky will instead offer discounts on future ads she places.

Al Bincarousky is looking for printers in his area. He is also researching alternative software products to create the magazine, as well as, researching electronic publishing solutions for the magazine.

Income from the magazine needs to be increased and the idea of bringing in 3rd party suppliers and businesses was discussed.

The 2nd quarter proof is being edited.

Futurity: Brenda Martz Chairperson
19 dogs are currently entered for this year. 1 litter is still eligible with 1 week left to register.

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Website: Frances Conner Chairperson

Pam Nemecek reported her activities redoing our website. She also discussed her use of complimentary software to ease the maintenance of the website in the future.

The breeders portion of the website is being totally reworked. Judy Morris will be consulted for a list of all people who paid.

Lastly, an issue concerning a legal exposure of paypal fees was discussed. The workaround will be a convenience fee being charged to cover these fees.

Judges Selection: Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson

Ballots were sent out.

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

The Board discussed communications with Monica Davi. Tom Rapinchuk will coordinate with Monica Davi on pending issues.

Legislation: Jeff Morrison Chairperson

AKC literature was sent to Houston for the Public Relations booth.

Delegate: Holly Stump

No Report.

Performance: Sonia Bincarousky Chairperson

Sonia Bincarousky received correspondence from Andrea Johnson concerning our club's involvement in Agility Trials to be held in October 3, 2014 College Station, TX, and December 7, 2014 San Martin, CA. The board instructed Sonia that her committee's involvement is up to her discretion as long as a written statement is received that the STCA, Inc. is not legally responsible in any way.

Sonia Bincarousky detailed the activities and costs of the Barn Hunt options. The prices seem to be very excessive to the participants because they would need to join the organization and attend various instinct plus qualifier activities to get a title. Purina has the facilities and offered them to us for free, but the cost to exhibitors is too excessive. More research will be forthcoming, however, it does not appear as though this is a desirable activity at this point in time.

Old Business:

2014 Election

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The board discussed its mistake in the first mailing of the ballots. It decided the best course of action after consulting the AKC was to start the election process all over from the beginning. A letter with new ballots will be sent to all members with full disclosure.

2014 National Specialty

Trophies are coming along. Performance information needs to be put up on Facebook and the web site for donations.

Carrie Huddleston needs to do a few replacements items because the artist that does the ceramic platters had to move and couldn't take her kiln with her.

All judges' arrangements have been finalized.

The banquet will be Friday night with a cash bar. Price will be \$35.

Meeting rooms have been scheduled.

Ribbons and the premium need to be finalized with Foy Trent.

Sara Nugent's activities are not yet scheduled.

2015 and 2016 National Specialty:

Ann Katona was the club's first choice to judge the 2015 National Specialty show for 2015. Tom Rapinchuk will coordinate hiring and confirming Ann Katona for the 2015 National Specialty show.

New Business:

Discussion about board members duties, ethics, responsibilities, and expectations from club members were discussed. Lydia Castagna will draft a document explaining the above that will be useful for incoming board members. In addition, a media policy concerning social media communications will be developed.

The Board discussed special recognition awards for members and when to present them.

Election of Members:

Christine and Tara Tuck's full payment was finally received. They will be considered new members as of 6-27-2014.

Cassie Ameiss's information was forwarded and final payment was received. She will be considered a new member as of 6-27-2014

Tina Pibbernow's full payment was received on 6-01-2014. She will be considered a new member as of 6-27-2014.

Next meeting will be July 25, 2014 at 7:30 CST.

Jeff Morrisson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lydia Castagna 2nd. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 11:27 pm CST

Respectfully submitted

Tom Rapinchuk
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.