

September 17, 2010
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Conference Call

Members Present: Tom Rapinchuk, Monica Davi, Frances Conner, John Lottinville, Jaime Nuckles, Lydia Castagna, Sharon Martin-Biddle

Members Absent: Carrie Lee

The meeting was called to order at 07:40 PM CDT

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes from the 08/13/2010 Board of Directors Meeting were approved with corrections by majority vote.

SECRETARIAL REPORT FOR 9-17-10 BOARD MEETING

INCOMING COMMUNICATION RECEIVED AUGUST 12, thru SEPT. 15, 2010

- 8/12/10 Correspondence from vendor, 2 Hearts Vinyl, selling Am. Staff bumper stickers
- 8/19/10 Correspondence from Montgomery County KC requesting handouts and volunteer for Breed booth information
- 8/26/10 Correspondence from AKC granting permission for Sweepstakes event 2010011515, judge Sara Nugent
- 8/26/10 Correspondence from Mid Atlantic Am. Staff Club with Applications for Sweepstakes events in 2011 for signature/submission to AKC
- 8/28/10 Correspondence from AKC approving event #2010011512, unbenched Parent Club Specialty Show, Wed. 10/13/10
- 9/3/10 Correspondence from AKC requesting RSVP re Oct. 16/17 Meet The Breeds Event in NY
- 9/3/10 Correspondence (via e-mail) from Garrison's Accounting with results of Board of Directors election
- 9/7/10 Correspondence from AKC requesting results from October election of officers
- 9/7/10 Correspondence from AKC (via e-mail) advising of first Am. Staff Grand Champion, CH. Alpine's Highwayman
- 9/13/10 Correspondence (e-mail) from Kentucky Am. Staff Club requesting approval and execution of Applications for Sweepstakes events (2) on March 16, 2011

OUTGOING COMMUNICATION SENT AUGUST 12, thru SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

- 8/23/10 Correspondence to Tabulator Grande confirming agreement re count ballots and prepare report for 2011 STCA Natl. Specialty Judge
- 8/23/10 Correspondence to STCA Voting Members with Draft General Membership meeting Minutes from '09 and 2011 Natl. Specialty Judges Selection ballot
- 8/25/10 Correspondence to Mr. Overbey confirming agreement to act as parliamentarian at 2010 General Meeting and enclosing newly revised Bylaws
- 9/4/10 Memorandum to STCA Board of Directors nominees with election results

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- 9/4/10 RSVP form to AKC re unable to participate in 2010 Meet The Breeds in NY due to lack of volunteers/conflict with National Specialty show
- 9/14/10 E-mail communication to Kentucky Am. Staff Club with executed Applications for Sweepstakes events in 2011

Communication Discussion

The Kentucky club's request was approved.

Jaime will provide material for Montgomery.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was approved by majority vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Aug-10

Beginning Balance	46364.69
Deposits	2950.00
Withdrawals	-3014.04
Ending Balance	46300.65

Cleared Checks

Check 2122	0.00	Void
Check 2123	2000.00	Barbara Deakyne 2010 National Trophies
Check 2124	521.00	Sportsman Insurance Events Policy
Check 2125	493.04	Monica Davi Secretarial supplies for mailings
	3014.04	

Outstanding Checks

Check 2126	396.00	Friendly Self Storage 9/1/10 to 12/31/10 Storage Archives
	396.00	

BSL Committee	1796.00
Rescue	4214.00
Heath	6088.86
Performance	499.79
Public Relations	235.00
Futurity 2010	385.00
Futurity 2011	50.00
Committee Funds	13268.65
STCA Club Funds	33032.00

Total in Bank Acct	46300.65
Less OS Checks	-396.00
Open Deposits	1910.00
Deposits to be Made	1307.00
Balance in Account	49121.65

Treasurer's Report Discussion

The Performance committee has received \$540 with more coming.

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The Treasurer's report was approved by majority vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Website – No report

Judges Selection – E-mail has been sent to all prospective judges for 2012; waiting on responses. The ballots for 2012 will follow shortly. The judges' selection process will be repeated at the National for 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Show – Many late trophy donations will not make it into the catalog. Onofrio has made many mistakes. These mistakes were discussed and most have been corrected. Onofrio will be sending cards and e-mailing corrections. The cost and lack of listing for the ROH class was discussed, Frances will contact Onofrio to get it fixed. The split puppy class was also discussed. Onofrio did not send out a proof premium list, this led to much discussion regarding Onofrio. Frances will contact Onofrio regarding the ROH class, splitting the puppy class, parade of champions and parade of rescue, etc. A different superintendent will be used in the future. A letter will be sent to Onofrio regarding the lack of proofing, late mailing, etc. Dinner will be a Mexican buffet with a cash bar in the host hotel ball room, ole!

Legislative – A few months ago the BOD received an urgent request for help from Australia. This request was worked on by board members and club members. Tom thanked all those who provided assistance and input. The result was a positive outcome: the restriction on American Staffordshire Terriers was reversed.

The committee received an e-mail concerning a ruling from the US Department of Justice. The e-mail said that breeds that have been discriminated against can serve the disabled. It also stated that local breed restrictions have no place in condemning a breed for unprovoked aggression or attacks. Even though it concerns serving the disabled, it is impacting locales with breed specific laws. This information can be used in the fight against breed specific legislation.

The committee also received an e-mail regarding BSL in Ogden, Utah. Ogden is attempting to use the breed standard to define American Staffordshire Terriers and American Pitbull Terriers. The questions raised were: Does the American Staffordshire Terrier Club own the copyright to the standard? And, does the STCA allow use of the standard as a breed identifier? The Committee chairman responded that the issue would be discussed with the board. The issue was discussed: the STCA does own the standard but it is not a copyright item that can be infringed upon. Tom will contact the AKC to clarify the copyright issue and investigate the possibility and cost of obtaining a copyright for the standard. Tom will reply to the e-mail that the Board discussed the issue and will look into the copyright issue and that as the owner of the standard we do not allow unauthorized use of the standard. Tom will keep the board posted as to his findings regarding the copyright issue.

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Performance – Very few agility entries have been received, hopefully more obedience entries will be received. Bracketing the show with other shows was discussed to get more entries. The performance judges are really working with the committee to make the performance events a success. Trophies are done. Stuart and Kathy VanderLinden are already working on the 2011 Performance events for Los Vegas. Performance Versatility Awards are low this year. The website was mentioned. A raffle is planned and leftover trophies will be sold. Denise thanked Frances for her help. The Performance Dinner is at Salt Grass.

Rescue – No report

Futurity – With the change in the bylaws, international subscription members can become international members, which allows them to participate in the futurity.

Health – Via e-mail

The health committee is working on newly designed logo garments to sell as a fund raisers at the National. There will also be hand painted jewelry and note cards from artist Michele Wilk. The invoice will be submitted for Board approval and payment from the Health Committee's treasury.

Everyone who is eligible should apply for a health or CHIC award. Information and printable form are available on the website. Copies of your certificate and completed form should be mailed to Linn Cabral.

Public Relations – Via e-mail

Unfortunately the PR Committee does not have much new to report. Holly Stump and Monique Bertrand are doing the bi-annual American Temperament Test Society test on Sept. 26. The PR committee is hoping to have one at the 2012 Nationals, if they are at Purina Farms.

Redoing the Breed Brochure is planned for 2011. Depending on the dates, and those attending the 2011 National, the PR committee will have a presentation at the 2011 AKC Meet the Breeds.

Judges Mentoring – Potential mentors will be contacted at the National to become mentors.

Judges Education – Richard Gray joined the meeting to discuss Judges Education. Richard will contact several people and get the round table arranged for the National. Once he has received responses he will formalize the event. Ringside mentoring will be handled by the Judges Mentoring committee.

Yearbook – Work in progress. Register of Honor dogs were discussed. The board needs to appoint someone to track the ROH information and a backup list needs to be maintained. The same issues for the Performance Versatility Awards were also discussed.

Editorial/Magazine – No report

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AKC Delegate – Via e-mail

- The AKC Sportsmanship Award, Medallion and Certificate will be awarded at the Nationals.
- In the Parent Clubs standing committee meeting, enhancements to the conformation show venue were discussed. Some of the things being considered:
 - Reserve Best in Show
 - 6 group placements
 - Owner – handler competition
 - Non-competitive 4-6 month puppy classes.
- A committee has been reassembled to look into the group realignment concept again.
- Code of Ethics project is complete. Report of data collected and staff addendum is available for download from AKC web site.
- Parent Club conference was a great success.
- 133 breeds signed up for NYC - Javits Center Meet the Breeds. AKC would prefer a single person, no dogs and no decorations over non- participation.
- A new Breeder of Merit pilot program to launch Oct 1, 2010.
- Purina's new facility is doing a "buy a brick" program with funds going to CHF.
- Holly was seated onto the standing committee (for 2 year term) for canine health.
- Attempt to repeal the AKC board term limit of one year off after two full terms (4 years each) failed to get 2/3 delegate body vote to pass.
- NAIA meeting in Denver "Enhancing the Bond" Oct 2 & 3rd.
- Bill Bruce from Alberta CN spoke about their Animal Control laws. Amazingly great model for successful implementation of good dog laws.

Unfinished Business

- **Website** – A motion was made, seconded and passed to relieve Al Bincarousky of his duties as webmaster and to turn over the website to a new volunteer. A letter will be sent to Al informing him of the board's decision. The letter will also request all information, passwords, domain names and any other information pertaining to the website, to be turned over to the board.
- **Nominating** – After considering several potential members to fill the vacated board position, a motion was made and passed to nominate Jim Wheat. Jim will be contacted to see if he will accept the position.
- **Items for National:**
 - Recording secretary:
 - Last years general membership meeting minutes (12)
 - Latest application with COE on the backside (12)
 - Sign in sheets/voting members list (12)
 - Entire Membership list, names only (12)
 - Treasurer
 - Bank statement
 - Independent Auditor report

Election of New Members – Chess, Joe – Single - approved

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New Business

- After consulting RROONR and the AKC, the order of business for the General Membership Meeting can be changed in order to preserve the quorum. The president can ask the membership, providing there are no objections, that the board would like to change the order of business. The new order of business will be stated. If there are no objections, the new order of business will be used. If there is an objection, then a vote will be taken and if two thirds of the members present agree, the new order of business will be used. The old order of business, the proposed order of business and an agenda will be handed out at the sign in. Committee reports will be limited to 10 minutes.
- Recruiting new members was discussed. Several ideas were discussed: complimentary copies of the quarterly could be given to new puppy buyers; new puppy buyers could be given a “temporary” membership, a year long membership, a voucher for the membership and quarterly, etc. Another idea was to use the “New Titles Report” from the AKC to send a congratulation letters, complimentary quarterly and an application to join the STCA.
- A bronze Fred Sindelar national challenge trophy was discussed. Many club members and friends are interested in doing something to memorialize Fred’s contribution to the breed.

Next Meeting

- Outgoing: October 13, 2010.
- Incoming: October 15, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 PM CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lottinville
Recording Secretary