

March 21, 2014
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

Members Present:

Frances Conner, Brenda Martz, Tom Rapinchuk, Judy Morris, Al Bincarousky, Jeff Morrison

Members Absent:

Lydia Castagna, Open Position, Open Position

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m. CST

Recording Secretary: Tom Rapinchuk

Minutes from the last meeting were read.

Judy Morris motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

The updating of the Current Membership list is occurring in association with the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary as dues payments are received.

Presidents Report: Brenda Martz

The deadline for dues renewals is quickly approaching so get the word out to everyone to send in their dues.

We need and would like club members to volunteer for open positions and committees. Any and all members are encouraged and asked to help.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Frances Conner

An updated membership list was sent as requested from the AKC.

Last minute dues renewals are coming in at a furious rate. It would be nice for the members to not wait until the last minute.

Karen Herrold once again inquired why she is not allowed to engage the National Club into supported entries for shows in her area. The Board will write her again to explain that the National Club does not engage activities for supported entries through individuals. The process is a club-to-club activity only. The National Club views supported entries very favorably. The process of club-to-club coordination is the rule that must be followed.

A lot of mailings to the AKC events department throughout the month have occurred for our shows.

Lorraine Bisso of the Morris & Essex club asked if the STCA, Inc. would be interested in supporting their entry in 2015.

Jeff Morrison motioned to accept the Corresponding Secretary's report. Judy Morris 2nd. Passed

Treasurer's Report: Judy Morris

The Treasurer is still receiving dues renewals. There will be a reminder put onto the website, Facebook and anywhere else the treasurer can think of.

Frances Conner motioned to allow the Treasurer to contact unpaid members via their email address if one exists as a reminder to pay their dues. Jeff Morrison 2nd. Passed

Advertising reconciliation for the magazine is occurring. Numerous ads are not yet paid for. The Treasurer reminded the Magazine Committee to not print any ads that are not paid for. If there are any questions the Treasurer should be contacted.

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Beginning Balance	44410.35
Deposits/Credits	2819.13
Checks Cleared:	2151.16
Cash Withdrawals	0
Ending Balance:	45078.32

Cleared Checks

Check #2319	60.44	Judy Morris	Treasurer Expenses
Check #2701	382.15	TGCASTC	2013 Regional Income Paid To STCA by Foy Trent
Check #2702	1446.92	Minuteman Press	Magazine Printing
Check #2704	122.00	Store More-Forney	Archive Storage - 3/1 - 3/31/14
Check #2705	139.65	John Lottinville	Recording Secty Postg. - Mail Boxes to Tom
	2151.16		

Open Checks

Check #2703	12.68	Pam NemeC	PR Committee Expenses
Check #2706	25.00	Tom Rapinchuk	Judges Selection Committee Exps.
Check #2707	23.64	AKC	STCA Flier - Annual Pmt.
Check #2708	122.00	Store More-Forney	Archive Storage - 4/1 - 4/30/14
	183.32		

Legislative	888.20
Rescue	7348.72
Health	4895.93
General Fund	2227.46
Archive	- 335.00
General Trophy	1275.49
Performance	5934.42
Public Relations	1153.70
Futurity 2014	663.34
Committee Funds	24052.26
Club Funds	21026.06
	45078.32

Committee Reports:

Health Committee: Faith Beiser Chairperson
 No Report.

Public Relations: Pam NemeC Chairperson
 No Report

Archives Committee: Richard Gray Chairperson
 Al Bincarousky would like to have the club loan \$2000 maximum to the Archive committee to purchase materials from a former club member. Richard Gray will be consulted and the decision to loan the money or not will be voted upon via email.

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

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Moonlight World Challenge: Carrie Huddleston Chairperson
No Report.

Editorial/Magazine: Al Bincarousky Chairperson
Ad money is due so people need to pay now.
The committee is brainstorming ideas to provide more content.
The committee is investigating the idea of a PDF magazine.
The committee is developing plans to allow for quantity discounts on ads along with rotating ads.

Futurity: Brenda Martz Chairperson
The rules have been rewritten and are on the website. Everyone should read the revised rule concerning who can exhibit an animal. It no longer states that only the owner of animal can exhibit the animal.

Website: Frances Conner Chairperson
Work will be done to better secure the email addresses of the website

Judges Selection: Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson
The process to select the upcoming year's judges is set to go. The mailing from the club will be done with the nominating committee's mailing later this year to save on postage.

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
No Report

Ethics Committee: Lydia Castagna Chairperson

Legislation: Jeff Morrison Chairperson
The committee will be putting up a Facebook page.

Delegate: Holly Stump
James R. Dok, Dr. J. Charles Garvin, and Ronald H. Menaker were elected to the AKC Board. The AKC Board elected Alan Kalter as Chairman, and Dr. J. Charles Garvin as Vice Chair.
Lure Coursing aptitude runs will be limited to dogs over 12 months of age.
The AKC ReUnite trailer project is well underway.
The owner handler series is now open to be held by specialty clubs.
The parent club, if desired, needs to submit a clear set of requirements for health testing for its Breeder of Merit classification.
Reserve junior handler is being suggested.
A committee has been established to study where AKC should "live" as NY lease is up in two years and NC is a year or two after that.
The commercial breeder APHIS legislation is still an on going effort.
New e-mail address for any brainstorming ideas to help in the betterment of the AKC is akcideas@akc.org.

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2014 is a Presidents Challenge year again for the PAC (Political Action Committee) fund. Clubs should take a role in getting members to contribute. \$75K is the goal.

Performance: Sonia Bincarousky Chairperson

Sonia Bincarousky is developing a committee. She has a few volunteers and when the committee is finalized she will announce her members. All are invited to volunteer.

Lucia Corace still will not communicate with the club. No assets have been returned and our Facebook page, passwords, and usernames have not been communicated.

Old Business:

Mike Liosis communicated how to institute a change regarding judges judging a breed with ramps and tables. The AKC only requires a letter from the national club to enable a change. Since the membership will be voting on this change at the annual meeting, no further action is required at this time.

2014 National Specialty:

Brian Brane is contracted as the judge for Agility for 2014 on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas J. Savarese is contracted as the Rally Judge for 2014 on Monday and Tuesday.

An obedience Judge has been contacted for 2014, however, a contract is not yet signed.

The proposed performance schedule is to run competitions in the morning for our breed only. All breed competitions will be held in the afternoon.

Sonia Bincarousky would like to have 2 agility rings fully setup for competitions for expediency. She would also like to know the availability of other resources on the grounds to do activities such as pool jumping, lure coursing, sprint racing, and the like. Lydia Castagna will coordinate with Sonia Bincarousky on these matters.

Sonia Bincarousky would like to plan into the schedule a time for an agility clinic. This clinic will be a hands/dogs on experience to introduce people and their dogs to agility.

The Fun Zone from Florida has been contacted to possibly be an attraction at our show. Their \$1700 fee was discussed and this activity will be further researched.

Performance trophies work needs to begin quickly. Carrie Huddleston and Lydia Castagna are the primary contacts.

Conformation paperwork is almost done. It is being processed by hand rather than via the electronic system since the password is missing and the AKC is having difficulty resetting it.

Requests for volunteers to help with the show are on the website.

Sweepstakes judges were discussed.

Tom Rapinchuk motioned to hire Noel Gauweiler to judge Sweepstakes at the 2014 National specialty, and to hire Maria Von Heron for our 2014 Regional sweepstakes. Judy Morris 2nd. Passed

Futurity litter nominations close at the end of March 2014 for this year's 2014 National Specialty. Individual animal nominations will be reopened in April and May of 2014.

2015 and 2016 National Specialty:

A lot of activity and coordination is being done. The Kentucky club would like to hold 2 Regional Specialties at this event. The AKC will be contacted concerning this idea's viability.

When the dues renewal date has passed, a list of eligible members for the Board will be compiled to select individuals to occupy the open positions.

New Business:

Brenda Martz will contact Lorraine Bisso of the Morris & Essex club. The specific details required to support our breed at the Morris & Essex show in 2015 will be discussed.

Rebecca Faulkner who has been a member for many years lost her renewal form. She submitted her renewal dues and included a note on a new member application form. Discussion ensued regarding this topic.

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Tom Rapinchuk motioned to accept Rebecca Faulkner's note on a new application form and payment as appropriate for her renewal of membership. Jeff Morrison 2nd. Passed

Stephanie Rogers sent in her single membership renewal with dues. Her husband Brent Rogers sent in his dues for a single membership. It should be a family membership.

Al Bincarousky motioned to accept Brent Rogers as a member and to change their single memberships to a family membership and to send a refund to the Roger's for the difference. Jeff Morrison 2nd. Passed

Numerous complaints from members have been received expressing displeasure about a minority of people (also members) who constantly bash, belittle, and demean the club with their actions and/or words, and seemingly violate the club's code of ethics. These members want to know how they can curtail these inappropriate actions. The Ethics Committee, Standing Rules Committee, and Constitution and Bylaws Committee will be consulted.

Catalog ads from last year's National are still not paid for. Reconciliation will be done and all offending parties will be required to pay up immediately.

Election of Members:

New membership application received from Cathy Ameiss for a single membership.

Judy Morris motioned to accept Cathy Ameiss as a new member. Jeff Morrison 2nd. 5 yeas 0 no 1 abstain Passed

New membership application received from Sheri Howard for a single membership.

Judy Morris motioned to accept Sheri Howard as a new member. Jeff Morrison 2nd. 5 yeas 0 no 1 abstain Passed

Next meeting will be April 18, 2014 at 7:30 CST.

Jeff Morrison motioned to adjourn the meeting. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:42 pm CST

Respectfully submitted

Tom Rapinchuk
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.