

Staffordshire Terrier Club of America
Outgoing Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Board Members Present: Frances Conner; John O'Hanlon; Monique Bertrand; BJ Whitlow; Brenda Martz

Absent: Kim Rudzik, Brenda Tatro, Al Bincarousky, Ed Thomason

President Frances Conner called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

Frances reported that the only outstanding business is the proposals for the Constitution and By-Laws submitted by Monica Davi's Committee. Discussion was held on the change to allow a member to be on the Board after three years of consecutive membership, rather than 5 years. Discussion was held on when the 5th year of membership begins. Frances stated that it is after 5 years, not 6.

Frances stated that some members have been given every opportunity to help the club, and all they do is complain. If their hearts are in the preservation of the breed and support for the club, they will step up to the plate. Lisa Cornett has done a great job with the welcome bags for this year's specialty and should be thanked at the banquet. Samantha Whitlow has done a great job with the trophies this year, no club funds have been spent, and should also be thanked.

Frances reported that at the General Membership Meeting, there will be full transparency. Greg Conner previously sent a letter with many questions that need to be answered. This includes the deposit from the previous treasurer that was booked in October after the Specialty, but was not actually deposited until January. In addition, the receipts that were passed around at the Kentucky Specialty, that the Board was not aware of, that were for the Performance Judge. The judge was invited to a dinner, but declined, indicating she would rather have sandwiches and a 6 pack of beer. It was then implied that someone was stealing from the club. Greg also asked why Sonia Bincarousky resigned as Performance Chair. Brenda Martz reported that she paid for Sonia's room at the Agility Trial in Texas, as it was her donation. The previous Secretary removed Brenda Martz, Al & Sonia Bincarousky from the membership list claiming they were in arrears to the club as the hotel bill had not been paid. Frances said we need to be upfront and honest with the membership.

John O'Hanlon made a motion, 2nd by BJ Whitlow, not to accept the change from 5 years to 3 years before a member can serve on the Board. Passed.

Discussion was held on another change to the Constitution which is, if a member has a total of 6 years of non-consecutive membership, they can serve on the board. This will not be accepted.

Monique Bertrand reported that she has been working on the ban the airlines have instituted for flying our breed in cargo. John O'Hanlon is working with her and has sent an email suggesting what can be done. Discussion was held. Monique reported that Holly Sheltry had worked on this years ago, but is not currently involved. The AKC and the AVMA are in talks with the

airlines and pet carrier associations. Monique is getting a letter from her veterinarian, and recommends everyone do the same. Monique also suggests that we contact other breed clubs that are on the banned list, such as the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. If anyone has any information or articles that can be used in a letter to the airlines, please send to her. Frances reported that she will be contacting Dr. Debra Jackson to write a letter on our behalf. Monique also stated that she has asked for other members to join the Legislative Committee, and it was also in the newsletter, but not one person has contacted her.

Monique Bertrand made a motion, 2nd by BJ Whitlow, to send a donation, totaling \$2,500, from Performance Committee funds to the AKC's Museum of the Dog, so the STCA can have a brick on the Wall of Fame. Passed

Discussion was held concerning the club paying the hotel bills for Performance Trial Chairs, at events the STCA sponsors, as part of the cost of the trial. John O'Hanlon made a motion, 2nd by BJ Whitlow, that the Performance Committee prepare guidelines outlining the policy and submit it to the Board for approval. Passed.

Frances Conner stated she would like to see the club have a yearly Profit/Loss Statement from our events to see where we are making money and where we are losing money.

John O'Hanlon made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by BJ Whitlow.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.