

January 20, 2012
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Conference Call

Members Present: Ed Thomason, Frances Conner, Judy Morris, Brian Frasche, John Lottinville, Judy Malone, Jerry Santaniello, [Lydia Castagna](#), Carrie Lee

Members Absent: N/A

The meeting was called to order at 07:51PM CST

Reading of the Minutes - The minutes from the November 11, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting were approved with corrections by majority vote.

SECRETARIAL REPORT FOR 01-20-12 BOARD MEETING

The correspondence report was deferred.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 2011			
Beginning Balance	\$50,109.86		
Deposits	\$4,597.32		
Cleared Checks	-\$3,464.26		
Returned Check - Acct. Closed	-\$5.00		
Returned Check Fee	-\$12.00		
Total Withdrawals	-\$3,481.26		
	\$51,225.92		
Cleared Checks			
Check 2255	\$546.26	Sara Nugent	Expenses for Judges Education
Check 2269	\$134.15	Carla Restivo	Magazine, National Books, Postage
Check 2270	\$364.91	Frances Conner	Office Supplies, Postage, Trophies
Check 2271	\$1,200.00	Gamblers Agility Club of L.Vegas	50% Income 2011 Agility Trial
Check 2272	\$665.58	ASTCRSB	2011 Regional
Check 2273	\$510.00	Too Crazy Ladies	75th Anniversary Pins
Check 2274	\$0.00	VOID	
Check 2276	\$25.00	Richard Pascoe	Refund Overpmt. Pat Cook Seminar
	\$3,464.26		
Returned Check Acct. Closed	\$5.00		
Returned Check Fee	\$12.00		
Total Withdrawals	\$3,481.26		
Outstanding Checks			
Check 2275	\$436.53	Pat Cook	2011 Performance Seminar
Check 2277	\$50.00	AKC	2012 Membership Dues
	\$486.53		
Ending Reconciled Bank Balance (A)	\$51,225.92		
Ledger Beginning Balance Reconciled	\$50,109.86		
Total Checks (2255,2269-2273 & 2276)	-\$3,464.26		
O/S Checks (2275, 2277)			
Deposits	\$4,597.32		
Miscellaneous Debits	-\$17.00		
Ending Reconciled Ledger Balance (B)	\$51,225.92		

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Treasurer's Report Discussion – Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archive – Carla Restivo and Richard Gray both called into the meeting. Carla gave a brief history of the archives and their current status. Carla, Richard and John Lottinville will meet Sunday at the storage unit to conduct an inventory. Digitizing the archives was discussed.

AKC Delegate

- The board agreed that the delegate's report could go into the quarterly.
- The AKC BOD biographies were sent out for review.
- Eleven groups will be voted on in March.
- Willie Nelson has done a few public service announcements for the AKC.
- The AKC has 7 years left on its lease in NYC.
- The three point major for reserve at a National Specialty will be voted on in March. The dog show rules committee is opposed, the parent clubs are for it.
- CGC will probably not become a title. Another version may become a titling event.
- The club's flyer was re-approved.
- The Good Sportsmanship Award was briefly mentioned.

Legislative – The leftover key chains from the National Specialty will be sold in the quarterly.

Performance – Lucia Corrace discussed her proposal with the board. Lucia answered questions on locations, dates, scheduling, budgets and revenues. All breed, Terriers and limited entries were discussed. The performance dates were discussed again. Holding performance at the sports dome was suggested and discussed Holding performance at an alternate site was discussed. Lucia and Lydia will hammer out the details via weekly calls. The contracts for the April 27-29 performance show are signed. Lydia has concerns about making it all work.

Show – The Gray's Lake site changed the dates from Monday-Saturday to Monday-Friday due to a gun show. Lydia attempted to resolve the dates, but the Gray's Lake site was uncooperative. In addition, Lydia met with the Chicagoland club to discuss the Specialty and the regional. After discussions with Chicagoland Club, and as a backup to Gray's Lake, a Kane County show site was discussed. Pros/cons of both sites were considered. Brian and Ed will do grounds, Frances will be ring steward, Deb Jensen will do trophies, John will sell catalogs, Carrie will do hospitality and Mike and Jerry will be judge's transportation. Regional and National sweepstakes judges were discussed.

Rescue – The Rescue Committee has added a pet finder account. Donations are being received with STCA renewals from a few members, Jerry personally thanked Robert Grossman for his generous donation. Since the Las Vegas Nationals, the Rescue Committee has been involved on various levels with 12 dogs needing rescue/new homes and/or transport. Multiple Breeders were tracked down by the Rescue Committee, which did take back their dogs.

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New Zone Committee members:

zone 1 Christina Jacobs
zone 8 Amy Marty
zone 9 Lucia Corace
zone 10 Ed & Karen Thomason

One of the Rescue Committee members, Susan Waterman is in discussions with Petco to see if we can get on the list of rescues receiving donations from their stores nationally. Lydia proposed the club thank all breeders who have taken their dogs back needing rescue. The Rescue Committee spent \$680.00 in 2011. A budget of \$1000.00 yearly was discussed for the Rescue committee.

Futurity – No report.

Health – via e-mail

Faith sent a picture of the finished quilt. It was sent to Nancy and Nick to go on the website and in the newsletter with a bid form. The committee will send a \$1000 check the AKC/Canine Health Foundation American Staffordshire Terrier Donor Advised Fund. This money will be used to fund research projects which benefit Am Staff health.

Public Relations – Judy will set up a booth at the Cow Palace, San Francisco, Ca.

Judges Mentoring – Lydia sent the Board the Judge's Mentoring Guidelines. The Guidelines will be published in the Quarterly.

Judges Education – No report.

Breeder's Education – No report.

COE – No report.

Editorial/Magazine – The next quarterly is at the printers.

COE – No report.

Yearbook – Nothing to report, next month there will be a report.

Website – No report.

75th Anniversary – No report.

Judges Selection – Frances will correspond with Sharon and get things going again.

Awards – No report.

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Top 20 – No report.

Unfinished Business –

- The Russian Club would like a BSL letter from the parent club with the club's Schutzhund stance. Lydia will work with Judy to get Holly, Legislative Committee Chairman, to write a letter on behalf of the club.

Election of New Members –

- Jacobs, Tara Christina – Single – approved
- Wilson, Aaron K, Palmira B. – Family – approved
- Natividad, John and Barajas, Arturo – Family - approved
- Zimmerman, Charles – Family – Contingent. Judy Morris will ask them to reapply with a new application and COE.

New Business

- Different vendors, including judges, will have to be sent 1099s.
- Holly Stump will be asked to write American Airlines and Delta regarding their position on flying "short nosed" dogs.
- A new committee was formed: "Standing Rules". Carrie Lee will be chairman, John Lottinville and Brian Frashe will be committee members. Frances will send a working/preliminary set from Monica Davi to Carrie Lee.
- A standing rule was made and approved "All regional clubs, licensed or not, who are intending on having educational seminars or classes must utilize the STCA judge's educational material and approved presenters and must have approval from the STCA Board of Directors".
- Putting the COE and illustrated standard on the website for downloading was discussed. For those without the internet, copies will be mailed.
- Using Credit cards for renewals was brought up for discussion. The preferred payment will be Paypal.
- A website committee, headed by Nick, was discussed to spread out the work. Ideas for a better, cleaner, easier website were also discussed. Jerry will contact Nick and verbally get him involved.

Next Meeting – February 17, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 AM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lottinville
Recording Secretary