

November 09, 2012
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Conference Call

Members Present: Frances Conner, Judy Morris, Brian Frasche, John Lottinville, Judy Morris, Jerry Santaniello, Jaime Nuckles, Ed Thomason, Steve Killen

Members Absent: Lydia Castagna

The meeting was called to order at 07:41 PM CST

Reading of the Minutes - The minutes from the October 17, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting were approved by majority vote.

President's Report

- National went well.
- Weather held.
- Port-o-cans not optimal, but worked out well enough.
- The food at the fairground was OK.
- Moonlight Challenge went well.
- The survey will be discussed with Lucia.
- Board business on Facebook was brought up for discussion. Jerry had very strong concerns regarding the handling and his replacement on the rescue committee. Frances and the board apologized to Jerry for the misunderstanding. Strategies for preventing future misunderstandings were moved to new business.

Secretarial Report for 11-09-12 Board Meeting

- **Thank you letters and Acceptance Committee letters**
 - Done and mailed
- **Judges Acceptance letter for 2013 Nationals**
 - Done and mailed to Lydia
- **Working on renewal letters and dues for 2013**
 - Need to check with Jamie on Paypal link for website so it can be included in letters.
- **New Members applications**
 - Angela Weldon 1st reading
 - Rev. Clinton Walker-Sent letter requesting membership application for Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club. Trying to verify the correct club, but have been unable to contact for verification. Will discuss during board meeting
- **Mail Correspondence**
 - Received AKC Correspondence confirming the closing of the Regional, National and Obedience. Shows in Grayslake IL. Also included application for next year.
 - Received a letter from AKC regarding the AKC Human Fund. They are asking for a donation to help fund the different funds they support. Women's Shelters, Rescue, Scholarships, ACE Awards & benefit events for dog people lost too soon.
 - Sam Royall accepted Show Chair for 2013 Nationals
 - Richard Gray accepted Archive Committee Chair for 2013

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- Monica Davi accepted Standing Rules Committee Chair for 2013
- Faith Beiser accepted Health Committee Chair for 2013
- Susan Watermann accepted Rescue Committee Chair for 2013
- John McCartney accepted Judges Mentoring & Education Co-Chair for 2013
- **Email Correspondence**
 - AKC Human Fund has formed a Sandy Fund. Looking for donations.
 - Kathy Gotschall with GSASTC sent a letter announcing that Michael McCauley accepted the position of Board of Directors, due to passing of Diana Allen. They will be dedicating back to back specialties in April to both Karyn Dawes and Diana Allen.
 - Westminster Kennel Club on Meet The Breed info for this year. I have the information in PDF for those who need it.
 - AKC Features Editor on STCA participation in the development of the new edition of the Complete Dog Book.

Correspondence Secretary's Report Discussion

- Lydia's reply is outstanding.
- Paypal was discussed for dues renewal, including donations, the information will go on the front page of website.
- The Correspondence Secretary's Report was approved by majority vote.

Treasurer's Report

Oct. 2012

Beginning Balance	\$51,321.48		
Deposits	\$3,897.18		
Cleared Checks/Withdrawals	\$21,815.57		
Ending Balance	\$33,403.09		
Cleared Checks/Withdrawals			
Check #2302	\$200.00	Sportsmen's Insurance Agency	Loss Payable Rider For Equipment
Check #2303	\$150.00	Chicago Land Dalmation Club	Ring Equipment
Check #2304	\$255.00	Fox Valley Dog Training Club	Performance Expenses
Check #2305	\$45.79	Judy Morris	Treasurer's Expenses (Postage/Supplies, Etc.)
Check #2308	\$771.00		Bridget Carlson Performance
Check #2536	\$497.88	Lydia Castagna	Judge's Selection Expenses (Postage, Printing, Etc.)
Check #2537	\$297.31	Lydia Castagna	Postage - Perpetual Trophies
Check #2538	\$97.41	Lucia Corace	Performance Ribbons - Stineman Ribbon
Check #2540	\$134.21	John Lottinville	Postcard Mailer Announcing Gen. Memb. Meeting
Check #2541	\$297.67	Michelle Blackowl	Trophy Parts Less \$50 Sponsorship
Check #2542	\$107.00	Store More-Forney	Archive Storage 11/1 - 11/30/12

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Check #2543	\$1,806.49 Frances Conner	Reimburse 2011 National Expenses Postage, Supplies, & Hotel Expenses For Security Guard, Deposits, etc.
Check #2544	\$832.60 Faith Beiser	Health Committee Expenses (T- shirt Purchases)
Check #2545	\$103.47 Michelle Blackowl	Misc. Conformation Trophy Expenses
Check #2546	\$875.00 Matt Hicks	National Trophies
Check #2547	\$125.38 Holly Sheltry	Sept. 2012 AKC Delegate's Mtg Expenses
Check #2548	\$1,757.33 Minuteman Press	Magazine Printing - Invoice 12810
Check #2549	\$186.30 Catherine Peters	Obedience/Rally Judge Expenses & Fee-Gas - \$36.30 / Fee - \$150.00
Check #2553	VOID VOID	VOID
Check #2554	\$4,623.00 Lake County Fair Assoc	Rental, Permits, Janitorial, Tabales, Chairs, Labor, Etc.
Check #2555	\$112.76 Jaime Nuckles	4 Plaques Chrg'd to General Fund - \$95.40/1 Futurity Plaque - \$17.49
Check #2556	\$504.00 Jaime Nuckles	Futurity Funds for Futurity Winners
Check #2559	\$219.00 Lake County Fair Assoc	Bar Service - Oct. 17, 2012
Check #2561	\$246.12 Jaime Nuckles	Supplies, Graphics, chrg'd to General Fund - \$165.03/Futurity Challenge Fund - \$81.09
Check #2563	\$463.90 Brenda Peters	Agility Trial Secretary Expenses
Check #2565	\$632.48 Thomas Woepse	Agility Trial Judge's Fee's \$531.10/Expenses \$101.38
Check 32566	\$2,618.00 Parkway Banquets & Catering	STCA Banquet 2012
Check #2567	\$971.50 Jon Cole	\$350 Judging Fee/\$621.50 Expenses
Check #2568	\$141.08 Sylvia Krpan	Agility Expenses
Check #2569	\$299.05 Lucia Corace	U-Haul Rental, Trophies
Check #2570	\$508.25 LCF Concessions	Tuesday Night Dinner \$294.25/ Wed. Night Snacks \$214
Check #2571	\$511.05 LCF Concessions	Performance Meal Tickets
Check #2572	\$40.00 LCF Concessions	Conformation Meal Tickets
Check #2575	\$46.54 Frances Conner	FEDEX Show Paperwork to AKC
Cash Withdrawal	\$939.00 STCA	Sweepstakes Payout To Winners
Cash Withdrawal	\$400.00 STCA	Cash To Make Change
	\$21,815.57	

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Outstanding Checks

Check #2306	\$52.00 AKC	Events 2012011505 & 2012011507
Check #2307	\$70.00 AKC	Events 2012011506 & 2012011503
Check #2550	\$28.00 AKC	Event 2012011515 Performance
Check #2551	\$78.00 AKC	Event 2012011504 Performance Agility/Obed
Check #2552	\$700.00 Cream City Canines	Agility Equipment Rental
Check #2557	\$1,188.00 Bruce Schwartz	Regional Judge - \$250.00 Fee/ \$938
Check #2558	\$336.00 AKC	Events 2012011521 & 2012011523 - Regional
Check #2560	\$15.00 BaRay Event Services Inc	4-6 Puppy Entry Fee Rc'd In Cash From Cassie Ames
Check #2562	\$30.00 BaRay Event Services Inc	4-6 Puppy Entry Fee Rc'd In Cash From Lindsey Ellis
Check #2564	\$1,209.00 AKC	Recording Fees - Agility Trials 2012011508 & 509
Check #2573	\$250.00 Tom Rapinchuk	Gas & Misc. Travel Expenses For Equip. P/U & Del
Check #2574	\$553.00 AKC	Events 201211522 & 201211524 - National
Check #2576	\$923.42 Faith Beiser	Health Comm. T-Shirt Purchase & Postage to National
Check #2577	\$1,500.00 AKC/CHF	Health Comm. Donation to AKC Canine Health Fund
Check #2578	\$100.00 Faith Beiser	Postage Advance To Mail Individual T-Shirts Ordered
Check #2579	\$50.71 Monica Davi	Reimburse Postage Expenses For Sportsmanship Medallions
Check #2580	\$107.00 Store More-Forney	Archive Storage 12/1 - 12/31/12 - Invoice #3480
Check #2581	\$64.00 Gistenson,Susie	Refund Entry For Bitch In Season - \$70 less \$6 = \$64 - Performance

\$7,254.13

BSL Committee	\$105.00
Rescue	\$6,538.53
Health	\$772.65
General Fund	\$114.28
History	\$410.00
General Trophy Fund	\$475.42
Performance	\$5,156.30
Public Relations	\$45.00
Futurity 2012	\$231.24
Committee Funds	\$13,848.42
Club Funds	\$19,554.67
	\$33,403.09

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Treasurer's Report Discussion

- Jaime noted a correction to the futurity fund.
- Frances will send additional checks initially made out to Bayray and corrected to the STCA
- The Treasurer's Report was approved with corrections by majority vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archive – no report.

AKC Delegate – no report.

Legislative – no report.

Performance

- The survey for the National was discussed. The survey will be put on the website and e-mailed to the membership. Lucia will draft the e-mail, Steve will edit as needed, get board approval and send it onto the membership. The survey link will be sent to Jaime for the website. After a month Lucia will compile the results.
- Judges, paperwork, premium, etc for performance at the National will be handled by the show committee.
- Sprint racing, where and when to hold it at the National was discussed. Titling was discussed.
- An obedience seminar is planned.
- The agility location is on hold and a trial secretary has been hired. Agility will be held in College Station Friday, Saturday and Sunday prior to the National.

Show

- KOA is under contract and a \$400 deposit has been made.
- All cabins have been rented. Forty overflow rooms are planned at the Best Western.
- A caterer has been contacted for the Banquet.
- Onofrio will be contacted for ring setup and the premium list.
- Obedience and rally will set up Sunday at the KOA for Monday and Tuesday.
- Ring set up for Obedience and Breed was discussed, hopefully both in the Grand Ball Room. The Grand Ball Room dimensions were discussed.
- Chuck Nelson will judge the regional. Ken Nelson will judge regional sweeps. The National sweeps judge will be discussed by the board. The National judge is pending acceptance.
- A CGC and ATTS will be offered at the end of the week.
- Deadlines and timing for the premium list was discussed, six weeks was preferred. The timing will be discussed with Onofrio. Lucia to be kept posted.
- Greg Conner will be asked to handle catalog advertising.
- Food, vegetarian, vegan, concessions, snack bars, etc were discussed.

Rescue

- Donations to the Rescue Committee are not tax deductible. The website will be corrected.

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- The committee was contacted about four puppies in Indiana. No kennel information was provided. A local rescue group, specializing in Pit Bulls, stepped in and rescued them.
- Judy will send the committee's balance.
- Susan asked how to give a donation to a rescue group. In the past a write up of the organization has been provided, the board approves and the donation is made via the treasurer.

Futurity

- Went well.
- Interest and participation is growing yearly.
- Adding a maturity and a generations class is planned. Both were discussed. Jaime will write them up and present them to the board.

Health – no report.

Public Relations

- Jerry Santaniello accepted the PR Committee Chair.
- The PR committee is working on a video for the website. It will be a combination of still pictures and video clips. The membership is being solicited for materials. Kelly in Canada has an obedience skit addressing BSL, this material will be added too.
- Six or seven people are on board to help the committee.
- Money will be raised to help defray the costs of PR committee members who go to shows to do PR for the club.
- The Club needs to formalize the policy for Regional clubs who borrow the club's license to do a PR event. Jerry will write up the policy and present it to the board.
- Kids with Am Staffs are needed for the PR Video.
- Jerry needs pamphlets. The club's originals will be obtained from Monica.
- Eukanuba
 - Lots of people want to participate. Non club members who want to participate will be asked to join the club, but can still participate.
 - Electricity is \$110. After discussion, electricity won't be needed.
 - Frances will get literature to Brian.

Judges Mentoring/Education – no report.

Breeder's Education – no report.

Editorial/Magazine/Yearbook

- Ads being solicited for the next issue.
- Mailing the current issue was discussed. Frances to mail foreign subscriptions, US subscriptions need to be determined.
- Yearbook
 - Nancy has a list dogs in the magazine for the yearbook.

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- Jaime will work with Brian to get things going forward and generate some interest. Possibly a “pre-sale” and posting it on the website.
- A mid year target was mentioned.

Website

- Updated application, Corresponding Secretary information and the National results have been sent to Aiko.
- The 2013 National Information will be updated soon.

Judge’s Selection

- Lydia’s selection as judge for the 2013 National Specialty was discussed. Frances will discuss it with Lydia.
- A standing rule will be created to address the situation.

Awards – no report.

STCA Moonlight World Champion Challenge

- Jay Richardson sent an e-mail thanking the club and Karen for being part of the Challenge.
- Karen Thomason will be added to the committee as co-chair.
- Desmond Murphy’s check was discussed. Desmond also needs a “Thank You” letter from the club, Ed and Steve to discuss the details.
- Jerry needs a “blurb” for the Facebook page.

Standing Rules

- Fifteen to twenty dog club websites have been checked for Standing Rules. Only the German Pinschers have published standing rules. Sadly their rules are specific and can not be “borrowed”.
- The AKC President’s e-mail is a good resource for exchanging information with other clubs and will be used to discuss standing rules by the president.
- A preliminary draft of the few standing rules extant has been created.
 - Top Sire and Dam award.
 - National Specialty should be stand alone and be rotated.
 - Show chairman can’t enter a dog they own or co-own.
 - Judge’s selection for the National Specialty.
 - Club secretary to maintain list of standing rules and important decisions.
- Monica will send the draft. The board will also work on recalling standing rules and will send them to Monica.

Unfinished Business

- The 2012 Specialty was discussed so improvements could be made for future shows:
 - Onsite food service
 - Port-a-cans
 - Facility pros/cons
 - Trophies

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- Ring size 100' x 100' required
- One Ring Building Chief
- Entries
- The 2013 Show ring was discussed. The KOA facilities need to be investigated to be sure Conformation and Performance can fit in the ballroom or a contingency plan can be made. John & Steve to check it out.
- The 2014 show chair will be Jerry Santaniello. Jerry will be an “apprentice” Show Chair for 2013 and deal with Sam and Lucia and report to Ed, Ed will report to the board.

Election of New Members

- Angela Weldon – single - approved

New Business

- How the club handles the passing of members was brought up for discussion. The wishes of the deceased must be considered first. If privacy is requested, then that wish should be honored. Living members who have made significant contributions should be honored at the next Specialty.
- Hendricks Harper will be sent a card and flowers.
- Holly Stump was nominated and approved to be in charge of the Good Sportsmanship Award.
- The board declined to donate to the AKC Human fund for Hurricane Sandy.
- Westminster Meet the Breed information will be forwarded to the PR Committee.
- Karen Thomason was nominated to be the “point” person for the AKC “Complete Dog” book. The information will be forwarded to her.
- Videoing the breed’s prominent members for posterity was discussed. The board will work on the criteria for “prominent” and then work with the Archive committee to get the Videos made.
- Sweeps judges at the National were discussed.

Next Meeting – January 25, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 AM CST.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lottinville
Recording Secretary