

June 17, 2011
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Conference call

Members Present: Monica Davi, Frances Conner, John Lottinville, Jaime Nuckles, Jerry Santaniello, Ed Thomason, Judy Morris, Lydia Castagna, Carrie Lee

Members Absent: N/A

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

Reading of the Minutes - The minutes from the May 20, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting were approved with corrections by majority vote.

SECRETARIAL REPORT FOR 6-17-11 BOARD MEETING

INCOMING COMMUNICATION RECEIVED MAY 19thru JUNE 15, 2011

- 5/23/11 Correspondence from AKC (2) approving STCA Rally events, 10/10& 10/11/11 in Las Vegas, NV
- 5/23/11 E-mail communication from AKC requesting signature on Application for Sweepstakes Event in conjunction with Western Washington All Terrier Club
- 5/30/11 Correspondence from AKC re invitation participate 2011 Meet The Breeds in Orlando, FL on December 17/18,2011
- 5/30/11 Correspondence from AKC re Approving Sweepstakes event for 8/26/11 All Terrier Club of Western Washington
- 6/3/11 Correspondence from Golden State ASTC inquiring about hosting Regional/National Specialty in Sacramento, CA
- 6/6/11 STCA Nominating Committee Report for 2011
- 6/9/11 E-mail communication from New Zealand Kennel Club requesting permission to use certain illustrations from our Illustrated Breed Standard for use in their magazine article
- 6/13/11 Advertisement/Sales Brochure from Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc, WI

OUTGOING COMMUNICATION SENT MAY 19, thru JUNE 15, 2011

- 6/13/11 Correspondence to STCA Membership w/Nominating Committee Report

Communication Discussion – The secretary’s report was approved by majority vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT

May-11

Beginning Balance	\$51,890.85
Deposits	\$660.00
Cleared Checks	-\$2,074.13

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Check 2183	\$91.08	Nancy Hjelmstad Postage Additional first Qtr Magazine
Check 2184	\$396.00	Friendly Storage Achieves 5/11 to 8/31/11
Check 2185	\$67.05	Rau Dog Shows 12/30/10 Statement In# 5083 Futurity
Check 2186	\$1,520.00	Sportsmen Insurance Two Year Policy Directors & Liability Renewal
	\$2,074.13	
Outstanding Checks		
Check 2170	\$10.00	Dept. of Business Services File 54751672 Update Officers State of IL
Check 2187	\$182.00	Monica Davi Postage/Secretary Supplies Mailing
Check 2188	\$350.00	Zee Marie Deposit Agility Trial Secretary
Check 2189	\$81.13	Carla Restivo Postage Magazine & Yearbooks
Check 2190	\$50.00	Sportsman Insurance Meet the Breed Clackamas KC 6/25-6/26/11
Check 2191	\$19.81	Monica Davi Printing Nominating Committee Report
	\$692.94	
Ending Reconciled Bank Balance (A)	\$49,783.78	
Ledger Beginning Balance Reconciled	\$51,890.85	
Total Checks (2183--22186) Cleared	-\$2,074.13	
O/S Checks (2170) (2187-2191)	-\$692.94	
Deposits	\$660.00	
Miscellaneous Debits/Date	\$0.00	
Ending Reconciled Ledger Balance (B)	\$49,783.78	
BSL Committee	\$2,524.00	
Rescue	\$4,650.00	
Heath	\$5,928.21	
History	\$410.00	
Performance	\$1,659.68	
Public Relations	\$245.00	
Futurity 2010	\$23.95	
Futurity 2011	\$390.00	

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Committee Funds	\$15,830.84
STCA Club Funds	\$34,645.88

Treasurer's Report Discussion –The treasurer's report was approved by majority vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Show – Frances thanked everyone for their help with the Specialty schedule. The trophy and premium information is needed by the last day June. Alan Gasca will provide rings and tables. The letter to the obedience judge was discussed and Denise will be contacted to follow up. Help for the breed judge was discussed. The trophies will be picked up at Great Western. Jaime will do hospitality. Alan Gasca will provide ring stewards for the regional and National. The futurity judge has been selected and Jaime is waiting for the judge to confirm her acceptance. Lydia will handle RV and vendors. The Specialty schedule was approved by majority vote.

Performance – A few checks for the Pat Cook seminar will be forwarded to Frances.

AKC Delegate – Bullet points from the last delegate's meeting:

- The delegates voted down the 4 year time off between terms.
- Did the club receive an invitation to the Canine Health Club Conference? Faith declined to go due to cost.
- Holly asked if the club do anything special for junior handlers. Due to lack of juniors, etc. the club does not do anything special for junior handlers.
- The moratorium on new clubs to not include specialty clubs will be voted on.
- A therapy dog title is in the works.
- The printed Gazette will end in October.
- A "Reserved Best in Show" will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Group 5 and 6 placements were not discussed.
- Three points for reserve winner's dog and bitch at the National Specialty was discussed.

Legislative – A letter was sent to the Texas Governor asking him to veto breeder legislation. Form letters are "work in progress". Dr. Michael Davies will assist the committee with a letter to American Airlines. Pens and key chains are being worked on for fund raisers. The committee will make their 75th logo available to the club and other committees.

Rescue – Two registered American Staffordshire puppies left at a kill shelter in Ohio were rescued and placed at a foster facility in Pennsylvania.

Health – The quilt may not be ready this year due to lack of participation and an August deadline. There may be a sample quilt square at the specialty to show people and generate interest. The quilt advertisement will be moved to the front page of the website with the August deadline and the ad in the quarterly will also include the deadline.

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A potential puppy buyer contacted the health committee regarding her experience with a STCA member and breeder. The puppy buyer had placed a deposit on a puppy only to find out that both parents were ataxia carriers. The puppy buyer argued with the breeder over ataxia issue and asked for a refund. The puppy buyer has not received her deposit. After much discussion, both the Health and Ethics committee will send the breeder letters regarding the breeding of two ataxia carriers. The Ethics committee will advise the breeder that it violates the Code of Ethics and the Health committee that it results in dogs affected with ataxia. A motion was made and approved that breeders must sign the COE to have a breeder listing on the website when they renew and if they fail to follow the COE, they will be removed from the breeder listing on the website.

An e-mail from Cindy Lottinville regarding the club's position on breeding ataxia carriers was discussed. The club and the board have never condoned breeding ataxia carriers to ataxia carriers and a statement will be posted on the website. The Code of Ethics addresses the issue of breeding ataxia carriers.

Editorial/Magazine – The next quarterly will be reviewed by the end of the week. The Board discussed the editorial's committee's approval process. In the event of a tie vote the board will intervene.

Public Relations – via e-mail

- Rhiannon Schriener new committee member
- Sending out invitation to members to participate in committee being sent this month
- Solicitation for donations for raffle at STCA Nationals in works
- Coordinating with AKC PE to obtain PE material for Nationals
- Working on social networking site to establish presence for STCA PR Committee
- Sites will be read only, information only
- Sending after Monica both certificate from Rose City and CKC Meet The Breeds for education credit with AKC.
- Working next magazines PR article
- Networking with different dog media
- Meet The Breeds
 - Registered for Clackamas Kennel Club Meet the Breed
 - Invited members in PNW for participation
 - Storyboard, decoration, breed info, ready
- Meet The Breeds-New York
 - Completed application to be sent to Monica
 - Holly Stump has graciously offered to participate
 - Recruiting other members for participation
- Information needed from BOD
 - Demographics
 - Average amount of participate and/or dogs at Nationals for the last 10 years
 - Countries of International participate at Nationals
 - Is there a 75-year Anniversary logo?

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- Notice STCA on Facebook, who is in coordinating this project?
 - Would like “Page” for PR
- Is there a specific design/theme/logos/font used by STCA?
- Is there graphic designer being used by STCA?
- Need pictures(.jpg) of dogs doing different events
 - Preference for dogs that are not living or retired
- Is the content of the brochure needing editing or just update design?

Discussion: Frances to look through show catalogs for demographic info. The PR committee can start a Facebook page. Pictures can be solicited via the quarterly. The brochure definitely needs updating. A modified club logo with “75th Anniversary” was approved. Ed will provide a logo for review and Monica will contact Sara to see if she has a 75th Anniversary logo.

Website – A few items have been fixed to improve performance and appearance. Fund raising information will be added for the health and performance committees. Jaime will provide pictures from the last St. Louis specialty for posting. Monica will send Nick a schedule of events, once approved.

Judges Mentoring – Carla and Richard will handle the mentoring for two judges at the National.

Yearbook – No report.

Judge’s Education – No report.

Breeder’s Education – The roundtable discussion will held Friday at 3:00 pm. Richard will contact Dr. Pascoe with the time and date.

75th Anniversary – No report.

Judges Selection – Sharon is waiting on dates and locations to finalize the judges. Sharon asked the board if she should start on the selection process for the next three years or wait until next year. The board will decide after the specialty.

Futurity – The committee is waiting for the judge to accept the assignment.

Top 20 – Invitations will go out after Great Western.

Unfinished Business –

- Bill Peterson’s \$146 will be refunded.
- The settlement with Lorene Wilson was discussed.
- 2012 National:
 - A committee has been formed.
 - The hotel will be chosen by the end of the year.

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- The National will be dedicated to Fred Sindelar. Frances will do a memorial photo collage.
- Bids are out for 75th Anniversary medallions.
- The Texas club will host the 2013 National.
- The Golden State club will be contacted with the criteria for hosting a National Specialty.

Election of New Members

- Brandee Brunot – Single – Approved
- Natasha Royal and Marcus Upton – Family - Approved

New Business –

Next Meeting – July 15, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 00:52 AM CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lottinville
Recording Secretary