

April 18, 2014
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

Members Present:

Frances Conner, Brenda Martz, Tom Rapinchuk, Lydia Castagna, Al Bincarousky, Jeff Morrison

Members Absent:

Judy Morris, Open Position, Open Position

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 p.m. CST

Recording Secretary: Tom Rapinchuk

Minutes from the last meeting were read.

Frances Conner motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

Tom Rapinchuk expressed the need for the proper documentation and all the necessary sheets in order to complete the membership lists. This material needs to be forwarded quickly.

Discussions on the topic of voting eligibility and board eligibility took place. The Constitution and Bylaws committee Chairperson, Monica Davi will be contacted for consultation.

Presidents Report: Brenda Martz

Brenda Martz contacted the Morris & Essex Club on how to proceed with the STCA, Inc. supporting their entry in 2015. Morris and Essex explained that the minimum requirement for STCA, Inc. is to write a letter expressing our desire to support their entry. If our club desires to do more like offer trophies, then that would be fine also.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Francis Connor

Mostly communicated with the AKC about the upcoming shows.

Communicated with Sandy Underwood concerning the 2015 National Specialty to switch the two March 2015 Louisville Regional Specialties to the 2015 Nationals week.

Karen Herrold once again needed to be reminded that she could not as an individual collect money for trophies for a supported entry with the Oregon Terrier Association. She was reminded that this is a club-to-club arrangement and when contacted by the Oregon Terrier Specialty, our club would support their entry and probably provide Rosettes.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Morris

Received via email after the Board Meeting.

March 2014

Beginning Balance	45078.32
Deposits/Credits	2033.23
Checks Cleared:	158.32
Cash Withdrawals	0
Ending Balance:	46953.23

Cleared Checks

Check #2703	12.68	Pam Nemec	PR Expenses
Check #2707	23.64	AKC	STCA Breed Flier Annual Fee
Check #2708	122.00	Store More-Forney	Archive Storage - 4/1-4/30/14

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158.32

Outstanding Checks

Check #2706	25.00	Tom Rapinchuk	Judges Select. Committee Expenses - Eligible
Judge Report AKC			
Check #2709	25.96	Heidi McClure	Reimburse Overpayment of Breeder Web Site
Check # 2710	122.00	Store More-Forney	Archive Storage - 5/1 - 5/31/14
Check #2711	97.26	Holly Sheltry	AKC Delegate Expenses
	270.22		
Legislative	903.20		
Rescue	7403.56		
Health	4915.93		
General Fund	1237.46		
Archive	-457.00		
General Trophy Fund	1295.49		
Performance	5949.42		
Public Relations	1153.70		
Futurity 2014	663.34		
Committee Funds	23065.10		
Club Funds	23888.13		
	46953.23		

Committee Reports:

Health Committee: Faith Beiser Chairperson

Faith Beiser explained that many questions have arisen from breeders concerning the CHIC awards. Specifically people are having trouble with the Ataxia cleared by parentage procedure. Faith Beiser explained the process and has documented the process which will be published in the newsletter and on the website. People should be directed to these documents to understand the procedure.

Faith Beiser requested that her previous website updates get done.

Public Relations: Pam Nemec Chairperson

The AKC has been redesigning their website and the "breeds".

The introduction page for our breed needs reworking. The committee would be glad to help with this and also some more versatile breed photos.

The referenced website is located at https://www.akc.org/breeds/american_staffordshire_terrier/index.cfm

They also have a link about our breed that leads to woofipedia that should also be redone.

This is the link <http://www.woofipedia.com/discover/breeds/american-staffordshire-terrier>.

Pam Nemec also has a concern regarding the link to purchasing an American Staffordshire Terrier. The link is to the paid AKC classified where anyone can put an ad but we probably don't have any control over that.

This link should also be looked at https://www.akc.org/breeds/american_staffordshire_terrier/index.cfm

Renee Kay and Karen Herrold put on an event in Seattle.

There will be a booth at the Reliant Dog Show. The local Texas club is going to help.

Due to a lack of material, the committee is developing brochures and other literature, which will be forwarded to the Board for approval when completed.

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The committee is looking for volunteers in the New York area.

Archives Committee: Richard Gray Chairperson

The committee purchased the materials from Jean Ghantous below the maximum amount approved by the board for the committee to spend. The only additional cost associated with this purchase may be shipping. Work is still continuing on a document for people to will materials to the club after their passing.

Judge's Education/Mentor: Sara Nugent Chairperson

No Report.

Moonlight World Challenge: Carrie Huddleston Chairperson

This activity will take place in the hotel ballroom.

After taking a poll on Facebook, Carrie Huddleston has decided to do a \$10 Champaign and Dessert Buffet. Each person will pay the \$10 charge.

Editorial/Magazine: Al Bincarousky Chairperson

Al Bincarousky reported a disturbing development. Apparently, Betty Michl, a member of the Editorial Committee, is and or was sending pre-edited copies of our magazine to non-members prior to print approval. Al Bincarousky will immediately terminate Betty Michl from the editorial committee and as a result will completely form a new committee.

Futurity: Brenda Martz Chairperson

Two nominations for judges have been received. The third nomination is awaiting receipt prior to contacting the judges. The rules have been rewritten and posted on the website.

Website: Francis Conner Chairperson

No Report.

Judges Selection: Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson

No Report.

Lydia Castagna wants to review the procedures once again. Tom Rapinchuk will send her a copy for her to review.

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

Legislation: Jeff Morrison Chairperson

Goals of the committee are being developed.

A possible coordination with the Public Relations committee is being discussed.

Delegate: Holly Stump

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No Report.

Performance: Sonia Bincarousky Chairperson

Sonia Bincarousky has a signed contract with Ms. Virginia (Ginger) Kinion to be our obedience Judge.

Sonia Bincarousky explained that Purina Farms wants to charge her an extra \$500 to have two agility rings. Lydia Castagna will help Sonia Bincarousky resolve the issue with Purina Farms.

Sonia Bincarousky explained that she is actively seeking a Co-Chair for the show. In addition, she is exploring the idea of additional activities like dog diving, barn hunting, and the like.

The Temperament Test will be scheduled for two days. The exact schedule is being coordinated.

Sonia Bincarousky would like to have last year's final Performance Show accounting reconciliation. This will enable her to better budget this year's show. Judy Morris will get Sonia Bincarousky the report.

Email Votes:

Pam Nemec asked for approval to obtain a booth for the STCA at the Reliant World of Dog Shows Houston, Texas.

There is a \$150 charge plus \$50 for parking. The Reliant World of Dog Shows in Houston Texas is the 2nd largest dog show in the country with vendors and competitors both from the US and International. It has everything from freestyle dancing, to fly ball, to performance, and conformation. There are a lot of rescue groups, as well as, parent clubs there.

Pam Nemec would like the STCA, Inc. to be represented. Pam Nemec will also hold fundraisers there like spin the wheel for a donation and win a prize to raise money for her committee and to promote our breed. Passed

Tammy Satterly Marsh contacted Sara Nugent for approval to utilize her Renderings in the breed study on trophies for the Louisville Cluster. Sara Nugent generously gave Tammy Marsh permission. Tammy Marsh would also like the Board's approval due to the study being owned by the STCA, Inc. Passed

The Archives Committee formally requested a loan in the amount of \$2000 maximum in order to make a bid for the items that Jean Ghantous has for sale. The Archive committee will conduct fundraisers to pay back the loan to the club. The Archive Committee felt that many of the items that were included for sale would be a much-welcomed addition to the archives. Many of these items are no longer for sale and could only be had through purchase from private offerings. 6 yeas 1 nay 0 abstain. Passed

Old Business:

2014 National Specialty:

The high costs of the venues, facilities, and putting on the shows was discussed at length. Discussions centered on keeping the Shows break-even or profitable.

Lydia Castagna presented a Breeder Booth Proposal. The proposal suggested that the club sell booths for \$50.00 each for the total week. The size of the booths offered would be 10x10 and would be personal breeder booth spaces. The purchasing kennel could decorate each booth in a theme.

The proposal also suggested that the club offer a best booth competition. The competition would be comprised of booth categories with prizes given for the best booth in each category. Suggested categories include but are not limited to peoples' choice, best theme, and most informative.

The primary goals of the proposal are to motivate people to sit around and just talk dogs, and to allow newcomers and all to pour over photos and pedigrees in real life, not just on the internet. In addition, it will enable people to show off what they are all about.

The proposed Meet and Greet activity will not be scheduled into the activities.

The full schedule of events is not finalized but being worked on.

Carrie Huddleston and Lydia Castagna coordinating with Sonia Bincarousky will do the trophies for both conformation and performance. This should reduce costs by receiving bigger quantity discounts.

The conformation trophies have been ordered. The performance trophies will be added to the order.

Noel Gauweiler accepted the assignment to judge sweepstakes for the National Specialty.

Maria Von Herron declined her offer to judge sweepstakes at the Regional. Frances Conner will contact new candidates.

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Tom Rapinchuk motioned to change the previously approved first entry fee of our shows to \$45 and to also offer preferential 10x10 grooming booths for a fee of \$50. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

2015 and 2016 National Specialty:

New Business:

Francis Conner reported that she has been communicating with a CPA for a good price of \$125 for the election.

A discussion ensued surrounding Amanda (Mandy) Reichelt and her mother. Their kennel names are Foxfire Amstaffs and Mount Briar Kennels. Numerous complaints are coming into the STCA, Inc. about their allegedly stealing money from buyers through alleged deceptive business practices and alleged outright fraud. Apparently this type of behavior has been going on for quite a few years. The STCA, Inc. is being contacted because these people have links and references to the STCA, Inc. website and/or materials giving buyers the subliminal message that the STCA, Inc. is associated with them. Lydia Castagna will write an immediate cease and desist letter to eliminate any reference to the club from their business. In addition, the Ethics Committee will advise what if any further action may be taken.

Election of Members:

New membership application received from Tammy Marsh. Jeff Morrison motioned to accept Tammy Marsh as a new member. Al Bincarousky 2nd. 5 yeas 0 nah 1 abstain. Passed

New membership application received from Ben Keller. Jeff Morrison motioned to accept Ben Keller the husband of Lacey Tulloch as a new member and the membership for both will be a family membership. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

New membership application received from Mary Ann Yanez. Jeff Morrison motioned to accept May Ann Yanez. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

New membership application received from Igor and Kirsten Miltec for a family membership. Jeff Morrison motioned to accept Igor and Kirsten Miltec as a family membership. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

Unfinished business:

Sara Tuck still needs to get her new application to the club.

Potential candidates for the open Board positions were discussed. The final membership list needs to be done before any contact can be made.

Next meeting will be May 16, 2014 at 7:30 CST.

Frances Conner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lydia Castagna 2nd. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 pm CST

Respectfully submitted

Tom Rapinchuk
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.

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