

September 18, 2015

Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes  
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**Conference Call**

**Members Present:**

Frances Conner, Brenda Martz, Tom Rapinchuk, Lydia Castagna, Carrie Huddleston, Al Bincarousky, Jeff Morrison, Stephanie Rogers, Monique Bertrand

**Members Absent:**

None.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. CST

**Recording Secretary:** Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for the August 21, 2015 meeting were read. Corrections were made.

Al Bincarousky motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Monique Bertrand 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

Tom Rapinchuk reminded the other board members that boards of director's meetings are considered an executive session.

**Presidents Report:** Brenda Martz

As agreed upon previously by the board this meeting will not contain any committee reports per se. Per Tom Rapinchuk's recommendation the club's lawyer and parliamentarian were consulted concerning our club's operating policies when distributing a membership list after a written request from another member. The club's board of directors is in complete compliance with the law and club policies as interpreted by the club's independent consultants.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Frances Conner

INCOMING COMMUNICATION

- 9/12/15 Correspondence Darlene Janis Accountant 2015 Tabulation of Election
- 9/16/15 Letters to Deidre Gannon Attorney and Chris Dickey Parliamentarian  
Reference Constitution and By-Laws
- 9/17/15 Email from Teresa Konczal requesting information on the 2015 National requesting what days to attend to learn more about the American Staffordshire Terrier.

OUTGOING COMMUNICATION

- 9/3/15 Returned receipt registered mail from John Glenn  
Letter sent 8/31/15 notification on General Membership Meeting
- 9/9/15 Returned receipt registered mail from Jeanette Benson  
Letter sent 8/31/15 notification on General Membership Meeting
- 9/16/15 Letters sent out to nominees on the results of the Election
- 9/17/15 Email from Teresa Konczal requesting information on the 2015 National requesting what days to attend to learn more about the American Staffordshire Terrier.
- 9/17/15 Response from Deidre Gannon Attorney
- 9/18/15 Response from Chris Dickey Parliamentarian
- 9/18/15 Response to Teresa Konczal on her inquiry

John Glenn's and Jeanette Benson's letters were signed for as received.

Monique Bertrand motioned to accept the corresponding secretary's report. Tom Rapinchuk 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

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**Treasurer's Report:** Carrie Huddleston

**August 2015**

Beginning Balance	\$40,784.10
Deposits/Credits	\$1,072.32
Checks Cleared	\$1,120.16
Cash Withdrawals	\$0.00
Service Fees	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$40,736.26

Cleared Checks

Check #2821	\$460.50
Check #2824	\$142.00
Check #2825	\$517.66

Outstanding Checks

Legislative	\$1,126.17
Rescue	\$7,498.56
Health	\$4,819.09
Archive	-\$4,005.75
Performance	\$10,375.76
Public Relations	\$702.29
Futurity 2015	\$1,562.06
Futurity 2016	\$251.52
Committee Funds	\$22,329.70
Club Funds	\$18,406.56
	\$40,736.26

100 checks were just received for the agility trial. Carrie Huddleston expressed concern because the agility trial secretary (as has been done in the past) should handle these checks. This is not our club's responsibility. No signed contract has been forwarded to the board to verify whose responsibility is outlined in the contract. Al Bincarousky seems to think that it our club's responsibility, however, Carrie Huddleston explained the process of a previous agility trial this year and how it was handled. This needs to be determined for future events and a current contract for upcoming nationals events needs to be forwarded to the board. The board feels that no entry fees for agility trials should ever be sent to the STCA, Inc. ever again.

Carrie Huddleston can't contact the person who bounced a check for the North Carolina Show held earlier this year.

Sonia Bincarousky will be contacted to try and collect the money.

Carrie Huddleston will have the cash prizes available at the nationals.

**Committee Reports:**

**Health Committee:** Faith Beiser Chairperson

No Report.

**Public Relations:** Pam Nemecek Chairperson

No Report

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**Archives Committee:** Richard Gray Chairperson  
No Report.

**Judge's Education/Mentor:** Sara Nugent Chairperson  
No Report.

**Moonlight World Challenge:** Carrie Huddleston Chairperson  
No Report.

**Editorial/Magazine Yearbook:** Al Bincarousky Chairperson  
Nancy Hejlmstad had still not been notified that her services are no longer needed or desired. The board directed that this be done quite a few months ago.

**Futurity:** Brenda Martz Chairperson  
No Report.

**Website:** Frances Conner Chairperson  
No Report.

**Judges Selection:** Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson  
No Report.

**Awards:**  
No Report

**Rescue:** Courtney Morris  
No Report

**Standing Rules:** Monica Davi Chairperson  
No Report

**Legislation:**  
The Board is seeking a replacement chairperson.

**Delegate:** Jeanette O'Hanlon  
No Report.

**Performance:** Sonia Bincarousky and Jeanette O'Hanlon Co-Chairpersons

**Registry of Merit:** Lydia Castagna  
No Report

**Sportsmanship Award:** Monique Bertrand  
Ballot counters will be selected at the nationals.

**Email Activity:**  
Communications with the club's parliamentarian and club's lawyer took place.

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Sonia Bincarousky wants her expenses paid for the nationals. Email discussions on this subject took place. An email vote resulted in a decision to pay these expenses. However, further discussions at the regular meeting resulted in further discussions with concerns about paying expenses for certain members and not others. The result was a voluntary payment to be made not from the club from the voluntary person's personal funds. The club was notified of the election results.

**Old Business:**

The election results were reported according to the bylaws, and the ballots will remain and be stored by the ballot counter. The board discussed and decided to do a review of operating policies concerning payments and expenses paid to members and committee heads. In addition, the board has decided to review and implement a new set of policies and procedures to follow in such circumstances with particular emphasis on how committee funds get expended and the approvals necessary for such expenditures.

**2015 National Specialty**

Cathy Thiery is donating medallions for this year's show. These medallions were printed in the premium list and should be in the catalog for the show according to Brenda Martz.

Ads for the catalog are not yet done according to Al Bincarousky who is handling this.

October 1<sup>st</sup> will be the deadline for the banquet.

The t-shirts were ordered.

The scheduled is still being finalized and Lydia Castagna will send a final copy to the board members.

Carrie Huddleston has the trophies finalized for this year.

Various last minute details were discussed.

**2016 National Specialty:**

Entries for futurity have come in from 2 members already.

**New Business:**

Considerable discussion took place concerning expense payments to our voluntary members of our club with particular emphasis on the performance committee. No motions were made nor were any decisions solidified.

**Election of Members:**

The next meeting (outgoing board meeting) will be on Monday October 5, 2015 at a time to be determined by all board members in the future. Brenda Martz will notify every board member.

The general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday October 6, 2015.

The incoming board meeting will be held after the general membership meeting on a date and at a time to be determined in the future. Brenda Martz will notify every board member.

Lydia Castagna motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carrie Huddleston 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:04 pm CST

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rapinchuk  
Recording Secretary - STCA, Inc.

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