



Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay  
General Meeting Minutes  
27 Apr 2023 – 7 p.m.

Call to order by President Linda Andresen at 7:01

In attendance: – Donna Johnson, Kathi Brown, Olivia Sayer, Linda Andresen, Laurie Slater, Bobbie Armstrong, Suzanne Graham, Diane Durkee, Colleen Rafatti, Denise Chivington, Patty Spence, Barry and Marianne Kreiling, Rick and Kim Moody, Pam Lowe, Brianna Bullock, Trey and Christina Davis, Rick and Marcia Hunter, Ted and Julie Caine, Pam Murray, *and many well-loved Scotties!!*

Minutes of the 26 Jan 2023 read. Motion to accept and seconded; minutes approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** bank balance as of the end of March (since April is not over): \$22,500  
Final calculations for the Spring picnic have been completed and the club made \$700!

**Committee Reports:** tabled for in depth discussion at the Annual Luncheon general meeting on June 24 (see below for details).

**Upcoming Events:**

- **24 Jun** – STCTB Luncheon and Annual Meeting. 11:30 – 2:20 at Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant at 6244 Spring Lake Hwy., Brooksville, FL 34601.
- **27 Jul** - General Meeting (7 p.m.) via zoom: "STCA Health Trust Fund DNA Databank" by Marcia Dawson, DVM
- **Tentative Aug:** 'Paint the Scot' one Saturday afternoon this summer in Holiday, FL. Cost including all supplies (and some snacks) would be about \$40 per person. Leave the event with a lovely canvas painting signed by YOU!
- **Late Oct / early Nov:** Fall Fun Day where we will facilitate DNA sample blood draws for submission to the DNA bank. Please spread the word to anyone you know who has a Scottie!
- **4 Nov** – STCTB participates in a neighborhood garage sale! Start saving your donations now!
- **May 16-18 2024:** Mingle for the Medals STCTB hosts the STCA Rotating Specialty at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL

**Special Guest Speaker:**

Kathi Brown, Scottish Terrier Club of America Judges' Education Coordinator, spoke with members about the Scottie breed standard. The presentation began with a question for all participants: "What do I like about the Scottish Terrier?" Kathi requested everyone to write down some adjectives they believe describes the breed and framed the discussion as an answer to the question "What is the standard for our breed and how is it important to the present and future of the breed we love?"

A brief history of the Scotch Terrier purpose was presented with details on how the body structure supports the function they were bred for, and supporting why a standard was considered important. A review of the standards from 1880 to present day were compared with interesting facts noting the changes without modifying the structure that supports the form and function of today's Scottish Terrier.



Following breed history, Kathi did a deep dive into today's standard, highlighting the proper size, symmetry and balance, balanced head, good bite, ears up, and the front. Understanding this structure was reinforced by discussion about how these elements support the Scottish historical use but also what sets the Scottie apart from other breeds. She described the intent of some of the parts of the standard such as 'cobby' and 'moderately short back' and 'balance' that make up the overall presentation when observing a Scottie. Changes in the standard coat colors was discussed with some information about the genetic differences between previous coat colors (grizzle, sandy) that are now simply described as brindle. Emphasis was given how color is not the important part of the coat, but rather that the dense coat of proper wiry texture protects the dog from weather, briars, and vermin. The Scottie gait was described to explain how it differs from other breeds (and is no longer described as 'peculiar' in the standard) as well as how the composition of the dog affects movement.

In summary, Kathi reminded everyone how to s-p-e-l-l:

**S**turdy bone w/ Substance  
**C**ompact & Low  
**O**verall Balance & Symmetry  
**T**errier  
**T**emperament  
**I**ntense 'Varmity' Expression  
**E**ffortless Movement (Reach/Drive)



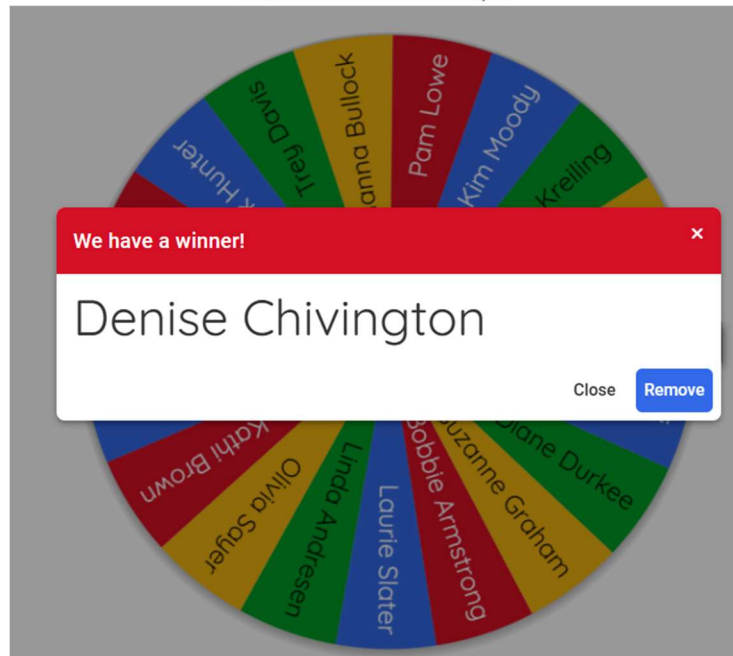
A question-and-answer period followed where Kathi provided additional details and information based on her years of breeding, judging, and love of Scotties.

The STCTB greatly appreciates Kathi taking time to share her knowledge with members. Below are additional resources Kathi recommended:

- Read "Lovely Fire" by Mrs. Evelyn Kirk, Balachan Scotties, as printed in the Sept. 1977 AKC Gazette. The article is available on the STCA website <https://stca.biz/about-the-breed/judges-education/>
- 90 minute American Kennel Club Judges' Education webinar <webinar-link-kbrown.pdf> ([stca.biz](https://stca.biz))

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The lovely donated Radley bag offered as a random drawing door prize and was won by:



**Congratulations to Denise!**

Next General meeting: 24 June 2023 Annual Awards Luncheon 11:30 – 2:30 at Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant, Brooksville.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Murray, STCTB Secretary.