

Board Meeting Minutes: 3/11/2021

Staffordshire Terrier Club of America

Meeting called to order at 8:38 EST

**Roll call:** Kim Rudzik, John O'Hanlon, Frances Conner, Monique Bertrand, Rose Starkey, Lacey Tulloch Benitez, Jaime Nuckles, Gina Dattilo, Al Bincarousky.

Meeting minutes from the Jan. 21 board meeting were approved.

**President's Report:**

The president's report will be the topics to be discussed.

**V.P. Report:**

Paperwork for the National is being completed. The show committee is working hard on getting things ready for National. Frances is looking into being the show superintendent.

**Corresponding Secretary:**

One new membership application has been received.

**New member Applications were received and approved:**

Stacey and Eric DeHoyos  
Elizabeth & Ryan Moore  
Luis Manual Benitez Leva  
Cathy and Jim Jerdon  
Meghan Barnes and Stuart Cairns

**New Business:**

The board was contacted regarding having specialties in Orlando/Eukanueba.

Lacey and BJ Whitlow are working on starting an Amstaff Club in Florida.

Forming new Amstaff clubs was discussed along with the application process for specialties and the use of the clubs license.

The deadline for the March STCA Newsletter is March 15th.

**Old Business:**

A motion was made and approved to remove Heidi McClure as health committee chair. She was given a 3 month probationary period, and she did not uphold the requests asked of her by the board.

Heidi, along with 2 other health committee members, went around the board and emailed the membership for their own agenda. Faith Beiser and Sandy Underwood, along with Heidi, will be receiving letters with signature required informing them they have been removed from the health committee. The letters will be mailed out once the parliamentarian has been consulted.

The abuse of the membership list will also be discussed with the parliamentarian.

New Health Committee chair will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**Show committee:**

No report.

**Website:**

Board email: Less than a handful had responded if they got the emails to see if board email caddy is working.. I guess it isn't since I have emailed twice and hardly anyone is responding.. so I say lets just disperse of it and use each individual emails ... It was a free email forwarding from go daddy and will be fizzled out in the near future (when I am not sure of the date but they say soon) forcing microft 365 which will cost the club extra to use! Whenever there is a change in officers or board members I always do a test!

Secure Site... SSL CERTIFICATE is now effective for the club's website and it is now secure! When people go to the site it will say secure!

**Public Relations:**

Had the Fugly Sweater Howliday contest prizes donated by pamela and chuck and amstaffs

**Calendar PR Fund Raiser**

Almost done Collecting for calendars which are paid to our Treasurer.

PR did make profit But need the rest of the money to come in for calendars for final profit amount to be put in PR Funds! The first batch of calendars were sent out via mailing service with the printers.. Calendars were sticking a little and when pulled apart and some ripped! I got together with the printers and they re-printed them but would have to pay again for shipping because they can't control the post office.. Had them resend calendars! No charge for 2nd printing.. lost a little on postage but you can't take away a beautiful memory and bragging rights to be in the calendar! So worth it! Because of the pandemic it was a little bit challenging to get everything done due to staff at the printers coming down with covid etc. Calendars did get to people before the new year's though which was a bonus.. told the

calendar star owners to donate the first batch of calendars to Amstaff fanciers once they got their new batch! Handful of calendars left if anyone would like one \$15 usa only including shipping!

### **Magazine**

Started putting Magazine together waiting for some committee reports and other reports.. should have them soon! Should have magazine together by end of March or sooner and to board!

### **Performance committee:**

Everything is on track for the Performance Events for the 2022 National. The applications for the Obedience, Rally, Scent Work and Fast CAT trials have been submitted to the AKC. Cherilynn Clark will Chair the Obedience & Rally Trials, Danielle Hansen will be her Chief Steward.

I will chair the Scent Work Trial, and my Volunteer Coordinator is Lisa Pixley.

Jaime Nuckles is chairing the Fast CATS to be held on Saturday and Sunday.

I am currently working on the Premium List for the SW Trial. The Premium for Obedience & Rally will be included in the Premium for the Specialty Shows, and Secretary of the Fast CAT Trials, Jennifer Walker, will be doing the Premium for Fast CAT.

I will be ordering all the ribbons/rosettes for the Obedience, Rally and SW Trials. Jaime Nuckles will do the order for the Fast CAT Trials.

I do not know if John and I will be able to attend the 2023 Specialty in Texas. Therefore, after the 2022 National, we will be stepping down as the Co-Chairs of the Performance Committee. It is not fair to the club in the event we can't make it. We will still work for the committee and do what we can.

Jeannette O'Hanlon

### **Archives committee:**

Al thanked the performance committee for their donation. Where there are no members in TX any longer, discussion is being done on moving the archives. Also looking into professionally digitizing the material. Carla is working on a scrapbook on Peggy Harper, which she will present and National 2022.

### **APBT/AKC - Opening the AKC Stud Books:**

Research is still being done on genetic diversity, health, and other important factors.

The AKC is going to be contacted to request additional information.

## **Health committee:**

No report.

## **Outstanding Sportsmanship Award:**

Nominations are being made. Ballots will be sent out next month.

## **Delegates Report:**

### **AKC Delegate's Report**

**March 8, 2022**

## **Parent Club Committee:**

Sheila Goffe, AKC Government Relations, reported that the Norwegian Supreme Court has upheld a ban on breeding Bulldogs and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Australia has followed suit. This is about Animal Rights and Legislation. The European Union has determined that a breed must pass certain health tests. The Norwegian Animal Welfare Act encourages breeding for good health and function, and prohibits breeding if it passes on negative traits that influence health in a negative way. The Norwegian Kennel Club, six breeders, the Bulldog Club and the CKCS Club filed a lawsuit. The lower court ruled that breeding Bulldogs and CKCS is contrary to the law. An appeal has been filed, but the ruling is binding. Norwegians can own or import these breeds, but cannot breed them. The bottom line is it's about Animal Rights and we are in the crosshairs. The AKC has already seen these types of laws introduced at the state level.

Sheila Goffe suggests five things to head off this type of legislation:

1. Educate the public on the value of our Standards
2. Educate judges so they are not awarding extremes
3. Make sure the public understands a breed's functionality and preserving historic breeds
4. Create a demand for healthy dogs
5. Get out in front of this and educate the public

Parent Club Health Statements; the date the health statement was submitted is now included. Let Peter Piusz know if and when it needs to be updated. The health statement appears in two places on the AKC website; on the breed page and in the Market Place.

Trailer Update: To date, 95 trailers have been donated; there are 13 in the pipeline and 433 clubs are currently fund raising; \$2,361,015 has been raised, and an additional \$879,218 has been donated by AKC Reunite.

The Lunch and Learn Program for Veterinary students is going well. There have been multiple zoom presentations at Veterinary Schools. At a recent show, Veterinary Students attended an all-breed show and crop/dock was included in the program. The students were given the opportunity to speak to a Bouvier breeder and examine one of her dogs. The breeder explained the purpose for her breed's crop/dock. The presentation was well received by the students.

All AKC Clubs were asked to appoint a Junior Coordinator. Send the information to [Jrs@akc.org](mailto:Jrs@akc.org).

Canine Partners – 55% of clubs have opted out of allowing Canine Partners in Jr. Showmanship. There have only been 2 entries to date. The AKC will be eliminating the ownership requirement for Junior Showmanship.

Parent Club Best Practices Sub-Committee – The Sub-Committee has been working on 11 topics for Parent Club Best Practices. They will be hosting webinars and Zoom Pro programs, and all are invited. The Delegate will be provided with the links. The programs will last 20 to 50 minutes and 10 minutes will be allotted at the end for Q & A. The programs will begin in the next six to eight weeks.

The AKC has a new Archivist, Janie Kritz. She can be reached at 212-969-8216 or [library@akc.org](mailto:library@akc.org).

Parent Clubs are asked to review their breed flyer and update if necessary.

The AKC Preservation Bank is in the early stages of development. A Mission Statement has been approved:

“The mission of the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank is to ensure the viability of purebred dogs. This valuable service is necessary to salvage or restore endangered dog breeds now and in the future by coordinating efforts with nonprofit breed specific clubs. The preservation bank will educate breeders, clubs and the public about the importance of safeguarding frozen semen and protecting purebred dog breeds for future decades.”

The AKC Legal Department is working on this, and applying for IRC 509(A)(9) status. The AKC is also working with storage facilities across the country. In the development stages are a sample contract, data base, website, and disagreement resolution mechanism. The AKC needs to know if Parent Clubs are interested in this project. If so, they are asked to

designate a point person for the project. Decisions will need to be made; ie criteria for acceptance, date on sire, what criteria for usage, etc. Guidance will be available if needed.

The AKC's Pupdate Newsletter goes to all new owners with puppies 8 weeks to 18 months. So far, 725,000 newsletters have been sent. Parent Clubs are encouraged to participate. This offers a great opportunity to promote Parent Clubs free of charge. The newsletter includes photos and a link to the Parent Club webpage.

The Meet the Breeds 2022 Tour has been finalized.

Tampa, FL	April 23 & 24
Dallas, TX	June 25 & 26
San Diego, CA	September 10 & 11
Columbus, OH	October 15 & 16
New York City	November 12 & 13

The AKC is asking all Parent Clubs to participate in Meet the Breeds. If the Parent Club cannot provide members and dogs to man the booths, the AKC will contact regional and local clubs; then Breeders of Merit, Breeders of Heart, and lastly, local breeders, to man the booths.

### **Crop & Dock Meeting**

The Doberman Pinscher Club of America now has a Grant Program: **The DPCA offers a grant in support of a sabbatical (for licensed vets) or a clinical externship (for 3rd and 4th year veterinary students) to work with veterinarians who perform show quality and breed standard ear crops. Grant recipients will be exposed to the surgical, anesthetic, and analgesic considerations required for this procedure.**

Peter Piusz will send out more information on this program for Parent Clubs of other Dock/Crop breeds.

Discussion was held on a recent article in Taking Command, the AKC's Government Relations Newsletter.

Discussion was held on including dock & crop in the Veterinary Student Lunch & Learn Program.

Dr. Collins, Canine Health Fund, presented a short program on Dock & Crop. Discussion was held on doing a health study to gather data to back up the health reasons for docking and cropping.

### **Delegates' Meeting**

The meeting began with acknowledging the Delegates that had passed away since the last meeting.

Elections were held – as there were no other nominations, the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee were elected:

Class of 2026

Christopher Sweetwood, Trap Falls Kennel Club

Harold “Red” Tatro III, Forth Worth Kennel Club

Ann Wallin, Atlanta Kennel Club

New Delegates were introduced.

The Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America Club was approved for membership.

Chairman’s Report: Dr. Tom Davies gave a tribute to the late Ron Menacker.

President’s Report: Dennis Sprung reported the statistics for AKC clubs between 2017 and 2021:

236 New Clubs were admitted

39 Club dissolved

There are currently 4,992 AKC Clubs (645 Member clubs, 4,166 Licensed Clubs, 99 A clubs and 96 B clubs)

The three most common reasons for club dissolution are: members aging out; lack of new members and loss of show venues.

The AKC is planning a release of a “NFT” (non-fungible token) – initial offering will be to friends and family.

Standing Rules Committee proposed a revision to Section III to add “Scent Work Events” to the list of AKC Sports. Revision was adopted.

First reading on changes to Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Inserts verbiage to allow transfer between the divisions of the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class (puppy/adult) if offered. Adds verbiage to specify transfer between the divisions of the Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Class, and age divisions of the Veterans Class is permitted. Inserts language to recognize transfer between Puppy and Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Classes may involve divisions of either. Adds language for clarity as to when a transfer between classes must be completed at multi-day events.

**Judges Education:**

Al held a judges Education seminar at the Raleigh, NC shows. He stated it had a good turnout, and he thanked Lacey Tulloch Benitez and Blair Aguillard Commisso for being able to attend and have dogs for the presentation.

Al also did ringside mentoring at the Raleigh show on Sunday.

**Illustrated Standard:**

Sara is still working on some changes, but the current version will be added to the website and sent to the Swedish club, per their request.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was approved.

The next board meeting will be Friday, April 29th.

<b>Staffordshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.</b>						
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>			<b>March 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022</b>			
<b>Bank of America Checkbook</b>			<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>					<b>\$ 71,604.76</b>	
Membership Dues			\$ 200.44			
Magazine Income			\$ 48.06			
National Performance Donation			\$ 25.00			
Website Breeder Listing			\$ 50.00			
Purina Parent Club Program			\$ 332.06			
Public Relations Committee			\$ 164.11			
2022 Nat'l Trophy Donations			\$ 391.79			
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$ 1,211.46</b>		<b>\$ 72,816.22</b>	
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CK #</b>				
SEFCU	2022 National Golf Ditty Bags	3363		\$ 402.29		
Hanover Insurance Comp	Bond Crime Policy # 1933965	3364		\$ 247.00		
Jeannette O'Hanlon	March 2022 Delegate Meeting Exp's	3365		\$ 241.94		
Jeannette O'Hanlon	20/21 National Rally Rosettes	3365		\$ 57.95		
Jeannette O'Hanlon	Reimb. 2022 Nat'l Prizes RTIC Coolers	3365		\$ 292.18		
American Kennel Club	Application Fee, 2nd Rally Trial	3366		\$ 25.00		
BJ Whitlow	Reimb. Shipping Costs/Judges Ed	3367		\$ 502.87		
<b>Total Expenses</b>				<b>\$ 1,769.23</b>		
<b>Ending Balance</b>					<b>\$ 71,046.99</b>	
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Committee Accounts:			Beginning Balance	Additions	Subtractions	Ending Balance
Archives			\$ (10,579.41)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,579.41)
Futurity			\$ 3,825.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,825.79
Health			\$ 4,890.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,890.78
Legislative			\$ 2,933.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,933.28
Performance			\$ 47,103.39	\$ 25.00	\$ (25.00)	\$ 47,103.39
Public Relations			\$ 695.47	\$ 164.11	\$ -	\$ 859.58
Committee Funds						\$ 49,033.41
Club Funds						
Total Funds						

