



Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay
Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023 – 7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Call to order by Linda Andresen at 7:05 PM.

In attendance: AB Jene Anderson, x Linda Andresen, x Bobbie Armstrong, AB Anne Bower, x Leslie Condoleo, x Donna Johnson, AB Pam Lowe, AB Laurie Slater, AB Patty Spence, x Colleen Rafatti **NOTE: No quorum.**

Review of Action Items:

Minutes of 4-12-2023 stand as read without revisions or corrections. (A formal vote could not be taken to approve due to lack of a quorum.)

Treasurer's Report: Bobbie Armstrong

Balance as of 4-30-2023 \$23,138.06

Income: TOTAL: \$1,765.00

Expenses: TOTAL: \$1,168.09

Discussion items

- Bobbie reported that required annual tax forms due in May were filed.
- Expenses for the PawTrait Picnic were low, resulting in a nice profit on the event.

Show Committee: Colleen Rafatti and Donna Johnson (for Sheila-Faith Barry)

2024 Rotating

- Sheila-Faith is working with STCA and WEC on contracts for 2024 Rotating.
- Thursday evening fun activities and Friday midday rescue parade will be headed up by Scottish Terrier Rescue of Florida (STROF); several STCTB members met last night with the STROF Board via to discuss and brainstorm ideas. Sheila-Faith will be following up with them soon on ideas and suggestions. A Scottie merchandise “shop a thon” is in planning stages for Thursday evening.
- A “Save the Date” promotional magnet design has been created; an order will be placed in the next few weeks (waiting for a sale/price drop and/or possible need to redesign). They will be distributed by both STROF and STCTB.
- Judges have been confirmed.
- Colleen has found items to be used to create Olympics-themed centerpieces for the STCA banquet at Montgomery in October 2023.

December 2023 STCTB Specialty

- Judges have been confirmed.
- Designs for trophies are currently being considered.



Membership: Linda Andresen (for Laurie Slater)

New applicants

- Trey and Christina Davis (currently in the 30-day comment period)
- Jonathan and Kara Gilmore (currently in the 30-day comment period)
- Roger Gleckman- new membership inquiry (application not yet received)

New (approved) members

- None at this time.

It was noted that 24 new members have been added to STCTB in the past year- approximately a 30% increase in membership!

Sunshine Committee: Linda Andresen (for Laurie Slater)

A condolence card was sent to Ada and Carlos Rodriguez in response to the death of his mother.

Event Committee: Linda Andresen and Bobbie Armstrong (for Pam Murray)

Spring PawTrait Picnic: The picnic, held on April 15, 2023 at Dade Battlefield Historic Park in Bushnell, Florida, was very successful. It included a pot-luck style meal, individual pet portraits taken by member Mitchell O'Rear, lure course runs, a brief membership update meeting, raffles and club merchandise sales, games and a boutique table.

Fall Fun Day: A tentative date has been set for the Fall Fun Day. It is October 21, 2023. The tentative location is Dade Battlefield Historic Park in Bushnell, Florida. Funding has been received from the STCA Health Trust Fund to do blood draws for the DNA Databank project during the event. A veterinarian will need to be hired to perform the blood draws. The event will be open to both STCTB and STROF members.

Annual Luncheon and Meeting: This has been confirmed for June 24, 2023 at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Brooksville. Menu choice and costs will be determined by the advance count of members who plan to attend, so RSVP's will be requested. Colleen suggested creating a short RSVP form on the website for that purpose. A "Save the Date" reminder is posted on the website.

Ways and Means: Donna Johnson

- Next meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2023.
- A STCTB fundraising garage sale is being planned for the November 4, 2023 Lakeland. Contact Donna Johnson if you have items to donate that require storage.
- Contact Donna Johnson to provide descriptions and photos of items you would like to offer for the silent and live auctions for the Montgomery weekend in October 2023 and for the Rotating event in May 2024.
- To date tickets totaling \$300 have been sold for the Monica Montoya artwork fundraising raffle.



Service Committee: Colleen Rafatti

- Due to high activity in other areas of STCTB in which Colleen is involved new Service Committee projects have been temporary put on hold.
- Colleen will explore availability of AKC “responsible dog ownership” kits available from AKC, as well as free test outline/training guideline brochures for the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing program.
- Colleen is currently working toward Canine Good Citizen testing with her two Scotties, and is working with her local all-breed dog club to review and meet the requirements to become a CC evaluator so this testing could be offered at future club events.
- Colleen has explored Service Dog training and has several contacts with individuals who have working Scottie service dogs and with several sources that offer the training; one is on the East Coast of Florida, the other is in Lakeland. (CGC certification is a required “first step” before a dog is admitted to a service dog training class.)
- A form is active on the website for members to report service-related activities and hours. These will be compiled into a spreadsheet for annual reporting.

Old Business:

Picnic wrap-up

- We had 34 Scottie pawrents and 20 Scotties in attendance.
- Expenses were low so a profit resulted from the event.
- Positive comments were received about the location and facilities (nearby parking was appreciated, clean restrooms, shade, availability to use two side by side pavilions with concrete floors was a positive as it kept the dogs out of the dirt and ants and fans could be run for the comfort of the dogs).
- Photos are posted on the website.

Feedback on General Meeting with Kathy Brown

- The educational program was well presented and well received.
- Several participants commented positively on the content and presentation.
- One disappointment was the small number of members who participated.

Other

- The next educational presentation (via Zoom) is scheduled for July 27, 2023 featuring Marcia Dawson and a discussion of the STCA DNA Database project.

New Business:

Discussion items



Membership Renewal

- Website updates regarding membership-are nearly completed. Revised information is posted on the website including a “Join STCTB” directional button at the top of the Home page and newly created pages for New Membership and Membership Renewal.
- The committee has been reworking forms and processes to make them simpler. They will be posted on the website as they are completed.
- Bobbie plans to send out dues renewal notifications, and requests for supporting donations for the Rotating Specialty, are going out on May 15, 2023. Dues payment and donation buttons are posted on the website (for payment via PayPal, debit card and credit card) along with information on how to contact Bobbie to pay via Venmo/Zelle and personal check.

Prorating Dues, Application Fee

- Bobbie noted that individuals who join the club between January and June each year are not charged for dues the following year. As a result, she felt prorating dues was unnecessary and would be complicated to monitor.
- There currently is no application fee being charged.
- Linda stated that our STCTB Bylaws may require application fee and dues pro-ration; this will be reviewed before the next Board meeting and revisited as needed.

Review- Ways and Means Charter

- The charter of the Ways and Means Committee was read and reviewed. Donna suggested striking the following sentence as the only change: “All members of the Committee are voting members of STCTB.” (Due to lack of a quorum, this was voting on this was tabled until the next meeting.)

Breeder Referral- Committee to Review and Bring Back Suggestions? (Tabled last meeting)

- We will continue to revisit this item each month, but it is being tabled again for the time being.
- There is no formal Breeder Referral Committee at this time.
- Current procedure, when anyone asks for breeder and/or puppy referral information from our Club is that Donna responds to those (most come in via Facebook or the website). She sends out a letter and refers those inquiring to our list of STCTB breeders and to the STCA website for related information. She suggested that it would be helpful to have a set of “standardized responses” to use in these communications for various questions that typically arise.

OTHER?

Communication Frequency: Linda raised a concern, based on feedback she has received, that we may be sending out too many/too many lengthy emails to relay club business and seek participation. Will members “tune out” our emails in the future in this case?

Year in Review: Bobbie reported that the STCTB annual “year in review” letter is currently under development.



Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM by Linda Andresen.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Rafatti, STCTB Board Member, acting for Pam Murray.