



Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay
Board Meeting Minutes
9 Aug 2023 – 7 p.m.

Call to order by Linda Andresen at 7:04

In attendance: Jene Anderson, Linda Andresen, Bobbie Armstrong, Anne Bower, Suzanne Graham, Donna Johnson, Laurie Slater, Patty Spence, Colleen Rafatti, Sheila-Faith Barry.

Minutes of the 12 July 2023 board meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: balance as of 31 July \$27,827.69
Cash available \$18,362.69
Some Ways & Means money is yet to be balanced and added in.
We received another \$1,000 for the rotating hospitality dinner
Two Montgomery catalog ads have been paid for.
Insurance has been paid for the upcoming year.

Show Committee: The Show Committee is finalizing the Friday night rotating event. Ads for the bagpiper are in the works. Rosettes for the Dec specialty are in production at this time. Everything is moving along well.

Membership: New applicants, Teresa and Gordon Gerarri 30-day notice went out July 16th. Several prospective members have reached out with interest in joining the club but have been unresponsive to emails and the membership chair lacks other contact information and one other prospective member reached out and is also interested in learning to groom.

Elizabeth Driscoll is interested in being the Membership Chair.

Sunshine Committee: no action

Event Committee: Plans continue for the Fall Fun Day DNA Databank event and the Friday Night rotating show.

Ways and Means: Not much has changed since the last meeting. W&M will meet next week and they have 4 volunteers for the fall yard sale. Tomorrow there will be a meeting to decide which items will go to Montgomery County.

Service Committee: A survey has gone out and 4-5 people have already responded. National Dog Day is Aug 25th and an email will go out soon with ideas for how people can volunteer and participate.

Old Business:

We have several members who have not yet paid their dues. The bylaws state that members have until the end of Sept before they are dropped off the roster.



New Business:

Open Board Meetings to the Membership

Recommendation for board meeting open invitation. Anne Bower drafted a framework for opening board meetings to the general public. Key takeaways:

- Board meeting is conducted the same way as it is now.
- Membership is invited to attend the board meeting.
- If members have questions or comments, it is announced at the beginning of the meeting that there will be an opportunity to present at the end of the meeting.
- Membership may send agenda items to the president for review and inclusion for the meeting.
- If the president has questions about the agenda item, they may reach out for more information.
- During the meeting, board members (only) would participate in the agenda item submitted.
- At the end of the meeting, members are given the floor for a specific timeframe (such as two minutes each) to present their question or concern.
- Sensitive topics that need to be discussed exclusively amongst the board members should be handled at a special board meeting. It could be handled as an executive meeting. Such executive meetings would not be “Special Board Meetings” as outlined in the bylaws.

A motion was made that the STCTB approved the opening of board meetings to the general membership as outlined in the proposal and discussed during the meeting. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

Linda Andresen will draft an email to the membership to announce the process of opening board meetings to the general membership. Pam Murray will include instructions for using zoom for anyone unfamiliar with the functionality, and that information will be included on the website.

Service Charter Review

Review of the service charter will be tabled until Jan 2024.

Scottish Terrier Publicity

Recommendation for Scottie publicity. An email was received saying that one of the main reasons the people joined the STCTB was that we realized the popularity of Scotties was shrinking. Marcia Dawson confirmed this in her talk last week. We are constantly showing me posts on Facebook with cute pictures and/or stories and/or cartoons. These are usually from one of the Scottie sites on Facebook. We see that I mentioned that only Scottie lovers like us are seeing these posts.

The board discussed and agreed that the more we can get the word out about how great our Scotties are, the better and Pam Murray will include the suggestion in an upcoming News & Aroos to encourage everyone to share great Scottie information with any way they can!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Next board meeting: 7 p.m. Wednesday 13 September 2023 via zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Murray, STCTB Secretary.