

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

Call to order by Linda Andresen at 7:03 p.m.

In attendance: Colleen Rafatti, Donna Johnson, Leslie Condoleo, Bobbie Armstrong, Patty Spence, Anne Bower, Laurie Slater

Minutes of the 9 Feb 2023 board meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: balance as of 28 Feb 2023 \$22,576.40

2023 Budget Discussion.

A generous \$2500 donation was made by a member for the 2024 rotating's judge's expenses. How will dues payment add-ons: should we ask for additional money for show committee awards? Should it be requested during dues collection? Discussion was to include with the dues collection.

Columbia restaurant was visited and is recommended for the annual dinner. If we have 30 attendees, it would cost \$10 more per person than last year but with a private banquet room. Guests would have two entree choices plus salad, side, and dessert. At \$51 per plate, the club may consider subsidizing a portion of the meal and since we will need 30 attendees minimum we should sell tickets ahead of time. A motion was made and seconded to pay the \$250 deposit to hold the date; motion carried with one opposed. Date: June 24 Time: 11:30 a.m.

**POST-MEETING ADDITION:** When reservations were attempted at the Columbia it was noted that a minimum of 35 attendees were required, which is likely more than what we could expect. And email to the board asked for a vote to change the venue and nine members responded in favor. Papa Joe's in Brooksville was mentioned as a possibility. Donna Johnson, Laurie Slater, Bobbie Armstrong, and Pam Murray plan to meet there for lunch on 22 March to get all of the details. Pam Lowe is also researching Ventura.

#### **Show Committee:**

Patty is working on the trophies for Dec 2023 show. Christine O'Brien has accepted to judge the 2023 Dec specialty sweepstakes. Pamela Bruce (all around) will be judging the 2023 Dec specialty and has requested one night's lodging and a bottle of wine for payment. Shaun Nichols will judge the Dec 2023 specialty supported entry. No juniors judge yet.

2024 rotating: Myles Leonard (Ireland) has returned his contract. No juniors judge yet. Fund raising will be handled by Ways & Means. Pop up auction, silent auction, and perhaps a live auction at the rotating banquet.

Website has announcement for rotating; schedule for monthly updates on the website; Piedmont will do the Nov 2023 rotating so the two rotatings will be close together. A video advertising WEC will be posted on our website and Facebook.

Event schedule is still in work. Meeting with STCA board members in early April to discuss additional show concerns.

A list of awards available for sponsor will be provided to Bobbie Armstrong this coming weekend.



**Membership:** Currently we have 2 applications in process:

**Bonnie & Fred Marberry -** First reading by board. Approved. 3/5/23; 30-day notice to club members to go out this week.

**Maureen Rhemann -** First reading by board. Approved. 3/5/23; 30-day notice to club members to go out this week.

New members: Ruth Fry, Carlos & Ada Rodriguez

#### **Sunshine Committee:**

Cards were sent to Julie Wright, Neil Chivington, Faye Morgan, and Catherine St John

#### **Event Committee:**

18 Feb Deland Dog Parade was a big success and the STCTB banner has been returned to Pam Murray.

31 March – Dunedin Highland Parade early dinner 4 p.m. step off 6:30. Notice will go out after this meeting to include save the date for Spring Fling.

Spring Fling 15 April Dade Battlefield Historic Park. Save the date will go out in March News and Aroos.

## **Ways and Means:**

Community yard sale in Lakeland is being considered for club participation (Nov 4). A notice will go out to members to start saving donations for the sale!

Pop up auctions are in the works. If you have something to donate for an auction, let Ways & Means know.

#### **Service Committee:**

A subpage under Membership & News has been created with information about the service committee and a form for submitting information about any service donations any members might participate in.

# **Nomination Committee:**

The committee Laurie, Donna, Suzanne, Michelle submitted the following nominations for the 2023-2024 STCTB year: Linda Andresen (President), Patty Spence (Vice President), Pam Murray (Secretary), Bobbie Armstrong (Treasurer). Pam Lowe requested her director position be filled and that vacancy nomination is Suzanne Graham.

# **Old Business:**

ByLaw revisions have been sent to the membership for vote. Fifteen 'yes' votes have been received so far, no votes to contest. Voting period ends 20 March and upon member approval, Pam Murray will send revision to the AKC.

Q2 – Kathi Brown, "Review of the Scottish Terrier Standard" *April 27<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.* Feedback from Colleen Rafatti and Donna Johnson was forwarded to Kathi Brown who responded "I'll rework a PowerPoint for the time allotted and to provide some images while we discuss the items identified. I hope to have this within a week and try to get it to you either electronically or via thumb drive."



The following Vacation Swap verbiage has been suggested for distribution. Discussion concluded that board members should review and bring considerations back to a future meeting.

On a voluntary basis, Scottish Terrier sitting may be available for interested members to either invite the affected Scottie(s) to stay in your home, or to "house sit" the absentee owner's Scottish terrier(s) in their home. All arrangements would be agreed upon (in writing, if members prefer) by the parties previously including but not limited to: compensation (if any), care & feeding, including medication administration, household requirements & dates of coverage.

This could benefit Scottish terrier owners who are fortunate to live in relative close proximity to each other and assures that Scottish terrier(s) maintain their unique habits and personalities due to the knowing support received through their subrogate care-takers. Though the STCTB is not a partner in this endeavor, the registry of owners is a method of identifying potential Scottish terrier families willing to offer vacation coverage for our beloved pets.

#### **New Business:**

Read the emails about proposed Florida legislation and please write your representatives! Tell them all the good things that dogs and breeders do for Florida and our neighborhoods.

Committee Charter Review – tabled for next meeting

STCTB Breeder Referral – tabled for next meeting. Does STCA have a 'job description'?

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Brags: none

**ACTION ITEMS:** (strike through items have been completed)

- Secure the Columbia restaurant for the annual luncheon by paying the \$250 deposit to hold the date
- Increase participation at upcoming general meetings by having a raffle/prize drawing and have board members send personal reminders to members
- Recommendation to show committee: for future shows, allow catalogs to be pre-ordered.
- Consider donation to the AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund (CLSF)

## AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING:

- Committee Charter Review tabled for next meeting
- STCTB Breeder Referral to be addressed at a later meeting.
- Possibly change Board Meeting Day: consider changing the meeting day at the start of the next year if Tuesday or Wednesday evening might work for everyone.
- 2024 ByLaw review: update the honorary membership criteria and verbiage.

Next board meeting: 13 April 2023 via zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Murray, STCTB Secretary.