

## **CONFERENCE CALL STCA BOARD December 18, 2013**

Members Present: Hill, Kelly, Williams, Thomas, Prince, Burge, Gann, Sanchez, Wooster, Russell, Waite, Hurren, Edell, Spence, Prince. Sanchez.

**Call to Order: Hill, President, called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM EST.**

**1. November 20, 2013 Board Conference Call Minutes. Motion: to approve the November 20, 2013 Board Conference Call Minutes with corrections. Waite/Prince. Passed unanimously.**

**2. Backtalk Memorial Award Cost tabled till Winter Meeting.**

**3. Lori Kelly's report on the Rotating and Montgomery 2014**

**Rotating 2014** dates approved by AKC for STCA National Rotating and the STCM Designated Specialties held with the Progressive Dog Club all breed shows at the Birch Run Expo Center. Still waiting on final approvals for Progressive. Conformation events are still "pending". AKC on Dec. 13 said we can advertise dates only.

a) All info sent to Progressive & MB-F for premium list, incl. info on rosettes. Progressive pays standard rosettes; any larger STCA pays the difference. Progressive to pay \$3.00 per dog. Building, tables, and chairs no charge.

b) We will collect all advertising and send directly to Progressive.

c) Deposit of \$150 sent to Sullivan's Catering, at the Expo Center. April 26, 2014 for STCA Buffet Dinner is held for us. Menu set. Pricing to STCA members set. Next deposit due Mar 26, 2014. Bar services handled by Birch Run Expo, STCM to host complimentary hospitality. Lunch not available through STCA. Expo Center does not permit outside food. Expo Center vendors sell food at both shows. STCA offers online reservations for pre-paid Buffet Dinner & hospitality at STCA website. Trophy donation accepted at STCA website.

d) Online info packet completed & sent to Debi Russell to mail hard copies to members without email communication. Once we have approvals from the AKC, we will post information to the website. I sent Bob Gann the online version of the info packet and will work with him on information to be published. Debi Russell will collect advertising and payments. Ads may also be purchased through the STCA website.

e) Sent names of our preferred Stewards.

f) Ad for issue 1 Bagpiper 2014. Deadline is Jan. 15.

g) Trophies to be selected. In contact with the satellite office of MB-F for information on show site.

h) STCA judges notified re change of venue.

i) No host hotel. Board meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Birch Run on Thurs. Arrangements made.

j) No STCA vendors. All vendors through Progressive..

k) HTF to hold Health Fair. Progressive providing a room for STCA HTF Eye Clinic. Online pre-registration for Eye Clinic online at STCA website.

l) Follow up needed with Progressive.

**Montgomery 2014** Written request submitted Dec. 18 to Kathy Ferris for Hatboro Shows Dec. 18 Requested early ring times for Thurs & Fri. Additional request to be sent Sept. 1 to Kathy Ferris and Robert Black.

**4. Updated SOPs due by the Winter Meeting**

**5. MCKC Profit and Loss spreadsheet** finalized for the Board in Jan. MCKC Weekend had a loss of \$528.62.

**6. Legislation Report by Charlie Gann:** Contacted Chad Hamilton, attorney, for opinion. He is unable to represent STCA, but had a recommendation. The "majority" of the committee is opposed to supporting KODA. It is an "At Risk of success" that the injunction will be successful with ongoing high expenses.. Several lawyers, contacted advised against funding KODA-3. Opinions came also from others such as a federation of dog clubs CFDC and the Illinois federation (sought out by Lisa Hills and myself) and other dog club legislative liaisons. We have no problem with individuals donating monies where they wish, but we (the majority, with one dissenting) feel extra cautious with member's monies. We feel it would be better utilized with a less risky organization, and one that has the probability of better "standing" such as the AKC as the lawyer, Mr. Hamilton, suggested.

**7. Bagpiper:** Mailing date issue #4 2013 is December 16<sup>th</sup>. Pam Williams, Editor, advised that Business Card Ads for issue #1 2014 are due by 1/20 for \$100.00. Ads to Pam, Business Cards to Jeff. Deadline same for Stud ads.

**9. Dues Collection:** Rhea Spence: Treas. Paid Members 44 Foreign, 792 USA (15 are Honorary)

**Motion: to adjourn at 9:29 PM EST. Williams/Wooster. Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted Theresa Kay Thomas, Recording Secretary,