



The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
Saturday February 22, 2014
La Quinta Inn & Suites, Century Blvd., LAX, California
8:00 AM – 5:45 PM EST

PRESENT: Pres. Charla Hill, Vice Pres. Lori Kelly, Treas. Rhea Spence, Corres. Sec. Pam Williams, Rec. Sec. Theresa Thomas, AKC Delegate, Helen Prince, Dirs. 2014: Jerry Burge, Charlie Gann, Pat Wooster, Adrian Sanchez, Dirs. 2015: Kelli Edell, Nancy Hurren, Jeff Waite. Absent: Steve Russell

President Hill called the meeting to order at 8:02AM PST.

Motion: to approve the STCA Nov. 2013 Conference Call Minutes: Kelly/Edell. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the STCA Dec. 2013 Board Conference Call Minutes with corrections: Prince/Spence. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the STCA Jan. 2014 Conference Call Minutes: Wooster/Spence. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to add to the agenda. Waite/Kelly. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to change the order of the agenda. Williams/Gann. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to excuse Steve Russell from the Board Meeting due to surgery. Prince/Hurren. Passed unanimously.

SOPs

Motion: to approve Delegate to the American Kennel Club SOP with suggested revisions: Edell/Burge. Passed unanimously.

Board Consensus: to change the title of the STCA Trophies and Annual Awards SOP to STCA Annual Awards and Trophies and SOP.

Motion: to approve the Standard Operating Procedure Awards Chair SOP with revisions. Wooster/Hurren. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approved the Editor *Bagpiper* Regional Club Clan Connection Report SOP with revisions. Prince/Edell. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Bagpiper Marketing Director SOP with revisions. Prince/Burge. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Breeder Referral Chair SOP with revisions. Wooster/Hurren. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Director SOP. Williams/Sanchez. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Earthdog Chairperson SOP with revisions. Prince/Burge. Approved.11–yes.1-no.

Motion: to approve the Election of Trustees to Trust Funds SOP with revisions. Kelly/Sanchez. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Gazette Columnist SOP with revisions. Williams/Edell. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Health Trust Fund Trustees SOP with revisions. Williams/Edell. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Judges Education SOP with revisions. Prince/Spence. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Legislation Committee SOP. Williams/Burge. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the National Specialty Regular and Non Regular Classes Show Secretary SOP with revisions. Prince/Edell. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the National Specialty Meals Reservation SOP with revisions. Prince/Gann. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Election of Nominating Committee SOP with revisions. Prince/Williams. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Telephone Conference Meetings SOP with revisions. Gann/Edell. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Office of the President SOP with revisions. Spence/Wooster. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the STCA Public Information/PR Chairperson SOP with revisions. Prince/Williams. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Office of the Recording Secretary SOP. Prince/Spence. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Regional Club Representative Chair SOP. Prince/Spence. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the National Wrap-up-STCA Electronic Newsletter SOP. Prince/Sanchez. Passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Rescue Trust Coordinator(s) with revisions. Kelly/Burge. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to approve the Sunshine Chair. Williams/Burge. Passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Office of Treasurer SOP with revisions. Williams/Edell. Passed unanimously.

Motion: to table the Regional Club Representative to the STCA SOP till April. Spence/Wooster. Passed unanimously.

Awards Tally SOP – to be presented at the Fall meeting, Historian SOP already approved in Oct, 2013, Junior Showmanship SOP - no change, National Specialty Sweepstakes/Obedience Secretary SOP – to present in April, Nominating Committee SOP – no change, Position Descriptions Officers and Trustees Rescue Trust Fund SOP – no change **Motion: to table the Regional Club Representative to the STCA SOP till April. Spence/Wooster. Passed unanimously.** Ways and Means SOP – no change

Report of Recording Secretary: Theresa Thomas

Motion: that Theresa proceeds with production of new STCA Roster and report back to the Board in April with pricing. Kelly/Wooster. Passed unanimously.

Report of Corresponding Secretary: Pam Williams

Correspondence Sent

New member packets = 7

Deborah Brookes - letters regarding the Deblin award and details regarding the tied awards

Letters to new Committee Chairmen & Board Members

Letters to thank you departing Committee Chairmen and Board Member

Letter to Paul deBene and Laurie Slater - thank you for Meet the Breeds work

Emails to thank 15 Nomination Committee Applicants and four board member petitioners

Materials Shipped and Distributed

Paul deBene - (10) Illustrated Standards for Breed Seminar - Florida

Kathi Brown - (50) Illustrated Standards for Breed Seminar tools

Marcia Dawson, Charla Hill, Marianne Melucci, Darle Heck, Joanne Orth - (10) copies breed booklet

Jerry Burge - (40) breed booklet

Charla Hill - (15) Illustrated Standard and (25) breed booklet

HASTC – (2) BBE medallions and (25) breed booklet

Materials Sold

(1) 2006 Handbook

(6) STCA decals

(1) Illustrated Standard

Grooming Manual sales – update from Marcia:

22 total manuals sold since the MCKC report. 20 of these were thru the Shoppe. The other 2 were mail orders. One of these was to Norway, and all the others were US destinations.

I have a partial box here, total of 14. I also have about 6 that have damaged binders. We do not have spare binders so I would recommend in the next order the following:

Beef up the binder;

Send a few empty binders;

Add a pocket to the inside front or rear cover

Make sure the "Tail" page is done correctly next time so we don't have to manually replace the page in every single book.

Expenses for December-February

\$275.65 Postage, supplies

Nominating Committee for 2014: 14 applications received – The Board voted by secret ballot that the following will serve on the committee for 2014. Chairman Kathleen Ferris-9, Maxine Stickler -7, Richard Lawn-6, Jean Rose-6, Karen Prokopetz-6, and Alternates: 1st Bill deVilleneuve-10, 2nd Glenda Tucker

Report of President: Charla Hill

As President, I have been actively involved in the following.

1. Consulting with and advising the Vice President as the show site in Michigan for the Rotating was sold, and we and STCM, sponsor, had to find a second site immediately.
2. Serving as member of the By-Laws Committee and working to conclude the revisions to be presented to the AKC and STCA members for vote. Revisions needed to bring the club into the age of technology and computers.
3. Serving as member of the SOP Committee to be sure that all SOPs are up to date, follow dates in the By-Laws, and to maintain order in the procedures used by the Board, all members and Committee members.
4. Serving as observer on the conference calls of the Standard Committee to interface with the AKC, as well as the conference calls of the Regional Clubs Ad Hoc committee and Ad Hoc Membership committee.
5. Interfacing with the Treasurer, Recording Sec. and Board members to facilitate dues collection and phoning members with reminders.
6. Mailing member volunteers who didn't attend Montgomery a thanks and volunteer button for 2013.
7. Proofing articles for the Bagpiper and writing a President's message. .
8. Brainstorming on ways the club can promote the breed, the Bagpiper, and be profitable. Suggested half price first year subscription to the Bagpiper to get more of them into hands of non-members to encourage membership and participation.

9. Working with the Historian to catalog and identify show negatives and photos which were provenance of William Gilbert show photographer from the 80s. Working to provide old Bagpipers and Terrier Types to the Historian to be scanned and placed on the web site.
10. Constructing a spreadsheet, 2014 calendar of events, pertinent dates and reminders for the Board.
11. Conferencing with Officers and Board members frequently regarding their duties.
12. Proofing Conference Call minutes. Editing minutes to a reasonable length for the Bagpiper.
13. Worked to order trophies for the Rotating 2014.
14. Interacted with Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC, as liaison to the Standard Committee.

I am suggesting that there be a...

1. Plan for a new printed roster for publication in summer
2. New plan for a new STCA Handbook.
3. Appointment of Janet Tomlinson, Historian, as editor of the Historical breeders section of the new handbook from 2006- 2014 to begin collecting data. Sign Helen Prince to write the recent history of the STCA.
4. Plan to enlarge the Facebook team and get it up and running well
5. Focus on Breed Education and addition of Member Education sub committee to be combined with Judge's Education sub-committee, making them both directed by a committee titled Breed Education, with one chair for coordination and two sub chairs. Budget for more interaction at the Regional club level.
6. Push to be an STCA presence at such events as Door County Rally, Scottie Collectors Convention, grooming competitions, and pet fairs to name a few events where people are present with the breed. Larger budget for this effort as part of STCA awareness.
7. Membership drive following recommendations of the Membership Ad Hoc committee.
8. AKC Humane Fund Donations \$500.00

Motion: that STCA continue with the donations to the AKC Humane Fund of \$500.00 and AKC Legislation Support Fund of \$500.00. Burge/Williams. Passed unanimously.

Report of Vice Pres. and Show Chair: Lori Kelly

STCA/STCM Rotating '14 - I worked with Debra Davis of Progressive Dog Club for AKC show approvals. Confusion over the venue change was challenging. MB-F, Inc. is this year's rotating show superintendent for events at the Birch Run Expo Center. Premium list is in production. A mailing list was submitted to MB-F of members who might not be on the regular mail distribution list for shows in the Michigan area. Premium list will also be available on line shortly.

Our designated specialty (and STCM) will be held in conjunction with the Progressive Dog Club shows on April 26 and April 27. Judges for STCA national rotating: Sweeps: Marianne Melucci. Regular Classes: Muriel Lee. Both judges have been contacted and provided hotel information. Pat Wooster and Jim DeArmond are working on STCM details. Match Show – C.Gubry. Sweeps: Charlie Gann. Regular Classes: Charlotte McGowan. We will not have a host hotel this year. Information packet was completed and turned over to the web team and Debi Russell.

Bob Gann and "team" have been building the Rotating pages to include the info packet, banquet, hospitality, and HTF pre-paid registrations/reservations, trophy donations, and advertising sales. I remain optimistic that we will have a rotating iconic image on the home page of the website with links to all things rotating.

Kim Lindsay is coordinating banquet reservations. Dave Masters is coordinating trophy donations. Debi Russell is coordinating advertising sales. Judges gifts for STCA will be selected. L.Kelly and C.Hill have sent instructions for handling reservations/payments. The web team will complete set up of on-line payments with PayPal. Pat Wooster is handling STCM judges' gifts and trophies for the STCM specialty show.

Deadlines are listed on line and in the information packet. Deposit #2 will be due for the catering company handling the STCA banquet. Local STCM Show Chair – has sent an ad in for *Bagpiper Issue No. 1*, is coordinating STCM trophies and solicitations, hospitality, match and costume event and specialty.

Worked with Mike Bohl on information for website banners featuring specialty shows.

STCA National Specialty/Montgomery County weekend 2014.

On 2/3/14 I received Judging Panel and show approvals from AKC for Sweepstakes (Finn) and Obedience (Broderick) scheduled for 10/3 at the Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, also the host hotel and site of STCA hospitality, obedience/rally, board meeting, and banquet. Deposit #1 was sent to and received by the host hotel, the Sheraton Bucks County Hotel in accordance with the contract for 2014. L. Kelly sent an email to K. Ferris (of Hatboro Dog Club) requesting an early ring time for Hatboro shows. STCA will have a supporting entry at Hatboro. A letter will be sent on Sept. 1 to MB-F, Inc. and R. Black (Hatboro) again requesting an early ring time, especially for Fri., Oct. 3. L. Kelly to meet with Sheraton Bucks County Sr. Sales and Banquet managers during the first week of April to finalize menus for October. Hotel block of guest rooms will be available by May. On 2/3/14 I received AKC approvals for the STCA designated specialty, MCKC scheduled for Oct. 5; judging panel to be approved once MCKC completes their paperwork. Premium List is being printed. Bob Gann has taken information live on website. Lori will send the rest by email. Trophies and Advertising Deadlines are 3/1, Banquet Reservations and put announcements of the website email groups blogs.

Report of Treasurer: Rhea Spence 2014 Dues Collection

Dues collection for the current year is finally over. We experienced several problems with the USPS. We had a large number of members reporting that they never received the notice that was mailed out Nov. 1, 2013. Some of these probably received it, misplaced it or threw it away and forgot about it, but there were enough reporting it that I think a good many went astray in the mail. I also had a couple of people contact me in December saying they knew they should be paying their dues but had not received anything about it. I've been in contact with Bob Gann about sending emails out soon after notices have been mailed with the announcement that they have been mailed and that if the person does not receive theirs shortly to either contact me for another or attach the forms so they can print from the attachment. Bob thinks that he can at least provide members with a link to the website where they can print out the forms if they have not received them.

The second USPS problem strangely occurred when almost a dozen members mailed their dues postmarked on December 2nd, and they did not arrive here until January 13. During that time, board members had called most of these members, and when they had found their checks had not arrived, they sent replacements. A couple of the replacement checks arrived before Jan. 13th, and the mail that day contained 2 replacement checks as well as the originals. I see no clear "fix" on this problem except to really push using the online renewal with PayPal payment. I have not had time to count and compare online renewals from last year and this year, but I do believe we had more online renewals this year. We also had fewer problems with the process than last year. When one problem came up (the person getting a message that they hadn't filled in all the required spaces when they had), Bob started working on the way to fix it and sent instructions on how to get around it until it was fixed.

Charla and I have also discussed sending out the renewal notices prior to MCKC and really pushing people to renew at Sweeps. She thought maybe if we could come up with a nice raffle item to be drawn for at the dinner from those members who renewed their membership at Sweeps, it would be a nice incentive for people to renew there. We had fewer people renew at Sweeps this year than last.

Unfortunately, we always seem to end up calling members who have not renewed by December 31st. I wish I had an answer to that problem. If we had not called like we did, we would have lost over 100 members. Maybe we need to come up with a more proactive approach during the first part of December to get more people paid by Dec. 31st. I'm just not sure what it should be. Any suggestions are appreciated.

AUDIT

We are well overdue for an audit of the club's books. It has been delayed because the Finance Committee found a discrepancy in the General Ledger I ran since starting a QuickBooks "New Company" at the beginning of 2012 because the "Old Company" had been used for years, had multiple accounts listed that I had to go through to click on before entering deposits and "writing" checks. It also had a terribly lengthy Chart of Accounts with sometimes 3 different places to enter income and expenses. It's my understanding that this needs to be straightened out before a real audit can be done. With what I understood could have caused the discrepancy, I have made some corrections but no one has had time to see if whatever the problem was before has now been corrected. It's now been 2 ½ years and I would like to finally get it all straightened out. To that end, I have contacted the CPA who has been doing the club's tax returns for the past 2 years (and about to do the 3rd). She is knowledgeable in QuickBooks. She has done my personal tax returns for several years as well as the Conyers Kennel Club's taxes since I became their treasurer as well as the National Shih Tzu Club's for a few years. She charges \$150 an hour and is able to do this with me after April 15th of this year. In the meantime, I will find out exactly what she needs from me, double check to make sure there are no deposits or checks listed with the date "off" and make sure no cleared checks were entered as uncleared to start with so as to save as much money as possible.

I think it's time to put the audit situation to rest before going any further than necessary with the club's books.

Motion: authorize for the Treasurer to spend up to \$1000.00 to hire a CPA to review the QuickBooks cutover. Burger/Sanchez. Passed unanimously

9:50 PM
01/28/14
Cash Basis

Scottish Terrier Club of America
Profit & Loss
January through December 2013

	<u>Jan - Dec 13</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bagpiper 2014	3,107.35
Bagpiper Income 2013	40,178.56
Board Member Generated Income	9,120.23
Donation, General	43.26
Membership	21,558.38
Montgomery County Weekend 2013	14,081.48
PAWS (Juniors)	2,937.00
Rotating Specialty, 2013	15,393.68
Shoppe Sales	11,707.52
Total Income	<u>118,127.46</u>
Expense	
AKC	320.92
AKC Delegate Expense	619.42
Annual Awards	329.35
Bagpiper Expenses 2013	23,172.70
Board Member Required Activity	7,980.17
Club Ad in Westminster KC cat.	25.00
Committees 2012	150.58
Committees 2013	938.29
Historian	180.95
Insurance	2,019.00
Intro to Scottish Terriers	1,204.80
Montgomery County 2013	16,731.17
Montgomery County, 2012	117.00
Nominating Committee	41.83
PAWS	480.48
Regional Clubs	426.00
Rosters	2.58
Rotating 2013	14,938.85
Rotating 2014	150.00
Shoppe	4,413.16
STCA Donation	200.00
STCA Trifold	147.15
Storage	1,610.07
Website	170.92
Total Expense	<u>76,370.39</u>
Net Ordinary Income	41,757.07
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
BOA Savings Interest	60.59
Total Other Income	<u>60.59</u>
Net Other Income	60.59
Net Income	<u><u>41,817.66</u></u>

**Scottish Terrier Club of America
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2013**

Assets

Bank of America – MI – CD (Jett-Jackson)	\$ 58,225.59
Bank of America - -MI – CD (Stalter)	27,863.67
Bank of America – GA – Checking	124,394.48
Bank of America – GA – Savings	111,522.19
PayPal	2,942.34
Trophies, Actual Value	9,000.00
Total Assets	\$333,948.27

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities – Payable to Health and Rescue Trusts and AKC PAC	\$ 16,527.12
Total Net Assets	\$317,421.15
Total Net Assets & Liabilities	\$333,948.27

There was a question about the P&L. Rhea will review the Project & Loss and send an amended Project & Loss if necessary.

Report of Delegate to the AKC: Helen Prince

The December Delegates' meeting was held in Orlando, FL, on December 12-13, 2013.

I attended two committee meetings on the first day, and then the Delegates' Meeting on the second day. I also worked for the AKC, stewarding and sales, at the Eukanuba shows Saturday and Sunday.

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Canine Health Committee

1. **Vet Outreach program:** This is a program where the AKC sponsors students from a Vet school to go to the AKC Health Conferences and then report back to their school via some type of talk about what they have learned. This year OFA paid for the students. Many veterinary schools have embraced this program. The program also works to pair students up with local breeders and dog people in their area, for the purpose of showing them responsible breeding practices and dog ownership. This is important as many veterinary schools do not teach reproduction, etc., but want to leave it up to specialists. As a result many new veterinarians come to a practice not knowing what to do when a breeder needs help. Maribeth O'Neill is asking people near local vet school to contact her to see how you can help, by mentoring a vet student. She has power point presentations for you to use. The idea is that you instill in them that knowing how to help breeders and show dog owners will be help in your veterinary practice. AKC would also like to know which clubs are contributing to vet schools.

2. **Canine Health Foundation (CHF):** Dr. Duane Butherus, Chair, stated that the CHF has almost \$4,000,000 committed to research and also spoke to the committee about the Donor Advised Fund (DAF). Many parent clubs have not designated them for any research and some have as much as \$100,000. That is not the case with us and the HTF has been using ours regularly. (The DAF comes from private donations and the money from the Purina Weight circle program.)

There is a new program being formed called the Canine Athlete Initiative where athletic injuries in dogs will be studied.

3. **New Alert for Brucellosis:** As I reported earlier, there is a big problem in certain areas of the country, and prevalent in rescue dogs or dogs coming from large commercial kennels. People taking in dogs from unknown sources, rescue dogs, or dogs that have been housed in large kennels should have their own animals tested regularly. Brucellosis can be transmitted not only sexually, but through frozen semen and urine.

4. **Breeder of Merit and Health Testing:** Currently, the Breeder of Merit program does not require you to have proof of your dogs' adherence to your club's CHIC program, but that is under consideration by the AKC Board. If approved some type of wording will be added to the Breeder of Merit certificate that says CHIC tested stock, or something like that.

Parent Club Committee

1. **Dock and Crop:** There is currently a lawsuit pending in which members of a parent club are suing others who show their dogs "uncropped" so that they can compete in foreign shows. They are winning but in direct violation of the breed standard, which states the dog, is cropped.

2. **Parent Club of Excellence:** The final version is available via the Parent Club Conference-L Yahoo files. The parent club filling out the form is anonymous. This is not impediment yet

3. **CGC Suffix Title:** Since its inception, more than 14,500 have received the title, which is about 1,000 per month.

4. **eBalloting:** Each club wanting to do this is asked to amend your by-laws, and check with the state in which you are incorporated to be sure it is legal.

5. **Disaster Trailer Task Force:** At present there are 66 clubs participating. You need \$12,500 to begin, with a total of \$19,500 for a trailer. Clubs wishing to contribute but who cannot raise that amount can give some to a general account, and a letter will be sent to which ever club who uses your money to say you helped fund that trailer.

6. **Meet the Breeds:** There were 142 at NHC, by but there will be 160 in Florida.

7. **Reduced Fees for Juniors:** The AKC approved a fee of \$10 to add or remove a junior from a registration if that is the only change being made

8. **CHF Matching Funds:** Beginning in 2014, the AKC will match any donation to the CHF, so long and you have NOT made any donation between 1/1/12---12/31/13.

9. **Judging Task Force:** There is a new pilot program proposed called AKC Canine College, which allows a prospective judge to get approval via an on-line program. There will be classes of 6 dogs, where the person has to place 1-2-3-4, and then explain choices. A panel of 10 breed experts, not just judges, communicates electronically to respond to those choices, basically a virtual dog show! Experts in the breed will also rate them and then the two sets of choices will be compared. Breed clubs will be asked to provide club volunteers to be the "breed experts."

10. **Opt-out:** The AKC Board decided that if even if your club OPTED OUT on the application, you must publish that in your premium or else you will have to give the

3-point reserve major. It was suggested that this be a prominent addition to the Show/Trial Manual.

11. **All-Breed Clubs and Specialties:** A new policy. If there is an all-breed show which conflicts with a national specialty (like roving or one-time) and that all-breed show refuses to give permission to release the breed, then the specialty can go to the Event Review Committee for arbitration.

12. **APHIS:** Julian Praeger spoke about the new APHIS rules. He said that to avoid being in conflict, breed websites and a breeder's own website should have the following disclaimer: *"The primary purpose in breeding Scottish Terriers is to maintain bloodlines and produce breeding stock."*

Motion: to put a disclaimer at the STCA website "The primary purpose in breeding Scottish Terriers is to maintain bloodlines and produce breeding stock." Gann/Williams. Approved.

Friday, December 13, 2013

FORUM

Held one hour before the meeting, the topic for this Forum was the upcoming Board elections in March 2014. The candidates are Jim Dok, Charles Garvin(incumbent), Ron Menaker, and Pat Scully(incumbent). Each candidate was given questions sent it from the Delegates and then the floor was opened to other questions. I can share my personal observations with you in February.

DELEGATES' MEETING

The meeting opened with the introduction of new Delegates and a talk by Alan Kalter, Chair, on the health of the AKC. This was followed by a very moving tribute to Dr. Bill Newman, whose term on the Board will end but who was stepping down as he has had a stroke. North Country Kennel Club was voted in to membership. Then the CFO reported that the financial health of the AKC looks good at this time—costs are down and investment income is up. Special awards, call the Bailey Awards, were given for such things as Best promotion of a National Specialty, Best Club Spokesperson, Best Club PR, etc.

VOTES

Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 22: This is a new rule which allows for a Bred-By-Exhibitor Class for each sex in each Miscellaneous breed consistent with the requirements for all regular breeds.

READS (to be voted on in March 2014)

Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, Chapter 8, Section 9: Allows a club at its discretion to provide lower entry fees for Junior Handlers.

Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing breeds, Protest Against Dogs, Chapter 10, Sections 2 and 3: Deals who can or cannot be on Field Trial Hearing Meeting if a protest is being heard.

Saturday, December 14, 2013

For the first part of the day I helped with the AKC Sales Booth as well as checked in periodically with our Meet the Breeds Booth. Our Meet the Breeds Booth looked nice and the volunteers were happy that I checked in with them. The one problem they had, and I know this is true with other breeds, was in getting dogs for their display. It would have been nice to have some of our show dogs to have been there. Don't know how to fix this.... The specimens were lovely but no one had a stripped coat so it was impossible to see how our breed had a "double coat." Other terrier breeds that have double coats had the same comment! I also "filled in" as a steward in several rings.

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Today I stewarded for most of the day for the miscellaneous and FSS breeds. Very interesting...my judge was from Puerto Rico, and extremely knowledgeable so I learned a lot, especially about using a wicket. Apparently these dogs get challenged a lot—one man challenged 5 in the same ring—so the judge was prepared, but not necessarily the stewards! I could observe a great variation in breed type in these classes.

I did receive a very nice letter from AKC a week ago thanking me for being there to work and to steward.