

## STCA BOARD CONFERENCE CALL JUNE 18, 2014 ARCHIVE MINUTES

PRESENT: President, Charla Hill; Vice President, Lori Kelly; Corresponding Secretary, Pam Williams; Recording Secretary, Theresa Thomas; Treasurer, Rhea Spence; Directors: Class of 2014: Charlene Gann, Pat Wooster, Class of 2015: Kelli Edell, Nancy Hurren, Steve Russell, Adrian Sanchez, Jerry Burge, Helen Prince, Jeff Waite, Pat Wooster. Absent: Pam Williams

Charla Hill, President, called the meeting to order at 8:31 pm EDT.

Motion: to excuse Pam Williams from the meeting. Prince/Gann. Passed unanimously

1. **Motion: to approve the May Minutes with corrections. Prince/Wooster. Passed unanimously.**

2. Requests from the Health Trust Fund from Marcia Dawson, Chairperson To the Officers and Directors of the STCA Board:

I am writing to request your approval of two important HTF funding opportunities. One study is relatively small, and the other is impressive. The HTF believes that both have the potential to benefit our Scotties greatly, and we have voted unanimously to fund both projects.

The first study is being conducted by Dr. Emma Weeks at the University of Florida in Gainesville. The title of Dr. Weeks' project is Development of a Crack and Crevice Treatment as an Alternative to Conventional Pesticide Applications for the Brown Dog Tick. This study is AKC Canine Health Foundation Grant #02102-A. The brown dog tick is the most widely distributed tick in the world and is a carrier of the causative agents of many serious diseases, among them Ehrlichiosis and Babesiosis in both humans and dogs. Controlling the ticks with conventional pesticides used in the home and on our dogs is the only weapon at our disposal to prevent these diseases. However, with each passing year, the tick population has built up more and more resistance to the commonly used pesticides. Newer products are brought onto the market each year, which are typically effective in the early stages, but which also serve to expose our dogs to potentially more dangerous pesticides at higher levels. Dr. Weeks, through her previous study of the life cycles of ticks, has a good understanding of where ticks reside, when they emerge, and how to reduce their population at the source. With the goal of improving the tools and techniques available for tick control, Dr. Weeks aims to identify a suitable product for application to the cracks and crevices in our homes and kennels where the ticks spend much of their time in large numbers. She will be testing a variety of pet safe products including desiccants (such as boric acid and diatomaceous earth) and botanicals (various fungi and dusts), as well as a variety of conventional pesticides to see how best to control the tick population in its refuge, away from the

dogs, and to reduce the exposure of our pets to pesticides. The ultimate goal is to reduce the population of ticks, thereby preventing tick bites and tick borne diseases and improving the quality of life, health and longevity of all dogs. **The HTF has voted to support this study at the level of \$5000.00.**

**Motion: to approve the HTF donation in the amount of \$5,000 to the research project - Development of a Crack and Crevice treatment as an alternative to conventional pesticide applications for the brown dog tick conducted by Dr. Emma Weeks at the University of Florida. This study is AKC Canine Health Foundation Grant #02102-A. Waite/Sanchez. Passed unanimously.**

Dr. Debbie Knapp at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, will conduct the second study. Dr. Knapp is well known to Scottie owners and the STCA for her tenacious, long-term research and clinical trials on Transitional Cell Carcinoma (TCC), a cancer that too many of us have experienced too many times in our dogs. In her study entitled Screening and Early Intervention to Positively Transform the Management of Urinary Bladder Cancer in Scottish Terriers, Dr. Knapp at Purdue University proposes to follow a population of 100 Scottish Terriers over a 3-year period with a biannual screening program. The procedures will consist of ultrasound of the bladder, urine collection by free-catch for specialized urine assays and a full urinalysis, blood collection, and questionnaires to be filled out by the owners. The screenings will take place at Purdue and also at 2 off-campus locations in Louisville, KY (Rose Shacklett, coordinator) and Springfield, IL (Lisa Hills, coordinator). Early response to a call-out in 2013 for Scottie owners interested in participating garnered the names of nearly 80 Scotties in the Midwest area. There will be no cost to the Scottie owners for the screenings. If abnormal lesions are discovered in the screening, follow-up diagnostic work will be done at Purdue at a reduced cost to the owner.

Dr. Knapp's work is innovative and unique in veterinary medicine in that it focuses on the prevention and early intervention of TCC in Scotties. In human medicine, we know that routine screenings and early diagnosis of disease can result in much more successful outcomes in treatments. But this is not a typical course of action in veterinary medicine. Too often the diagnosis of TCC in Scotties is made too late, when the cancer is at an advanced stage and very often has already metastasized to regional lymph nodes and other areas, making treatment much less effective. Dr. Knapp is taking a novel approach in that she wants to screen apparently healthy dogs starting at the minimum age of 6-7 years and to follow these dogs carefully over 3 years. This will allow Dr. Knapp and her team to detect the earliest, pre-cancerous changes in the bladder wall, before there are any symptoms, and, in these cases, to intervene with a cox inhibitor (a drug similar to Piroxicam). It is expected that this early intervention will result in regression or long-term control of the disease in the majority of affected Scotties. In addition, samples will be banked for genetic and other molecular tests that may allow for more individualized screening strategies in the future. The ultimate goal of this study is the development of a successful and routine screening protocol for Scotties and other high risk breeds, with early intervention when needed using relatively low risk medication, a

process that may save the lives of thousands of dogs, reduce morbidity from TCC and traditional cancer treatment, and will lower health care costs for the owners. Dr. Knapp submitted a full proposal to both The AKC's Canine Health Foundation (in 2013) and Morris Animal Foundation (in 2014) for grant support. However, with funds for cancer research more limited than in the past, both of these funding agencies decided that this kind of study would largely benefit just one breed and would therefore not be the best use of their funds at this time. These organizations must use their dollars to benefit as many dogs as possible, giving maximum impact for their dollars. Therefore, the HTF has come to the conclusion that it is up to us, the Scottish Terrier owners, breeders, fanciers, gatekeepers, and friends, to fund a study that will provide a useful, effective screening protocol for all Scotties, now and in the future. The HTF will assist Dr. Knapp in publicity and in the recruitment of Scotties throughout the Midwest. Going through the proper research oversight channels of Purdue University, the HTF has also agreed to help fund Dr. Knapp's study to the level of \$30,000 per year for a 3-year period. The HTF already has a good start on this goal with a current amount of \$35,000 in funds ear-marked for TCC research. That leaves another \$60k that the HTF will have to provide over the remainder of the screening period. We believe that we can raise most of these funds with appropriate publicity and personal contacts with some of the HTF's very generous donors. **Total maximum funds: \$90,000-\$95,000 over 3 years**  
**Motion: to approve the HTF donation in the amount of 30,000 annually for 3 years to the research project - Screening and Early intervention to positively transform the management of urinary bladder cancer in Scottish Terriers, by Dr. Knapp at Purdue University. Sanchez/Gann. Passed unanimously.**

CHIC Ad Hoc Committee Report

-Helen Price would like to talk about the recommendations during the next Board Conference Call.

### **3. Photographer request for Montgomery.**

*"I am a candid photographer who has had some of my private clients ask me to attend Montgomery on October 5<sup>th</sup> and take some candid head shots and ringside shots of only their dogs.*

*Again, I work for a limited number of private clients and do NOT sell to the general public. Furthermore, I do not take random photos and then try to hand out business cards ringside. I work by prior arrangement only and, of course, never infringe on the work of the official photographers. The host kennel club has given me permission to work at the show, but because your breed club is holding its specialty there, the host club has asked that I gain breed club permission in case any clients ask me to work at that ring.*

*Please let me know how the club feels about this situation. Please let me know one way or the other, since I need to know who I can and cannot give reservations to.*

*The link to my website is below. Thank you!*

*Beth Adams – Candid Canine Photography."*

CONSENSUS: Pam Williams, Corresponding Secretary, will send a letter stating that candid shots are okay but no show pictures.

**4. PAWS Funds.**

There is currently \$6021.52 in the account. Rhea Spencer, Treasurer, was asking how it should be reported. Kelli Edell, Charla Hill and Rhea Spence will decide and report back to the board.

**5. Update – Montgomery**

Info packet is up on the website

Reservation Page for Ads, meals, etc. are still being build

Lori Kelly is asking for a budget of \$1200.00 dollars to pay Rau for ring rental and set up on Thursday for Sweepstakes, Obedience and Rally and for the floor covering in and outside the ballroom.

**Motion: to approved the expenditure of \$1200.00 for Rau. Prince/Sanchez.  
Passed unanimously.**

**6. 2016-June Rotating**

Helen Prince asks to see the cost of the 2014 Rotating to assist with her presentation. Lori Kelly and Pat Wooster will get her the figures.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm EDT.**

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Theresa Kay Thomas