



STCA BOARD CONFERENCE CALL FOR JANUARY 21, 2015

PRESENT: Pres., Charla Hill; VP, Lori Kelly; Corres. Sec., Pam Williams; Rec. Sec., Theresa Thomas; Treas., Rhea Spence; AKC Dele., Helen Prince; Dirs. Class of 2015: Steve Russell, Kelli Edell, Jeff Waite. Dirs. Class of 2016: Peggy Browne, Jerry Burge, April Green, and Pat Wooster. **Absent:** Nancy Hurren

President, Charla Hill, called the meeting to order at 8: 33 PM EST.

1. Motion: to approve the October 15, 2014 Minutes. Woburn/Wooster. Passed unanimously. Motion: to approve the November 19, 2014 Minutes with corrections. Woburn/Williams. Passed unanimously Motion: to approve the December 17, 2014 Minutes with corrections. Woburn/Williams. Passed unanimously.

2. Motion: to approve the changes for the Recording Secretary SOP per the By-Laws. Prince/Kelly. Passed unanimously.

3. Operations Management Committee – The President stated we need an “Operations Management Committee” to internally keep all our documents up to date. **Motion: to establish the Operations Management Committee with the purpose to internally keep all written STCA documentation updated with Helen Prince as Chairperson. Burge/Greene. Passed unanimously.**

4. HTF is requesting approval for grant to Dr. Olby’s Genome project for CA.

“To the Officers and Members of the STCA Board:

As you all well know, Dr. Natasha Olby has been working hard on finding the genetic defects responsible for CA and for Cramp in our breed. During her presentation at Montgomery County weekend 3 years ago, she explained the magnitude of her exhaustive work, and how so far she had ruled out some of more obvious sources of this defect in the canine genome for either disease. Dr. Olby has published papers in major veterinary journals on the clinical signs and diagnostic findings in dogs with CA. She has also published her important pathologic findings in the brains of affected dogs, and she has established an MRI index to allow for a definitive diagnosis to be made before death. At present, she has a paper soon to be published in **the Journal of Small Animal Practice** on her findings with Scottie Cramp.

In her work, Dr. Olby has identified a region with significant linkage to CA. At this time, Dr. Olby has proposed a plan to do a whole genome scan on some of her CA DNA samples so she can analyze and confirm the defect to this region. This is now a relatively easy task due to ever evolving technology, and the time frame for data from this kind of scan is now down to a matter of days vs. years. She also is planning a sabbatical starting in June to focus intensely on the genetic analysis and to work on all the data collected in her work.

Therefore, to that end, the Health Trust Fund has voted unanimously to contribute \$18,000.00 to Dr. Natasha Olby’s request for funding to do whole genome scanning on affected CA Scotties. We are asking that you consider this request at your next phone conference on January 21.”

Thank you, Marcia Dawson DVM, Chairman, STCA Health Trust Fund

Motion: accept and approve the grant for \$18,000.00 for the CA research requested by the HTF. Williams/Woburn. Passed unanimously.

5. Update on rescued lost dog with approval requested for a Statement to the Public to be posted at the STCA Website.

Motion: to appoint Ad Hoc Committee, Helen Prince, Chair; April Green, Nancy Hurren, Jeff Waite, to address a formal statement and any documentation pertaining to the rescue incident involving Jeanne Lishia’s M.A.S.T.E.R. Rescue Organization and the lost dog. Review, edit, and/or rewrite all documentation referring to Rescue with a report to the Board at the Winter 2015 Board Meeting. Kelly/Wooster. Passed unanimously.

Motion: Approve a mutual decision between STCA Board and the Rescue Committee, that the Rescue Committee be dissolved effective immediately. Woburn/Wooster. Passed unanimously.

Website Changes - The public statement with a personal introduction statement from the President will replace the Rescue Coordinator's message, the Ad Hoc Committee will write a disclaimer to be put in the banner on the web page.

Email the public statement to the people who have contacted the Board.

6. Motion: to adjourned at 10:37 PM EST. Burge/Prince. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Theresa Kay Thomas