



Minutes
The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
Wednesday December 16, 2015
Teleconference
8:06 PM – 9:49 PM

PRESENT: President, John McNabney; Vice President, Lori Kelly; Recording Secretary, Kathleen Ferris, Corresponding Secretary, Pam Williams; Treasurer, Steve Russell; AKC Delegate, Helen Prince, Ex-Officio, Charla Hill, Directors Class of 2016: Peggy Browne, Jerry Burge, Pat Wooster, Theresa Thomas, Directors Class of 2017: Kelli Edell, Tom Langham Jr., Rose Shacklett, Elizabeth Wise

President John McNabney asked the Recording Secretary for a roll call of all present.

Call to Order: President
8:06 pm EST

Recording Secretary: Approval of November 18, 2015 Minutes
Approved as distributed – no objection.

Treasurer: Membership Renewal – Status and approach to January grace period

Steve Russell advised that a little less than 2/3 of the households had renewed. Many come in during the grace period. In the past the board has divided up the list of remaining renewals and made calls. He will send out a list after the deadline if needed.

Membership:

New member applications only

Kelli Edell gave an explanation of the procedure the board follows for applications

Question regarding Jon Garside

John brought up the question of was Garside allowed to remain at the dinner meeting in October? Was he an existing member? Board members in charge of ensuring compliance commented that they made all efforts to ensure it followed procedures. Discussion was held about Garside and others allowed or not allowed during the meeting, but without documentation there is no ability to verify.

2016 Rotating: Vice President

Lori Kelly stated that information is being built for the website. Steve agreed they are ready for it.

Hospitality information is ready.

Top 20 is worked out with Vandra.

Membership will be encouraged to attend.

There is no minimum room requirements with the Hotel

Need to have all members on best behavior with their dogs

Trophy deadline will be 2/12/16

2016 Montgomery: Vice President

Lori Kelly stated that the application has been submitted to AKC and a hotel contract is in place.

Web Committee: Rollout of new website

Steve Russell advised that the new software has been upgraded and the site is ready to be reviewed by the Board. Mike Krolewski had the new site set up to give the board access for 1 month for feedback. That deadline is 1/15/16. If approved it will go live to membership. Lori Kelly asked for all board members to keep what they see confidential so that membership will have that "wow" factor when site is rolled out.

Old Business:

Pedigree Database Update – President

John McNabney informed the board that Mary O'Neil wanted a letter from the board that her database was protected. He choose to write a letter to this effect after his phone call with her.

Lori Kelly expressed concern that John did not discuss the letter with the board and how to proceed in particular with the use of nonmembers working on our data, that we provide to Mary.

Kelli Edell stated that John was to talk with Mary about the board's concerns not what she wanted. Much of the information used is public information but it is also data that is purchased by the STCA and she is concerned about what his letter does with that information.

John stated that he believes it is legally correct as to her ownership of the database and that Mary has made application to copyright.

Kelli was concerned that we needed to take a step forward for the club and its members not one individual.

Lori stated that we should continue to perform this service for our club members

Charla Hill stated that the problem was how it was gone about. The minutes did not give John rights to make an agreement by letter with Mary.

Peggy Browne gave further explanation as to how Mary has not given any info nor updated the database in a long time, this in spite of being given deadlines which she agreed to and then failed to meet.

Motion to retract the letter to Mary O'Neal from John McNabney as he was not authorized by the board to make an agreement at that time. Browne/Kelly. Roll call vote of 9 yes – 3 no – 1 abstention. Passed.

Bagpiper Status –

Pam Williams stated it is at the printer for set up. She asked John if his email could accept the PDF format for review. Once he has reviewed it is ready to go.

Broken Service Committee –

Tom Langham reported that the committee met and their recommendation is posted on the list. It would be included under membership in the Recording Secretary's SOP.

Helen Prince suggested we put out a request for old membership rosters specifically 1992 – 94. Tom suggested that this could be included in the next WrapUp and sent to the historian.

It was suggested that we welcome back former members who were in good standing.

Lori asked to add the topic of SOPs to the winter board meeting.

Kriscot/Prycott Brood Bitch Award: response from donors

Pam reported that she spoke with Helen Krisko and she still wanted it to be the highest number of offspring with a minimum of 4 champions. In the event of a tie it would go to the bitch whose pups finish first. Her wording is as follows:

The Kriscot/Pryscott Brood Bitch Award

New wording/requirements:

This award is offered through the generosity of Helen Krisko and Diana Price. The award was first offered in 2004 under the rules for the CH Hycourt Blush With Pride trophy.

- Awarded to the brood bitch producing the highest number, with a minimum of four, offspring who finish their AKC championship titles during the award year. (Rule change 2016)
- In the event of a tie, the brood bitch with the highest number of champion get that all finish first within the award year shall receive the award. (Rule change 2016)
- Owners of the champion get/offspring are not required to be STCA members. [Rule addition, 2006]

Motion was made to accept Helen Krisko's wording for the award as stated. Williams/Edell. Roll call vote of 11 yes – 1 no – 1 abstention. Passed.

New Business

Establish Rescue Review Committee (ad hoc)

Motion was made that the STCA Board establish an ad hoc committee to be named the Rescue Review Committee to review all materials pertinent to the operation of the STCA Rescue Committee and the Rescue Trust Fund. This committee is to consist of 5 members and a chairman to be named by the President and approved by the Board. This is to be an independent committee comprised of individuals geographically dispersed, experienced in Scottie Rescue and not associated with current STCA Rescue operations or personnel. Their first report shall be received before the Rotating Specialty Board meeting with their final report and recommendations to be submitted by the 2016 Montgomery Board meeting. Wise/Shacklett

Discussion was held on whether or not committee members can come from general membership. It was also pointed out that this motion has an error because there is no STCA Rescue Committee.

Discussion was also held on the fact that the STCA as a club does not do rescue, how the club handles it and did so in the past. Including information on the disclaimer that all rescue groups must now sign. The board is still waiting on some of those to be returned. The board agreed to keep rescue groups listed as a service when changes were put into effect in the past.

Motion to table until the Winter Board Meeting. Prince/Burge. Passed Unanimously

Helen Prince offered to share what information she has on fact about rescue and the STCA.

Status of Rescue Applications from website

John asked when the forms were taken down. Rose Shacklett mentioned that some members had asked her about it. Clarification was made that the STCA does not do rescue. The forms were to assist the independent rescue groups and were discontinued about 2 years ago.

Agility Medallions

Steve mentioned that the STCA was not listed at Eukanuba 2015. The STCA did not send in a check. Charla Hill spoke with Gina Dinardo while there and was able to get it taken care of. Medallions were given to BOB, BOW and BOS and we need to pay AKC for it. This expense was authorized as a standing expense a few years ago. Steve will contact AKC to settle it.

AKC Donations

Steve brought up that we are allowed to donate except to PAC funds. The PAC fund is a donation we encouraged to our members to make directly. In the past we have given \$500.00 to the Humane Fund. We have also donated to the Legislative Support Fund.

Motion to make a \$500.00 donation to the AKC Humane Fund consistent with the budget. Russell/Prince. Passed Unanimously

Motion to make a \$500.00 donation to the AKC Legislative Support Fund. Russell/Wooster. Passed Unanimously

Regional Club District Chairs, objectives and proposed activities

John choose to table until the next meeting

Kathy Ferris asked the Board to consider adding a possible Forum to the new website for communicating to and with the memberships and possibly nonmembers. Could it be added it to the next Agenda? She will get information and examples of how this works and share it on the list.

Motion to Motion to adjourn at 9:49 pm. Williams/Prince. Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted Kathleen Ferris, Recording Secretary.