



Archive Minutes
The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
Teleconference
Wednesday April 19, 2017
8:30 p.m. – 9:55 p.m.

PRESENT: President, Lori Kelly; Vice President, Pam Williams, Recording Secretary, Kathleen Ferris, Corresponding Secretary, Theresa Thomas; Treasurer, Steve Russell; AKC Delegate, Helen Prince, Directors: Class of 2017: Mark LaBonte, Kelli Edell, Sonya Neve, Pam Wilson, Class of 2018: Jerry Burge, Ron McConnell, Pat Wooster

Absent: Ex-Officio, John McNabney, Director Peggy Browne,

Roll Call

Rec. Secretary Kathleen Ferris

Call to Order 8:35

President Lori Kelly

Welcome

L.Kelly welcomed new board members. Presented overview of how we work on teleconference.

Motion to excuse P. Browne due to family issues – Prince/Burge Passed Unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Rotating Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2017 – **Motion to approved as distributed with 2 date corrections in Corresponding Secretary’s report. Neve/Williams. Passed unanimously**

Reports of the Secretaries

Corresponding

Email received from Michelle Fujawa regarding the Nominating Committee selection with requests. Discussion followed which included how the C&BL’s provides for the announcement of Nominating Committee to membership. T.Thomas to send email, as well as thanking her for her inquiry. Beth Hernandez mailed a letter regarding Nominating Committee selection. Discussion followed; T.Thomas will respond and thank her for her inquiry.

Recording

K.Ferris presented status of printed roster draft. Should be ready to go to proof reading next week and then printer for set up.

Treasurer’s Report

Rotating Financials – report attached

Discussion on report including the advantage and success of having the Top 20 with Rotating.

STCA Investments (Update) – report attached

Vice President’s Report

Rotating 2017

Overall response was a great success. Venue was well received.

Montgomery 2017

No additional information now. Info packet being prepared.

Old Business

Pedigree Photo Release – revision attached

Discussion on the revisions made based on feedback from the previous meeting, Owner/Guardian to be used regarding ownership. Release is strictly for use on STCA Database. Final editing by attorney requested.

Duplicate Trophies – report attached

S.Russell questioned this issue and looked up the past 5 years and would like the STCA to fund duplicate Annual Awards. Discussion followed. L.Kelly will contact sponsors of the awards under question and report back to board.

NJ Legislation – C. Christie letter - attached

A letter was composed at rotating and finalized after. Board agreed the letter should be sent.

New Business

HTF Request/Funding

H.Prince reported they need approval for 2 research projects. **Motion to approve HTF funding of Tick Born Initiative and Lymphoma Research new projects. Burge/Russell. Approved unanimously.**

J.Burge asked about Grooming Video sales. S.Russell stated sales are good. H.Prince suggested adding a preview at website. Promotional ads are forthcoming.

S.Neve asked if the STCA tri-fold was available to members for handing out? Yes, and there are still some in stock. L.Kelly to mail several to S.Neve.

Next Meeting

Wed., May 17, 2017 – Teleconference 8:30 p.m. EDT

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Williams/Burge . Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted – Kathleen Ferris, Recording Secretary

*please note some reports require opening by clicking on them.

From: Michele
Subject: RE: STCA Nominating Committee Application
Date: April 17, 2017 at 8:57:06 AM CDT
To: 'Theresa Kay Thomas'

Hi Theresa,

Please send me the list of people this board appointed to the 2017 Nominating Committee.

I submit an application to serve every year and I have still not been appointed despite my extensive qualifications and contributions to the breed.

I expect a response from the board explaining why I was not selected this year asap.

Also, please direct me to where I can find a list of all individuals appointed to the STCA Nominating Committee for the past 15 years (2002 – 2017).

Thank you,

Michele

From: Beth Hernandez
Subject: Re: STCA Nomination Application
Date: April 17, 2017 at 5:07:55 PM CDT
To: Theresa Kay Thomas

Thank you for your reply. I find it interesting that after 35+ years as an STCA member and over 46 years as breeder/exhibitor of Bencot Scottish Terriers (established in 1956 by my grandfather) that I would not qualify for the nominating committee. The Board wants people to participate and volunteer where they can and yet my credentials are not acceptable to them. I volunteered last year as well and was denied. You do not need to keep my application on file. It is clear that only certain people will fit their criteria to serve STCA.

Sincerely,

Beth Cloven Hernandez

Bencot Scottish Terriers

AKC Breeder of Merit

April 15, 2017

STCA 2017 Rotating Specialty Financials

Attached are preliminary financial reports on the income and expense from the 2017 Rotating Specialty dog show and related activities at the Eukanuba Roberts Center in Wilmington, Ohio.

Most income and expenses have cleared the Treasury and profit sharing with the STC of Greater Dayton regional club has been settled. The Club did a bit better than break even. As of April 15th, the Club has realized a profit of +\$315 (1.9%) on income of \$16,416 and expenses of \$16,102.

The only known outstanding item is the Health Trust Fund reimbursement of \$301.04 for A/V equipment for Friday's seminar at the Roberts Center. (It's just a timing issue as the payment was not received as of the reporting date.) Including those funds, the Club will realize a profit of +\$616 (3.8%).

Despite the somewhat low entry of 65 dogs, the financials are an improvement over losses from last year's Rotating in Maryland (-\$1,154) and the last 8-year average for Rotating Specialties (-\$1,775).

Steve Russell
STCA Treasurer

April 15, 2017

STCA Investments (Update)

A year ago, the STCA's surplus cash was languishing in a Bank of America Savings Account earning less than \$175 per year and it was not fully covered by FDIC insurance (\$250,000 limit).

In March 2016, the Board approved re-investing \$285,846 in a ladder of staggered 1-to-5 and 10-year CDs at Stifel Investments. This decision has allowed us to successfully increase earnings without changing the risk profile for the Club.

In the 1st year just ended, the STCA earned \$2,729 in a tough interest rate environment. Remember, interest is paid every 6 months, except on the 1-year CD which paid at the end of its term.

For those concerned about taxation, UBI (Unrelated Business Income) is taxed at 15%, so taxes against earnings at the end of 2016 ($\$1,680 \times 15\%$) will be less than \$250. After tax, the Club will still have a tidy increase in earnings.

In early April, the 1-year CD came to term and was reinvested. There is one less year remaining on the term of all of the CDs, so we reinvest the expiring CD at the end of the ladder in a 5-year CD. The 1-year CD which was paying 0.7% was replaced with a 5-year CD paying 2.4% (up from last year's rates of 1.7%). Clearly, we have benefited from the Federal Reserve's actions to increase interest rates.

Projected annual earnings from these investments are now \$4,834 before tax.

Steve Russell
STCA Treasurer

RELEASE AND WAIVER AGREEMENT

This document is a Release and Waiver Agreement ("Agreement") to the Scottish Terrier Club of America ("STCA") from the custodial owner/guardian of the subject dog/bitch.

1. In consideration of _____ (dog's/bitch's name) being allowed to have his/her photograph and information (hereinafter referred to as "submission") used by the STCA in its pedigree data base, on its official website, or in its publication, print and photo advertisement, including the Baggiper magazine, **as his/her owner of record**, I/we hereby agree as follows:
2. I understand that this is a legal document which is binding on me, my heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, and on those who may claim by or through me.
3. I further understand this Agreement shall be subject to and governed by the law of the State of New Jersey.
4. I represent I am eighteen years or older. I have full legal capacity to enter into this Agreement.
5. I represent I, with intent and purpose, enter into this Agreement and agree to all terms and conditions as set forth herein.
6. I/we own the submission and have full rights to its upload/tender to the STCA. I/we shall release and do hereby waive, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the STCA, its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, affiliates, successors and assigns ("Released Party") of and from all claims, damages and other liabilities, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees (in each case, a "Claim"), or causes of action of any kind, directly or indirectly, which relate to or result from my/our submission to the STCA.
7. I recognize and understand the inherent risks involved in the upload/tender of said submission(s).
8. I/we understand that I/we am/are giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.

April 15, 2017

**Annual Award Duplicates
Last 5 Years (2012-2016)**

Awards w/Duplicate Winners by Year (date awarded)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
	(10/4/2013)	(10/3/2014)	(10/2/2015)	(10/7/2016)	(10/6/2017)	
Performance Scottish Terrier		2 @ 11pts				
Deblin Back Talk (OH Specialty Wins)	2 @ 1 pt		4 @ 1 pt			
Glenby BOS			2 @ 39 pts			
Charthill Stud Dog			2 @ 6 pts			
Kriscot Brood Bitch		3 @ 3 pts	6 @ 3 pts	<i>(rule change > 3pts)</i>		
Total Duplicates	1	3	10	0	0	14
Average Duplicates Per Year						2.8
Estimated Cost Per Award						\$250
Estimated Cost Per Year to STCA						\$750

Motion: STCA will offer to reimburse sponsors for duplicate Annual Awards after minimum threshold requirements have been met up to a limit of \$250/award.



Scottish Terrier Club of America
Theresa Kay Thomas, Corresponding Secretary
5303 Jane Anne Street
Haltom, TX 76117

April 24, 2017

Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Christie,

We are writing to you to request that you veto Senate Bill 3041.

The Scottish Terrier Club of America members, and our 20 regional clubs across the country, are dedicated to the health and preservation of our breed. We embrace our breed just as many other American Kennel Club parent club organizations. Through a code of ethics, we teach and encourage proper breeding practices. These standards include health testing and practicing good citizenship, as well as making sure our dogs do not end up in shelters. We have members across the country, including the state of New Jersey, who are active in rescue and rehoming dogs so they do not end up in shelters. Purebred dog breeders are not the problem. Our breed and other purebred dogs will be collateral damage should the bill pass.

We are in favor of creating proper guidelines and laws, but these guidelines must not be signed at the expense of the good hobby breeder.

This bill will also have a financial impact on the State of New Jersey. In your state alone there are dog enthusiasts from all walks of life who are engaged in activities well beyond breeding and dog shows. Do not forget, there are numbers of residents within the State of New Jersey that participate in fun and family activities with their dogs. They attend nearly 500 events every year in your state. Due to these activities, the attendees and visitors to your state eat in restaurants, pay for lodging and rental cars, shop and support small businesses, and use medical services throughout the year. How can you walk away from that income? This bill will negatively affect your state's small business development and economic prosperity.

In addition to economic contributions, hobby breeders have positively impacted your communities. Morristown, New Jersey is the home to the Seeing-Eye organization. This institution trains many dogs throughout the year to help citizens live independently and function within your communities. Many well-trained dogs have come from hobby breeders, doing good work for the public. Working dogs, such as Police K9 and search and rescue dogs have come from hobby breeders – serving your state.

We strongly urge you to reconsider this overreaching bill that will affect so many in New Jersey and the tri-state region. You have a unique opportunity to make a difference by enabling hobby breeders to positively contribute to the state of New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Theresa Kay Thomas, Corresponding Secretary on behalf of
Officers and Directors of the Scottish Terrier Club of America