



The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 8:30AM EST –
Holiday Inn Six Flags
Regular Session

PRESENT:

✓	Pam Williams, President	✓	Amy Pelle, Corres. Sec.
✓	Ann Davis, Vice President	✓	Kathleen Dunleavy, Rec. Sec.
✓	Steve Russell Treasurer	✓	Helen Prince, AKC Delegate
✓	Susan Jacobsen, Class of 2026	✓	Danica Burge, Class of 2027
✓	Jeff Jones, Class of 2026	✓	Sheila-Faith Barry, Class of 2027
X	Lisa Kincheloe, Class of 2026	X	Suzanna Mackey, Class of 2027
✓	Christine O'Brien, Class of 2026	✓	Theresa Stewart, Class of 2027

ABSENT: Lisa Kincheloe, Suzanna Mackey

Welcome: Called to order at 8:35 PM ET
Pam Williams called the meeting to order.

Pam Williams

Report of the Secretaries

Recording

Kathleen Dunleavy

Kathleen presented the January 21, 2026, Regular and Executive session Board meeting minutes for approval.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, Regular and Executive Board sessions. JJones moved/DBurge seconded. Passed Unanimously

Motion: To excuse the absence of Lisa Kincheloe from the February/Rotating Board meeting. CO'Brien moved/TStewart seconded. Passed Unanimously

Corresponding

Amy Pelle

Amy presented requests from three STCA Regional Clubs to approve dates for their designated regional specialties and additional specialty shows.

Motion: To approve a request from the Scottish Terrier Club of Pittsburgh for its designated specialty show on May 21, 2026. HPrince moved/SJacobsen seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: To approve a request from the Scottish Terrier Club of California to change their designated specialty show to January 23, 2027, and hold an additional specialty show on January 24, 2027. JJones moved/SJacobsen seconded. Passed Unanimously.

The STCC request represents a change in designated specialty date due to a show site loss by the Mission cluster. STCC will not hold the secondary show in May 2026. The STCC will be asked to send an updated checklist for the January 2027 shows. The change to a January designated specialty is a permanent request.

Motion: To approve a request from the Scottish Terrier Club of Northern Ohio for its designated specialty show on August 1, 2026. KDunleavy moved/HPrince seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Amy noted that the STC of Greater Houston approved a one-time request from the Washington State STC to hold their designated annual specialty on July 17, 2026, but Amy has not received a checklist from the Washington State STC. They also requested approval for a non-AKC judge to judge. That request will be considered upon receipt of the checklist. Amy also stated that, to date, the Scottish Terrier Club of the Piedmont has not been able to confirm its November designated specialty date with the Furniture City Cluster.

Report of the Treasurer

Steve Russell

Treasurer's Report to Board Mid-February 2026

Transactions this month have been related to the 2026 National Rotating Specialty, Bagpiper 2026 #1, and purchases of Grooming Inventory. For this month the Club has a **Net Income** gain of \$941, and for the year to date a **Net Income** loss of **-\$5,974**. The Club's **Balance Sheet Net Assets** are now **\$497,385**.

Listed below are the accounts with income and expense over ~\$500 this month.

Income

- \$ 986 - Bagpiper 2026#1 (ad sales, partial)
- \$ 680 – Rotating 2026 (meal reservations & trophy donations)

Expense

- \$ 750** – AKC Reporting (for Award Standings)

Note:

- **Membership Renewal 2026** – After the January Grace Period ended, we recorded payments from five members (three newly added in August 2025, but omitted from the Roster, and two that had lapsed due to extenuating circumstances). The final attrition was 52 (5.9%) of the members. Membership Renewal records were mailed to the Recording Secretary to be kept as hard copies.
- **Rotating 2026** – Meal reservations continue to be received. The deadline for reservations is February 20.
- **Grooming Inventory** – Jeff Jones has replenished the inventory of Grooming Manuals and Videos. A new batch of 100 have been received and paid for at a cost of \$6,983.50 (about \$70 per combo). This is shown on the books as Other Current Assets – Grooming Inventory.
- **Pay Pal** – STCA will remain with PayPal for on-line payments on the new website. PayPal payments represent three-quarters of STCA transactions. Theresa Stewart stated that STCA is more protected using Pay Pal from a banking perspective. STCA uses its checking account to make payments, not by PayPal. PayPal fees only apply to goods and apparel, not STCA Bagpiper advertising.

New Business

Dog Judges Education Foundation

Steve Russell

Steve stated that STCA was asked to contribute to the Dog Judges Education Foundation. The next judge's education session will be in Orlando, Florida in December 2026. STCA has supported the Foundation since 2012.

Motion: To donate \$500 to support the Dog Judges Education Foundation. HPrince moved/KDunleavy seconded. Passed Unanimously.

New Members Vote

Kathleen Dunleavy

Lisa Hills, Membership Chair, has submitted completed applications for nine new members for the vote.

Motion: To enter Executive Session at 9:00AM to discuss the new members up for the membership vote and other issues C'OBrien moved/SFBarry seconded. Passed Unanimously

Motion to leave Executive Session at 10:15AM. HPrince moved/T/Stewart seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business

Pedigree Database

Pam Williams

Discussion regarding the demands made by Janet Tomlinson and the removal of the Pedigree Database from the website.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 10:38AM to discuss the Pedigree database. HPrince moved/TStewart seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: To leave Executive Session at 11:05AM. C'Obrien moved/TStewart seconded. Passed unanimously.

2026 Rotating Specialty

Pam Williams

Christine O' Brien announced that the Welcome Reception is moved to the Missouri room at the hotel. Steve Russell stated that he paid the hotel (Holiday Inn – Six Flags) for the banquet. There was discussion about the Friday banquet costs because the STCA did not subsidize the banquet this year. Steve will review the invoice with the hotel and make any corrections needed. There are seventy-six reservations for the banquet. The Belle City Kennel Club is not reimbursing the STCA for any entries unlike other shows. Pam Williams will bring the rosettes for the Saturday Rotating Specialty. The Heart of America Scottish Terrier Club will provide welcome bags at Saturday's show.

2027 and 2028 Rotating Specialties

Pam Williams

The Board members discussed location options for the 2027 and 2028 Rotating Specialties which include Chicago, Tulsa and Northern California (Lodi). The merits of all three locations were discussed. The Board voted on the three locations and the result was that the STC of Chicago will host the 2027 Rotating Specialty and the San Francisco Bay Scottish Terrier Club will host the 2028 Rotating Specialty. Both Chicago and Lodi, CA shows include Terrier shows in their cluster which may result in more entries. Amy Pelle (Corresponding Secretary) will send letters to all regional clubs to ask if any are interested in hosting the 2029 Rotating Specialty. If there is no interest, then the 2029 Rotating will take place in Tulsa, OK as part of the Mid-Continent Kennel Club cluster held each April. Sheila-Faith Barry and Steve Russell will contact Debi Russell who is the STC of Chicago show chair about arrangements and hotel/meeting facilities for the 2027 Rotating Specialty and begin putting together details for the Information Packet and Premium.

Danica Burge suggested that the STCA require any proposed judges to refrain from posting preferences and breed opinions on social media, etc., especially during the year that they will be judging a national specialty. The board agreed.

STCA Website Update

Pam Williams

Pam reported that Media-A-Team, new website vendor, has not been a reliable partner. The updated website launch has been delayed multiple times. Bob Gann is fixing issues on the old STCA website only on an urgent basis. After the new website launch, there is a monthly fee option to maintain the website. Pam wants to identify another vendor for monthly maintenance. Media-A-Team has completed the Awards and Tallies and Online Roster tasks on the new website which Bob is now managing. Suggestion was made to invite Bob Gann to the March Board meeting to discuss outstanding tasks and deadlines for the project. The Go-Live date for the new website was originally October 2025 and has been missed multiple times since then. Pam is looking for volunteers to assist with the tallies and website.

Bagpiper Survey Results

Danica Burge

Danica reported that there were 58 responses to the Bagpiper magazine survey using a QR code. There was agreement to extend the use of the QR code through Rotating weekend to elicit more responses. Issues raised by the survey to date include:

- Agreement to publish fewer issues, such as, three instead of four issues.
- Advertising rates are too high
- Do not advertise any more due to no longer showing in conformation.
- Cost savings by changing binding to saddle stitch.
- Bagpiper magazine is a member benefit, and its publication should not have financial (break-even) constraints.
- Include business advertising in addition to ads from STCA members Ideas discussed by the STCA board members include:
- Try topic-oriented Bagpiper issues – was tried but unsuccessful
- Republish Health Trust articles in the Bagpiper
- Include “my new Champion” and “my new Performance Title” section similar to the annual Stud Dog section.
- Include “Meet our Newest Members” section in Bagpiper
- Current paid advertisements do not cover non-revenue areas of Bagpiper production
- Introduce package deal for advertising – such as, four ads for the price of three ads.
- Include “This Month’s Rescue” feature in the Bagpiper – ideas to come from Regional Clubs
- Change format to digital copy – will reduce mailing costs – current publisher may be able to produce digital copy. Settings can be set differently through email access to prohibit non-members from accessing digital copy.

A summary of consensus by the STCA board for the Bagpiper includes:

- Convert hard copy magazine to saddle stitch to reduce costs
- Pam Williams will contact publisher about feasibility of making the magazine available as a digital copy
- Bagpiper will remain four copies per year

Motion: To offer a package for Bagpiper ads which includes purchasing two color ads and getting the second ad for half the usual advertising price. DBurge moved/SFBarry seconded. Passed Unanimously

Motion: To offer a quarter-page black and white ad for \$40 for new Performance Titles in Bagpiper Issue #3. DBurge moved/HPrince seconded. Passed Unanimously

New Business

Awards Chair

Pam Williams

Pam Williams read a letter to the Board from Suzanne Mackey (Class of 2027 Director) submitting her resignation from the Board for personal reasons.

Motion: To accept Suzanna Mackey’s resignation from the STCA Board of Directors. TStewart moved/APelle seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Pam Williams discussed the Awards Chair vacancy due to Suzanna Mackey's resignation. The role consists of:

- Coordinating STCA awards for plaques and working with Cliff Schultz on STCA awards preparation.
- Receiving all replacement trophies and mailing them to awardees that are not present at the Annual Awards event
- Coordinating the draft and printing of the Annual Awards booklet for the banquet.
- Reviewing the Bagpiper for tallies for each Award and notifying finalist.

Susan Jacobsen volunteered to take over the Awards Chair function and will transition with Suzanna Mackey.

Pam announced that the Harrop Award will be retired since no one volunteered to continue to be its sponsor.

Montgomery 2026

Pam Williams

Pam Williams reviewed plans for the 2026 Montgomery show with the Board. The hotel location has changed to the Hyatt House in Allentown, PA. The Annual Awards Banquet will be Saturday, October 3, 2026. Pam is investigating whether STCA can host a hospitality event at the hotel restaurant or in a suite on Wednesday night (September 30, 2026). The Montgomery show judge (Francisco Coloma) will be staying in a section of the hotel that is not part of the STCA block. RAU will do the set-up of ring mats for the Thursday and Friday IPS and Sweepstakes at Macungie, but no contract has been signed. There is no need for plastic in the host hotel or at Macungie Hall. The 2026 Montgomery information packet will be available June/early July. There was discussion about providing transportation (ex. Golf carts) for exhibitors and their dogs from the Montgomery grooming area to the Thursday and Friday show site. Danica to follow up. Ann will check if STCA can host an educational session or panel discussion on Friday after the conclusion of Sweeps at 4PM. The event could possibly be sponsored by the STCA Heath Trust. Pam reviewed the fees and menu choices for the Saturday banquet which, with tax and gratuity, would exceed \$70 per person. A selection was made and the STCA will subsidize approximately \$20 per person.

Motion: To charge a fee of \$55 per person for the Annual Awards dinner on Saturday, October 3, 2026 and subsidize the remaining cost. APelle moved/TStewart seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Ann Davis reported that Christine O'Brien contacted Cheryl James about using her artwork for trophies. There was discussion about the cost of the trophies since no STCA member may benefit from activities. Cheryl will need to supply the artwork at cost to the STCA to be in compliance. A trophy list for Montgomery is needed by May 1, 2026. Susan and Christine are in the process of making selections. STCA will supply embroidered towels for the supported entry at the Hatboro show. Towels are ordered from Amazon and Pam will coordinate the embroidery of the logo.

Tamara Lazarus, Agility Chair for the MTAC events, has requested that the STCA sponsor two days during their performance trials this year. Ann Davis is working with the Performance committee documenting the budget for the performance events. The current estimate is \$225 per day for sponsorship of HIT award and rosettes during MTAC.

Motion: For the STCA to sponsor two days of agility at the Performance events at Palmyra, PA in 2026. HPrince moved/ SFBarry seconded. Passed Unanimously.

There was discussion regarding 2027 and 2028 hotel plans. The STCA has a one-year contract for 2026 at the Hilton. The board agreed that we want to return to the Hyatt in future years. Pam Williams will contact the Hilton to see if it is available and pursue contracts.

Motion: To extend the Hyatt House in Allentown, PA as the STCA host hotel for the 2027 Montgomery weekend pending contract approval. JJones moved/SJacobsen seconded. Passed Unanimously.

STCA Rescue Trust Fund

Pam Williams

Pam stated that the STCA Rescue Trust Fund has a balance of \$136,000. The fund's SOP was changed so that the RTF Treasurer sends out donations and a tax receipt directly to the requestor without interaction from the RTF Secretary.

AKC Delegate

Helen Prince

Helen reported on issues discussed by the AKC Breeder's Development Committee including the "Lease a Bitch to Juniors". In this program, an owner and junior handler enter a contract about breeding one of the owner's bitches which is then cared for by a junior handler. The contract must outline any financial arrangements and the ownership of any puppies. The programs documents provide guidelines for the partnership between the owner and the junior handler. Another program is the "Breeder Showcase" which aims to bring dog owners (pet owners) to dog shows and conformation. Every AKC breed club should have a Breeder Education Coordinator. The STCA Breeder Education committee's Karen Prokopetz is exploring a program for Scottish Terriers called "Exploring the Standard" which will include conditioning, showmanship and be available on YouTube. Helen stated that the breed Education page on the STCA website needs to be revised with updated information.

Tallies

Pam Williams

Pam Williams stated that the STCA needs assistance with the Tally process even though it has been automated as part of the website update. Bob Gann needs help with data review and verification. Bob estimates that he needs three volunteers to assist him. Jeff Jones, Board member, volunteered to assist with the Tally review in addition to Lisa Hills.

Membership Committee

Pam Williams

Lisa Hills, the STCA Membership Coordinator, noted an upward trend in new member candidates who are currently breeders. The consensus was that perhaps the Breed Education group could assist with information on good breeding practices, etc. for these new members. Sheila-Faith suggested a welcome letter specific to new members that indicates that they have bred a litter. Other ideas include planning a series of new member zoom sessions and welcoming new members at shows and events such as saving a chair at each meal for a new member or asking them to wear a new member badge so others can welcome them to the STCA.

Social Media

Danica Burge

STCA needs to develop an SOP for social media issues and use. It should include Facebook, Instagram and X. Pam asked Danica to put together an SOP and present to the board for approval. Danica is committed to reduce the amount of AI generated Scotties on any STCA sponsored social media.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 4:15 PM. HPrince moved and SJacobsen seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Executive Session minutes were taken at this meeting in a separate document.

Respectfully Submitted – Kathleen Dunleavy, Recording Secretary

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