



The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
April 3, 2025, 8:30AM-3:15 PM
Holiday Inn, Ventura, California

PRESENT:

✓	Pam Williams, President	X	Theresa Thomas, Corres. Sec.
✓	Ann Davis, Vice President	✓	Kathleen Dunleavy, Rec. Sec.
✓	Steve Russell Treasurer	✓	Helen Prince, AKC Delegate
✓	Danica Burge, Class of 2025	✓	Susan Jacobsen, Class of 2026
✓	Christine O'Brien, Class of 2025	✓	Jeff Jones, Class of 2026
X	Suzanna Mackey, Class of 2025	✓	Lisa Kincheloe, Class of 2026
✓	Dee Smith, Class of 2025	X	Amy Pelle, Class of 2026

ABSENT: Suzanna Mackey, Amy Pelle, Theresa Kay Thomas

GUESTS: Robert Gann, Hugh Messenger (Media-A-Team)

Welcome: Called to order at 8:45 AM ET Pam Williams

Motion: To excuse the absences of Suzanna Mackey, Amy Pelle, Theresa Kay Thomas, JJones moved and DSmith seconded. Motion passed.

Report of the Secretaries

Recording

Kathleen Dunleavy

- Kathleen presented the minutes of the Regular and Executive sessions of the February 19, 2025, Board meeting, which was its Winter Meeting. Helen Prince made a correction to p.6 replacing "Rau" with "MB-F" in the discussion about rosettes for the IPS show. Pam Williams requested the deletion of the sentence on p. 2 "After discussion, Theresa will ask the STC of Tampa Bay for more details about the location of Tampa Bay's secondary specialty show since AKC National shows will be ongoing at the same location." The word "also" should be deleted in the following sentence.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 2/19/2025 Regular and Executive session Board Meeting with corrections. HPrince moved and DSmith seconded. Passed Unanimously.

- Kathleen presented a proposal from Printco Graphics, Inc in Omaha, NE for the printing of the 2025-2027 STCA Membership Roster. The company printed previous STCA rosters and will print the 2025-2027 roster for \$3,051.34. The fee includes 1,000 stapled copies and 20 bound copies of the roster. The fee does not include mailing costs for the roster. Steve Russell noted that we currently have 830 individual members and asked Kathleen for the pricing for 900 stapled copies and 20 bound copies. Kathleen to contact the printer about alternative pricing. Kathleen stated that she will merge the foreign members with the domestic member excel file. Most of the errors in the last roster addendum pertained to the omission of STCA foreign members.

Motion: To accept the Printco Graphics, Inc printing proposal and cost estimate for the printing of the 2025-2027 STCA membership roster. HPrince moved and LKincheloe seconded. Passed Unanimously

- Kathleen announced that there are eight STCA members who are 50-year members and eligible for Honorary Membership: Pamela Haverty, Ann Knapp, Mary Kornblum, Phyllis Kuhn, Norman and Helen Prince, and Merle and Carolyn Taylor. Theresa Kay Thomas, Corresponding Secretary, has contacted all 50-year members to ask if they want to accept STCA Honorary Membership.

Corresponding

Theresa Kay Thomas/Pam Williams

- Pam Williams reported for Theresa Kay Thomas on Regional Club specialty requests sent by seven STCA regional clubs.
 - STC of Chicago – requests designated specialty on June 14, 2025.
 - STC of Denver – requests designated specialty on the morning of August 15, 2025, with an additional specialty in the afternoon of the same day.
 - STC of Greater Washington, DC – requests designated specialty on October 10, 2025
 - STC of Michigan – requests designated specialty on September 6, 2025.
 - STC of New England – requests designated specialty on May 30, 2025.
 - STC of Tampa Bay – requests designated specialty on December 12, 2025
 - San Francisco Bay STC – request designated specialty on October 18, 2025

Motion: To approve the specialty show requests for the Scottish Terrier Clubs of Chicago, Denver, Greater Washington, DC, Michigan, New England, Tampa Bay and San Francisco Bay. DSmith moved and LKincheloe seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Russell

2025 Rotating Board Meeting

I am pleased to report that the Scottish Terrier Club of America remains fiscally sound as a non-profit corporation with total assets of \$533,359 and sufficient reserves to operate the Club for three years based on average expenses.

Attached are the year-to-date Statement of Financial Position (aka, Balance Sheet) and Statement of Financial Activities (aka, Profit & Loss summary and Profit & Loss detailed).

So far in 2025, we are off to a good start. The Club has operated with a positive Net Income of \$31,710. The coffers are flush after collecting carryover for late membership dues (\$15k), 125th Anniversary Handbook Ads (\$12k), and 2025 National Rotating Income (\$6k). The expense side of 2025 National Rotating is not yet reflected in these numbers.

The Bank of America checking account has sufficient cash on hand (\$52,732) to operate the Club. Any surplus after 2025 Rotating could be combined with Investments. The Stifel investment account continues to invest surplus cash in a ladder of multiple year CDs and is returning an annual income of ~\$12,000/year. CDs expire in April and are re-invested at that time.

The collection of dues for the 2025 Membership Renewal was completed in February. An additional grace period was allowed due to the change in Treasurers. Our compliments to David Cook and Sueannette Maniscalco for handling mail sent to Mark LaBonte's P.O. Box in California. Membership continues to decline. The Club lost 59 members (8.9%) through deceased (12) and lapsed membership (47). This was offset by the addition of new members (19) for a net loss of 40 members (6%). Slightly higher than our <5% annual target. The Club membership stands at 665 households for a total of 830 members.

The only liabilities that the Club has are contracts for future national specialty shows. Montgomery contracts have been extended through 2026 with the host hotel changing to Hyatt Place/Hyatt Allentown, 621 Grange Road, Allentown, PA 18106, nearer to the Macungie show site.

Treasurer's Observations about the Club's Business for the Board's Consideration:

1. Financial Imbalance in the last 2 years. After 12 years of operating in the black, the Club has lost ~\$60k in the previous 2 years. The Club either needs to reduce expenses or have enough income producing activities to offset these costs. Projects such as the 125th Anniversary Handbook do help offset expenses. One area that could be improved is Bagpiper (which is losing over \$10,000/year) by reducing non-revenue pages or the number of editions.
2. Raising Membership Dues. Dues fail to cover the cost of basic services such as Bagpiper Magazine (over \$50/member). Dues have not been raised in over 30 years since 1993. The dollar had an average inflation rate of 2.49% per year between 1993 and today, producing a cumulative price increase of 119.84%. To keep pace, that is equivalent to increasing dues by \$35 from \$30 to \$65 for individual membership. This increase could be made in steps. An additional \$20-25 is a minimum requirement.
3. Dwindling Membership. The Club was once over 1,000 members. Now it is down to 830. Each year, we lose ~60 members who pass away or allow their dues to lapse and are only replacing ~20 for a net loss of members. Board members should consider recruiting at least enough members to offset losses. Titles Earned and Shoppe Sales to non-members are opportunities. Incentives could be offered for bringing in new members.
4. Late Payments are Pervasive. Members are paying for Club purchases well after the deadlines with no repercussions (e.g., Bagpiper advertisement payments 6 weeks after the deadline, and 15% of dues payments received the month after the deadline). Payments are required by the deadlines. There are notable repeat offenders. Often our biggest customers. A late fee could be assessed as a deterrent.
5. National Specialties Lose Money. It is a primary objective. However, with the AKC now allowing multiple shows per club we have about three dozen Specialties across the country. This has diminished the benefits of holding a National Rotating Specialty. Cycling the show among regions has not proven effective as few exhibitors are willing to travel from coast to coast (note the entries at Piedmont in the East and LA in the West). Consequently, the Club loses money on Rotating (~\$26k in the last 2 years). Consider centralizing (such as at Purina Farms) or extending the frequency (such as every 3 years) or eliminating. This could be a topic to approach the members.
6. Treasurer Position. The Treasurer's job is a demanding Board member position. Future candidates need to be identified (preferably with CPA or MBA backgrounds). We have recovered from the passing of Mark LaBonte, but the transition was difficult and time consuming. Banking transitions alone can take months. The Treasurer needs time to learn the position and time for continuity. The next time the C&BLs are revised consider making this at least a 2-year assignment.

Motion: To reorder the meeting agenda due to the presentation by Bob Gann at 1PM. KDunleavy moved and HPrince seconded. Unanimous

Dues Renewal

Pam Williams

- Pam Williams introduced the topic of raising member dues which have not been increased since 1993. Pam asked the Board to consider ways to transition and inform STCA members of any dues increase. Lisa Kincheloe stated that our dues are not indicative of what it takes to be a fiscally sound club because we also need other income. Susan Jacobsen mentioned that the Heart of America STC is raising dues by 10% over a 5-year period. Individual dues are currently \$30.00. Family memberships constitute less than 20% of STCA memberships. Pam Williams proposed adding \$5 per person to the (two-person) Family membership from \$40 to \$50 and \$5 per person to the Individual membership from \$30 to \$35. There will be no increase for Junior

memberships. The \$20 Bagpiper postage fee will not change.

Motion: To add \$5.00 per person to the STCA Family and Individual membership types starting in the year 2027 for new and renewal memberships. JJones moved and SJacobsen seconded. Passed Unanimously.

- Dues increase will be announced in Bagpiper issue #4, 2025. Steve Russell will provide an article for the Bagpiper citing financial reasons for the increase including that it's the first dues increase in 32 years.
- Jeff Jones stated that the mailing cost for the STCA grooming manuals has increased 75%.

Revised STCA Website Project

Pam Williams

- Pam informed the Board that there must be a motion to accept the proposal from Media-A-Team for the design and implementation of the new STCA website. The cost of the new site is \$33,750. The upgraded website will include STCA Health Trust Fund information programs that support the STCA (Breeder of Merit, DNA and bladder clinics, etc). Other HTF information (databases, historical files, health articles, etc.) will be accessible through a link on the STCA website to a newly created HTF website (TBD).

Motion: To accept a proposal from Media-A-Team for design and implementation of the STCA website with a cost of \$33,750. HPrince moved and CO'Brien seconded. Passed Unanimously.

2025 Rotating Specialty

Pam Williams

- Pam Williams announced that the Scottish Terrier Club of California will host hospitality reception at the Ventura Fairgrounds on the evening of Thursday, April 3rd. The STCC Specialty on Friday, April 4th will start with Sweepstakes followed by Regular classes. STCA Board members should arrive at the Fairgrounds at 9AM, if possible. The STCC Specialty will be followed by a sweet and savory reception hosted by the STC of California.

The STCA Rotating Specialty will be Saturday, April 5th, followed by the Banquet, a raffle and auction at the Ventura Fairgrounds. STCA's 125th Anniversary will be celebrated with red/white/blue balloon trees and Scottie cookie favors and stickers at the banquet. Pam encouraged STCA Board members to assist wherever necessary at the shows to ensure their success and hospitality.

New Business

STC Greater Dayton Judge Approval

Pam Williams

- Pam Williams reported that the Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Dayton has requested Lisa Hills, a non-AKC judge, to judge their 2026 Specialty show. Lisa must fulfill the AKC testing and requirements to be approved to serve as the Dayton judge. Pam read Lisa's qualifications to be a judge to the Board which will accompany her AKC application.

Motion: To approve Lisa Hill's application for AKC approval to judge the 2026 STC of Greater Dayton Specialty. CO'Brien moved and DSmith seconded. Passed unanimously.

Proposed Offer of Two Challenge Trophies

Danica Burge

- Danica Burge announced that she is requesting to bring back one trophy in 2025. Danica is also proposing a new trophy in 2025. The details for both trophies are:

The John McOwan Memorial Challenge Trophy for Best of Winners

A Sterling Silver Bowl – Offered By J-Mar Kennels and Dr. Danica Burge, in honor of Jerry and Peggy Burge, through the Scottish Terrier Club of America at the National Specialty held with Montgomery County Kennel Club for Best of Winners.

- One leg toward permanent possession of this sterling silver bowl trophy is awarded annually to the owner(s) of the Best of Winners at the fall STCA National specialty show.
- This trophy will be awarded annually, with the winner's name engraved on the base and recorded in the club records.
- For permanent possession, the trophy must be won three times by the same owner(s), not necessarily with the same dog nor in consecutive years.
- Owner(s) is not required to be STCA members.

This trophy was first offered in 1953 by friends of John McOwan. The trophy was inadvertently retired by Helen Gaither. She subsequently offered it back to the STCA in honor of CH Gaidoune Great Bear in 1993 with rule revisions. Qualification for this reinstated award began with the 1993 award year. The trophy was retired in 2022 by Danica Burge, Jerry Burge and Peggy Burge. This trophy will be awarded in October 2025 for 2025, the year in which it is given.

The Peggy Burge Memorial Challenge Trophy for Winner's Bitch

A Scottish Terrier standing statue on a wooden base created by Al Jennings. Offered in memory of Peggy Burge by J-Mar Kennels and Danica and Jerry Burge, through the Scottish Terrier Club of America. The trophy will be offered for Winner's Bitch at the STCA National fall specialty. The trophy will be awarded in October 2025 for 2025, the year in which it is given.

- This trophy will be awarded annually, with the winner's name engraved on the base and recorded in the club records.
- For permanent possession, the trophy must be won three times by the same owner(s), not necessarily with the same dog nor in consecutive years.
- Owner(s) is not required to be STCA members.

Motion: To accept the donation of the John McOwan Memorial Challenge Trophy from J-Mar Kennels and Dr. Danica Burge. HPrince moved and DSmith seconded. Passed unanimously.

Motion: To accept the donation of the Peggy Burge Memorial Challenge Trophy for Winners Bitch from J-Mar Kennels and Dr. Danica Burge. HPrince moved and DSmith seconded. Passed unanimously.

Fifty Year Member Pins

Helen Prince

- Helen Prince stated that we must re-order pins for this year's 50-year members. There are eight STCA members who will be recognized at the Friday banquet. The pins are \$20.00 each and the minimum order is 25 pins. The consensus of the board was that Helen should place an order for 25 pins with the jeweler.

Judges' Terms and Contracts

Pam Williams

- Pam Williams stated the 2026 contract terms for Montgomery judges specify they will be reimbursed up to \$500, no Scottish Terrier judging for nine months prior to the show and no Terrier group judging prior to 90 days before the show. For Montgomery 2027, a foreign judge has been selected, and estimated travel costs are high. Discussion ensued about potential judges and financial implications, particularly from outside the US:
 - STCA has previously invited foreign judges to attract entries among Scottie exhibitors.
 - Foreign and domestic judges should be asked in their offer letter which other breeds they are approved to judge, making them available for other judging assignments at Montgomery week shows.
 - The IPS should be judged by a domestic and not a foreign judge to reduce costs.
 - The board discussed the ever-increasing expenses for travel, hotels and transportation. The board agreed that it is time to make our fees reasonable and, after some discussion, will set an all-inclusive flat rate for each judge and the following rates were approved. Sweepstakes judge \$300 and invitation to the banquets if the judging event occurs prior to the banquet date (Monty and Rotating), IPS judge \$750 and invitation to the banquets if the judging event occurs prior to the banquet date, Monty National judge \$1500 for US and \$2500 for Outside US. Rotating judge will be current contract.
- Pam Williams will revise the judge's offer letters for 2027 Montgomery week shows to include these rates and to find out whether the judge is approved for breed judging other than Scottish Terriers. Theresa Thomas to move forward with follow up with contracts for 2027.

Motion: To accept revised 2027 Montgomery judges' rates as described. HPrince moved and DSmith seconded. Passed Unanimously

Judge Selection Process

Pam Williams

- Pam Williams introduced the topic of Judges' Selection for the Montgomery shows. The current process is a secret vote by the STCA Board and prioritization of finalists. It was noted that Theresa Kay Thomas' emails for judges' suggestions are not yielding many names.
- Danica Burge offered to update her previous survey and create a QR code to collect names of suggested judges for IPS, Sweepstakes and Montgomery. The QR code can be available on the STCA website, in the Bagpiper and at Montgomery.
- After discussion, the judges' selection process for 2027-2028 was proposed as the following:
 - Suggestions for Judges are collected from STCA members using the QR code available on the STCA website, Bagpiper and at Montgomery
 - A Judge Selection committee, consisting of 2 STCA Board members and 3 STCA non-Board members will review and vet the judge suggestions and forward a list of names to the STCA Board for a final decision.
 - The STCA Board will develop criteria for evaluating judge candidates such as no provisional judges except for a Sweepstakes assignment.
 - The Judge Selection committee will meet during April of each year and present suggestions for judges to the Board for consideration and voting at the October Board meeting.
 - Board members Helen Prince and Susan Jacobsen volunteered to serve as the STCA.
 - Several suggestions were made for non-board representatives. Follow up needed to select the committee and kick this process off for the results to be presented at the October board meeting for judge selection 2028.

Website Tally Report

Pam Williams/Bob Gann

- Bob Gann & associate Hugh Messenger joined the Board meeting via Zoom at 1PM PT. They provided an update on the Media-A-Team project to automate the Tally process that was developed and managed by Michael Krolewski for 15+ years. The current Tally process was well documented. Media-A-Team replaced most of the manual processes with automation.
- Review and validation of the Tally process will require intervention by the Tally committee to resolve outliers.
- The Tally Process/Award flow will include:
 - Receive AKC Data (Conformation, Titles, Juniors, Performance & Companion Titles)
 - Will utilize Michael Krolewski's original scripts for data import
 - Process AKC Data
 - Match Dogs with Known Dogs
 - Match Owners with Known Ownership
 - Tally Committee Review – Validation of Results and Process to Update Missing Dogs/Ownership
 - Guided Process – System identifies
 - New Scotties we have not seen
 - New "Ownership" (group of owners)
 - Provides tools to guide Tally Committee and update
 - Re-Process Data after Tally Committee completes guided process
 - Generate Award Data
 - STCA Awards
 - AKC Awards
 - Finalize Awards
 - Publish Awards
- Bob Gann estimates that the Tally process test product will be available in a month (May). The Media-A-Team coder will upload AKC data and run a parallel process to the existing Tally process.
- Bob Gann requested a 2–3-person committee to review the new Tally process and provide input. Bob will train the committee members.
- Bob Gann and Hugh Messenger left the meeting at 1:45PM PT.

Montgomery 2025/VP Report

Ann Davis

- Ann Davis announced that the STCA is supporting the STCA Obedience and Rally trials occurring in Palmyra, PA. Steve Russell, STCA Treasurer, sent a check to Linda White.
- Independent Specialty (Thursday, October 2) and Sweepstakes (Friday, October 3) – All plans are pending. Ann will follow up with Rau about arrangements and laying plastic in the banquet area and throughout the hotel where dogs might be present (may include Board Room if used as a grooming area). Show Stewards will be Christine O'Brien, Clifford Schultz and possibly, Dee Smith. Ribbons will be ordered from MB-F for IPS and Sweepstakes (Helen to coordinate). There will be \$900 in IPS cash prizes awarded to Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.
- Morris & Essex Show – (Wednesday, October 1) – The STCA will be a supported entry, we will not provide prizes. Helen Prince asked if STCA wanted to host a breed booth such as other breeds have planned. Helen will follow up with hosting details at the next Board meeting.
- Hatboro Show – (Thursday, October 2 & Friday, October 3) – Hatboro will provide rosettes for those shows. STCA to provide towels as prizes.
- Devon Show – (Saturday, October 4) – is a non-supported entry show.
- Montgomery Show – (Sunday, October 5) – Trophies will be patriotic themed consistent with STCA 125th anniversary and will be ordered from Wendell August Forge.
 - Helen Prince to check with Clifford Schultz about stewarding the show together.

- Information packet material deadline is July 1, 2025
- Kathleen Dunleavy and Helen Krisko will coordinate hospitality tent at Montgomery.

Montgomery Week 2026

Pam Williams

- Pam Williams reported that she signed a contract with the Hyatt Place/Hyatt Hotel in Allentown, PA for the 2026 Montgomery week with a contract option to lock-in pricing for three years.
 - The Independent Specialty and Sweepstakes will take place at Macungie Hall, a building at the Montgomery Show Site. The IPS will be on Thursday with set-up by Rau. The Sweepstakes will take place on Friday, and the event must end by 4:30PM to turn over the building to another customer.

Rotating Specialty 2026

Pam Williams

- Pam Williams reported for Theresa Kay Thomas. Theresa contacted the judges that the board voted on for the 2026 Rotating Specialty hosted by the Heart of America Scottish Terrier Club and they both declined. The Scottish Terrier judge on the Belle City Kennel Club panel is Grace Fritz. There was discussion about the expectation that STCA should always have the option to hire their own judge for Rotating shows. The host club needs to keep this in mind in preparing their proposal to host and in their conversations with the all-breed club that they work with. The discussion included selecting additional names for 2026. Three names were agreed to and Theresa Thomas will send offer letters.
- Pam Williams noted that the Board will review a revised Rotating Specialty SOP at its May 21, 2025, meeting. The discussion will include timing and frequency of the Rotating Specialty. Danice Burge offered to develop a QR code to survey Rotating Specialty feedback from STCA membership.

Board Reports – October 2024 – March 2025

Breeder Education

Danica Burge

- Breeder education committee developed a survey about breeder education. The survey may be conducted by using a QR code and be available in late 2025.
- Danica is coordinating the videotaping of interviews with legacy Scottie breeders. Two interviews have been completed. Danica requested assistance from the Board in editing the videos before they are posted on any media. The cost of the videos could be \$250-\$300 if a professional videographer is used.

Motion: To designate a \$1200 budget for the production of videos of Scottish Terrier legacy breeder interviews for the purpose of breeder education. DBurge moved and LKincheloe seconded. Passed Unanimously

The following are the STCA Board and Committee reports submitted for October 2024-March 2025 by committee chairs.

STCA Board and Committee Reports – October 2024 – March 2025

Board Report Member and Public Education/Information

Danica Burge Garside

See “Breeder Education” above

Montgomery 2025 – Independent Parent Specialty and Sweepstakes

Helen Prince

Everything appears to be on track. Paperwork has been filed with AKC, but I have not gotten anything back from them yet. They seem to be bit slow this time. I have been in contact with IPS Judge Scott Kellogg and Sweeps Judge Geoff Dawson. I will contact them again closer to the weekend. Need to find out if Scott Kellogg needs a hotel room. Geoff has his own motorhome. Contract was signed with MB-F in December and all is on schedule. Rosettes and ribbons will be ordered from MB-F. Details about size, etc., yet to be confirmed with their ribbon dept. I have not contacted Rau about the plastic and matting. I did not make those arrangements last year and do not remember who did. Premium list details are due by May 1st. I have last year's copy and will change names, etc. as needed.

AKC Legislative Liaison Report - Q1 2025

Kaitlin Ambrogio

This summary aims to provide a concise overview of key legislative changes and proposals affecting dog exhibitors, breeders, and owners nationwide, stressing the importance of informed involvement and advocacy. For those interested in additional details on specific information mentioned, further details can be provided.

Eligibility to Exhibit Altered Animals - Effective July 2, 2025

The AKC has approved changes allowing neutered or spayed dogs to compete in Brace and Teams classes at dog shows that don't offer competition beyond Best of Breed. This rule will be effective from July 2025. Premium lists must specify if altered animals are permitted to compete.

Reminder: Required Premium Lists and Judging Programs Information

To ensure a respectful environment, AKC mandates the inclusion of contact details for Darkness to Light's Abuse Hotline in all premium lists and judging schedules. This forms part of AKC's initiative to safeguard participants and attendees.

Debarking Bill in New York

New York Senate is voting on a bill to ban "debarking" unless medically necessary. AKC opposes restrictions on responsible dog owners while supporting bans on non-veterinary procedures.

Rhode Island Hobby Breeder Definition Amendment

Rhode Island's proposed bill to redefine "hobby breeder" restricts breeders to two litters annually. This change could adversely impact breeders, especially those with smaller litters. The AKC urges legislative opposition.

Maine Rabies Vaccine Administrator Bill

LD 528 proposes certified rabies vaccine administrators to address rising rabies cases. AKC highlights concerns about non-microchipped animals affecting travel to Canada.

Marion County, Florida Dog Ownership Limits

Proposals to limit dog ownership in Marion County concern AKC due to vague definitions affecting commercial breeders.

Connecticut Legislation - Bills Affecting Dogs

Public hearings are scheduled for four dog-related bills in Connecticut. AKC opposes HB 6277 and HB 6226. HB 6218 is supported as it aims to disqualify animal control officers with animal cruelty histories.

HB 6277: Adoption from Animal Breeders and Testing Facilities

Proposal: Require animal breeders and testing facilities to offer dogs, cats, rabbits, or guinea pigs no longer needed for adoption before considering euthanasia, with the offer open for at least six weeks.

AKC Position: Opposes due to concerns that forced adoption through certain organizations might not prioritize animal health and may unduly enrich such organizations.

HB 6226: Time Limitation for Seized Animals in Shelters

Proposal: Allow municipally impounded dogs to be housed in volunteer foster homes after 90 days, regardless of being deemed dangerous, pending court decisions on euthanasia.

AKC Position: Opposes due to safety concerns, suggesting foster homes may not be equipped to safely house potentially dangerous dogs.

HB 6218: Qualifications for Animal Control Officers

Proposal: Disqualify individuals with a history of animal cruelty from being employed as animal control officers. AKC Support: Supports the bill as it ensures those with animal cruelty records are not involved in animal control roles, aligning with animal welfare standards.

HB 6240: Health and Welfare of Pet Store Animals

Proposal: Ban sourcing animals from breeders with violations of the Animal Welfare Act in the last seven years and require annual reporting on animal origin and violations. AKC Concern: Maintains a concerned position due to the impracticality of the seven-year review period and administrative challenges.

Colorado Proposed Rule Updates for PACFA Facilities

Proposed updates include the sterilization of animals before adoption, clarifying terms, adjusting species enclosure requirements, and enforcing cleaning regulations. Feedback is encouraged via the virtual hearing scheduled on April 14, 2025.

Action Steps

The AKC actively invites members to share information, register opposition to unfavorable bills, and participate in hearings to ensure responsible breeding and dog ownership practices are protected.

For further information, contact Sheila Goff, AKC Legislative Office, doglaw@akc.org 919-816-3720

Office of the Vice-President, March 2025

Ann Davis

Rotating Specialty, Ventura, CA, April 4-6, 2025, Dedicated to the Memory of Mark LaBonte
These past few months have been busy planning the 2025 Rotating Specialty in Ventura, CA in conjunction with the STCC at the: Ventura Co Fairgrounds & Seaside Park 10 W Harbor Blvd. Ventura, CA 93001

We have received AKC approval for Sweepstakes and the Rotating Specialty (2025084104) being held on 04/5/2025. We have been working closely with Pilar Kuhn and Rodd Ott and their club. The show secretary is Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows; entries closed on March 19th, 2025. Pam Williams, STCA President, along with Dee Smith have been instrumental in making sure all of the details are in place to make sure that this event will be wonderful and inviting to all. Pam and Dee have developed the informational packet that is posted on the STCA website and have been working with Pilar and Rod to develop meals (Boxed lunches, Welcome Hospitality, Sweets and Savories cocktail reception and Buffet dinner on Saturday night), make sure the host hotel (Holiday Inn Express & Suites Ventura Harbor) is ready for us and help coordinate and proof the premium list along with all the nuances related to hosting a Specialty. Ribbons/rosettes have been ordered from Powers after Regal was disrupted by the CA fires; trophies have been ordered from Stone Pony Pottery:

Treat jar - purple

Medium Bowl - speckled ivory

Classic Mug - sand

Chili cups - blue

Trinket jar – sand.

and judges have been hired for Sweeps (Steve Russell) and the regular show (Ron McConnell). Both Steve and Ron will be renting cars to be able to drive from the airport to hotel and show site. Both judges

will be joining us for Saturday dinner and will be prepared to give a discussion about their judging that day. We look forward to a wonderful weekend of shows with our beloved Scotties and friends. I need to confirm ring stewards with Pilar/Rod. I am willing to help ring steward if needed. Rosettes and pottery have arrived at Jeff's.

Entries STCC (Friday)

BPUP- 4-6 months 2 – 2 (Judge Mrs. Bergit H. Coady-Kabel)

Puppy Sweeps 4 – 6 (Judge Ms. Robbi Garvin)

Veteran's Sweeps 1 (Judge Ms. Robbi Garvin)

Regular 5 – 11 (8 – 4) 0 – 1 (Judge Mrs. Bergit H. Coady-Kabel)

Entries STCA Rotating (Saturday)

Sweeps 5 – 6 (Judge Mr. Steve Russell)

Regular 6 – 13 (10 – 4) 0 – 0 (Judge Mr. Ron McConnell)

Entries STCC (Sunday)

Regular 7 – 12 (10 – 4) 0 – 0 (Judge Mr. David A. Alexander)

Montgomery County Kennel Club Week of Events – October 1-5, 2025

Did I hear Terriers? That's what Montgomery weekend is all about. It is a week that terrier lovers look forward to every year. And the STCA will be front and center. Here is what we are working on. We have events for all! Our host hotel is once again the DoubleTree by Hilton in Plymouth Meeting, PA. We have a block of rooms reserved and this will be the site for our IPS and Sweeps.

Obedience/Rally Trials – Palmyra, PA, October 1st, 2025 – I am checking with Lynne to see if these trials are STCA supported this year?

Obedience - Event Numbers

2025084110/ 2025084111

– PENDING Application and judging panel

Rally – Event Numbers

2025084107/ 2025084108

- PENDING Application and judging panel

The STCA will be hosting 4 obedience/rally events in Palmyra, PA on October 2nd, at In The Net Sports Complex. Show Secretary is Bonnie Reifsnnyder of Scores N More (She is also Secretary for the Agility Trials the next day). Lynne Barry is the Event Chair.

I have reached out to Lynne via email for updates and to see if she needs anything from us and to coordinate the application/judging panel submission.

Agility Trial – Palmyra, PA, October 2nd, 2025 -

Not supported by the STCA. Event Number 2025084106

PENDING Application and judging panel

The event location is In The Net Sports Complex.

STCA Independent Parent Specialty/Junior Showmanship Event – Plymouth Meeting, PA, October 2nd, 2025

Event Number –

2025084109 Pending application and judging panel

The STCA will be hosting its IPS at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Plymouth Meeting, PA on Thursday evening, October 2nd. Helen Prince is Show Secretary for this event. Judge is Hugh Scott Kellogg.

I will be working closely with Helen to determine needs for this show including stewards, trophies, and rosettes. I have emailed Helen regarding the pending application and judging panel status. I will email Kristie at Rau Dog Shows about placing plastic down and having runners for the rings plus ring set up. Call Kristie about the DoubleTree plastic to include the lobby area from entrance to ballroom and elevators.

STCA Sweeps – October 3rd, 2025

Event Number – Not listed on the event management system to date

STCA Recording Secretary

Kathleen Dunleavy
October 2024-March 2025

I've completed the following tasks from September 2024 to March 2025:

1. Record minutes for the STCA Board meetings, both Regular and Executive sessions. Manage versions of the minutes through the editing process. Send approved minutes for upload to the STCA website. Record any motions at BOD meetings in the STCA Book of Motions for reference.
2. Attend all STCA BOD meetings, including the 2024 Montgomery weekend events
3. Managed (with Helen Krisko) the STCA Hospitality Tent at Montgomery
4. Provided member updates for each Bagpiper including demographic information changes, lapsed members and member deaths.
5. Managed Advertising 22 Ads for the STCA IPS, Sweepstakes and Montgomery Shows in October 2024. Process and send all ads to MB-F.
6. Coordinated mailing of STCA Slate of Officers and Directors to all STCA members.
7. Organized and led a Pre-Montgomery Zoom meeting for the 20 Regional Clubs.
8. Sent hard copy of Montgomery week schedule according to members' requests.
9. Assisted with updating of the membership roster in response to dues renewals.

Expenses – September 25 to March 25

1. STCA Hospitality Tent at Montgomery - \$274.00
2. Hard Copy Montgomery Schedule Mailing - \$275.00
3. STCA Slate of Officers Mailing to STCA Members - \$1,132.12

STCA Regional Club Chair Report

Kathleen P. Dunleavy
October 2024 – March 2025

Activities:

1. Coordinated placement of half-page STCA ad in 10 regional clubs' Specialty catalogs
2. Sent "Save the Date" emails to all Regional Club Presidents and Regional Club Delegates for January 2025 Regional Club Zoom meeting.
3. Created and led (with Pam Williams) the January 2025 Zoom meeting for Regional Clubs to address the revised Parent and Regional Club SOP.
4. Organized and led a Pre-Montgomery Zoom meeting for the 20 Regional Clubs.

AKC Delegate's Report

Helen A. Prince

Since I last reported to you in February 2025, I attended the AKC Annual Meeting in Newark, NJ, March 10-11, 2025. It was the usual business and election of new Directors, but with a record attendance of almost 400 Delegates! Nine (9) Delegates were running for four (4) positions, and it took 6 ballots to get the final results. Elected were Sylvia Thomas, Dr. Tom Davies, Eduardo Fugiwara, and Robin Stansell. However, there have been a number of changes at AKC which were announced during the weeks preceding the meeting, and these were confirmed at this meeting. First, Dennis Sprung, CEO, resigned. No one, except the Board of Directors, knows why this was requested. Dennis spoke at the meeting and was given a standing ovation by the Delegates. Then the new CEO, Gina DiNardo, was introduced as well as her replacement as Executive Secretary, Sheila Goffe, who will still be in the role as overseer of the Legislation Dept.

Some highlights from the Delegates Meeting were:

- AKC is financially stable but is losing money with the decline in entries.
- Cheyenne KC was voted in as a member club
- Canine College now has over 450 courses available, many on breeding, puppy training, etc.

Two proposed changes to the Dog Show Rules were VOTED on and passed by the Delegates:

- (1) Chapter 11, Section 8-A, clarifies the text to establish disqualification of a dog if it has been determined by Event Committee(s) to be a hazard to other dogs or people at shows
- (2) Chapter 11, Section 8, and Chapter 6, Section, which inserts verbiage that must be stated in the premium list if spayed or neutered entrants are permitted to compete in Brace or Team classes.

One proposed amendment to Article XI, Section 9, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, which requires the President to obtain the advice and consent of the Board of Directors prior to appointing an Executive Vice President, Vice President, or Assistant Vice President, was READ and will be voted in in June. (No explanation as to why this was being proposed...?!)

In addition to the Delegates' Meeting, I also attended the Parent Club Committee and the Canine Health Committee.

Parent Club Committee, March 10, 2025

As you know, I am an elected member of this committee. I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Parent Club Committee, and also serve as chair of two of its subcommittees, Archives and Breeders Development.

1. Parent Laurans "Difference Maker" Award: This award is given by this committee quarterly in memory of long-time Chair Pat Laurans to people who we recognize as making difference in the word of purebred dogs and the sport. This quarter's awardees were Damara Bolte, Karen Mays and Sheila Goffe.

2. Legislation: Sheila Goffe reported that the GR Team is currently tracking 1500 bills—Federal, state, local. Topics trending are Breeders, hunting and field trials, and restrictive (banning of certain breeds)

3. Board Liaison Report: Ann Wallin reported, among other things, that the Board is very concerned about the drop in conformation entries. There are currently 625 AKC Member Clubs, and 4,234 Licensed clubs. New clubs being added are mostly new specialty clubs, and 13 specialty clubs dissolved. Only one All-Breed Club dissolved. The increase in AKC entry fees have been put on pause, and no decision made until the new board can investigate further.

4. Archives Report: Helen Prince provided a report from the AKC Archivist, Kim Ross. She is producing an Archives Guide for Clubs which is projected to be ready later this year.

5. Specialty Show Site Committee: This committee has been working on an easier way to access the data for clubs. More to come later.

6. Parent Club Education: The Parent Club Committee is working on producing an educational experience similar to the old Parent Club Conference. It will be held electronically. A survey was sent to Parent Clubs asking for their input on their primary challenges and needs. 87 clubs responded and the overwhelming issues were: Membership/Financial matters, Education/Mentoring, Breeders/Breeding, and Show

Venues. This Parent Club Committee has been meeting via Zoom to work out the details on when and how. Ideally it would be great to do it in-person at a conference but that is not an option as it would be too expensive.

7. Breeders Development Subcommittee: Helen Prince reported that this committee meets monthly via Zoom.

- As a result of their development of a plan for clubs to have Breeder Education Coordinators, we now have 85 coordinators registered. All new Coordinators get a packet with resources available, and additionally a BEC Quarterly Refresh document is sent after every Delegates' meeting with updates, additions, etc.
- Clubs are encouraged to do their own Legacy Breeder interviews, to preserve the breed and breeding history of their clubs.
- Mentoring Juniors to become Breeders is another topic that is making progress. Doug Johnson and Katie Campbell, members of this committee, are working on

STCA Trophy Committee

Susan Jacobsen and Christine O'Brien

Prizes for 2025 Rotating

Stone Pony Pottery – commissioned pieces for BOB, BOW, BOS, WD, WB, RWD, RWB, Select Dog, Select Bitch, NOHS BOB

Metal Scotty Silhouette Garden Stakes with STCA on the stake – AOM and Best Veteran

Metal Scotty Silhouette Leash Rack, Treat Bag – first place in regular classes

Regular Classes 2nd – 4th – Treat Bag, Scotty Silhouette Decals with STCA

Lettering BBE DOG & BITCH First Place in Class - STCA bronze medallion

Non-Regular Class 1st -4th – Treat Bag, Scotty Silhouette Decals with STCA lettering

Best Junior Handler – Metal Scotty Silhouette Leash Rack, Rosette

Reserve Best Junior Handler – Metal Scotty Silhouette Leash Rack, Rosette

Expenditure:

1. Stone Pony Pottery:	\$718.83 (pottery and shipping)
2. Plasma Thought: leash racks (Etsy)	\$227.58
3. Midwest Taste: Garden Stake (Etsy)	\$150.98
4. Personalizeitpaws: decals (Etsy)	\$220.75
5. Treat bags	\$50.00 TBD
Total:	\$1368.14

2025 Montgomery trophies- Pam Williams has started ordering the prizes for MCKC

Public Relations Committee

Susan Jacobsen

I do not have a detailed report for the Public Relations Committee. I am starting the work of writing to people who are not STCA members and who have put new titles on Scotties. This includes a congratulatory letter, Information on the STCA and information on regional clubs in their area. It also includes a note to the regional club in that person's area to introduce them as a potential club member if they do not already belong to the regional club.

One To One Mentor Report

Lisa Hills

I received one request via the website for a mentor in grooming and showing. In 2025 to date I've received 2 requests via the website for assistance with grooming, showing, therapy dog, and earthdog.

Junior Showmanship Report

Sueannette Maniscalco

I do not have anything to report. Since Mark has passed, I do not know how much was brought in for PAWS.

Health Trust Fund of the STCA

Report for the Winter 2025 STCA BOD Meeting

Marcia Dawson, DVM

The Health Trust Fund started out the new year with donations to two important AKC CHF studies focusing on Hemangiosarcoma. The HTF donated \$25,000 plus half of the exiting CHF Donor Advised Fund balance to each of the following two studies:

1. AKC CHF Grant #3187: Investigating Volatile Organic Compounds as Potential Markers of Canine Hemangiosarcoma by Trained Bio-Detection Dogs
2. AKC CHF Grant #2946: Towards Curative Outcomes in Canine Hemangiosarcoma

Due to the unexpected termination of the HTF's DNA processing and banking account at Resero Genomics early in December of 2024, the HTF has been busy searching for a new facility to provide the services needed. The HTF announced a temporary hold on shipping new samples as of December 31, 2024 in order to pursue a change in process and complete a full inventory. After investigating some available DNA labs, the HTF voted unanimously to move the Scottie DNA repository to Azenta Life Sciences in Indianapolis, IN. The paperwork is signed and details for the account are being worked out with the Azenta project manager and the HTF. Our goal is to have the DNA collection shipped from Resero Genomics to Azenta Life Sciences by the end of February. A formal announcement to the STCA membership will be forthcoming as well as a press release and a new set of operational instructions.

The HTF Finance Committee met on February 20 with the account representatives at William Blair for a portfolio review of the HTF's account and record of Investments. The committee is satisfied that the HTF's account is being well managed to enhance conservative growth in order to generate income for HTF projects while minimizing risk, in accordance with the HTF's Investment Policy.

The HTF is offering another round of grants of \$1000 each to the regional clubs to hold bladder screening clinics in 2025.

More plans are in the works for future disbursements in 2025.

Committee Report for Breeder's Education

October 2024 to April 2025

Richard Bumstead

Committee Membership: Richard Bumstead, Chair; Christine O'Brien, Helen Prince

The Committee has continued to meet to keep the work moving along as individual tasks are assigned to committee members.

As we felt it was most important to get the Legacy Breeders program up and running, we arranged to have both Christine Stevens and Cindy Cooke interviewed at Montgomery County as we understood that both members would be there. Danica Burge had agreed to do the interviews.

- A list of questions was developed by the Committee to try and keep the interviews about 30- 45 minutes in length.
- In the end, the interview with Cindy Cooke took place but the interview with Christine did not.
- At the AKC National Dog Show in Orlando, AKC interviewed Vandra Huber as she

received the Terrier Breeder of the Year, and AKC has agreed to allow STCA access to that interview.

- We will continue to reach out to other Legacy Breeders that have been identified to arrange more interviews in the coming year

After receiving direction from the Website Committee on how to organize the information we gather, it has been divided the information into 4 headings:

- Breed and Breeder Background
- Preparation for the Breeding
- Breeding and Whelping the Litter
- Caring for the Litter

The Committee is also developing a Breeder Questionnaire(attached)to understand the attitudes of the Scottish Terrier owner. We would like this to be sent to the entire membership for as wide a sample as possible. We continue to see a decrease in the number of litters being whelped and want to understand why and how we can help mentor the next generation. At this point, we are anticipating only minor expenditures to support the work, primarily enlisting help to record the interviews. However, I would budget \$250-300 per interview (\$1,000 to &\$1,200) over the next year.

Breeders Survey for STCA (DRAFT)

1. Have you bred a litter of Scottish Terriers?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

Please explain why
not _____

2. When was your last litter whelped?

- ☐ Within the last 12 months
- ☐ Within the past 1-3 years
- ☐ Within the past 10 years
- ☐ Over 10 years ago

3. How many Scottish Terrier litters have you had?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2 - 5
- ☐ 5 - 10
- ☐ 10 or more

4. Did you work with a mentor to learn the breeding/whelping process?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

5. Have you mentored anyone in the breeding/whelping process?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

6. What type of breeding did you do for your last litter?

- ☐ Natural
- ☐ AI - Side by side
- ☐ AI - Fresh Chilled Semen
- ☐ AI - Frozen Semen

7. Is this your preferred method?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

8. Did you experience any difficulties during the pregnancy?

- ☐ YES Please explain _____
- ☐ NO

9. What type of delivery did you have?

- Natural whelp
- Planned C- Section
- Emergency C - Section

10. Is this your preferred method?

- YES
- NO

11. Did you experience any difficulties after the whelp?

- YES Please explain _____
- NO

12. How many puppies were in the litter?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 or more

13. Are you planning on breeding in the future?

- YES
- NO

If not, can you provide the reason(s)?

14. Can you share some background information about yourself (just to find out who is or is not breeding)?

- Age: _____
- Sex: _____

AKC Gazette Columnist

Richard C. Bumstead

During the last 6 months, I have written and submitted the following columns for submission to the AKC for publication:

- The Case for Purebred Dogs (submitted November 2024 and published in February 2025) – this article received the most written feedback (all positive) than any other column I have written
- Be Prepared (Submitted February 2025 to be published in May 2025)

AKC Senior Editor Arliss Praddock replied that this was a timely and thought-provoking column

- Under development for future publication:

- Be a Good Sport
- Reading a Pedigree (to be used in the Breeders Education website as well)
- Breeding the Next Generation (published in November 2024) was updated for publication in The Bagpiper 2025/01.

Annual Awards Chair Report

Suzanna Mackey

October 2024-March 2025

Received three nominations for Silver Service Medallion and two nominations for Good Sportsmanship. One of the nominees was removed from consideration due to their status as a current board member.

Updated the SOP Annual Awards and trophies for 2025.

Current Plans:

Currently working on letters for 2024 award winners and in the early stages of putting together the annual awards pamphlet. Reached out to Mary and Russ Somma about the transition of the Ram Tree Award to the T. Allen Kirk Award. Lisa Dempsey sent an email regarding the Awesome Possum Award and her sponsorship of it, asking where it should be sent once completed. She was provided with my address.

Future Plans:

Change the award lineup on the Annual awards table to correspond with the order of the Awards Booklet; create award table signs for those awards missing a table sign; Change the order of award presentation to begin with Performance/Agility/ Obedience awards prior to Conformation awards on awards night; Create an annual awards notebook for future Annual Chairpersons.

Sunshine Cards

Charlie Gann

Pam Lowe - continued healing 3/20/25
Hill family sympathy - for Tom, 2/28/25
Vandra Huber-Dast healing for finger surgery 2/22/25
Cheryl James- Sympathy for the loss of Brother 2/12/25
Glenda and Ted Tucker - speedy Recovery both 1/4/25
Pam Lowe - Speedy Recovery knee replacement 1/4/25
Joan LeClure Speedy recovery 1/4/25
LaRea Shafer-Wer'e glad you're continuing to do well and recovering 1/4/25
Bob LeClure-Encouragement 1/3/25
Pam Singleton Speedy Recovery 1/3/25 (2 cards have been sent)
Doreen Cross - Thinking of you/encouragement 2/1/25. (2 cards have been sent)
Barb Casey - Thinking of you/encouragement 1/2/25
Pam Lowe - Thinking of you/encouragement 1/2/25
Barbara Botak - Sympathy of Michael 12/18/24
Norma Mitchell-Sympathy for Louis's passing 12/10/24
Fran Sanden well wishes 12/9/24
Jerry Burge-Happy birthday 12/9/24
Barb Casey-Continued encouragement 12/9/24
Mark Labonte - Sympathy 11/16/24
Vandra-Winning the Royal Canin Breeder of the Year. - Congrats 12/15/24
LaRea Shafer, glad you're doing well 10/24/24
Barb Casey Another card of encouragement 10/24/24
Carol Shraison-It was good to see you and thoughts with you 10/12/24

Show Coordinator

Dee Smith

The main project that has taken a year to get to this point is STCC Rotating info pack and all pertaining information that needed to be addressed and finalized for the show. We had several delays, which caused us to move and give extended deadlines. So as of today, 3/5/25, it is complete. I did make changes in the SOP for Rotating that addresses some challenges that occurred and hopefully when board approves and adds in other concerns, we can have a clear understanding for any club on what is required to Host the Rotating. The main changes have to do with financial responsibilities and deadlines. Other than that, I will see all at the Rotating. Have a safe trip.

STCA Breeder Referral Report

Lisa Kincheloe

Nothing new to report at this time.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 3:15 PM. HPrince moved and JJones seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted – Kathleen Dunleavy, Recording Secretary

5/21/2025 APPROVED

May Meeting – Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 8:30PM

June Meeting – Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 8:30PM

July Meeting – Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 8:30PM