



The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
May 21, 2025
via Zoom

PRESENT:

✓	Pam Williams, President	✓	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
✓	Suzanna Mackey, Class of 2025	✓	Lisa Kincheloe, Class of 2026
✓	Dee Smith, Class of 2025	✓	Amy Pelle, Class of 2026

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

Welcome: Called to order at 8:35 PM ET

Pam Williams

Report of the Secretaries
Recording

Kathleen Dunleavy

- Kathleen asked for a Motion to excuse absent members from the May 2, 2025, meeting.

Motion: To excuse the absences of Jeff Jones, Dee Smith, Theresa Kay Thomas from the May 2, 2025 Special Board meeting. SMackey moved and APelle seconded. Passed Unanimously.

- Kathleen presented the minutes from the April 3, 2025, Regular session BOD meeting, the April 3, 2025, Executive session BOD meeting and the May 2, 2025, Executive session Special BOD meeting for approval. There was discussion about the wording of the timing of the John McOwan Memorial Challenge Trophy for Best of Winners and the Peggy Burge Memorial Challenge Trophy for Winner's Bitch. The wording for both items will be changed in the minutes to "This trophy will be offered in October 2025 for 2025, the year in which it is given."

Motion: To approve the amended minutes of the April 3, 2025, Regular session BOD meeting. HPrince moved and ADavis seconded. Passed Unanimously

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 3, 2025, Executive session BOD meeting. DSmith moved and HPrince seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 2, 2025, Executive session Special BOD meeting. ADavis moved and HPrince seconded. Passed Unanimously.

- Kathleen presented the Nominating Committee Slate for STCA 2025-2026 Officers and Directors which include:
 - President – Pam Williams (OH)
 - Vice President – Ann Davis (ME)
 - Corresponding Secretary – Amy Pelle (NY)
 - Recording Secretary – Kathleen Dunleavy (MD)
 - Treasurer – Steve Russell (IL)
 - AKC Delegate – Helen Prince (MD) Not up for re-election
 - Directors – Class of 2024-2026 (Not up for re-election)
 - Susan Jacobsen (MN)
 - Jeff Jones (KS)
 - Lisa Kincheloe (TX)
 - Christine O'Brien (IA) nominated to fill Amy Pelle's 2nd year term
 - Directors – Class of 2025-2027
 - Danica Burge (CA)
 - Sheila-Faith Barry (FL)
 - Suzanna Mackey (GA)
 - Theresa Stewart (OK)

Kathleen stated that the cost for the Nominating Committee mailing by Minuteman Press will be \$1,093.31 including printing and postage. The mailing will be postmarked by June 1, 2025, and will be sent to domestic and foreign members by First Class mail.

Motion: To approve the cost of \$1,093.31 for the Nominating Committee mailing. ADavis moved and SRussell seconded. Passed Unanimously.

- Kathleen stated that she had received 14 affirmative Board votes for the following candidates for STCA membership:
 - Dr. H. Mark and Sally Anne Jones (WA)
 - Hugh and Anita Macaulay (FL)
 - Paolo Malvar (Philippines)
 - Geiger Lee (OH)
 - Terttu Parvianen (Finland)
 - David and Holly Sabir (MN)
 - Stephanie Shelton (MO)
 - Kirk and Sandra Simpson (NY)
 - Sam and Debbie Smith (TX)
 - Joel and Jeannette Watts (OR)
 - Elyn Zhang (Hong Kong)
 - Olivia Shelton (MO) (Junior)

Kathleen will notify Lisa Hills of the outcome and Lisa will send STCA Welcome letters to the 18 new members

Corresponding

Theresa Kay Thomas

- Theresa reported that Rod Ott, President of the Scottish Terrier Club of California, requested to move the STCC's designated annual specialty to January 24, 2026, as part of the Winterfest Cluster in Ventura, CA.
- The STCC plans to continue to designate this date/venue/cluster as their annual specialty weekend going forward.

Motion: To approve a change of annual designated specialty date for the Scottish Terrier Club of California to January 24, 2026, part of the Winterfest Cluster sponsored by the San Fernando Kennel Club. APelle moved/SRussell seconded. Passed Unanimously

- Theresa stated that there are three judges for STCA Regional Specialties that are not AKC approved judges. Joseph Kinnarney, DVM and Lisa Hills for the STC of Greater Dayton Specialty and Heidi Reilly for the STC of Tampa Bay Specialty. Lisa Hills and Heidi Reilly's AKC applications are in process. Lisa Hills' Non-AKC Judge application was approved by the STCA Board at a previous Board meeting.

Motion: To approve Joseph Kinnarney, DVM as a judge for the Greater Dayton specialty and Heidi Reilly as a judge for the Tampa Bay specialty, pending approval of their Non-AKC Judge applications. HPrince moved and SRussell seconded Passed Unanimously.

- Theresa, after discussion, stated that the Northeast region is the next location for the 2027 Rotating Specialty. This geographic area includes the Scottish Terrier club of New England, Greater Baltimore, Greater New York and Greater Washington. The potential host clubs should be notified that the Rotating Specialty SOP is in the process of revision when asked if they are interested in hosting the event.
- Theresa stated that she invited Julie Hill, Charlie Gann and Ellen Avery to serve on the Judge's Selection Committee in addition to STCA Board members Helen Prince and Susan Jacobsen. Julie Hill and Charlie Gann have agreed, and Theresa will follow up with Ellen Avery. Susan Jacobsen will be the Chairperson of the Committee. The proposed steps in the process include:
 - Review and vet list of suggested judges from QR code entries and other suggestions submitted to the Corresponding Secretary
 - Judge candidates should have experience as a Scottie or Terrier judge
 - The committee's suggestion for judges will be presented to the STCA Board at its October meeting.
 - Judge's Selection Committee process will start with the 2028 year for the next set of judges for Sweepstakes, IPS, Montgomery and the Rotating Specialty.
 - The committee will document a timeline of their activities and dates for completion as well as a recommended SOP for use by future committees.

Treasurer's Report to Board May 2025

Steve Russell

June 1, 2025

Financial Reports (May)

I have closed the books for the month of May, reconciled the accounts, and produced the STCA Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Statement of Financial Activities (Profit & Loss) for the month and year-to-date. The reports have been attached, posted to the Board list, and uploaded to the STCA website.

May expenses far exceeded income. Transactions included a large payment for Website Redesign which is shown below the line as it is not part of the Club's normal ongoing operations. For the month of April, there was a **Net Ordinary Income loss of -\$5,360** and **Net Income loss of -21,847** which brought the **YTD Net Income loss to -\$2,770**. The Club's **Balance Sheet Net Assets now stand at \$498,829**.

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

Income

\$ 1,500 – Bagpiper 2025#2 (Ads, partial)

Expense

-\$ 2,358 – Taxes 2024 (for Unrelated Business Income)
-\$ 1,924 – Nominating Committee 2025 (Print/Mail, Parliamentarian)
-\$ 1,000 – Regional Clubs (transfer AKC Meet the Breeds for STCGNY)
-\$ 500 – Rotating 2026 (Hotel Deposit, partial)

Other Expense

-\$16,875 – Website Redesign (work to date has been on Tallies)

Note:

- **Taxes** - As I was working toward the May 15th tax deadline, I discovered Mark LaBonte had not paid quarterly tax deposits for the entire year of 2024. I paid the estimated taxes due of \$2,343 and submitted Form 8868 Tax Extension for 6 months until 11/15/25.
- **Nominating Committee** – Hired Minuteman Press for printing and mailing (\$1,093). Paid the Parliamentarian \$831 for consultation on the Nominating Committee rules regarding conflict of interest to self-nominate during the Committee meetings.
- **Rotating Specialty** - I still have not received the final invoices or receipts from the STC California club for the fairgrounds, superintendent, or caterers. However, I just received a fairly complete summary of expected expenses which estimates that we owe an additional \$6,238. This brings the total cost for Ventura, CA to about \$15,000 for a loss on the show of about **-\$7,400**. This compares to losses on previous Rotatings at Piedmont, NC of **-\$17,674**, at Ocala, FL of **-\$8,986**, and an average for the last 3 Rotating Specialties of a loss of **-\$11,339**. I'll update as final expenses are received.

Old Business

Nominating Committee

Pam Williams

Pam Williams summarized a situation that occurred during the recent Nominating Committee deliberations. In response to a process question raised by Kari Hill, Nominating Committee chairperson, the board reviewed and provided direction.

Motion: To enter Executive Session at 9:32PM to discuss matters related to the Nominating Committee. DSmith moved and CO'Brien seconded Passed Unanimously.

Motion: To leave Executive Session at 9:46PM DSmith moved and APelle seconded Passed Unanimously.

Website Tally Update

Pam Williams

- Pam reported that Bob Gann is making progress with the Award Tallies for the updated website. He anticipates publishing the first Tally reports from the new process in Bagpiper #2.
- Bob will document the new Tally process in a training video to be used by the Tally Committee when training new committee members, resolving discrepancies in ownership, membership, etc.
- Steve Russell added that he's made the first payment to Media-A-Team for the website re-design.

Montgomery 2025 Update

Ann Davis

- Ann reported that the Montgomery 2025 plans are on track. The show application has been completed for Montgomery. Ann has contacted the hotel and has sample menus for meals, etc. The trophy and Premium details have been submitted to Rau and MBF.
- Ann to contact Rau about the plastic sheeting needs at the hotel. The sheeting must be more extensive this year since some owners did not adequately clean up after their dogs in 2024.
- The Montgomery Information packet will be available on July 1, 2025.

New Business

Performance Award Change Request

Suzanna Mackey

- Suzanna Mackey stated that Linda White of the STCA Performance group is requesting permission to add two titles to Agility and two more levels for Superior Performance Scottish Terrier title.
 - Agility Titles – New titles will be TQX requiring five points and the AGCH requiring six points – adding two additional levels to the Versatility award for Agility
 - Superior Performance Scottish Terrier – titles required in at least four AKC venues and a minimum of 40 award points. At least one of the venues must be either in Earth dog, Tracking, Barn Hunt or Scent work. The new titles are (1) Superior Performance Scottish Terrier II with a minimum of 80 points with at least 20 points from within the four venues: Earth dog, Tracking, Barn Hunt or Scent Work, and (2) Superior Performance Scottish Terrier III with a minimum of 120 points with at least 40 points from the four venues: Earth Dog, Tracking, Barn Hunt or Scent Work.
 - Suzanna has reached out to John McNabney, sponsor of the Performance medallions and he has agreed to add and provide two additional medallions to the original three.

Motion: To accept the proposal from the Performance group and approve two new levels to be added to the Versatility award for Agility, and to add Scottish Terrier II and Scottish Terrier III to the Superior Performance Scottish Terrier title. SMackey moved and APelle seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:06 PM. SMackey moved and JJones seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted – Kathleen Dunleavy, Recording Secretary

6/18/2025 FINAL