



Minutes
The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
Teleconference Call
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
8:30 p.m. – 9:46 p.m. ET

CALL TO ORDER: Lori Kelly

Roll Call

PRESENT: President, Lori Kelly; Vice President, Kathy Ferris; Corresponding Secretary, Theresa Thomas; Recording Secretary, Rod Ott; Treasurer, Steve Russell; AKC Delegate, Helen Prince; Directors: Class of 2020: Jerry Burge, Ron McConnell, Gary Stroede, Pat Wooster; Class of 2021: Kelli Edell, Michael Krolewski, Mark LaBonte, and Pam Williams.

ABSENT: none

Welcome: Lori Kelly

Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 25th, 2020 – no corrections, stand approved as presented to the board.

Report of the Treasurer- S. Russell – Handbook expenses have been paid for printing and distribution. Cost per handbook copy was approximately \$16, after advertising income offset printing and distribution costs.

Current Status of 2020 Rotating Financials is showing a net loss of approximately \$3,000 to the club. Refunds to the members to be processed in April. Some members have generously donated their refunds back to the club to help offset the net loss for Rotating 2020.

Catalog Ads - board discussion

Motion to contact Rotating 2020 specialty catalog advertisers and offer 3 choices for advertising and/or refund. 1. Same ad placed in STCA National Sweepstakes Catalog with no additional money collected. 2. Allow modification of ad for STCA National Sweepstakes Catalog with no additional money collected. 3. Refund of catalog ad cost for Rotating 2020 specialty catalog. Edell/McConnell. Passed unanimously.

Discussion on Top 20 advertising tabled until board makes a decision on when or if the Top 20 will be held in 2020.

Bequest from estate of Ann Gregg (Mozingo) – Letter received from estate attorney. STCA would receive 10% residual from the sale of the estate, per the last will and testament. Estate attorney offered an alternative of \$10,000 buyout to settle with the estate now, in lieu of approximately \$37,000 in the future when the estate sells.

Motion to decline the buyout offer from the estate's lawyer. Russell/McConnell. Passed unanimously.

Report of the Secretaries –

Corresponding – Nominating Committee – T. Thomas

Motion to go into executive session at 9:12 pm to discuss nominating committee. Ferris/Burge. Passed unanimously.

Motion to leave executive session at 9:15 pm. Williams/Wooster. Passed unanimously.

Old Business – Health Trust Recommendations/Website – M. Dawson

Marcia Dawson and Marianne Melucci have updated all health related articles on the website. Letter received from Marcia Dawson, Chair of the HTF, on the HTF's position on the current status of the Health Databases and the Pedigree sites at the new STCA website. **(see attached letter)**. Discussion by board on HTF recommendations on Coefficient of Inbreeding tool, CA database and longevity database. Lori Kelly to follow up with HTF Chairperson, Marcia Dawson on board recommendations.

New Business -STC of Greater Louisville – Constitution & By-Laws revisions. Follow up requested with the STC of Greater Louisville to make a revision regarding voting and associate members.

– Montgomery 2020 – event planning -120th Anniversary Celebration. Subcommittee formed to make recommendations on how MCKC week will be look. Chairperson- H. Prince; committee members- M. Krolewski, K. Ferris, S. Russell, and L. Kelly.

Next teleconference to be Apr. 15th, 2020, 8:30 pm ET.

Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:46 pm. Prince/LaBonte. Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted – Rod Ott, Recording Secretary

November 8, 2019

To the STCA Board Members-

On behalf of the Health Trustees, I would like to express the HTF's position on the current status of the Health Databases and the Pedigree sites at the new STCA website.

Kudos to Janet and her team for taking on this huge Pedigree database project and providing this information. We would like to suggest just a few things which might enhance the pedigree database even further.

1. The computation of Coefficient of Inbreeding (COI) is a tool used by breeders to assess hypothetical breeding's under consideration for their programs. We do understand that this calculation is a factor of specific software, and apparently not available in the current program on the website. While it is true that a COI based on any number of generations fewer than 10 or 15 is not perfect, still the calculation based on 5 generations is reasonable and useful. We have come to a time when many breeders are more aware of genetic diversity and the wisdom of avoiding excessive inbreeding. The COI is one tool to help breeders in this regard. We request that the STCA look into the appropriate software to bring the COI calculation into the Pedigree database.

2. We request that the CA Database with Dr Bell's introduction and linked articles be uploaded to the new Website. In the next few days the articles to accompany this listing will be finalized by Joanne and myself and they will also be ready. Thank you for your patience while we work on these articles. Once this CA listing is back on-line, we would like to see a link from the CA database back to the Pedigree database via the registered names of dogs that are on the pedigree site. A few of the affected dogs on the CA database have no pedigree or parentage information available, but most of the dogs listed, affected dogs as well as their sires and dams, can be linked.

3. The labeling of dogs on the Pedigree Database with the letters "C" "A" "SA" and "SC" was instituted at the time when CA was a very hot topic, and many breeders demanded that the dogs be identified as Affected, Carrier, etc. on the Pedigree site, in addition to the information on the CA listing. Using these labels facilitated the mathematical calculation of Carrier Risk. At that time, many believed that this particular disease was a simple autosomal mode of inheritance, and the calculation of carrier risk was based on this hypothesis. However, at this time we do not know for certain the mode of inheritance of CA. It is still thought by some experts to be simple autosomal recessive, but the mutation or mutations have not been identified, and we do not know how other genetic factors may have an impact on the expression of this disorder. Bottom line, we are actually no further along with this disorder than we were in the early 2000's. Although calculating Carrier Risk using the tool from the old website was somewhat clunky and not terribly sophisticated, there are still breeders who use this tool and would like to have access to these calculations. Therefore, we are asking that the label designations be added to the Pedigree data base where appropriate as they were before, and that the Risk Calculation Tool with instructions also be uploaded to the new website. It may or may not work well, but let's give it a try for now. If it is necessary to locate a better tool, we will work on that as well.

4. The Longevity Database was a nice idea but was never implemented in a way that was truly useful. Updates were rarely made, and the data was not validated. We suggest that recording only the highest end of lifespans in our dogs is not really of value if we don't know the low end at the same time. We suggest instead an addition of Date of Death to the Pedigree Data base, a voluntary submission by Scottie owners to Janet. This way we can track the full spectrum of lifespans. And we also suggest a once a year page or two in the Bagpiper to honor our Golden Oldies and truly celebrate our senior Scotties.

Thank you,

Marcia Dawson, Chair
STCA HTF