



Minutes
The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
Zoom Conference Call
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
8:32 p.m. – 10:22 p.m. ET

CALL TO ORDER: Lori Kelly

Welcome: 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 2021: Michael Krolewski, Mark LaBonte, Pam Williams; Class of 2022: Ellen Avery, Lisa Hills, Ron McConnell, and Pat Wooster.

ABSENT: Kelli Edell.

Motion to excuse Kelli Edell from the board meeting due to current weather emergency in Texas. P. Williams/E. Avery. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 20th, 2021 – Minutes stand approved as presented after several clarifications to the minutes.

Report of the Secretaries – Recording – R. Ott – Updated roster spreadsheet containing membership renewal information has been received from the Treasurer. Recording Secretary's roster spreadsheet has been updated with information changes received through member renewal forms. All changes have been recorded and sent to the Bagpiper editor for publication in the Bagpiper. The Bagpiper mailing list for issue #1, 2021 has been updated and forwarded to the editor and distribution manager. An updated hardcopy mailing list has been sent to the Corresponding Secretary. Hardcopies of all membership renewal forms has been received from the Treasurer.

The board discussed the issue of our numerous boxes of older STCA records that the recording secretary usually keeps in their possession. At issue is the prohibitive cost of shipping heavy boxes across the country every time a new recording secretary takes office. To save on club finances, old records will be moved to the storage unit in King of Prussia and the recording secretary will retain their book of minutes, book of motions, and most recent membership renewal forms. Records can be accessed from the storage unit when needed.

Corresponding – T. Thomas – Received judges recommendations from numerous board members and some club members. They will be presented, discussed, and voted on at the February 24, 2021 board meeting.

Report of the Treasurer - S. Russell – 2020, year-end financials were completed and it was the club's 10th year in the black. The year ended with a net income of approximately \$1,000. Our total assets are approximately \$515,000.

Membership renewals were completed with 98% of members completing their renewals for 2021. 23 people dropped their membership along with 17 that are deceased. Membership is

currently around 1,000 members. Potential process improvements for membership renewals will be discussed at a later meeting.

2021 budget has been set up and distributed to the board members to review.

Income from the first 6 weeks of the year has been approximately \$2,000, mostly from dues renewals and advertising sales for Bagpiper 2021 issue #1.

Report of the Vice President – K. Ferris – Rotating 2021- info packet about ready to go out and will not include any meal information at this time. Due to COVID-19 concerns, plans about all meals are still up in the air. Plans for a board meeting during rotating are also still pending due to COVID-19 concerns. Deposits of \$900 are due, 76 days before the event, unless the host hotel cannot host our event due to COVID-19. A drop-dead date to cancel everything, if needed, would be April 1, 2021. Advertising rate of \$35 goes to Grayslake KC, even though one of our members handles soliciting and collection of our ads. Suggestion is to raise our rate \$5 to \$10/ad so that our club at least makes some money off of advertising.

Motion to charge \$10 more for advertising in the rotating 2021 catalog to make it \$45/ad. L. Hills/K. Ferris. Passed unanimously.

During our Rotating Sweepstakes in Greeley, CO in 2019, there was an issue with the format of our sweepstakes procedure using division runoffs. The superintendent for the show said we could not do that. The AKC clarified that the sweepstakes procedure belongs to the parent club and our rules must be communicated to the superintendent.

Motion to offer our traditional STCA Sweepstakes format, which includes division runoffs, at Rotating 2021. P. Williams/P. Wooster. Voting yes – K. Ferris, T. Thomas, R. Ott, S. Russell, H. Prince, M. Krolewski, M. LaBonte, P. Williams, E. Avery, R. McConnell, and P. Wooster. Voting no- none, Abstaining – L. Hills.

MCKC 2021 – Agility/obedience trial is being planned and budget for projected expenses and income is being requested.

Motion to amend any new national sweepstakes judge's contract held for our national sweepstakes held during Montgomery County weekend to include a provision to not accept any other Scottish Terrier sweepstakes assignment from Jan. 1 to the show date. K. Ferris/S. Russell. Passed unanimously.

Motion to amend new regular class judges contracts for STCA Rotating and Montgomery specialty shows to not judge any Scottish Terriers for 9 months prior. L. Hills/S. Russell. Voting yes- K. Ferris, T. Thomas, R. Ott, S. Russell, H. Prince, M. LaBonte, P. Williams, E. Avery, L. Hills, R. McConnell, and P. Wooster. Voting no- M. Krowlewski.

Rotating 2023 – Board is still negotiating with host hotel on the contract. Cancellation fees and 80% room booking requirement for room nights are still considered very onerous. The board is making the request of the Piedmont club to have \$7,500 in escrow to cover the costs of cancellation fees and penalties if we don't meet the required 80% of 150 room nights in the current contract.

Old Business – R. Ott - Roster options update – Printer has been contacted to let them know what printing option the board approved. Business card advertising are being submitted by members. Target deadlines are to complete all revisions April 1, 2021 and printing of the roster by May 1, 2021.

Judges selection process – L. Kelly – Informational sheet on prospective 2022 judges to be sent to board members in the next week with discussion and voting to take place at the February 24, 2021 board conference call.

The STCA Longevity Registry is back up on the website, under Health, thanks to the hard work of Bob Gann. The HTF has submitted their recommendations for an updated CA Risk Calculator and research is being done on that. We have made progress with printing pedigrees from the website in landscape format without cutting off right side of page.

New Business – L. Kelly – Kathleen Dunleavy is working on a survey of the regional clubs.

Information is being gathered from regional clubs on specialty dates and judges in order to try and prevent duplication of judges in a short time period. Current list of 2021 specialty dates and judges (some are still pending):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Specialty Club</u>	<u>Regular Class Judge</u>	<u>Sweepstakes Judge</u>
Apr. 3	Dayton	Jon Cole	Ellen Avery
Apr. 10	Atlanta	Lydia Hutchinson	Jeanice Barton
Apr. 23	Baltimore	Todd Clyde	Cindy Altmann
May 15	California	Lydia Hutchinson	Charlene Gann
May 16	California	Bergit Coady-Kabel	Stephen Cabral
May 29	Pittsburgh	Maurine McConnell	Donna Cambron
June 18	Chicago	John Wade (pending)	Jan Parcel
June 19	STCA Rotating	Sandra Anderson	Lisa Hills
July 7	Dallas	Tom Hossfeld	Sonya Neve
Sept. 3	Heart of America	Anne Yuhasz	
Sept. 11	Michigan	Roz Kramer	Peggy Browne
Oct. 7	STCA Independent	Bill deVilleneuve	
Oct. 8	STCA Nat. Sweeps		Jeanice Barton
Oct. 10	Montgomery County	Fred Ferris	
Oct. 15	Washington DC	Marjorie Underwood	Beth Wilder Wilson

Notes:

1. Waiting to reschedule show date: Washington State STC
2. Waiting to schedule show date: STC of the Piedmont
3. Cancelled for 2021: STC of Greater New York, STC of New England, STC of Greater Louisville
4. Waiting on Judges' names: Denver, Houston, Northern Ohio, Tampa Bay

Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter at 10:16 pm. L. Hills/P. Wooster. Passed unanimously.

Motion to leave executive session at 10:18 pm. L. Hills/P. Wooster. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 24th, 2021, at 8:30 pm by Zoom.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:22 pm. R. Ott/P. Wooster. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted – Rod Ott, Recording Secretary