



**Minutes**  
**The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.**  
**Meeting of the Officers and Directors**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 6, 2021**  
**8:42 a.m. – 4:22 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: Kelli Edell, Michael Krolewski, Pam Williams; Class of 2022: Ellen Avery, Lisa Hills, Ron McConnell, and Pat Wooster.

Special Guests: Richard Bumstead and Bonnie Dalbey

**ABSENT:** Mark LaBonte.

L. Kelly – Welcome.

**Motion to reorder the agenda to first discuss Annual Awards, The Bagpiper, and the Treasurer SOP, following the report of the President. H. Prince/P. Williams. Passed unanimously.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2021** – Minutes stand approved as presented to the board.

**Report of the President** – L. Kelly – Welcome to our guests Bonnie and Richard. Thank you to everyone for their hard work the past year. Board members have been sent the Presidents report, which outlines concerns that need to be addressed, such as membership (as it pertains to the treasury, recruitment, and attrition), members education, DNA Banking education and participation, continuing grants for regional clubs, judge's education, judges selection process, STCA breed mentor criteria, communication on social media, the website, the pedigree database, and good sportsmanship. (Board reports are attached.)

New Business- L. Kelly – Letter received from Vandra Huber regarding annual awards. The board members discussed the contents of the letter.

**Motion to create a board advisory committee to review STCA annual awards. L. Hills/S. Russell. Passed unanimously.**

Committee Chair assigned to Helen Prince, along with committee members Kathy Ferris, Richard Bumstead, and Theresa Thomas. Corresponding Secretary to send a response letter to Vandra Huber.

Bagpiper – P. Williams – Thank you to the volunteers that have been assisting with the editing, soliciting advertising, and proofreading. We currently charge \$20 for first class mailing fee and nothing for bulk mailing. Suggesting its time to implement a \$10 bulk rate mailing fee

(\$2.50/issue) to help recoup costs of packaging and mailing. Currently, the Bagpiper cost about \$10 per issue or \$40 per year. Single memberships are \$30 per year, so we are already losing \$10 per single membership. Changing the by-laws to raise dues is also an option but will take longer to accomplish.

**Motion to implement a \$10 bulk rate mailing fee beginning with dues collection for 2022. H. Prince/P. Wooster. Board discussion. Vote by show of hands- 3 yes, 9 no. Motion fails.**

Treasurer SOP – S. Russell, H. Prince – As part of the biennial audit the SOP of the Treasurer was reviewed. Recommended corrections and additions were presented to the board members.

**Motion to approve the SOP of the office of the Treasurer with corrections and additions as reviewed today. H. Prince/L. Hills. Passed unanimously.**

**Report of the Secretaries – Recording – R. Ott –  
Membership Report**

**USA Members:**

487 Single Members

420 Family Members

6 Junior Members

19 Honorary Members

= 932 total members in USA

**Foreign Members:**

44 Single Members

22 Family Members

=66 total foreign members

=998 members worldwide

**Election Report**

The slate as presented by the 2021 Nominating Committee stands as approved.

Corresponding – T. Thomas –

**Motion to go into executive session #1 to discuss personnel matters at 11:50 pm. K. Edell/P. Williams. Passed unanimously.**

**Motion to leave executive session #1 at 11:54 pm. L. Hills/P. Wooster. Passed unanimously.**

**Motion to go into executive session #2 to discuss honorary members at 11:55 pm. P. Williams/K. Edell. Passed unanimously.**

**Motion to leave executive session #2 at 11:56 pm. H. Prince/P. Williams. Passed unanimously.**

**Report of the Treasurer - S. Russell –** The STCA ended 2020 with its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year operating in the black. Shoppe sales of merchandise and grooming manuals helped the club weather the pandemic. During the last 12 months the club operated on Income of \$112, 371 and Expenses of \$76,232 with Net Income being up by \$36,139 and Net Assets up by 7.7% to

\$508, 871. Year to date the club is operating on a loss in Net Ordinary Income of \$-8,125. Montgomery, Bagpiper #4 and Membership Renewal will hopefully offset this loss before year-end. The Audit Committee (April Green, CPA MST; Steve Russell, current Treasurer; Kelli Edell, Finance Chair; and Ron McConnell, past Treasurer) completed their biannual internal audit. The Audit Committee is satisfied that the assets, liabilities, net assets, cash receipts and expenditures are reasonably presented in the STCA's financial reports.

**Motion to accept the Audit Committee's report as submitted. K. Ferris/R. McConnell. Passed unanimously.**

The financial records of the club are open to the members upon request, published in the Bagpiper and on the club website. Please reach out to the Treasurer if you have any questions at any time.

**Report of the Vice President** – K. Ferris – Everything is on track for the IPS and Sweepstakes, everything has been going forward as planned. Currently going forward day by day, everything is a go. Rau Dog Shows will arrive Thursday morning at 10 am for ring set up for the IPS and Sweepstakes. The ring will be centered in the ballroom this year with grooming space on both ends to allow for more spacing out of exhibitors and spectators. One ring entrance in and one entrance out of the ring will be used. Vendor spaces were limited for this year to keep things spaced out per hotel requirements.

Rotating 2022 – Hotel contract in place and the other shows will pick up our judges, which will save us money on judge expenses.

**Motion to break for lunch. P. Wooster/R. McConnell. Passed unanimously.**

**Report of the AKC Delegate** – H. Prince – Proposed AKC dog show rule change vote coming up to create a bred-by exhibitor puppy class. This would allow you to still get all your points toward the championship in bred-by classes. AKC would like us to establish a breeder mentoring program that creates qualifications for being a mentor for new breeders. AKC Purebred Preservation Bank is a new venture from AKC. It encourages parent clubs to establish a semen bank for the preservation of semen for the future. The AKC is establishing a 501(c)3 and each parent club can use the non-profit "umbrella" so they don't have to establish their own. Each breed creates their own rules and a committee to oversee their club semen bank. Members can also deed their stored semen to the bank in their wills.

**Reports of the Standing Committees** – L. Kelly -

**Motion to approve committee reports not requiring action at this time. H. Prince/R. McConnell. Passed unanimously.**

Scottie TV is in the process of being set up with Karen Prokopetz. HTF-DNA banking is moving along slowly and we need to encourage regional clubs to do blood draws. Legislative updates will need a new person to staff that position as Lisa Hills is being moved to one on one breed mentoring. A membership application process review committee, chaired by Michael Krolewski will investigate processes and procedures and get back to the board at the next board meeting. Tallies committee needs assistance as Lisa Hills and Christine O'Brien are moving off the committee. Ron McConnell and Rod Ott to assist with tallies for the last quarter of 2021.

**Motion to approve holding the Top 20 in conjunction with Rotating 2022. P. Wooster/S. Russell. Passed unanimously.**

The Bagpiper editor requested full page ads for issue #4 from the Washington DC club to include Rotating and Top 20 with a deadline of Oct. 31, 2021. The pedigree database is ready to add photos for those wishing to do so. Photo submitters will need to fill out a waiver form before the photo is uploaded.

Old Business –

**Motion to go into executive session #3 to discuss confidential matters at 3:30 pm. P. Williams/L. Hills. Passed unanimously.**

**Motion to leave executive session #3 at 3:45 pm. H. Prince/P. Wooster. Passed unanimously.**

Rotating 2023 – Show chair has not heard back from STC Piedmont recently.

Judges Selection Process – Board members to create a list of criteria for selecting judges by the November board meeting. A committee of members will be formed to screen judges names based on the criteria for selection put forward by the board.

New Business – Constitution and By-laws proposed revision presented by Helen Prince. Board discussed. Recommendations will go to the entire membership for a full vote.

Board member committee roles for 2022 – L. Kelly – will be discussed after the awards dinner on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Closing Remarks – L. Kelly – Thank you to everyone for their hard work over the last year. Thank to departing board members, Rod Ott and Mark LaBonte. Welcome to our incoming board members, Bonnie Dalbey and Richard Bumstead.

**Motion to excuse Mark LaBonte from the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 board meeting. H. Prince/R. McConnell. Passed unanimously.**

Next meeting will be October 20, 2021, at 8:30 pm.

**Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:22 pm. P. Wooster/H. Prince. Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted – Rod Ott, Recording Secretary