



Minutes
The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Teleconference Meeting of the Officers and Directors
SPECIAL Session – Teleconference Call
Wednesday February 2, 2022
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. EST

PRESENT: President, Lori Kelly; Vice President, Kathleen Ferris; Corresponding Secretary Theresa Thomas; Recording Secretary, Richard Bumstead; Treasurer, Steve Russell; AKC Delegate, Helen Prince; Directors - Class of 2022; Ellen Avery, Lisa Hills, Ron McConnell, Pat Wooster: Class of 2023; Kelli Edell, Michael Krolewski, Pam Williams.

ABSENT: Bonnie Dalbey, Pat Wooster

Welcome: Called to order at 8:36pm EST Pres. Lori Kelly

Motion: To excuse the absence of Bonnie Dalbey from the February 2, 2022 meeting. EAvery/HPrince

Minutes: Approval of the January 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Amendments to clarify BBE Medallions, not Pins, and to clarify a statement about Rotating 2022.
Motion to approve as amended by Helen Prince.

Report of the Secretaries:

Recording

Richard Bumstead

Nothing to report.

Corresponding

Theresa Thomas

- Sent out a number of the breed reference cards to Judges Education members. There is half a box remaining, and we may need to order more in the near future. Also sent out Illustrated Guides.
- Mailed the BBE Medallions to the regional clubs for their specialty shows.
- Mailed the Award Letters to all award sponsors as requested by the Awards Committee.
- 16 Committee reports for the winter meeting have been received, which will be reviewed prior to the next Board meeting.

Treasurers Report

Steve Russell

- After a 4-month renewal period, 94% of membership has renewed, and 6 did not through nonrenewal or death.
- The change in membership status from Family to Single, Single to Family, or upgrading from Junior to Full needs to be reviewed and simplified.
- Over the last 5 years, 70 members have died, reflecting the aging membership.
- A few stragglers who reach out afterwards will be directed to Kelli Edell.
- A few statistics from the last renewals:
 - 190 Bagpiper subscription upgrades to first class
 - 4% of membership requests hard copy of notices
 - Membership generates \$26,000 in revenue
 - Donations at time of renewal generates \$25,000.

- Suggests that members have access to roster data to make corrections and updates instead of involving the Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and President in the process.
- There were 9 people who tried to join via the membership renewal portal. They were directed to Kelli Edell to start the application process.
- The proposed budget has been distributed. Steve asks that Board members with budget oversight review and get back to him with any thoughts.
- LKelly will arrange some exit interviews with members who decided not to renew to see if there are some overriding issues that we should address.
- KFerris suggested that we discuss the possibility of reaching out to those who may find renewing a financial hardship and see if there are ways to help.
- PWilliams suggests that an article for The Bagpiper be written to outline how the STCA website can be used for a number of informational issues.
- Tax forms for vendors have been sent to them.

Old Business

Rotating 2022 Status

- Currently editing the Premium List. All Breed show is including a COVID disclaimer.
- Top 20 arrangements are under control and are being overseen by Jo-Anne Riddle.
- Box lunches are still under consideration at this time. May be added later.
- The forms to order dining options will be up on the STCA website the week of February 7th.
- There will be an in-person STCA Board meeting beginning at 8:30 on Thursday morning, April 21 at the host hotel.

Hotel Questions/Rates Confirmation

- The host hotel on-line reservation link will be live on the STCA website soon. Some initial confusion about rates.
- The hotel looks forward to having us there.

Stud Dog Even Status

- LHills reported that she responded to the STC Chicago's questions and has sent them to the STCA Board. Waiting for the STC Chicago response.
- Site issues have not been resolved, but is actively being researched.

Dromore West Therapy Dog Award

- Kathleen Dunleavy revised the award proposal as per STCA Board questions;
 - The first award will be given in 2023 for dogs that achieved the criteria in 2022
 - The award will be limited to the first 5 dogs achieving the criteria per year
 - The award will be glass/ceramic/or metal with a nameplate

Motion: To approve the Dromore West Therapy Dog Award as an ongoing Award presented at the Annual Awards ceremony beginning in 2023 for dogs achieving the award criteria in 2022. HPrince/LHills. Passed unanimously.

Greater Pittsburgh STC Specialty 2022

- Request to move the Greater Pittsburgh Scottish Terrier Club specialty to July 2, 2022.

Motion: To approve July 2, 2022 date for the GPSTC Specialty by PWilliams/LHills. Passed unanimously.

Annual Awards

- William (Bill) Berry is supplying the Dr. T. Allen Kirk Memorial Award for the Best of Breed winner at STCA's Independent Parent Club Specialty (October). The award will become a permanent award, kept by the STCA, and each year the STCA will provide a plaque to the winner

commemorating the win. It will be awarded in October 2022 for the 2021 BOB Independent Specialty winner.

- We will need to supply an insurance value so that it can be included in our coverage. TThomas to follow up with Bill.
- Award description will be included in the Annual Awards SOP for the Montgomery County weekend.
- PWilliams requests a photo and description of the award for publication in The Bagpiper.

Host Hotel/Montgomery week – Sheraton Bucks County

- LKelly has been in contact with the hotel regarding the 2022 contract and is looking at a change in financial contractual obligations.
- The managing company (Remington) is very happy with the 10 years we have been there during the Montgomery weekend. They appreciate our continued business.
- We look to reduce the number of room guarantees and the food and beverage budget.
- The deposit for 2022 has been sent in.

New Business

Regional Clubs Zoom Meeting

- Kathleen Dunleavy hosted a ZOOM meeting for the Regional Clubs last week.
- Susan Jacobsen commented that it was very useful and hoped it could happen more often. It's hard to meet during Montgomery weekend.

Winter Reports

- LKelly and TThomas will meet to review the Winter Reports that have been submitted for actionable items.

Other Items

- LKelly asked the Board to start thinking about Specialty Judges for the coming events.
- Kathleen Dunleavy will be pulling together a list of Regional Club Specialty Judges to share with the Regional Clubs.
- The 2023 Nominating Committee applications to serve are due by March 1, with the selection of the committee shortly thereafter.

**Motion: To excuse the absence of Pat Wooster from the February 2, 2022 meeting.
RMcConnell/LHills. Passed unanimously**

Next Meeting: February 16, 2022

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn at 9:39 p.m. HPrince/RBumstead

Respectfully Submitted – Richard C Bumstead, Recording Secretary

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