



**The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.  
Annual Membership Meeting  
October 6, 2023**

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – 936 club members, 10% required, and based upon selling 114 dinners and club members attending without dining, it appeared we had a quorum.**

**Welcome: Called to order at 7:40 PM EDT**

Lori Kelly

**Club Role Call:**

- Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Atlanta
- Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Baltimore
- Scottish Terrier Club of California
- Scottish Terrier Club of Chicago
- Greater Dallas Scottish Terrier Club
- Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Dayton
- Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Denver
- Heart of America Scottish Terrier Club
- Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Houston
- Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Louisville
- Scottish Terrier Club of Michigan
- Scottish Terrier Club of New England
- Scottish Terrier Club of Greater New York
- Scottish Terrier Club of Northern Ohio
- Scottish Terrier Club of the Piedmont
- Greater Pittsburgh Scottish Terrier Club
- San Francisco By Scottish Terrier Club
- Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay
- Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Washington DC
- Washington State Scottish Terrier Club

**Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes as there was no Annual Meeting held in 2022 due to the lack of a quorum, there are no minutes for review or approval. Charlene Gann moved, Helen Prince seconded. Passed unanimously**

**Report of the Secretaries:**

**Recording**

Richard Bumstead

- Membership stands at 880 Domestic and 56 Foreign members
- Rosters are being printed and will be mailed October 11, 2023
- Election of Officers – There being no alternate slate submitted by the July 15, 2023 deadline, the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee will stand as elected:
  - President – Pam Williams (OH)
  - Vice President – Ann Davis (ME)
  - Corresponding Secretary – Theresa Thomas (TX)
  - Recording Secretary – Kathleen Dunleavy (MD)

- Treasurer – Mark LaBonte (CA)
- Class of 2025 Directors: Danica Burge (CA) Suzanne Mackey (GA), Christine O'Brien (IA), and Dee Smith (NV)
- Class of 2024 (continuing their 2-year terms Ellen Avery (GA), Lisa Hills (ID), Jeff Jones (KS), Amy Pelle (NY).

### **Corresponding**

Theresa Thomas

- No Report

### **Treasurers Report (Annual Report)**

Steve Russell

- In 2022, the Club recorded its 12th year of operating in the black ending the calendar year with Net Income of \$22,421 and accumulated Net Assets of \$563,797. During the last 12 months (from October 2022 through September 2023), the Club has operated on Income of \$147,505 (up 20%) and Expenses of \$150,856 (up 59%) with Net Income loss of -\$3,450. The Balance Sheet currently shows Net Assets of \$530,697 (down -0.6%).
- Membership
  - Dues generated \$27,700 of income.
  - Membership continues a downward trend as 89 (9.3%) were not renewed last year. Started 2023 with 880 members and added 56 new members, resulting in 936 members beginning the 2024 renewal period.
  - Dues stand at \$30 individual membership and \$40 family (2) membership. Dues only covers 22% of operating expenses.
  - The Board agreed to update the C&BLs Article I, Section 2, to allow the Board to set dues annually, this change is pending.
- Bagpiper
  - Over the last 5 years, it has operated at a -\$6,100 loss. In 2023, moving Rotating to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter has adversely impacted ad revenue.
  - The Board has reiterated its preference to maintain quality of the magazine despite rising costs.
  - The cost of producing the Bagpiper magazine has gone up to ~\$10/issue or \$40 per year.
  - The Board approved continuing the required \$20/year 1<sup>st</sup> first class postage fee for all members started in 2023 to help offset expenses. Expectations are that this will be rolled into the dues when the C&BLs are updated.
- National Specialties (Montgomery & Rotating)
  - In 2022, the Club lost -\$3,000 on Montgomery and -\$3,400 on Rotating.
  - Vendors' (hotels, etc.) costs have increased and are requiring larger and earlier deposits.
  - The Board subsidizes these events (primarily meals) to increase participation and give back to the members. In 2023, the subsidy at Montgomery is ~33%.
  - Members generously donate to Trophies & Specialty Donations (\$4,800 in 2022 and \$4,000 so far in 2023) to help offset costs for the events.
- Other Revenue offsetting operating costs.
  - Investments - contributed \$10,000 income in the last 12 months.
  - Shoppe
    - STCA merchandise sales contributes an average of \$12,406 per year (\$6,966 net) over the last 3 years.
    - The Club depends on marketing skills to offer quality merchandise for year-round sales.
    - Many sales (particularly Grooming Manuals) are to non-members.
  - Regional Clubs - AKC offers Meet the Breeds several time each year which benefits Regional Clubs, passing through grants of \$500 to \$1000 per Club per event. This is in addition to the STCA grants.
- Year-to-date, the Club is operating on a loss in Net Ordinary Income of -\$33,600 Note: This amount is somewhat misleading as Montgomery weekend is part of October's books. The Club is dependent on positive results from Montgomery, Bagpiper #4, Membership Renewal, and now Rotating in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to offset this loss before year-end.

## Old Business

- None

## New Business

Report of results for STCA Shows and Trials

- Independent Parent Specialty Helen Prince
  - BOB – GCH CH Aidnate Until I Wake Up
  - BOW/BOS/WD – Trakside Gabriele Oak
  - WB – Fairway Nandina Heart of Gold
- National Independent Sweepstakes Helen Prince
  - Fairway Nandina Heart of Gold
- Judge's comments from the IPS and Sweepstakes
  - IPS – Masa Sikora felt the entry was very strong and thanked everyone for bringing their dogs for her to judge. Really enjoyed the opportunity.
  - Sweepstakes – Charlene Gann thanked the STCA Board for giving her the honor of going over the next generation of Scottish Terriers. She felt it was a very hard decision to make in the end as the quality of the dogs was outstanding.
- Obedience and Agility Trials Lynn Berry
  - Monday – High in Trial – Marianne Melucci and Zantana
  - Tuesday – High in Trial – Pat Speas and Pickles
  - Wednesday - Marianne Melucci and Zantana
  - Thursday – Allene Auld and Duke de Dude
  - Three Scotties finished titles during the trials
    - Tamara Lazarus, Sassy finished her PACH and Eloise finished her MACH
    - Pat Speas, Pickles finished her Agility GCH
- Membership Anniversaries Helen Prince
  - Twenty-Five Year Members: Angelina & Jack Anastasia, Jeanice Barton, Gerald & Marilyn Cathcart, David Cook, Judy & Phil DiGirolamo, Patricia Dolly, Julie Hill, Adrienne Kaye, Jules Mayne, Lucy McNabney, Marg Moran McQuinn, Frederick & Lucy Melville, Priscilla (Robin) & John Mills, Rod Ott, Ron & Karen Travis, Barbara Zink
  - Fifty Year Members: C. Stephen Andrews, Ron Giese, John McNabney, Fredrick & Christine Stephens

## STCA Annual Awards

Lori Kelly

**The Sterling Silver Medallion** – J. Clifford Schultz

**The STCA Good Sportsmanship Award** – STC Performance Sports Committee

**The Antonella Visconti di Modrone Health Advocate Award** – Not awarded in 2022

### Obedience:

- **Harrop Award for Highest Scoring Companion Dog** - Not awarded in 2022
- **Budzak Award for Highest Scoring Companion Dog Excellent** – Not awarded in 2022
- **Rice Award for Highest Scoring Utility Dog** - Not awarded in 2022
- **Marvel Award for Highest Scoring Utility Dog Excellent** – Not awarded in 2022
- **Berninger Award For Highest Scoring Dog In Advanced Obedience** – Not awarded in 2022
- **Letty Passig Memorial Award for Highest Scoring Champion** – Not awarded in 2022
- **CH OTCH Balgair Humvee Let's Roll RE, UDX2, OM1 Memorial Award** – Not awarded in 2022

### Agility:

- **The Awesome Possum Agility Award** – CH Mach3 Destiny & Firehearts Magical Powers MXC MJC XF T2B2 ACT2 TKN – Marianne Melucci, John Melucci, Susan Finn

- **Master of Barn Hunt Award:**  
**Wild Wind Halcyon Master of Barn Hunt Award** – Not awarded in 2022

#### Therapy Dog Award

- **Dromore West Therapy Dog Award** – CH Kelwyn's Tequila Sunrise THDA CGC – Kathie Comerford

#### Versatility:

##### The Barbara Gibson Performance Awards

- **Performance Scottish Terrier** –
  - CH OTCH Ayreworth I Haul it UDX3 OM6 VER – Barbara Zink, Lucille & John McNabney
  - CH Merrie Munro's Dark Determination BN RA JE BCAT RATN CGC TKN CD – Jo-Anne Riddle, Mary Rice
- **Outstanding Performance Scottish Terrier** –
  - CH Destiny 7 Firehearts Celtic Magic BN RN BCAT JE RATO NAP OAP OJP SEN SCA SIA CAA. – Kathleen Foley, Susan Finn, Marianne Melucci
  - CH Mach3 Destiny & Firehearts Magical Powers MXC MJC XF T2B2 ACT2 TKN – Marianne Melucci, John Melucci, Susan Finn
  - Diascotts Ear's Kiss & Tell NFP BHCH RATCHX SEME SIM SBM SWM CGC TKN – Julianne Bovat
- **Superior Performance Scottish Terrier** – LFB Fraser of Tivoli RE OA OAP OJP JE CAA BCAT SIA SCN RATO CHCA TKN, Lynne Berry & Donna Cambron
- **San Francisco Bay Scottish Terrier Club Versatility Award** –
  - CH Destiny 7 Fireheart's Celtic Magic BN RN BCAT@ JE RATO NAP OAP OJP SEN SCA SIA CAA. – Kathleen Foley, Susan Finn, Marianne Melucci

#### STCA CHIC Breeder of Merit Honor Roll – Rod Ott and Pilar Kuhn

#### Conformation:

- **R-Starr Memorial Sweepstakes Trophy** – Westpride Storyteller - Belinda Holman
- **Fayette C Ewing Owner Handler Award** - GCHS CH McVann's Paper Back Writer - Vandra Huber, Ellen Avery, Rebecca Cross.
- **Chyscott Memorial Junior Showmanship Award** – Parker Simmons
- **The CH Deblin's Back Talk Memorial Specialty Award** –
  - GCHS CH Cumbria's Ready Image – Pat Wooster and Tracy Wooster
  - GCH J-mar's I Dissent and GCH CH J-Mar's the Show must go on - Danica Burge, Jerry Burge, Peggy Burge
  - GCHB CH – Glenby's Woburn Captain Marvel – Steve and Debi Russell
- **The Scottish Terrier Club of California Gold Tone Medallion Breeder's Award**
  - **Montgomery County:** CH Gallica's Edelweisse – Dr. Robert Gann, Charlene Gann
  - **Rotating Specialty** – GCHP CH Peabear P. S. I Love You – Deborah Brower, Neal Brower, Karen Lynn, Masa Siroka, Peggy Brown, Lisa Gerstner
- **The Ram Tree Award for Nation Specialty Best of Breed** – not awarded in 2022
- **The CH Charthill Worthy of Colwick Stud Dog Award** - GCHP CH Woburn Barbary Iron Man – Ron R. McConnell, Maureen R. McConnell, Debi Russell, Steve Russell
- **The Duff-De Pac-Man Puppy Dog Trophy** – Belinda Holman, CH Westpride Storyteller
- **The Marie McLean Berry Scottish Terrier Top 20 Award** – GCH CH Anstamm Auld Tartan Tradition – Diane L Beck
- **The Haslemere Puppy Bitch Award** – CH Redrox Beameup Mystic Woo Halley's Comet, - Jill Mashburn, Donna Pemberton
- **The Princescot American-Bred Award** – CH Sugarbush Still Scheming - Phyllis Kuhn
- **The Alchemy Bred By Exhibitor Award** – CH Bravo Dead on Balls Accurate, CH Bravo It's a Fact, GCH CH Bravo Maximum Allowable Torquage, Bravo Regular, Creamy, or Al dente, GCH CH Bravo the Quintessential Gambini - Rod Ott & Pilar Kuhn

- **The T. Allen Kirk Memorial Award** – GCHG CH Chyscott’s The Greatest Showman- Larae Shafer, Kristen Shafer, Kristen Shafer-Simmons
- **The Glenby Best of Opposite Sex Award** - GCH CH Anstamm Auld Tartan Tradition – Diane L Beck
- **The Casi Scottish Terrier Challenge Trophy** - GCHG CH McVan’ Big Bopper at Beameups – Vandra Huber, Dorene Cross, Rebecca Cross
- **The Kriscot Brood Bitch Award** – GCHG Bravo It’s An Industry Term – Rod Ott & Pilar Kuhn
- **The Blueberry Hill Award** - GCHP CH Peabear P.S. I Love You – Neal Brower, Karen Lynn, Masa Siroka, Deborah Brower, Peggy Browne, Lisa Gerstner
- **The Wychwood Breeder’s Award** – Masa Siroka
- **The Francis G. Lloyd Memorial Trophy Award** - GCHP CH Peabear P.S. I Love You – Neal Brower, Karen Lynn, Masa Siroka, Deborah Brower, Peggy Browne, Lisa Gerstner

**Introduction of the New STCA Officers and Directors** Pam Williams

**Drawing for Bagpiper Cover Page** Pam Williams

- Larae Shafer
- Nancy Xander

**President’s Closing Comments**

- LKelly thanked everyone for their work over the past 6 years and noted that we have a very strong club, in good financial standing, with an amazing membership dedicated to the Scottish Terrier.
- She reiterated the Vision Statement developed this spring: “Driven by the love of the breed, STCA members work to preserve the Scottish Terrier through education, mentorship, and stewardship to ensure the long-term vitality and health of the dogs with camaraderie and dedication.”
- Very proud of the fact that at this year’s Montgomery, the Scottie entry was the biggest in years, and was the largest of any terrier breed.

**Motion: To adjourn at 9:01 PM EDT**

Respectfully Submitted – Richard C Bumstead, Outgoing Recording Secretary

October 12, 2023