



The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
April 17, 2024
Via Zoom

PRESENT:

✓	Pam Williams, President	✓	Theresa Thomas, Corres. Sec.
X	Ann Davis, Vice President	✓	Kathleen Dunleavy, Rec. Sec.
✓	Mark LaBonte, Treasurer	✓	Helen Prince, AKC Delegate
✓	Ellen Avery, Class of 2024	✓	Danica Burge, Class of 2025
✓	Lisa Hills, Class of 2024	✓	Suzanna Mackey, Class of 2025
X	Jeff Jones, Class of 2024	✓	Christine O'Brien, Class of 2025
✓	Amy Pelle, Class of 2024	✓	Dee Smith, Class of 2025

ABSENT: Ann Davis, Jeff Jones

Welcome: Called to order at 8:35 PM ET

Pam Williams

Motion: To excuse the absences of Ann Davis and Jeff Jones MLaBonte moved, CO'Brien seconded Passed Unanimously.

**Report of the Secretaries
Recording**

Kathleen Dunleavy

- Kathleen Dunleavy presented the April 3, 2024, Regular Session BOD Meeting Minutes for approval.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024, BOD Regular Session Meeting. DSmith moved and LHills seconded. Passed with two abstentions due to absence at April 3rd meeting.

Corresponding

Theresa K. Thomas

- Theresa Kay Thomas reminded the Board to submit their committee reports to her by April 30, 2024. She has received only three reports to date. Pam Williams mentioned that Board members should check in with their liaison committees to make sure that they submit their committee reports to Theresa by April 30th.
- Theresa reported that she has received hard copies of contracts from all judges for 2025 STCA events.

Treasurer's Report -April 17, 2024

Mark LaBonte

March 2024

Financial Reports

Attached are the Statements of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Statements of Financial Activities (Profit & Loss) for the month and year-to-date along with a Class report.

The Club recorded Net Income of \$744 for March and \$11,619 year to date.

The profit was generated from Rotating, shop and membership activities. The Club's Net Assets at March 31, 2024 were \$531,621. Cash balances in checking and savings which provides cash for operations were \$51,173 excluding certificates of deposit.

Listed below are the accounts with income and expenses over ~\$500 this month.

Income

\$ 1,636 – Rotating activities - hospitality

Expense

\$ 781 – Expenses related to By-Law change vote

\$ 674 – Rotating activities – rosettes, ribbons, trophies

\$ 612– AKC delegate

Other Activities:

- Rotating –Reservations are being received for rotating hospitality; \$2,475 had been received as of March 31 but through April 17 we have collected some \$4,680.
- Audit Committee– Committee has been appointed (Theresa Stewart, Chair, Kaitlin Ambrogio and Pam Singleton, members). Requests have been received but delayed due to personal obligations but still hoping to have completed no later than April 30, 2024.
- Fundraising Facebook – Facebook online auction generated net donations of \$1,200. The goal was to raise \$2,500 towards the IPS.
- Fundraising MCKC – The fundraising flyer (attached) was posted to STCA Facebook site this morning and forwarded to Danica for posting to other social media sites. We have decided to move forward with the doghouse concept since there is no initial cost to the club. Artists would purchase materials based on established guidelines. We hope to gauge interest from artists to have actual concepts in place by April so that we can market these items well in advance of MCKC. If successful, we would take steps to bring bidders online via Facebook (TBD) with shipping charges the only cost to the club.

Ellen Avery asked Mark to send her the list of Trophy fund donors for her to send thank you notes.

Old Business

Rotating Specialty 2024

- STCA Board Meeting is Thursday, May 16, 2024, starting at 8:30AM in the host hotel conference room. All STCA Board members and officers are required to attend the meeting.
- Thursday evening – Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Bay Hospitality event with Dr. Audrey Kellerman, DVM, DACT
- Friday, May 17, 2024- Scottish Terrier Club of Tampa Specialty Show; STCTB Buffet Dinner and Silent Auction
- Saturday, May 18, 2024 – STCA Rotating Specialty Show; STCA Buffet Dinner
- Ellen Avery will verify that all STCA Rotating trophies are ordered and available for the show.

Rotating Specialty 2025

- Pam Williams presented additional 2025 Rotating Specialty plans submitted by Rod Ott, STCC President
- There was discussion amongst Board members on the following Rotating 2025 topics:
 - Appreciation for the additional information provided by the STCC to the STCA Board.
 - Feasibility of Top 20 event at the 2025 Rotating Specialty since an event Chair is still TBD and identification of Top 20 Judges for Rotating weekend TBD.
 - Use of physical space at Ventura County Fairgrounds (Rotating 2025 site) to accommodate multiple events. Use of McBride Hall vs. addition of St. Nicholas Hall for multiple events.
 - Need for a projected budget for 2025 Rotating Specialty based on STCC supplied information.
 - Designation of STCC spokesperson/contact for the 2025 Rotating Specialty to assure positive communications and effective event planning.
 - STCA Treasurer will send \$2,000 grant to STCC on request for expenses associated with hosting the Rotating Specialty
 - Host hotel arrangements are not finalized but there is no room attrition rate at the Four Points Sheraton hotel.
 - Jack Bradshaw, show superintendent, requires a Premium List by November 1, 2024, for the 2025 Rotating Specialty in April 2025.

MOTION: To approve the revised 2025 Rotating Specialty proposal submitted by the Scottish Terrier Club of California. MLaBonte moved DSmith seconded. Passed Unanimously

MOTION: To approve a \$1,000 stipend to the San Francisco Bay Scottish Terrier Club if they decide to host a specialty show during the 2025 Rotating Specialty weekend at the Ventura County Fairgrounds MLaBonte moved. LHills seconded. Passed with one abstention.

Montgomery 2024

- Pam Williams led a discussion of the following topics for Montgomery 2024:
 - Ann Davis requested information/contract from Rau about laying plastic for the host hotel ballrooms and other common areas:
 - Rau will also be providing the rosettes and shadow box trophies for the STCA Specialty on Sunday, October 6, 2024.
 - MB-F (IPS Show Superintendent) requires Premium List for the IPS by May 29, 2024.
 - Ellen Avery to provide trophy list to Pam Williams for MCKC and Hatboro shows.
 - Ann Davis, Pam Williams and Lori Kelly are reviewing menu items for hospitality and the banquet.
 - Helen Prince asked if we would continue with monetary prizes for the Independent Specialty show (IPS), Thursday, October 3, 2024

MOTION: To award cash prizes at the STCA Independent Specialty Show as outlined below. TThomas moved. CO'Brien seconded

- The IPS cash prizes will be \$200 for Best of Breed, \$200 for Best of Opposite Sex, \$100 for Best of Winners, and \$100 each for Bred by Exhibitor Bitch, Bred by Exhibitor Dog, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.

MOTION: To award a \$50 gift card to the winning junior handler and to allow a Veteran class (7 and older only) at the IPS. EAvery moved. DBurge seconded. Passed Unanimously

- Sweepstakes will be Friday, October 4, 2024. Rosettes will be ordered from previously used Ohio supplier, RB Powers. As we have moved Sweepstakes from the division run-

- o off process to Best in Sweeps/Best of Opposite, the prize money will need to be figured differently. No other prizes will be offered in the ring.
- o 2024 Entry fee for the IPS is \$35 and the Sweepstakes fee is \$20 per entry.

Montgomery 2025

- Pam Williams stated that she has a contract from the Doubletree Hotel for the 2025 Montgomery shows. There was discussion about using Lulu Temple as an alternate location for the events. It is a more costly option than the host hotel. The Morris & Essex show is on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, with the result that the STCA Board meeting would have to be Tuesday, September 30, 2025. There are some unknowns at the Doubletree Hotel, particularly adequate space for the IPS and grooming areas which will be evaluated after the 2024 event. The 2025 room rate at the Doubletree Hotel will be \$159 per night with an 80% attrition rate for the room block. The food and beverage minimum is \$6,000 plus tax and gratuity. Ballroom rental is \$600 per day. The board discussed what day to hold the board meeting, understanding that they would need to come in a day earlier if the meeting was moved to Tuesday so that they could attend M&E.

MOTION: To return to the Doubletree Hotel, Plymouth Meeting, PA in 2025 for the Sweepstakes show on Friday, October 3, 2025 and possibly, the Independent Specialty Show (IPS) on Thursday, October 2, 2025 (TBD). The 2025 Board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. DSmith moved. APelle seconded. Passed Unanimously

New Business

Trophies

- Pam Williams stated that the late Bill Berry donated three trophies, The Top 20 Trophy known as the Marie McLean Berry trophy, the Ram Tree Award, and the T. Allen Kirk Award. The consensus of the Board was to advertise the sponsorship availability of the Top 20 Award in the next Bagpiper.
- Pam Williams reported that the Ram Tree Award for Best of Breed in both the STCA Rotating Specialty and the STCA National Specialty was established in 2018 but has never been awarded. The T. Allen Kirk Award for Best of Breed in the IPS has been won but there is no physical award. It was suggested to re-purpose the existing physical Ram Tree Award as the T. Allen Kirk Award.

MOTION: To discontinue the Ram Tree Award sponsored by Bill Berry. HPrince moved. LHills seconded. Passed Unanimously.

The Awards SOP will have to be updated to reflect that the Ram Tree Award is discontinued and to update the description of the T. Allen Kirk Award.

New Member Applications

Lisa Hills

- Lisa Hills stated that she has several new member applications and will bring ballots to the Board meeting at the Rotating Specialty for voting on the new members. Lisa will email the new members' applications to the STCA Board in advance of the meeting.

**Motion: To Adjourn the meeting at 10:16 PM ET Moved by DSmith and seconded by LHills.
Passed Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted – Kathleen Dunleavy, Recording Secretary
May 16, 2024 Approved - FINAL

**May meeting- Thursday, May 16, 2024, 8:30AM-5PM at the Rotating Specialty
Ocala, FL In-person meeting.**

June meeting – Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 8:30PM ET via Zoom

July meeting – Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 8:30PM ET via Zoom