



**The Scottish Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Meeting of the Officers and Directors
June 19, 2024, Meeting
via Zoom**

PRESENT:

✓	Pam Williams, President	✓	Theresa Thomas, Corres. Sec.
X	Ann Davis, Vice President	✓	Kathleen Dunleavy, Rec. Sec.
X	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
✓	Jeff Jones, Class of 2024	X	Christine O'Brien, Class of 2025
✓	Amy Pelle, Class of 2024	✓	Dee Smith, Class of 2025

ABSENT: Ann Davis, Mark LaBonte, Christine O'Brien

GUESTS: None

Welcome: Called to order at 8:30 PM ET Pam Williams

Pam Williams welcomed all to the meeting. She announced that SOP reviews would be carried over to another meeting and tonight's meeting would address some time-sensitive items.

**Report of the Secretaries
Recording**

Kathleen Dunleavy

- Kathleen Dunleavy presented the minutes of the May 16, 2024, Regular and Executive session meeting for approval. Kathleen received one revision to the Executive session minutes from a Board Member.

Motion: To approve the revised minutes of the May 16, 2024, Regular and Executive session minutes DSmith moved and LHills seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Kathleen reported that the slate of candidates for STCA Officers and Directors was mailed on May 30, 2024. Four envelopes were returned and were re-mailed to the members.

Corresponding Theresa Kay Thomas

- Theresa reported that it is time to seek AKC approval for regional club specialty shows. The AKC form should indicate the number of years we wish to approve. The discussion involved the fact that AKC now allows four shows per year. Previously, we had allowed two years of pre-approval. At this point we are held to the AKC ruling so can not specify the number of shows a regional club may hold. We think two years is the right timing so that we can evaluate and adjust as needed.

Motion: To return the AKC request form with STCA's approval that pre-approves our regional clubs to host specialties for two years. LHills moved and DSmith seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Theresa reported that new members have been sent the Roster Addendum with their other new membership materials.

Treasurer – No report due to Treasurer absence

Old Business

Constitution & Bylaws Vote

Helen Prince, Kathleen Dunleavy

- Kathleen reported that 883 ballots were mailed to STCA members. Ballots were returned to a Maryland CPA who also tallied the vote on the 17 proposed changes to the STCA Constitution and Bylaws. The CPA received 310 ballots from STCA members. Five ballots were received that did not have a return address on the inner or outer envelope and were not counted for the tally.

The CPA tallied the votes for each of the 17 proposals. The percentage of "Yes" votes for each proposal met the two-thirds threshold for vote passage, according to STCA bylaws. All 17 proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws were passed.

There were also five (5) title or address changes noted by the CPA which will be updated by the STCA Recording Secretary.

A secondary finding is that the STCA Constitution and By-laws is noted on the website Home Page, but the By-Laws are not there. Where should they be housed? On the Home Page or the Member-Only portion of the website. Pam Williams will follow-up with Lori Kelly as to its correct placement on the STCA website.

New Business

Montgomery County Weekend 2024

Pam Williams

- Pam reported for Ann Davis who was unable to attend the meeting
- IPS/Sweepstakes - Helen Prince reported that she is waiting for the Premium List from MB-F for these shows. It will be posted in August on the STCA website and Infodog. Theresa Kay Thomas is ordering ribbons for both shows.
- Host Hotel – Pam Williams stated that she has coordinated some details with the host hotel. There will be a one-time \$75.00 pet fee for each guest bringing dogs. There will be more king suites than double rooms available. Pam cautioned members not to reserve more than necessary rooms.
- Meals – Pam announced that Wednesday's dinner would be a Mexican fiesta. Thursday's dinner (after the IPS) will be an Italian buffet with a possible dinner speaker or program presentation. Various speaker options were discussed:
 - Breeder/owner/handler discussion
 - Montgomery topics
 - How to select a stud dog?
 - Dr Knapp and her research
 - Fifty-year members panel discussion in a town hall setting
 - How to pick your next show dog?
 - Entertainment during dinner

Topics will be discussed again at the July meeting.

Friday dinner will be buffet at host hotel.

STCA is underwriting about 20% of formal meal costs to members and guests at the host hotel.

- Miscellaneous
 - Thursday – RAU installs plastic floor coverings. Need two tables for STCA treasurer dues renewal & STCA Shoppe. Karen Campbell will be a vendor, space permitting.
 - STC of California may need a table for sale items or information.
 - Prizes – Ellen Avery stated that the Monty trophies will be black and silver. Best in Sweeps and BOS in Sweeps on Friday will be cash prizes offered by Helen Prince.
 - Monty photos – Ann Davis to follow up with MB-F regarding the use of a ramp for show photos in the Scottie ring. The Board decided to continue to use hay bale decorations in the ring.
 - Advertising Deadline for ads to Kathleen Dunleavy – August 14, 2024

Vandra Huber Award Offer

Pam Williams

- Vandra Huber offered to donate a prize for Montgomery winners such as BOB, BOS or BOW. The prize is a round wooden box painted with Scotties styled from different eras. A Canadian artist has created the box. Helen, AKC Delegate, will check with AKC to find out the protocol for a judge to offer a prize at the show that they judge.

Janet Tomlinson Award Offer

Pam Williams

- Janet and Charles Tomlinson offered to donate the Aerohill Memorial Award in memory of William Berry to recognize Best of Opposite Sex at the STCA National Specialty (Monty). They propose the first offering to be October 2024 for 2023. The award offer is one trophy with 12 small plates and 12 plaques for each year's winner. The Trophy, plates and plaques are proposed to be stored at the STCA storage locker in Pennsylvania. The award is not a challenge trophy.
- Janet will need to provide clear qualifications for the award.

Motion: To accept the Janet and Charles Tomlinson offer of the new award in honor of Bill Berry with the stipulation that the donors assume engraving costs for the plates and plaques that are part of the award. HPrince moved/TKThomas seconded. Passed unanimously.

Scotties By the Sea

Pam Williams

- Pam Williams stated that she was contacted by Charlie, a representative of Scotties By the Sea in England about selling holiday-themed Scottie ornaments to our members. These are miniature replicas of the Scottie design used on their trails. Discussion ensued that the ornaments could be sold as part of the STCA's 125th anniversary but there were several questions asked for clarification on the program. Pam Williams will discuss with Charlie and follow-up with more information from Scotties By the Sea at the next Board meeting.

Motion: To enter Executive Session at 9:05PM to discuss personnel matters. HPrince moved and LHills seconded. Passed Unanimously

Motion: To leave Executive Session at 9:55PM Moved by DSmith and seconded by APelle. Passed Unanimously.

Sheraton Hotel – Langhorne, PA

Pam Williams

- Pam Williams reported that she was contacted by the former host hotel, Sheraton Hotel, Langhorne, PA about whether STCA might be interested in returning as customers during a future Montgomery week. Pam added that we are obligated to stay for two years at the Doubletree Hotel in Plymouth Meeting, PA but that it's nice to be invited back to the Sheraton if we chose to pursue that at some point.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM. EAvery moved and APelle seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted – Kathleen Dunleavy, Recording Secretary

July 17, 2024 Approved