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TTCA Teleconference held February 18, 2018 MINUTES

Board Members and Officers in attendance: Betsy Richards, Rob Smith, Paul Douglas, Amy Soderman (joined at 7:45), Janet Slothower, Sharon Hurd, Krista Johnson, Sandy White, Karen Tromblee, Claire Coppola, Stacey LaForge
absent Rene Stamm

The teleconference began at 7:03 PM, called to order by Betsy Richards

The first item on the agenda was to vote to have Alma Betsy Richards, TTCA President, added as an authorized authority on the signature card for the TTCA bank accounts at Bank of America and to remove Ron Pankiewicz as an authorized authority from the signature card.

This will allow Betsy, as well as Amy Soderman, the TTCA Treasurer to conduct club business with the bank. Gale will remain on the signature card due to National Specialty duties.

All members voted for this change in authorization of people appearing on the club's bank signature card.

Stacey presented a timeline calendar outlining what committee duties should be completed in each month. A copy of the calendar has been emailed to all Board members.

The two Vice Presidents will contact the club committee chairpersons to assure that they are in agreement with the calendar and have nothing to add. Board members, committee chairpersons, should review the calendar. Betsy will put a notice in the TTCA Newsletter to share the calendar with the membership. Hopefully the calendar will be in order and in use by this summer.

Betsy brought forward a request from Gale Mattison, the TTCA Show Committee Chair. He was concerned that Regional Specialties were being held too close in time and location to the National Specialty. He wished for no Regional Specialties to be held within 90 days of the NS and no closer than 500 miles from the NS. He feels that a regional held too close to the National Specialty might lessen the importance of the National specialty. Gale was concerned that a Regional Specialty had been approved to be held in Delaware one day prior to the start of the 2018 NS being held in Missouri. Stacey mentioned that there is a precedent for not holding a specialty just prior to the National specialty. When the NS was held in Syracuse, 2008, the New Jersey Specialty was cancelled.

After discussion the Board, as a whole, decided that Regional Specialties would not be approved within 28 days prior to or following the NS excepting the Regional Specialty held in conjunction with the NS. Five hundred miles was reduced to a 200 mile radius from the NS show site.

Betsy will talk with Gale to ensure that he can work within these guidelines. Historically requests to hold a specialty have gone through the TTCA Show Coordinator before being presented to the board for approval.

Stacey mentioned that the board should confirm with Gale if he was concerned with TTCA Regional Specialties and/or independent regionals such as those held outside of TTCA such as those sponsored by the Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club which is an independent AKC recognized club. A final vote was tabled until the Annual Board Meeting in April.

The request for the 2018 Delaware Regional Specialty has been withdrawn.

The ordering of AKC Statistics was discussed . Claire noted that she was to do this. Mike McLaughlin was the former contact with AKC.

The AKC Records and Titles Reports Committee, formerly the Statistics Committee, is now responsible for ordering the statistics. Sandy noted that we need to order the records for the TOP 20, the Journal, and for the Awards Committee.

It was decided that the records would be put into a “drop box” on the club website so that anyone needing the information would be able find the information in one place. Claire will order the statistics, but she desires to be replaced. Amy will pay for the statistics and Sandy will post them on the website in the Members Only section.

Claire will report to the board on her progress, in ordering the records within one to two weeks. She has previously contacted AKC, but not actually ordered the records.

Amy presented an update on the club’s banking status. Amy has met with officials of Bank of America” (TTCA’s current bank) to help streamline our banking process. Because “debit cards” are not insured, and anyone finding a lost one, could easily use it to empty the bank account, TTCA will be using a credit card which is secure. Credit cards have been issued to Amy and Camille Manfredonia (Rescue Chair). Amy can now sign for a credit card with a limited value. These cards can be issued to members needing to purchase items for club activities.

A portion of the club funds have been moved into an interest bearing account. An overdraft account has also been established with a limited amount of cash in it.

As there is not a Bank of America branch within 200 miles of Amy's home, she will use a check scanner to send information to the bank so that the funds can be deposited. The scanner has a \$15.00 per month charge paid to the bank.

An E Commerce solution has been started. This is the marketing, buying and selling of merchandise or services over the internet. Sandy, Amy, Amy's husband, Steve Layton, with Gale as an advisor will set this up on the TTCA website.

The board approved the start up of an E Commerce approach to the club banking needs.

Amy was asked if the club has a method to use credit cards at the National Specialty merchandise and auction. Amy confirmed that the club does.

Betsy would like to have someone responsible for contacting board members to remind them of jobs they have volunteered for .

The Recording Secretary volunteered to send out a note reminding board members of who volunteered to do various jobs during the meeting.

Betsy would like to call a teleconference every two months to help prevent planned actions from dropping by the wayside.

Betsy presented a proposal from Travis Brock and Jane Goodell. He would like to establish a committee to facilitate "Tibetan Terrier Meet Ups". These meetings would involve several TT's and owners living in a geographical area joining together for a social. There are many TT's and owners in Travis's and Jane's geographic area who enjoy "Meet Ups".

Betsy has reminded both Travis and Jane that they need to apply for regular club membership.

Several thoughts were expressed.

Betsy wondered if these socials were under the TTCA, umbrella, if the club would need to acquire additional insurance.

Amy related that Elissa Hirsh, a TTCA member, hosts such a social activity in California. Elissa does purchase insurance and charges a cover fee to cover this expense. Any extra money collected is donated to the TTCA for rescue.

Socials could possibly be a way to attract more members to the club.

Claire feels that social clubs do not wish to be part of a formal club. She noted that the Rocky Mountain TT club is an organization for TT enthusiasts from any location. They are a social club with a small number of annual get togethers in private homes or public places with no obligations to the AKC or the TTCA, however, their members have in the past worked collaboratively with the TTCA to host two TTCA National Specialties. She also noted that a very popular

fifteen year old, Greater Westchester, N. Y. - Connecticut area club in a different breed operates similarly and meets up most weekends to socialize with their dogs at different public places - with no desire to have any ties to the AKC or their respective Parent Breed Clubs. She suggested that Travis work with the Bay Colony Club.

It was decided that Betsy will get back to Travis and Jane

As Claire is the Public Education Chair, she will contact Travis and Jane.

The problem of people wishing to join the club, but having no sponsors, as they do not personally know any regular club members, was once again broached.

Betsy suggested a membership category for TT enthusiasts. It would be a not be an actual membership.

Stacey noted that the associate Membership was supposed to cover this area.

The Associate Membership's purpose was to allow regular members to become acquainted with new members. To add a category of membership would involve going in and changing the TTCA Constitution, which is a lengthy process.

Work will continue to find a way to solve this problem.

Stacey suggested not making a new category of membership but allowing new TT owners and other interested parties to purchase a newsletter.

This will be looked into further at a later date.

Betsy reported that members have contacted her to say that the minutes of the board meetings are too long to read when they are published in the Newsletter.

Sandy made a motion that the Recording Secretary send approved minutes to the web master and to the journal editor as opposed to publishing them in the Newsletter. There will be a mention in the Newsletter that the minutes are available on the club website.

The motion was approved by all in attendance.

Sandy has sent her proposals for the newly established Publishing Committee to Betsy and will be sending them out to all board members. She is retiring from the board, but will continue to head this committee.

Claire had sent a message to the board members prior to the meeting tonight, as she wished to alert the club that TToodles are being bred. She thought the club might want to issue a statement concerning this mixing of breeds.

Betsy had researched this issue and found that Toddles have been around for several years.

Many felt that issuing a statement would only serve to advertise the non-breed. It was clarified that the club only rescues pure bred TT's.

Betsy suggested that Claire research this area if she wished and then present the specifics.

Sharon was asked if she had finished with the ballot count. The count has not been finalized.

Betsy had received a note from Mark James (from England). England's kennel club has ruled that the "Lamleh" name can no longer be used in a kennel name as it has already been taken. He would like to have the same ruling in the US. We could possibly apply to AKC to have the name retired.

We would need to check with US owners with "Lamleh" in their dog's name to see how they feel about the issue.

Betsy will let Mark know that we are looking into the issue.

This item was put on the agenda for Annual Meeting in April as it was more involved than it was originally thought.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

respectfully submitted by Sharon Hurd, Recording Secretary