

The 2018 TTCA Annual Meeting was called to order May 2, 2018 at 8:00 P. M. by President Betsy Richards

Janet confirmed that the necessary quorum of members was present.

Betsy called upon the various judges from the week to speak about their experience.

Stacey LaForge, who was the National Specialty Conformation Judge began by thanking Rob Smith for his wonderful performance as ring steward. She said that it was a daunting job, having to choose from so many good dogs. Her aim is to judge as a judge she would like to be judged by. She noted that all dogs have good points and faults. She begins looking for a dog representative of the standard. The veterans get better with age. She found nice snow feet (larger feet than one would expect for the size of the dog) across the board, good bites, generally good body proportions, good rib spring. She saw a few narrow heads. She believes that it is difficult to get a laid back shoulder on a TT. Some gaits not as clean going as she would like to see. She was honored to have been chosen as the National Specialty Judge.

Andrea Reiman, the Futurity Judge felt honored to have been chosen to judge the event and to judge the entry she had. She saw many strengths in the dogs she judged - good coats shown with a natural presentation, great silhouettes, nice heads and teeth. The dogs shown to her had flat round feet. Weaknesses she found were in the rears and rib cage.

She hopes more breeders will nominate dogs in the future. She thanked Rob for being ring steward.

Emily Barker who judged the clipped down contest and the Sweepstakes was unable to attend and left no notes to be shared

Lee Kouski judged three events: In Breeders' Class she thought that the winners represented the breed standard and were free moving.

The winning Junior Handler was described as having an effortless manner in the ring.

In the 4 - 6 month puppy class she felt that the winning bitch was compact, square and moved well.

James Communal, our Rally and Obedience Judge thanked the club for inviting him to judge. He said that every dog he saw earned a perfect score for cuteness. He enjoyed judging and said there was never a dull moment during the event.

Awards earned by our TT's and owners in 2017 were presented. The names and accomplishments of several top winning dogs were announced. As there were a

multitude of award certificates to be handed out, not all were read aloud. She asked that those in the audience who had an award to please pick it up before leaving. The awards are listed in the pamphlet handed out at the meeting.

Polly Naumann, 2018 National Specialty Show Chair and Lynn Meyer were thanked and given a standing ovation for their marvelous work creating and presenting the National Specialty.

At this point the officers and committee chairs were introduced to the club members. Betsy noted that it is the Board and Committee Chairpersons who enable the club to function.

Sharon Hurd, Recording Secretary gave her report . Minutes from the year have been published. She announced that in the future, the minutes will be published on the web-site and not in the Newsletter.

The results of the judges' ballots mailed in January were revealed. The 2020 National Specialty Judge will be Marjorie Wikerd, and the 2019 Futurity Judge will be Lee Whittier. Members were reminded to vote and to return their ballots.

Janet Slothower, Corresponding Secretary gave her report. As one of her duties is to send cards or flowers to members when needed she asked the members to please inform her when a member was ill or had experienced a death in the immediate family. Her contact information is on the website.

Amy Soderman, Treasurer, thanked members for sending their dues in. She encouraged everyone to pay by credit card or paypal. Such payments make her job easier. She is working to streamline payments to be paid by credit card or paypal in the future. Travis is working on the on-line store so that credit card payments can be paid on-line.

The club finances are currently in great shape.

Membership in declining. She encouraged people involved in the performance and companion events to join the club.

Travis Brock, our 2019 National Specialty Show Chair was introduced to the audience.

He began his presentation by having diners look under their saucer for a blue dot which won for the lucky diner the hand crafted TT sculpture table centerpiece. Extra centerpieces were auctioned off.

He described many exciting events being planned for 2019 in Boxborough. He is hoping to bring more emphasis and recognition to the performance and companion events and TT's content to be "just" pets. Joyce Lak, Agility Chair is arranging three days of TT only agility competition in conjunction with a show in the area.

Mark Kennedy will be the NS judge. The day following the NS Pam Bruce will be judging a TT Regional Show. The NS week will begin with companion events on Sunday. A judge has approached Travis and volunteered to be the Obedience and Rally judge.

Travis has plenty of volunteer spots open for any willing body. If you have any questions please contact Travis.

\$7500 was raised for 2019 at the auction.

There is the possibility of a "Party Bus" to a local casino one night.

Sheryl Getman created the logo for 2019. One print of the logo is being printed and it will be sold by the club for \$10,000, a precious price. Travis vowed to sell it at that price if it takes him three years. The print will be kept in a fireproof place.

Betsy thanked Travis for his presentation and TTCA plans to include more performance, companion and pet events. They are important to all.

Since Betsy is writing an article for the Newsletter, She kept her remarks brief. Please read your Newsletter.

She asked that anyone hearing of state legislation that concerned dogs, to please forward the information to Krista Johnson, our Legislative Liaison.

Karen Tremble will be sending an article to the Newsletter about our new Ambassador Program.

Committee information will be published in the Newsletter.

Betsy then had the honor of presenting the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award. This year the award went to Anita Lamison. Anita was instrumental in the rescue, care of and adoption of 34 TT's that came into the program while Camille was ill. She made the rescue possible.

The President's Award given by Betsy was awarded to two members this year. Camille Manfredonia was chosen for all of the hard work and time she puts into making our rescue program work.

Amy Soderman was given the award for the time and effort she has committed to streamlining our financial affairs, making the system transparent and creating a budget.

As there was no unfinished or new business, Rene Stamm moved that the meeting be adjourned. Janet seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectively submitted Sharon Hurd, Recording Secretary

