

The teleconference was called to order on June 24, 2018 at 8:00 PM by TTCA President, Betsy Richards.

Members present: Rob Smith, Sheryl Getman, Janet Slothower, Sharon Hurd, Amy Soderman, Krista Johnson, Dee Travella, Grant Gibson, Rene Stamm and Stacey LaForge.

Karen Tromblee and Krista Johnson were absent.

The calendar listing various club deadlines by month, created by Stacey. was reviewed with specific dates for teleconferences added: August 26, Oct. 28, Jan. 6, March 3 and April 25 which will be at the National Specialty in Boxborough.

As of this time all of the teleconferences are scheduled to be held on a Sunday evening beginning at 8:00 PM. Betsy will send an email asking anyone with a conflict to please alert her.

Membership matters were discussed.

It has been brought to the Board's attention, that information regarding the renewal of a lapsed membership for former members, who for whatever reason dropped from the membership rolls, and desire to renew their membership needs to be clarified.

AKC has been consulted on the issue and the club has been told that the issue of lapsed membership must be handled in accordance with the club constitution.

Stacey noted that the Board has dealt with this issue in the past and it has been decided that lapsed members must reapply for membership.

For a membership to be considered as in good standing, the membership dues must have been paid by the due date of March 1 of each year. Members do have a grace period of 90 days after March 1 in which to pay dues and be considered current, i.e. June 1. In special circumstances a lapsed member may petition the Board for an additional 90 day grace period taking the interval to Sept. 1.

Members lapsed after March 1 have no voting rights and may not sign membership applications until their dues are current.

The Constitution rules for TTCA Membership were reviewed and discussed. The levels of membership and the requirements for each were reviewed. The first question dealt with was: If a membership lapsed, which level of membership could that person reapply for.

The Board's consensus was that if a lapsed member at the associate level has completed at least one year as an associate member, he/she may reapply as a regular member.

Regular members who lapse may reapply as a regular member.

Sharon moved that: As the AKC rules and the TTCA Constitution do not specify guidelines for the reinstatement of a membership lapsed for more than 180 days, the following guidelines be followed with respect to former members whose membership has lapsed for more than 180 days. Any former member who was in good standing at the time his/her membership lapsed and who had completed a full year of membership on or after May 26, 2006 as an associate member or regular member may reapply as a regular/foreign (as applicable) member.

The second question which was brought to the Board dealt with Household memberships wherein the dues were paid for a single membership rather than the cost of the Household membership. The confusion has arisen as the members do not say who is remaining as a member or if they merely paid the wrong dues amount. Amy and Vicki have attempted to contact these members to ascertain which member wishes to remain but have had little success in reaching them by email, Facebook or telephone calls.

It was decided that the membership would defer to the person who signed the check. The second member will have the 90 day grace period in which to add their dues to the membership.

A notice will be put in the Newsletter letting the membership know of this decision

Sheryl volunteered to phone the Household members who have lapsed a membership, by not paying the full amount owed, to determine which member is staying.

Grant mentioned a the particular case of a former regular status member who has been told that she has to reapply as an associate member. He wanted to know if she could go to a regular membership. The consensus was that she would need to reapply as her membership had lapsed.

Vicki will be asked to check to determine the former status of the member. If she was indeed a regular member, she may reapply for a regular membership.

Stacey noted that the associate membership level was created in 2006. thus any member before then would have been a regular member.

A Household Membership was clarified. The Household membership is only available to those who are regular members and all parties must hold regular member status.

A household membership does not have to be applied for. Some associate members were paying for household memberships, evidently not realizing they were required to be regular members to become household members. These members have or will be contacted.

Rene volunteered to call all associate members to remind them that they are eligible to upgrade their membership status to regular after one year, if they desire to do so.

Betsy mentioned that the number of regular members determines the quota required to hold the annual meeting. If the number of regular members rises, there will be a need for more regular members to attend the annual meeting.

Rene noted that she knows of associate members who would like to contribute their time and skills but can't as they are associate members.

A reminder was made that associate members can participate by working with a committee. They just may not chair a committee, sign a prospective member's application, or vote.

It was noted that at this time, any lapsed member (for 2018) is now into the second grace period.

Jami Smith who has sent in her membership application would like to be involved with the performance events. The Board members are excited to have her on board, and were reminded that she may volunteer in this area as an associate member but may not chair the committee.

Sandy reported that she has had difficulty sending the Newsletter by email to some members as they have not supplied a current contact.

There will be a reminder in the Newsletter reminding members to keep their contact information up to date.

Sheryl volunteered to help members keep their information up to date. Any member may call on her to update their information.

A problem arose with the dues sent by a foreign member, as the currency exchange rate changed between the time she submitted her application and when it was accepted. She is paying the difference.

Stacey has volunteered to help our membership chair solve problem membership issues as they arise.

Camille would like a support team to work with her committee. Rene will reach out to her to determine what she would like and to develop concrete steps to make it happen.

Betsy will work with Camille and/or Elyse to develop guidelines to help members plan for the care of their dogs in the event that they are incapacitated.

Items to be covered in future meetings:

creating some guidelines for Parade of Champions.

creating a structure to follow for Top 20, in the event that Camille is unable to direct this event in the future. Camille may supply guidelines.

Jackie Faust is redoing the Owner's Manual. There will be more information in the future.

Amy, her husband, Gale, and Sandy will work with Steve Layten to create an e-commerce web site. However none of these participants want to continue this endeavor once it is established. The club will need someone to take the final product and move it forward.

talk further about establishing a national show committee so that the show chair is not reinventing the wheel each year.

Betsy moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30

Grant seconded the motion All voted in favor

respectfully submitted by Sharon Hurd, Recording Secretary