

The TTCA Annual Board Meeting was called to order April 29, 2018 at 8:30 AM by President Betsy Richards in Eureka Missouri

Those in attendance were: Betsy Richards, Rob Smith, Sheryl Getman, Janet Slothower, Sharon Hurd, Amy Soderman, Krista Johnson, Karen Tromblee, Rene Stamm, Dee Travella, Grant Gibson  
Amy Soderman arrived at 9:05  
Stacey LaForge was not in attendance as she is judging the conformation classes at NS

After the introduction of the officers and directors, the meeting began with the various committee and officer reports being given.

Betsy presented membership information provided by Amy. As of April 3, 2018 we have 74 Associate members, 201 Regular members, 85 household members and 2 Junior memberships. There were 60 non-renewed memberships at that time.  
We are financially stable as an organization.

Janet moved to accept and approve the minutes from the Last Annual Broad Meeting held in Clymer, N. Y., May 2017. Krista seconded the motion. All voted in favor

Sharon Hurd gave the **Recording Secretary's** report. The minutes from all meetings held during the year have been approved and published. All minutes are now being published in the "Members Only" section of the website and not in the Newsletter. Judges's Ballots for the 2020 National Specialty and 2019 Futurity have been sent and counted. The cost for the mailing was \$265.57. 110 ballots were returned. Marjorie Wikerd will be the 2020 National Specialty Judge and Lee Whittier will be the 2019 Futurity Judge provided they accept the positions.

Janet Slothower, **Corresponding Secretary**, has forwarded all information she has received to the appropriate person. She has sent cards and/or flowers to members who have been ill or had a death in the immediate family.  
She asks that if any member know of another member who is ill or has had a death in the family, to please let her know.

Amy Soderman, **Treasurer** presented her report. She has looked into purchasing software that would help streamline the club's membership management, fund raising for rescue and the National Specialty reservations. This effort is on hold until work on the TTCA On-line Store update is completed. When that is completed the National Specialty Reservations, followed by Rescue and then the Membership Management software requirements will be reviewed and addressed.

In addition, Amy has reviewed the funds needed for the various committees and analyzed the membership. A proposed budget for each committee was presented.

Amy has made changes to our banking system. The club will no longer use debit cards as TTCA funds are not secure when using debit cards. The TTCA will be replacing the debit cards with predefined credit limit cards. There are currently three card carriers: the club president, club treasurer and the Rescue Committee.

In the past, all TTCA cash funds were managed out of a single checking account. This created confusion for financial reporting and when funds are in a checking account they do not earn interest. The majority of the funds in the TTCA checking account were moved as follows: 1. \$10,000 is being kept readily available in an operating checking account, 2. \$2,500 is in a rescue checking account 3. other funds were moved to an interest bearing savings account as follows: Performance Reserves, National Specialty Reserves, Operating Reserves. Funds for each of these reserve areas will be tracked separately.

We are currently breaking even on membership. Amy has organized the roster so that membership trends can be watched for statistical purposes.

Once again a brief discussion was held concerning those members who have yet to pay their dues. The Vice Presidents will divide the list up between them and personally call them with a reminder that dues are past due. Amy has already sent two emails to each one.

Amy has devised a budget for the National Specialty after reviewing twelve years worth of records. After much discussion it was decided that this would be a "soft" budget, not necessarily to be rigidly

followed. It is the first established National Specialty budget and thus to be learned from. If membership continues to decrease in the future it may be necessary to adhere more strictly to the budget.

Rene moved that the budget Amy proposed for the National Specialty be adopted.

Krista seconded the motion

All voted in favor

Amy was commended for the changes she has made as treasurer.

Betsy related that she wishes to hold a teleconference every two months so that the Board members will be able to keep in touch with what is happening and to follow through on plans made.

Amy asked if anyone had any new information concerning the problem AKC was having with a hacker who obtained personal information and then went phishing by email, sending the several breed club treasurers requests for money. The requests looked as if they legitimately came from an authorized club member asking that funds be sent to them. In TTCA's case Amy got a note that looked as if it was from Betsy requesting money. Amy has filed a case with the FBI  
Stacey will be asked if she has any new information.

adjourned for a 10 minute break  
reconvened

Gale and Camille will present their committee reports this afternoon following lunch.

### **AUDIT committee**

There is no official committee. The committee of about three people has traditionally been activated as needed to conduct an informal overview of the books. Amy has put all of the records in the "cloud". Grant felt that there should be an official audit every 3 to 5 years. Rene suggested that an outside source be hired.

Amy related that an outside audit is very expensive (app. \$8,000). Further an outside audit is not necessary unless the club is applying for government grants. Amy recommended that the audit committee include a member who might one day like to be treasurer.

As Sue Carr and Gale Mattison have involved with previous audit committees, Janet will contact them to ascertain how we go about conducting the audit.

A note will be sent to the membership asking for a volunteer to help conduct an audit.

GOAL for the teleconference will be to take steps to establish an audit committee

Dee asked if an email could be sent to all members requesting volunteers. Currently this would be difficult with the way our contact system is set up.

It was mentioned that Vicki Hawkins (membership chair) has a list of new members' skills which might be helpful when looking for volunteers. It was suggested that this information sheet be resent to the long term members as it has been several years since many of them filled out a "skills to volunteer" form.

Our most complete email list is the one Elise uses to electronically send the Newsletter.

Sheryl will search for and attempt to compile a complete list of members' email addresses.

**Awards Committee:** Nancy Hammel

She has moved and as of now there is no formal report. Sheryl reported for her. Nancy is excited to be awards chair and is hoping to make some improvements to the pamphlet listing awards for the year. Sheryl has brought the pamphlets and award certificates.

She has a problem with getting companion award requests from members by the deadline.

Certificates not picked up at the dinner will be mailed to the recipients.

Janet brought up that she never gets committee reports by the deadline which has been March 30th.

Betsy recommended that an earlier due date be established such as February. Those who are late would be contacted by one of the Vice Presidents. She also felt that a friendlier form would help.

Karen felt that committee chairs know the due dates and rules. When people are exceedingly late, she questions whether they are performing their jobs and feels we need to find replacements for committee chairs not doing their job.

Grant suggested sending the body of the form in an email that can be filled out online and returned.

Hopefully we will have a new format by January 2019. Grant was asked to create a new form and put it into an email format to be filled out in the body of the email online. The email can then simply be returned to the Board. Grant will complete this for presentation at the next teleconference.

**Breeder Education:** Anette Ohman

Anette does not wish to remain as chair. Travis Brock has been considering the position.

Sheryl mentioned that David Murray was at one time interested in this committee

Rene volunteered to chair this committee.

**Breeder Referral** Chair Diane Wagner

Diane would like to increase awareness of the program.

Betsy will ask each committee chair to write a short article explaining the function of their committee for the Newsletter.

Rene questioned the PennHIP vs OFA hip test as there is no score required for passing the OFA test but there is a numerical score required to pass the PennHIP test. She questioned the reasoning behind this discrepancy. She noted that the passing grade for the PennHIP changes as the number of dogs on the list increases or decreases.

After much discussion it was decided to change this requirement, which is required to be on the Breeder Referral List.

Krista moved that the fourth requirement on the Breeder Referral list be changed to read: OFA hip clearances of Sire and Dam done after the age of two or a PennHIP clearance examined after the age of one. The words " and with a 60th percentile DI of 0.45 or better" which had followed will be removed.

Dee seconded the motion.

All voted in favor of the change

Janet will contact Sandy White to change the wording on the website.

Sheryl asked if there was a reward that could be used to designate breeder members who are on the Breeder Referral List.

There has been a logo in the past which is being used. However, Sheryl wondered if the certificates she had designed were still being used.

Rene expressed her thoughts concerning the Breeder Referral List requirement that breeders wait until dogs are two years of age before breeding. She has read some research recommending using males at an earlier age.

The ruling was made as OFA rules state the dog has to be 2 before doing that hip test. Dee mentioned that the CERF eye test also requires a dog to be two years old. Dee also mentioned that Juvenile cataracts do not appear before a dog is 2 years old.

Grant told the Board about a test for juvenile cataracts, Courtney had found on line. Janet and Betsy reminded us that DNA tests used must be specific to Tibetan Terriers.

Sheryl wondered if you could freeze semen from a one year old to be used later.

The age issue was laid to rest.

**Sales Committee** does not really exist. All publications are now on line, free to all members.

The Judges' pamphlet is still printed for use by the Judges' Education committee. Jackie Faust is printing out 20 copies of the Owners' Manual and bringing them to the show. These are in demand by breeders wishing to give a copy to new puppy owners. Gail Toracinta and Jackie are working on the Illustrated Manual.

Any hard copies become the domain of the Publishing Committee.

**Electronic Media:** Sandy White

Sandy hopes to expand the "Members Only" portion of the website to include AKC Statistics and reprintable documents and to make the site more secure.

She has updated many areas such as application forms, health links, breeder referral and Gazette articles. She created and maintained a website for the National Specialty.

The cost to host the website is \$209.

She asks that members remember her committee is responsible for posting information, not creating it.

**Futurity:** Claire Coppola. She wishes to enhance and grow the event. She hopes breeders will become more interested. In other Breed Clubs this is a main event. There was a total of 12 nominations for this year. This is the first year for the monetary prize for the winning TT's if they have a CHIC notation  
Breeders may nominate a judge when they nominate a dog or litter. Any group of 3 members of the club can also nominate a judge.

Betsy has had a call from a member who wished for the club to reinstate the requirement that the judge be a member of TTCA. The reasoning behind the decision was reiterated, the simple fact that it is very difficult to find a member willing to judge the event. The judge is not allowed to show their dog throughout the National Specialty. This is on top of the fact that the judge is not compensated for his/her expenses. Betsy will let the member know their concern was discussed and the reasoning behind the decision.

**Health Committee:** Stacey LaForge.

Her goal is to have more samples submitted to the University of Missouri program. A note will be put in the Newsletter and on the website asking members to send DNA samples. Rene suggested that this be done every month. She would include any lab doing research. Amy mentioned that she has known breeders, who did not know how to submit DNA samples or that samples were needed from healthy dogs, as well as those having a disease.

### **Archivist**

Stacey LaForge is watching over the materials until a new chair or solution can be found. The materials, are currently in a climate controlled storage facility. The facility is paid up for the year at a cost of about \$1500.

Betsy knows of someone who would be interested but has no place to store the materials.

The current thought is that at least some of the archives may be sent to the AKC storage facility.

Grant would like to see all of the old Journals scanned and made available on the website.

Rob wondered about the feasibility of going through the materials to see what exactly is there. The general feeling was that it would be difficult.

Betsy asked that the Board dream up some options. Sheryl lives in an area near a Tibetan Stupa and Gardens. It is a Tibetan Buddhist site, "Garden of One Thousand Buddhas". The gardens are operated by Tibetan Monks. Sheryl has wondered about building a museum for the Tibetan Terrier in that area.

**International Committee:** Jackie Faust. The TT World Congress will be held in 2020 in France. Amy will find out the date.

**Journal Committee:** Betsy greaves.

Betsy has said she would be interested in the newly established Publishing Committee. The committee will help Betsy collect the information included in the Journal. She would like to have the material submitted to her earlier than it has been in the past. Sheryl noted that Jackie Faust is helping Betsy with the production. Grant has noticed that as of three years ago, the Junior Handler rankings were no longer included.

Betsy asked Grant to let Betsy know that we would like to have the Junior Handler ranking included in the future.

Sheryl added that Betsy needs proof readers in August.

**Legislative Laison;** Krista Johnson

AKC sends out any information they have to her. She sends the information on to members living in the problem state.

Amy told the Board that there have been detrimental legislative bills appearing in California. She has noticed a tendency for the legislative body to create a new piece of legislation in the morning and vote on it in the afternoon before the public is aware. She suggested that information coming in be shared on Facebook. Janet suggested that people, voters may have to attend local meetings to let their presence be known

Betsy asked Krista if a system is in place. It is. Krista will write a message to be placed in the newsletter asking that anyone, with a local public canine related issue to send her the information so that she can share it with the membership

Share with those living in the given state as legislators may not pay attention to out of state notes

**JUDGES' EDUCATION:** Margy Pankiewicz Margy reported that there are areas in the country under served by mentors. She is continuing to work on a program for AKC Canine College.

Grant told the board no one in his area is a judge mentor He has been asked by candidate judges for information

Margie has a form for members to fill out to apply to be a mentor

Judges should make an appointment with a mentor, not just show up and expect a mentor to be there

Forms must be signed by an actual mentor

Andrea is mentor in the Colorado area. Judges should make an appointment with her. She lives in a remote area and it is difficult for her to get to shows It is the judge's responsibility to contact the mentor.

There are judges at the National Specialty this week.

**Public Education:** Claire Coppola

Claire has worked with Karen Tromblee and Travis Brock

Karen reported on Orlando Royal Canine Show.

The problem in Orlando being that TT's are at end of alphabet and wind up in the final row facing a wall 8' across from their booth.

Because they are tucked away not many people come back to the booth. She would like for Betsy to write a letter asking that the breed line up be changed so that TT's are not always in the back row.

People came back to the booth only because people walked around and invited them to come back.

Karen put in a request for parking funds. She attended both "Meet the Breeds" events (Orlando and New York)

New York, Westminster, was very cramped.

Lehigh Valley shows were mentioned The show personnel had contacted the TTCA to ask if we would like to have a "Meet the Breed" booth at the show. The show is held on Feb 3-4 which is super bowl weekend.

Rene has attended the show and she would not recommend spending the money to have a booth Rene noted that the show can be crowded one year and deserted the next They do, do agility and obedience introductions. There are some nice touches however there is a farmers market on Saturday so parking can be scarce.

Claire will deal with having a booth at this show.

Karen Tremble is replacing Claire as chairman of the committee

AMBASSADOR program is now in working order. Karen is meeting with volunteers while at the National Specialty. She currently has 5 applicants. She will bring this back to the Board on Thursday.

“TT Meet Ups” have been discussed by Claire and Karen. Questions have occurred: how they will happen, where they will be held, insurance, costs.

Claire asked if TTCA is going to support “Meet Ups”

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Amy reported that she has been compiling data, noting that our membership numbers have declined. Amy has 2 years worth of data however there is no history prior to 2 years

Betsy would like to grow the membership

TTCA needs to get associate members to move to regular membership

Some members are not aware that there is a procedure to be followed to change one’s membership status

The associate membership was started in 2005, as a way to become familiar with members who were unknown to anyone in the club

Grant thought that people who'd been in the breed for a long time should not have to go through the associate membership process.

The club can’t discriminate between who we know and do not know, so all need to go through the associate membership process.

## **Newsletter:** Elise Kind

Betsy praised Elise for her good sportsmanship. Elise stepped right up when we needed to replace our newsletter editor due to a resignation.

Elise had previously been editor and stepped right back into the position. She has noted that since almost all newsletters are sent electronically the job is much easier.

## **Nominating Committee**

Betsy asked that Board members be thinking of nominees and come to afternoon portion of the meeting with an idea of who to nominate.

The committee consists of the chair and 4 more members. Members of the committee should be from different geographical regions.

**PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE:** currently open

Performance has a budget, however, it does not have a committee chair. Board members noted that they would like to increase efforts in performance events to increase membership. Names of members, who might work on the performance committee, have been put forth. If anyone would like to volunteer for this committee, please contact a board member.

**Facebook:** Sheryl Getman

The TTCA Facebook page reaches 1100+ people.

Sheryl was concerned that this years National Specialty show committee created their own Facebook page. The page was difficult to locate and the information was not shared on the TTCA regular site. Sheryl was concerned as at least 500 people asked her where the information was as nothing such as schedules was posted on the TTCA Facebook page. Sheryl did direct people to the second Facebook site. Betsy noted that it is the responsibility of the National Specialty Show chair to make show chairs aware of protocol. The information should have been shared on the TTCA site or at least a link from the TTCA page to the newly created one.

Sheryl would like to have members post on Facebook. She can post for members. Everyone should know how to post information on Facebook.

Rene voiced her thoughts that some Breed Clubs have two Facebook pages, one for the club and one for their National Specialty.

The meeting was recessed at 12:35 until 1:55 PM for lunch

the meeting resumed at 2:00 Pm

**RESCUE** Camille Manfredonia personally attended the meeting and gave her report.

Camille first addressed the major rescue operation handled last summer. She shared that, not only was there a large number of dogs involved, but it was harder due to the difficulty older TT's have attaching to a foster home, followed by a new home adjustment. Generally older dogs are boarded whenever possible as it is less stressful for the dogs, providing the dog will be adopted out within three weeks time. Camille has found that TT's as a breed are difficult to re-home whether coming from a poor or a wonderful situation.

Six months have now passed since the final dog from last summer's rescue was placed in a home and none have been returned. Donations were received from the persons adopting each of these dogs.

Camille indicated that people are not aware of all that goes into any rescue and would like to train people in various areas of the country who could rescue and re-home dogs in the area in which they are found. She shared that the states having the greatest number of rescue dogs are California and Texas. Colorado may become a problem as a license is required to be a foster home. She would like to establish a fund to be used for boarding rescues.

Rescue handled a total of 85 dogs this year. Each dog requires approximately 100 hours of time from intake until it is adopted. Dogs are not flown due during the rescue process due to additional stress for a dog already stressed out and to expenses.

Camille expressed concern that some of the breeders, especially those with high volume breeding programs, are aging and may come to a time when they can no longer care for their dogs. She would like for them to have a plan in place for their dogs' care in the event that they are incapacitated. She would like for them to: have a list of their dogs, the dogs' records and to leave Camille's contact information for rescue if needed.

Once animal control gets a dog, there is nothing we can do to help the dog.

Camille believes there are older breeders, who in the event that they can no longer care for their dogs, have not made plans for their dogs' future. Fortunately there have been some who have demonstrated how much smoother things go if this issue is addressed prior to a problem arising.

Camille is finding that many of the rescue dogs are coming from people in their 80's who acquired a young dog, then needed to go into a health care facility or died leaving their dog homeless. Due to the age of the owner, many of the dogs are unsocialized and need training.

Betsy suggested that Camille prepare an article for the newsletter detailing this potential problem. The article can also be placed on Facebook. Camille was also asked to devise a plan and a list of people who might volunteer.

The Board will look into the legalities of members donating money to TTHWF, for the eventual care of dogs that might need to go into the rescue program. There would be Federal guidelines to be followed as TTHWF is a nonprofit organization.

Sheryl also asked if Camille thought that there was a mindset among breeders that if worse came to worse, Camille would take care of the problem. Camille thought it was not the breeders, but the families of the breeders who did not wish to finance the care of any TT's coming into rescue.

Camille suggested that members provide her with a copy of any wishes or donations they wish to make to rescue in the event of their inability to care for their dogs. If she has a copy she will know of the persons' wishes and have a way to approach the family, as otherwise those wishes may never be known.

Possibly, a packet could be created that breeders and others could use to gather and keep all of the information for their dogs, including names and photos, and to make known their wishes for the future care of their dogs.

All members present agreed that rescue needs an ongoing fundraising program. TTCA is ultimately responsible for rescue. We need to search for grants. We missed out on "Maggie's" fund as we were unaware of the program. Amy volunteered to look into the grant issue.

Gale Mattison, TTCA Show Advisor, joined the group. He had listened to Camille's concerns and noted that TTCA has insurance as an AKC member club for liability for events and rescue. HWF is not associated with AKC thus can't participate in AKC insurance and would have to get outside insurance, which would be quite expensive because of liability issues with dog bites. There are no legal ties between TTCA and TTHWF TTHWF was established as a way to donate to rescue and HW as a non taxable organization Thus deductible donations may be made. The idea was that the HW would be a fund raising organization to be used for HW and rescue. Amy reported that \$4500 was donated when members paid dues

As NS show chair Gale assured the Board that the 2018 National Specialty is ready to launch, beginning tomorrow.

As Gale sees it, there are three different ways of holding a NS

- Doing as an independent event at a hotel site

- doing at a hotel with events held at another site

- holding the NS within an all breed show as a concurrent event

The 2019 NS will be held in Boxborough, Mass. with Travis Brock as Chair

The 2020 NS is a dilemma

Some members have said we have never done a NS in South East.

All that a group who wishes to host the NS in Florida has come up with is Tampa in mid June. The show would be held in an indoor site, and there is a concurrent all breed show in the area we could connect with.

With this location and time frame there are concerns: the Florida weather in June is hot and humid. Due to this, many people may not wish to fly dogs into Florida for the show. In addition, some airlines will not fly dogs in or out of Florida during the summer months.

Gale feels we would need 60 dogs entered in the show to break even.

Karen has volunteered to be hospitality chair for show

Gale could put something together in NE

Gale cautioned us to look at where members are and where dogs competing dogs are based

Thoughts of settling on one location to hold the show every year have circulated but never been supported. There has also been talk of rotating the location between three sites.

Rene asked about the Eukanuba site in Wilmington Ohio. This has been discussed in previous years and found to be too costly and the venue does not allow outside food in for hospitality.

Fran Kridakorn has tried talking with someone who books or conducts dog shows to see what their services offer. Gale noted that the outside service is usually free of charge as they get a gratuity from the host hotel. TTCA historically has elected to get a group of volunteers to put a NS together.

If there is any hope of the Tampa site being a successful show there will have to be: a connecting cluster, which there is. TTCA will have to have a supported entry on Saturday and a regional on Sunday. The NS would be on Wednesday.

If we did the specialty at the all breed cluster, prior to NS, the NS would be over memorial day weekend. If we held the NS prior to the cluster the NS would be the second week of June. i.e. cluster before NS. When the dates were cleared up (June 10 - 16), it was found that the NS would not be held over Memorial Day weekend if held prior to the cluster.

Janet voiced concern that the dogs would not be fresh for NS if the cluster was before the NS. She would like for the NS to be prior to the cluster.

The cluster has performance events tied in with it, thus all of our performance events would happen there at the cluster.

Dee suggested moving the board meeting to Saturday rather than Sunday

The board recognizes risks associated with holding the NS in Florida in June, but with mixed feelings decided to hold the event in Florida in 2020.

NO HOTEL has been established as a host hotel

Rene felt there would enough dogs entered.

Board members all voted in favor with the exceptions of Janet (no) and Sharon (abstain)

Gale cautioned that if little things fall through it can lead to disaster and that help would be needed.

Betsy would advise new comers to positions at NS to contact people who have held the job previously.  
AKC has a manual with rules and guidelines for NS and TTCA has a list of procedures to be followed

Betsy mentioned that the agility event in Boxborough will be held at the same time as the board meeting.

Sheryl presented the logo for 2019 show

When members saw the logo thoughts of the world congress came up; the logo has nothing to do with the World Congress. The theme centers around, TT's around the world exhibiting their "Little People" qualities

AKC Rankings and Titles Reports

Sharon will assume responsibility for this committee

AKC reports are sent by AKC to one club member who then distributes the reports to club members needing them such as the Journal editor, Awards chair and the website.

We need to be sure to obtain: Junior Handler rankings, Owner Handler rankings, Performance rankings, and Reserve BOB

Breeders' of Merit receive \$20 @ end of each month for on-line reports

Grant moved to accept the committee reports

Janet seconded the motion

all voted in favor

Betsy announced that the TT Health and Welfare Foundation has sent TTCA names of two persons, Kim Lenox and Brenda Brown. They have been nominated to serve on that board. Betsy reviewed their biographies.

Rob moved that the TTCA board approve Kim and Brenda to serve as members of the TTHWF Board.

Janet seconded the motion

all approved

No one on the TTHWF board is currently committed to fundraising.

Betsy is hopeful that Kim will take on this task

The Board next voted for the recipient of the AKC Good Sportsmanship award to be presented at the annual dinner.

Anita Lamison was suggested per Camille's suggestion she works as one of the rescue liaisons and handled the rescue of Lorraine's dogs. Rene Spoke of her qualifications for the award. Anita was chosen as this years honoree.

The nominating committee is tasked with finding members to fill any vacant positions on the TTCA Board. Five members serve on the committee, the chairman plus 4 others. Rob Smith will be the chair, serving as the Board representative. Each of the other proposed members will be asked if they are willing to serve on the committee.

The committee will be set when we reconvene after the annual meeting.

#### Publishing Committee

Sandy White has volunteered to head the committee. the committee is being established to offer assistance to the members chairing publications committees as the Journal, and Newsletter. Timelines, and needed information may be supplied. Dee made a motion to establish the publishing committee. Guidelines to be established by the committee. Rob seconded the motion all voted in favor

Betsy is going to put a copy of the "To Do" calendar formulated by Stacey in the Newsletter. The calendar was created so that all board members and committee chairs would know when items were due. Sandy has updated it since it was first introduced. Members will be invited to let the Board know if they know of anything else that should be added.

Betsy is planning on a Board teleconference every two months. There will be 6, held on the fourth Sunday of the month beginning at 8:00 PM.

Participation in the Essex Show has been approved. The show is held every 5 years in New Jersey.

Karen Tromblee presented the proposed "Breed Ambassador Program to the Board. She passed out a pamphlet to each Board Member. This is a copy of the information she will be handing out to our "ambassadors". She currently has five volunteers and will be meeting with them during the NS.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 until May 2, 2018 following the Annual Meeting

TTCA Board reconvened on May 2, 2018 at 9:15

The Nominating Committee was established. Rob Smith will be the chairman. The other four members will be: Jackie Karr, Jim Lechner, Sue Carr and Cindy Douglas. The alternates are Kevin Grew and Joyce Killinger.

Betsy reminded the Board that the next teleconference will be held on Sunday, June 24th 2018 at 8:00 PM She further reminded all to use the calendar handed out to know when what was happening

Stacey can now join us. She was asked about the AKC program for handling breed club historical documents and materials.

When the program first began, AKC was only interested in obtaining certain documents, but they are currently accepting more information.

We can send almost anything and everything we would like to, however doing so transfers ownership of the materials to the AKC.

TTCA could ask for items to be returned as needed.

In the event we decide to store items with AKC, AKC will notify us if they decide to throw anything out

Currently the AKC library is losing space while moving to the museum in NY

AKC will archive items handed over to it

Stacey noted some concerns with handing items over to AKC : One never knows what AKC is going to do and while the curator currently working with AKC program is enthusiastic that person can change at any time.

Stacey feels that the new museum will be wonderful and as PR the NY location was the best place to be

Betsy feels that AKC is in flux now due to moves and we should wait a bit before we make a decision as to what to do with our materials. The storage fee was just paid for a year

Stacey moved to adjourn Krista seconded the motion all voted in favor

The Board adjourned at 9:50 PM  
respectively submitted by Sharon Hurd, Recording Secretary

