

The teleconference was called to order at 9:00 EST on January 6, 2019 by TTCA president, Betsy Richards.

Betsy Richards, Rob Smith, Karen Tromblee, Janet Slothower, Sharon Hurd, Sheryl Getman, Rene Stamm, Dee Travella, Krista Johnson, Grant Gibson and Stacey LaForge were in attendance. Sheryl Getman was unable to attend

A date was set for the next teleconference as Sunday, March 24th, to be called to order at 9:00 PM EST. Board members were asked to check their calendars and let Betsy know of any conflicts.

A reminder was made that all TTCA Committee reports are due on March 1, 2019. Janet needs reports emailed to her, by that date, in order to compile and distribute them to members. Janet will have a reminder notice and a report form published in the newsletter.

Amy Soderman will need a 2 week extension, as due to our year end date, she will not have all of the financial data before that time.

Stacey updated the Board on Health Committee news: TT's have recently been included in an epilepsy (seizure) research study, being conducted by Dr. Johnson,

A couple of TT's have recently been diagnosed with a progressive neurological disease. The disease, appearing in relatively young dogs presents as NCL, but genetically, is not. Dr. Johnson is working with this disease and any dogs found with it may be included in the study.

In addition, a third type of PRA has been identified in TT's. This is not an early onset form of the disease. The rate in TT's is about 1% of the 30 to 100 dogs tested. MARS has a test available for TT's.

Cancer: there are research studies being conducted, but they are not being conducted on TT's exclusively. Big money is being spent on research for Golden Retrievers and Rotties, etc. After the research is completed, it can be determined what proponents apply to TT's.

Karen Tromblee, was unanimously approved as the official committee chairman of the Public Education Committee.

Sandy White no longer wishes to be responsible for soliciting ads for the Journal.

A question was raised as to whether she is still willing to design ads for advertisers who wish for the artwork to be created by a TTCA artist. Betsy will check with Sandy.

Amy mentioned that as of now, Sandy also collects the fees for the ads.

Betsy will put a notice in the next newsletter asking for a volunteer to solicit ads.

A Public Education Survey, concerning the National Specialty, has been created by Grant, Rene and Karen. The current survey is intended as a generic baseline. Following the National Specialty a more specific survey to include unique aspects, will be sent out.

Some concerns expressed were

- Some members don't like the ratings scales - concern that a simple rating does not provide any real information as there is no reason given for the rating

- If a rating scale is used, say an "overall feeling" rather than just "rate" the event

- Most wanted a comment section added so answers could be explained

- The heading for the survey should mention that the survey is a method being used to help the Board improve the National Specialty for all attendees.

- Board members are to send any further suggestions to Betsy and the entire Board

- Grant, Rene and Karen will then revise and send the new improved version to all Board members

The AKC Museum of the Dog was discussed. The grand opening is scheduled around the February Westminster Show. There were questions as to who may attend, if there is a cost to attend and the actual date. Betsy will verify the cost, date and time.

TTCA has committed \$2500.00 to the museum. The pledge is payable over a five year period and assures that the TT breed will be a featured breed. A deposit has been sent.

Discussion followed as to how we will provide these funds.

We will need to have one or more fundraising events until the goal is met

One member mentioned using National Specialty funds to pay off this pledge.

Amy advised against using NS funds for this purpose

Rene suggested contacting an artist to create a piece that could be used to make prints to sell. Amy mentioned that the artwork could also be used on other items

Stacey suggested Sheryl Getman as a possible volunteer to guide the project

Rene will submit an article to Elise after discussing it with Sheryl

January 19 is the due date for information going into the next newsletter.

Rene presented the idea of holding an auction, of items Camille has gathered, in support of rescue. Many of the items are high quality and do not fetch the price they should when auctioned on Facebook. For this reason they would like to hold an auction of these items during the NS.

Discussion followed:

The Jamboree, a rescue event, being planned to take place at the NS would be a good time to hold the auction as the auction is for rescue

Betsy noted that we would want everyone to be able to be a part of the auction

It was felt this auction would not negatively impact the NS auction.

Rene will ask Camille to write up something for the newsletter, and to post the items on the NS website for all to see prior to the auction

Amy asked who would be managing the auction and how the funds would be collected as there are tax concerns as TTHWF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and donations are tax deductible, however TTCA itself is a 501(c)(7) and donations are not tax deductible.

The money will have to go to HWF earmarked for rescue

The only fundraising allowed by TTCA rules is for the NS unless the Board has approved a special event

Rene proposed that the TTHWF be allowed to conduct an auction during the Jamboree, being held as a part of the NS with the proceeds going to support Rescue.

Dee seconded the motion.

All voted in approval

Futurity judges' selection will be dealt with at a later time.

National Specialty issues were discussed

Elise is not getting information for the newsletter. Betsy will ask Flossie for help.

Travis is working on the Premium List at this time.

There are about 140 trophies to be sponsored. Only 43 currently have a sponsor.

Kim is the Trophy Chair and she is sending out requests for donations.

Dee asked about the cut off date for having a donors' names printed in the Premium List

The cut off is in approximately 2 weeks

Donors' names can still be published in the show catalog

Amy said that no-one has asked for a reimbursement for NS expenses as of now

In the event that Amy is unable to attend the 2019 National Specialty, a backup plan needs to be in place to handle any reimbursements or payments requested at that time.

NS merchandise is not being sold very quickly. Betsy noted that it is usual for the merchandise to be sold last minute.

There needs to be more advertising of items for sale  
The meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM EST  
respectfully submitted by Sharon Hurd, recording secretary