

The annual TTCA Board Meeting was called to order May 26, 2019 at 8:58 AM EST in Boxborough, Mass. by TTCA President Betsy Richards

Those in attendance were: Betsy Richards, Sheryl Getman, Karen Tromblee , Janet Slothower, Sharon Hurd, Dee Travella, Ron Pankiewicz, Flossie Barczewski, Rene Stamm, Grant Gibson and Stacey LaForge
Amy Soderman attended by telephone.

Ron Pankiewicz moved that the reading of the minutes from the 2018 annual board meeting be waived. Flossie seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Janet presented the Corresponding Secretary's report. She has sent flowers and/or cards to members when she has known of a need. She asked that anyone knowing of a member who is ill or who has had a death in the family to please let her know. She was asked, how the amount spent on flowers is determined. She has no established budget.

Ron mentioned that the club should establish a budget for each committee. Looking at the committee reports, some have an allotted budget and others have none.

Recording Secretary's report was given. All of the minutes from various meetings have been filed on line. The cost of sending the ballots was \$269.10. There were only 85 ballots returned this year. Robert Hutton was chosen as conformation judge for the 2021 NS, providing he accepts. Dee Travella will be the Futurity judge in 2020.

A discussion ensued as to whether a particular judge should be included on the ballot as a choice for for the 2022 National Specialty conformation judge. Some Board members were concerned that this judge had agreed to judge an event, then withdrawn and had to be replaced. It was noted that this issue involved two different events (Futurity / Conformation)

It was generally agreed, that as the club membership had selected her by "write in vote" to appear as one of the choices for 2022, it would be difficult to justify her removal.

Stacey noted that when a judge agrees to have his/her name placed on the ballot, he/she should be aware of exactly what they are agreeing to, if selected.

Previously a possible Futurity judge was nominated by three regular members, and after being contacted and agreeing to the terms set forth by the club would appear on the ballot. Now a judge can also be nominated on the Futurity registration form, by any member registering a litter or individual dog for Futurity.

Ron voiced his opinion that there should be a rule and that the Board be capable of selectively making a decision when it was deemed necessary to remove a candidate.

Sharon mentioned that this judge's nomination as a 2022 NS Conformation Judge was a result of members voting for her on this year's ballot and is part of this year's recording secretary's report and as such will be available to the membership.

It was decided that the Futurity Committee should formulate a detailed written agreement for a prospective judge to sign. Dee will work with Claire Coppola, the committee chairperson to create a contract.

The **Treasurer's report** followed: Prior to the Board meeting, members had been given 5 documents to review:

- (1) Treasurer's Committee report,
- (2) Statement of Financial position,
- (3) Statement of Activity,
- (4) Proposed Club Budget with line items for each committee
- (5) Comparison of actual to budget

In an update of the current year, Amy noted that she has streamlined our e-commerce with the Bank of America handling the clubs finances from home. Streamlining includes: (1) handling deposits from remotely, (2) using an online finance package, (3) promoting e-commerce to members for membership renewals and store purchases, (4) loading all documentation on dropbox.

The question of having an audit of the financial records was brought up. Amy replied that the information is all available in a drop box for anyone who needs to have the information. If an audit is called for, it can be conducted remotely using this drop box to access all TTCA expense documentation and bank statements.

Flossie asked if members were continuing to pay by check or paying online using Paypal.

Amy replied that fewer checks were being used (probably 30% continue to pay by check) and that, members can now pay directly with a credit card.

Proposal for the upcoming year: The effort for the upcoming year will be to review, update and finalize a TTCA budget. Monetary requirements for the various committees have changed over the past few years, some needing less and others more as the club's use of technology has changed.

The club pays \$15.00 per month in order to make remote deposits. Paypal and credit card issuers take a fee of about 2% per transaction.

Amy is working to streamline all business in one location.

Budget items being looked at or changed

1. Electronic media: We are currently paying \$250 per year to the host site. As areas are combined in the new website this will increase to approximately \$500. Electronic hosting fees are revolving from a one time ownership fee to a subscription service with ongoing fees.
2. She would like to increase the budget for the archival material storage (outside storage facility) from \$100 to \$1500 per year due to the rental fees.
3. As the Newsletter is now distributed by electronic means and is no longer mailed out to the vast majority of members the budget allowed would change from \$7000 per year to \$100 to cover the few still being mailed.

Ron would like for the committee chairs to notify the Vice President in charge of that committee if their budget needs change. The VP would be able approve. Flossie suggested that over a certain amount the Board would need to approve.

It was noted that the Breed Education Committee's educational seminars held at the National specialty do not always come from the same funds year to year. Three committees' budgets sometimes come out of NS budget, but are sometimes separated out. She would like to see them not be part of NS budget.

Ron suggested that the finance committee rather than the entire Board should have the responsibility to determine where budget overages should be distributed. The Finance committee consists of the President, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary.

A budget review is scheduled for a future board meeting. Each committee area is responsible for reviewing their budget details. Amy provided a proposed budget to the board.

Amy reminded the Board of the club's commitment to AKC to support the Museum of the Dog's inclusion of the Tibetan Terrier. The club pledged \$2500 which is to be paid over a period of 5 years.

Sheryl will continue to search for ways to raise the funds.

Currently TTCA's funds are kept in two accounts, one a checking account (the operating account) and the remaining funds in an interest bearing savings account (the reserve account). It was noted that a savings account is more secure than a checking account. After the completion of streamlining the website and when it is operational, Amy hopes to work with NS chairs.

Amy also discussed the TTCA non profit statement of position.

There is a debit card account (\$2300) for use by the Rescue Committee, and the club president. \$10,000 is kept in an everyday checking account.

The remaining money is kept in an interest bearing savings account, known as the reserve account. This money is set aside for specific expense items as the National Specialty. All reserve accounts with the exception of the Trophy and Auction committees, for which money is collected prior to the NS and allocated for a specific purpose, require Board action prior to money being taken from the account.

If a profit is made at the NS, it goes into the reserve account, if a loss occurs the Board must vote to move money from reserve account. Historically the Board has not voted prior to moving money from the reserve accounts.

Money for NS has not been consistently accounted for i.e. all jumbled together. Amy would like to budget for each NS committee.

Flossie and Grant would like more details concerning committee budgets.

The Board was reminded that because the club is a non-profit organization that there are financial guidelines for budgets and reserve accounting.

Ron suggested that we hold a teleconference to discuss budgets.

Amy is sending information to Board members to help all understand how to read a budget.

Sheryl proposed that a small emergency fund be set aside for times when an item comes up and funds are needed quickly. Amy thought this could be done.

Stacey suggested that the money budgeted for the AKC delegate be donated to the Museum of the Dog commitment as she pays for her own expenses. It was decided to not do this as a future delegate might need the funds.

There is a small reserve overdraft savings account for instances when the club is in danger of overspending the Operating account. TTHWF has sent money for rescue reimbursement.

Grant asked if the rescue budget was for the past year or current year. It was for the past year.

Money has been prepaid for the Boxborough and Florida National Specialties.

Three credit cards are being used, rather than debit cards by Rescue, Betsy and Amy

A statement of Activity, profit and loss, will be by committee once the budget is revised

Ron would like to see a record of past specialties to see the how each committee did. Amy can pull the information.

A Statement of Activity is profit loss accounting, or income vs spending.

The club's IRS form 990 is sent to Guidestar, an online entity which compiles financial documents of nonprofit financial organizations for anyone to see

DELEGATES REPORT: Stacey LaForge

Since her last report, sent to the Board, the latest information she has is for the Florida show "Meet the Breeds". She will send Karen Tromblee the information. She will send the forms for AKC medallions to Amy.

BREAK 10:15

Committee reports were discussed

AKC Gazette Committee : Andrea Reiman has resigned as chair thus a new chair is needed.

The consensus was that this person needs to be someone who is an excellent writer, During the discussion two approaches were suggested: one being that past articles could be updated and used, the second being a committee of different authors submitting articles.

Stacey reminded the Board that AKC rules apply to this position and AKC does not want the position filled by a variety of authors. However, AKC will sometimes accept a guest columnist. If an article is not submitted, the club does not lose its opportunity to submit an article.

The next article is due June 1st.

Sheryl volunteered to search for a new columnist. It was suggested that Sheryl would be the temporary committee chair and she was happy to do so.

Dee suggested that the Board review any article being sent to AKC.

Sheryl replied that anyone chosen would be able and should not be too structured by the Board. She felt requiring a review would kill creativity. Having a committee chair who would read over articles prior to publication by AKC was suggested.

AKC Rankings Reports: Sharon Hurd

The Top 20 should be sent to Camille Manfredonia and Sandy White. This report is available in February.

311 total AKC new titles were awarded during the year. These report numbers were those from the calendar year 2018.

Sheryl would like for the corresponding secretary to send out letters to the Top 20. Sandy currently does this and the Board needs to relieve her of this job.

Audit Committee

Betsy noted that there is no standing audit committee although the committee is listed.

Amy noted that TTHWF is required to be audited as that organization obtains grants from the government. TTCA receives no grants thus does not need to be audited. TTCA would only be required to have an audit if our assets reached \$500,000 or greater.

We do have a CPA who looks over the club's financial records

Historically the TTCA Board has chosen three people to do an audit (one Board member and two regular members). This was done yearly. Karen voiced an opinion that the Finance Committee should select the Audit Committee.

Stacey noted that historically the Finance Committee has had a specific limited duty.

Ron felt that the Board should perform an audit as a fiduciary responsibility.

Amy has put all of the records into Quick Books which is an online entity. This system makes an audit easy, as all transactions are posted. Five members can be named as people who can view these records. Currently Amy, Betsy and the CPA are listed.

Amy only keeps paper copies of contracts and insurance policies. .

Everything online is logged by date and time.

Flossie felt that we should have an internal audit performed at a set time each year. Karen noted that only 5 people can be able to view the records, thus as there are 2 places available, one of the three should be one of those already listed. She also suggested that the finance committee should work on this. An update to the procedural manual will be required.

The Finance Committee's purpose at this time is to make financial decisions when there isn't time to contact the entire Board.

The Finance Committee and Audit committee will be discussed in a future teleconference.

Awards Committee Nancy Hammel

Flossie wondered if can we get her a list of the AKC Titles so she can better know what each title is. The agility titles are confusing and sometimes certificates are not accurate.

Betsy will have Jami Smith work with the agility titles

Grant wants titles for Jr Showmanship as UKC does. Give juniors annual recognition.

In the future TTCA will recognize juniors as part of the Top 20 event which now includes the top 20 conformation dogs and the top agility dog each year. Only AKC rankings are used to generate the rankings used to determine the honorees.

Ron requested that Stacey, as AKC delegate, ask AKC to provide something such as a certificate or medallion in recognition of each junior. Grant said that Juniors do get a certificate when they move from novice to open. AKC does recognize those Juniors who qualify for the AKC National Championship Royal Canin Show.

Something special should be awarded to the top Junior each year.

Stacey noted that AKC does recognize Juniors.

Flossie wanted to know how many juniors would be recognized in some way. Karen said all should be recognized. It was suggested that we establish our own award.

Grant said he is against AKC establishing a masters level for junior as the parameters are reset each year. His nieces and nephews participate and don't like

Stacey suggested that an extra trophy from the events be awarded to to the top junior.

Sharon will check with Nancy to have a certificate printed and with merchandise and the trophy chair to see if there are any items, which can be presented to the top junior.

Rene made a motion that: All ranked juniors participating with a TT in junior competition be recognized with a certificate and a useful item.

seconded by Janet approved by all

BREEDERS' EDUCATION: Rene Stamm

Rene was not aware of the budget allotted to this committee. She would like to invite speakers from Europe and have one half to a full day of education at each national specialty. She has found that speakers are booked at least a year in advance, thus not available last minute.

AKC gave her some DNA tests at a discount this week.

DNA kits from AHT can be ordered at a discount beginning on the 28th of May.

Betsy asked Rene to continue posting information at each event and up on the website.

The committee name upon agreement by all board members was changed to Breed Education.

BREEDER REFERRAL Diane Waggoner

Diane sent some information:

2 members have been added to the Breeder Referral list.

OFA prelims are currently read in house by one person and are showing statistically that a prelim is reliable at 90% or greater with tests done at 2 years of age. OFA is not recommending that breeders use the prelim but continue with the 2 year standard. The prelim is a good tool for deciding which young dogs to keep in a breeding program.

Under the OFA program for dogs 2 yrs of age or older the hlp x-rays are sent to 3 radiologists OFA requires testing be done at two years or older for registration.

The question for the club becomes, do we as a club wish to change anything about this on our breeder referral requirements.

Rene would like to have members removed from the Breeder Referral list if they have not bred a litter for awhile

PennHIP, a second manner with which to access hip quality was discussed.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:55 for one hour 15 minutes. Board members are visiting the Jamboree to greet rescue TT's and their families during this time.

Meeting resumed at 1:10 PM

Committee reports were continued:

CLUB SALES is a nonexistent committee at this time except for a few publications remaining in the store. Any money generated goes into the TTCA funds.

The online store is now all electronic

Electronic media committee: presented by Sheryl for Sandy White

The club is currently dealing with the old skeleton created several years ago. As of July 14, 2019, TTCA will be ready for a complete change over to the new system. Rescue is the last missing link. The Membership roster has been streamlined with one minor difference.

The New National Specialty Website for the Florida show is ready (WWWTTCA2020.org).
The website is secure.

Sandy will continue to oversee the electronic media. The club will eventually need to find her a replacement. The site has been created in a way to make it easy for Sandy's eventual replacement to come in and assume the responsibilities. However, this person will need to possess the skill set necessary to oversee the electronic workings of the website.

Club members will be notified of the changes once they are complete.

Sheryl also announced that she may have found a club member who may be willing to take over the job of creating ads for the various publications, thus relieving Sandy of this responsibility.

Amy mentioned that there is no wiggle room with the budget.

Facebook Committee: Sheryl Getman

Sheryl said that the same problems she has encountered in the past continue. A good Facebook post has images and copy but is succinct. She will help anyone who wants to post acceptable information on Facebook do so.

Futurity Committee: Claire Coppola

Claire would like to be replaced as chair in 2019 or 2020.

There was discussion as how to encourage and increase participation in the event.

Grant asked if someone wanting to register a litter or individual dog has to be a regular club member. He feels that the word "nominate" is intimidating. Others felt that the word conveyed a specialness to the event.

At this time an entire litter or an individual dog may be nominated by a TTCA member owner or breeder. (NOTE: *The TTCA member-breeder of the dog being nominated must approve the individual dog's nomination and must have been in compliance with all Futurity rules from the time of breeding until present (copied from Futurity application posted on website))

It was proposed and agreed to, that a dog once nominated, can be shown three times, once in each age division. However a dog winning the Grand Futurity Prize, will not be eligible to compete again.

It was felt that this would be an excellent incentive and would generate additional Futurity entries. Several Board members said if multiple entries of a dog were allowed, they would enter more dogs themselves.

Ron suggested adding this information to the ambassadors' information.

Flossie posed a question: if you nominate a litter would you have to pay each time the dog was shown

The former Alice Murphy Futurity Trophy is up for grabs, as Jill Hardy, the last person to win it, no longer desires to keep it. After some discussion it was decided to auction the trophy off to former Grand Futurity winners with the proceeds being donated to the Futurity Committee.

It was moved and seconded with all in agreement that a silent auction will be held and that the Alice Murphy Grand Futurity Trophy will be awarded to the highest bidder. The eligible bidders to be former winners of said trophy. The proceeds will be donated to the Futurity Committee.

The Board returned to the question of giving an extra monetary award (Alice Murphy Bonus Award) for the Best Puppy, Best Junior and Best Adult Dog. The committee desires to expand the Alice Murphy bonus prize to include the eligible sire and /or dam of the Best Puppy, Best Junior and Best Adult, from which the Grand Futurity Winner will be chosen, and whose eligible sire and/or dam will receive a monetary prize. This proposal is now being brought to the Board's attention.

Flossie thought that this incentive would help increase both health testing and the number of entries in Futurity.

Dee moved that The Alice Murphy bonus award be expanded to include the eligible sire and/or dam of the Best Puppy, Best Junior and Best adult, from which the Grand Futurity winner will be chosen. Each owner and/or breeder of an eligible dog would receive \$25. The eligible sire and/or dam of the Grand Futurity winner would still receive \$50. Sires and dams may qualify in more than one category. The maximum cost to TTCA will be \$200. Flossie seconded and all approved.

Health and Genetics Committee: Stacey LaForge

Kim Lenox will be attending the next AKC CHF Conference. Stacey urged all members to become involved in TT health research. Members are strongly encouraged to collect and send blood samples from TT's to the University of Missouri to help further research being conducted to benefit TT health. Research is currently being conducted for seizures, PRA, early onset cataracts, dwarfism, immune mediated hemolytic anemia, lymphoma, epilepsy. Some of the research concerns only TT's and some is multi-breed research. Blood samples of affected dogs and their relatives are needed. Blood from non-diseased dogs is also needed.

Ron brought up the fact that 2 years ago it was decided that VOHR/NCL listing was to no longer be part of our health data as listings are now with OFA.

There are openings for several positions on the committee.

Archivist Committee: Stacey LaForge

Stacey thought it might be good to send the TTCA archives to AKC to be included in the museum, but did not recommend doing it immediately as the AKC program is still in flux. If this done, AKC assumes ownership of the materials. AKC can make the material accessible or not to TTCA members. Materials are currently being stored in a climate controlled facility.

International Committee: Jackie Faust

She is keeping in touch with the chairperson for the TT World Congress to be held in France. She has received a flyer with the date and location. She will keep the membership informed as details are released. She will need a report from the Board to send to the WC. She plans to attend the event.

Journal Committee: Betsy Greaves

390 Journals were printed with 366 initially mailed out.

She is continuing to attempt to publish and send the Journal out earlier in the year.

There are some concerns with the proof reading process. Some would like to be given sections of the Journal as they are produced, rather than receiving the entire Journal at one time.

Suggestions were made to help the process flow more smoothly.

Flossie felt that it works best if 2 people proof read together at same time

Sheryl mentioned having a non-paid professional proof reader proof the Journal. She also suggested that Betsy Greaves put the information into an adobe cloud for others to retrieve and proof read.

It was noted that the job of producing the Journal is difficult and very time consuming. Betsy does an excellent job in creating it each year.

Betsy has mentioned that the statistics are not getting to her. Hopefully Jami will be able to get her the performance stats.

Judges' Education Committee: Margy Pankiewicz

Copies of the "Illustrated Guide to the Tibetan Terrier" were printed for use in seminars. The committee has produced a course for the AKC Canine College, mentored judges and conducted workshops for judges.

There was no further discussion.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE: Krista Johnson

Krista reported that there are no current concerns. There was no further discussion.

Membership Committee: Vicki Hawkins

We currently have a total of 348 members. Based on lapsed memberships we have lost 25 members in the past year. Members who have forgotten to renew their membership, by paying their dues have been called to remind them. It was suggested that these calls be made earlier in the year, such as in April.

Vicki provided a spreadsheet of areas in which new members are willing to assist the club. The Board needs to find ways to assist associate members who desire to move to a regular membership at the end of their first year or any time after. Some associate members do not know the procedure to change levels of membership. It was suggested that a reminder be sent on the first anniversary of membership to remind associate members that they may fill out an application and submit it, to move to regular membership, that the process is not automatic. The membership application form required when moving from an associate to regular membership needs to be simplified. Rene will work with Vicki to accomplish this. The form will be sent to Board members and a vote will be held at the next teleconference.

A major concern is the quorum of members needed in order to hold the annual TTCA meeting, which occurs at the National Specialty. The more regular members the higher the number of members needed to fulfill the quorum.

The club needs to find a way to involve associate members without their having a responsibility to the club

Vicki would like to resign from this position at the end of the fiscal 2019/2020 year.

National Show Advisor: Gale Mattison

Gale will retire at the end of the 2020 NS and Pam Desrosiers will be taking his place.

Gale has been approached by the Lhasa Apso and Tibetan Spaniel breed clubs wanting to hold a combined Tibetan Breeds Specialty in the future. He will provide the contact information. This would possibly be held in 2022 or 2023. The club could do some combo events with others as agility, rally, obedience - events separate from conformation

Gale suggested that the Board review the NS guidelines and provide some specificity regarding the events that should be held each year. He cautioned that the Board resist the urge to be too detailed, allowing each show chair to have significant flexibility.

Newsletter: Elise Kind

Betsy noted that the Board needs to make members aware of the unseen electronic fees the club pays for the website server. We, as members are getting something for our money.

Previously on the club membership form, there was a place to mark for the newsletter delivery to be by internet means rather than snail mail. This box seems to have fallen off of the membership form.

Dee will look into having this box re-added to the membership application.

Nominating Committee

No report as committee members change every year.

This will be addressed later.

Performance Committee: Jami Smith

No report at this time. Jami will address her thoughts during the Annual Meeting.

Flossie had asked Jami what she thought her role should be. Jami replied involvement in planning the National Specialty and help in finding a place and judge.

Regarding the Performance Stats Booklet; Flossie contacted Claire but she does not want to do this. There is a need to keep on top of changes in rules

Public Education: Karen Tromblee

The Orlando Royal Canin Show fees charged for "Meet the Breeds", vary according to the size of the booth, from 10' to 20'. There are many rules to be followed in Orlando. While groups can fundraise in New York, none is allowed in Orlando.

TT's are at the end of the alphabet, thus we are still finding our booth at the end of the last aisle. Karen would like to see the positions rotated. Those participating in 2018 carpoled to save money on parking

There is a need for more TT's and for more color variations to be seen, and a need for those exhibitors showing their dogs in conformation to also volunteer to work in the booth. The booth is closed during the actual judging time.

Stacey presented some information concerning "Meet the Breeds" in NY and Orlando.

Flossie asked what we're hoping to accomplish by participating in "Meet the Breeds" She wondered if we obtain new members and possible puppy buyers when the club participates.

It is an opportunity to exhibit and introduce to the public all dogs; old, young, show, non-show, as well as the eclectic nature of the TT.

Janet suggested that AKC could arrange the arena so the vendors are in back and "Meet the Breeds" is out in front in Orlando.

Breed Ambassador Program: Karen Tromblee

Karen has received an application from Joyce Killinger to join the breed ambassador program.

Ron moved that Joyce be approved. There were 7 votes for approval and 4 abstaining.

Joyce was approved.

Rescue Committee: Camille Manfredonia

Rene brought up the fact that Camille has once again asked that a strategy be created for the time when she desires to exit the chairmanship of the committee.

Anita assists Camille

There is a need for additional members who can help Camille

Betsy asked if there is a way to have Camille formulate a list of what her needs are

Rene will ask Camille

Karen moved that the Committee Reports be accepted. Janet seconded the motion

All voted in favor

The AKC Good Sportsmanship Award was discussed. Jane Goodell was selected to receive the award to be presented at the Annual Dinner.

A brief discussion was held concerning the listing of acceptable coat colors which AKC currently says are acceptable. Some board members wish to amend the list to include additional color combinations. This can be done with board approval.

Grant wondered how to handle a sable tri-color; a sable with white, tan markings

Margy Mankiewicz, Susan Carr and Janet have suggested three color additions, as using the current colors listed in the AKC standard, they had had a puppy that did not match any.

There was a discussion as to what constitutes a brindle.

Rene doesn't think brindle is a TT color. Grant stated that brindle is any color with black hairs

Ron suggested that this is something to think about and carry over for a future teleconference

TTCA CONSTITUTION AND PROCEDURAL MANUAL

There has been previous discussion as to whether the constitution needs to be updated and that the procedural manual needs to be updated to include changes the Board has made. Board members were asked to peruse each to determine which items would need to be updated

Changing the constitution requires that 2/3 of the regular membership approve rather than a simple majority.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE needs to be formed. Rene volunteered to be a board representative on this committee. Board members suggested several possibilities. Each Board member who suggested a regular member to serve on the committee will contact that person to assure that they will be willing to serve. The committee will be finalized on Thursday evening when the Board meeting reconvenes after the Annual Meeting

VICE PRESIDENTS

VP's will add the collection and distribution of committee reports to their job description. Each will collect the annual committee reports from the chairs under their guidance.

Committee heads are to turn in an annual report by March 1.

The club needs to change the Procedural Manner directions concerning the manner in which committee chairs make their reports available to the Board.

Ron will create a proposal to replace the current procedures

MUSEUM OF THE DOG

The club needs to be thinking of a way to raise the cash to meet our commitment. Sheryl and Stacey working on this.

In a month or so the Board will deal with cash flow between the end of 2019 NS and the fall start up for 2020

Dinner break until 7:00

Reconvened at 7:00

The evening session began with working with the results of the survey that was conducted to seek members input concerning the National Specialty. The Board would like members to know that it is listening to and hearing their voice.

Board members participated in a carousel activity conducted to help formulate an action plan dealing with club members' thoughts concerning the NS.

The results of the survey convey that location, including area of the country and the host hotel, is the most critical concern, amongst the membership, about the National Specialty. Most members prefer that the NS be held in the host hotel rather than at an off site venue. Cost was another major concern, both travel and host hotel fees.

The survey that will follow the 2019 NS needs to be about more than the NS. It will be sent to the membership within a few months.

The 2021 NS will be in held Colorado Springs, Colorado, with Grant Gibson as the show chair.

The next survey will be discussed in a teleconference to be held in July or August Board members should send Karen any questions that they would like to see included. The general membership will also be asked to submit any questions they would like to see included on the survey

This survey will be for the 2019 NS only In addition some general questions not specific to the 2019 show should be on it.

We want to keep getting more information

Rene suggested that the questions be less open ended

Karen will send an email to board members asking for questions suggestions.

Jim Lechner has agreed to be on the nominating committee and to chair it

2 items to be discussed at the continuation of the Board meeting on the 30th.

Amy will mail proposed committee budgets to Board members

The nominating committee will be finalized.

New business working to keep Sandy's responsibilities reasonable has been tabled until Sheryl has spoken with her.

Betsy moved as there is no more unfinished business the meeting will be recessed until 9:00 PM on May 30th.

Rene seconded all agreed

Reconvened May 30 2019 at 9:20 PM

Betsy has emailed a copy of the committee budgets, Amy is proposing, to each Board member. Amy is proposing the reallocation of committee budgets as the spending requirements have changed for many committees; i.e. Janet has no money allocated for the cards and flowers she sends to members, while the Newsletter has several thousand dollars for postage and printing fees that are no longer being spent as the Newsletter is now delivered by email.

Ron felt that an interim budget should be formulated now, however Amy is currently unavailable to discuss this matter.

The discussion was tabled until Amy is able to be part of the conversation.

Dee asked what the expenses vs any profit of a NS were.

Sheryl reminded the Board, that the club insurance policy had been changed last year to cover more areas

Board members were charged with looking at a new budget and sharing ideas. Please let other members know your thoughts.

The Nominating Committee was selected by vote: the five members of the committee will be:

Jim Lechner will chair

Jerry Gross

David Murray

Krista Johnson

Mary Ann Griffin

alternates are Elaine Lilak and Kate Stanuch

Grant, Rene and Dee are directors whose positions up for renewal (2 year rotation)

Amy mentioned that budget reserves reveal to the IRS our profit and losses. The IRS is concerned with what exactly the club does to support TTs. Each area is a separate area and the club can't take money designated for one area and just move it to another if the funds are in a reserve account. The reserve funds can not be moved to the operating

budget. The operating budget can be used for other needs. The non-profit designation regulates where funds go. Amy advised that the Reserve funds should not be touched.

Last year's profit could be used to establish an emergency fund to cover incidentals. This year's profits could be added to that fund.

Amy stated that the club either needs to grow membership or commit to fundraising

Flossie asked if events were added to the NS, could we put any profit into the operating budget. Information that Amy has indicates that this money would go into the performance budget.

As Board members are perusing the budget, Amy noted that she has placed the Operating Budget numbers above the line and the Reserve Budget items below the line. Reserves are for performance and the NS. A vote would be necessary before moving any of the reserve funds to the operating budget.

A teleconference was set up for Sunday, August 4 2019 at 8:00 EST

As there was not further business at this time

Janet moved that the meeting be adjourned

Dee Seconded and all agreed.

The next board meeting will be in Florida 2020

2020 show information is available at: WWWTTCA2020.org

respectively submitted

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