President’s Message Nov-Dec, 2017

Since this will be the last 2017 Newsletter I thought it would be appropriate to look back over a few of the past years events. The first thing that comes to mind was the incredible job our TTCA Rescue team, led by Camille Manfredonia, did in handling the placement and care of 31 dogs. These dedicated people worked diligently and at this point 27 are in their new forever homes and 4 are still with Club member and longtime Tibetan lover, Pam Desrosiers, who deserves a special thanks for all she has done! Anita has also been working with Camille in the arduous task of finding these appropriate forever home and also deserves additional recognition. If you haven’t already, be sure to read in our last Newsletter Anita Lamison’s description of what she experienced in working with Rescue.

A special thanks also needs to go out to all who donated to the TTHWF for cover the expenses incurred in this rescue! Your help is still needed for this was a huge financial undertaking. Be sure to check your mail for TTHWF Fund raising letter that came out in mid-November!

Another change came with the loss of our Newsletter editor, Pat Carroll. A special thanks goes out to her and all of the wonderful work she did! Her creative talents and obvious dedication to the Tibetan Terrier will be missed. A SPECIAL THANKS goes out to Elise Kind, our previous Editor, who has so graciously stepped in to help out until a new permanent Editor can be located. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact any of us on the Board with their name.

In this issue you will find the minutes from our Board meetings, both at the National on June 1st and our Teleconference on 10-8-17. Your Board is working to improve our Club and you will see articles on some of these changes in

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this Newsletter. As discussed at our meetings, the income from membership, which is intended to at least cover the costs of the Newsletters and the Journal, have failed to cover these costs for a couple of years now. Because of this the Board has voted to change these rates but has also voted to increase membership benefits. You will be seeing info on this here in this Newsletter and in future Newsletters.

Another idea that is being looked at is using a Yahoo groups either in conjunction with a Newsletter or possibly in place of our current Newsletter format. My personal feeling is I have enough electronic data to read, I don't really want more, but I am open to exploring ways it could be used. Please let me or any of the Board members know your thoughts on this.

Great news, Nancy Doyle has done it again! She chaired a weekend agility all breed trial and had a fabulous turnout, bringing in income that is dedicated for our TTCA agility trial(s).

We also need to acknowledge those members and friends we have lost this year: Pat Nelson, Pat Malloy, Jeanie Helton, Karen Matuszak and Chris Friemel. Many have articles about their dedication to Tibetan Terriers in previous Newsletters.

The 2017 National Specialty is now well behind us and I am happy to share the Club was totally “in the Black” financially. Now we can look forward to 2018 National! Please be sure to read all about our 2018 National St Louis 4-28-18 to 5-2-17 in this Newsletter and support it by sponsoring the Trophy Fund, attending the show and purchasing some of the great articles they have for sale.

As was discussed in my last letter, my goal is to get all members aware of all of the committees that are involved in running the TTCA and to bring to light what each Committee has done or has been involved in. There is an article on our new membership application in this issue, intended to help people understand the difference between “Associate membership” and “Regular Membership”. Next month we will have more on other committees, since each was asked to share their progress for this year so far.

As we head into the Holidays be sure to review our last Newsletter article on safety tips around the holidays with TTs. Here’s hoping you all have a safe and healthy Holiday season!

Betsy
PS. Can’t forget to mention wish Bob Kreis a belated Happy Birthday! He celebrated his 91st birthday this past September!
TTCA Fees Increase

Our club has been fortunate over the last 10+ years in that we have been able to offer a consistent membership fee with no cost increases. As with all things, nothing lasts forever. We must make some changes in order to keep up with technology and to help keep our club going.

Effective March 2018 you will see the following changes taking place:

- Membership fees will increase by $10: Regular and Associate $40, Household and Foreign $55, no increase for Juniors, currently $20

- Anyone applying for new membership between July 1 and November 1 will only be responsible to pay a $20 fee.

- ALL newsletters will be sent via electronic mail. If you choose to receive a hard copy via postal mail, you will be required to pay an annual subscription of $30 per receiving membership. This fee must be paid at the time of membership renewal. If paid at any other time during the year, there will be NO prorating of costs.

- As we have done in the past, Master Card and Visa payments are accepted through PayPal*** www.ttcastore.com, additionally payments can be sent directly to our Treasurer at the following:

  Amy Soderman, Treasurer TTCA
  PO BOX 217
  Boonville, CA 95415

- New benefit to all members: all previously printed materials available through the club, such as The Breeders Manual, Owners Guide, and Illustrated Standard will now be made available in digital format and will be part of membership.

- Should you have any questions concerning the increase in fees or the new fees, please contact one of the TTCA board members for clarification.

Rene Stamm

What’s new at the TTCA website

As a convenience for members we have been adding more ways to make payments. Last year we added paying dues on line. This year you can buy specialty logo merchandise, pay Futurity nomination fees, and sponsor trophies for the National Specialty and Futurity.

Payments are safe and made through PayPal. Visit the TTCA Online Store.

We also have up-to-date info on the 2018 National Specialty

TT articles from the AKC Gazette back to 2012 (link)

These are the color we used on the website:
Delegate Report

The Delegate meeting was held September 11-12, 2017 in Newark, NJ. Going into the meetings, I thought there would be a lot of highly contentious debates, culminating in a vote on Tuesday on the procedural issues around disqualifying/reinstating dogs. Indeed, there was a lot of discussion on Monday and in the end, the Dog Show Rules Committee withdrew the amendment. It will be worked on and resubmitted to the Board in the future.

There had been a lot of concern over the August AKC Board minutes which read, “(t)here was debate about the impact of limited registration. It was the sense of the Board that limited registration was negatively impacting entries and registration totals. There was a motion by Mr. Wooding, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (unanimously), to instruct the Executive Secretary to send a memo to the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee asking them to consider a rule change that would eliminate limited registration.” As I know this is of utmost concern to our membership, I attended the Dog Show Rules Committee meeting in hope of hearing more on the subject. There was not much discussion, other than a report that hundred of emails had been received opposing the idea of eliminating limited registration. The Dog Show Rules Committee didn't seem at all interested in looking into the idea of eliminating limited registration. One committee member who volunteered to explore the idea of allowing dogs on limited registration to be shown. Tom Davies elaborated that all the Board had actually suggested was for the Rules Committee to take a look at the effect that limited registration has had, and that there was never a suggestion to change the rule. (Indeed, the October Board minutes reported that “(t)he Board discussed limited registration and affirmed that there is no desire to eliminate the Limited Registration option.”)

It was reported at the Delegate meeting that the AKC has “stepped up” in light of the recent hurricanes and wildfires. Approximately a quarter of a million dollars has been raised to help during recovery. The AKC Human Fund donated $10,000 to the Houston Hurricane Relief and an AKC pet disaster relief trailer to Houston. (Overall $1.6 million has been raised for trailers throughout the country. There are 63 trailers in the field, with six more in the pipeline.) A number of trailers were deployed from surrounding areas during the disasters in Texas and the wildfires (including one trailer that came from Tennessee to help Texas.) If you are interested in donating to the AKC Reunite Pet Disaster Relief Fund, please see the akcreunite.org website.

At the meeting, an amendment to Chapter 16, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships was adopted. This amendment includes the dog awarded Select Dog or Bitch in the calculation of Grand Championship points for that award. There was also a vote which adopted an amendment to the Field Trial Rules.

The next meeting will be held on December 14-15 in Orlando, FL. I look forward to seeing everyone in Florida!

submitted by Stacey La Forge
Noteworthy News for November 2017
From the AKC

The AKC is constantly working on ways to expand our reach and our mission. While many changes are happening behind the scenes, it is my pleasure to make you aware of some of the initiatives our dedicated staff have been working on this month.

AKC National Championship
It is our favorite time of year! The entire AKC staff is diligently preparing for our 17th annual, AKC National Championship with our sponsor Royal Canin that will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. Our show is the largest canine competition in the US and showcases over 5000 of the best canines from around the world competing for top prizes and the coveted title of ‘Best in Show’. This show demonstrates the beauty and wonder of our sport and highlights the commitment of breeders and exhibitors to the well-being of all dogs. National Championship weekend is filled with competitions in Conformation, Agility, Obedience/Rally, and Diving Dogs as well as fun for the entire family, with AKC Meet the Breeds, a Kid Zone and many fabulous vendors.

We will also honor breeder and fanciers who have made valuable contributions to our sport and the winners of the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence that make a difference in their community every day. If you cannot join the fun in Orlando, you can live stream our group judging on www.akc.org and live.royalcanin.com and view competitions from the other sports On Demand.

AKC Breeder of the Year Group Honorees
We pleased to recognize breeding programs from the Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding groups as 2017 AKC Breeder of the Year group honorees.

The 2017 AKC Breeder of the Year award will be presented in the ring at the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin on Saturday evening, December 16, 2017.

A canine portraitist will be commissioned to commemorate a prominent dog from the Breeder of the Year’s kennel, and their name will be added to the perpetual trophy and plaque on permanent display at the AKC headquarters in New York City. All group recipients will receive a medallion in recognition of their achievements.

The group winners are:
Sporting Group: Helyne E. Medeiros, Seasyde Pointers
Hound Group: Marie Cotton, Spring Valley Rhodesian Ridgebacks
Working Group: Zoila (Tina) and Dr. William Truesdale, Hi-Tech Boxers
Terrier Group: Karen Fitzpatrick, Meadowlake Border Terriers
Toy Group: Lou Ann King, Loteki Papillons
Non-Sporting Group: James Dalton, Fabelhaft French Bulldogs
Herding Group: Steve Leyerly and Bill Shelton, Coventry Pembroke Welsh Corgis

The breeders honored with this award are truly committed to excellence, consistency, breed standard and type. They have made important contributions to the sport of purebred dogs, and dogs bearing the honorees’ kennel names are a testament to their fine breeding programs.
Noteworthy News From the AKC con’t

Achiever Dog Program
The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the launch of its new Achiever Dog certificate program. The AKC Achiever Dog certificate program is designed to recognize those exhibitors and dogs who participate in multiple sports. A dog will receive an AKC Achiever Dog certificate when they have been awarded a placement or earned a qualifying score in three different sports. Dogs can start earning AKC Achiever Dog certificates December 1, 2017.

AKC is launching the Achiever Dog as a pilot program. At the end of one year, all owners who have received a certificate will be surveyed to determine the success of the program. Opportunities for improvement will be identified and could lead to a more refined program which recognizes these versatile dogs.

This is a brief overview of some of the happenings at the AKC and ways in which we are carrying out our mission. We are proud to share our commitment to purebred dogs with you.

We wish you a healthy and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
Ron Menaker, Chairman
Dennis Sprung, President & CEO

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Brag

Ketara Take A Chance on Me "Dhania" aka "Pixie the rescue" earned her TKN only 5 weeks after becoming my forever girl!!!

Danser Sudden Change of Heart "Fennie" earned his CD at the Cleveland All Breed Training Club trials in November.

Both Loved, Owned & Trained by,
Mary Frances Martin
DO YOU KNOW WHETHER YOU ARE AN “ASSOCIATE” MEMBER OR A “REGULAR” MEMBER?

I’ve encountered several situations recently where TTCA members were unclear as to whether they were Associate or Regular members. Some of the confusion seems to come from a misunderstanding as to the process by which your membership transfers from Associate to Regular membership status.

If you are uncertain as to your membership designation, you can check the TTCA website (http://www.ttca-online.org). Log into the “Members Only” section and locate your name under the “Roster Search”. That’s where you will find all of your contact information and the “Member Type”.

The requirement to transfer from Associate to Regular member status is that you have attained one year of membership in good standing as an Associate member. HOWEVER, THIS TRANSFER FROM ASSOCIATE TO REGULAR MEMBER STATUS IS NOT AUTOMATIC. Any time after you’ve completed one year of Associate membership, you are eligible to apply for Regular membership.

To apply for Regular membership you must complete an abbreviated form of the Membership Application, which can be found on the TTCA website under “The TTCA/How to Join”. A copy of the application can also be accessed at: http://www.ttca-online.org/pdf/MembershipAppl.pdf

With either membership designation your dues remain the same and you receive the bi-monthly newsletters, so why would you want to become a Regular member? The main reason is that Regular members have more rights than Associate members.
1) Only Regular members are entitled to hold office or chair a committee within the TTCA.
2) Only Regular members can vote.
3) Only Regular members may sponsor a new applicant applying for TTCA membership.

So, if you are currently an Associate member who has completed the one-year requirement, please consider applying for Regular membership, so that you can take full advantage of the additional opportunities for involvement in the TTCA.

If you have any questions regarding your membership, please don’t hesitate to contact me at vrhawkins@hotmail.com.

Vicki Hawkins (TTCA membership Chair)
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS  
November 2017

The following individuals have submitted applications for membership in the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA).

**Associate Member Applicants**

*Richard Irwin* of Southbridge, MA and his wife, Sheryl, who is also applying for membership, own 1 Tibetan Terrier. They want to become members to learn more about the breed and to meet other fanciers of the breed. They have been exhibiting their TT in conformation for about 6 months, and Richard says that he’s “becoming a novice groomer”. They are not currently breeders, but have expressed an interest in breeding sometime in the future. Caryl Crouse is their mentor, as well as their sponsor. Their other sponsor is Betsy Richards.

*Sheryl Irwin* of Southbridge, MA and her husband, Richard, who is also applying for membership, own 1 Tibetan Terrier. They want to become members to learn more about the breed and to meet other fanciers of the breed. They have been exhibiting their TT in conformation for about 6 months. They are not currently breeders, but have expressed an interest in breeding sometime in the future. Caryl Crouse is their mentor, as well as their sponsor. Their other sponsor is Betsy Richards.

*Courtney Gibson* of Parker, CO currently owns 4 Tibetan Terriers, and also co-owns 1. She has been showing Tibetan Terriers in confirmation for 13 years, including Junior Showmanship. She’s also shown in Rally. Courtney has bred 5 TT litters over the past 5 years. Her father, Grant Gibson has been a TTCA member since 2004. Her aunt, Suzanne Penner, has been her mentor, as well as Cassandra Basgall and Pat Linehan. Courtney’s sponsors are Elise Kind and Pat Linehan.

**Regular Member Applicants**

*Lannie Beckman* of Eden Prairie, MN has been an Associate member since 2013. She is currently a breeder and has bred 8 litters over the past 5 years, although 2 breedings did not result in pregnancies. Her kennel name is “Broadway’s” and she has previously been listed on the TTCA Breeder Referral List. Linda Bofenkamp was her original mentor.

*Vanessa Majkut* of Upton, MA has been an Associate member since 2011. She is not currently a breeder and has no plans to breed.

If you wish to submit any comments regarding these applicants, please do so within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Newsletter. Send comments to:

**Vicki Hawkins**  
23577 Darkhorse Drive, Auburn, CA 95602  
(530) 268-9150  
vrhawkins@hotmail.com

**New Member**

We also extend a very warm welcome to the following new Associate member:  
*Allison Preston*

Sponsors: The application forms can be confusing, so please assist the people you sponsor to ensure that they are correctly completed.

Associate members applying for Regular membership status: Please do not include a check with your application. You will receive a dues renewal notice in January.
TTCA Board Meeting Notes
May 29. 2017

The Tibetan Club of America Board Meeting was called to order in Clymer, New York, at 8:32 AM on May 29, 2017, by Betsy Richards, President.

Board members in attendance were: Betsy Richards (president), Rob Smith (First Vice President), Paul Douglas (2nd Vice President), Janet Slothower (Corresponding Secretary), Sharon Hurd (Recording Secretary), Amy Soderman (Treasurer), and Board Directors: Claire Coppola, Sandy White, Karen Tromblee, Krista Johnson and AKC delegate Stacey LaForge.
Absent: Rene Stamm, Board Director

Club members present: Vicki Hawkins (membership chair), Pat Carroll (newsletter editor)

Betsy began by introducing the new Board Members.

Janet made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 2016 Board Meeting. Seconded by Rob Smith

**Corresponding Secretary Janet Slothower**
Cards, and flowers have been sent when needed. Annual reports sent to Board members
Sandy moved that the report be accepted. Karen seconded the motion. All in agreement.

**Recording Secretary Sharon Hurd**
The minutes from the board meetings and annual meeting have been approved and published in the TTCA Newsletter. Ballots for the National Specialty Conformation Judge (2019) and Futurity Judges for 2018 were mailed to eligible members. Mark Kennedy was chosen as the 2019 NS judge. Andrea Reiman was chosen as the 2018 Futurity Judge. The cost of printing and mailing the ballots was $291.37. 113 ballots were returned on time. 4 were returned well past the deadline.
Krista moved that the report be accepted. Motion seconded by Janet. All in agreement.

**Treasurer's report Amy Soderman**
TTCA had expenses of $76,967.99 and total revenue of 79,611.61 for 2016-2017, for a net revenue of $2,643.82. The club has total assets of $105,489.35.
The expenses incurred by the club for each membership were $39.54 per year household. This cost includes the publications and overhead items as electronic media and insurance.
Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Rob, Motion seconded by Claire All in agreement.
Amy has financial concerns that will be discussed this afternoon.

Before the Board began the discussion of the various committees, Betsy asked that they not be individually accepted, but to save time, that they all be accepted at the end of the discussion.

**AKC Delegate's Report**
Stacey reported that AKC is planning to change some of the rules governing the Grand Champion award. The changes will be made in the points procedures.
The AKC Market Place is appears to be driving puppy buyers to breeders.
AKC is very supportive of Junior Showmanship. The organization is hoping to reduce the fees charged Juniors participating in conformation shows.

Krista moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Janet. All voted in favor

A question arose as to what could be done if AKC as an example declared a breed as “non-shedding”, when it truly was not. Also what about breeders who declare themselves as members of breed parent clubs but are not members. Betsy provided information that AKC would be checking to verify parent club membership if a breeder claims to belong to such a club. Also AKC does not change a breed standard without the Parent Club involvement. Stacey mentioned that in light of the large number of “hits” the site receives, the TTCA might want to tweak our breed information as it appears on the AKC website. TT’s are listed as “shedders” rather than “minimal shedders”

An AKC Health conference is planned for later this year. Stacey suggested someone from TTCA should attend. Stacey is not sure she will be able to attend.

AKC Gazette Column: Andrea Reiman
Andrea has researched and published 6 articles about TT’s in the past year. She would welcome suggestions for future articles.

Audit Committee report was moved to the agenda for later discussion
There is currently no Audit Committee.

Award Committee: Nancy Hammel
Nancy became chair in May 2016, replacing Betsy Richards. The printing of the awards and the brochure listing awards for 2016 were created at a cost of $90.94. Mailing of awards not picked up at the annual meeting cost $55.08
Nancy has the 2017 awards ready to confer. Claire has been working with her on the newly established awards.
The board after discussion decided that awards not picked up at the annual meeting would continue to be sent by mail to the people who had not attended the meeting.

Breeder Education: Anette Ohman
Arranged for programs presented by Virginia Hoffman and Sarah Cuvier for the National Specialty at a cost of $950.
Some Health Clinics and speakers are in the planning stage for the 2018 National Specialty in Missouri.
The committee would like to have a reward program that recognizes breeders who attend the annual presentations.

Breeder Referral: Diane Wagner
The committee had an income of $770 from 22 breeders each paying a $35 fee. The committee hopes to increase membership by adding features. They have made it easier to include DNA information.

Club Sales: Gale Mattison reporting
There are very few items remaining. Discussion was tabled until later.

Electronic Media: Sandy White
Some members are having difficulty signing into the website. They have found they can’t save their sign in information which allows them to go straight to the “Members Only” area without going through all the frontal areas. This has been noted previously and the problem appears to be with the particular devise a
member is using to connect. The 58 pages of the website has been redesigned to make them “responsive” to all devices. Online fillable forms have been created for Futurity and for the Top 20 entries. The Website has an average of 438 visits per day. Our web hosting fees amounted to $209.60 for the year.

**Facebook: Sheryl Getman**
The site is now called TTCA Facebook. The pages have a new, more modern look. Pat Carroll and Sandy are assisting Sheryl to keep the pages up to date and relevant.

**Futurity: Claire Coppola**
Vicki asked if breeders could nominate a dog through Paypal. They can. This was the first year that a single dog from a litter, rather than an entire litter could be nominated. There were 3 single entries this year. Under the new rules established in 2016, two judges were nominated by breeders to judge the 2018 Futurity. Andrea Reiman was selected by the club members. Andrea is a TTCA member, but it is no longer a requirement that nominated judges be a TTCA member. The extended time to nominate a dog appears to be increasing the number of nominations.

The committee, hoping to encourage breeders to screen their dogs for health issues: is proposing that the breeder(s) of the Grand Futurity Stakes Winner be awarded $50 in aggregate by the TTCA. is proposing that the owner(s) of the sire of the Grand Futurity Stakes Winner be awarded $50.00 in aggregate by the TTCA.

For the awards to be given, the Sire and Dam must be CHIC registered at least 10 days prior to the competition and the information must appear on the CHIC database. (CHIC registration requirements are results from: BAER test, CERF, hips, PLL and NCL)

If possible the committee would like to see the award presented with the other awards during the NS and the winners to be recognized in the Newsletter.

**Health and Genetics** Stacey LaForge, Brenda Brown, Nancy Maurer, Claire Coppola, Suzanne Wille, Kate Stanuch, Ron Pankiewicz, Betsy Richards
Pat Carroll was acknowledged. Pat asked why no one was sending articles for the newsletter from this committee. Stacey replied that currently there was no one responsible for this task as the committee had been divided into 6 areas of information. Pat Carroll volunteered to do this. Stacey asked Pat to vet any information she found with her before publishing it.

The committee has had and continues to maintain contact with scientists, who are conducting health research that benefits Tibetan Terriers. They are continuing to solicit DNA samples from dogs with PRA, early onset cataracts, anesthesia sensitivity, dwarfism, epilepsy, etc. for current and future research projects. The committee follows the University of Missouri’s progress in the development of the simultaneous DNA test or an alternative. They continue to work to make Mass ARRAY available. The committee has counseled TT owners who have contacted the committee concerning health conditions encountered in their dogs.

**The committee strongly recommends that any TT owner of a dog with a disease or condition that is suspected to be inherited to send a DNA sample to the University of Missouri.**

The committee would like to find a volunteer to manage a health table at the National Specialty.
Historian: Archivist: Stacey is acting as the caretaker and liaison with the storage facility until a new committee chair is found. 
The archival materials are currently in a climate controlled storage facility at a cost of $1258.60 per year, paid through March 2018.  
Finding someone to volunteer as chair will be discussed later.

International: Janet Slothower
No activity this year. International Committee put on the agenda for later discussion.

Journal Report: Betsy Greaves
The 2015 Journal was completed in 2016. The Journal was composed of 300 pages. 410 Journals were printed, of which 384 were mailed to members and nonmembers. Income for ads, obits and ordered copies was $3,235. Expenses for printing and mailing were $5,013.39.  
Not all material needed for the Journal was provided in time for the Journal to be published earlier in the year. A volunteer is needed to order the stats for performance, registration, Top 50 Breed and All Breed Titles.  
Put on the agenda for later discussion.

Judges Education: Margy Pankiewicz
The committee had an income of $135 and expenses of $226.11. Judges’ Education Seminars were held in Orlando at the AKC Championship Show and at a Washington State Judges’ Education event. They are now working with a power point presentation.  
The committee would like to convert more of the judges’ education material to a digital format. They would like a volunteer with computer skills to aid them with this goal.  
For more information visit: http://www.ttca-online.org/html/jmentr.htm

Legislative Liaison: Krista Johnson 
Information is being sent to the membership when there are state or national legislative proposals affecting dog breeders or owners as she receives the information from AKC or other reputable sources.

Meet the Breeds: Mary Ann Griffin (Florida); Mike McLoughlin (New York)
Nine owners shared their TT’s for the Florida event during the AKC National Championship, Royal Canin. TTCA owns the basic items used to decorate the booth. Members provided Tibetan items for display. The committee has asked that the show rotate the breeds, so that the end of the alphabet breeds are sometimes placed beginning display booths.  
This committee will have a breed booth at the 2017 show.
Six TT owners put their dogs on public display at the Westminster Show in February 2016. There was a $110 charge for electricity at this show. Persons participating were given $20 to cover transportation and parking costs. Travis and his mother provided the booth materials and decorations, and the storing of the materials.  
Travis would like to display pictures of TT’s participating in the various AKC events. He is looking into a system he has seen that would work similar to a slide show.

Meet the Breeds/Public Education:
This is the proposed new title for the Meet the Breed Committee.
Betsy moved that the title of the current committee “Meet the Breed” be changed to “Public Education”.  
Seconded by Krista. All voted in favor of the name change.
Claire reported that both the Florida and New York “Meet the Breeds” presentations were successful.
Membership: Vicki Hawkins
Vicki has added a section to the application asking applicants to share skills they have, areas in which they would be willing to volunteer. She would like to have this information distributed to the committee heads.
TTCA as of March 30, 2017 TTCA has 215 regular members, 79 associate members, 87 household members, 12 foreign members, 3 juniors and 2 life time members (total 398). TTCA had an net increase of 6 members.
Vicki mentioned that she had membership inquiries from prospective members who did not know anyone in the club to ask to sign their application.
Vicki asked about her duty as to the Lifetime Membership guidelines. The Lifetime Membership Award process was discussed. It is an involved process with many requirements to be met before it is awarded, including 25 years of membership and dedicated service to the club and breed. The process involves much vetting of information If someone is nominated, Vicki would guide the process. Stacey volunteered to help Vicki if the matter arises.
Three membership status levels have been added to the roster: in progress, lapsed and inactive
She has been in touch with and hopes to work with Renee Stamm, who in 2016 volunteered to lead a committee responsible for increasing membership.

National Specialty: Gale Mattison
Gale will work with Betsy to revise and tweak the rules governing the event.
ISO systems program with a flow chart and business programs.
The Delaware National Specialty 2016 lost $5,800 which was anticipated. The 2018 National Specialty led by Polly Naumann (chair) and Lynne Meyer, will be held at the Purina Farm in Missouri. The 2019 NS, chaired by Travis Brock and Joyce Lak, will once again be held in Boxborough Mass. The 2020 N.S. will likely be held in the Southeast.
Gale is willing to remain as Show Chair through the 2020 National Specialty.

Newsletter: Pat Carroll
Members praised the form of the newsletter and hailed it as one of the club’s selling points for members and those thinking about joining TTCA.
Six issues were printed and mailed to members receiving printed copies at a total cost of $5,321.41. 185 members have opted to receive the newsletter by electronic means while 170 continue to opt for printed copies which are mailed to them.
Sheryl Getman designed the new masthead being used for the Newsletter.
Pat would like to increase the number of members receiving electronically sent Newsletters in lieu of mailed hard copies.
Pat would also like to create a revenue stream by offering paid advertising in the Newsletter. This issue will be discussed later.
She also plans to establish a publication schedule. If anyone has any feedback concerning the Newsletter, she would like to hear from you.

Nominating Committee:
Betsy asked Board Members to be thinking of members who could be asked to serve on this committee, which is established once a year for the purpose of nominating new officers and board directors for the coming year. The committee’s formation is an objective of the day. It was mentioned that the committee should be composed of volunteers from different areas of the country, if possible.

Performance: This is a new committee thus it currently has no chair.
Jaime Smith has volunteered to head the committee however she is not a regular club member and the chair must be. Vicki has run the committee for the past 2 years.
Betsy mentioned that this a weak area in our club and we need to do more to draw in TT owners and dogs who participate in performance events rather than or as well as in Conformation events. There are now more performance categories to participate in.

Claire provided an update on the various events and titles.

Claire and Mary Martin proposed that the Board add the following titles to the TTCA Awards events:

**TTCA Versatile Companion Dog** for any member’s TT achieving first level titles in 3 different venues

**TTCA Versatile Companion Dog Excellent** for any member’s TT achieving the next higher level of achievement in 3 events.

### TTCA Versatile Companion Dog Awards

**List of Qualifying Titles** (as of May 29, 2017) per Claire Coppola

TTCA awards for a TTCA member's dog who has earned titles in 3 different performance programs offered at three levels of achievement – novice/beginner, advanced/intermediate and excellent.

**NOVICE LEVEL:** TTCA Versatile Companion Dog (TTCA VCD)

**AKC titles:**
- **Obedience:** Beginners Novice (BN), Companion Dog (CD), Preferred Companion Dog (PCD)
- **Rally:** Rally Novice (RN), Rally Intermediate (RI, beginning 11/2017, on leash/no jump)
- **Agility:** Novice Agility (NA), Novice Agility Jumpers (NAJ), Novice Agility Preferred (NAP), Novice Agility Jumpers Preferred (NAJP), Novice FAST (NF), Novice FAST Preferred (NFP)
- **Tracking:** Tracking Dog (TD)
- **Scent Work:** any Novice Title (approved for October 1, 2017)
- **Canine Good Citizen Program:** Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
- **Therapy Dog:** Novice Therapy Dog, (THDN), Therapy Dog (THD)
- **Trick Dog:** Novice Trick Dog (NTD) (approved for May 1, 2017)
- **Farm Dog:** Farm Dog Certified Title (FDC)
- **Coursing Ability:** (CA), Fast Cat (BCAT)

**Non AKC titles:**
- **Herding:** American Herding Breeds Assoc – Junior Herding Dog (JHD), ASCA Stockdog Trials – Started Trial Dog (STD)
- **Diving & Air Retrieve:** North American Diving Dogs – Dock Novice (N), Air Retrieve Novice (N) (size/age divisions)
- **Flyball:** North American Flyball Association – Flyball Dog (FD)
- **Canine Freestyle:** World Canine Freestyle Organization – Heelwork to Music and/or Musical Freestyle Basic levels (W-DD)
- **Tricks:** Do More With Your Dog – Novice Trick Dog (NTD)
- **Scent Work:** National Assoc. of Canine Scent Work: Any Element Specialty Title or Nose Work Title Level 1, NW1
- **Barn Hunt Association:** Novice Barn Hunt (RATN)

**ADVANCED LEVEL:** TTCA Versatile Companion Dog Advanced (TTCA VCDA)

**AKC Titles:**
- **Obedience:** Companion Dog Excellent (CDX), Preferred Companion Dog Excellent (PCDX), Graduate Novice (GN)
- **Rally:** Rally Advanced (RA)
- **Agility:** Open Agility (OA), Open Agility Jumpers (OAJ), Open Preferred (OAP), Open Agility Jumpers Preferred (OAJP), Open FAST (OF), Open Fast Preferred (OFP)
- **Tracking:** Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)
- **Scent Work:** any Advanced Title (approved for October 1, 2017)
  - Canine Good Citizen Program: Community Canine (CGCA)
  - Therapy Dog: Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA)
  - Trick Dog: Advanced Trick Dog (ATD), (approved for May 1, 2017)

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*Note: The document contains a list of qualifying titles, which are not specified in the image.*
Canine Good Citizen Program: Community Canine (CGCA)
Therapy Dog: Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA)
Trick Dog: Advanced Trick Dog (ATD), (approved for May 1, 2017)
Coursing: Coursing Ability Advanced (CAA), Fast Cat (DCAT)

Non AKC titles:
Herding: American Herding Breeds Assoc – Herding Trial Dog, Level 1 (HTD1), Herding Ranch Dog, Level 1 (HRD1), Herding Trial Arena Dog, Level 1 (HTAD1), Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA)
Stockdog Trials – Open Trial Dog (OTD)
* Diving & Air Retrieve: North American Diving Dogs - Dock Advanced (A), Air Retrieve Advanced (A) (size/age divisions)
* Flyball: North American Flyball Association - Flyball Dog Excellent (FDX)
# Canine Freestyle: World Canine Freestyle Organization – Heelwork to Music and/or Musical Freestyle Advanced levels (W-DDX)
* Do More With Your Dog – Trick Dog Intermediate (ITD)
National Assoc. of Canine Scent Work - Individual Element Specialty Titles or Nose Work Title, Level 2 (NW2)
* Barn Hunt Association - Open Barn Hunt (RATO)

EXCELLENT LEVEL: TTCA Versatile Companion Dog Excellent (TTCA VCDX)

AKC Titles:
Obedience: Utility Dog (UD), Graduate Open (GO), Preferred Utility (PUTD)
Rally: Rally Excellent (RE)
Agility: Excellent Agility (AX), Excellent Agility Jumpers (AJX), Excellent Preferred (AXP), Excellent Agility Jumpers Preferred (AXJP), Excellent FAST (XF), Excellent Fast Preferred (XFP)
Tracking: Variable Surface Tracker (VST), Champion Tracker (CT)
Scent Work: Any Excellent title (approved for October 1, 2017)
Canine Good Citizen Program – Urban Canine (CGCU)
Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX)
Tricks: Trick Dog: Expert Trick Dog (ETD) (approved for May 1, 2017)
Coursing: Coursing Ability Excellent (CAX), Fast Cat (FCAT)

Non AKC titles:
Herding: American Herding Breeds Assoc – Herding Trial Dog, Level 2 (HTD2), Herding Ranch Dog, Level 2 (HRD2), Herding Trial Arena Dog, Level 2 (HTAD2), Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA)
Stockdog Trials: Advanced Trial Dog (ATD)
* Diving & Air Retrieve: North American Diving Dogs - Dock Novice Advanced (DNX), Air Retrieve Novice Advanced (AX) (size/age divisions)
* Flyball: North American Flyball Association - Flyball Dog Champion (FDCh)
# Canine Freestyle: World Canine Freestyle Organization – Heelwork to Music and/or Musical Freestyle Master levels (W-DDM)
* Tricks: Do More With Your Dog - Trick Dog Advanced (ATD) or Expert Trick Dog (ETD)
National Assoc. of Canine Scent Work - Element Specialty Titles or Nose Work Title, Level 3, (NW3)
* Barn Hunt Association - Senior Barn Hunt (RATS), Master Barn Hunt (RATM), Barn Hunt Champion (RATCh), Master Champion (RATChX)

* For an application fee, the AKC will add the non-AKC titles with an asterisk (*) to an AKC pedigree
# - Freestyle (Dog Dancing) has many categories of competition at novice, intermediate and advanced levels. All titles are acceptable with proof of proficiency level.
NOTES:

The award will be dated in the year it is applied for even though the individual events may have been completed and individual titles awarded in earlier years.

The TTCA Versatile Companion Dog award is a TTCA title, not an AKC title.

Award categories may be subject to additions and revisions in the future which will not affect prior certificates awarded.

A TTCA Awards Certificate will be issued showing the registered name and number (if available) and call name of each qualifying Tibetan Terrier as well as the owner/handler’s name.

The Awards will be listed in the TTCA Yearbook/Journal listing the Dog’s Name, owner/handler’s name and the year awarded.

It is hoped that more events such as “nose work” can be added to these lists as they are recognized by AKC or have other programs with requirements.

Note that this as a TTCA Versatile Companion Dog title and not an AKC title.
For an application fee, AKC will add the titles for diving and flyball to an AKC pedigree.

Rescue: Camille Manfredonia

Amy has helped streamline the finances of this committee.
Camille has once again asked for an exit strategy as chair.
The committee is responsible not only for finding homes for displaced TT’s but also counseling owners in need of coping skills. During the year 45 TT’s were re-homed or are currently in foster care. 63 TT’s were able to stay in their current homes after the owners received help with behavioral issues.
Four TT breeders were helped with rehoming for 8 dogs either returned or retired champions. Camille would like to create guidelines for breeders to follow when using the rescue team’s services.
The team continues to recruit veterinarians, behaviorists, and fostering volunteers to care for the rescued TT’s.
About 25 volunteers have aided Camille this year with picking up dogs, transporting dogs, fostering dogs and/or helping to raise funds needed for the often expensive care of the rescue dogs.
Camille has dealt with over 1200 telephone calls during the year. She spends approximately 60 hours each week dealing with our Rescue program - dogs and all that entails.
Camille would like to have a new application data and record keeping data base to help streamline the process and to save a bit of time. The year’s fundraising efforts through social media were successful in raising money for specific dogs in need of medical care or transportation.
More foster homes are needed for dogs awaiting new homes.
Note: the board needs to check with Camille to talk about an exit strategy. The day will eventually come and we need to have a plan in place.

Statistics:

Statistics was put on the agenda for further discussion.

Janet moved that the board accept the committee reports
Krista seconded the motion. All voted in favor

Board Discussion of other business began with
“How to Build Club Membership”
The general consensus is the the club needs to increase the membership numbers, especially younger members as many of the current members are growing older.

Amy discussed acquiring an electronic membership program for non-profit organizations, capable of tracking membership activities. Amy has looked into a program that would cost the club $40.00 for the first three years. The cost of the program would then increase to $39.00 per month or $468 per year.
The program would utilize the “Cloud”. The club would be able to:
promote itself through email, track statistics, dues, and donations. The program would automatically send
email notices for dues, past due dues, etc.
Amy felt that the program could help grow the membership by 50% to 60%.
Advantages to having the information stored in the “Cloud” would be that the information is not stored
on one computer that can crash, losing all of the information stored on it and that more than one person
can have access to the information.

Krista moved that Amy look into the expense of such a program and pursue the program  Motion was
seconded by Paul. All voted in favor.
changed for the procedural journal to read:
Krista Johnson moved that board member, Amy Soderman, look into the feasibility of purchasing an
electronic based program capable of tracking membership activities.
Seconded by Paul Douglass. Approved by all
Discussion:
Betsy would like to see Breeder Referral and puppy owners included on the website.
It was thought that a page be added to the website that would encourage new TT puppy owners to join
TTCA. The page could contain a samples of the Newsletter and the Journal. There could be pictures of
trophies, the play zone activities (from the NS), “Meet the Breeds”, Juniors, (Stacey may have some
pictures that can be used). The information appearing should appeal to everyone, not just those
competing in conformation. Sandy would add the new pages.

Membership is down over the years thus TTCA needs to pull new puppy owners and performance people.
Vicki, club membership chair, reported that most club interest from prospective new members comes
through breeders and conformation participants. There is a problem with people coming to her who
would like to join but do not know any club members to ask to sponsor them. The Board discussed having
Board members volunteer to chat with these prospective members. There does need to be some sort of
structure to determine who is qualified to talk with and sponsor a new unknown member.
Stacey noted that it would be feasible for Board members to sign applications for those they felt easy
about as with the associate and regular membership options, the club can more fully assess and vet a new
member when they apply for a regular membership after having been an associate member.

Vicki would like to revise the membership application form, possibly adding a paragraph for those who do
not wish to compete in conformation.
Stacey suggested a line asking if the applicant had ever been rejected or penalized by AKC or any other
organization of a like nature.
Two forms were suggested - one for pet owners and one for breeders.

It was brought to the board's attention that the club needs a quorum of members at the annual meeting.
The “pet owners” might add to the membership numbers but not necessarily attend the National
Specialty and Annual Meeting in the same proportion as the “conformation” people. This could affect the
numbers needed for the quorum vs the number of members in attendance.

Betsy mentioned that we probably have non-club members, who are participating in agility, present this
week. There are also non-members present who are participating in the conformation classes.

Paul suggested creating an information page on the TTCA website, to contain information for new puppy
owners. Breeders could then print out this information and hand it out to new puppy owners.
TTCA needs to get breeders on board to give new puppy owners a membership application, encourage
them to view the website, and to print out available information for them.
Betsy would like to see standardized information gathered, posted and made available as a PDF or on a flash drive, for giving to new owners. Ideas for this site should be sent to Betsy and/or Vicki. This information should be a benefit for encouraging Breeder Referral membership.

It was suggested that this area should be accessible to all and should also be put on social media.

Janet moved that Vicki Hawkins develop information to attract new members.
Krista seconded the motion — all voted in favor.

Paul asked if proxy voting could be used. This is not feasible with AKC by laws and possibly the state of Pennsylvania.

Karen and Krista need to sign the form saying that TTCA can send them notices of meetings by email and for voting when appropriate.

Krista and Karen suggested that an instructional handout be created for new board members.

Resuming where we left off: How to make information available to the public and reaching out to attract new members.

Sandy asked if there is a way to track which measures yield an increase in membership. She suggested adding a line on the application form asking applicants how they heard about TTCA. Vicki will add to the application.

It was suggested a database be developed to increase membership. The site would hopefully answer questions from new members and answer the question, “what do I get out of joining TTCA?”

Vicki currently has 6 new applications for associate membership and one to move from associate to regular member. Two more have entered the process.

Pat mentioned that the publications are all great marketing tools.

The Judges Ballot was briefly discussed. The past two years, there has been a major tie for placement on the ballot. Having a way to break the tie votes was discussed.

Stacey clarified the procedures — the Procedural Journal states that the ballot should include 5 names, but in the case of a tie it may include the tied votes, thus there will be 7 names listed on the ballot sent out in 2018. To change the procedures we would first want to know if the original decision was a board or membership decision. It was a board decision.

The ballot should consist of the top 3 write-in votes from the previous year and the 2 runners up from the previous years slate.

**TTCA Annual Journal**

Betsy was commended for the excellent job she does in creating the Journal.
Some board members would like to see the Journal distributed to the members earlier in the year.

Sandy suggested that a committee be formed to help the editor complete the Journal and that timelines be established for the completion of the Journal. Sandy mentioned that since she does the ads for the Journal, she would probably be on the committee. The proposed committee volunteers could work with the ads, proof reading, statistics. Currently the entire Journal is completed prior to sending it out for proof reading. Sandy suggested that sections be sent to proof readers as they are individually completed.
Betsy R suggested giving the Journal Editor a timeline. Also that the editor be asked to move the date for receiving names of new champions to an earlier one. AKC requires that the information be sent to them in February, thus the editor could move her deadline for the same information to March 30.

The club needs a lead individual to acquire the performance information and get it to the editor. Amy brought up the topic of titles awarded by organizations other than AKC. Would there be a person to gather these? Stacey said so many organizations that it was too difficult for one person to manage these.

Betsy R suggested a page in the Newsletter or online, to contain an awards form that could be printed then filled out for any award not provided by AKC, then sent to the Journal editor. Betsy or one of the VP’s (Paul, or Rob) (VP’s each have half of the committee list and act as liaisons between the board and committee) will talk with Betsy Greaves.

Claire Coppola moved that the Board at the executive level will communicate with the Journal Editor to establish a deadline for the publication of the Journal and to inform the editor that she will have assistance from others to provide information as: ads, statistics both for performance and other awards, proof reading, etc. Seconded by Karen Tremble. Approved by all.

Jamie Smith has volunteered to handle the performance statistics, however she is not currently a member and to head a committee one must be a regular member. We would need to establish a committee head. Both the Awards Committee and the Journal editor use the statistics that are gathered. Camille needs the Top 20 list as well.

AKC sends out the lists of titles for which a fee is charged to the “breed clubs” This does not include titles earned under different titling organizations. Stacey reminded the Board that all events we commonly think of as performance are not categorized as such by AKC rules.

AKC divides what we call our performance events into Companion Events and Performance Events. Companion events include rally, and agility, while Performance Events include field trials and herding.

Claire will look into the cost of obtaining the performance reports from AKC. Amy will check the records to see which reports have been paid for in the past and will pass this information to Claire. Amy will let her know what as treasurer she paid for this year and the amount.

AKC has a full list of reports available but only to certain designated people. The designated person must sign a waiver, when the report is provided, agreeing to only use the report in given ways, and only share with certain people. The club needs to be sure we understand the parameters set by AKC when we obtain these reports. There are evidently two different sets of statistics. One a full report of all TT’s with titles during the year. Breeders of Merit do get $20 worth of reports each month but does not include all of the information available.

Claire will ask Mike how he obtained the reports, what he did with the statistics reports and which reports are needed. Changing the name of the Statistics Committee was discussed - eliminating the dreaded word “statistics”

Rob made a motion that the name of the Statistics committee be changed to: AKC Rankings and Titles Reports. Krista seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
**International Committee: Janet Slothower**

Janet noted that Mark James, the chairman of the World Congress this past year, was attending our National Specialty this year. The World Congress committee had asked TTCA to send in a report as well as a questionnaire posted on their website. The questionnaire covered many aspects of the club. Janet said the club has had no notifications of World Congress since the Harrisburg show held in 2011.

Jackie Faust and Stacey submitted a report from TTCA.

The next World Congress is in France in 3 years.

The question arose as to whether the club should support sending someone to World Congress. It was decided that the club should not as doing so could create difficulties.

TTCA needs a point person to be in contact with the World Congress. The committee's job would be to keep TTCA informed as to what is happening at that level. This volunteer will need to be someone who will seek information as well as waiting for it to arrive in their mailbox.

Sandy suggested asking Jackie Faust to head a committee, which would keep in touch with the World Congress and other international events. Jackie currently keeps track of international events on her own. Pat Nelson had kept us up-to-date with the international news prior to her death. Sandy will formulate a job description for the committee.

Claire asked about introducing Mark James to the membership at one of the dinners. It was unsure if he would be attending a dinner. Stacey brought up the fact that there might be more foreign attendees and if we recognized one visitor individually, we should recognize all. If this was done at the wrong time and one of our visitors was showing a dog, it could be construed as favoring someone. Betsy will do a generic introduction of all foreign visitors attending the NS at an appropriate time.

**TTHWF:**

Some of the officers are changing on the organization's board. Resumes were read for Carrie Abbot and Ronnie Brenner. Jack Hershel is stepping down as president.

Carrie Abbott has been nominated by that committee to be treasurer and Ronni Brenner was nominated to assume the presidents position. We only vote to approve them as directors and then TTHWF board selects their officers.

Paul moved that the TTHWF’s nominations of Carrie Abbott and Ronni Brenner to serve on that Board of Directors be approved. Krista seconded the motion. All voted in approval.

**AUDIT Committee:**

We currently do not have an audit committee. The job of such a committee is to go over the books and sample various parts of the treasurer’s books for accuracy. We can put our own parameters on an audit.

Gale, Amy and Betsy talked with the CPA, who currently does the club’s 990. She looks over the books as she completes the 990 forms.

There are no federal requirements for auditing the books unless the club were to obtain grants from a federal source. A federal audit would cost $5000 and we would need to hire a specially qualified auditor.

Gale did not think we needed an audit.

Traditionally, a new audit committee was established each year. They went to the treasurer’s home to check the books. Amy has nothing physical at her house, as all records are now online available to anyone Betsy or Amy approves.

Betsy will contact AKC Club Relations to see what they recommend as to the best practices or guidelines to follow.
Amy began the discussion of raising dues as we are not currently covering our membership costs with the current fee. Membership costs that should be covered by dues include the Journal, the Newsletter, overhead on the website, postage, and storage of materials. We currently do not charge a fee for newsletters sent out by regular mail. Amy feels that these costs should be covered by the club dues.

Vicki mentioned that the current default setting for the Newsletter delivery is by mail not the online version. She suggested changing the default setting to email delivery.

Amy restated TTCA needs to increase revenue coming into the treasury in order to cover basic costs. Stacey cautioned that we need to check the Constitution and By-Laws before decisions are made as some financial items may be governed by that document and the Constitution would need to be changed prior to any decisions that overturn or change what it governs and it is very difficult to make changes to that document.

There were thoughts expressed that it might be time to raise membership dues of the regular, family, associate and foreign memberships. It was also mentioned that the Journal costs $18.00 per unit to publish. The club publishes 20 extra copies. The question arose as to what the club should charge for members wanting an extra copy or for non-members wanting a copy. Sandy suggested raising fees for Journal advertising.

Discussion of increasing revenue included asking members who desire paper copies of the Newsletter being sent to them, to pay for a subscription. $8.00 was suggested. Membership dues were discussed. It was suggested that $10 be added across the board, i.e. raising regular and associate membership to $40, household membership to $55, foreign membership to $55. A Junior membership would not increase.

Amy has moved money around into different buckets. TTCA is only making money on the specialty. Membership dues do not cover the administrative costs of the club. We have restricted funds for items as agility, the funds from the auction and trophies, which cannot be used for administrative costs.

Claire noted that the NS can’t be counted on to make a profit and that its purpose is not to make money. Agility has made money but those funds are dedicated to agility.

Amy made a motion that effective March 2018, with membership renewal, the Newsletter delivery system will be defaulted to electronic delivery and if a member desires a printed copy be sent, it will cost $10.00 per year. Krista seconded the motion.

Stacey noted that the TTCA Constitution only requires that each household receive one copy of the Newsletter.

All approved the motion.

Pat asked what the club was required to send by regular mail each year. TTCA must send in the mail the Officers and Directors Ballot as submitted by the nominating committee and the notice of the Annual Meeting. Stacey, provided the historically the Annual Meeting notice has been sent in the Newsletter as all members were getting a paper copy and it was cheaper than a second mailing. The Newsletter was smaller at the time.
There was some discussion concerning electronic voting. There may be rules governing this in Pennsylvania, as well as any rules AKC may have. It would necessitate changing the constitution which is involved and must go through AKC.

Betsy: TTCA will send a notice of the date for the annual meeting.

**Membership dues**

After much discussion, pro and con, the Board came to the decision that the club needed to raise the membership dues. Dues had not been raised for 10 or more years and administrative costs have greatly increased.

Amy made a motion to raise the club dues rates on all membership levels except Juniors by $10 per year beginning with March 2019, Krista seconded all approved

Regular membership will be $40, Associate will be $40, Household will be $55, and Foreign will be $55. Along with the membership, members will have access to all TTCA published materials.

There was discussion as to the date to raise the dues - should it be 2018 or 2019.

Amy withdrew her motion.

Amy made a motion to raise club dues, except for Junior Membership, as of March 1, 2018 by $10.00 per year per membership level, Regular memberships will be $40, associate memberships will be $40, Household memberships will be $55, Foreign memberships will be $55. Junior membership which will remain as it is.

It was suggested that due to the cost of the Newsletter hard editions, members receiving a Newsletter hard copy issue be charged for the costs of printing, mailing. As the paper gets larger the costs will rise. Newsletters cost the club $16 per year.

Janet was given the authorization to check into the cost of sending a postcard announcing the annual meeting rather than publishing the notice in the Newsletter and mailing a hard copy to all members.

There was general agreement that the club needed to charge for the mailed, hard copy Newsletters. After more discussion, realizing earlier figures tossed around were inaccurate and figuring the actual average cost per hard copy Newsletter that is delivered by mail is $5.22 per person a price was settled upon. A motion was made to override the earlier motions: The earlier motion was withdrawn.

Paul moved that the price of the TTCA Newsletter increase to $30 for one year’s worth of the printed hard copy mailed Newsletter. The year to run from March 1 beginning in March 2018. The fee to be paid at the same time as dues are paid. There will be no prorating of the fee

seconded by Sandy all voted in favor.

The price may seem high but each member has the option to get the Newsletter free as an electronic copy and $30.00 barely covers the hard copy cost.

Betsy, on March 1, 2018 the electronic option will be changed to an electronic copy. Amy will receive the funds, someone will change the option to hard copies for those wishing to receive a mailed hard copy Newsletter.

The earlier motion to change the default in 2018 by Amy, was overridden and a new motion was made.

Sandy moved that the default on the website for the Newsletter, will be changed to receiving electronic copies over the printed version for new members effective immediately

claire seconded all approved

Claire mentioned prorating dues for those becoming members in the second part of the year. It may be a Constitutional issue. Would also cause some accounting issues.

Claire raised another membership question. She wanted to be sure members knew when a new member joined the club. She wants to know if we published the information -new members’ names and date of club membership. She suggested a small note in the Newsletter recognizing new members.

No motion was made but this will be done in the Newsletter.
**Newsletter: Pat Carroll**

Pat would like to charge for advertising in the Newsletter as this would contribute funds to the club. It was noted that advertising has failed in the past.

Janet asked if there would be any cost to the club for the advertising. Pat said no, as each ad would produce income.

Betsy wondered if the number of ad space should be limited. Pat said no, as each ad would produce income.

Betsy questioned as to what would constitute an ad differentiating it from a simple picture submitted. When does an article cross over to advertising.

Discussion followed as to what was an ad:

Betsy: If one submitted an article with pictures of a dog, but didn't name the kennel would that be advertising.

There was a motion proposed to charge for advertising, however it went no further as the Board had the previous year approved paid advertising in the newsletter. It was stated that any TTCA or TT event would not be charged for.

Paul mentioned that almost everything could be an ad in someone's opinion. Someone with common sense should make the decision.

The question arose as to whom our Newsletter goes. Pat replied only to the membership. She doesn't think someone would submit something as an ad that was not. Problem arises when say, Specialty pictures are displayed by the club and someone else has paid for basically the same thing.

Betsy said Janet had a good idea, if someone submits a piece and/or a picture of a dog with their kennel name, and contact information that is promoting a dog and would be an ad.

Pat asked for clarification as to what constitutes an ad. She had made it her policy to include full names of the owners of dogs appearing in the Newsletter. In the past names of owners have not been included. Stacey reiterated that club publications should not promote any one dog or breeder, because it happens at the exclusion of other programs. One line brags have been allowed.

Betsy felt that more people than the editor should be involved in deciding which submissions are actually ads. After a past issue there had been complaints that an article showcasing one show's winners had included dogs not in attendance, thus seeming to promote those "extra" dogs.

Betsy asked Pat if she was comfortable deciding what would constitute an ad and that if she had any question would she contact a Board member.

Pat said she knew what would constitute an ad.

Stacey cautioned Pat about the legality of using copyrighted photos, for which the photographers’ authorization would be needed prior to publishing.

**Claire made a motion that advertising in the TT Times will begin immediately. Photo releases will be obtained for pictures used in ads. One must be a TTCA member to advertise. The ads will be quarter page, half page and full page. Rob seconded all voted in favor**

Questions followed as to who would create the artwork for the ads. Pat volunteered to take care of the artwork. Camera ready artwork must be submitted with the ad. Payment must be sent at the time the ad is submitted. Pat will receive the payment, then send it to Amy. Amy will work with Gale to create a way to pay for advertising through the club store. Gale will be notified.

After a brief discussion it was decided that charges will be $25 for a quarter page, $50 for a half page and $100 for a full page ad An ad will not be placed before it is paid for.
Amy made a motion that the advertising rates for the TT Newsletter ads be established as $25 for a quarter page, $50 for a half page and $100 for a full page per issue. Camera ready artwork must be submitted with the ad. Payment must be paid prior to the ad being placed. Paul seconded and all voted in favor.

Publications of TTCA manuals
It has been suggested in the past that these manuals be distributed on thumb drives rather than as paper copies to members and others who wish to purchase them. Stacey pointed out the importance of the Illustrated Guide as it is critical to members conducting Judges’ Education seminars. She would like to continue with a printed copy of this booklet for Judges’ Education purposes. Paul suggested that the manuals be offered as PDF’s, rather than thumb drives as they can be sent by email from the website. Betsy was concerned that some of the files would be too large for some computers to accommodate.

A suggested cost was made of $5.00 for the Owner’s Manual and for the Illustrated Guide and $25 for the Breeder’s Manual. Stacey suggested giving the Breeders’ Manual free to members, available on the “Members Only” page as a digital copy.

Krista made a motion that as of March 1, 2018 that the existing club publications will be made available electronically to club members at no cost. Stacey added that the Owner’s Manual, the Illustrated Guide and Breeder’s Manual also be made available free of charge. Sharon seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Storage of the club archives:
Stacey has been overseeing the storage of the materials. Materials are currently being stored in an outside climate controlled facility. Our 5 by 5 foot space costs the club $1300 per year. The older materials archived before Stacey became the committee chair are indexed. The later materials are not indexed. The materials have historical value. Obtaining a new chair for this committee needs to be done. The volunteer needs to be someone who will take serious responsibility for the materials, some of which contain sensitive information. These materials are valuable for research. The person who becomes chair will need to have board approval.

Stacey will give Pat Carroll a job description and plea for someone to volunteer for this job. Stacey brought forth that AKC has storage available for clubs. She mentioned that AKC is selective as to what materials they will accept and it can be difficult to retrieve the information from AKC. Paul suggested we experiment with copying the files to electronic storage. It was not felt that this was feasible.

AKC Award of good sportsmanship:
This is an award that AKC provides for each parent club to choose a club member to receive. Betsy asked for nominations. Stacey mentioned that AKC stresses sportsmanship for the award. The name of the recipient will go up on the AKC website.

Rob moved that the board move into executive session. Sandy seconded all in favor.

Comments were made in support of each candidate. Sheryl Getman was selected by majority vote as our recipient for 2017. Betsy will announce the selection on Thursday at the annual meeting.
While counting the votes, still in executive session Amy said she would like to visit with each committee member and reallocate the funds given to each committee. This discussion was tabled until later.

Rob moved that the Board move out of Executive Session. Seconded by Krista. All approved
Sheryl is not at the Specialty, but Betsy will notify her that she is the AKC Sportsmanship Award for the year.

Meet the Breeds
Amy is combining the budgets for the two programs (Royal Canin in Orlando Florida and Westminster in New York City). The budget to be based on expenses. She would like to meet with each committee and rework each committee's budget. She would like to work with profit/loss. She wondered if Top 20 should be broken out of the NS as a special entity.
TOP 20, which has not been an independent NS Budget part, will be broken out of the overall NS budget
Betsy asked Amy to get the data from the Top 20 committee and find out the next step to take.
Amy proposed Rob seconded all in favor

Club Sales: Gale Mattison
We have only publications on hand. These will be given away and we will not be selling thumb drives, thus this committee will no longer exist

Committee reports were approved moved by seconded by all approved

NEW BUSINESS
Claire made a motion to add a new title to the TTCA Companion Dog Versatility Award to include Therapy Dog Novice for dogs that have made 10 visits in this capacity. To become effective in 2017.
There would now be 2 titles at the novice level: THDN awarded after 10 visits and THD after 50 visits seconded by Krista all in favor

Claire would like to reduce the amount of the bonus award given in honor of Alice Murphy, to the owner of the stud dog, sire of the National Specialty Futurity Stakes Winner to $50,
Claire made a motion that the amount of bonus award given to the owner of the sire of the NS Grand Futurity Stakes Winner be reduced to $50. Provided that the sire is CHIC registered.
Krista seconded all in favor

Amy asked if there was any interest in establishing an award for dogs that compete in two or more events at the NS and who score high in those areas. The areas could be conformation and performance or two or more performance events.
Amy will look into this possible award.

Meet the Breed
Claire has suggested a committee, maybe called Breed Education Program, composed of qualified volunteers, whose job it is to provide answers to questions the public has about TT’s, be established. The Board would appoint the chair and the members. There would be a directory of volunteers on the website.
Qualifications of the volunteer would include: being a TTCA member for at least 5 years, owning or have owned a TT for at least 5 years, being in compliance with the TTCA Guidelines for Responsible
Breeders, having a working knowledge of the standard, and having the time to chat with individuals seeking information. The volunteers would be able to aid the public in understanding the importance of health testing, be able to chat about the history of the breed, help individuals determine if the TT is the “right” breed for their family, be able to guide individuals to informational tools, identify materials to help a TT owner learn about various activities to participate in with their dogs and the pros and cons of owning a TT.

The volunteers would not answer question outside of their knowledge, but would redirect those questions to others with the knowledge, will only direct individuals wanting specific breeder referrals to the TTCA online Breeder Referral Program and TTCA member breeders in the geographical area the individual wishes to purchase their dog from. will not disparage members of TTCA or any specific individuals involved in breeding, training, showing or otherwise involved with Tibetan Terriers and will report annually to the committee chair and will sign a commitment document.

Betsy thought this was a good idea. The foreseeable problem is how to vet the volunteers to be sure they are knowledgable about the breed. Betsy wants to get the ball rolling. Karen Tremble has volunteered to head the committee.

A subcommittee, Breed Education Program, will be established under Public Education.

**Rob moved to create a subcommittee under the Public Education Committee. for the purpose of communicating with individuals seeking information about the Tibetan Terrier breed. Krista seconded**

We can establish the committee as a subcommittee public education, but we'll need volunteers.

Claire moved to establish Karen Tremble as chair of the committee. Seconded by Krista. approved by all.

Meeting recessed on May 30, 2017 to reconvene June 2 at 9:00 PM following the Annual Meeting to select the nominating committee and any issues arising at the annual meeting.

Meeting reconvened on June 2, 2017 at 9:05 PM following the Annual Meeting

Those Board members present: Betsy, Rob, Paul, Janet, Sharon, Amy, Sandy, Claire, Karen, Krista, Stacey

Absent: Rene

Claire wanted to revisit prorating Associate, Junior and Foreign membership dues for those who joined after the first half of the year. She proposed that those members approved between March 1st and August 31st pay the full amount. Those approved Sept 1st through February 28/29 would pay half the dues rate. This would become effective September 2018.

She would not have the applicant send their dues with the application.

Doing this could be a constitutional issue. The Constitution sets the date of membership as the date of board approval of the applicant.

If the application in reality took longer than 90 days to completely process, the person's dues could be in arrears and the membership lapsed before they started. Memberships not paid within 90 days of the due date are lapsed and those members must begin the process once again.

This issue will be revisited after checking the Constitution. the Constitution states that the date of application is the membership date.

If a check is not received within a certain time frame the membership will be lapsed. The application form would need to be changed if dues were to be prorated according to the date of application.

Research will be done to determine where applicants names need to be published.
Rene has turned in her resignation from the board effective immediately. Betsy will ask talk with her when she is less emotional to ascertain whether she truly desires to resign.

**Nominating committee.**
Claire announced that she is leaving the board

Betsy asked for nominations for the nominating committee for the TTCA Officers and Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 year. Names were suggested with comments and the geographical area the candidate lives in given.

After voting the committee members, providing they accept the nomination will be: Claire Coppola (Colorado), Caryl Crouse (North Carolina), Gale Mattison (Connecticut/California), Jay Slothower (S. Carolina), Cassandra Basgal (California) Alternates will be Kate Stanuch (Maine) and Elaine Lilak (Ohio)

Rob moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Krista. All voted in favor of adjournment.
Betsy adjourned the meeting at 9:44 PM

Respectively submitted: Sharon Hurd, Recording Secretary

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Betsy Richards called the TTCA Annual Meeting to order at 8:00 PM on June 1, 2017.**

The Meeting began with the Judges speaking about their experiences during the three days.
Sue Carr, the 2017 National Specialty Conformation Judge began with her remarks. She said she was proud to judge the NS for the 2nd time in her career. She mentioned that she was proud of the TT’s being produced - both for temperament and companionship and that the breed standard was being followed. She compared the natural grooming to a Monet painting, which you wouldn't outline in black marker and the TT should not be either. Sue feels that we have one of the most beautiful breeds that shows beautifully when groomed naturally. She said the TT’s exhibited truly showed that they are our friends, happy to be with their owners.
She ended by thanking everyone.

Sally Birgl, the Futurity Judge thanked her ring steward and everyone for nominating and choosing her to judge Futurity.
She reminded all to keep the breed standard in mind when breeding as it is important to the future of the breed. She also cautioned people to groom the dogs as naturally as possible.

Betsy read the comments left by Rita Ball, Sweepstakes Judge. Rita apologized for missing “pictures” and the Annual Dinner, then noted that the entries were impressive, that even the older veteran dogs were in great condition and all followed the standard. She mentioned that Sweepstakes is an odd, but fun event to judge as puppies and veterans are judged in the event. She only had two shy puppies. She thanked exhibitors for the entry.

Kristin Hanson, who is a handling instructor, judged the 4 to 6 month puppy entry. She found quality and well balanced “typee” dogs. She saw good reach and drive. She hopes breeders continue with the promise of “What’s to come”
She mentioned that it was an absolute pleasure to be asked and then to judge the entry.
Nancy Hammel was introduced as the Awards Chair. Nancy read off several of the names of top award recipients. The names off all of the award recipients were recorded in a pamphlet distributed to each person in attendance.

Janet stated that we did have a quorum of regular members in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Flossie Barczewski moved that the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting be dispensed with. Janet seconded the motion. all approved

Betsy introduced herself and the other Board Members.

Amy was asked for the treasurer's report. She asked anyone with questions to feel free to contact her. She said it has been a joy to work with the TTCA.

Secretaries were asked if they had anything to share. Neither did.

Lynne Meyer next spoke on behalf of the 2018 National Specialty Show Chair. There were handouts with the proposed schedule, merchandise information, etc. at each table place. The show schedule will begin with the TTCA Board Meeting on Sunday the 29th of April, 2018. The official “Opening Ceremony” will be on Monday and will include a BBQ lunch. She said to expect some exceptional trophies as $6000 has been budgeted for them. There will be a $100 prize, donated by Lynne for the top scoring rally novice dog. There will be opportunities to participate in Barn Hunt. the hotel is 6 miles from the Purina Show Site. More information and the full schedule can be found on the TTCA website.

Betsy shared some information about Camille Manfredonia's rescue organization and congratulated her for presenting a great Top 20 Event once again. Camille was not present as she was out looking for a lost dog.

As this year's Show Chair, Betsy thanked all for attending and for the volunteers' hard work. She gave a special thanks to Rob Smith who volunteered to be ring steward at the very last minute.

As club President, she said one of her goals as President would be to increase the number of club members. This is necessary as our club needs younger members. We would also like to see more performance and companion event participation. The club is also moving to update our computer technology applications.

Betsy talked about the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award. This award is one given to clubs by AKC to honor a member who is dedicated to the breed and who shows good sportsmanship in his/her actions. Sheryl Getman was the honoree chosen by the Board this year.

The President's Award was presented to Gale Mattison, a long time member who has volunteered his time to serve the club in many capacities.

Sally Birgl made a motion to adjourn the meeting  
Stacey LaForge seconded the motion. All voted in favor

Respectively submitted, Sharon Hurd, Recording Secretary
The TTCA Board met by teleconference October 8, 2017 at 7:30
Members present were: Betsy Richards, Rob Smith, Paul Douglass, Janet Slothower, Sharon Hurd, Amy Soderman, Krista Johnson, Sandy White, Claire Coppola, Rene Stamm, Karen Tromblee, Stacey LaForge

The Board met to discuss issues with the Newsletter publication. These issues were temporarily resolved when Elise Kind agreed to serve as Interim Editor of the Newsletter.

Betsy addressed the need for the Board to meet more frequently so that ideas, new procedures and ideas are followed up, resolved and/or put into action.

Publication of the TTCA Journal was once again discussed. Betsy discussed the publication timetable with the Journal Editor October 7. The Editor had just received information for the 2016 Journal the previous day and is still awaiting some of the statistical information. Earlier the Board had discussed establishing information gathering and publication deadlines. This was to be accomplished by the formation of a committee to aid in the publication.

Sandy feels that the Editor needs a production manager whose job would be to gather the information, get it to the Editor, so that the Editor could put the Journal together completing it by the end of June.

Betsy Richards will work to put together such a committee. Board members made suggestions as to who might be a good fit to serve on the committee. Sandy White agreed to serve on the committee.

Amy brought up ordering the AKC list of awards presented during the year. The Editor of the Journal needs this information before she can assemble the Journal. Amy will order the statistics and put them in a dropbox for access by all who need the information. Betsy Richards believes the awards lists are available the end of December.

Betsy plans to call for a December board meeting during which the Journal committee will present their progress.

Renee volunteered to write a letter, to be published in the Newsletter, informing the club membership of the recent decisions made by the board which raised dues, made digital copies of all publications free to members, and established a $30 yearly fee for hard copies of the Newsletter delivered by mail. Digital copies of the Newsletter remain free to the membership.

Amy would like to have the address used to receive dues published in the Newsletter. This would alleviate some confusion, that has occurred as to where to send members’ dues. This information will be included in the above letter.

The Public Education, formerly Meet the Breeds, was briefly discussed. Karen Tromblee is working on the National Show in Florida presentation. Claire is helping to organize the presentation. Karen is looking for the templates to reproduce the pamphlets the club has used in the past.

Stacey asked if AKC had sent the application for the Meet the Breeds presentation at the Florida National Show. Janet will follow through to see if we have received the information. The Florida committee only wants one 10’ x 10’ booth as they have difficulty finding volunteers to work in the booth.

The question was raised as to whether it would help to advertise for volunteers for the Florida show. Karen thought that that would not be needed. The approach has been to contact and recruit volunteers from members known to be attending the show.
Stacey brought to the Board's attention that our club has gotten out of the habit of nominating or voting for finalists for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards presented at the Orlando Florida Show. Historically nominations made by TTCA have not advanced in the process. We can vote for one nominee in each category.

Various nominees were discussed with the Board voting in some categories, where a nominee was known to at least some members. Patricia Krause, received our support as the Companion Events Judge. Col. Joseph Purkhiser was the board's choice for Conformation Judge. Those were the only two categories receiving a vote as the nominees in other categories were not known to members of the Board.

The Recording Secretary was reprimanded by board members for not having the Annual Board Meeting minutes published in the Newsletter within 60 days of the meeting. She had no excuse and apologized. She did mention that a few Board members had not yet approved the minutes sent out a month ago and asked that they please send their approval or changes.

The Board will eventually need to find a new Newsletter editor. Betsy asked for suggestions. Renee thought Camille knew of someone who would be willing to volunteer for this position. Renee will contact Camille and forward the name to Betsy.

Claire brought up the topic of the club establishing an electronic communication system that would be a two way stream of information, for the club. Stacey gave the reasons that the club has shied away from such a system in the past, mainly being that it is difficult to monitor. Claire said she is on several Yahoo groups that do not experience inappropriate discussions. The systems she participates in are for members only.

Amy related that she is a member of a similar group, however the information only flows one direction. Claire used the Bernese Mountain Dog Club as her example. Their club members communicate with each other offering and requesting information.

It was mentioned that when such a system is in play that the club needs to have a monitor who daily reads and can edit the information.

Betsy asked all members who have participated in some of these systems to get in touch with her to discuss how the system they are familiar with works and how it is controlled. Give her a summary, not a link.

Betsy would like to hold a teleconference in early December, possibly the 3rd beginning at 7:30 or 8:00 PM

Rob Smith will be stepping in as TTCA President while Betsy is out of the country.

The nominating committee has finished their process. A postcard with the information will be sent. Must be done by November first.

Vice Presidents were reminded to divide the various committees among themselves and to use the list posted on the website, not in the Procedural Manual.

Amy brought up the website she had been researching in order to streamline membership activities. After looking into the TTCA particulars and at various computer programs she is not comfortable recommending such a program. She wants to establish a committee to look into finding a program. She would like for a TTHWF member to also serve on the committee so that we know what different areas they would like to see included. Amy will propose a committee at the December meeting.

Betsy ended the meeting at 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary Sharon Hurd
Biographies of Those Nominated for Board and Officer Positions

**Sheryl Getman 2nd Vice President:** I have served the club in several capacities for several years. My history with Tibetan Terriers includes showing, breeding, and the care-taking of these fine creatures. I am not the most competitive person in the sport, but I have had much to study. I learned from everyone I have met in the breed. My interests are in TT breed health, membership, communications, and fraternity for those who love or work with our breed.

My husband, Dan and I have an orchard and vineyard in Montana. We have four Tibetans. I enjoy working in our building company, my art studio, and in my kitchen's cooking classes. There is always something new to discover for our breed work. I feel enthusiastic. I have worked in a gamut of positions: stock brokerage, newspaper reporter, agency artist, high school counselor, farmer, orchardist, and restaurant owner. I like working hard for creative and solid solutions. I believe in the practical.

**Stacey LaForge Delegate:** I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for their nomination for AKC Delegate. I am honored to serve as the current Delegate, and welcome the opportunity to represent the Club for another term. If elected, I hope to use my experience as current Delegate, an active TTCA member, and an attorney to effectively advocate for TTCA and the breed.

Since becoming TTCA’s Delegate in 2008, I have attended Delegate Meetings throughout the country, including in California, Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts and New Jersey. My familiarity with AKC’s structure, functions and staff has allowed me to assist many members with questions and issues pertaining to AKC. I welcome member input and report regularly to the TTCA Board and TT Times.

Personally, I have owned TTs for over twenty years. My husband and I breed occasionally but primarily enjoy playing with our dogs in conformation, rally, and agility. Over the years I have served the TTCA in many capacities, including Delegate, Secretary, Director, Health & Genetics Committee Chairperson, Historian/Archivist, and Rescue Coordinator. Outside of TTCA, I am a member of the Non-Sporting Group Club of the Garden State, Morris & Essex Kennel Club, Schooley’s Mountain Kennel Club, Mt. Vernon Tibetan Terrier Club and Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club. I am an approved AKC judge for Tibetan Terriers and Junior Showmanship, and permit for Tibetan Spaniels, Lhasa Apso, Lowchen Chinese Shar-Pei and Finnish Spitz.

I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the Club and breed. Thank you for your consideration.

**Janet Slothower Corresponding Secretary:** I am Janet Slothower and I have been nominated for TTCA Corresponding Secretary. I have held this position for a few years and enjoy doing my part to help our club. If I am elected I will do my best to do a good job. My husband Jay and I live in Aiken SC with our 9 Tibetans. Our first love is to show our dogs but we also Breed some. I am a AKC Breeder of Merit. I do obedience and rally and therapy with our dogs when I can. Jay works for AT&T and I am retired from many careers. I spend 30 years in Real Estate, 10 years in Mortgages, and many years as a Vet Tech and Horse Trainer. I look forward to a great year with TTCA.

**Rob Smith 1st Vice President:** I want to thank the nominating committee for my nomination. It would be an honor to continue to serve the TTCA in this capacity.

I have been involved in K-12 private education for over twenty years—classroom teacher, administrator and now as an associate superintendent. I hold a master's degree in history. Presently, my wife, Tiffany, our daughter, Maddie, and I are enjoying sunny southern California after having spent eleven years in the mid-Atlantic and New England regions.

I have been actively involved in the sport of purebred dogs since 2004. We got our first show Tibetan terrier in 2007 and joined the TTCA shortly thereafter, attending my first national in Syracuse in 2008. We welcomed our first litter in 2012. And, in 2016 my daughter started showing in Juniors, so the fun continues! At various times in the past, I have served as the corresponding secretary/board member for the Kennel Club of Anne Arundel; a member (and regularly assigned chief steward) for the Mid-Atlantic Steward's Association; and a member of the Green Mountain Dog Club (and its chief steward). At present, I am a board member of the Kennel Club of Riverside and our show’s vendor chairman, as well as often stewarding for clubs here in southern California. I have served on the TTCA board since 2015.
**Biographies cont**

**Rene Stamm Board of Directors:** I was fortunate to marry into the world of Tibetan Terriers. Growing up we had Pomeranians that we bred and a German Shepard and Golden Retriever that were our devoted pets. When Mark and I finally moved into our house, the first thing we did was buy a kid friendly dog for our boys and to play with all the kids coming into our neighborhood, hence the Newfie! Then we added a few TTs, an Afghan, our own Pomeranian, a few more TTs some Lowchen and a handful of cats! Dogs are a BIG part of our lives.

My early working years were spent in a few hair salons. I soon came to realize, that was not the profession for me. But it did give me a big head start when it came time to grooming all my hairy dogs! After leaving the salons, I went to work for AT&T for a number of years in operator services assisting deaf customers and moved on to Aetna in claims and provider relations. It was during my time with Aetna that I became heavily involved with dogs shows and decided to change jobs to allow a more flexible work schedule to attend shows and allow more time home with my boys. I was fortunate to have a close relationship with a wonderful doctor that I saw on a regular basis and decided to assist him with his front office and collection.

Not going to lie, I live a charmed life now. I’ve been “retired” for the last 12 years because I have a great husband who wants our dogs to have the best life possible. I’ve been fortunate to have already served for one term as a Board Director and look forward to serving again. Our club needs young people involved to help it evolve grow and I plan and getting more of you involved!

**Grant Gibson Board of Directors:** I am married to Laurie for 31 years and we have three adult daughters: Sarah, is a 4th grade teacher in Hong Kong, Laurissa is a licensed architect working in Denver Colorado and Courtney currently is an awards processor for Arabian Horse Association. I have a BS in Business Computer Information Systems from Colorado State University and currently the Manager of Data Warehouse Architect team at TeleTech in Englewood Colorado. Laurie and I both grew up in Fort Collins Colorado and moved to Parker Colorado in 1998.

When I was growing up we always had dogs, including several Chihuahuas, a Shih Tzu, a Sealyham Terrier and of course two TTs. We got our first Tibetan Terrier in 1967. She was a great family dog and my Dad showed her for a while before the breed was recognized by AKC. We did not have any other Tibetan Terriers until my sister Suzanne Penner started breeding them in 2000. Courtney and I got our first TT from Suzanne (Zanne’s Tibetan Terriers) in 2004 and we participated in our first show at the TT National Specialty that spring in Golden Colorado. Courtney and I have been showing and training TTs now for over thirteen years and breeding TTs for seven years. We work closely with our buyers and support them every way we can, we always put the interest of the dogs first.

We are true ambassadors for the breed, promoting them every way we can. We are also very active in Junior Showmanship. We currently are working with four junior showmen.

I have been a very active member of RMTTC since 2004 and member of TTCA since about 2005. I think Tibetan Terriers are a wonderful breed. Their versatility makes them a great dog for all kinds of situations. They are one of the ultimate companion breeds. In recent years we have watched their popularity grow in the Colorado area.

**Dee Travella Board of Directors:** I appreciate being offered the opportunity to serve as a Director of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America. My husband and I have been involved with Tibetan Terriers since 1979 when we rescued our first TT from a local humane society. We currently
Dee Travella cont: share our home with 3 Tibetans and 3 Havanese ranging from 7 to 15 years old. Our dogs are a large part of our lives, and we enjoy showing both in AKC and international dog shows. They are all AKC champions, and several have also earned international titles (in the Bahamas, Mexico, Portugal, and Brazil). I have also had the pleasure and honor of being asked to judge puppy and veteran sweepstakes for both TTCA and HCA Regional Specialties. We are occasional breeders, and are firm believers in health testing for the betterment and welfare of our breeds.

In 2009 I had the pleasure of chairing the Nominating Committee for the TTCA, and worked with a wonderful group of dedicated Volunteers. Last year I served as a member of the Futurity Committee headed by Claire Coppola and was happy to participate in revising the Futurity Stakes rules and qualifications for our Breeders to showcase their breeding accomplishments. In addition to the TTCA, I am a member of the Greater South Tibetan Terrier Club, the Rocky Mountain Tibetan Terrier Club, and the Havanese Club of America, where I serve as a Director on the Board.

Prior to my retirement, I spent the last 25+ years working in the Financial/legal services industry working for Bank One, Solomon Brothers, First Union/Wachovia/Wells Fargo, and Axiom Law.

Thank you for your consideration,

Betsy Richards: President  I am honored to have been nominated to serve as President of the TTCA for another year. At this point, even though I have officially been President 9 months now, 4 of those months my energy went into being show chairman and I know there is so much more to do, that having the opportunity to serve will give me more time to work to help the club grow. Before becoming President, I had been the 1st Vice President for 5 years. Prior to that I had been on the Board of Directors. I have also served as the Awards Chairman for 6 years, as the Trophy Chairman for the 2008 TTCA National, and the Auction Chairman for the 2007 TTCA National.

I have had dogs my entire life but had never bred or shown them until I found the Tibetan Terriers. I’ve only been in Tibetan Terriers since 2001 but they soon became a passion of mine. I started showing confirmation back in 2001 and agility in 2006. I had my first litter in 2005 and have since earned the honor of achieving the Award of Merit from the TTCA in 2013. I am also a member of the Kennel Club of Buffalo and understand the amount of work it takes to make a successful organization. My history as a teacher, a business owner and a mental health therapist have provided me with a multitude of experiences that I feel will help me in working to support the welfare of our Breed and our Club. I know there is much to do and I look forward to be able to serve a community that has become such an important part of my life.

Amy Soderman: Treasurer  I am excited to accept the nomination for Treasurer. As an active accountant for more than 28 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity unity to apply my background and skills along with the TTCA Board members to serve this club. It would be my pleasure to serve another term and to assist the board with their goals.

I have been a member of the TTCA since 2002. My experience in dogs includes training and competing in rally, field, nose work, tricks, dance, obedience as well was conformation all as an owner handler. I have been self-employed as consultant to both for-profit and non-profit businesses for over 15 years. Previously I worked in several business sectors such as health care, government, natural resources and the arts.

I cannot think of a better way to integrate my passion for Tibetan Terriers and my dedication to this breed than to serve this club as your treasurer.

Sharon Hurd: Recording Secretary  No biography submitted
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  - TT Lover Companion Event.
  - Welcome Picnic Lunch, 12-2pm.
  - Indoor TT-only agility.
  - Bingo and Games with great Prizes.
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Thank you Sheryl Getman and Sandy White for all of your help. You are wonderful!

All of your articles, pictures, forms, and anything else is due to me on January 10th.

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