IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR

Looking back on 2016, the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) saw many successes. From our first outdoor specialty in a many years, to the tireless efforts of the Rescue Committee, to the transition of The TT Times to a new editor, to the continued work of the TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION (TTHWF) led by Jac Herschler to the…..well, you see what I mean. Adding it all up, it was a great year. For all those who have contributed in ways both large and small—thank you!

In the October 2016 issue of The TT Times newsletter, I encouraged our members to set up an account with the AmazonSmile Foundation (https://smile.amazon.com/) to benefit the TTHWF. I and others received several questions regarding how to ensure that donations benefit the Foundation. When setting up an account, you must ensure that the TTHWF is selected in the "Support" section.

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account, some of our members have come across the “Tibetan Terrier Association of America” as an option, Please note that the Tibetan Terrier Association of America is not affiliated with the TTCA or TTHWF but rather was set up by an individual. To benefit the Foundation, please specify the TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION (not the acronym) when setting up your account.

The October issue of The TT Times newsletter featured the TTCA Nominating Committee Report, which included the proposed slate of TTCA officers, directors and the delegate for next year as well as the procedure for nominating additional candidates by written petition. The TTCA received no additional candidate submissions. Therefore, per the TTCA Constitution, the slate of candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee will assume their roles and positions on March 1, 2017. Special congratulations to Betsy Richards as the next TTCA President.

It is with sadness that I report the passing in October of Ms. Nina Wagner. Nina was a long-time friend of the breed and the President and driving force for the Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club. Her contributions left a large paw print on the breed and I know those in the TT world who knew her will miss her.

Pretty soon we up north will be busy with our snow shovels and blowers. Please, no snickers from you guys down south! On the plus side, we northerners get to watch our guys frolic, dig tunnels and play “catch me if you can” in the snow. But wherever, and however, you celebrate this time of year, the TTCA board and I hope that your Christmas and holidays are enjoyable and safe for you, your family and your treasured companions!

By Ron Pankiewicz, TTCA President

Club Communication Channels Get New Look

January 1, 2017 – The Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) will launch a comprehensive new look for its web site, Facebook page and newsletter early next year as part of a rebranding plan to establish a unified “look and feel” across its three main communication channels.

Electronic Media and Web Design Chair Sandy White, TTCA Facebook Chair and artist Sheryl Getman and TT Times Editor Pat Carroll are coordinating their talents, work skills and passion to create a new look in club media and give the TTCA a New Year boost of optimism. Members will experience a new level of service from these volunteers.

Sheryl designed the new masthead, which first appeared in the Summer 2016 issue of The TT Times. The four-color illustration now graces the club’s Facebook page, which is viewed by up to 9,000 people per post. There are now 1,352 Facebook users who receive direct Facebook news feed distribution about the TTCA.

The TTCA web site will feature a modern, responsive web design to provide improved functionality on all devices and make pages that look great at any size.

The responsive web design will seek to increase the club’s online presence, enhance communication with its membership, attract new members and provide information from our many committees. In addition, the website refresh will include some content reorganization.

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Book your room now

PEEK ‘N PEAK RESORT HOTEL

2017 Tibetan Terrier Club of America National Specialty

Monday May 29 – Friday June 2, 2017

To book your room, telephone (716) 355-4141. Or click here to go to the Peek ‘n Peak web site home page and START PLANNING. Enter one of the following PROMO codes for a special room rate:

- Stay for 3 nights - Enter code TIBE3 - $129 per night
- Stay for 4 nights - Enter code TIBE4 - $97 per night
- Stay for 5 nights - Enter code TIBE5 - $89 per night

PROMO codes valid only for members arriving on Monday, May 29 and departing on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Members arriving on Sunday, May 28 (such as Board members, agility trial participants, etc.) please contact Kim Kantola (716-338-6747) and Betsy Richards at abrich27@aol.com to discuss your requirements. (Weekend rates are usually MUCH higher, but Peek ‘n Peak management has agreed to work with us and hold the 5-night rate for members arriving on Sunday and perhaps staying through Saturday night.)

The hotel web site advertises the TTCA rooms as 2nd floor balcony rooms with two queen beds, which will be available upon request. We have also reserved all 1st floor rooms.

Each member will be asked to sign a waiver covering normal guidelines for hotel use. The waiver will be available on line in 2017.

The hotel will retain a $50-per-room security deposit, which is refundable upon checkout providing there is no damage.

For more information, please contact Show Chair Betsy Richards at abrich27@aol.com
All-breed Agility Trial Fundraiser Nets

**TTCA Generous Profit**

Although Tibetan Terriers are exceptionally fast and intelligent and extremely agile, very few participate in the sport of canine agility, and holding an agility trial is a major financial undertaking.

To support and encourage Tibetan participation in agility sports, the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) holds a 3-day American Kennel Club (AKC) all-breed agility trial fundraiser each year in October or November. The TTCA uses the funds to defray some of the costs associated with offering agility events at our annual *TTCA National Specialty*.

In support of that cause, I began chairing an all-breed trial eight years ago at an outdoor facility in Manhattan, Illinois. Over the years, exhibitors in the Chicagoland area have become accustomed to trialling in climate-controlled facilities equipped with professional grade, artificial turf.

It’s sad to say, but exhibitors are no longer willing to attend trials where you must lug your equipment up steep hills, suffer heat prostration from 90% humidity, or run in ankle deep mud with your dog that ends up looking more like a chocolate-covered cherry at the end of the day than a canine. Tent cities to protect you from the elements are a thing of the past around here. Yes—Chicago agility exhibitors *ARE* spoiled rotten, and I admit that I am one of them!

Not surprisingly, attendance at our trials has been slowly dropping over the past three years and—along with it—TTCA profits and ability to fund agility at our annual national specialty. So in an attempt to increase our financial bottom line, this year I decided to take the plunge and move the show site about 60 miles north to the climate-controlled *CarDunAl Obedience Dog Training Club* facility in Huntley, Illinois.

The results exceeded my expectations! More than 300 participants converged for the three-day event November 4-6. In fact, I am very pleased to announce that we actually had a wait list to get into the trial!

![CH MACH 5 Creekside's Who's That Girl, "Veronica." Photo courtesy of Mary Doyle.](image)

Judge Jean Munger provided challenging yet fun courses for 330 dogs each day. TTCA member Susan Hettinger ran hospitality and fed more than 40 hungry volunteer workers each day. *Incredibly, Susan actually drove back and forth each day to her home in Champaign (about 3 hours each way!), cooking and baking at night to be ready for the next day.* Club members Joni Holinger and Lori Farkas also helped with the event.

The change in venue proved a great success all around since the profit from this year’s agility trial—*drum roll please*—reached a whopping $8,199.00!

I am elated to be able to provide this kind of financial support for our *TTCA National Specialty* agility exhibitors, and I look forward to another successful all-breed trial in 2017.

By Mary Doyle
**Turn Holiday Shopping into $ donations to the Tibetan Terrier Health & Welfare Foundation**

What could possibly be better than online shopping for Christmas and holiday gifts for your Tibetan Terrier and other family members—or even for yourself?

Having a portion of the money you spend go directly to the TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION—that’s what!

Shop at AmazonSmile, and Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of eligible purchases to your favorite charity—which, of course, we hope is the TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION. What’s an “eligible” purchase, you ask? According to Amazon, “tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations.”

So designate the Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Fund when you sign up with AmazonSmile, then shop as usual.

**Here’s How to Sign Up**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. Then sign in as usual with your regular Amazon password.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile—before you begin shopping—select TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION (not the acronym) to receive donations from your eligible purchases. AmazonSmile will remember your selection and every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will yield a donation to the foundation. To access step-by-step instructions on how to get started, click here: Bookmark it for later if you don’t have time to set up now.

The TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION funded research at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine to develop a test that can identify carriers of canine NCL (neuronal ceroid-lipofuscinoses), a fatal, inherited disease in Tibetan Terriers and other dog breeds. Breeders now use the test to screen sires and dams that carry the gene to eliminate the disease-causing gene from future generations.

So pull out your virtual shopping bag and go shopping and give literally to the TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION.

Please note: Although the TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, your AmazonSmile purchase does not constitute a tax deduction. The AmazonSmile Foundation can claim the IRS deduction for any donation it makes to the TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION.

*By Pat Carroll*
Donate Now for 2016 Tax Deduction

The Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) established the TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION (TTHWF) to help ensure a healthy future for the breed. Through the support of generous donors, the Foundation funds canine research on diseases that affect Tibetan Terriers and many other breeds.

The TTHWF received the following donations in October and November:

- From Joyce Killinger: In Honor of her Kitsi-Dug litter born June 23, 2016: Rolo, Cricket, Maggie, Scout and Robbie
- From the Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club: In memory of Nina Wagner
- From Dr. Alan and Mrs. Ronni Brenner: In memory of Nina Wagner
- From Deborah Kuntzman: In honor of Nancy and Paul Stanford
- From the Farmington Valley Kennel Club: In memory of Jo-Ann Gatzen
- From the Hartford Obedience Training Club: In memory of Jo-Ann Gatzen
- From Diane Connelly: In memory of Jo-Ann Gatzen
- From Robert Hennings: In memory of Gary Carr
- From Sally and Charlie Hollister: In memory of Leslie Lawrence and Ron Weingartner's beloved Denver
- From Steven K. Jacobson Law Practice: In memory of Boulder’s premier Tibetan Terrier and their friend B.B. King
- From Anita Lamison: In honor of all dogs in rescue
- From the Los Altos Hills California 2016 TT Romp organized by Elissa Hirsch: A generous donation on behalf of all participants

You can do your part to help the Foundation by volunteering, participating in a fundraising event or making a tax-deductible financial donation. Your support is valued, meaningful and essential. You can donate by mail or online via PayPal. To donate online, click here.

To donate by mail, click here to download the form, then mail it with your check to:

TTHWF
PO Box 724
Warren, PA 16365-0724

All donations to the Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation are 100% tax-deductible. The TTHWF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Our Federal Tax Identification Number is 20-8599607

By Kerry Abbott, Treasurer TTHWF

TTHWF President’s note to donors: “Return to sender” issue resolved

The TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION recently learned that a new United States Post Office employee training issue led to some properly addressed donations being “returned to sender.” The problem at the post office has now been corrected and the Foundation’s board apologizes to our donors who may have been affected.

Jacob Herschler
President, TTHWF
Tibetan Terrier Zooms to 6th AKC Master Agility Championship Title

Owned, trained and loved by Tibetan Terrier Club of America member Mary Frances Martin, MACH6 Danser Swilla “Corey” CDX RA MXC2 MJS3 MXF TQX continued a virtually “hypersonic” winning streak, zooming on to earn an amazing sixth (6th) Master Agility Championship title (MACH6) on September 29.

Performing under Judge Lavonda Herring, Corey earned his MACH6 title at the Wine Country Circuit, one of the largest dog shows in the country held annually in Romulus, New York.

“I think that this may be the first Tibetan Terrier to achieve the level 6 for a MACH,” said Mary Frances, who trains Corey and handles him in the agility ring.

Only weeks before, the 11 year-old Tibetan Terrier earned his 2nd Rally Excellent leg at Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club trial in Erie, Pennsylvania. Corey and Mary Frances have been competing in agility since he was two years old.

“He is such an amazing and loving dog,” said Mary Frances. “It was quite a struggle at first to work through his lack of attention and general ‘TT-ness.’ But then he went on to achieve more than I ever dreamed.

“Once he earned his MACH 3 and Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) titles in the same week,” Mary Frances said. “It was worth the wait to get to enjoy the wonderful times we share in and out of the ring. He absolutely loves to show and be the center of attention. He is such a wonderful companion.”

Emergency Surgery

Sadly, two weeks after Corey earned his MACH 6 title, doctors at Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Care (PVSEC) performed emergency surgery for hemangiosarcoma. Corey is now undergoing chemotherapy.

“His oncologist told me to let him enjoy and make the most of the time we have, so we are,” said Mary Frances. “He probably is getting more cuddles than he wants, tons of walks and as many free treats as he can handle.”

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2017 TTCA National Specialty Event Schedule

**Mon May 29**
- TTCA BOARD MEETING
- ALL-BREED AGILITY
  Countryside Agility
  2321 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506
  (814) 315-6668
  CSTrialEntries@aol.com

**Tues May 30**
- **Morning**
  - TTCA AGILITY
    Countryside Agility
    2321 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506
    (814) 315-6668
    CSTrialEntries@aol.com
- **Afternoon-Evening**
  - TTCA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
  - PEEK’N PEAK RESORT ACTIVITIES
  - TT COMPANION CELEBRATION for all Tibetan Terriers and their owners: pets and show dogs alike!

**Wed May 31**
- **Morning**
  - OBEDIENCE
  - RALLY
  - SPECIAL CLASSES
- **Afternoon**
  - SWEEPSTAKES
- **Evening**
  - AUCTION FUNDRAISER FOR 2018 TTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY
  - DINNER

**Thurs June 1**
- **Morning**
  - 2017 TTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY
    Judge Susan Carr
- **Evening**
  - TTCA ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

**Fri June 2**
- **Morning**
  - REGIONAL SPECIALTY
    Judge Ashley Reid
- **Evening**
  - TOP TWENTY INVITATIONAL EVENING OF CHAMPIONS
  - DINNER

**Sat-Sun June 3-4**
- LOCAL DOG SHOWS IN DUNKIRK, NEW YORK

**Make the Connection**

May 24 – 29, 2017 a five-day cluster of dog shows will take place in New Castle, Pennsylvania, 112 miles from Clymer, New York where the 2017 TTCA National Specialty will convene at the Peek’n Peak Resort on May 29. It will be an easy connection to make majors and then come to Peek’n Peak for the national and regional specialties.
Family pets and show dogs share the spotlight for an afternoon of fun & games!

Celebrate the special kinship that comes from laughing with others who cherish their TTS as much as you do yours.

Honor the love we share for the Tibetan Terrier breed—whether as family pets at home or show dogs in the ring.

TTCA 2017 NATIONAL SPECIALTY
Peek ‘n Peak Resort
1405 Old Road, Clymer, NY
14724
Reservations 713-355-4141
May 29 - June 2, 2017

Attention All Tibetan Terrier Pet Owners

YOU’RE INVITED! Bring your TT pet of any age to the Tibetan Terrier Companion Celebration May 30 at the 2017 TTCA National Specialty. Special luncheon, TTCA Rescue fundraising bingo, demonstrations and more! To volunteer or submit activity ideas, contact Andrea Campbell at alfcampbell@gmail.com (607) 746-3564.
Minutes

TTCA 2016 Annual Board Meeting

The Tibetan Terrier Club Of America (TTCA) Board Meeting was brought to order at 8:44 AM, April 26, 2016 by President Ron Pankiewicz in Bear, Delaware. Board members present were: Betsy Richards, Paul Douglass, Janet Slothower, Sharon Hurd, Rob Smith, Sandy White, Gale Mattison, Rene Stamm, and Claire Coppola. Gale moved to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting’s minutes. Janet seconded the motion and all present approved.

Corresponding Secretary
Janet Slothower reported that cards and flowers had been sent to club members during the year and asked that anyone knowing of a club member who should receive an acknowledgement from the club to please let her know.

Recording Secretary
Sharon Hurd reported that she submitted minutes for 2015-2016 for publication in the TTCA newsletter. She said that she sent ballots for the election of the TTCA board, the 2017 Futurity judge and the 2016 TTCA National Specialty to approximately 350 regular club members at an approximate cost of $500.00. 114 ballots were returned. The officer slate as presented by the nominating committee was duly elected. Sally Birgl was elected as the 2017 Futurity judge.

The judges’ ballot results (with the names listed in order from highest number of votes to fewest) for the 2018 TTCA National Specialty are as follows: Stacey LaForge, Mark Kennedy, Jackie Stacey, Norman Patton and Mark James. The top three nominees for 2019 are Stacey LaForge, Mark Kennedy, and Lisa Warren. A total of 58 different judges received at least one vote for 2019.

Treasurer
Amy Soderman was unable to attend the meeting. Gale reported that the treasury is in “good-to-excellent shape” and will be able to cover any TTCA National Specialty budget deficits.

Gale also reported that the advertising sales for the TTCA Journal and Yearbook have declined and that the club needs to increase advertising sales to increase revenue. The club currently is losing money on the publication.

Historically, the journal/yearbook received much more advertising but internet sites have taken much of the advertising. Rene said that the ads were very costly and suggested offering package deals. Sandy noted that advertising prices had remained the same over time. The TTCA Journal and Yearbook has always been subsidized by advertising sales and can be a lifelong advertisement of a successful breeding program.

AKC Delegate
Stacey LaForge reported that she sent information from AKC Delegate Meetings to the TTCA membership through The TT Times and via email to the TTCA Board of Directors and officers. She said that while it is not easy to bring items to the attention of the AKC during these meetings, she could possibly present concerns that have come before the TTCA board.

AKC Gazette Breed Columnist
Andrea Reiman would like the club members to submit ideas for articles. Several members applauded Andrea’s talents.

Awards Chair
Betsy Richards recruited Nancy Hammel to chair the next Awards Committee. Nancy supported the work for the 2016 presentations and is ready to lead the Awards Committee. Betsy moved that the board appoint Nancy Hammel as the chair of the Awards Committee. Gale seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

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Breeders’ Education

Chair Annette Ohman was not present. Ron said that he would like to see more activity from the Breeders Education Committee. He had thoughts of establishing a Member Education Committee for non-breeders and pet owners. Betsy said she could recommend a volunteer for this second committee if it were to be established.

Ron reminded the TTCA vice presidents that they are the liaisons between the TTCA committees and board.

Breeder Referral

Diane Waggoner reported that the Breeder Referral Committee would like to develop a series of articles on different aspects of breeding by TTCA members for publication in The TT Times. She said that committee members will work to educate members applying for placement on the TTCA Breeder List as the TTCA board requires new health screenings for TTs. The committee will help breeders understand the requirements and why they are important.

Discussion followed. Claire pointed out that there are only 21 members on the TTCA Breeder List and some are not breeders. Claire said this is because TTCA “micro-manages” breeders and that the list does not serve the majority of the breeder members. Stacey mentioned that there are now other advertising avenues available to breeders, such as the AKC web site; thus, some of the breeders are using those sites. Claire thought they are using other advertising sites because the TTCA Breeder List requires too many health tests. Rene said that she gets most of her referrals from AKC classified ads. Claire said that she is not on the TTCA Breeder List as she will not test both parents of her litters if one parent is clear.

Claire said that the TTCA Breeder List does not serve the members of the club, that it primarily serves the 21 breeders on the list. She suggested that anyone who has not bred a litter for “X” number of years should be removed from the list. Sandy said that the TTCA Breeder List gets more visits than any other page on the TTCA web site.

Claire expressed concern that some members on the TTCA Breeder List no longer actively breed dogs, yet recommend other breeders (who are friends) to prospective puppy buyers. Some board members on the list said that they recommend other breeders (usually ones on the list) when they, themselves, have no puppies available.

Stacey reported that, historically, there was to have been an asterisk next to the breeders’ names on the list who would be willing to chat with prospective puppy buyers about the breed; however this never came to be.

Claire said that would like to see a “Breeder Ambassador” program such as the one for the Bernese Mountain Dog Club established many years ago with ambassadors in all parts of the country so that the TTCA Breeder List could be limited to active breeders. Ambassadors could respond to questions about the breed by phone or email. Ambassadors could also direct puppy inquiries to the TTCA Breeder List in general and direct rescue inquiries to a rescue point-of-contact. Such a program would not serve as a breeder referral list per se but as a breed information service comprised of experienced breed owners. An ambassador program ethics code would require an ambassador to sign a renewal statement annually stipulating that the ambassador is not recommending a particular breeder or breeders.

Betsy pointed out that such a program would require volunteers and that the TTCA would need to maintain it. She said that she considers the TTCA Breeder List as the “gold standard” of breeding and as a way to help buyers acquire a good, healthy puppy.

Stacey said one way to view the breeder referral list is as a consumer protection service. Janet suggested using asterisks to indicate which breeders meet current requirements while allowing
other breeders to participate with less stringent requirements.  

An Ambassador Program was added to the list of items to revisit. 

Sandy reported that a member had reported difficulty in navigating the TTCA web site to reach the TTCA Breeder List. The board will revisit the issue again in the future via telephone conference. 

The board has made motions and passed rules requiring PRA tests and other DNA tests in order for a breeder to be on the TTCA Breeder List. The entire TTCA board provided input in the creation of the TTCA Breeder List forms. 

Later in the evening, the board noted that the TTCA must bring into concurrence the requirements for the TTCA Breeder List and the TTCA Guidelines for Responsible Breeders. 

**Club Sales**

Gale Mattison reported that club merchandise sales have fallen off due to lack of customer interest and personnel to run the TTCA Online Store and that publication and merchandise inventory is zero. The committee also found it difficult to transport sales materials to the TTCA National Specialty each year. The club mailed the last Owner’s Manual which was lost in the mail. A board member asked whether the club should to continue to provide the Owner’s Manual. Another asked whether we should update the contents if the club continues to publish the manual. David VanPelt said that he may have the template for the manual if we decide to continue its publication. The discussion generally favoured continuing to provide the manual. Several board members mentioned that they have included a copy of the Owner’s Manual with each puppy sold. The future of the Owner’s Manual was put on the list of items to prioritize and later discuss. 

The club still has a few Illustrated Manual booklets. Rene suggested that the club put publications online in a format that can be easily downloaded. Gail Toracinta and Sheryl Getman have the templates for the Breeder’s Manual. Gale reported that this manual is not selling. Club sales were popular for many years but sales diminished in the mid 2000’s and have not picked up. 

Ron said that committee chairs do not require board approval for committee members so they may select their members. 

**Electronic Media**

Sandy White noted that since she began working with the TTCA Electronic Media Committee in 2007 the world has changed and people now want to find everything on line and interactive. She said that Steve Layton created the old site and the interactive portion of the current site: e.g., they added online fillable forms for the Grand Futurity this year. She suggested that the web site could be further developed to allow members to submit other information this way. Amy Soderman volunteered her experience in electronic media to support development of new interactive elements of the web site. Sandy volunteered to refurbish the look of the website and move to a responsive web design that will make the web site easy to use on all devices (desktops, tablets and phones). She reported that the health links have already been set up with responsive web design. She said that the Members Only page can be improved by adding more information, such as vacant committee positions. Ron reiterated that Sandy and Amy may proceed to make changes and do not need approval as they progress. Janet suggested setting up a “TTCA Board Member Only” page. She said that Amy had offered to add such a section. Sandy agreed that it would not be difficult. Discussion also addressed a possible “Members Page” featuring club news and information. 

The TTCA web site has an average of 402 real visits daily. The three most visited areas are: the Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation (TTHWF), Breeder Referral and TTCA Rescue. 

**Futurity**

Claire Coppola reported that many breeders are still not nominating their dogs or litters for the event and

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that it is difficult to find willing judges. She said that 2016 Futurity rule changes may improve participation and the availability of willing judges. Claire feels that Futurity showcases a breeder’s best dogs and that it provides another event to participate in at the annual TTCA National Specialty. Rene responded that people have told her that they do not understand “Futurity.” Claire said that she has had an article in each newsletter and that she has a presentation planned for the 2016 TTCA National Specialty this week.

Editor’s note: See Summer 2016 and October 2016 issues of The TT Times (available in the Members Only section of ttica-online.org) for stories showcasing FuturityStakes.

Sandy suggested that the TTCA post a “one line tag” on the TTCA web site to highlight the Futurity section. The Futurity Committee would like to make it possible to showcase or display stud dogs in the future and to offer an award for stud dogs.

National Specialties

The board agreed that future TTCA National Specialty shows should be held in hotels because doing so provides financial advantages and that significant additional costs can accrue when conformation events are held in venues other than the host hotel.

Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation

Jack Herschler proposed three new members to serve on the TTHWF board: Brenda Brown, Adria Martino and Joyce Killinger. Gale moved that the TTCA board approve the proposal. Betsy seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Janet will inform Jack that the TTCA board approved the appointment of the three new TTHWF board members.

Health and Genetics

Stacey LaForge reported that Health and Genetics Committee is now divided into six areas of interest:

- **Stacey La Forge**: Research, AKC/CHF Liaison
- **Brenda Brown**: Policy
- **Nancy Maurer**: Renal Dysplasia Research Liaison, Longevity Listing Administrator
- **Claire Coppola**: Health Survey, OFA/CHIC statistics
- **Suzanne Wille**: Website Health Links
- **Kate Stanuch**: Newsletter General Interest Articles

Stacey reported that Suzanne Willie overhauled the Health Resources page on the TTCA website, which now has 677 links in 23 categories. The information is available to the public and contains health information about all breeds. The committee is attempting to get the word out to the general public that the site is available. Work is ongoing to keep the information current.

Stacey said that research is still being conducted on progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) and DNA samples are still needed for the research. The committee next hopes to tackle juvenile cataracts. DNA samples are currently needed for the juvenile cataracts project too and should be sent to Gary Johnson at the University of Missouri. Anyone with a dog that has been diagnosed with juvenile cataracts and is willing to submit a blood sample may contact Liz Hansen at University of Missouri or Stacey for information on how to submit samples. A future goal will focus on generating funds to conduct research on sarcoma in Tibetan Terriers.

The Voluntary Open Health Registry (VOHR) may no longer be as useful as it once was. This program was for listing health problems found in Tibetan Terriers. As the information can now be found on the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) web site, the VOHR may no longer be useful. VOHR information was last updated in 2013. Stacey said that the current VOHR information should remain as a historical document. It was decided to keep the VOHR information available for the next year. VOHR was added to the list of items to be further discussed at a later date.
The committee recommends test-by-test evaluations to determine which DNA tests to require for breeders to be listed on the TTCA Breeder List. Brenda Brown is the new subcommittee head. The subcommittee recommends requiring PRA rCD4 mutation tests. Findings have shown that 74% of the dogs tested are normal and 25% carriers. They also recommend testing for PRA3. They would not recommend requiring a DNA test for degenerative myelopathy or juvenile renal disease test at this time. Testing for PRA rCD3 is currently performed in England. The Animal Health Trust also tests for DNA health problems, but it does not list the information on the OFA web site. TTCA has chosen to work with OFA so that all of the information is in one place for members to search.

The committee would like to show support for breeders who comply with the Guidelines for Responsible Breeders by having a notice praising these breeders and encouraging potential buyers to purchase from breeders listed on the TTCA Breeder List. They would like to have this notice posted prominently on the TTCA website and place identical notices on the TTCA Facebook page and in The TT Times.

Historian/Archivist
Stacey LaForge reported that she is seeking a volunteer to replace her as the TTCA Historian/Archivist. The volunteer should be prepared to serve long-term. Historical items are currently located in a New Jersey storage facility. Betsy reported that she has an original letter from Alice Murphy that should become part of the TTCA archives.

International
Janet Slothower announced that invitations to Crufts will be distributed at the TTCA National Specialty and that the invitations are good for two years. Crufts invitations per AKC rules are issued to winners of the Best of Breed, Best of Show, Bred-by-Exhibitor, Select Dog, Select Bitch and Award of Merit. Janet announced that The 2017 Tibetan Terrier World Congress will convene at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire United Kingdom on May 12-14, 2017. This is just prior to the TTCA 2017 National Specialty, which begins May 29, 2017 with the board meeting.

AKC has notified breed clubs that they have launched a friendlier, more mobile web site with more information for pet owners. AKC would like to be made aware of any future problems when interacting with the new site.

Journal & Yearbook
Betsy Greaves reported that the 2014 TTCA Journal and Yearbook featured 278 pages, of which 30 were obituaries or advertising. 428 Journals were sent to club members. The TTCA paid $4,828.07 to produce and distribute the journals. Sheryl Getman volunteered to help with production of the 2015 TTCA Journal and Yearbook. Sandy reported that the number of pages has increased while revenue has fallen. This publication and the distribution are one of the major expenses of the club. Stacey noted that the board had previously voted to include all of the health information (25 pages). The TTCA Health Committee is now open to removing some of that information from the TTCA Journal and Yearbook. Gale said that he would like to have more advertisements placed at the same price as in past years. The last three journal publications are published on the website. We have historically had non-current journals available for purchase through club sales. We now have fewer than 12 remaining.

Each year we print 12 extra copies to cover journals lost or damaged in the mail. Members discussed the cost of printing the advertisements versus the selling price of advertisements published in the journal. However, current printing rates were not available. Members suggested the following:

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• That the TTCA Journal and Yearbook be published on the TTCA website.
• That members be able to purchase advertisements in a package deal when ordering three or more pages of advertisements
• That the club publish extra journals and make them available to new members to purchase

Further discussion of the TTCA Journal and Yearbook was tabled until discussion by the Membership Committee later in the meeting.

Judges’ Education
Ron reported for Margy Pankiewicz that the program given to prospective judges has undergone revision. The Judges Study Group will use the new program this week.

A member suggested that the TTCA present a clipped-down dog, as well as dogs groomed for show, to the judges as learning tools. A member pointed out that clipped down dogs are not often available.

Legislative Committee
Ron reported that per board approval, Krista Johnson will chair the Legislative Committee. During the past year, incoming legislative information has been sent out to the TTCA membership more quickly than in the past. Overall, there was less new legislation this year and accordingly less information to send out to members. The majority of the information sent to the TTCA Legislative Committee comes from AKC. Information from other sources needs careful vetting to determine legitimacy.

Audit Committee
Gale reported for Joyce Lak and Sue Carr that all treasury records were “neat, readable and in order.” TTCA records are filed with QuickBooks (2006-16) and will continue forward. Amy plans to use the online version. TTCA 9-90 tax forms can be found there as well. Amy will fill the board in on how she plans to proceed at the board meeting on Thursday. The financial books were found to be in good order.

Membership
Gale reported for Membership Chair Vicki Hawkins that the TTCA currently has 392 members across all categories of membership. The TTCA added seven new associate members this year. Discussion addressed the following:
• How to maintain the current membership numbers
• How to attract additional members

• How to manage the membership committee’s duties

Historically the club loses 35-40 members each year. Non-renewing members typically fall into two categories: newer memberships and those who have been members for many years and often no longer have TTs.

The Membership Chair supplies and collects membership applications, and then sends the applications to the TTCA board for approval. She sends the dues collected to the treasurer. Historically, the Membership Chair has declined to take on additional duties.

The Treasurer notifies members by mail when their annual dues are due and collects the money. The Treasurer is also responsible for sending out a second notice and for continuing to contact members who are late paying their dues. These duties are time consuming for the treasurer, mainly because it requires chasing down members late to pay their dues. At one time, one of the secretaries was responsible for sending out renewal notices and taking care of the process each year. Stacey wondered if it were economical to send multiple notices to members who are late renewing. Currently (April 2016) there are 60 members
who have not renewed their membership. The board decided to divide the list of names up among members and ask them to renew as soon as possible. Dues payments can be accepted until June 1, after which the name of the unpaid member will be removed from the membership. Dues may be paid by check, or through the online store using PayPal. PayPal charges a fee for their service, thus the club loses money when dues are processed in this manner. Most club members pay by check.

To make membership more attractive to prospective members, Rene suggested that the TTCA permit breeders to provide a one-year “quasi-membership” to puppy buyers. The breeder’s sponsorship would be the only one required for this trial membership. Rene also felt that the organization is unfriendly towards “pet owners” vs. those who show their dogs in conformation and/or are involved in a breeding program. Other suggestions included the following:

- Encourage breeders to educate their puppy buyers as to the benefits of a TTCA membership.
- Create a network of Tibetan Terrier owners organized by geographical area with information available on the TTCA website and TTCA Facebook page to promote communication between owners.
- Include pet information on the TTCA website and Facebook page.
- Post frequently to Facebook.
- Allow non-members to advertise in TTCA publications with the sponsorship of a member.

A member mentioned that an updated, printed version of the membership roster has not been published for a few years. However, a current copy is available via ROSTER SEARCH, a menu located at the top of the Members Only section of the TTCA website.

Rene volunteered to assume leadership of a committee responsible for increasing TTCA membership. She asked that club members send her ideas.

A member asked if the membership roster could be separated into categories of membership to make it easier for sending out information that goes to only portions of the members—i.e., Regular Members, Associate Members and Foreign Members. Betsy said she could easily do this for those who needed such a list.

National Show Committee

Karen Sponible (2015) and Gale Mattison (as of March 1, 2016). Karen reported that the TTCA sanctioned the following 2015 events:

- Supported Entry in Bear Delaware (April 24, 2015)
- TTCA Mid-Atlantic Regional Specialty with sweepstakes in Bear Delaware (April 25, 2015)

The board needs to select a location for the 2018 TTCA National Specialty. See Editor’s Note at the end of this section. Gale suggested that the TTCA ask Joyce Lak to chair the 2018 show. He said that he believed that she might accept if the TTCA were to make an exception to the rule prohibiting a chair from showing a dog in the same show that he or she chairs. The objective would be to permit her to show her Tibetan Terrier(s), even if she serves as show chair.

Rob moved that the TTCA provide an exception so that Joyce be allowed to show her Tibetan Terrier(s) at the 2018 TTCA National Specialty if she accepts the position as show chair. Paul seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

It is hoped that the venue and date will be found will be found allowing the show to coincide with an all-breed show and to be held in a hotel. At the conclusion of the
discussion it was generally thought that the 2018 TTCA National Specialty would most likely be held in Boxborough with Joyce Lak serving as Show Chair. **Editor’s Note:** Since this time, the TTCA board approved convening the 2018 **TTCA National Specialty** at **Purina Farms** in Gray Summit, Missouri.

**Newsletter Editor**

Elise Kind reported that she would like to resign from her position as editor of *The TT Times.* Ron said that he would look for a new volunteer to edit the newsletter. Elise said that she would like future issues of the newsletter to include book reviews and articles to get members’ attention and a blog from one of the veterinary schools, such as Tufts or Cornell. Discussion followed and members offered suggestions for possible candidates. Advertising is now available in the newsletter. **Editor’s note:** New TTCA member Pat Carroll volunteered to assume editorial responsibility for producing *The TT Times.*

**TTCA Rescue**

Camille Manfredonia reported that funds to support the TTCA Rescue Committee come from the TTHWF, which pays for rescue expenses and reimburses the TTCA for any expenses it pays directly to the TTCA Rescue Committee. The board clarified that TTCA is a 501(c)(7) organization and the TTHWF is a 501(c)(3) with different tax implications: Donations to the TTCA are not tax-deductible while donations to the TTHWF are deductible. Rescue has more volunteers than any other committee.

**Facebook**

Sheryl Getman will remain as chairperson. Each post gets approximately 800 views. Facebook is used for a variety of announcements, schedules, show results and information, etc.

**Meet the Breeds**

Mike McLaughlin was not present. The TTCA maintained booths at the Eukanuba and Westminster shows. The booths were set up by two different groups and each used their own materials. The board decided that each show would have its own team of volunteers and that each should have its own materials to decorate its respective booth, as shipping items back and forth between Florida and New York would be expensive. There was a request for more volunteers and dogs to exhibit. Travis Brock will assist Mike.

Claire indicated the need for the club to provide funding to purchase permanent promotional displays that are easy to transport, set up and take down by any volunteers. This needs to be done as soon as possible as Eukanuba and NYC Meet the Breeds will be happening in December - February. Displays could be set up at specialty shows. Claire is moving to Colorado and taking her Tibetan booth materials with her.

**Statistics Report**

The collection of statistics has been completed. This information is separate from the information that the Awards Committee uses. There is no **Performance Report** at this time. Sandy White agreed to do obedience and rally. Betsy Richards will help Betsy Greaves with the 2015 performance statistics, which Mike McLaughlin has been in charge of ordering from AKC. Stacey LaForge has been ordering the Top 20 Breed Report and All Breed Report forwarding them to Camille Manfredonia. Betsy Greaves needs the statistics by June 2016 so that she can have the TTCA Journal and Yearbook ready by the end of July.

**New Business**

**Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee recommended a new slate of TTCA officers and Board of Directors for 2017, as follows: Flossie Barczweski, Ken Edmunds, Janet...
Slothower, Jerry Gross, and Betsy Greaves with Sheryl Getman as alternate. Ron moved that Ken be asked to chair the committee. Gale seconded the motion and all voted in agreement. The five committee nominees will be contacted and asked to serve.

**TTCA Trademark**

The TTCA trademark and logo expires in August 2016. In order for the club to maintain the exclusive rights to this logo we must renew the ownership. Rob Smith will pursue this.

**Lifetime Membership**

A member proposed that the board award Susan Carr a TTCA Lifetime Membership then reviewed and discussed the requirements for the award. The board’s job is to ascertain that the requirements have been met by the nominee, not to determine the awarding of the Lifetime Membership. This is the responsibility of the entire membership. It was determined that Sue met all of the requirements. The approval of the award requires approval by ¾ vote of those present at the TTCA Annual Meeting with the membership.

The board agreed to proceed. A vote by the membership was scheduled for the Annual Membership Meeting on April 28, 2016.

**Outstanding Sportsmanship Award**

The TTCA and other breed clubs present this award to a club member each year. The AKC lists each recipient name on the AKC website. Ron asked for nominations, board members nominated several club members, discussion followed and Flossie Barczewski was selected as the 2016 recipient.

**Bios for Balloted National Specialty Judges**

Claire would like for the club to add biographies for each judge appearing on the TTCA National Specialty Judges’ Ballot, which is sent to club members each January. Discussion points—both pro and con—included:

- That it would be difficult to vet the biographical information provided
- That there may be a negative impact for judges who do not submit a biography
- That there is a question as to who will be responsible for creating the biography
- That it would enable members to make a more educated decision when voting for a judge

Ron suggested posting the biographies only online. Claire said that she would prefer to see the biographies posted in the same location as the biographies for the nominated board officers and directors. Several board members felt that the biographies would make no difference in the voting. Claire made the following motion:

- That the corresponding secretary request brief biographies from the five finalist conformation judges on the ballot
- That The TT Times and TTCA website will publish the biographies
- For the ballot to state that the judges’ biographies will be published in the newsletter

Rene seconded the motion. A brief discussion followed. Paul said that he did not think we should pursue judges who failed to return a biography. Stacey suggested that the board develop a form letter for Janet to mail out. Members voted on the motion. Eight members voted for the motion and two opposed it. The motion carried.

**Wall of Champions**

Claire proposed that the TTCA website include a “Wall of Champions.” Sandy pointed out that the current TTCA rules prohibit posting pictures of any dogs currently being campaigned. Pictures are, nonetheless, posted. Gale opposed posting any pictures of show winners on the public part of the TTCA site as it could

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constitute advertising for that particular dog and breeder. Show pictures were opposed by some as the website is for providing information—not for showing off individual dogs. There was further concern that the public could lift a picture from the website for personal use. The question arose as to whether the TTCA web site is protected to prevent copying pictures and information. Sandy said the site probably is not secure. Some photographs are copyrighted. Stacey addressed the legal issues of the copyright laws: i.e., the club must get permission to use copyrighted material. It might be difficult to obtain permission to use some of the old photographs as the photographers may be deceased and thus very difficult to get permission from estates.

It was suggested that we just post a list of all previous winners. Rene noted that pet people would want pictures to view—not pages to read. Claire said that she would like to see a complete historical record of all past winners with their pictures posted on the TTCA website.

Claire made the following motion: “I would like to make a motion that the TTCA website include two walls of National Specialty Winners and Grand Futurity Winners on the public section with a historical record going back to the beginning of the club.” Betsy seconded the motion.

Discussion followed before voting: members considered amending the motion further to say that the wall would not be posted until the information and wall are complete and approved by the board. Claire opposed to this addition to her motion. The motion passed by a majority vote with five yes votes, three no votes and one abstaining vote.

Claire agreed to undertake obtaining permission from various photographers to post photographs. The wall will not go up until all information and photos are complete. The board

Treasury issues will be discussed on Thursday when the treasurer is available. Automating payments and journal submissions will be discussed.

**Tibetan Terriers Pedigree Database**

TTCA has historically used the K9Ped site as its source for finding a pedigree for our dogs. Pat Nelson had started her own personal pedigree base for TTs, which she kept up to date. She then transferred her information to the K9Ped database, and again kept the information up to date for many years. She made sure her information came from official sources. She was adamant that no money be exchanged. She did all of this voluntarily. Unfortunately the K9Ped data base is now locked due to the death of the site’s owner. The site has not been sold and the data remains, but it is not obtainable.

A small group has been working to obtain and enter pedigree information into the World Pedigrees program. Several breeds use this site. There are 53,000 pedigrees listed at this point. This program has two avenues for adding information: the first using only official records and the second allowing personal input of information. Claire said that she has not found this site easy to use or very helpful. She said that liked the old K9Ped site. No one else commented on the two sites worth.

Claire would like the TTCA to provide “seed money” for a database. Ron noted that he would be opposed to providing seed money when we “don’t know the why, where, or when of the program,” that we might not be able to use the site later and do not know what could happen to the program. We need a site where the information is open, usable and structured so that the site is permanent and transferable. Amy has looked into an available stand-alone program. Claire is looking for an open world-wide pedigree database that has features well beyond just pedigrees.
TTCA Performance Awards

Claire reported that Mary Frances Martin, a leading agility and obedience participant, asked her as to what would be needed to create a new TTCA Versatility Award as proposed by the TTCA Awards Committee. Ron wants to be sure that the award includes all events. Sandy said that she thinks it is. Dogs awarded at least a first level title in three different AKC or other titling venues that accept Tibetan Terrier performance events will be eligible for the TTCA Versatility Award. The information must be sent by the dog’s owner to the TTCA Awards Committee (just as other awards are) in order to receive the award.

For a TTCA Performance Dog or TTCA Versatile Companion Dog Award, the performance events being considered at this time are: Obedience (CD), Rally (RN), Agility (NA, NAJ, NAP, NIP), Barn Hunt (RATN), Tracking (TD), Herding (AHBA), AKC Herding Started title or AHBA (American Herding Breeds Association), Junior Herding Dog.

For a TTCA Performance Dog Excellent or TTCA Versatile Companion Dog Excellent the following events being considered at this time are: Obedience (CDX); Rally; Agility (AJP, AX, AXJ, AXP); Barn Hunt (RATO); Tracking (TDX); and Herding (AKC herding intermediate titles and AHBA herding Trial Dog Level 1).

Betsy moved that the TTCA modify our awards procedures to include the new TTCA Versatile Companion Dog title at both a beginning and advanced level. Rob seconded the motion and all voted in approval.

There was some discussion as to whether or not to include the AKC Good Citizen titles (CGC and CGCA) as one of the titles acceptable for the TTCA Versatility Award. Members decided that the TTCA must create a specific event list so all know what events are available. Other events to be looked into as possible additions include: fly ball, fast time agility novice, dock diving and therapy dog. Nose work and freestyle are not AKC events at this time. Betsy said that we can work with the events available now and revisit the issue annually to add more events as they become AKC events. Mary Martin will be asked to make a complete list of possible AKC title events that can be used to earn this award. The award will be made retroactive. The award will be dated as 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 will be a TTCA title, not an AKC title. This topic will be finalized at the next TTCA Board Meeting teleconference.

Ron asked for a volunteer to put this information in the newsletter once it is complete. Claire volunteered to do it.

Members briefly discussed updating the Procedural Manual. Ron will check out any changes to be made and get in touch with Janet who will follow up with David VanPelt.

Owner’s Manual

Gale Mattison and members discussed whether the Owner’s Manual should be updated or completely redone. Stacey suggested that the manual be posted on the website as a section of articles in an owners’ place for all to peruse. This might make the TTCA more relevant to pet owners. We currently have nothing available for new puppy owners. A breeder recently requested several copies to hand out to her puppy buyers.

Ron felt the content was good but that some would need updating as basic information has greatly changed over the years in such areas as nutrition. Some articles are over 20 years old. The manual is a historical document that was last updated in 2002. Board members generally agreed that the manual should be kept. Betsy suggested asking for help at the annual meeting on Thursday. Paul said that if the club posts the manual on the TTCA website, video tutorials could become a part of it.

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A member suggested asking Gail Toracinta to oversee updating the Owner’s Manual. Gale said that he will ask her. The Board does not want to rewrite the manual but rather for someone to lead the way to update it.

The original template is lost; however, we can scan a manual and reproduce it, either online or in print. The material would need to be scanned into a PDF file and posted. Sandy felt it would not be difficult to post online; however, a difference in processing programs may pose some problems. Sandy has a way to scan and post so that the printing will be clear. It needs to be done so we end up with a text file to post. Sandy and Betsy both have the Acrobat program that can make the changes. One article will be tested to see if it can be posted, and, if so, the remaining articles will be posted.

Board members were charged with thinking of ways to make the annual meeting and the three evening meals more attractive to the membership. We will have more opportunities at Peek ‘n Peak for a larger variety of fun events. Pee Wee Juniors, which is Junior Showmanship for very young children, was suggested.

**Future National Specialties**

Gale began a discussion about where to hold our TTCA National Specialty shows in the future. Future shows must be in a hotel or we will lose money each year on the event. This year, TTCA “ran into a wall” and had to make do. Flossie volunteered to put this year’s event together. Gale mentioned that someone said we need a committee to find a locale each year. Rene mentioned the Lancaster venue as a great show site. Claire mentioned that the TTCA National Specialty had been held there in 2005 in a gymnasium type building. Gale said we still need someone to step up and chair our future shows. We need a show chair for 2019. Betsy mentioned allowing the chair to show his/her dog as we made the earlier exception for Joyce Lak. Gale cautioned that it must depend on the role of the chair and her relationship with the judge. Not showing the chair’s dog is a courtesy—not an AKC rule.

Ron asked if there were any items the Board thought he should bring forth at the Annual Meeting. He read off the list that had been compiled. Claire mentioned asking Valarie Barber to speak about her experience judging Futurity this year. She also asked Ron to formally present the Alice Murphy Trophy to the Grand Futurity Winner.

Ron asked for the Life Time Membership certificate to present to Sue Carr. Betsy said that she has the framed certificate and will bring it to the membership meeting. Claire asked to formally present the Alice Murphy Trophy to the Grand Futurity Winner.

Ron recessed the meeting at 5:35 PM and scheduled it to resume immediately following the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting on April 28. The board planned to convene in the same room as the membership meeting.

**Day 2**

The TTCA Board Meeting reconvened on Thursday, April 28, 2016 immediately following the TTCA Annual Membership Meeting. Board members present were in attendance: Ron Panklewicz, Betsy Richards, Paul Douglass, Amy Soderman, Janet Slothower, Sharon Hurd, Rob Smith, Sandy White, Gale Mattison, Rene Stamm, and Claire Coppola.

Ron reported that had spoken with Bay Colony TT Club Secretary Jackie Faust to inquire if the club is interested in hosting the 2019 TTCA National Specialty, which will require board approval if the club agrees to host.

The five members selected for the Nominating Committee have been contacted and asked to serve. Betsy Greaves, Ken Edmunds, Jerry Gross, Janet Slothower and Flossie Barczewski have accepted. If she accepts, Sheryl Getman will be the alternate. Ken will chair the committee.

Claire expressed a concern that suggestions for developing a stronger club membership are
unclear. Rene will lead a task force focused on increasing TTCA membership.

Claire also wanted to clarify whether we had established a task force to bring the TTCA Breeder List and TTCA Responsible Breeders requirements into agreement with each other and with the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) requirements. Stacey suggested that Brenda Brown chair a task force looking into the disjoint between the two lists. Brenda has already completed half of the work. She has looked into CHIC requirements, requirements for the TTCA Breeder List and recommendations made by the TTCA Health Committee. She was chair when the TTCA Constitution was revised and has been doing much of the work with the breeders’ requirements. Ron will ask her if she will lead up this task force.

Ron suggested that Pat Carroll, who lives in California, as a possible editor to replace Elise Kind as the TTCA newsletter editor. Pat is retired has a degree in journalism and has previously produced newsletters. Ron is going to ask Elise to contact Pat. 

Editor’s note: Pat assumed editorial responsibility to produce The TT Times in August.

Sandy raised a question about the TTCA logo. Since the TTCA is in the process of renewing the copyright on the original logo, does the club want to make any revisions to the logo? The members decided that because, the logo is traditional, there have been no concerns raised about the logo and because it would be difficult to gain a consensus on any changes, the current logo would remain as is. Ron called for a motion to approve all of the committee reports as submitted to the Board.

Rob moved that the committee reports be approved. Sandy seconded the motion. All agreed and the motion passed.

Amy gave a brief summary of her plans as club Treasurer. She wants to separate the membership duties from the Treasurer’s job. She has experience in the automation of website databases and would like to do more. She can build websites, create forms to be filled out online and streamline online material. She would like to put the pedigrees online. Amy has a Master’s Degree in tax accounting and said that her greatest concern is finding the time to do all that she desires.

Ron cautioned that the TTCA Constitution and Procedural Manual need to be checked before any changes are made. Any changes in the Procedural Manual must be approved prior to making any changes. If the TTCA Constitution requires the club to send information via mail, we cannot send it by email. To amend the TTCA Constitution is a lengthy process.

The question arose as how to showcase our TT talent. Betsy asked for ideas to attract more members to the TTCA National Specialty: e.g., social events that the club can offer for all TT owners. One member suggested allowing dogs that did not participate in the agility competition play on the equipment at the conclusion of the trial. This was done at a Camp Hill show a few years ago and all participants had a great time.

Ron asked if anyone had other business to bring before the board. As no one had further business, Ron asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rene moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rob seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hurd, Recording Secretary
IT’S NOT TOO LATE!

You still have time to sponsor a trophy for the 2017 Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) National Specialty. And it’s never been easier.

All you have to fill out the Trophy Sponsorship Form on page 31 then write a check or use PayPal at the TTCA Online Store. All contributions will be used for the purchase of trophies or awards for the 2017 TTCA National Specialty. The TTCA will credit donors in the specialty show catalog. Make checks payable to TTCA and mail to:

TTCA Trophy Fund  
c/o Kim Lenox  
6 Alan Okell Place  
Cranford, NJ 07016  
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Biographies

Club Officer & Board Member Nominees

The Nominating Committee for the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) Program Year 2017-18 comprised of Nominating Committee Chair Ken Edmonds and Nominating Committee members Gerald Gross, Flossie Barczeski, Janet Slothower, Betsy Greaves and Sheryl Getman nominated a slate of officers and directors. The slate is uncontested.

The following biographies provide an opportunity to get to know the future TTCA officers and board members.

President
Betsy Richards, New York

I am extremely honored to have been nominated to serve as President of the TTCA. I have enjoyed being the 1st Vice President for the past 5 years. Prior to that I had been on the Board of Directors. I have also served as the Awards Chairman for the past 6 years, as the Trophy Chairman for the 2008 TTCA National Specialty, and the Auction Chairman for the 2007 TTCA National Specialty. I am currently the Show Chairman for the 2017 TTCA National Specialty.

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 conformation back in 2001 and agility in 2006. I had my first litter in 2005 and have since earned the honor of achieving a Register 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 I will have a lot more to learn to fill this position but I feel it is important to continue to serve a community that has become such an important part of my life.

1st Vice President
Rob Smith, California

I want to thank the nominating committee for my nomination. It would be an honor to serve the TTCA in this new capacity.

I have been involved in K-12 private education for almost 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, CH Malishar’s Na’Chung Kumuda, in 2007 and joined the TTCA shortly thereafter, attending my first TTCA National Specialty in Syracuse in 2008. We welcomed our first litter in 2012. And this summer my daughter started showing in AKC Junior Showmanship! I have also thoroughly enjoyed the mentorship of Ron and Margaret Pankiewicz. 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.

2nd Vice President
Paul Douglass, Pennsylvania

I attended Albright College where I received a BS in Biology and Chemistry and then medical school at Thomas Jefferson.
BRING DEEP EXPERIENCE WITH TIBETANS

University. I completed an OB/GYN residency at York Hospital where I practiced for 40 years, retiring three years ago. Our children pestered us for years to get a dog, so one day we saw an attractive dog walking on the beach and later found out it was a TT. My love affair with our breed began! With Gayle Nittler’s tutelage, we helped our puppy Raggs grow into a fantastic pet, and we enjoyed being members of the TTCA as pet owners. Our membership lapsed after Raggs died of old age.

After living without a Tibetan for a few years, we obtained a rescue boy who seemed sad and withdrawn. At the 2005 TTCA National Specialty in Lancaster Pennsylvania, the unanimous verdict—which turned out to be correct—was that he needed an alpha bitch.

A few years later, we visited a local breeder to looking for a puppy. One in particular seemed to like my wife Cindy. Mia became ours and we had our third pet TT.

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2017 TTCA Candidate Officer and Director Biographies

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A year or so later—although we were just groomers and cheerleaders—our breeder asked us to co-own a TT male that the breeder intended to show in conformation. Hesitantly, we entered the show dog world. It turned out to be so much fun! I met so many wonderful people and their dogs. It has been amazing how complex and challenging it can be to breed, raise and show a dog! It has been so educational to learn more detail about the process, especially at the national specialty shows I have attended.

At the 2014 TTCA National Specialty in Loveland, Colorado, I received a sportsmanship award for rendering emergency and long-term medical care rendered to one of our members while she was in York, Pennsylvania.

As a member of the TTCA Board of Directors, I will work tirelessly to promote our breed and represent breeders and owners of show dogs and pets.

**Corresponding Secretary**

Janet Slothower, South Carolina

I want to thank the nominating committee for my nomination as Corresponding Secretary for TTCA. I accept this nomination and look forward to working in this capacity should I be elected. I have been the Corresponding Secretary the few years and have enjoyed the opportunity to serve TTCA. We are members of the Nashville kennel Club and the Augusta Kennel club. My husband Jay and I live in Aiken, South Carolina with our seven Tibetans and two cats. We got our first Tibetan and show dog in 2007 from Susan and Gary Carr who have been great mentors and friends. Our first TT is BISS Silver GCH GH Salishan Princess of The Wind CGCA AOM (Abbi-Gale) who has been a top Tibetan since she was 6 months old. We also have CH Salishan Spice Girl (Posh) who after she got her championship is now working in obedience and rally. We now have three of Abbi-Gale’s puppies and one of Posh’s that we are showing in conformation. I am retired from real estate and mortgage banking. My husband Jay works for AT&T. In a previous life, I was an animal technician and raised German Shepherds and Golden Retrievers. I also showed horses for many years.

**Recording Secretary**

Sharon Hurd, North Carolina

No biography submitted.

**Treasurer**

Amy Sodeman, California

I am excited to accept the nomination for Treasurer. Last year I began working with the TTCA Board as your Treasurer. I have been impressed with the numerous accomplishments of our dedicated leadership and for their support this past year. As an active accountant for more than 28 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity 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 as 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.

Board of Directors
Elected for Two-Year Term

Krista Johnson, Iowa
Many thanks to the Nominating Committee; the nomination is truly an honor.

I joined TTCA in 2005 when I got my first Tibetan Terrier from Linda Bofenkamp, who took a chance on a true novice. I had previously dabbled in obedience and agility but became instantly enamoured with conformation when Junebug made winning seem easy. As it so often does, one TT led to a second, which led to breeding and more showing. With the help of many mentors along the way, I have since finished three dogs of my own breeding and enjoyed showing Junebug kids and grandkids.

Outside of dogs, I am a teacher of troubled youth and mother of a 23-year-old young man.

I currently serve as Legislative Liaison for TTCA and the Waterloo Kennel Club (WKC). I believe that democracy works best when people are well-informed, so I welcome the task of sharing information. I am also show chair for WKC and arranged TT-supported entries at our show the last two years. I hope to be able to give back to the club and the breed that has brought me so much joy.

Karen B. Tromblee, Florida
I am honored to accept the Nominating Committee’s selection to serve on the TTCA Board of Directors. My husband, Jim, and I live in Sun City Center, Florida with two TTs. My previous life was that of a superintendent of schools and adjunct professor in New York.

I have been involved in the sport of purebred dogs since 1969. My Old English Sheepdogs (OES), Bearded Collies, English Setters and Tibetan Terriers have been successfully handled professionally and by me in the conformation ring acquiring Multiple Best in Show (MBIS), Multiple Best in Specialty Show (MBISS) and group placements in the United States and Canada.

Believing a dog should have titles at “both ends,” I have also attained AKC titles in obedience, rally, herding, and therapy dogs.

In 1979 I met my first Tibetan Terrier—Ch. Ka-Ba’s Tackleton Joshua—owned by my OES friend, Jay Lamb.

Rescue has always been a passion. I founded Old English Sheepdog Club of America (OESCA) Rescue and Welfare and fostered many OESs. The loss of my last OES rescue—Bosley—led to my first TT and the TTCA in 2009. I am forever grateful to my mentor Joyce Ayotte for guiding me to find the perfect breed.

My involvement in dogs in the past has allowed me to serve as national chair of OESCA Rescue; vice president of the Bearded Collie Club of America (BCCA); board member of New England Old English Sheepdog Rescue (NEOESR) and Clinton County Canine Club; teaching obedience; and volunteering at Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Today, as a member of Paws for Friendship, Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada (TTCC), TTCA, OESCA, NEOESR, active participant at the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg, and in the American Kennel Club (AKC) National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS), my commitment to dogs continues.
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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

**Associate Member Applicants**

Kimberly Lenox of Cranford, New Jersey currently owns two Tibetan Terriers, and has recently started exhibiting one in confirmation. She is an owner-handler and her teenage daughter is showing in juniors. She is interested in joining the club to become more knowledgeable and involved with the breed. She currently has no interest in becoming a breeder. Her sponsors are Claire Coppola and Stacy LaForge/Gerald Gross.

Kathy Fogarty of Seal Beach, California is a former TTCA member who is reapplying after her membership lapsed in 2013. She owns three Tibetan Terriers and is currently a breeder and an exhibitor in confirmation. She has bred about 20 litters over the past 20+ years, including one in the last year, and a total of 3 in the past 5 years. Bette LaPoca and Diane DeLaRosa mentored her. Her sponsors are David Murray and Marian Murphy.

**Regular Member Applicant**

Earl Miller of Sioux City, Iowa has been an Associate member since December 2015. Earl currently owns nine Tibetan Terriers, two of whom live with him, and the others with family and friends. He has exhibited Tibetan Terriers for 15 years, has bred approximately 25 litters with two litters in the last year and nine litters over the past five years. Earl is a member of his local kennel club and also volunteers at his local animal shelter. Krista Johnson and Tammy Marshall mentored him. He would like to become a Regular Member of the TTCA in order to have a voting option and possibly hold office at some point.

**Comments Welcome**

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:

TTCA Membership Chair
Vicki Hawkins
23577 Darkhorse Drive
Auburn CA 95602
(530) 268-9150
vrhawkins@hotmail.com

**Attention Sponsors**

The application forms can be confusing, SO PLEASE CHECK IN WITH YOUR SPONSOREES to help ensure that they understand the questions and complete the forms correctly. Your Membership Chair thanks you!

By Vicki Hawkins
Trophy Sponsorship Form

Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA)
2017 National Specialty
Show your support by donating to your favorite class or to the General Trophy Fund.

Donor Information (please print)

Name
Billing address
City, ST Zip Code
Phone 1 | Phone 2
Email

Please check one:

☐ I (we) wish to donate a total of $_________ to the General Trophy Fund.

☐ I (we) prefer to sponsor a specific class (or classes). My preference is:

1.

2.

If the class you choose is spoken for, may we substitute another? Please check yes or no.

☐ YES  ☐ NO

My contribution is in the form of: ☐ check ☐ Pay Pal via TTCA Online Store

Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) (e.g. kennel or business) in all acknowledgements: _______

☐ I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

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Signature(s)                Date

Make checks payable to TTCA National Specialty and send to:

TTCA Trophy Fund
C/o Kim Lenox
6 Alan Okell Place
Cranford, NJ 07016
kilenox@verizon.net
(908) 499-1197

December 2016
Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club
Specialty Show Results

The Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club dedicated the October 23, 2016 Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club Specialty to the memory of the club’s President, Nina Wagner, who passed away early in the morning on the day of the show. A widely acclaimed Tibetan Terrier breeder for 40 years under her kennel name, Shalimar, Nina bred 82 champions and mentored countless other Tibetan Terrier breeders. Rest in peace, Nina.

JUDGE: Ms. Sally A. Birgl

TIBETAN TERRIERS. Sweepstakes, Junior, 12 & Under 15 Months Dogs

/BOSSW 33 LYRAC AUTUMN'S SHINNING LIGHT, NP 41207701, 10-09-15
By GCH Bluvali Brouhaha - GCH Lyrac's Mild Winds Of Winter.
Owner: Vanessa Majkut & Steven Majkut & Caryl Crouse, Upton, MA 01568. Breeder: Caryl Crouse.

TIBETAN TERRIERS. Sweepstakes, Puppy, 6 & Under 9 Months Bitches

1/BSW 14 SALISHAN TEACHER'S PET, NP 42284901, 03-05-16
By GCH Alliah Real McHoy For Siddhartha - GCH Salishan's My Special Angel.

JUDGE: Ms. Stacey La Forge

TIBETAN TERRIERS. 12 & Under 18 Months Dogs

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TIBETAN TERRIERS. Open Bitches

JUDGE: Ms. Stacey La Forge

1/W/BW (3 Points) 26 BLUVALI ESCAPADE, NP 38116901, 05-20-14
By GCH Bluvali Intrepid - Ch Bluvali Causin' A Scene.
(Patricia Martello, Agent).

TIBETAN TERRIERS. Best of Breed Competition

JUDGE: Ms. Stacey La Forge
3rd Tibetan Terrier Earns NACSW Level 2 Nose Work Title

Tibicinan Patricia Jolie “Sisu” passed her National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) Nose Work 2 (NW2) trial on November 12, TTCA member and Sisu’s owner-handler Amy Soderman reported.

This level of competition requires finding two different scents, a qualifying trial of 100 points and no more than three faults. Sisu finished with no faults and a 12th place out of 38 dogs. Sisu is the third Tibetan Terrier to date to achieve this title.

A nose work trial is exciting. It is a great test of your team skills, reading your dog and trusting that she is correct. Your dog is using its nose the way that she would in nature. Dogs and handlers gain great confidence doing this sport. You and your dog are judged solely on your skills. The sport is not subjective.

Steps to Competing
You will need to register yourself as a member of the NACSW and register your dog as a Canine Member.

You will also need to train an Odor Recognition Test, enter it and pass all odors in preparation for a trial.

Then you can sign-up to enter a NW trial.

The first official NACSW trial was held in January 2009 in southern California. Since then there have been more than 135 trials in 17 states. NACSW K9 Nose Work trials have earned a reputation for being an exciting, supportive venue to compete with your dog.

Visit www.nacsw.net for more details.  

Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club

Specialty Results

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TT Romp 2016 Keeps the “Fun” in Fundraiser

More than 50 Tibetan Terriers and Mollie—a Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen and honorary TT who lives with one—led their people across the San Francisco Peninsula and San Francisco-Monterey Bay areas to the 12th annual TT Romp fundraiser and frolic at Purisima Park in Los Altos, California. Organized by TTCA member Elissa Hirsh, the 3-hour October 8 potluck picnic-social raised $500 for the TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION. Attendees spread out blankets and propped up lawn chairs across the park’s gated baseball field, which in the Indian summer sun provided the perfect backdrop for TTs young and old, large and small to cavort with their human families.

Kate Kluetmeier helped monitor the food tables and clean up; she works closely with TTCA Rescue Program Coordinator Camille Manfredonia. Kate’s new boy, Winslow, is a rescue from that program. Nina Herrera Ortiz and her husband Jose Ortiz come early every year from San Francisco to set up receptacles and pooper bags and help ready the field.

“This was their anniversary, and they still came down for as long as they could,” said Elissa. “They were incredible.”

Bonnie Giffin’s show male, Reign. A TT Romp rule excludes intact males over six months of age. So Reign’s presence was an experiment, because Bonnie said he was “very mellow.” And he was a complete gentleman! Top right: Andy Tabbat with Lola. Bottom: Manuela Zoccolillo with Anastasia, Maya, and Kira.
Kate Kluetmeier, Nina Herrera Ortiz, Elissa Hirsh and Lindsay Van Sant. All photos courtesy of Elissa Hirsch.

Elissa credits her friend Lindsay Van Sant with the inspiration for the first TT romp 13 years ago. “Lindsay and I have known each other since before I got my first TT,” said Elissa. “When I went to visit her and her dog, Sadie (RIP) and it was her idea to do the first romp. She has been my right hand person since the beginning.”

Each attendee pays $5 to cover costs of field rental and insurance and some supplies (most of which Elissa donates), but many people give more because it’s a fundraiser for the TTHWF.

“Many people give $10 or $20 instead of $5, and a few give $50 or $100,” said Elissa. “I forfeit what I pay for insurance and field rental as my contribution. I don't reimburse myself so it goes toward the total.”

By Pat Carroll

Big boy Simon (center) tells the pack, “Wait for it…wait for it.”

Elaine Norwood Lingle and Savannah. Pretty girl Tashi loves to party.
Multiple Agility Champion diagnosed with cancer two weeks after MACH 6 title

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“It was a shock, but I am glad I caught it in time,” said Mary Frances.

The surgeon gave the intrepid Tibetan Terrier a less-than-30-percent chance of coming out of surgery. “Corey had two blood transfusions, and the surgeon said he would be hospitalized 4-5 days,” she said. “But he came home 18 hours later. He is a fighter!

Mary Frances is hopeful that the chemo-therapy and new supplements will give her more time with him. “I am hoping for 6 months but would love longer,” she said.

You can write to Corey and Mary Frances at POPSTIXS@msn.com

By Pat Carroll

Club web site, Facebook page and The TT Times Take on New Style

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“Please let us know about any glitches, as this will be a newly built website,” Sandy said. “We hope to add more photos of TTs, but we have a policy of not using show photos or photos of dogs currently in competition, except on the specialty results pages.”

TTCA Web Site Technical Advisor Steve Layten created the first TTCA website in 2003. Sandy revised the look in 2007 and has updated and expanded the website since. Steve continues to write scripts for specialized items for the website, such as the roster, and most recently, to provide fillable forms (the Litter Nomination Form and the Individual Dog Form) for the TTCA FuturityStakes.

The Volunteers

Sandy has been a graphic designer for “way too many years” and has been creating webpages since 1998. Sandy designs the advertisements for the annual TTCA Yearbook and Journal and has created logos for TTCA national specialties.

Sheryl has worked and been educated in writing, speaking and journalism. She has illustrated several TTCA national specialty events, advertisements and The Breeders’ Manual for the club. Sheryl studied art in New York City. She is a certified Mac Pro. Sheryl carries a reminder on her daily calendar. The reminder rings a bell and says, “Be Creative, Innovative, and Optimistic.”

Pat is a veteran writer and editor. She joined the TTCA in 2016 and took on editorial production of The TT Times in August. By Sheryl Getman & Sandy White