

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM EST on March 5, 2022 by Karen Tromblee, club President. Members in attendance were: Flossie Barczewski, Sheryl Getman, Lynne Fardell, Sharon Hurd, Jim Lenchner, Mary Ann Griffin, Deidre Philpot, Ron Pankiewicz, and Amy Crane. Krista Johnson was unable to attend. Stacey LaForge, AKC Delegate was also in attendance.

Prior to the meeting formally being called to order, Fran Kridakorn gave a brief report pertaining to the 2022 National Specialty. 248 of the required 250 room nights are booked. There have been 3 changes in judges. She is awaiting the premium proof. Only a few dinner selection forms have been returned at this time. She is providing incentives to encourage members to order dinners. Some non-TTCA people have made plans to attend.

Jane Goodell, chair for the 2023 National Specialty also gave a brief summary of her progress. Most of the committee heads have been named. 13 months remain before the show. It will be the 50th anniversary of the TTCA recognition by AKC. the show will take place in Maryland. The event will be held in Baltimore at the Delta Hotel by Marriott. The dates are April 23–28, 2023.

Karen said that she would convey any questions members had for the show chairs, if they so desired.

Flossie moved that the agenda for the evening be approved. Mary Ann seconded the motion and all voted in approval

Amy moved that the minutes of the previous meeting (Nov. 15, 2021) be approved. Jim seconded the motion. All voted in approval.

Sharon reported that the postcards announcing the Board Officers' and Directors nominated for the 2022–2023 year per the nominating committee had been mailed. The postcards were \$75 and the postage was \$68.

Karen has sent the Board members a calendar highlighting the TTCA's deadlines for various activities; special events such as the Annual Board Meeting, Annual Membership Meeting and the National Specialty and planned Regionals.

Flossie moved that the calendar be approved. Sharon seconded the motion and all voted in approval.

Karen welcomed Lynne Fardell and Deidre Philpot, our two new Board members. Lynne is the new Corresponding Secretary and Deidre is a director.

Flossie reported on the committees who report to her.

She hopes to fill the chair position for the Performance Committee soon.

Committee reports are due at the end of the month and should be sent to Lynne Fardell. It was recommended that Lynne put the reports into a dropbox, making the reports available to all Board Members. Lynne will work with Sheryl on this.

Sheryl reported on the committees reporting to her.

Publishing is currently running smoothly.

The Newsletter chair is having some glitches with people who email her. If someone can't contact her by email ([virginia@virginiamann.com](mailto:virginia@virginiamann.com)), they should try to call her phone. The deadline for incoming information is the 15th of the month.

The Newsletter should arrive near the 1st of the month.

The Journal was finished with no problems.

Owners' Manual has had some changes made to update it. A "Puppy Kit" page has been added. This is a basket of downloads dealing with puppy issues. Breed information is also being added and "Showsight" articles are going to be added. Membership She is working to find an assistant for Amy.

There is a plan to add a page for the "Gazette" articles that are submitted to AKC.

The National Specialty website is in good order. Information from the NS photographer has been added.

Diane Waggoner is creating a new section for stud dog on "Breeder Referral"

Sheryl will work to get the Ambassadors Program onto the website.

Sheryl is working with Jane Goodell to add the 2023 National Specialty information as it becomes available.

Sheryl praised the committee chairs reporting to her for their hard work, saying she appreciates their commitment to their jobs. She asks that all club members treat committee chairs with respect.

Stacey reported that she has been working with Sheryl to revise the health information on the website. A health tab (Overview) will be added including: News, Resources, and Topics of Interest. This information will be added once the Board has reviewed the information.

A new OFA health survey has been formulated and will be put on the website for members to refer to.

A Health Testing page, listing the TTCA required and recommended tests plus an list of optional tests available will be a part of the Health information.

At the June, Annual Board Meeting, Stacey recommends that the Board discuss whether some of the optional tests should become required tests. Previously the list of health tests to be performed before breeding a TT were sent to AKC as recommended.

Anyone with thoughts pertaining to testing should contact Stacey.

Sharon moved that the health informational pages as presented by Stacey be approved and activated on the TTCA website. Deidre seconded the motion. All voted in favor with the exception of Flossie who abstained as she had not had time to preview the information.

Stacey reminded all to please fill out the OFA Health Survey when it comes out. A note will be put in the Newsletter reminding all members to fill out the survey. Members who have bred a dog, should please contact their puppy buyers and ask them to fill out the health survey as well. There will be a special Newsletter sent out concerning the Health pages. Email blasts to all members have been discontinued.

Karen asked Lynne to update the TTCA officers and directors with AKC. Club information sent to the Pennsylvania Department of State also needs to be updated.

Jim reported that the treasury is in good order.

177 members have renewed their membership as of now. This is about the same number as at this time last year. He will see that members are reminded that dues are due. Members can pay using "PayPal".

Amy will continue to research the possibility of allowing Board members to use electronic voting rather than "snail mail" when returning membership ballots. Currently TTCA does not require anonymous voting by the Board for membership ballots.

Sheryl noted that AKC is allowing electronic voting, however they would like for the club by-laws to reflect this method of voting within a year of adopting electronic voting.

Flossie reminded the Board that the State of TTCA's incorporation must also allow electronic voting. Ron said that Pennsylvania does allow electronic voting.

Karen plans to have the electronic voting issue resolved at the June meeting.

At issue is determining which members have voted and also being sure that only eligible members voted when using electronic voting. Some platforms can control this information. Flossie and Sheryl will share the method in which, their all breed clubs have handled this.

There is an upcoming AKC Delegates meeting scheduled. There are three persons running for the AKC Board. There is an ongoing push to encourage more people to breed their dogs and to breed responsibly.

TT's are now considered a "low entry breed" by AKC. This can mean lesser qualified judges at shows as there are fewer requirements for judges' judging low entry breeds.

AKC "Meet the Breeds" events locations are a changing entity. AKC is currently offering stipends of \$500 dollars for three dogs and \$800 for 5 dogs being exhibited at a "Meet the Breeds" event. Mary Ann and Karen are participating in an event in April.

Karen has three AKC Good Sportsmanship awards on hand. The Board will decide if one or three awards should be given out in 2022. The protocol has been for one per year, however during the pandemic none were given out in 2020 and 2021.

Board members should have recipients in mind when they meet in Florida.

Recipients must be a member of TTCA.

Karen suggested that Rob and Stacey also be a part of this selection process. This is our chance to honor our hard working volunteers.

The Annual Board meeting is currently scheduled for June 11, 2022 at 8:30 AM, lasting until approximately 5:00 Pm. Anyone wishing to add an item to the agenda should contact Karen.

Awards handed out at the Annual Meeting have been curtailed. A new shortened list has been formulated. There will no longer be an accompanying booklet. A list of the TTCA awards being handed out will be published in the Newsletter. There is the possibility of putting a flyer, listing the awards being given out, on each dining tables. See list at the end of the minutes. Sheryl will ask Nancy to create something for the tables

All of the awards which would have been distributed during the 2020 and 2021 National Specialties have been mailed to recipients.

Sheryl is concerned with Breeder Referral. She would like to see more member interest in being added to the list of qualified breeders. She would like to be able to pin point the concerns keeping more breeders from signing up. She would like to see more “young” breeders involved. Deidre has some ideas she will share with Sheryl.

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