

The TTCA Board meeting was called to order on October 10, 2022, at 7:30 PM EST by President, Karen Tromblee.

Additional board members in attendance were: Flossie Barczewski (1st VP), Sheryl Getman (2nd VP), Lynne Fardell (Corresponding Sec), Sharon Hurd (recording sec), Jim Lenchner (treasurer), Krista Johnson, Amy Crane, Deidre Philpot, Ron Pankiewicz. Stacey LaForge (AKC delegate) and Rob Smith (National Show Advisor) were also in attendance. Camille Manfredonia joined the meeting at 8:00.

Flossie moved that the proposed agenda for the evening be approved. Jim seconded the motion and all agreed.

Deidre noted that she would like to include a health test clinic at the National Specialty. Flossie is hoping to hold a small health clinic during the 2023 NS. A veterinarian is required to perform the tests and to sign the paperwork. Jim would like to see Baer hearing tests included as they are difficult to find.

Karen let the Board members know the Mary Ann's sister is ill.

Jim gave a financial report concerning the 2022 NS held in Tampa. The club lost \$1,126.96 on the event. Otherwise, the club is in good financial standing.

The club CPA would like for the Board to sign off on the 2021 tax forms. He presented the draft tax forms to the board.

Jim is retiring at the end of this fiscal year, March 1, 2022- February 28, 2023. He will give the records to the incoming treasurer.

Jim would like to learn how to enter a new member's information into the TTCA on-line database. A new member's check is entered into quick books.

Karen thanked Jim for all of his hard work and for taking on the responsibilities of the treasurer's job.

Ron asked about the loss of \$11,000 for the year. It is not clear what the loss actually pertains to (came from old records). It is thought that it was for expensed out items. Jim will look further into the matter with the CPA.

Sheryl made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 draft tax form submitted by the CPA through Jim. Jim seconded the motion. All voted in approval.

Jim is looking into the possibility that Rescue owed the club money. Grants from rescue to TTCA.

Lynne reported on the status of the breeder Referral Committee. The committee has been meeting every two weeks since the NS in June.

The Committee had several recommendations. They would like to rebrand the Committee as "Breeders' Support", with the old name also appearing on the website to avoid confusion. Breeders would be listed as TTCA Accredited Breeders.

The "Breeders Support" section will have three branches: Breeder Accreditation (replacing Breeder Referral), Breeder Education and Resources. The Breeder Accreditation section will appear on the public portion of the website. The Breeder Education and Resources branches will appear on the "Members Only" portion of the website.

This will be a committee that works together. One person will not be making decisions as has been done in the past.

The committee will deal with complaints concerning a breeder from the list. Serious complaints concerning a breeder will be sent to the Board especially in the event of a possible removal from the "Accredited Breeder's" list.

To be included on the list of accredited breeders a breeder must use CHIC approved dogs when breeding. This includes tests: patella, hip, Baer, DNA (PLL, NCL, PRA 3 and 4, RCDC 4). Any dog under 10 years old can be CHIC'ed.

If using frozen semen, different rules will apply as obviously a deceased dog cannot be tested for certain ailments.

Breeding of non-compliant litters will be reported.

Breeders will have to agree to the new breeder guidelines. In the future, there will not be a monetary charge in order to be on the list of TTCA Accredited breeders. Breeders on the list will need to sign a new agreement. Breeders on the list will have a logo to put on their websites. For the remainder of this year and the following year, the old application forms will be allowed. Breeders will need to re-sign the Breeders health guidelines agreement and the TTCA code of ethics form.

Amy commended Lynne for a well rounded presentation.

Lynne will put an article in the Newsletter announcing these changes, noting that the dogs are the heart and soul of the club. As breeders need some warning as to the changes, there will be a series of two forms to allow breeders to adjust to the changes. The forms will be downloadable and able to be completed by computer. Once a CHIC number is acquired, the breeder will need only to fill in the registration number, the sire and dame registered name and their CHIC numbers. After that, going to the OFA site will have the health information on those dogs.

The Procedural Manual will need to be updated with these changes.

The committee has been composed of: Stacey, Sheryl, Lynne, Flossie and Deidre.

Flossie moved that the board approve the TTCA Breeder Support Committee's recommendations, that the committee move forward with its recommendations and that the Procedural Manual be changed to reflect the changes.

Krista seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Sharon moved that Lynne be named as the Breeder Support Committee chair person. Karen seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Krista moved that the Board moved into an executive session at 8:16 PM. Ron Seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The executive session ended at 8:49 PM

Ron gave a brief summary of the request from Don Evans, representing the Lhasa Apso club, to hold a joint NS with TTCA. Their club is experiencing difficulty with expenses. They usually have fewer than 100 entries at their NS. They are interested in holding a joint NS in 2025 somewhere on the east coast. Their club will be having a meeting within the next month.

Ron was asked to contact Don their club president to determine just what they are proposing. If Don is going to Orlando, Karen may see him there and be able to chat with him.

Karen asked how the Board felt about requiring members to obtain a bid for any project, which was expected to be over a certain amount. The discussion noted that quality of the service and the cost both needed to be considered. Also that there should be some leeway allowed.

Jim moved that for any job or project costing \$500 or more should be submitted for bids. Lynne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Betsy Greaves, Yearbook editor will be notified of this decision.

Sheryl brought to the Board's attention that Sandy White has told her that only 1 ad has been submitted for the Journal now being put together. The deadline for this has been extended. The ads are important because they help defray the cost of the Journal. Sheryl and Sandy have volunteered to help create ads for those purchasing ads. Sheryl will put a notice in the Newsletter plus she is going to call of the owners of all Top 20 Dog for 2021. Sheryl volunteered to find out what the ad rates were and will let Board members know.

Several Board members said that they would send ads.

Jim moved that the board return to an executive session. Lynne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Jim moved to come out of the executive session. Krista seconded the motion. All voted in agreement.

The Board will need to meet again in November. Karen will send a selection of dates to Board members.

The agenda will include a discussion of ways to encourage members to send in their dues on time. The legality of raffles will also be discussed.

Flossie moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:23 PM

Lynne seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adjournment.