

A ZOOM TTCA board meeting was held on October 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM EST by Karen Tromblee, President  
Other Board members in attendance were: Flossie Barczewski (1st VP) Sheryl Getman (2nd VP), Lynne Fardell (Corresponding sec.), Sharon Hurd (rec. sec.), Jim Lenchner (treasurer) and Directors: Krista Johnson, Amy Crane, Ron Pankiewicz, Deidre Philpot. Stacey LaForge (AKC Delegate) and Rob Smith (TTCA National Show chairman) were also in attendance.

It was moved to begin the night in an executive session to discuss the rescue program.

The motion was agreed upon by all,

A motion was made and seconded to come out of the executive session at 8:07.  
all approved

Camille will be asked to attend the next meeting of the TTCA Board.

Ron moved to approve the agenda planned for the evening. Flossie seconded the motion and all voted in approval.

Jim moved to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2022 meeting as submitted. Amy seconded the motion. All voted in approval.

Rob brought information pertaining to the 2024 NS to the Board for discussion. Lauren Fox has sent him a list of alternative suggestions for the 2024 show.

Lauren would like to continue as NS Chair and with a show in Colorado, but will understand if the Board wishes to relocate the 2024 NS

The Colorado Springs All-Breed show she was hoping TTCA could connect with in Colorado Springs has been cancelled and will no longer be held in that locale, thus she is basically starting over.

Lauren would like to hold the event in Colorado Springs as that is where she lives.

She has found several all-breed shows being held within our time frame, all one to two hours from Colorado Springs. The same shows are 20 minutes to an hour and a half from the Denver area. Some would be scheduled pre NS and some post.

She has posed the possibility of TTCA holding two Regional Specialties at the NS rather than trying to connect with an all-breed show. One RS would be scheduled at the beginning of the event and one as the finale. If there is only one RS she would like to hold it at the beginning of the show rather than at the end.

April through September are the months with the most compatible weather for the event. Memorial Day through Labor Day are the high tourist season. She likes the months of June and September. Once the format and the dates are finalized, she will contact the selected judges (Dana Kline and Terry Dennison).

She hopes to include rally, obedience and agility events as part of the NS.

She has set a timeline for herself to:

set the show dates by Nov.1, (would like 2-3 options to present to Dana Kline)

She hopes to have visited the previously contacted hotels by Dec. 15 (she does have one Colorado Springs Hotel she is considering), for a visit and walk through

to have a signed contract with a hotel by January 15.

From January through April 2023 she will concentrate on the auction.

Debbie Lasher has agreed to be the event treasurer. Lauren has commitments from several people who will head the NS committees

During a Board discussion concerning the issues involved in planning the 2024 NS :

It was noted that the NS does not necessarily have to be paired with an all-breed show. This has been done most years and some exhibitors have remained for the all-breed show however many have departed following the club's NS conformation show or the Regional Specialty that has followed at the NS location. Several members mentioned that members come for the NS not the cluster it is connected to. It was questioned, whether the club might be better off scrapping the all-breed show and concentrating on a NS with the possibility of two Regional Specialties. Not connecting with an AB show would free up the days of the week when the NS can be held. The AB shows found as possibilities were all more than an hour's driving time from Colorado Springs. This would mean that exhibitors would probably want to change hotels following the NS events.

The NS is first and foremost an opportunity for club members to come together to renew old friendships, to form new friendships, to exhibit and to learn.

That the Annual meeting does not have to be held at the NS, only prior to October 1 of each year. It would be more difficult but the meeting could be held at a different date via Zoom or in the future at a site where many members would be congregated.

TTCA members indicated, on a club survey, that they like holding the NS in a hotel with a large ballroom. This requirement eliminates many smaller towns as they do not have hotels large enough to host the show. The cluster shows that were being considered are in small towns.

Some Board members preferred a metropolitan setting for the show as that would ensure that there was a major airport to fly into. Denver is more than one hour from Colorado Springs. Karen mentioned that the Denver Crown Plaza is no longer hosting dog shows. Flossie mentioned that when she flew into Denver for the Colorado show she attended, the host hotel sent a van to the airport to pick up exhibitors and their dogs. This is something to look into.

Board members expressed concerns that Colorado is an expensive tourist state. They were concerned that the hotel accommodations would be quite costly. High season extends from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Some members are reluctant to fly dogs during the summer months due to the heat. Thus due to summer heat and possible sky high hotel room rates, April and May should be considered as possible times to hold the NS.

Some Board members were concerned that one of Lauren's plans had the two proposed RS's and BISS on three back to back days. They felt that the three events should be broken up, so less stress on dogs and exhibitors.

Some questioned having enough volunteers to plan for and host two RS's. Lauren feels that holding a RS prior to the NS BISS would entice more exhibitors to attend the event.

Stacey cautioned that the hotel be selected and under contract prior to contacting the judges and having them sign new contracts. It was felt by all that the hotel selection and subsequent signed contract was the most important item to be addressed at this time.

Jim moved that the 2024 TTCA National Specialty continue to be held in Colorado. Sharon seconded the motion. All agreed.

Sharon moved that:

Lauren use her discretion when selecting a site and date for the 2024 National Specialty, strongly considering the Board recommendations that the show site be in the vicinity of an airport;

that the hotel site has an appropriate sized ballroom;

that the hotel room price and any ballroom rental fees be within reason;

that she follow the proposed format of 2 Regional Specialties being held with the NS BISS; that an all breed show connection is not of importance.

that the spring months especially, the months of April and May be strongly considered.

Krista seconded the motion. All voted in agreement.

Rob will let Lauren know that the Board would like for Lauren to remain as the 2024 NS Chair and that the hotel selection and contract is paramount to planning for the 2024 NS. He will also ask her to follow her proposed timeline. He will also let her know what items the Board would like for her to emphasize.

She submitted one plan showing the RS, BISS and RS on three consecutive days. It was thought that this might be difficult for the dogs.

Rob wanted to check the dates the Board preferred. Lauren had proposed a June or earlier time or waiting until fall.

Concern was expressed that the location and date be settled prior to contacting the judges to ensure that they are available on those dates.

Lynne gave a very brief report on the Breeder Referral committee. This will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Deidre reported on the Nominating Committee. The officers and directors chose to remain with the exception of Jim Lenchner, Treasurer, who has chosen to resign. Adria Martino has agreed to accept the nomination to serve in the position of Treasurer.

Ron noted the request from the Lhasa Apso club to host a joint National Specialty, possibly in 2025. This will be discussed at next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at this point.