

March 2010 - BTCA Board Meeting Highlights



1. The Board welcomed Treasurer Gene Hains.
2. The Forensic Audit is close to complete. The findings are expected to be handed over to the Lincoln, RI authorities within the next several weeks. Many thanks to Al Shaw, Gene Hains, Chris & Dale Schuur & Ray & Claudia Sharp for all their very hard work on completing this project.
3. As of 2/28/10, our total current assets are \$17,516.03.
4. As of 2/28/10, we had an income of \$2,905.00 on Barks subscriptions and \$770.00 for the Record.
5. Our application for the BT Rescue 501c(3) was approved by the IRS. Many thanks to Dale Schuur and Gene Hains for their hard work on setting this up and seeing it through to approval. The trustees are Barb Deevers, Gene Hains, Susan Murphy, Melanie Whitehair, Treasurer and Glenna Wright.
6. There are 87 pages of advertising in BARKS in this issue along with the covers and four memorials. It is expected that the printing process will be complete within the next 7 to 10 days. Congrats to Linda and Amy and everyone who supported this impressive issue.
7. New members will receive BARKS as part of the application process. The Record will be available for purchase.

8. The following slate has been approved for the 2010 Silverwood weekend to be hosted by the Golden Triangle Bull Terrier Club in Pittsburgh, PA:

JUDGES

Silverwood 1. Becky Poole

 2. Ray Sharp

 3. Victoria Corse

National Specialty: Winkie Mackay-Smith

National Sweepstakes: Skip Greaney

Futurity: Eleanor Fleming

9. With regard to Great Western Terrier Association and Montgomery County Kennel Club:
 1. The Judges Selection Committee will select the judges for Board approval.
 2. The BTCA will pay \$400.00 to each regular class judge.
 3. The BTCA will pay for the ribbons and AKC application fees.
 4. The local club is requested to provide trophies and judges gifts and is encouraged to find a local member to host the judge for the weekend and provide transportation.

10. With regard to Silverwood and National Specialty judges:
 1. The BTCA pays \$400.00 to each of the Silverwood and National Specialty judges.
 2. The host club provides 2 room nights for each of the 4 judges and 2 banquets tickets each.

11. Effective 5/12/10, the AKC will be instituting the new Grand Championship title. Please go to the AKC website to learn more. Judges need to have an understanding as the judges book will be changing.

12. A new tool for dealing with anti-dog legislation has been provided to the AKC. Go to www.akc.org and click on the tab for "Government Relations". Once on that page, click on the "toolbox" icon on the bottom right. Lots of good stuff to utilize.

13. The AKC is now accepting nominations for ACE awards until 6/1/10. There will be a link on the BTCA website to facilitate nominations.

14. Many thanks to Trudy Shelley Avery who has donated 6 images to be used for 5 ½ X 8 ½ note cards (suitable for framing). These collectible cards will be available on the website for \$20.00 for the set of 6. Trudy has also generously offered to do the Winter print in the seasonal series.

15. Many thanks to Cynthia Lord Ruddy who is most generously donating the original oil painting from the summer print in the seasonal series. Claudia Sharp and her fund raising committee will decide how and when this painting will be offered.

16. Much gratitude to Mary Jung Wainwright who has offered to do the Spring print in the seasonal series.

17. The Trophy Sponsorship & Solicitation Committee will be hard at work again this year. In addition to soliciting for the National Specialty trophies, they will be soliciting sponsorships for the 13 Silverwood trophies from Reserve on up for a total of \$2500.00 in sponsorship donations. The breakdown is: \$100.00 for each of the 4 Reserves, \$150.00 for each of the 4 Bests, \$250.00, for the other major trophies and \$500.00 for the Silverwood Trophy.

18. There will be an Agility Trial in conjunction with Silverwood this year along with Rally and Obedience trials. The Agility Trial will be Thursday afternoon. The Performance Committee is working with the Golden Triangle club to develop a schedule that will offer the opportunity for workshops.

19. Trophy chair, Theresa Spurr provided a detailed breakdown of expenses and inventory that will be published in the minutes.

20. Ted Martin is moving full speed ahead with the Budget and Audit Committee. Ted and committee member Skip Greaney were at the meeting and gave a detailed plan for the committee's charter. Ted is in process of assembling the rest of his committee.

21. Chris Hutter is our officially designated webmaster.

22. Every quarter the AKC names three recipients for their Community Service Award. Congratulations to Tom and Barb Bishop, named in the first quarter of 2010 for their Meet the Breeds booth in NYC last fall! They will receive \$1000.00 to be designated to the charity of their choice.

23. Our next Board and General Membership meetings will be held in conjunction with the New England shows, the first weekend in June.

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