

Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
March 7, 2009

A duly noticed meeting of the General Membership was convened at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri on March 7, 2009. The following members of the Board of Directors were present at this meeting: Mary Remer, President; Naomi Waynee, Executive Secretary; Claudia Sharp, Corresponding Secretary; Dale Schuur, AKC Delegate; Jacquie Smith, Member at Large and Glenna Wright, Member at Large. Members of the Board of Directors absent at this meeting: Brent Ruppel, First Vice President; Becky Poole, Second Vice President and Norma Shepherd, Treasurer.

Members at this meeting were: Marcy Bankus, Beth Chastain, terri Cournoyer, Cheri Croucher, David Croucher, Mark Draher, Jan Dykema, Robert Fell, Ruth Fell, Sandee Frascione, Janice Frostick, Bob Gamache, Charles Ginsberg, Ann Glaser, Paula Grecco, Miriam Hopkins, Paul Hopkins, Heather Jones, Jake Jones, Vicki Miller, Paula Pressler-Tash, Nadine Robards, Christine Schuur, Peggy Selk, Richard Selk, Ray Sharp, Paula Shaw, Gordon Smith, Norma Smith, Glenn Snyder, and Elizabeth Thomas.

Guests at the meeting: Bill Rourke, Sharon Roarke and Gary Myers.

President Remer served as the Chairperson and Executive Secretary, Naomi Waynee served as Secretary.

The Chairman called this meeting to order at 2:48 pm and announced that this meeting was being held pursuant to due notice and that a quorum was not present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of the minutes –

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the October meeting as published.

ACTION: Motion made by Jan Dykema and seconded by Vicki Miller. Approved unanimously.

President's Report – Mary Remer

- We received a letter from the AKC thanking the BTCA for supporting the AKC Meet the Breeds program. Over 145 parent clubs participated. They look forward to our supporting this year's 125th anniversary show.
- On December 17th, 2008 the BTCA and the BTCTB received a letter from the Wyndham Orlando Resort releasing both clubs from all financial obligations with regard to the 2008 Silverwood penalties. A contract between the Wyndham Orlando Resort and the BTCTB has been negotiated for Silverwood 2011. The BTCA is not named in this contract.
- A Finance and Budget committee is in place. The committee consists of Norma Shepherd, chair, Gail Harlamoff and Ted Martin
- A Trophy Sponsorship/Solicitation Sub-committee has been created to look at trophy options. The members of the committee are Jane Killion, chair Miriam Hopkins, Alison Ibbitson and Dede Wilson. The committee submitted a proposal to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has approved the trophy solicitation proposal. The committee was thanked for their hard work developing the proposal.
- A poll is currently running on the Members Only list to see how the membership feels about having sweeps, futurity or both on SW weekend.

Report of the Executive Secretary – Naomi Waynee

- Members were reminded to keep their email contact information current. With the sending of email notices for meetings and of minutes it is the members' responsibility to keep their information current.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Claudia Sharp had no report.

Report of the Treasurer – Norma Shepherd was absent. See attached report.

Report of the AKC Delegate – Dale Schuur had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judges Selection – Laura Wendler

The judges for the Silverwood weekend are:

- Silverwood – 1. Norma Smith
2. Mary Remer
3. John Young
- National Specialty – Carl Pew
- Sweepstakes – Linda Maddox
- Futurity – pending

Show – Jacquie Smith

- Jacquie Smith announced five judges currently are scheduled for the maximum number of ROM shows. They are David Merriam, Jon Cole, Ray Sharp, Desmond Murphy and Robert Shreve.
- **BARKS** – Linda Maddox
 1. The Silverwood and National Specialty winners information will be shared with The Bull Terrier Yearbook publishers. In return, the BTCA is requesting three copies to be used for raffle or auction.
 2. The front covers of BARKS will be utilized as follows: Winter issue will be the Silverwood winner, Spring issue will be the National Specialty Winner and Summer issue will be the Raymond Oppenheimer Stud Dog and Eva Wetherill Brood Bitch winners.
 3. In the “PROUD PETS” section the BOD decided to require a release form from the individual appearing in a photo of an elderly person/handicapped person/etc. with a therapy dog.
 4. **RECORD** – Naomi Waynee
- The deadline for the RECORD is has been extended to March 21, 2009.
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READING OF APPLICATIONS

The Executive Secretary, Naomi Waynee, read applications for the first time. See attached list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

- The Board of Directors has appointed the following Nominating Committee: Linda Maddox, Chair, David Merriam and Barb Deevers. Alternates: David Alexander
- Mary Remer clarified the ruling for ROMs at Silverwood for Reserve winners. There must be at least nine dogs in competition for the Reserve placement winners to receive a three point ROM. Mary Remer also clarified the ruling for judges co-owners exhibiting at the Silverwood competition: An exhibitor who co-owns a dog(s) with a Silverwood judge may exhibit any dog under that judge except a dog(s) that is co-owned with a Silverwood judge.
- Jan Dykema requested volunteers to assist with Legislation. Claudia Sharp and Naomi Waynee will work with Jan to create a membership list sorted by state. Legislative issues pertinent to states will be e-mailed to members accordingly. Jan Dykema is also looking for attorneys within the club that would be willing to assist with Legislation.
- The BTCA is looking at alternative sources and materials for trophy molds and casting to reduce costs.
- Claudia Sharp announced there are BTCA books available for purchase: Buying and Rearing a Bull Terrier; The Illustrated Standard, and Kid in a Dog Suit.

MEMBER INPUT

1. Gordon Smith voiced a concern about the procedure for a split National Specialty. He did not see a need for splitting the specialty over two days. Mary Remer announced the National Specialty will not be split this year. A majority of the members at this meeting do not want to have the National Specialty split between two days.

ADJOURNMENT

Cheri Croucher moved the meeting be adjourned. Richard Selk seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Waynee
Executive Secretary