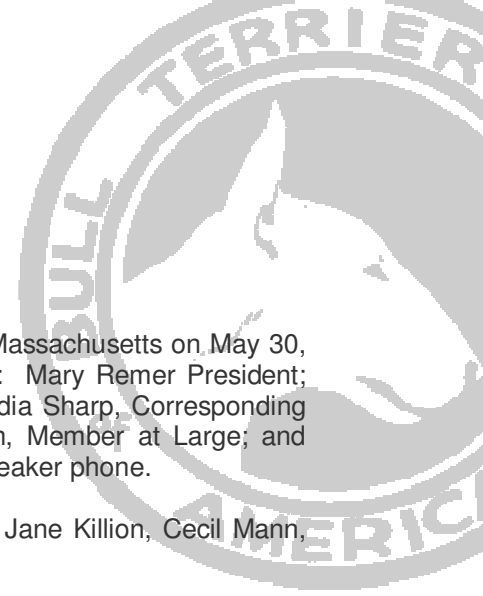


Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Taunton, Massachusetts
May 30, 2009



A duly noticed meeting of the Board was convened at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Taunton, Massachusetts on May 30, 2009. The following members of the Board of Directors were present at this meeting: Mary Remer President; Becky Poole, Second Vice President; Naomi Waynee, Executive Secretary; and Claudia Sharp, Corresponding Secretary; Norma Shepherd, Treasurer; Dale Schuur, AKC Delegate; Jacquie Smith, Member at Large; and Glenna Wright, Member at Large. Brent Ruppel, First Vice President was present by speaker phone.

Members present at this meeting were: Virginia Baxter, Phil Brodeur, Amber Gibson, Jane Killion, Cecil Mann, Ann Radford, Melanie Whitehair, Ty Whitehair, Ann Wiggins and Dede Wilson.

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

The Chairman called this meeting to order at 1:40 pm and announced that this meeting was being held pursuant to due notice and that a quorum was present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

ACTION: Motion made by and seconded by. The minutes were approved unanimously.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Report of the President – Mary Remer

1. The AKC is hosting its first stand alone Meet the Breeds event at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in NYC on October 17th and 18th 2009. Barb and Tom Bishop have offered to manage the booth. Any available volunteers are encouraged to contact the Bishops.
2. The AKC has launched a new service enabling anyone to check the status of canine legislation in any of the 50 states. Federal legislation can be tracked as well. Go to www.akc.org/caninelegislation and click on the 'AKC Government Relations 2009 Tracking' icon---this will take you to a clickable map of the US. Click on the state of interest to learn of pending legislation, etc. Click on the 'US Fed' icon for federal legislation.
3. The Bull Terrier Club is introducing a new trophy: The Bull Terrier Club's International Trophy. Only Bull Terriers bred outside the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland are eligible. All countries with a National Bull Terrier Club will be invited to select a dog and a bitch to compete at that country's expense. The BTCA Board has voted that the Silverwood winner and Best of Opposite Sex be our selections. We are in communication with the BTC in working out some details---i.e. it takes 6 to 7 mos. to get paperwork in order to avoid quarantine so this would mean our selections would have to come from the previous year.

Report of the Executive Secretary – Naomi Waynee

1. Revision of the Policies and Procedures manual (Blue Book) is completed and the electronic copies have been sent to the Board of Directors. Thanks to Dale Schuur, Becky Poole and Norma Shepherd for their assistance with this project.
2. Eleven applications have been received since the last meeting.
3. Naomi Waynee stated a concern regarding the lack of submitted committee reports and would the Board of Directors to address this. This is also an issue for the website as the status of a committee is unknown without a report. Jacquie Smith suggested appointing liaisons for committees. The Board of Directors felt a letter to the committee chairs should suffice. Claudia Sharp stated committees should be tasked by the Board. It was decided the Board of Directors would send a letter regarding reports and expectations of committees. Naomi Waynee is to contact Marilyn Sibley regarding written job descriptions. Mary Remer and Naomi Waynee will work on the letter and send it to the Board of Directors for review.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Claudia Sharp

1. Claudia Sharp has Eukanuba and Meet the breed correspondence.
2. A decision is needed regarding Meet the breeds booths, medallions and the catalogue advertisement. Traditionally BTCA has done medallions and the advertisement. Rhonda Walthall will be contacted regarding the Meet the Breeds booth. A budget of \$200.00 was established for the booth. Receipts will need to be submitted needed to the treasurer. A report and photographs will be needed for Barks & The RECORD. Dale has fliers that can be utilized for the Meet the Breeds booth and a committee should review the fliers.

RESOLVED to have a Breed Education Committee and ask Barb Deevers to serve as chair of Education and select a committee. The committee would review and develop a pamphlet for the Meet the Breeds booths.

ACTION: Claudia Sharp made the motion. Dale Schuur seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presidential Pet Museum correspondence was circulated.
4. A letter was received from AKC CHF that donation of \$905.31 received was received from Purina Parent Club Partners Program.

Report of the AKC Delegate – Dale Schuur

1. AKC ACE awards nominations are due in June – Naomi Waynee will send an email to the membership regarding nominations.
2. Purina Parent Club Partner Program earned \$905.31 for 2008 and has earned \$582.84 to date in 2009.

Report of the Treasurer – Norma Shepherd

1. See attached reports
2. For June – October 2008 income was \$20,008.00 and expenses were \$33,832.00.
3. Expenses for the balance of this year are two Barks mailings, the Floating Specialties, an election, meeting notice mailing, Silverwood and the National Specialty.

The Board of Directors moved out of order to discuss General Fund, Website, Trophy Solicitation and Floating Specialties.

• General Fund

Improvements have been made on publications costs and the Trophy Solicitation Committee has been formed.

Uncomfortable choices need to be made to increase the General Fund.

The Board of Directors decided to send a nonbinding poll will be sent to the membership. Several items for placement on the poll were discussed.

1. postal surcharge of \$10.00 to U.S. members
2. raise dues \$5.00 across the board
3. silent auction proceeds split between general fund and rescue at 80% for rescue and 20% for rescue
4. charge for The RECORD and give a copy to advertisers and preorder at \$15.00 with dues renewal, otherwise \$20.00 pending availability
5. Floating Specialties –
 - a. Eliminate Floating Specialties.
 - b. Place a cap on what is given for Floating Specialty judges. Currently cap is at \$700.
 - c. Have regional clubs assume all expenses and choose judge following current guidelines.
 - d. Split costs between regional club and BTCA.
6. Charge for front row seating during Silverwood weekend.

It was decided to send items 1, 2, 3, and 4 and include the financial impact of each item on the poll and remove items 5 and 6.

Brent Ruppel will send information regarding internet polling sites. It was decided to have Naomi Waynee send the poll via email.



- **Website** – Chris Hutter

Chris Hutter presented ideas he has implemented and proposed for the website.

1. Consider adding a hot link for breeder websites with an annual fee.
2. Education, performance areas need material Chris has sent letter to committees with one response.
3. Newsblast added to disseminate current information.
4. Photo gallery – Sheila Salmon has volunteered to administrate this section of the website.
5. Search engine has been added
6. Rotating images on front page each time it is accessed.
7. Polling information can be placed on the website.
8. Possibly add an online forum.
9. Add a section available to Board members only.
10. A link to the AKC legislative site to be added.
11. Develop a manual for the website.
12. Chris Hutter formally requested to be named webmaster

The Board of Directors requested a team concept for the management of the website for the amount of work involved with the website.

The Board of Directors moved to Executive Session.

The Board of Directors returned to Regular Session.

- **Trophy Solicitation** – Jane Killion

1. Mary Remer thanked the committee for the fabulous job they are doing
2. Jane Killion noted that it has been a great committee to work with.
3. Donation pledges are currently at \$3075.00.
4. Last year's winners were contacted first to donate for the placement won the previous year.
5. Jane Killion has asked for someone to update website list.
6. Trophies need to reflect the donation amount.
7. Trophy donors will be acknowledged in the National Specialty catalogue.
8. Performance trophy sponsorships have been more than needed. The excess amount will be carried over to next year's trophy expenses.

The Board of Directors moved to Executive Session.

The Board of Directors returned to Regular Session.

- **Floating Specialties**

1. Changing the economics of the Floating Specialties was discussed and it was decided to leave as is since the impact of the responsibility of the clubs providing trophies has not yet been determined. It was decided that gifts for the judges are the responsibilities of the regional clubs/

RESOVLED that BTCA will be responsible for up to \$700.00 of the Floating Specialty judges' expenses per show. All other expenses will be paid by the hosting regional club.

ACTION: Claudia Sharp made the motion. Jacquie Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

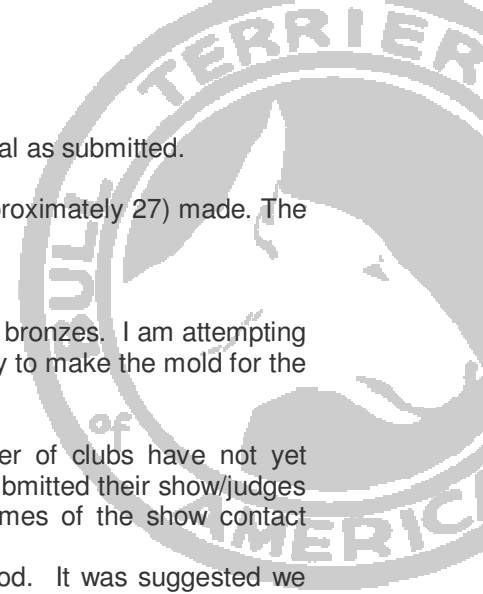
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Trophy – Theresa Spurr

Trophy sponsorship and solicitation sub committee

It appears fundraising is underway. Clear direction is needed from BOD on what trophies are to be given at the National. In the trophy chair's opinion, we should not increase the number of trophies given at the National. Examples: Do we really want to give a trophy for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place in every class and a trophy (in addition to a very large rosette) to AOM winners? There are other issues to consider when adding more trophies to our show:

- In addition to the costs of purchasing these items, there will be costs with shipping them to the trophy chair
- We need to find space at the show site for these additional items
- It could take longer to pass out additional trophies in the in the ring, thereby increasing the length of the show



After discussion the Board of Directors approved keeping the trophy solicitation proposal as submitted.

Silverwood Trophies:

Approval is needed to order the Silverwood Marble and have medallions (approximately 27) made. The Board of

Directors approved ordering the needed medallions.

Bronzes

I am collecting quotes for creating molds (specifically Brood Bitch) and casting bronzes. I am attempting to get quotes from overseas as well in the U.S. Dale Schuur has offered to try to make the mold for the Jim Boland plaque and cast it. More information will be forthcoming on this.

Show – Jacquie Smith

1. The proposed calendar for the first half of 2010 is attached. A number of clubs have not yet submitted their judging panel. A letter will be sent to clubs that have not submitted their show/judges requests. Amber Gibson will assist Jacquie Smith in finding out the names of the show contact individuals in the regional clubs.
2. Approval is needed for entry fees for the National Specialty and Silverwood. It was suggested we keep them the same as last year.

RESOLVED to keep the entry fees for the National Specialty and Silverwood the same as last year.

ACTION: Naomi Waynee made the motion and Claudia Sharp seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. It was decided not to offer the Amateur Owner/Handler Class and the Novice Class at the National Specialty.
4. Desmond Murphy has been requested for 2 ROM assignments for 2010. He has been notified by mail that he has the maximum number of ROM assignments.

Judges Selection – Laura Wendler

1. A slate for Floating Specialty judges for 2010 has been submitted.
 - Great Western – Eric Stanley, Sweepstakes – Irene Morden
 - Orange Coast – Danny McGregor, Sweepstakes – Barb Deevers
 - Columbia River – Frank Alhino, Sweepstakes – Myrna Bee
 - Confederacy – Pending, Sweeps – Sandee Frascone

Claudia Sharp objected to foreign judges for specialties. She stated that the Floating Specialty judges should be limited to North American judges (U.S. and Canada).

RESOLVED to BTCA Floating Specialties only be judged by North American (U.S. and Canadian) judges.

ACTION: Claudia Sharp made the motion. Naomi Waynee seconded. In favor: Claudia Sharp, Naomi Waynee, Norma Shepherd, Glenna Wright. Opposed: Becky Poole, Dale Schuur, Jacquie Smith and Brent Ruppel.

Mary Remer voted in opposition to break the tied vote. The motion was defeated.

RESOLVED to approve all judges with the exception of the Confederacy.

ACTION: Dale Schuur made the motion and Jacquie Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Futurity – Alison Ibbitson

No report at this time

Special Awards – Gregory Anderson

No report received

Barks – Linda Maddox

1. The spring issue of BARKS brought in \$2225.00
The publishing costs totaled \$2483.63
Total loss this issue \$203.63

2. There is one judge who did not turn in a critique. (1) Diane Foote-1/2/09 Orange Coast

RECORD – Naomi Waynee

Publishing costs: \$3351.55
Income: \$2450.00
Loss \$ 901.55

The RECORD did not lose as much financially like it has in past years. Typically, income was about half of the publishing costs.

Health – Susan Murphy

1. Donnie Gilpin has done a 2010 Bully Calendar and is offering to donate all proceeds from the sale of the calendar to the BTCA Donor Advised Fund at the CHF.
2. Susan Murphy as if could be put on the BTCA website under the Health tab. Anyone that wants to purchase one can go directly to the LULU site and know that their donation for the calendar goes to the CHF.



3. The Board of Directors was in favor of placing the calendar on the web site.
4. A full accounting of the health survey was requested by Brent Ruppel. The Board of Directors will check with Susan Murphy.

Performance – Jane Killion

Ways and Means – Alison Ibbitson

No report at this time

Silent Auction – Skip & Lisa Greaney

No report at this time

Education – Carl Pew

No report received

New Member Liaison – Stuart Cairns

No report received

Regional Club Liaison – Gail Harlamoff

No report at this time

Rescue Support – Glenna Wright

Texas Gulf Coast BTC Rescue Reimbursements

Website – Alesia Cooke

No report received

Legislation – Judy Schreiber

No report received

Nominating Committee – Linda Maddox

The Nominating Committee composed of Linda Maddox (chairperson), David Merriam and Barb Devers has proposed the following slate for the 2009-2011 term:

President: Mary Remer

First Vice President: Brent Ruppel

Second Vice President: Becky Poole

Corresponding Secretary: Claudia Sharp

Executive Secretary: Naomi Waynee

Treasurer: Norma Shepherd

AKC Delegate: Dale Schuur

Member at Large: Jacquie Smith

Member at Large: Glenna Wright

As of May 15, 2009, all acceptance letters have been received.

PROCEDURE

The following is an outline of the procedures the Nominating Committee used to determine the slate of officers.

- (1) The committee requested notification be supplied to the BTCA membership telling the members of the (a) committee existence, (b) naming the members, (c) supplying contact information and (d) asking for membership input. Once this information was provided to the membership, the committee decided on approximately two and a half weeks for any members to contact us. Once the time frame was complete, we review information.
- (2) The committee chairperson contacted the current BTCA President and solicited information regarding the current Board. This information was written up and presented to the other committee members for their review.
- (3) An Email was sent out to all the current Board members asking their desire to serve on the board for another term.
- (4) Finally, the committee reviewed all the information given in step 1-3 and came to a unanimous decision to ask the current Board Members to remain for the 2009-2011 term.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **501c3** – Dale Shuur read the wording change regarding replacement of a trustee due to death, resignation or removable by a three-fourths affirmative vote of the entire BTCA Board after a thirty day notice,

RESOLVED to accept the wording changes to the 501c3.

ACTION: Brent Ruppel made the motion and Claudia Sharp seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Directors appointed the following trustees: Glenna Wright, Dale Schuur, Gene Haines, and Melanie Whitehair, The trustees are to submit additional names for the final trustee and the Board of Directors will determine the final trustee.

- **Four seasons prints** – Dale working on reproduction of first print, “Summer” by Cynthia Lord Ruddy. More information is needed regarding cost and time for production.

NEW BUSINESS

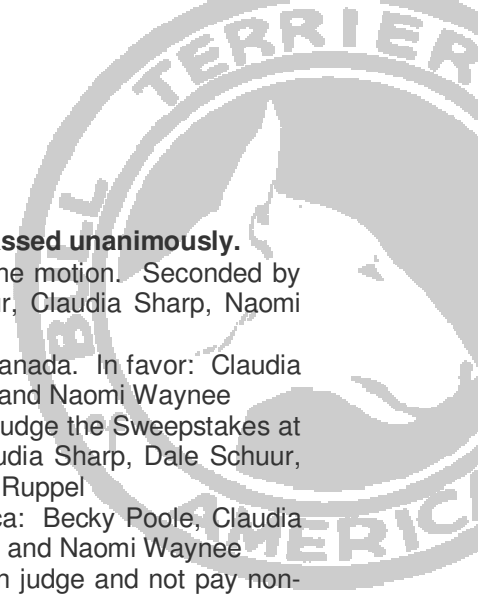
- **Fundraising** – Items for fundraising were discussed. It was suggested to make a limited edition collectable series. Suggestions included pins, tie tacs, charms, luggage tags and collar tags. Ways and Means would need to have a colorful design made. The design would need to include BTCA in the design. It was suggested to have the committee contact Mary Jung to work up a design.
- **Bronze Trophy Show ROM points**
 1. There was a question raised regarding ROM points for the Bronze Trophy. Jacquie Smith requested clarification for next year. There needs to be definition regarding the ROM points rule for the Bronze Trophy as was made for the Silverwood Trophy (nine in competition in each class). There were 22 dogs in competition at the Bronze Trophy. The Bronze Trophy was exempted from the thirty dog rule, but there would still need to be nine in competition in the class for the ROM to hold.
 2. It was noted that the procedures for the Bronze Trophy have not been followed the past two years.
 3. Procedures must be followed consistently in order for ROM points to be awarded.
 4. A copy of procedures and letters stating how procedures have not been followed are needed from individuals that have been present the past two years.
 5. Dale Schuur, Becky Poole and Jacquie Smith will work with the BTCA Fanciers to assure procedures are followed in the future and recommend ROM requirements for the Bronze Trophy.
- **Silverwood Contract**
 1. A copy of the Silverwood contract needs to be seen to verify BTCA is not named in the contract. There is now a proposed memorandum of understanding stating what the host club and the BTCA will be responsible for. Jacquie Smith will send the memorandum to the Board.
 2. Naomi Waynee will ask Gail Harlamoff for a copy of the contract.
 3. Claudia Sharp asked if there is a copy of the Florida contract for 2011.

Claudia Sharp moved to adjourn the meeting. Glenna Wright seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

The meeting reconvened on May 30, 2009 at the Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds, Wrentham, Massachusetts. The following members of the Board of Directors were present at this meeting: Mary Remer President; Becky Poole, Second Vice President; Naomi Waynee, Executive Secretary; and Claudia Sharp, Corresponding Secretary; Norma Shepherd, Treasurer; Jacquie Smith, Member at Large; and Glenna Wright, Member at Large. Brent Ruppel, First Vice President and Dale Schuur, AKC Delegate were absent.

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

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 2:45 pm and announced that this meeting was being held pursuant to due notice and that a quorum was present.



- **Votes to be read into the minutes**

RESOLVED to record the following votes into the minutes.

ACTION: Claudia Sharp made the motion. Becky Poole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Texas Gulf Coast Rescue Reimbursement – Claudia Sharp made the motion. Seconded by Naomi Waynee In favor: Brent Ruppel, Becky Poole, Dale Schuur, Claudia Sharp, Naomi Waynee, Glenna Wright
 2. Have Dale Schuur replace Alison Ibbitson for the Seaway Show in Canada. In favor: Claudia Sharp, Becky Poole, Brent Ruppel, Norma Shepherd, Glenna Wright and Naomi Waynee
 3. Approval for Linda Maddox to judge the Futurity and Libby Martin to judge the Sweepstakes at the National Specialty. Norma Shepherd Seconded. In favor: Claudia Sharp, Dale Schuur, Naomi Waynee, Norma Shepherd, Glenna Wright. Abstained: Brent Ruppel
 4. approval of sharing information with the Irish Terrier Club of America: Becky Poole, Claudia Sharp, Dale Schuur, Glenna Wright, Norma Shepherd, Jacquie Smith and Naomi Waynee
 5. Approval to pay Futurity Judge \$400 if they are a licensed or foreign judge and not pay non-licensed judges. Naomi Waynee made the motion. Dale Schuur seconded. In favor: Dale Schuur, Claudia Sharp, Becky Poole, Naomi Waynee, Brent Ruppel, Norma Shepherd, Glenna Wright.
 6. Performance judge contract approval. Becky Poole made the motion, Jacquie Smith seconded. In favor: Becky Poole, Jacquie Smith, Glenna Wright, Dale Schuur, Naomi Waynee, Claudia Sharp, Brent Ruppel and Norma Shepherd.
- **Silverwood Guidelines**
 1. Guidelines need to be established as to what the host club and BTCA are responsible for in regards to judges' rooms and meals.
 2. Jacquie Smith presented a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding to be used when writing contracts for Silverwood hotels.
 3. Naomi Waynee will create attendance certificates for the Silverwood judges and breeders seminars.
 - **Judges Contracts**
 1. Judges' room nights will be the responsibility of the host clubs for the Silverwood/National Specialty weekend.
 2. BTCA will pay transportation expenses and meal allowances with a cap of \$700.00.
 3. Current IRS reimbursement rate to be paid if driving.
 - The Gulf Coast Club has requested to be included in the Floating Specialty rotation. The question arose regarding the St. Louis club staying in the Floating Specialty rotation for the Southeast now that they have a national specialty in name only each year. BTC of St. Louis does not want to leave the rotation. The rule regarding the second three point ROM counting towards the ROM title would only be in effect every third year. Jacquie Smith requested Claudia Sharp develop a proposal regarding the specialty in name only to be circulated to the Board of Directors for clarification. The Board of Directors has decided not to add additional Floating Specialties at this time.

Adjournment

Claudia Sharp moved to adjourn the meeting. Jacquie Smith seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Waynee
Executive Secretary