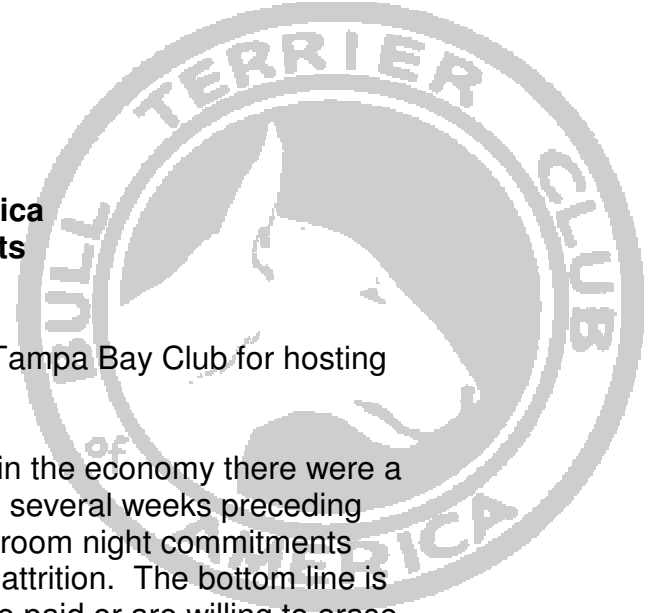


**Bull Terrier Club of America
Board Meeting Highlights
October 8, 2008**



1. Thanks were extended to Penny Midulla and the Tampa Bay Club for hosting a memorable Silverwood weekend.
2. Due to a variety of factors including the downturn in the economy there were a large number of hotel rooms cancellations beginning several weeks preceding the weekend. Consequently there was a shortfall in room night commitments that significantly exceeded the contractually allowed attrition. The bottom line is the hotel is owed \$19, 015.63. The hotel needs to be paid or are willing to erase the debt if Silverwood returns to the hotel in 2011. The BTCA and TBBTC Boards are working with the Wyndham Hotel to find a mutually satisfactory resolution and will keep the membership apprised of the developments.
3. Silent Auction: Skip and Lisa Greaney held another fabulous Auction. The proceeds totaled approximately \$9, 706. 00.
4. Formation of a Finance Committee of Ted Martin, Gail Harlamoff and Norma Shepherd, chair. The committee will look at setting budgets and cutting costs by reviewing expenses and incomes for the past three years and then making three and five year projections.
5. Formation of a BTCA Rescue Fundraising committee comprised of Dorothy Chambers and Mary Bruegger.
6. BARKS: Beginning with the Spring '09 issue there will be a \$700/ issue savings as a result of the following changes: size will go from 6x9 to 5 ½ x 8 ½, off set print and using 70 lb. paper. The website will feature a "Regional Club" page that provides club information including: name of the club, club logo, club secretary, contact information and a link to the club's website. Regional club reports will be on the club's website. Linda Maddox will work with Chris Hutter to get this set up.
7. All payments made to the BTCA using a credit card will incur a 3 % credit card processing fee on all transactions. The BTCA is no longer accepting American Express or Discover cards.
8. In an effort to generate increased revenue, there will be a General Fund Donation line added to the dues notice.
9. To encourage increased volunteer participation, a Volunteer form will be included with the dues notice and minutes mailing.

10. Norma Shepherd, Claudia Sharp and Ways & Means Committee Chair Alison Ibbitson are producing a seasonal series of prints. The first in the series, representing summer, is donated by artist Cindy Ruddy and is completed. Information on this first series of 200 prints will be forthcoming.

11. A Delegates Corner will be added to the website making it easier for members to keep abreast of AKC activities.

12. The Isis Vabo Trophy has been recovered by the BTCA thanks to the efforts of the BTCNE, Skinners Auction House and Cecil Mann. Fund raising efforts are underway to recoup the cost associated with procuring this trophy.

13. In the Code of Ethics, the minimum age for breeding bitches will be changed to: "third heat or two years old".

14. The Bar Sinister committee will consist of: Cecil Mann, Chair, David Merriam and Claudia Sharp.

15. The BTCA will now retain 35% of the Futurity proceeds to cover expenses associated with hosting the event.

16. The next Board meeting will be in St. Louis in March.

