

Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Wrentham, Massachusetts
May 30, 2009



A duly noticed meeting of the Board was convened at the Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds, Wrentham, 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. Members of the Board of Directors absent at this meeting: Brent Ruppel, First Vice President.

Members present at this meeting were: Matthew Bader, Lisa Bass, Virginia Baxter, Barbara Bishop, Tom Bishop, Lori Bozian, Phil Brodeur, Stuart Cairns, Craig Collins, Karen Cooke, Victoria Corse, Marion Dussault, Janice Frostick, Cathy Ganchev, Amber Gibson, Ann Glaser, Kari Harris, Scott Ibbitson, Jane Killion, Cecil Mann, Sharon McGee, Mardi Montgomery, Sean Parrish, Melissa Plano, Ann Radford, Helen Robichaud, Bob Roulett, Martha Kleinerman, Melissa Searles, Elly Sharps, Teena Troy, Kevin Welch, Laura Wendler, Melanie Whitehair, Ty Whitehair, Dede Wilson, and Amy Woodman.

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

The Chairman called this meeting to order at 12:50 pm and announced that this meeting was being held pursuant to due notice and that a quorum was not present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

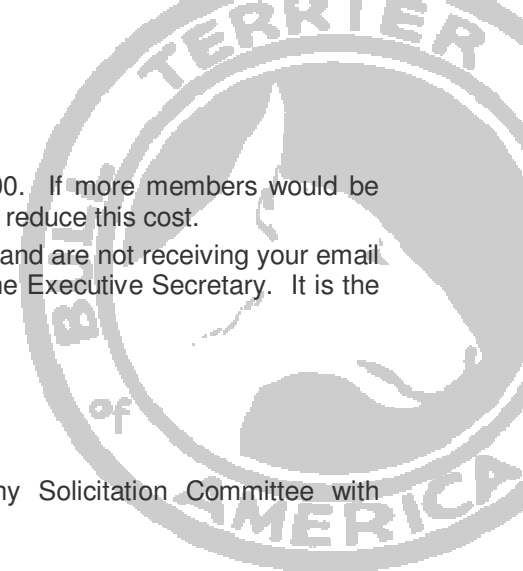
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published.

ACTION: Motion made by Victoria Corse and seconded by Amber Gibson. The minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – Mary Remer

- 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.
- 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 - 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.
- 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.
- The status of the General Fund – There is about \$20,000.00 in the General Fund. Last year from June to October there were expenses of approximately \$20,000. The General Fund needs to be increased. A poll or blast email will be sent in regards to where the membership feels adjustments can be made to increase the General Fund. A suggested list the Board has developed is: A postal surcharge of \$10.00 for U.S. members; Increase membership dues by \$5.00 for all members; Silent Auction proceeds split between Rescue (\$80.00) and the General Fund (10%); Charging for The RECORD and giving a copy to advertisers, preorder with dues (\$15.00) or purchase later at a cost of \$20.00. Committees are researching was to be more cost effective.



Executive Secretary's Report – Naomi Waynee

- Cost of inserts with last BARKS mailing was approximately \$265.00. If more members would be willing to accept minutes and meeting notices via email, it would help reduce this cost.
- If members who have opted for email mailing of minutes and notices and are not receiving your email minutes and notices, please resend your current email address to the Executive Secretary. It is the members' responsibility to keep your email current.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Claudia Sharp

- Claudia Sharp had no report.

Treasurer's Report – Norma Shepherd

- Norma Shepherd gave the Treasurer's report (See attached report)
- Norma Shepherd requested the membership support the Trophy Solicitation Committee with sponsorships.

AKC Delegate's Report – Dale Schuur

- Dale Schuur informed the membership present about the new legislative page on the AKC website. He encouraged members to support the fight against BSL.
- AKC ACE Awards nominations close in June.
- Purina Parent Club Partnership Program raised funds of just over \$1800.00 to be shared equally between BTCA and the AKC CHF in 2008. Through April of this year about \$580.00 has been raised.

Mary Remer informed the membership that there is a cleanup problem in front of the hotel. Members must clean up after the dogs or we will continue to lose hotels.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judges Selection – Laura Wendler

- A slate for specialty judges for next year has been submitted.
 1. Great Western – Eric Stanley, Sweepstakes – Irene Morden
 2. Orange Coast – Danny McGregor, Sweepstakes – Barb Deevers
 3. Oregon – Frank Alhino, Sweepstakes – Myrna Bee
 4. Confederacy - Pending
- Clubs need to be certain to submit judge choices to committee in a timely manner.

Show – Jacquie Smith

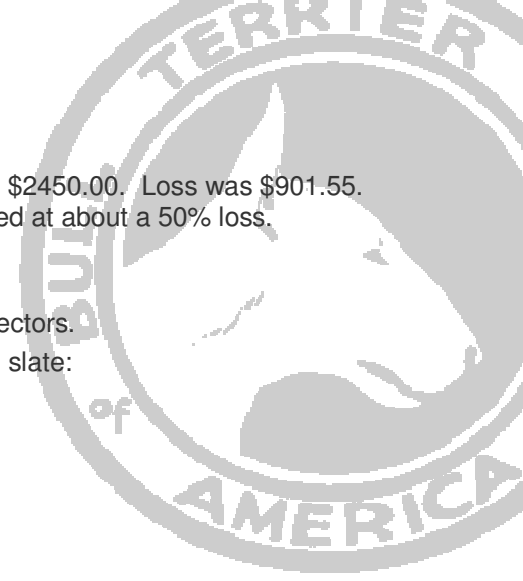
- Jacquie Smith reiterated Laura's comment on timeliness of submission of show information. Details for shows for the first half of the next year are due by June of the previous year. Details for shows for the second half of the next year are due by October of the previous year. Only half of the shows for the first half of 2010 have been received.
- Jacquie Smith also stated she needs the name of the regional club show chairs.
- Desmond Murphy has already been requested for two ROM shows for 2010. He can not be given additional ROM assignments for 2010.

Trophy Sponsorship and Solicitation – Jane Killion

- The committee has done a great job so far. To date \$3,175.00 has been raised for the National Specialty trophies.
- Jane Killion and Dede Wilson have sponsorship forms available.
- The sponsorship information is also available at www.btca.com
- The trophy description on the website is incorrect. The Trophy Chair was not able to find suitable items at Fantasy Glass and will choose appropriate trophies.
- The cut-off date for publication in the National Specialty catalogue is July 1, 2009.
- The Board commended the committee for their hard work.

Barks – Linda Maddox

- The Spring issue of BARKS raised \$2025.00. Publishing costs were \$2274.93. Total loss was \$49.93. (***Should this be adjusted for the additional copies printed?***)
- Dale Schuur stated that the volunteers that help with BARKS make the savings possible
- Mary Remer noted that Dale and Chris Schuur also help with BARKS.
- Postage costs are still an issue



Record – Naomi Waynee

- Publishing costs for the 2008 RECORD were \$3351.55. Income was \$2450.00. Loss was \$901.55. This is a major improvement. Historically, the RECORD was published at about a 50% loss.
- Naomi Waynee thanked all who supported the 2008 RECORD.

Nominating Committee – Linda Maddox

- The Nominating Committee submitted their report to the Board of Directors.
- Naomi Waynee, Executive Secretary, read the nominated 2010-2011 slate:
 1. President – Mary Remer
 2. First Vice President – Brent Ruppel
 3. Second Vice President – Becky Poole
 4. Executive Secretary – Naomi Waynee
 5. Corresponding Secretary – Claudia Sharp
 6. Treasurer – Norma Shepherd
 7. AKC Delegate – Dale Schuur
 8. Members At Large – Jacquie Smith
Glenna Wright

OLD BUSINESS

Website –

- Mary Remer requested the committees utilize the space allotted them on the website.

501c3 – Dale Schuur

- The Board has voted to create a 501c3 in order to manage Rescue, Health and Education.
- The by-laws have been approved.
- The Board is in the process of nominating the five trustees. One will be the Rescue Chair (Glenna Wright) who will be the chair of the 501c3. Once the trustees have been selected, paperwork will be submitted to the state of Tennessee to obtain the status. It should be officially achieved by July 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

MEMBERSHIP INPUT

Stuart Cairns stated new members want to know how to meet members in their area. It was suggested to place a post on the Members Only list asking for volunteers to act as mentors or contacts.

Stuart Cairns asked if instead of mailing the Membership List to send it as an email to save money. It is not that costly to produce and it may be a constitutional issue as not all members can receive email.

Jane Killion confirmed there will be performance at Silverwood. There will be Rally Obedience and Obedience trials, CGC and Therapy dog testing, and Rally and Obedience seminars.

Cecil Mann asked Dale Schuur to explain 501c3 tax advantages for donors. Dale Schuur explained that qualified charitable organization donations are tax deductible. Amber Gibson asked if the Silent Auction will be run by the 501c3 in future. Dale Schuur explained that the silent auction was approved and put in place by the Board of Directors and it was determined that the proceeds would go to Rescue. He does not anticipate that changing in the near future. Amber Gibson questioned about donations being tax deductible since that had been an issue in the past. Dale Schuur stated that if proceeds are designated to go to the 501c3, then the donations would be tax deductible.

ADJOURNMENT

Janice Frostick moved to adjourn. Laura Wendler seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Naomi Waynee
Executive Secretary

