

Meeting to order December 4th, 6:55 PM MST

In attendance:

JL: Jordon Leigh, President

CH: Cory Hart, Vice President

LL: Linda Lee, Treasurer

SS: Sheree Sanchez, Secretary

CF: Carmeta French, Director @ 7:39 PM MST

PS : Patty Smith, Director

TK: Tracey Kallas, Director @ 7:20 PM MST

Treasurer's Report

Checking \$1680.10

Savings \$4715.68

Total \$6395.78

Secretary's Report

Motion 2019-197 to approve November minutes.

Motion JL, second LL. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2019-198 to move into executive session 6:58 PM MST

Motion JL, second CH. Motion passed unanimously.

Topic: The role of the parliamentarian with RTCA

Exited executive session 7:00 PM MST

President's Report

- NO REPORT.

Committee Reports :

Review for Inactive and No Longer Needed Committees :

- **Corporate Development**
Chair: Barbara Jordan
- **Development Committee**
Chair: Stacy Mc Williams
- **RTCA Bylaws**
Chair: Sandra Ball
- **National Show in Colorado 2018**
Chair: Linda Lee
- **National Awards Committee 2018**
Chair: Dee Foster Mapley

- **RTCA Logo**
- **AKC National in Orlando 2019**
Chair: Sheree Sanchez
- **MTB booth in Orlando 2019**
Chair: Patty Smith

Review of Active Committees :

National Specialty – 2019:

Nationals Chairperson: Sheree Sanchez
 National Co - Chairperson: Tracey Kallas
 Advertising Chairperson: Volunteer needed
 Judges Hospitality: Barbie Trammel
 General Hospitality: Debby Keith Lasseter
 AKC/Cluster Liaison: Volunteer needed
 Chief Ring Steward: Tracey Kallas
 Meet the Breed AKC Liaison: Jordon Leigh
 Ribbons and Trophies: Sheree Sanchez and Tracey Kallas

- Update of progress including T-shirts, Room Conflict, Judges Ed Seminar, Raffle etc.
- Everything is Ready.

Policy & Procedure Committee :

Chair : Cory Hart

Members:

Jordon Leigh

Linda Lee

Carmeta French

Patty Smith

Sheree Sanchez

Tracey Kallas

- Since one possible interpretation of the current By Laws can be Construed to require an official (expensive) audit by a certified Accountant, we would like to propose the following policy:

In Section 2D of the C&BL, the following definitions will apply:

The term "Audit" refers to the second definition in the Merriam Webster Dictionary "a methodical examination and review", and term "auditor" is To be as defined using the same dictionary with the first definition "a Person authorized to examine and verify accounts".

This means that we can do as we did do and simply have a non-board Member review the accounts to check for any improprieties or errors. I should add that this is the definition that is most common with all Dog Clubs.

Supported Entry Committee :

Chair: Jackie Olsen

Members:

Robin Rudolph

Alison Raposo

Cayla Wallwork

Jason Sharp

- I reached out for new members due to the lack of participation, I would like to help the supported entries proactively instead of reactively and having member interaction is critical to providing the best support for our breed across the US. I am setting up a Facebook group for the committee and would like some interest from the west coast as far as members. I would like to come up with a list of shows by Jan 2020 for the board to vote on for supported entries. I would like to ask the board how many shows they think are realistic for us to support on a yearly basis, I was thinking 6-8. Also we should begin to think about fundraising to help with supported entries although the past few supported entries have come primarily from member donations which is fantastic. If the board thinks this is a little too farfetched for our efforts and member support then we could also think about doing supported entries on an as requested basis. This would mean that members can request a supported entry based on interest and submit the request to the supported entry committee at least 4 months prior to the show. The supported entry committee would then need to bring the request to the board to vote on. This would mean the members looking for support would be involved in helping carry out the supported entry with help from the committee to raise funds/donations and provide prizes. These are the two routes I think the club can move forward with. I am going to present both ideas to the committee but would like input from the board as well. I am still looking for more interest from members to help this committee take off with a clear direction.

Cory just brought this to my attention: She believes that they have the local support for the MTB and they could help facilitate the supported entry so we would need BOD approval prior to reaching out. It looks like the cut off is Dec 18th so ideally we would like the board to vote at the upcoming meeting on Dec 4. Thank you, Jackie

- Supported Entry & MTB request from Tacoma Kennel Club: I received the following information from my friend in the Tacoma Kennel Club. Their show will be at the Tacoma Dome 4/18-4/19 2020. "If the Rat Terriers want a booth, you need to contact Jamie to get on the list - info@cedarhollowmastiffs.com there's limited space, and I don't know how many spots there are. If the Rat Terrier club wants to do a supported entry, you need to contact Pam Armstrong — hilite1@earthlink.net the premium has to be to Baray by Dec 18th, so, it's being worked on now. If you want to do the supported entry, you'll have to make a decision soon so that it can be listed in the premium."

We were likely contacted as in past years we have done a MTB booth at the Seattle shows. However, they have moved their show to be held with the Puyallup cluster and there will not be any MTB booths there.

Motion 2019-199 to approve a RTCA supported entry for the Tacoma Kennel Club.

Motion CH, second JL. Motion passed unanimously.

Judges Education & Mentoring Committee :

Chair: Linda Lee

Members:

Christina Martinez

Kari Jepson

Rene Morgan

Tracey Kallas

- 151 Judges Education Cards mailed to 34 different shows/clusters.
- 10 emails containing judges education card (showing one page of both front and back) for international judges.
- Feedback from judges and exhibitors about the judge's education card has been favorable. One clarifying question was asked and answered about the "black mask" portion of the card.
The card has been reformatted with the same text in a postcard form to save the club the mailing expense of envelope and labels. All disqualifications were added in the extra space at the bottom of the card.
- There was an AKC sanctioned judge's education seminar held in Oregon in Feb of 2019. Feedback from all judges present and follow-up from that was very positive. One long-time breeder/exhibitor whose dogs were used for the hands-on and was present was very impressed and wrote a letter to the club praising the presentation.
- There was a hands-on presentation, breakdown of the standard and breed-specific handling presentation at an AKC show in California in July of 2019 attended by a large number of exhibitors of the breed.
- We have secured an artist and are attempting to gather photos to submit to that artist to have RTCA graphics completed before June of 2020 at the latest.
- We hope to have be able to put in place a more formal training for ringside tutoring, as well as expanding the material provided to the group of available mentors and advisors.
- We have reported 3 unauthorized mentors/tutors to the AKC judges education department and have received feedback that any forms with their signatures will not be accepted as valid.

Health & Genetics Committee :

Chair : Meta French

Members:

Linda Lee

Margaret van der Hagen

Patty Smith

- The Health and Genetics committee is working with VGL (UC DAVIS) and BETTERBRED to test Rat Terriers for breed diversity. We need more dogs tested. The committee was granted permission by the board To raise funds to help complete research phase 1. If you are interested in contributing to this initiative or testing your dog(s) visit the Genetic Diversity/Better Bred support page on Facebook at :
<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F374765893432076%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C92a6e9dc69fa47>

ea33d208d776b3d59c%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637108387055986139&sdata=sHNNYaq9x98zJsJj6W%2FhCDKJbSpFiyLjxn6pF%2B8f4cw%3D&reserved=0

- If you already have done any health testing through VGL you can add the genetic Diversity test to a sample you have already submitted. Visit the VGL website (Rat Terriers are in canine genetic diversity Research Phase 1) :
<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vgl.ucdavis.edu%2Fservices%2Fdog%2FCanineGeneticDiversity.php&data=02%7C01%7C%7C92a6e9dc69fa47ea33d208d776b3d59c%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637108387055986139&sdata=pg7Dq3PzycmoBDFM9wCtL8iVqKp3Hb2EY0KUUPkXXH4%3D&reserved=0>

News Letter Committee / Communications :

Chair : Cory Downey Hart

Co-Chair : Tracey Kallas

- We have been mostly successful with getting the email version of the Newsletter out monthly. I say mostly because it has been a bit later than Hoped for most months – but it is going out. Still hoping that perhaps Next year we will have the people to help publish at least an Annual Magazine style Newsletter .Also would like to get the Monthly Stats Included as well as perhaps some brags (in the current Monthly version).

Tracey wrote a very nice column for the AKC Gazette, and we are now on Schedule to take advantage of that forum on the months the Terrier group is featured.

Pedigree Committee :

Chair : Christina Martinez

- We have had a few from out of the country trying to get AKC registration, however we cannot process incomplete pedigree by another registry. We have also had a few trying to get merles into AKC through other registry that were not processed either. For the most part it has been very quiet. Paper work that is sent in has to be complete or UKC registered for RTCA to process.

Meet the Breed Booth AKC National Florida :

Chair : Patty Smith

Members:

Debby Keith Lasseter

Jordon Leigh

- Everything is ready.

Nominations Committee :

CHAIR : Patty Smith

2 members/2 alternatives to be selected.

- NO REPORT.

Old Business :

- Donations to Rat Terrier Rescues.
- Last annual meeting there was not a quorum to take a vote to donate to any-one rescue.
- Discussion on donating to a Rat Terrier Rescue.

New Members :

- SUSAN MULLIGAN from Monroe Washington
- SUE SWAN from Sherwood Washington
- PATRICK HART from Olalla Washington
- Club secretary to send welcome

At this time there are 83 total memberships that AKC counts and 109 individual memberships.

New Business :

- *2020 Specialty:*

CH proposal to host the 2020 Specialty in Washington State. We have narrowed it down to two show clusters – Timberland/Chehalis – ALL breed Show September 12-13 2020 OR Whidbey Island KC/Monroe – ALL Breed Show – November 15-16 2020.

We Would propose hosting the Specialty the Friday before the shows. Still awaiting a response from the Monroe Show hosts about availability and costs. Chehalis has confirmed they would be happy to have us, no ring costs. I am working on a spreadsheet for both and will have it by the next BOD meeting.

Motion 2019-200 to approve the RTCA National be held at Timberland/Chehalis September 12-13 of 2020 if all financial aspects pass board approval once provided.

Motion JL, second TK. Motion passed unanimously.

- Response from Chris Dicky pertaining to the 5 items sent to members sent 1 day late:
- The requirement in the bylaws requiring 30 day notification of business cannot be suspended. However, these five items would require amendments to the bylaws to go into effect so they cannot be considered at the annual meeting.
During your president's report at the annual meeting, you can inform members that you received suggestions from members concerning possible bylaws amendments. You can ask that members send you feedback on these suggestions outside of the meeting.

However, if you want members to give you feedback during the annual meeting, then there would have to be a motion to suspend the rules to allow for discussion without a motion. A 2/3 vote of members present at the annual is required to suspend the rules.

- What can and should be on the agenda for the members' annual meeting December 13th 2019??
- Email sent to the board by Stacy McWilliams and the response from RTCA President:

I would like to document in writing with the Rat Terrier Club of America (RTCA) the following:

1. Nature of matters one through five are amendments to the bylaws and cannot be voted on at the annual meeting
2. This email was not sent within the time required within the bylaws (30 days prior to the annual meeting)
3. RTCA cannot ask a parliamentarian on advice on how to get past/around the bylaw that was broken, the Parliamentarian is an expert in rules of order in a meeting setting.
Sending the agenda for the club's annual meeting within the required time as stated by the bylaws is an important responsibility for the club Secretary. If the Secretary was unable to perform her duties, why didn't the president in the interim assign this important responsibility to another member?

Response from RTCA President:

1. Since all 5 of these would have to be Amendments to the RTCA Constitution any vote at the annual meeting would be an advisory Vote for the BOD to move forward with the correct procedures as outlined in ARTICLE VIII of the current bylaws for changes to the Constitution & By-Laws. The BOD had hoped to provide a platform for the Members to discuss these items and decide if any action should be taken, however, it may be that the discussion needs to take place on the Members Only section of the Website rather than initiated at the Annual Meeting.
2. Correct the notice was sent 1 day late.
3. The parliamentarian can advise in any matter. Please state bylaws that have been broken.
4. Please read the RTCA Bylaws, there is nowhere that states an agenda will even be sent to the Members prior to the annual meeting.
5. Yes it would have been great to of had another member send notice, the president was unable to see into the future to know that it would have not been sent out on time.

Next meeting Wednesday January 8th at 6:45 PM MST

Motion 2019-201 to adjourn at 7:49 PM MST.

Motion JL, second LL. Motion passed unanimously.