

RTCA BOARD MEETING
Call the Meeting to order July 7, 2021
7:10 PM MST

In attendance:

President: Cory Hart, CH
 Vice President: Tracey Kallas, TK
 Treasurer: Linda Lee, LL
 Secretary: Jeri Berg, JB
 Director: Christina Martinez, CM

ABSENT:

Director: Carmeta French, CF joined at 7:19 PM MST
 Director: Patty Smith, PS

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from June 2, 2021 BOD Meeting

Motion 2021- 300 Approve BOD Meeting Minutes June 2, 2021

Motion: CM 2nd CH Passed

Report of President: No Report

Report of VP: No Report

Report of Secretary:

- Can I add Canine Chronicles to the secretary address and post the information on the Members Only page? Yes
- Where can the RTCA Health Statement be placed on the website? Home page?
 CH: Post under Breed Information
- **RTCA mailbox:**
 - Are BOD members receiving forwarded emails? Yes.
 - CH: email server used will only accept 5 outside emails aside from official RTCA emails.
 - Treasurer's email: LL not getting, CH will add to forwarding.
 - Communication: If an email is responded to PLEASE CC rtca@ratterrierclubofamerica. Then others will know it has been replied to and not respond again. Can also post on BOD FB page that it has been responded to.
 - Emails replied to will be placed in files, I try to clear the emails weekly unless I am away.

Secretary Correspondences:

- **AKC Market Place**
 - Email/Letter sent today July 7, 2021, asking why the health statement is not connected to the link.

Health Statement approved and sent to:

- Email from S. McWilliams, applying for Platinum Breeder of Merit – minimum of 100 dogs earning titles with a minimum of 60 having earned Prefix titles
- AKC Melanie Rudd, Breeder of Merit Program June 14, 2021.

- AKC All Parent Delegate – P. Putiz.- June 26, 2021
- Posted on Members Only FB page

Where can the Health Statement be posted on the RTCA Webpage? Breeder Page

AKC All parent Club Delegate emails:

- **Directors & Insurance:** LL: RTCA is insured
- **Judges Education:** What does your club do for the presenters for Judges Education seminars?
Does your club pay expenses, or do you have a set \$ amount?
 - The majority of replies: only reimbursements for expenses related to materials.
 - Many clubs are small and have no budget or pay for expenses, all is donated.

RTCA- No Budget for JED

Club will reimburse person for materials only.

No travel expenses.

If room must be rented would need prior BOD approval for expense.

CH: many larger breed clubs will do a Judges ED seminar for multiple breeds as an attraction for their show.

TK: Has done 2 JED events recently; hosting clubs have not covered her expenses.

Report of Treasurer:

LL has sent the Balance sheet to the BOD for review – Separate sheet

- Audit is needed of T-shirts and Cooler bags.
 - CH will do inventory by end of the month.
- MoneyMinder: LL discussion on moving Membership information to Activities for invoicing at end of the year. LL will work with MM Support on this.
- CM: Notice Reminder Oct, Nov, Dec from Treasurer.
CH: CM & LL to discuss further: Whatever is easiest for Treasurer and most effective for Club.
Then present to BOD.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee:

Chair: Randi Garske

Members: Jeri Berg

Charles Harrison

Sharma Sonntag

Sue Swan

Another section has been completed. Bylaws will be finished and presented to membership before Annual Meeting (date to be determined) and then voted on at the meeting.

Health & Genetics: No report

Chair: Carmeta (Meta) French

Members: Cory Hart

Tracey Kallas

Jeri Berg

Linda Lee

Christina Martinez

Judges Education & Mentoring Committee:

Chair: Tracey Kallas

Members: Kari Jepson

Linda Lee

Renee Morgan

Christina Martinez

TK has sent 8 cards have been sent to clusters

JB: Do you keep track of which judges have been sent cards?

TK: Yes, names are added to a spreadsheet, but did not do so this time due to traveling.

National Specialty Committee – 2020-2021:

Chair: Cory Hart

Members: Jeri Berg

Tracey Kallas

Sue Swan

CH: Working on associated events, need stats for Top 20, reaching out to Stacy show chair and Shelly Halma who lives in general region for ideas as a group activity; something fun after event on Saturday. Need Committee members to start helping.

- **National Specialty 2022.**
 - Need to solicit Proposals for the 2022 National Specialty.

Previous National Specialties were held on in Colorado 2018, Florida – East Coast 2019, Washington – West Coast, 2020/2021

Would be nice to have it located in the Midwest 2022

If enough proposals are received, we could approve at Annual Meeting so they can get started.

Things to consider for National:

- Committee Chair
- Group of people locally willing to run it (how many?)
- The National Specialty should be held in conjunction with other shows (Cluster) to provide more opportunities to show (points) or do performance events, making the trip more enticing.
- Weather & time of year (Sept – Dec)
- Local attractions – what makes it more attractive
- Hotels – can blocks of rooms be reserved?

CF: A standard form should be created with the information needed for the proposals.

- CM stated she would work on this with JB.

Raffle: To be held ring side

Discussion on items for raffle

Newsletter Committee: No report at this time

Chair: Patty Smith

Co-Chair: Tracey Kallas

Members: Susan Mulligan
Shana Bokelman
Theda Little

CH: PS has agreed to take over as Chair. CH will send everything to her.

Pedigree Committee:

Chair: Christina Martinez

Members: Linda Lee

Discussion on how breeders are getting non-standard Rat Terriers registered with AKC.

AKC allowing code (000) to be used for coat patterns and colors - Merle and Brindle specifically; this does not comply with the breed standard.

Breeder has contacted CM numerous occasions to get Certified Pedigrees and has provided the information on how they are getting the non-standard dogs registered and accepted.

RTCA – The Parent Breed Club must push the issue; non-standard dogs got in under false pretenses, Breeder is flaunting the fact they got in under false pretenses.

CM sent correspondence to JB to be put in Policy & Procedures.

RTCA & Pedigree Committee needs to file a complaint with AKC stating:

- the Parent Club Breed Standard must be respected,
- stop allowing unauthorized code (000) to be used and accepted for coat patterns and colors.
- How can we prevent what is currently happening; these dogs do not conform to our standard; we do not believe they are pure bred rat terriers.
- Breeders' original registration that let the merle in, is deemed invalid, and invalidate all the progeny. Falsely registered, registration to be pulled.

If AKC state there is nothing that can be done, CH will pull the research and information from a previous breed incidence, will find out how the other breed filed complaint.

Performance Committee:

Chair: Randi Garske

Co-Chair: Jeri Berg

Members: Susan Mulligan

JB: Need AKC Stat information from CH.

Start to compile all Performance events.

Info needs to be ready to present at Nationals 2020/2021

Make Certificates for Top 10 - For Club Members or All Rat Terrier

CM: for Club members only

CH: Stat committee needs to put it all together.

Performance committee needs to put a proposal together. Stats show titles earned, each month send out Certificates each month.

JB: No sure about sending out each month but could post report on Members Page

Policy & Procedure Committee:

Chair: Cory Hart

Members: All board members

JB: This ties in with the Bylaws, information currently in the P&P under Board & Committees is from

2018 and very outdated. Membership Application: language on application and in Bylaws are using two different words, ie Single & Individual, Family & Household. Language for both needs to be the same word (Individual, Household).

LL: Changes to Membership Application, lower right-hand corner:

“Save as” under your name for emailing to the secretary.

Electronic signature s/your name

Confusing or contradictory wording as to who it is sent to.

BOD - Should go to treasurer.

Electronic signature needs to be explained better how to do it.

Original Membership Application is on thumb drive; can be updated.

Discussion on using only @ratterrierclubofamerica.org emails for Official RTCA business.

Financial accounts need to be updated, further discussion per Policy & Procedure and BOD decision.

Supported Entry Committee:

Chair: Jason Sharp –

Members: Cory Downey Hart

Ray Draper

Gail Harlamoff

Tracey Kallas

Christina Martinez

Sue Swan

CH: no official report received. Donations were received for the upcoming weekend show. No Cooler bags sent information received too late.

Need to work on communication and getting information forwarded.

Discussion on What Supported Entry is and how to make a request.

If member has been at a show where there was a large RT entry; this might be the show to have a Supported Entry.

Member contact Hosting Club before Premium is created (will be months in advance of show)

Member presents a budget to SE Committee: items needed for the classes

If request is granted, Member will notify Hosting Club to put in their Premium.

Member will be responsible for receiving and delivering items to the show.

A standardize form will be created and provided to RTCA members.

JB: Cooler bags and leashes need to be sent for the RMAC show Sept 10 2021.

CH: will get the items together to post. Needs JB's address and amounts needed.

CM: will send JB the list for items she requested for show.

TK: Leashes are 4 weeks out

Ways & Means Committee:

Chair: Cory Hart

Members: Tracey Kallas

Christina Martinez

CH: has been trying to arrange another raffle with FB group; haven't heard back.

Old Business:

- Non-disclosure Confidentiality agreement. A number of clubs have these agreements - AKC All Parent Club. The Secretary has copies and can send them to the BOD before the meeting for review and it can be discussed.
- Calendar & Google account for the BOD – CH not had a chance to set up.
- Email: when will this email account jbl2018 be inactive? CH: should be inactive already; off account June 2021.
- AKC emails and other items sent to BOD
 - Discussion on Logo Request & Trademark License Agreement: JB & CH will finalize.

New Members:

Laura Crandall

Megan Richards is interested to help with Performance and health. Has rat terrier puppy she is showing. Discussion on what areas might interest her.

New Business:

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 5, 2021, 7:00 PM MST

Meeting Adjourned: **MOTION 2021–301** Adjourn the meeting.

Motion CM 2nd: CH Approved Adjourned 8:18 PM MST