

**RTCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2023**  
**6 PM PST, 7 PM MST, 9 PM EST**

**In attendance:**

President: Cory Hart, CH  
 Vice President: Tracey Kallas, TK  
 Secretary: Membership not renewed, pending new appointment from BOD  
 Treasurer: Linda Lee, LL  
 Director: Christina Martinez, CM  
 Director: Patty Smith, PS  
 Director: Jason Sharp, JS

Meeting started at: 6:05PM PST

**Absent:** Jason Sharp

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

November 2022 - Approved

February 2023 – not yet submitted

**Report of President:**

- No report.

**Report of VP:**

- No report.

**Report of Secretary:**

- No report.

**Report of Treasurer:**

- Balance sheet emailed to BOD.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Bylaws Committee:**

- No report.

**Health & Genetics:**

Chair: Susan Mulligan  
 BOD Liaison: Linda Lee  
 Members: Joanna Little  
               Susan Swan  
               Tracey Kallas

Meta French  
 Laura Crandal  
 Joann Muligan  
 Christina Martinez  
 Margeret Van de Hagan

- Report, including Meeting summaries submitted by email from Susan Mulligan. Report to be added at end of Minutes for clarity.
- BOD discussion addisons article on website? Other articles that are useful also included in a FYI possibly to be reviewed by committee at later dates.

#### **JR Handler Committee:**

Chair: Renee Morgan  
 BOD Liaison: Cory Hart  
 Members: Susan Turner  
 Trish Wentz

- No Report.

#### **Judges Education & Mentoring Committee:**

Chair: Tracey Kallas - BOD Liaison  
 Members: Gail Harlamoff  
 Linda Lee  
 Christina Martinez  
 Renee Morgan  
 Patty Smith  
 Kathy Wakefield

- 5 cards sent to 3 venue.
- Sent 25 cards to each breed mentor.

#### **National Specialty Committee 2023**

Show Chair: Michelle Blackowl-Chavez  
 Members: To be announced.

- Report and update needed ASAP as this is on of the most important Events the RTCA conducts.
- BOD discussion - photos of all extra ribbons from past events will be sent to Christina.

#### **National Specialty Committee**

The Club would like to start soliciting proposals for all future National Specialties, in particular 2024. Submitting is easy, you just need to send an email outlining the location, the benefits of that location, other events that will be held the same week or weekend.

**Newsletter Committee:**

Chair: Patty Smith - BOD Liaison  
 Co-Chair: Christina Martinez  
 Members: Tracey Kallas  
 Lindsay Halbach

- No Report.

**Nomination Committee:**

Chair: Lindsey Halbach  
 Members: Rene Morgan  
 Debbie Lassiter  
 Alternates : Linda Lee  
 Susan Mulligan

- The Nominations Committee Submitted their Slate, then asked that all additional Nominations be sent to Linda Lee. The BOD has not received any information to date regarding additional Nominations from Ms. Lee.
- As there was one Member who did send their Nomination to the BOD, it appears that an Election will be held. The BOD needs to designate who will be running the Election.
- The President will run the election; Linda will scan and forward all the Nominations.
- Bios will be sent out on April 10th, 2023.
- Election will begin on April 15th, 2023.
- You must be a member in good standing by March 31st to vote in this election.

**Pedigree Committee:**

Chair: Christina Martinez - BOD Liaison  
 Members: Linda Lee  
 Tracey Kallas

- With the Stud Books closed, the Pedigree Committee needs to reevaluate their duties.
- Possible evolution into a pedigree database formation for club member access.

**Performance Committee:**

Chair: Joanna Little  
 Co-Chair: Kathy Wakefield  
 BOD Liaison: Cory Downey Hart  
 Members: Erin Cash Schmidt

The Performance Committee is happy to announce the successful launch of the RTCA Versatility Award! This has been well received by members of the club, and we look forward to having a dozen or so awards to present at the Nationals this year.

We have also been looking into supporting successful Rat Terriers in the various sports by offering Supported Entry for all the Performance Events. We are hoping to work with the Supported Entry Committee to not only offer awards for Rat Terriers in Conformation, but also recognize those who are successful in various Performance Events at AKC shows. We feel it is important that the RTCA be inclusive in their support of all Rat Terriers out there representing the Breed.

Our first attempt at that will be at the Tacoma Kennel Club Show in Washington State on July 15-16<sup>th</sup>. The RTCA has done Supported Entry and Breed Booths for this event since they

separated from the Seattle Kennel Club and started hosting their own shows. Prior to this we did the Breed Booth at the SKC/TKC Event in Seattle every year. So there is historical precedence. We are offering prizes not only for the Conformation winners, but also for all qualifying scores for Performance Events and High in Trial Rat Terrier for Rally and Obedience. We are hoping to learn from this experience so that we can expand to additional shows.

**Policy & Procedure Committee:**

Chair: Cory Hart  
Members: All board members

- No Report.
- BOD reviewed procedure for Nominations Committee.

**STATS & Top 5-20 Committee:**

Chair: \*\*\* NEEDED  
BOD Liaison: Tracey Kallas  
Members: Randi Garske  
Cory Downey Hart  
Robert Chaffin  
Terri Galle

- No report.

**Supported Entry Committee:**

Chair: Jason Sharp  
BOD Liaison: Christina Martinez  
Members: Cory Downey Hart  
Ray Draper  
Gail Harlamoff  
Megan Richards

- No Report.

**Ways & Means Committee:**

Chair: Cory Hart - BOD Liaison  
Members: Tracey Kallas  
Christina Martinez  
Carmeta French  
Megan Richards

- Looking for volunteers to set up an online shop
- 2 raffles have been completed and a 3rd is still open.
- Efforts need to be made to increase group size and participation.

**Old Business:**

- Bylaws – Need to finish merging the Parliamentarians Suggestions.
- Application to AKC to become a full AKC Member Club. Linda & Christina will work on getting all the information.

**New Members**

Jill Beneda  
 Roberta & Bill Belden  
 Patricia Green  
 Deborah Davidson Harper  
 Jackie Lillis  
 Chris & Tina Martellis  
 Celeste Mig  
 Justin Norman (daughter Julia Norman)  
 Adrianna & Michelle Shedla  
 Kathleen Jones  
 Monica Jones

**New Business:**

**MOTION 2023** : Retain the Parliamentarian for another year.

Motion: CM                      2nd: TK                      unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday April 5th, 2023, Time 6:00 PM PST**

**Motion 2022-** Motion to Adjourn The Meeting.

Motion: CS                      2nd: TK                      unanimously approved.                      : TIME 7:44 PM PST