

RTCA BOARD MEETING Agenda
April 05, 2023
6 PM PST, 7 PM MST, 9 PM EST

In attendance:

President: Cory Hart, CH
 Vice President: Tracey Kallas, TK
 *Secretary:
 Treasurer: Linda Lee, LL
 Director: Christina Martinez, CM
 Director: Patty Smith, PS
 Director: Jason Sharp, JS

Meeting started at: 6:03PM

Absent: CM, LL, PS

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

February 2023 – Motion to approve – JS, TK, CH. On line, yes from PS. No response from other BOD Members.

March 2023 – Jason not at March Meeting, feels uncomfortable voting, no other input given on FB group. CH, TK yes

Report of President:

Working on getting out regular emails to the Membership.

I also suggest a few changes to our Membership application going forward =

- Have all applications emailed to one of the ratterrierclubofamerica.org email accounts, which will auto-forward to the Treasurers account. This will save the treasurer the step of sending emailed applications to a Club email box, reducing that work to only scanning and emailing the ones that are mailed in. The RTCA needs to have copies of all Applications on file for future reference.
- Set up an on-line shopping cart for Membership Dues. This will ensure that all payments go to the correct account and eliminate the possibility of payments going to the wrong account.

Report of VP:

- Updated meeting minutes and posted anything applicable/approved on the RTCA webpage members only section.
- Sorted, organized and filed correspondence for the secretary and RTCA general emails.
- Updated membership list on the RTCA website after 3 requests were made.
- Answered general emails that had not been addressed yet.
- Reached out to AKC regarding and verifying all members in good standing.
- Corresponded with members regarding the election, responsibility of roles of the BOD, judges education and dealt.
- Reviewed all photos for our first versatility awards – GO RATS!

- Worked on the club flyer, the bylaws revision, Election Buddy updates to keep current for use in the 2023 election.
- Discussed with the president about new and exciting things to add to the webpage;
 - Top ten photos for all ages dates past.
 - A members only pedigree database.
 - A members only judges report card.
 - FYI health issues that may or may not be addressed by the health and genetics committee at some point;
 - * Need to reach out to DCM article author for bio/permission to post on the webpage.
 - * Need to post FYI article about Addison's on webpage.
 - The best ways to encourage our members and support the breed.

Report of Secretary:

See VP report as she is doing the Secretary work at this time

Report of Treasurer:

Balance Sheet Emailed to BOD.

Balance Sheets and any other long reports to be added to the Minutes when they are posted to the Members Only Section.

Jason still working on the audit and has questions for Treasurer.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee:

No report submitted

Health & Genetics:

Chair: Susan Mulligan (A)

Linda Lee (A) - BOD Liaison

Members:

Joanna Little
 Susan Swan
 Tracey Kallas
 Meta French
 Laura Crandal
 Joann Muligan
 Christina Martinez
 Margeret Van de Hagan

JR Handler Committee:

Chair: Renee Morgan

Cory Hart - BOD Liaison

Members: Susan Turner
Trish Wentz

No report submitted

Judges Education & Mentoring Committee:

Chair: Tracey Kallas - BOD Liaison

Members:

Gail Harlamoff

Linda Lee

Christina Martinez

Renee Morgan

Patty Smith

Kathy Wakefield

- 10 judges education cards we sent to 3 different show clusters.
- Received and responded to an AKC request for conducting a judges education seminar in Orlando 2023. Once we have an approved date we will need to start soliciting volunteers for the hands on.
- Working on adding text to the handout and PowerPoint that follows PowerPoint presentation.
- Reached out to the Gazette about an article idea – no response back as of yet.
- Conducted AZ Judges Education Seminar with enough rats for a hands on.
 - 20 judges attended the 90 minute PP presentation. 18 attended the hands on workshop.
 - Thank you club members Shana Bokelman, Kathy Spears, Ray Draper, Sheree Sanchez and Lindsay Halbach for showing up and your willingness to let your rats be examined. It was a nice representation of different lines from around the country and that is SO important for judges to see how the different types can still fit within our breed standard.
 - Response from the cluster chair – if I receive any other info I will add to future JEC reports :

“Hello, ADJE 2023 Presenters and JE Chairs,

I touched base with Kathy in Judges Ops and all is well on that end.

I will send you a copy of your breed seminar registration sheet as well as the PDF report that will be sent to AKC on the Seminar/Workshop.

We have gotten fabulous comments on the presentations. THANK YOU for everything you did to make it a fantastic week of education.

Phyl”
- Suggestions from the seminar :
 1. A public list on our webpage for judges to contact in case they need to do a ringside. These are not necessarily breed club approved mentors, but any club member who has been breeding or showing since the rat first gained AKC recognition.

2. A self addressed stamped seminar “post” card for judges to fill out rating the seminar, offering suggestions and providing feedback
3. A more detailed explanation on what the different types are you might see from different area of the country. IE somehow to explain how much types might vary but still be acceptable under the standard.
4. Addressing the “oval” eye in the standard– nobody understands that as written – they are asking for comparison to round and almond.

National Specialty Committee 2023

Show Chair: Michelle Blackowl-Chavez

Report and update needed ASAP as this is on of the most important Events the RTCA does

Send Pictures of all ribbons to Christina – still needs to be completed.

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 submitted

Pedigree Committee:

Chair – BOD Liaison: Christina Martinez

Members: Linda Lee

Tracey Kallas

At this time, with the Stud Books closed, the Pedigree Committee needs to reevaluate their duties going forward.

Performance Committee:

Chair: Joanna Little

Co-Chair: Kathy Wakefield

Cory Downey Hart - BOD Liaison

Members:

Since the announcement of the versatility award program we have had 9 successful applications. The majority of which are in the highest achievable level.

I have heard of a few new RTCA member applicants who are hoping to send in versatility award applications for several of their dogs once they have been added to the club. So I am looking forward to that.

VRTX

I KIT YOU NOT

FELIXVILLE'S KEEP ON TRAVELIN

COHILLS RIDIN THE CRAZY TRAIN
 WATERWHEEL CREEK'S SET TO STUN
 DOS REBELLIONS ARE BUILT ON HOPE NBT
 MERAKI'S REDUCTO!

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 MCDANIELS OWN LUPE FIASCO

VRT
 FELIXVILLE'S ALL NIGHT LONG
 WESTSIDE DECKERS SPUTNIK ONE

The Tacoma Kennel Club got back to me finally and can add the supported entry info onto the premium.

Thanks
 Kathy

Policy & Procedure Committee:

Chair: Cory Hart
 Members: All board members

Reviewed Procedure for Nominations Committee.

No report submitted

STATS & Top 5-20 Committee:

Chair:
 Members:

Would like Members with interest in this to volunteer for this committee

Supported Entry Committee:

Chair: Jason Sharp
 Christina Martinez - BOD Liaison
 Members:

Cory Downey Hart
 Ray Draper
 Gail Harlamoff
 Megan Richards

No report submitted

Ways & Means Committee:

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

Working on an on line page for donations & Merchandize. We will plan on using this page for payments for Raffles and other fundraising events to help minimize confusion regarding payment accounts

More effort needs to be made to increase the groups 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 :

New RTCA Members in the month of March			
Allyson	Adams	Jared	Hayden
Zack	Adams	Kevin	Hayden
Jeff	Akins	Rebecca	Hayden
Lindsay	Akins	Shayla	Hayden
Isabel	Amador	Chrystal	Kahley
Marsha	Anderson	Ryan	Kallas
Charlotte	Arnold	Jordonna	Karriker
Daphne	Arnold	Casey	Karriker
Melody	Beck	Susan	Lathrop
Rick	Beck	Tony	Lathrop
Bill	Belvin	Jack	Little
Christina	Belvin	Theda	Little
Jeri	Berg	Carolyn	Long
Timothy	Berg	Dave	McNiff
Bridgette	Bordelon	Christina	Michel
Victoria	Bordelon	Elizabeth	Michel
Marla	Brandon	George	Michel
Chanelle	Cetta	Roberto	Michel
Marissa	Cetta	Celeste	Migliaccio
Mary Ann	Chaffin	Marcia	Morgan
Don	Cipriani	Jerry	Morgan
Nina	Cipriani	Anna	Morris

Jordon	Cloud
Kaylee	Cloud
Erin	Criqui
Theodore	Criqui
William	Criqui
Krystal	Dias
Michael	Dumas
Pamela	Dumas
Pat	Eaton
James (Jim)	Emerson
Karen	Emerson
Jane M.	Engemann
Lance	Farrar
Lauren	Farrar
Cheryl	Fuss
Deborah Davidson	Harpur

Cynthia	Mueller
Marsha	Nieman
Justin	Norman
Joanna	Ramirez
Doreen	Rogers
Lee	Rogers
Sal	Sanchez
Sheree	Sanchez
Michael	Spencer
Sarah	Staley
Amanda	Stanfield
Stephen	Stanfield
Beth	Szczygiel
Joyce	Telk
Charles	Telk
Louann	Thompson
Paula	Vester

New Business:

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Next Meeting: 6PM Pacific

Day: Wednesday

Date: May 3, 2023

__JS__ Motioned to adjourn the meeting, __TK__ seconded

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 PM