

RTCA Members meeting Lake Perris, CA 10/27/2023

Attendance: Linda Lee, Susan Mulligan, Ray Draper, Gail Harlamoff, JoAnne Mulligan, Joanna Little, Naomi Waynee, Geri Berg, Tim Berg, Charles Harrison, Michelle Blackowl, Denise Crites, Marilyn Roche, Barbara Jordon, Debbie Davidson Harper, Jason Sharp

Meeting Start: 3:21pm

Bylaws Revision – Reported to the membership it is being worked on. Reviewed by parliamentarian for revisions to align with AKC requirements. It was commented that it has been “being worked on” since 2021.

Treasurer’s report: Most current – see 9/23/2023.

Audit: Hoping to get it done by Jan 31, 2024 for years 2021-2023. Membership pushing to have it done. Susan Mulligan identified a volunteer that may be able to get it done.

Suggestion from JoAnne Mulligan to see projection of major expenses annually from board to identify future costs and need to raise money. Maybe create a top ten Wishlist. Comment from BOD: As committees evolve, they will submit requests for a budget to support their projects.

Committee reports: Tabled to the annual meeting in Dec.

Request for newsletter –surveyed, the group indicated they preferred a newsletter for communication.

New membership: It was reported that we currently have about 204 members. It was suggested that breeders encourage their puppy buyers to join RTCA. Request to create a RTCA pamphlet that breeders could give to their puppy buyers.

Membership: What does it offer non-breed people? What does it offer pet people?

- Discussed several committees that do help non-breed people e.g. performance committee versatility awards & annual yearbook.
- Supported entry committee arranges prizes at supported events.
- Health and genetics committee to provide education on health concerns in our breed

DDH reiterated that we need to address all people (pet, performance and show)

Several people (GH and NW) suggested to look at other breed club whp publish an annual record (memorials – people and dogs, National Specialty wns, National Sweeps win, Recognition of Merit program, All dogs finished titles, Stud Dogs, Brood bitches, Health Certifications completed. For examples, refer to BTCA.com (Publications/last year record). Also refer to Am Staff review for another example.

Lack of communication – refer to need for newsletter. Multiple people expressed desire for newsletter to assure better communication to membership. When communications or reports on the RTCA website . Jeri Berg volunteered to publish a quarterly newsletter for RTCA.

Suggestion to create a limit for the maximum committees a member can be on and maximum number of committees a member can run. This lapsed into a discussion of the need for people to step up to support committees.

Other committee suggestions: Term limit on committee members/leads. Standing committee verses ?(opposite of standing committee). It was noted that it is hard for committees to decide what to do.

Suggestion: create a policies and procedures to define committee responsibilities. (for example, see Bull Terrier Club Policies/Procedures manual)

Create priority lists for RTCA and committees.

Request that members receive notifications whenever minutes are published to the RTCA site.

Requested for more transparency of Board. Who proposed, who seconded, who voted in favor and who opposed. Small discussion that on occasion, executive sessions are held to allow discussions of a sensitive nature and to protect the people that brought certain concerns that may wish to maintain anonymity.

Suggested more BOD direction of committees, better reporting from committees.

Requested a calendar of special events (supported entry calendar for the year).

Suggested 2 secretaries:

- 1) Corresponding
- 2) Executive.

Suggested social committee

\_Communication about events, heads up on events, provide information and communication (this could be a communication person or committee)

Set up a useful calendar with reminders

More discussion – Lack of communication: Best tool newsletter. E-mail communications should provide a link from e-mail to directly find any published communications.

Who is webmaster? (Cory). Should have webmaster whose only job is to provide updates in a timely manner.

Regional Club contact on BOD? Suggest correspondence secretary.

By December, have roll out of ideas for communication improvement.

Meeting adjourned: 4:29pm

