

**American Toy Fox Terrier Club  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

***CALL TO ORDER***

A regular meeting of the American Toy Fox Terrier Club Board of Directors held on May 9, 2012 was called to order at 9:03 P.M. EST; 8:03 P.M. CST; 6:03 P.M. PST by Lisa Curry, Vice-President.

***ROLL CALL***

Lisa Curry, Vickie Kerley, Susan McCoy, Kasey Mando, Lila Fast, Rick Lilly, and Charles Robinson, were present. Mike Massey & Lynn McKee were absent.

***OFFICERS' REPORTS***

**President**      N/A

**Vice president**

**Standing Committee Reports**

***Newsletter:*** For the last newsletter, one ad was placed (by Dianne herself, and check sent to our treasurer). The newsletter was ten pages. As many members (about 2/3 of the club) accepted email delivery, postage costs were \$40 and the printing costs were \$65 (receipts to be submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement). Three newsletters were returned which had incorrect addresses, and re-mailed. Dianne chose to use envelopes as in the past, those sent only stapled, without an envelope, were reported badly mangled (damaged by postage machines and the post office). Dianne donated the envelopes for the last newsletter. The net cost to the club for this ten-page newsletter was \$45. For the next newsletter, due in June, Dianne has tentatively sold ads for the cover and an inside ad. That issue will also include material about the trophy sponsorships for the nationals and other info related to those shows. Dianne will be sending to club members via e-mail in the future a reminder/invitation to advertise. Also, Dianne has upgraded her computer programs, and the next newsletter will be done with Microsoft Publisher.

***Membership:*** Kasey has been working on encouraging new members. We will have 3 new members to vote on soon. She has also been reviewing the membership list and speaking with members about updating their member information, to ensure they receive the premium list for our upcoming shows and newsletter.

***Health:*** The final information has been sent to the CHIC program and is as follows: For TFT breeders to participate in the CHIC program, three tests are required for all breeding stock: (1) Patellar Luxation exam (manual), (2) Congenital Hypothyroidism with Goiter (CHG)(DNA test), and (3) Primary Lens Luxation (PLL)(DNA test). Two further tests which are recommended but not required are (1) Legge Calve Perthes (hip x-rays) and (2) von Willebrands disease (vWD) (blood test). In addition to working on the CHIC program, Greg has offered to run a patellar examination clinic, and he is also offering to include in

the same clinic, the cardiac screening (OFA) required by many breeds for their CHIC Programs. We are in discussions with Black Mountain about coordinating this and Laura will provide details when available.

*Show Committee:* Denise Monette has agreed to head up reservations for the banquet. Laura and Mike Massey will be visiting the show site soon, which will be helpful in planning the further details of the events. Also, the shows and judges are now approved by AKC. John Shoemaker will be our chief ring steward. Lynn McKee will be providing a detailed list of prizes in plenty of time for its inclusion in the premium list. The closing date will be 9-26, the same as Black Mountain's closing date, to make things as simple as possible for competitors. Several people have inquired about a budget for the present show. While preparation of a budget is recognized as an important element, historical info is virtually useless for most aspects of this year's show which is in a totally new venue. We are nonetheless compiling information as it comes forth, but we cannot yet prepare a meaningful budget. The board has oversight on all financial decisions being made and will review the premium list information prior to finalization. Another piece of good news, we learned there will be no charge for RV's parking at the hotel.

*Catalog Ads:* Sheryl Irwin, Ad Chair in conjunction with Laura Laschi, Show Chair propose the following and request board approval:

Back Cover \$100 (add \$20 for photo)  
Inside Front Cover \$75 (add \$20 for photo)  
Inside Back Cover \$75 (add \$20 for photo)  
Full page with photo \$60 (4 1/2 x 7 1/4)  
Full page without photo \$40 "  
Half page with photo \$45 (4 1/2 x 3 5/8)  
Half page without photo \$25 "  
Business card \$15 (4 1/2 x 1 3/16)  
(All ad copy is in Black & White)

Sheryl will try to get Lad's Pet Supplies to take the back cover (they distribute nationally). They have done so for other dog show catalogs Sheryl has organized. The following is Sheryl's recommendations for the Ad Form Timetable:

A form soliciting ads would be mailed/ emailed to ATFTC club members (along with a few others who have expressed an interest) the week of June 22 - June 29, 2012. This allows a period of eight weeks for ads to be formatted, but not so long that it is forgotten about. If possible this will be done at the same time as the newsletter. All advertising must be accompanied with payment and all checks payable to the ATFTC. All ad copy should be to Sheryl by August 24, 2012. This will allow a little time for the anticipated stragglers. All ad copy Sheryl receives will be sent to the Superintendent by September 7, 2012 for publication. All payment she receives will be mailed to Susan McCoy, ATFTC Treasurer.

*Trophies:* Carolyn requests board feedback on a few issues. In the past we have issued paper certificates to ATFTC members that have applied for them, at the annual banquet. Always trying to improve the process, please consider the following, keeping in mind the value of sharing goodwill about our dogs' achievements, increasing positive benefits of membership, as well as the value of avoiding excessive expense:

1. Should we send certificates to all owners of TFT degree and title holders whether they are club members or not, or just to ATFTC members?
2. Should certificates be (a) sent out monthly, or (b) given out at the annual banquet and then mailed to those who can't make it there? (we can still update the website monthly with the info we get from AKC)
3. Should recipients have to apply for a certificate to be presented at the annual awards banquet, or should we simply award it. It should be noted that we have ALL the information from the AKC on who has earned a title on their dog – in other words we don't need their application to find out who should get a certificate.
4. Publicizing the title earners: should we read the list at the banquet; post a list at the banquet (perhaps on each table, for example); post it on the website; or some combination of these.

*Gazette Columnist:* Bev Stanley's first column was in the March issue. This column which was on show-training puppies and is of general interest, not limited to our breed, has been very well received. She has invited Lisa Curry to be guest columnist for the next piece.

*Breeder Referrals:* Lila continues to receive a few inquiries a month, and as in the past, she provides them with contact information for the breeders closest to them.

#### Secretary

1. The minutes of the April 11, 2012 meeting were approved by e-mail vote on April 20, 2012.

#### *CORRESPONDENCE*

##### *From:*

4-23-12 Gina DiNardo, AKC Assistant Executive Secretary announcing the fourth stand-alone AKC Meet the Breeds event to be held at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York city on October 20 and 21, 2012. Sponsored by Pet Partners, Inc. the provider of AKC's pet healthcare plan.

4-23-12 "Sounds for Hounds" announcing a audio CD & MP3 for noise therapy for pups and nervous dogs. Contact e-mail: [soundsforhounds@soundskapes.com](mailto:soundsforhounds@soundskapes.com).

##### *To:*

Ann Walton, President Toy Fox Terrier Club of Houston confirming their request to hold shows on August 24 & 25, 2012 was approved by the Board of Directors on April 11, 2012.

#### Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the BOD as previously presented via E-mail.

#### *VOTES TAKEN BY E-MAIL SINCE MARCH BOD MEETING*

1. A motion, as amended, was made to approve the Entry Fees for the upcoming "Nationals" (AKC approval pending) as follows:  
Regular Entry \$28.00; Bred by Exhibitor / Puppy Classes \$24.00; Sweepstakes \$15.00; Additional entry of same dog \$24.00. Juniors Free if dog is entered in another class.  
Motion carried via e-mail vote on April 18, 2012.

### ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

- 1. “Free” Conference Call Service: The board agreed to continue using the current conference call service as freeconferencecall.com is not feasible for all board members to access.**
- 2. The “Educational Brochure” prepared by the Education Chair was further discussed and Board Members are asked to submit their comments and suggestions, if any, in writing to the Board Secretary, to be compiled and presented to Kelley Maldon.**
- 3. The board agreed that it would like to receive approximately weekly updates from the Show Chair on the show preparation progress. The board will review all financial decisions in particular, and also, the board will want to review the premium list information prior to finalization.**
- 4. John Shoemaker has agreed to be the ring steward for the National, Specialty & Sweepstakes for the 2012 show at no charge to the club.**
- 5. Lila Fast & Kasey Mando are contacting various screen printers for quotes on the printing of the t-shirts, totes, etc. to be ordered.**

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

- 1. Following discussion, a motion was made to approve Arlene G. King, Jennifer Canfield & Joe Duffy’s applications for membership. Motion carried.**
- 2. The board members agreed that they would like to show support to the affiliate clubs who have show and events. Discussion will continue in the future on how best to accomplish this.**
- 3. The board discussed establishment of an advisory panel or steering committee to research possibilities for the 2014 show site. This subject was tabled until the next meeting.**
- 4. A motion was made to provide “supported entries” for both of Black Mountain Kennel Club’s show dates and upgraded ribbons & rosettes will be provided, as well as a BOB prize each day; Lisa Curry has made arrangements with Judy Pritchard, who has generously agreed to donate two of her hand-made beaded kangaroo leads for these prizes. Motion carried.**

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

**The board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting as there being no further business at 10:16 P.M. EST; 9:16 P.M. CST; 7:16 P.M. PST.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Vickie R. Kerley,  
ATFTC Secretary**