

American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 14 , 2014

CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order by President, Cindy Enroughty at 6:03PM MST

ROLL CALL

Present: Anne Kieffer, Carolyn Lichty, Cindy Enroughty , Denise Monette, Karen Gibson, Rebekah Anthony, Sheryl Irwin, Terrie Crawford (*in alphabetical order*)
Absent: Kasey Mando,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Sheryl to accept minutes, Carolyn seconded, motion accepted. Corrected minutes regarding the Chair for the Houston Toy Fox Terrier Show from the December 10, 2014 Board of Directors meeting approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President - No Report

Vice President - No Report

Secretary -

As of January 10, 2015, I have received approximately 45 ballots for the National Specialty Judge. I will update this number and give the results at the meeting; however those numbers will be subject to change as our meeting is on the 14th and we have given members until the 15th. I would like to publically thank Michael Rivera for helping me fold, stuff, seal, label and stamp all of the ballots and electronic options that went out to the membership.

I have looked at the Barn Hunt Association application, and on that application they request an event date and other details. As soon as I receive them I can finish filling out our application.

We have received a membership application from Kim Rowley which was forwarded to the Board Members.

Treasurer - Karen Gibson

Karen received 2 boxes of paperwork from the previous Treasurer, now she needs to go through it. There is no Wells Fargo bank in Oklahoma, but while she was travelling she did stop at a branch and deposited \$1,480.00 worth of dues checks and \$518.93 from the Florida Specialty.

Karen also got an Addendum to Certificate of Authority which will need to be signed by her, Annette and Cindy to remove Annette, keep Cindy as a signor as well as Karen.

Karen also received many envelopes with funds for dues, as well as several that were not written for the correct amount. Karen will return the overages and write letters for any under payments for dues.

Karen has the passwords for the PayPal Account and the Treasurer's gmail account.

Karen will be contacting several members for which she has old checks, but no application or missing parts of their application such as no sponsor signature.

Performance: Open Position - No Report

Sunshine: Open Position - No Report

Anne has submitted to the Board an application from Tammy Wallace to be considered for the Sunshine Committee.

Motion was made by Denise to appoint Tammy Wallace as the Sunshine Committee head. Anne seconded. Motion passed.

Meet the Breed: Denise Monette

Denise contacted the AKC to let them know that the ATFTC approved the expenditure to do the advertising in conjunction with the Westminster Kennel Club's Meet the Breed event. Right now AKC has a booth assigned to us for Meet the Breeds in New York.

There are two banners, but Denise is not certain that we will have a banner for New York. Lorelei had one of the banners, and she wanted the banner donated to the ATFTC. Denise will get in touch with Wendy Howard to determine if she can get the banner and bring it to New York. Otherwise, it can be shipped. Denise will reach out to our members and see if they will be willing to go and man the booth.

Show Site: Denise Monette

Denise received a letter from the Des Moines Visitor's Bureau, but not from a club member. She contacted Lila Fast to determine if she was putting together a proposal for 2016 in Des Moines.

She also received one from the Mount Vernon, Illinois area.

Breeder Referral: Lila Fast – No Report

Scrapbook: Open Position – No Report

Health:

Greg Lawson – No Report

By-Laws Revision Committee

So far, Ecoballot has produced the most reasonable quote that may fit the current needs of the ATFTC.

Hi Sheryl,

Thanks for contacting us! Yes, Ecoballot can absolutely handle an election with some paper ballots. There are two ways to handle paper voters. You just print out a copy of the ballot for them to mark up and return, in person or via postal mail. The person or committee who is running the election can enter the information on their behalf (it's just a few clicks - you click on their name from a list and you can add their vote to the system.). Alternately, you can just manually tally the paper ballots when the election is over. You'll see all the results, then add the few paper votes to that. Either way is pretty easy, and helps support people who aren't ready to go fully electronic.

The annual cost is \$350, which includes unlimited use, so you can conduct surveys or other polls as often as you like as well and running your election.

I'd be happy to walk you through the process of setting it up or answer any questions you might have about it.

Happy new year!

Warren, Ecoballot Support

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This would still require a minimal amount of effort by the club to handle the paper ballots. Rebekah may wish to contact Warren at some time in the future for more information or to have him walk her through the process.

I have contacted Simply Voting for a preliminary quote and Jamie Walton, of the Visla Club of America, has also indicated that their club will be using them for their next election. 'Simply Voting' was closed for the holiday season and I still need a revised quote from them based on the total number of our membership.

One of the biggest obstacles is that we are looking for someone to handle a full service election for a small club with only 130 members. Pricing for a full service election typically starts at about \$7.50 per member for a group of our size.

It has also come to my attention that all electronic balloting systems are not compatible with the mobile devices on which many depend so heavily.

There ARE some free systems available and electronic balloting programs that can be purchased. Both of these alternatives would require a dedicated administrator to do the work.

Once all of the balloting preference forms have been returned to Rebekah and tallied we will have a better understanding of our needs with regard to electronic balloting.

Respectfully submitted by Sheryl Irwin.

We need to make decisions based on the number of people that want to do electronic balloting, and Rebekah has those numbers. Once we have the final numbers, we can make a better decision.

Electronic balloting discussion is tabled until next meeting.

Gazette Columnist: Katherine LaRue

Katherine wrote a wonderful Breed Feature about the Toy Fox Terrier and it appears in the AKC Gazette. The Board agrees that she did a fantastic job.

Historian: Mary Redenbach – No Report

Education Chair: Jon Rawleigh

Jon will be sending to all board members packages with our newly printed IBS and intro of the "Judge friend Judge distribution program" for them to pass out to a Judge they know.

It has been suggested that we put the educational information and illustrated breed standard onto a CD for judges to use. Cindy will get in touch with Jon regarding this possibility.

Newsletter Editor: Barb Kelley

I'm on track to have the next FoxTales out by March 1st. Expect to have 3 ads and about 4 articles and filler stuff.

Also, I had agreed to email out approved minutes if the Secretary will forward me those after the board meeting, I will get them sent and posted to the website along with any financial info as well.

Barb

Webmaster: Open Position – No Report

The ATFTFC still needs a webmaster. Barb is currently volunteering her time to update the website and is willing to continue for a limited basis.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Carolyn received this email that had been sent to Katherine LaRue from Krista Droop:

Hello Katherine,

Hope 2015 is finding you in good health & spirits.

I'm just now taking the time to tie up a few loose ends regarding the unthinkable treatment of Karen's family at the 2013 TFT National. I just had to walk away from it all and process before I could make any request.

In short, the Stanforth Family appealed to me (a long time ago) I contact you and request the return of the pewter engraved plate that you were given after your 2013 National Breed Win. The plate should have never been awarded or given to you since the trophy was never presented. I regret the oversight on my part.

The pewter plate was paired with the Bronze Trophy as a "take home" piece for the national breed winner. Although the actual "trophy" was not allowed by the AKC on the award table, (due to its type) the pewter plate was since it was considered an actual "take home" piece.

Eight members of her family traveled to Las Vegas for the presentation of the donated trophy to close another chapter in Karen's memory with her beloved toy fox terriers. How they were treated...I still do not have the words. I'm so heartbroken over her loss and the everlasting thought of her family (not in dogs) to be treated this way... I am just still beside myself at times.

In my opinion, the honorable thing would be for you to return the plate since it was paired with the bronze trophy that was never awarded or donated to the club because of the deliberate hateful actions of a few club members. If you so choose to be graceful in your actions and provide them with the plate, you may return to the address below, preferably in the mint condition in which it was regretfully given to you by mistake.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Regards,  
Krista Droop

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **Barn Hunt Association Match**

ATFTC Event on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 10am- 4pm at the South Butte Ranch, 8560 South Butte Rd, Sutter, CA 95982. The Event Chair: Denise R.Monette, 328 4th St, Marysville, CA. Judge to be announced.

#### **Barn Hunt Association Match – Insurance**

We need to allocate funds as needed for the Barn Hunt Match as an ATFTC Liability Insurance rider. This will be done once we get our insurance renewed and more particulars regarding named parties for this event.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 2015 National Specialty Chair

It has been requested that the ATFTC pay the membership dues for the 2015 National Specialty Chair, Penny Whitaker. Our Show Chair's dues will be paid by Cindy and Rebekah.

### New Member

Kim Rowley has sent in her application for membership along with a check for her dues.

Motion was made by Anne to accept Kim Rowley's application for membership and seconded by Denise. Motion approved.

### Application for Specialty Show

An application has been received from Ann Walton of the Houston Toy Fox Terrier Club to have a specialty show on August 20, 2015 with Rodney Merry as the conformation judge and Carmen Blankenship as the sweepstakes judge.

Motion was made by Denise to approve the Houston Toy Fox Terrier Club's application for a specialty show and seconded by Sheryl. Motion approved.

### Possible statement regarding Natural Bob Tails

Anne stated that "Russia has contacted me a number of times requesting that our standard reflect that natural bob tails are historically present in our breed and acceptable. I have explained that it is very unlikely that we could change our current standard to reflect this, but I could ask if the ATFTC would be willing to issue a statement with regard to natural bob for our breed. I would like to address this at some point to get input on how we can assist Russia and other European countries."

This issue was discussed and we need more information that Anne will get to us.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn. It was seconded by Anne. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 MST.

*Respectfully submitted, Rebekah Anthony, Secretary*