

American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order by President, Cindy Enroughty at 6:17pm 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 January 14, 2015 Board of Directors meeting approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President - No Report

Vice President - No Report

Secretary

The final ballot count for the selection of the National Specialty show is as follows:

Edd Embry Bivin - 20
Fred Bassett – 14
Denny Mounce - 13
Carole Beatty – 12
Jon Cole – 11
Houston Clark – 11
Dana Cline - 10
Anne Katona – 9
Peggy Lloyd - 9
Rod Merry – 8
Robert Hutton – 7
Malcome Moore – 6
Frank Sabella – 6
Peggy Hauck – 6
Karen Shivers - 6
Sharon Newcomb – 5
Ken McDermott – 5
Charles Olvis – 5
Dee Maltz – 5

Bonnie Lynnel Clark - 4
Janet Allen - 3
Terri Lyddon - 3
Christine Saylers Anderson - 3
Dorothy MacDonald - 3
Gay Dunlap - 3
Sandra Phillips - 3
Robert Ennis - 2
Tim Robbins - 2
Virginia Lyne - 2
Jim Briley - 2
Jim Hupp - 1
Marjorie Tuff - 1
Jeff Bazell - 0
Walter Pinsker - 0
Maxine Beam - 0
Bobbie Wood - 0

Since we were working on a tight deadline and our Show Chair has not yet been voted in, per the direction of the BOD I contacted Judge Edd Bivin and inquired about his fees and availability to judge our National Specialty. Judge Bivin responded with an affirmative, and the BOD accepted his terms. A contract has been sent to Judge Bivin. He is in receipt of the contract and it has been signed and sent back to me. . A contract has been sent to Judge Bivin. He is in receipt of the contract and it has been signed and sent back to me. I have his contract and it has been scanned and sent to Penny Whitaker, our Show Chair for our 2015 National.

Regarding the electronic or mailing of ballots option, I have received as of February 4, 2015 a total of 65 ballots from 127 members. I had a few returned to me for bad addresses; however they were promptly resent with addresses that I was able to get from Sheryl (Thank you Sheryl, for your help!). 39 members have opted for electronic balloting. 22 members have opted for paper balloting. 4 members returned blank sheets or did not return them with their judging ballots.

We have received membership applications from Lu Hayre, Penny J. Whitaker and Susan Thibodeaux which were forwarded to the Board Members. We have approved the membership of Penny J. Whitaker and Susan Thibodeaux.

Treasurer – No Report

Standing Committee Reports:

Performance: Open Position

Sunshine: Tammy Wallace

Meet the Breed: Denise Monette – No Report

Show Site: Denise Monette – No Report

Breeder Referral: Lila Fast – No Report

Membership: Kasey Mando – No Report

Scrapbook: Kim Rowley – No Report

Health: Greg Lawson – No Report

By-Laws Revision Committee Sheryl Irwin – No Report

Gazette Columnist: Katherine LaRue – No Report

Historian: Mary Redenbach – No Report

Education Chair: Jon Rawleigh – No Report

Newsletter Editor: Barb Kelley– No Report

Webmaster: Open Position

Correspondence:

We have received a letter from the Toy Club of Greater Houston giving permission to the American Toy Fox Terrier Club to hold our Nationals in conjunction with their shows on Friday, August 21, 2015. They have also given permission to the Houston Toy Fox Terrier Club to hold their Specialty on Thursday, August 20, 2015. The club welcomed the Toy Fox Terriers to their venue and wished us a great entry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Possible statement regarding Natural Bob Tails

Anne has attempted to contact the directors in Russia to get a clearer understanding of what they are asking from our club. She has no response from them as of yet. Anne did get a new email address and has been attempting to correspond with them, but so far has not had any luck. This issue is tabled until April or until Anne can get in touch with the right people.

Barn Hunt Match

Here are the details for the Barn Hunt "Match"
ATFTC Event
Date Sat April 25,2015

South Butte Ranch
8560 South Butte Rd
Sutter, CA 95982

Event Chair
Denise R. Monette
328 4th St
Marysville, CA

The Secretary has submitted the application to the BHA, and the name of the judge is Sheryl Bohannon.

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.

2015 National Specialty Sweepstakes

Penny has suggested the following judges for our Sweepstakes:

Alan Leff – breeder of Keeshonds; has done multiple toy breed sweeps here in Houston; breeder for 40+ years and he is willing to do it

Lew Olson – breeder of Rottweilers and Brussels Griffon, Coonhounds; breeder also for 30+ years and willing to do it

Carolyn has spoken with David Osuna who is a former TFT breeder and exhibitor. He is local to Houston and would appreciate the opportunity to judge our Sweepstakes. Motion to extend an invitation to judge the Sweepstakes is made by Sheryl and seconded by Anne. Motion passed.

ATFTC Insurance

Our insurance has been renewed through RV Nuccio & Associate, Inc. at a cost of \$577.50.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members

Lu Hayre has sent in her application for membership along with a check for her dues. Motion to accept her membership application is made by Denise and seconded by Karen. Motion passed.

Penny Whitaker has sent in her application for membership and it has been approved via email due to its time sensitivity. Her dues will be covered by Cindy and Rebekah.

Susan Thibodeaux has sent in her application for membership and it has been approved via email due to its time spent in limbo.

2015 National Specialty Entry Fees

The Toy Club of Greater Houston is raising its entry fee to \$30. The ATFTC is using Onofrio as a Show Superintendent rather than utilizing an independent Show Secretary, which might possibly increase our costs. The question is if the ATFTC make its entry fee \$30 for its National Specialty?

This issue is tabled until we can contact the Greater Houston Toy Club and get their entry fee amounts, and it will be discussed via email.

2015 National Specialty Banquet and Annual Meeting

Ann Walton has told the Crowne Plaza, our host hotel and show site, that we will need rooms for the annual banquet and the annual meeting. She asked them for a quote for the rooms and the meals. Ann has also stated that they want a “typical Texas BBQ menu.” She has asked for a preliminary head count for both the meeting and the banquet, as well as a time for both.

2015 National Specialty Ribbons/Rosettes

Denise and Rebekah will come up with price breakdowns on rosettes for the Specialty for the classes. They will be used to compare and contrast and to schedule a time for rosettes to be made for the class placements.

2015 National Specialty Show Chair Correspondence

I spoke with Tiffany Fields at Onofrio yesterday, and Onofrio has agreed to superintend the show. Tiffany said that our show would be covered by the umbrella contract entered into by the Toy Club and that I should talk to Norma Baugh about what portion of the contract expense for which we would be responsible. Tiffany sent me the package of documents needed for premium list preparation and a cost sheet for ribbons which I earlier forwarded on to you. I would be happy to do the premium list if you so desire (your decision). I suggest you share the ribbon expense sheet with the Board and let me know just what style of ribbon is desired for each class. We can opt to do our own ribbons if these costs are too high for the Club. I will pass the decision along to Onofrio. Does the club use an imprint die to generate ribbons, etc. or is it just a printed logo design?

I then spoke to Norma Baugh who is the Chairman for the Toy Club shows. She said that Onofrio charges \$700/day to be on-site. The Toy Club shares that expense out pro rata between the different clubs on the specialty days. Our expense would a flat \$100. ALL OTHER SHOW COSTS WILL BE THE CLUB’S INDEPENDENT RESPONSIBILITY, which will include, but

may not be limited to, ribbons, armbands, catalogs (see catalog advertising costs below), premium lists, and the mailing cost to TFT folks who are not normally on the Toy Club's mailing list.

Toy Club Permission Letter

The Toy Club has signed and sent its permission letter to AKC permitting the ATFTC to hold its National specialty on its August 2015 even weekend. Specifically, August 21, 2015. I am advised that we will have the ring starting around 1pm or 2pm Friday afternoon.

Premium List

We have a choice. We can either (1) do our own independent premium list or (2) combine ours with the weekend event premium list. #2 would be less expense in terms of printing and mailing expense. #1 could be tailored to our event without having to make any artistic or content compromises. We will need to get the ATFTC membership list to Onofrio for purposes of mailout at the appropriate point in the process.

At this point, I must advise that Tiffany did not share the estimated cost for individual premiums or catalogs with me. I just tried to speak with Tiffany again to get a handle on these other expenses but I must wait for her return call.

Catalog

We should have our own catalog, and advertising costs Onofrio imposes as to the size of the ads is as follows:

One full page - \$23.65; ½ page – ½ of the full cost (\$11.83); ¼ page – ¼ of the full page cost (\$5.91).

Show Theme

I was advised that this year's theme is "Western Ranch." I propose that we take it a step further and develop a theme title and some appropriate artwork to develop the show's "identity." Some of the titles I have been playing with include (the parenthetical words indicate from where the idea originated):

TFT's WILD WILD WEST!! (Wild Wild West)
HOW THE WEST WAS WON (How The West Was Won)
HOW THE WEST WAS WON TFT-STYLE
THE LONE STAR TFT
TFT'S BIG TRAIL (The Big Trail)
THE MAGNIFICENT TFT (The Magnificent Seven)
SHOWDOWN AT THE TFT CORRAL (Showdown at the OK Corral)
THE GREAT TFT SHOWDOWN (The Great Showdown)
THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE TFT (The Good, The Bad and The Ugly)

ONCE UPON A TFT IN THE WEST (Once Upon a Time in the West)
LITTLE BIG TFT (Little Big Man)
DANCES WITH TFTs (Dances With Wolves)
THE WILD TFTs (The Wild Bunch)
ONCE UPON A TFT IN HOUSTON (Once Upon a Time in Mexico)
TFT HEARTS OF THE WEST (Heart of the West)
TFT JUSTIFIED (Justified)
COWBOYS & TFTs (Cowboys & Aliens)
TFTs' BLAZING SADDLES (Blazing Saddles)
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TFT SHERIFF (Support Your Local Sheriff)
A FISTFUL OF TFT DOLLARS (A Fistful of Dollars)
HAVE TFT – WILL TRAVEL (Have Gun – Will Travel)

If and when the Board decides on a theme, I will find an artist to do some graphic design for the lettering and a bit of accompanying art. Perhaps it would then be a good idea to do theme T-shirts or mugs etc. for sale at the show. Board's decision.

Also, with this idea, would the Board like to have a theme banner made to display behind the ring on the wall?

Sweepstakes Judge

I have not at this time yet heard back from the Toy Club Specialty Chairman with their list of judges. I sent him a reminder email today letting him know that I need the list and that I need to contact the judges to elicit their permission to submit their names to the Board for consideration. Have no fear, I will have that list by Feb. 11. I spoke again with the Toy Club Specialty Chairman who said he would get the list out to me tonight; however, none of the judges are local and they are all scheduled to arrive Friday night or Saturday morning. When I get the list, I will do the best I can.

Judges Rooms & Transportation

We may have to provide rooms for at least one night for both Mr. Bivin and the sweeps judge, depending upon who the Board chooses. I will make sure that Mr. Bivin has a nice dinner on Thursday if he arrives at the site on Thursday. If he arrives on Friday (don't know if he will elect to drive or fly), there is no problem.

Until I know who and from where the judges are coming and how they are traveling, I cannot make any decisions on this.

Show Day Snack

I had an idea. I would like to offer a free beignet & coffee breakfast bar in the morning or before-show snack bar for all the TFT exhibitors. We have an excellent beignet restaurant here in Houston. The beignets would be picked up and delivered piping hot to a table just outside the show room either in the morning or about an hour before Sweeps is scheduled to

begin (whichever would work best). The beignets would be piping hot (they are so so so tasty when hot!!) We could have this quick, small refreshment as a social breakfast gathering or before getting the dogs ready for the ring. The cost is \$15/dozen and I would pick up enough to cover the people expected based upon the size of the entry. We would offer coffee & iced tea as well. I will make sure that both judges are given beignets and coffee/tea in their rooms. How does that sound?

Trophies

I am appointing myself as Trophy Chairman because I love doing it and I am very good at it. I have several ideas I am pursuing and will let you know what I decide. I will need the membership list so that I can send out a request for trophy donations ASAP, as the amount of donations will dictate what I am able to pay for trophies. I propose that we make all donations to a trophy fund rather than for individual trophies. I will do a very nice trophy table display for the show. How does that sound? PS: If any Board member has an idea about trophies, I encourage them to share it with me. I will take all ideas into consideration.

Show Site

The show site is the Crowne Plaza Houston, Brookhollow, 12801 Northwest Freeway, Houston, TX. Ann Walton is negotiating the guest room rates as well as the show room cost, and when that is finalized, either Ann or I will let you know what it is. The Toy Club will be responsible for laying down/picking up the plastic on the floors, and there was last year a separate grooming room for the entire show weekend should anyone care to use it. There may actually be enough room in the show room for crate setup as long as everyone is mindful that multiple crates must be stacked. There will be NO extra room to spread out.

Decorations

Sheryl Askew and Gloria Ainsworth will be doing the show decorations. I am advised that the all the flowers we might want/need will be available at no cost to the club.

We will use the Houston club's placement signs in the ring, as well.

Ann has a couple of artificial cacti that she says we may use as decorations also. When the Board decides on the exact theme, I will ask Sheryl and Gloria to try to develop a few more western-style items to visually enhance the show. FYI, all of this will be very much "on the cheap" or lended or free.

Photographer

Per Norma Baugh, Cathy Garcia has already been contracted to do the entire show weekend. So, we have a choice. We can go with Ms. Garcia (I have no personal familiarity with her work, but Norma indicated that they have used her for several years and that everyone has been happy with her work); or I can contact Bob Kohler and let him know that he may come and do ONLY our show. Let me know what the Board decides.

Does the Board want the show videotaped?

Vendors

The Toy Club handles the vendors. I was told that there is space for no more than 10 vendors, and I want to make sure that Yvonne Badoni is one of them. Norma says that Yvonne often comes for this show but that she did not last year. I will take the time to ask Yvonne to be there this year. She does fabulous ceramic art sculpture including many of the toy breeds. I will ask her to concentrate on the TFTs since so many TFT folks will be there. Can you think of any other vendors you would like to have at the show? Let me know and I will pass it along to the Toy Club Vendor Chairman.

Auction/Raffle

I assume this will be donated items and handled silent-auction style. I have made no movement on this item yet and I actually think that this will be in Ann's hands.

Stewards

I will arrange for two ring stewards and there will be no cost. They are very experienced dog show people, so there should be no problems, and I would expect that they would be included in the banquet at no charge. I would like to have a small ready ring set up to make sure that the next class is ready to enter the ring when the current class is exiting.

Banquet

The Houston TFT club is handling the banquet. Ann has decided to make it BBQ, and Ann just told me that she will send you info on this.

Committee Chairs

Ann just advised me that she has written to last year's committee chairs to ask if they will do so again this year. The names Ann gave me at our first meeting for some of these duties are (this is not the final list):

Show Chair	Penny Whitaker
Show Secretary/??	Carolyn Lichty
Ribbons	Onofrio
Trophies	Penny Whitaker
Decorations	Gloria Ainsworth & Sheryl Askew
Catalog Advertising	Sheryl Irwin
Auction	Denise Monette
Banquet	Karen Gibson & Ann Walton & Carolyn Lichty
Hospitality	HTFT Club
Education Seminar	John Rawleigh

Possible Health Clinic

Is the Board interested in hosting or co-hosting with the Toy Club a health clinic of some kind? My first thoughts as to topics include advances respecting immunity, PLL testing, patella issues – the Board may have other ideas for this. If you are interested, let me know, and I will attend the Toy Club's next meeting on Feb. 12 to present the idea to them.

That's about it for now. Will keep you posted with emails as things develop.

2015 National Specialty BOD Decisions

The BOD will have a breed seminar with Jon Rawleigh as our presenter.

A health clinic will be offered; however what tests will be offered will still to be considered.

Sheryl has volunteered to be the catalog and ad chair for the Specialty this year. The BOD is considering doing a combined premium list and catalog with Onofrio this year. The downside is that there will be fewer premium pages available for our members and color might not be available. However, the costs will be less to combine and it might be better to have our information with the rest of the shows in one place.

We will be finding out if there will be an issue with the catalog being combined with the Houston Toy Fox Terrier Club, all the specialties on Friday and the regular Toy Group shows on Saturday and Sunday. We will wait for further information before making a firm decision.

There is a question of times for our Specialty show – the Nationals and the Sweepstakes. We would like to have the annual meeting earlier in the morning on Thursday. Rebekah will contact Penny to ask about our timetable for the weekend. We would like to have 8am for our breed seminar, 10am or 11am for our sweeps and later that afternoon for Nationals and our annual meeting.

The ATFTC's annual meeting must be announced to the membership 30 days prior to its commencement. Rebekah will send out a postcard announcement regarding our meeting and National Specialty to the membership, as well as invite everyone to our banquet. There will be a link on the postcard to catalog advertisement information and trophy donation.

We have been given a list of suggested themes for our National Specialty show. Sheryl suggested "The Best Little TFT in Texas." Denise moved to accept it as our theme, Anne seconded. Motion passed.

Lyla Fast is willing to do tee shirts for us again this year. We do need to have a design for the tee shirts. Denise suggested that it be no more than a three or four color run.

We will table the issue of a show day snack until we get a better idea of what our time table is for the show weekend.

We will use Cathy Garcia as our show photographer for our specialty. She is the show photographer for the weekend.

We will not have the National show videotaped due to expense.

Cindy is in charge of the raffle and is recruiting people to help and for donations. The raffle will run all three days, maybe four.

The BOD spoke about judge's gifts for the specialty judges. Rebekah will ask Penny to see if she is providing those, or if the club needs to delegate someone to do it.

Greg Lawson might be coming to do our health clinic. Denise will ask for us.

Club eBay Account

Karen has asked about the ATFTC's eBay account that we have been using to sell tee shirts. Denise said that the listing for tee shirts on eBay is currently expired. We will not open the listing again until we have new tee shirts to sell.

DataRealm Charges for Website

Cindy asked Barb to look into dropping our Maintenance part of our DataRealm contract which will save us at least \$1,000 per year. We will be paying the \$89.55 annual hosting fee and at this point the \$90 Spam Blocker fee. If Barb (or whoever takes over for her) needs help for anything that Barb hasn't done, they will charge us \$25/hour and will charge in as little as 15 minute increments. As Barb hasn't had to ask for their help in some time, I don't anticipate this being an issue. DataRealm is already working on removing the Maintenance fee.

Do we want to cancel SPAM blocker as well? The Club rarely uses the email system from the website, and it seems that it is a waste of money. The BOD will wait to find out what benefits the spam blocker will provide for us until we decide on it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Sheryl moved to adjourn, Karen seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm MST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebekah Anthony, Secretary