

American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2017

Call To Order Meeting called to order by President Kim Rowley at 8:31PM EST

Roll Call

President	Kim Rowley - present
Vice President	Anne Kieffer - absent
Secretary	Barb Kelley - present
Treasurer	Karen Gibson - present
Directors	Dianne Clark – present, Douglas King - present, Sheryl Irwin - absent, Carolyn Lichty - present, Susan Buckley Thibadeaux - present

Approve Minutes

March 8th - **MOTION** by Doug to accept minutes, 2nd by Karen - approved
April 12th - **MOTION** by Doug to accept minutes, 2nd by Karen - approved

Reports

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

- **2017 Show Chair – Cindy Enroughty**
2017 Toy Fox Terrier Nationals Committee Report

Everything is moving along with the planning of this event. As most of you are aware, AKC required that we shift our National from Tuesday, 8/22/17 to 8/23/17. This was due to the AKC's requirement to have one day with no shows between the two weekend clusters. So, a few points to note:

1. AKC has approved TFT Nationals and Sweepstakes for 8/23/17 to include both NOHS and points for Reserve Winners if counts are met to award same.

2. Onofrio has all of the Premium List information. I have not yet received a copy for review, but as of last week I was promised that I would receive one at the same time as the other Show Chairs included in the Cluster Catalog.
3. Onofrio sent a Contract for their services, but are re-working same as they had the date of 8/22/17 instead of the revised date approved by AKC.
4. The deposit to reserve the Blind Tiger Brewery and Restaurant for the Annual Banquet on 8/23/17 has been made. We will need to verify our menu and number of participants closer to that date.
5. The Breed Seminar and the Annual Meeting will be held on 8/22/17 at the Expocenter at no cost to ATFTC. There will be plenty of time between for lunch so no catering needed.
6. We had GREAT participation in trophy support. I'm hoping that donations have been coming in to Karen.
7. I will put together a "cheat sheet" for the dates/times/specifics of the show to this point to be provided to the ATFTC membership. Perhaps this can both be posted on the website, as well as sent out via email to all members?

If there is anything else I am forgetting, please contact me ASAP. Thanks so much!

- **Catalog Ads – Sheryl Irwin**
- **Banquet – Tammy Wallace**
- **Show Site – Tammy Wallace**
- **Trophy – Billy Hodges and Joel White**

Everything is moving along smoothly with Trophies and Awards. I will be making a post and email very soon for the remaining Trophy Sponsorships available.

- **Awards – Carolyn Lichty**
- **Parent Club Flyer Update – Carolyn Lichty** – flyer has been submitted and will follow-up in a week or so if no response.
- **2017 December specialty in Florida – Terrie Crawford**
- **Sunshine – Susan Thibideaux** – sending a card to Billy Hodges on behalf of club.
- **Education – Sheryl Irwin**

Mentor Program Review Committee Report

The Mentor Program Review Committee was comprised of three individuals with differing thoughts and ideas on the subject and, even if the final report was tabled for months, a unanimous conclusion would not be forthcoming.

Susan agrees that ten years of documented experience exhibiting TFTs in AKC conformation events is more appropriate to become a mentor than 12 years considering the fact that the TFT, by AKC standards, is a relatively new

breed. She also would like to see the restrictions eased for, “Have bred and raised on their premises 4 or more AKC registered litters” on the premise that one need not breed to recognize a structurally sound TFT. She does, however, believe that three specialties in 10 years are appropriate.

Carolyn believes that all points are well covered with the existing program, “nothing is important enough to change, and time would be better spent on other projects instead of redoing what has been done well”. If anything were to be changed, Carolyn would like to see additional recommendation for service to an AKC club to include serving on a board, serving on committees, and ring stewarding.

I, Sheryl, would like to see a flexible program that would attract more (much needed) mentors from different areas of the country. A good start could be achieved by reducing the number of years from 12 to 10 and using language like ‘guidelines’ instead of ‘requirements’ thus giving the Judges Ed Chair/Committee an opportunity to review and make recommendations on an individual based on the applicant’s ‘overall’ knowledge and qualifications. I believe a more flexible program would benefit both the Toy Fox Terrier and the ATFTC.

On a final note, once again I will reiterate that the 12 year rule is only for those mentors who are not parent club approved. Each Parent Club is free to set their own guidelines for their mentor programs (including years exhibiting) and AKC will not interfere. According to AKC the TFT is a relatively new breed with only 14 years of full approval. No amount of counting backwards to FSS or the formation of the ATFTC will change the fact that the TFT has only been approved to exhibit in AKC conformation events as a fully recognized member of the Toy Group since 2003. I believe the ATFTC needs more knowledgeable mentors and we should encourage participation in our program instead of making it more difficult to attain.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheryl Irwin

Judges Education Chair

- **Historian – Mary Redenbach**
- **Breeder Referral – Lila Fast** – corrected email address.
- **Meet the Breeds – Kim Rowley**
- **Gazette Columnist – Katherine LaRue**
- **Newsletter Editor – not filled**
- **Constitution & By-Laws – Douglas King**
- **Performance – Wendy Howard/ArleneKing/Jen Canfield-Duffy**

ATFTC OBEDIENCE/RALLY SUPPORTED ENTRY
Report from Arlene King, Specialty Obedience/Rally Chairman

On the behalf of the ATFTC Performance Committee Chairman, Wendy Howard, and members Jen Canfield Duffy and myself, we want to thank the board members for approving this supported entry and the enthusiastic support we are receiving. An impressive list of prizes was sent to Onofrio Dog Shows before the March 22nd cutoff date and we received a confirmation email from them.

We have put the word out about supported entry on Facebook, etc. and are continuing to do so and greatly appreciate the write-up about it in the newsletter. The response has been extremely positive and I believe its encouraging TFT owners to get their dogs ready to compete in Obedience and/or Rally in August.

Thanks to Wendy Howard and Kollars by Kathryn for donating the main prizes for the Obedience and Rally classes. Also thanks to Barb Kelley and Vicki Seizemore for generously donating wonderful items for the bags Obedience and Rally exhibitors will receive that I'm compiling. As August grows nearer I'm hoping to come up with other ways to enhance the Obedience/Rally experience for TFT exhibitors. It will be fun having everything on the same day although perhaps somewhat hectic for those, such as myself, who's planning entries in conformation, obedience and rally!

If possible I'd like to get into the facility on Tuesday (or whenever confirmation will be setting up for the show) to reserve a space near the Obedience and Rally rings so exhibitors can crate together. Thank you again for the boards help and support.

Also, when/if a Specialty logo is choosen could I get an artist copy (or just a copy if that's not available) as I'll be doing heat transfers on the bags.

MO-KAN TOY DOG CLUB
Wednesday, August 23, 2017

The American Toy Fox Terrier Club will Support the Obedience and Rally Classes at this show with the following prizes:

OBEDIENCE

Highest Toy Fox Terrier in Trial: Handmade Dog Blanket offered by ATFTC and Wendy Howard

Handmade Leash offered by Kathryn Cole Clark, Kollars by Kathryn
Every Toy Fox Terrier earning a qualifying score in each Regular and Optional Obedience Class:

Handmade Dog Blanket offered by ATFTC and Wendy Howard

RALLY

Highest Combined Score in Advanced B and Excellent B by a Toy Fox Terrier:

Handmade Dog Blanket offered by ATFTC and Wendy Howard

Handmade Leash offered by Kathryn Cole Clark, Kollars by Kathryn

Every Toy Fox Terrier earning a qualifying score in each Regular Rally Class:

Handmade Dog Blanket offered by ATFTC and Wendy Howard

Each handler of a Toy Fox Terrier entered in either the Obedience Trial or Rally Trial will receive a Canvas Bag filled with items offered by the ATFTC and Arlene King

- **Mentor Program Review – Sheryl Irwin**
- **Webmaster** – Barb to contact Melissa Parker at DataRealm to determine how to get WordPress available on their host site for rebuilding our website.
- **Correspondence**

On Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 9:19 AM, Janice Pardue

<jameldogs@aol.com> wrote:

The Puget Sound Toy Fox Terrier Club. Is asking for National Approval to hold our Shows
Aug 18, 2017.

Can you please send approval to AKC.

Thank you

Puget Sound Toy Fox Terrier Club

Janice Pardue, Secretary

MOTION made by Carolyn, 2nd by Karen to decline request because it conflicts with our National. Discussion followed. Not Passed

MOTION by Diane that we approve a supported entry for their club, 2nd by Doug – motion passed.

Subject: ShowSight Toy Fox Terrier Breed Feature

From: Samantha Adkins <Samantha@AraMediaGrp.com>

Date: Wed, May 03, 2017 7:18 pm

To: <president@atftc.com>, <vicepresident@atftc.com>, <jlawleigh@sbcglobal.net>, <secretary@atftc.com>

Just checking to see if you are going to be able to help us on the following. Our deadline is approaching and we would love the club's involvement.

Thank you -

Dear fellow Toy Fox Terrier lover:

As I hope you've heard, ShowSight Magazine plans to spotlight the breed in an upcoming issue. These sections of the magazine are more than just a celebration of the breed; they are a vitally important link between you and the people out there searching for more information about the dogs you love the most. I cannot tell you how many requests we get on a weekly basis, mostly from judges, for more education and clarification on the breed. This is our main goal when we spotlight your dogs.

We always turn first to the parent club; it is our intention to help you reach even more people than ever before and through this effort help the judges understand your main concerns for the future of your breed. You are your dog's first line of defense; we're here to help in any way we can.

In our breed feature we like to feature an educational article about the breed, with a little bit of history, a little about the dogs themselves (temperament, charms) and some suggestions for new judges. We'd also like you to discuss anything particularly affecting your breed at the current time and to which you'd like to bring attention.

Many clubs have such an article ready to go which is great. If not, we try to provide as much lead-in time as you need and will provide any help on this end that we can. UP to six pieces of artwork and photos are welcome; we only ask that you not use pictures of dogs currently being campaigned (for obvious reasons).

We realize that in some cases this might prove to be an impossible task; some organizations just don't have the manpower available. In this case many clubs have opted for a different setup, in which you submit a short list of questions to your select group of breeders and/or judges and then share that information with the fancy. We recommend the following, general questions and hope that you will add four or five of your own, breed-specific inquiries:

1. Where do you live? What do you do "outside of dogs"?
- 2) Your opinion of the current quality of purebred dogs in general, and your breed in particular.
- 3) The biggest concern you have about your breed, be it medical, structural, temperament-wise, or what.
- 4) The biggest problem facing you as a breeder.
- 8) Advice to a new breeder? Advice to a new judge of your breed?
- 9) Anything else you'd like to share—something you've learned as a breeder, exhibitor or judge or a particular point you'd like to make
- 10) And for a bit of humor, what's the funniest thing that you ever experienced at a dog show?

None of these questions will be very difficult to answer, given the level of expertise of your chosen club

members. All you need to do is compile them and send them in, and we'll put together a greatly popular breed feature. Either way, your breed will be getting a huge amount of publicity.

ShowSight believes so strongly in the importance of this effort that we gladly cover the high cost of publishing the editorial content not only in our many thousands of bound copies (sent to all judges), we also publish it also as the Breed's own digital magazine in our permanent archive. This is our contribution and our thanks to your club for your fine work.

As I mentioned earlier, we turn first to the parent club when it comes time to create these incredibly important breed showcases. Should you be unable to help us, we'll exhaustively research the breeders and judges who seem to have done great work for your breed and we'll turn to them for help. Hopefully, though, you'll already have in mind the people whose opinion you'd most like to see in print.

We also welcome advertising from the fancy so if you can share the news, we'd appreciate it. We love to provide an extremely impressive breed showcase which will remain in our permanent archive for fanciers and judges around the world to use for reference, entertainment, and education.

We look forward to working with you on your breed feature. Any questions or concerns, feel free to email me and I'll respond asap.

Here's wishing you continued success with your Breed Club and your Dogs!

Joe McGinnis, editor-in-chief
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JOSEPH NEIL MCGINNIS, CEO

- **Supported Entries & Specialties**
 - Tri Star Kennel Club of Williamson County, TN (TSKCW) October 14-15, 2017 shows.
 - Lexington Kennel Club shows held on Thursday, August 31st and Saturday, Sept 2nd.
 - Toy Fox Terrier Club of Northern California – TFT Specialty – Woofstock June 8,9,& 10 – closes May 24th
 - Florida Specialty December 15, 2017

Unfinished Business

- **Nominating Chairman/Committee for 2017 Elections - tabled**
- **Meet the Breeds – Orlando/Westminster - tabled**
 - New York – February 10, 2018
 - Orlando – December 15th & 16th 2018

New Business

- **Puget Sound Request** – Kim and Barb will work on correspondence to club with our policy regarding affiliate clubs holding specialties within 90 days of our National.

- **SCA Testing** – Kim has discussed with Dr. Lawson and will request an article from him for our Newsletter to advise members of concerns and will discuss further in a future board meeting to determine if it should be listed
- **ShowSight Toy Fox Terrier Breed Feature**

Next Meeting: June 14, 2017 * Time 8:30EST/ 7:30 CST/6:30 MST/5:30 PST

Adjournment Motion made by Carolyn, 2nd by Susan to adjourn at 9:27PM - passed

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Kelley, Secretary