

**American Toy Fox Terrier Club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 26, 2017**

**Call To Order 8:35PM**

**Roll Call**

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| <b>President</b>      | Kim Rowley, present   |
| <b>Vice President</b> | Anne Kieffer, present |
| <b>Secretary</b>      | Barb Kelley, present  |
| <b>Treasurer</b>      | Karen Gibson. present |
| <b>Directors</b>      |                       |

Dianne Clark - present, Douglas King - present , Sheryl Irwin - present, Carolyn Lichty - present, Susan Buckley Thibadeaux - present

**Approve Minutes**

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Doug made motion to approve, Sheryl 2nd – minutes approved

**Reports**

- **President – defer to Sheryl regarding catalog ads and Onofrio**
- **Vice-President – no report**
- **Secretary – no report**
- **Treasurer – has forwarded Onofrio revised catalog to be posted**
  
- **2017 Show Chair – Cindy Enroughty**
  - **Catalog Ads – Sheryl Irwin** – Onofrio has sent a check to show chair of \$217.46 for reimbursement of ads, question was raised if monies would be refunded to those who placed ads, suggestion was made to include ads in Newsletter at no charge, upload to Facebook and website.  
Kim requested Sheryl to contact those individuals who had placed ads if they would want a refund or would like ads placed in Newsletter and on Facebook page. Advise board of their decision and then coordinate with Joel and Susan to get information to them.

Joel needs to include trophy donations in Newsletter. Karen and Carolyn will work on getting a marked catalog to post so we have the results as well.

Susan offered to send out thank you notes to those who sponsored.

- **Banquet – Tammy Wallace** – still waiting report
- **Show Site – Tammy Wallace**
- **T-Shirts – Lila Fast**
  - So far on the cup the club has made 115.00
  - T shirts still waiting on the one still owe money

- **Trophy – Billy Hodges and Joel White**

- To Whomever It May Concern,

As Trophy Chair for the ATFTC Nationals, I am very embarrassed and unhappy that Onifrio truly dropped the ball. We worked extremely hard to raise over 3000.00 for this show and to not even have recognition for our valued and appreciated sponsors is very belittling to our club. Furthermore, many people attending the Nationals did not receive a catalog. And the ones that were finally printed were awful; according to those that did get one days after the Nationals. Personally, we did not get one as we had to leave the day after Nationals; only to arrive home to our Show Program in the mail 2 days after getting home. This has become a reoccurring problem with Onifrio. It has happened to many people many times throughout the year.

I am not sure what the answer is, but something has to be done. I highly suggest Not using Onifrio; as they seem to not be able to do a professional job, nor care. There are other Superintendents out there that are hungry and wanting business. Sorry to be so direct, but the truth is the truth.

Respectfully  
Billy F Hodges  
ATFTC Trophy Chair

- **Awards – Carolyn Lichty**
- **Parent Club Flyer Update – Carolyn Lichty**
- **2017 December specialty in Florida – Terrie Crawford**
- **Sunshine – Susan Thibideaux**
- **Education – Sheryl Irwin**

As per discussion at our August 2017 BOD meeting a revised Mentor application was sent to Ann Walton. It was suggested that a copy of one AKC registration from each litter and a copy of an AKC Championship certificate for each champion listed would be among the acceptable forms of proof for the litter and champion requirements.

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On Sept 5, 2017 I was copied in an email from Charles E. Battin informing the recipient

(only addressed as Bill) that he had gone to the ATFTC website and found that he and his wife were still listed as Approved Mentors even though they had dropped their membership with the ATFTC.

I responded by informing Mr. Battin that since both he and his wife had failed to renew their membership that their names had been removed from the ATFTC list of approved mentors.

To the best of my knowledge the Mentor list on the ATFTC website is hidden in the Members Only section which is currently under review so no one can access any of the information therein. Could we please review the membership list to make sure that only current members have access to our Members Only section?

The list of ATFTC Approved mentors has been previously submitted but here is the link from the last AKC requested update as of 7/12/17.

[http://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/mentors/toy\\_fox\\_terrier.pdf?\\_ga=2.258261455.43090507.1504667440-629014665.1498436496](http://images.akc.org/pdf/judges/mentors/toy_fox_terrier.pdf?_ga=2.258261455.43090507.1504667440-629014665.1498436496)

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Re: Correspondence from Megan Leavell dated 8/22/2017

Kim and I spoke briefly about this while I was out of town that weekend and tentatively agreed to go with the Sept 2nd date at the Lexington KY show. Once home, on Monday afternoon, I reviewed the correspondence and I spoke with Megan personally. It was recommended that AKC capture the course assets at the Specialty in Orlando this December where we would be allotted 10 spots (instead of 6-8 spots) and the AKC would also video the Breed Study presentation to be part of their Canine College program. As a Specialty, we would be more able to provide a wider selection of TFTs that may represent the ideal standard in the breed, capturing a range in quality, gender, age, and type. This is a wonderful opportunity for the ATFTC to showcase our most ideal representatives of the breed!

All materials gathered by AKC are subject to ATFTC approval prior to printing or releasing.

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Since Terrie Crawford will be presenting the Breed Study for the Orlando Specialty I suggested she contact Paula Spector at the AKC New York Office for room assignment information as well as A/V rental information. This is the reply from Paula to Terrie:

Here is some basic info to get started

There are some costs to the Club, requesting to use a Meeting room at the Convention Center

- \$100 fee for the use of the meeting room, as we incur additional cleaning expenses
- Since this is for a Judges Education Breed Seminar, I am presuming there would be a "hands-on" portion to the Seminar, which would involve having dogs in the room. When dogs will be in the meeting room, the facility requires a portion of the floor be visqueened. Cost to visqueen a portion of the floor for a hands-on workshop, (approximately \$100 to \$125 to cover an L-shape)

- A/V equipment (if any) needed to rent, that you do not own and bring with you. If Tripod Screen is required to be rented from AV company (If you have your own- you are welcome to bring it to use)
  - Tripod Screen - approximately \$50 to \$75 from AV company
  - LCD Projector- is quite expensive to rent about \$650 or more. (I am waiting on a current price list from the in-house AV company.) We strongly suggest you try to find someone who has an LCD projector to borrow and bring it with you.

The ATFTC should be able to rent this AV equipment from an outside source for under \$300. More details on this to follow.

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I would like the BOD to consider that we just presented a Breed Study in August at our National Specialty and now we are planning another in December. Aside from the fact that it is expensive for the club, we need to ask ourselves if it is beneficial to the ATFTC to have this become a more common event when it has always been a bonus that was offered at our own ATFTC National Specialty and at the AKC Judges Institute. Would having several Breed Studies throughout the year diminish interest in our own National Specialty?

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Respectfully submitted by:  
Sheryl Irwin  
ATFTC JEC

Further discussion tabled related to the seminar being video taped.

- **Historian – Mary Redenbach**
- **Breeder Referral – Lila Fast**
- **Meet the Breeds – Kim Rowley**
- **Gazette Columnist – Katherine LaRue**
- **Newsletter Editor – not filled**
- **Constitution & By-Laws – Douglas King – see Old Business**
- **Performance – Wendy Howard – see Old Business**
- **Mentor Program Review – Sheryl Irwin**
- **Webmaster – not filled**
- **Correspondence**

From: Magen Leavell <[Magen.Leavell@akc.org](mailto:Magen.Leavell@akc.org)>

Date: 8/22/17 1:34 PM (GMT-06:00)

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Subject: Canine College Toy Fox Terrier Breed Course

Good Afternoon All,

As you may know, the American Kennel Club (AKC) is developing an online education platform (the AKC Canine College) to provide education for judges. The intent of the online courses is not to replace the hands-on education and experiences that are invaluable in the study of breeds, but rather to expand and enhance the opportunities and experiences available to AKC judges. The breed courses, developed by Instructional Designers, will be designed to be rigorous, engaging, consistent with Adult Learning Theory, and aligned to breed standards.

We will be attending the **Bluegrass Classic September 1st – 3rd** and would love the opportunity to capture images, movement videos, breed expert interviews, and hands-on exam to begin course development for the Toy Fox Terrier. We are looking to capture dogs that represent the ideal standard within the breed. In addition, we will want to capture a range in quality, age, gender, and type. We will then work with the Club to identify and approve multimedia assets suitable for judge's education. Any additional information and assets the Club can provide are also very welcome additions to the course. If there are any events or seminars that the Club feels would be beneficial to getting a deep dive into understanding the Toy Fox Terrier, please let us know and we will do our best to attend.

If the Club is open to participating, please provide a representative that will be available to provide assistance, direction and feedback throughout the process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions you may have and thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to working more with the American Toy Fox Terrier Club!

Magen Leavell

Online Education Manager

- **Supported Entries & Specialties**
  - Lexington Kennel Club shows held on Thursday, August 31st and Saturday, Sept 2nd. – had 17 entries including a couple entries from Texas, good turnout and good time, nice show venue, AC, carpet, close parking  
Kim has a check for an entry from the Lexington Club for \$51.00 and will put check in the mail in the morning.

- Tri Star Kennel Club of Williamson County, TN (TSKCW) October 14-15, 2017 shows.
- Florida Specialty December 15, 2017 – Terrie Crawford has sent a flyer to Barb to mail out. Susan brought up the medallion sponsorship and will reach out to AKC to make sure we have them.  
**MOTION** by Doug, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheryl to get medallions – motion passed.
- Toy Fox Terrier Club of Northern California – TFT Specialty – Woofstock June 8, 9 & 10 – closes May 24<sup>th</sup>  
Charles Trotter is available as our judge, contract has been signed and returned.  
Olen Nichols has agreed to judge Sweepstakes.

## Unfinished Business

- **Meet the Breeds – Orlando/Westminster**
  - Orlando 2017 – Susan is working on set up and soliciting owners with TFTs that do tricks that they can have at the booth to draw attention. Circus theme.
  - New York – February 10, 2018 – Susan Thibodeaux overseeing.
  - Orlando – December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2018
- **SCA Testing** – membership voted to recommend SCA testing as an option, not mandatory. Kim looking into credentialing.
- **Constitution & By-Laws – Douglas King** presented the committee's recommendations but since several of the board members had not reviewed tabled until next month's meeting. Nothing in constitution to revise term limits. Handouts at National were clear. If officer election is required, would like to add CB&L ballot to that ballot. Each item is voted on individually.  
**MOTION** made by Dianne that changes to the by-laws be approved and sent to the membership for a vote, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen – motion passed unanimously.
- **Performance – Wendy Howard** provided an opportunity for the ATFTC to earn money working with a company to hold agility trials but was tabled until Susan asked the FL club if they want to hold any agility trials and she will report back to board on Tuesday.

## New Business

- **Membership Application** – discussion regarding code of ethics needing to be signed and included with application, however application indicates by signing application you agree to abide by constitution, code of ethics and by-laws.  
**MOTION** made by Anne need to remove statement from website requiring signed copy of code of ethics be included with application since it is not in the constitution and by-laws and application includes statement if accepted into membership, will abide by constitution, by-laws and code of ethics., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheryl – motion passed

- Sue Sunnenberg – Sabetha, KS – need to request current application
- Dione Hanke – Ponca City, Oklahoma – voted into membership
- Terri Creech – Richmond, Kentucky - voted into membership
- Cheryl Freeman – Lawrence, Kansas - voted into membership
- Susan Essoe – Palm Coast, FL - voted into membership
- Betty Cuzzolino – Howell, NJ - voted into membership
- Ashley Cuzzolino – Howell, NJ - voted into membership, needs updated information as she just moved to Florida

Barb would like to order a pen to include our logo, Name and website and send to new members when join at her expense.

- **Election handling if ballot is required** – Kim recommends a ballot tally committee that she has contacted who are willing to serve that are located in Florida.

Jen Duffy, Terrie Crawford, Sheila Wheatley, Mary Kihn

Susan and Carolyn felt an outside source should be hired.

**MOTION** made by Sheryl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dianne to have members, Terrie, Jen, Sheila be tally committee and Mary serve as alternate to do the ballot tallying for election.

**Roll call vote – Anne aye, Barb aye, Karen nay, Diane yes, Doug yes, Sheryl yes, Carolyn no, Susan yes**

Barb will mail ballots, ballots will be returned to Barb to validate members in good standing and then forward ballot envelope only to tally committee. Ballots must be received by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

- **2019 Specialty Invitation**

We would love to have you schedule your 2019 National with our club in Greeley, Colorado, in 2019. Our show is the second weekend in September. We love hosting National Specialties and will do all in our power to insure your would have a very successful show. If there are any questions I can answer, just let me know.

Ron Horn

Carolyn offered to get additional information if we want it. Greeley is a big show but not a great location.

Anne is putting together a bid for 2019 in Lexington, KY which would take it back east.

- Dianne expressed her concern about how we are treating each other as board members and the emails that are circulating. Our board needs more unity and

support of one another and we need to stop slamming each other. Need to respect each other's opinions. Stop the bickering, work together. We are intelligent adults and love our TFTs, why do we have to slam each other.

- **Facebook Page - tabled**

**Next Meeting:** October 11th \* Time 8:30EST/ 7:30 CST/6:30 MST/5:30 PST

**Adjournment** 10:36PM