

American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2017

Call To Order

Roll Call

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

Approve Minutes

None available

Reports

- **President** – regarding letter from AKC pertaining to registration numbers, possible changes or improvements should be directed to Mark Dunn. Barb will forward letter with membership as well.
- **Vice-President** –well on our way with Regional paperwork in Lexington for 2018 over Labor Day weekend. Thursday thru Monday, 5 days of supported entries, specialty on Saturday, block of hotel rooms at Residence Inn currently a block of 14 rooms, not requiring minimum number – every room has microfridge \$109, no pet fee, meeting room is free as long as we leave it clean, feeling very positive. Breed seminar will be Friday. Cash prizes will be prizes. Merle Taylor for Specialty and Lexington will be using him as well and sharing expenses. Mary Ellen Myer sweepstakes judge, 4/way split on her. 50/50 raffle, Lexington Club providing rosettes.

Would like us to consider National there in 2019.

MOTION made by Karen to hold 2019 National in Lexington, discussion about other venues..., 2nd by Doug, further discussion, Doug asked who would be chair, Anne indicated she would chair the event and Sally Sklar or Jackie Kays would be secretary. Kelley Maldon, Terrie Creech, Ellen Blanken, Mary Redenbach all willing to help. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstain

- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer** – also reported T-shirts and logo cup sales netted us \$235 and \$115. No final National Specialty financial report as yet. Latest shows a profit of over \$1,400 for specialty as a result of the trophy donations basically thanks to Billy and Joel.

Dues postcards going out this week.

- **2018 Show Chair – Barb Kelley** – supported entries each day and clubs are providing rosettes and we will supply other give aways.
 - **Catalog Ads – Sheryl Irwin** agreed to do ads.
 - **Banquet – Denise Monette**
 - **Show Site – Denise Monette**
 - **T-Shirts – Lila Fast**
 - **Trophy – Billy Hodges and Joel White**
 - **Awards – Carolyn Lichty**
 - **Ring Steward – Rick Lichty**
- **2017 December specialty in Florida – Terrie Crawford** – judging expected to be early Friday morning, 7 catalog ads, judges seminar December 14th at a cost of approx.. \$500
- **Sunshine – Susan Thibideaux**
- **Education Chair – Sheryl Irwin**
 1. Toy Breeds Seminars:

The NC Triangle Area Judges Education Group (NC TAJEG) is offering Toy breeds seminars and workshops over the 5 days of the Tar Heel Cluster at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC on March 21-25, 2018. They will provide the projector, laptop, seminar certificates, sign-in forms and hands-on evaluation forms. The ATFTC is responsible for providing all attendee educational materials and Power Point Presentation.

This is an exciting opportunity to educate future judges of our breed and I urge the BOD to approve our participation. I would need to find either an ATFTC Approved Mentor and Presenter (in that geographic area) for the full 2 ½ hour seminar with the ability to provide 4-6 representatives of our breed for attendees to examine and evaluate in the hands-on workshop OR an ATFTC Approved Presenter (Only) for a 1 ½ hour presentation with, perhaps, 3-4 TFTs for an unannounced workshop. At this point there are many time slots available over the 5 day period but I would like to look for either

an ATFTC Approved Mentor and/or Presenter as soon as possible to ensure our ability to participate.

What is the process for approval to become an ATFTC Approved Presenter (Only)? At this time there is only one ATFTC member listed as a Presenter Only.

I have been in communication with Celeste Gonzalez, the NC Triangle Area Judges Ed Group Coordinator and indicated I would let her know of the BOD's decision on this matter at our earliest convenience.

2. December Florida Regional Specialty:

Terrie Crawford has done an excellent job coordinating the Breed Study Seminar for the Orlando Specialty in December and set the date for Thursday, the day before the specialty. She has ordered the Audio/Video equipment needed and arranged to have it delivered to her home so it is available to her for the presentation. Hats off to Terrie for a job well done!

3. Mentor Applications:

There has been no movement on the Ann Walton application to become an ATFTC Approved Mentor and Presenter as she is now opposed to having to pay the \$35 to take (and pass) the Judges Exam as provided on the AKC website. The BOD ruled on this at our August meeting. I would like to table this application indefinitely.

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4. Please replace Jon's name with my name and email as a contact for JEC at the conclusion of the Breed Standard page on the ATFTC website.

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5. Please list the ATFTC Approved Mentors and Presenters openly on the ATFTC website. I can provide an updated list if needed.

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This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Irwin

## Judges Education Chair

### **Discussion and Motions pertaining to Education Chair Report**

#### 1. Toy Breeds Seminars:

Anne shared she believes 10 years experience, 5 champions is the requirement for Presenter – Chris Bowker and Kelley Maldon are both willing to attend and do this event. They will travel together and they are all on board. Kelley will turn in her application as mentor soon.

Carolyn was unaware of a Presenter title and those requirements. Sheryl can provide additional information on the presenter info to the board. Not a 2.5 hour presentation but only 1.5 and not specifically scheduled. Tabled until next month until everyone has a copy of the list Anne had gotten from our website some time ago.

If we can give the Judges Education Group a tentative yes to reserve a time slot. Chris Bowker has agreed to mentor and Kelley assist.

**MOTION** made by Sheryl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen to participate in the Tar Heel Cluster Judges Education opportunity. Motion passed.

#### 3. Mentor Applications:

Sheryl has received nothing from her. Sheryl advised Ann her name would not come up for recommendation until everything is received. Kim requested Sheryl send one more email with the request and cc Kim so it may come to her as well. Kim and Sheryl will work with Ann to help get her on board. No verification of passing AKC test was sent out but if you contact AKC, they will provide an email verification.

Carolyn would like to see us put together our own test for the mentor program.

- **Historian – Mary Redenbach**
- **Breeder Referral – Lila Fast**
- **Meet the Breeds – Kim Rowley**
- **Gazette Columnist – Katherine LaRue**
- **Newsletter Editor – Joel White**
- **Constitution & By-Laws – Douglas King –**

Lot of chatter about us violating Roberts Rules of Order, however Article 10, Parlimentary Authority, Section 1, it states the club follows Roberts Rules of Order

except when it's inconsistent with our by-laws, our C&BL govern the club, our C&BL explains how to do the changes to our C&BL so that overrules Roberts Rules of Order. Anne added Roberts Rules is just a tool to assist the club, it is not the Bible and it is not the law.

- **Performance – Wendy Howard** – board had discussed six events on the west coast, six events on the east coast coordinated with the performance committee. Jen is working on her six dates. Wendy has provided us with her six dates as indicated below.
- **Webmaster – not filled –**
- **Correspondence**
  - Mark Dunn from AKC and Registration Statistics
- **Supported Entries & Specialties**

## Unfinished Business

- **Meet the Breeds – Orlando/Westminster**
  - New York – February 10, 2018 – Susan Thibodeaux overseeing.
- **SCA Testing** –at the ATFTC Annual meeting we discussed that we would add to the website SCA testing is recommended but not mandatory.

## New Business

- **Membership Application –**  
Marcia Higgins - Alachua, FL **MOTION** by Anne to approve application, Sheryl 2<sup>nd</sup>, membership approved.
- **Presenters**
- **California Agility Trials –**
  - March 29, May 3, June 14, June 21, Oct 11, Nov 15
- **Illustrated Breed Standard Printing**  
I have approached the Big Three copy companies; Fed-Ex/Kinko's, Office Max, and UPS for estimates to print 100 copies of our Illustrated Breed Standard for future use at our seminars and to hand out to judges. This would include binding, card stock front and back cover, a color front page, and 2 color inside pages. Original estimates came in between \$647.06 and \$801.01 but Fed-Ex finally offered a bid of \$516.02 (inc. tax) for the job. This is a reasonable price for a quality job and I respectfully request approval from the BOD to have these booklets printed. I could put the charge on my card and send a bill to the ATFTC Treasures for re-imbursement.

Thank you,  
Sheryl Irwin

Judges Education Chair

Copies will be stored at Sheryl's.

**MOTION** by Karen to have copies made using FedEx, Doug 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

- **ATFTC Banner**

Anne shared that for \$50 to \$60 you can have a 4x8 banner produced with grommets to hang banner with logo, club name, red/white/blue. Neutral banner that would work with all events and wouldn't promote any one individual or dog and wouldn't have us running all over to ask for banners that they have created. Anne willing to donate 3 banners to the club and be available for use. Doug requested example of banners. Kim requested Anne put together examples for next board meeting and we would continue discussion then.

- **Breed Seminar Guidelines for Hands On Portion**

Dogs not being currently shown or campaigned. Discussion followed that it isn't always feasible to have dogs at the show that aren't being shown. People fly across the country so they are limited on the number of dogs they can bring. Trying to get dogs that aren't being shown sometimes results in dogs that are unmanageable. That would be a good rule of thumb but the judges at the seminar may not be shown to for several years and very unlikely they are judging the TFTs at that show. We want judges to see good examples of the breed.

A great deal of discussion followed regarding mentor qualifications and if we are either going to have a strict requirements or make honorary mentors. We are still basically developing a 4 year program and are getting some consistency in what the club wants to project.

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**Next Meeting:** December 13 \* Time 8:30EST/ 7:30 CST/6:30 MST/5:30 PST

**Adjournment** 10:36PM