

December BOD Minutes – December 20, 2017

Meeting Called To Order

Roll Call...

Billy... present
Barb...absent
Doug...present
Dianne...absent
Wendy...present
Sheryl...present
Carolyn...present
Susan...present

MINUTES:

September Tabled
October Tabled
November Tabled

Presidents Report

Positive start and moving forward
FL Regional Specialty was big success
Canine College went very well
Breed Study Seminar was great
Judge's interview went great. Vicky Abbott was awesome
Met with the Agility teams
Talked with several old members about coming back and many new potential members.

Treasurer Report

No report due to transition and Audit
Doug to contact members to audit for transition

Awards

Carolyn to get Performance Reports to Wendy. Billy talked about Performance Certificates being overlooked in the past. ALL to be included in club. Carolyn to send article to Joel for Newsletter before Nationals, explaining cut off dates and how Certificates are done.

FL Regional Specialty

Billy and Susan gave report.

Education Chair

Discussion on Mentor testing. Sheryl to get Mentor Requirement information to BOD's before Jan. meeting. Carolyn made a motion for ATFTC to create our own test for Mentors. Motion was tabled until Jan. meeting.

Education Report

Re: NC Triangle Area Judges Education Group Seminar

ATFTC participation was approved at the November 2017 BOD meeting. Anne Kieffer indicated that Chris Bowker, an ATFTC approved mentor and presenter, had agreed to present and Kelley Maldon would assist. To follow up, and confirm Chris Bowker's contact information, I contacted Chris in the following days. As per my conversation with Chris she was unaware of this upcoming event and had not agreed to present. After some discussion and consideration Chris Bowker did agree to present but indicated since she had experience assistance was neither wanted nor necessary. Based on this information I contacted Celeste Gonzales, the NC TAJEG coordinator, to inform that the ATFTC would be pleased to participate with Chris presenting. Unfortunately, days later, for personal reasons, Chris Bowker withdrew her consent to present at this event.

The ATFTC is still signed on for this Judges Education Group Seminar and, if agreed, I will reach out for an ATFTC Approved Mentor/Presenter in that surrounding geographic area.

Mentor Applications:

As per the Kim Rowley (November BOD minutes) I contacted Ms Walton via email requesting all future correspondence be copied to Kim Rowley.

Ms Walton has since stated that taking the AKC Judge's exam is not a problem for her but what she "asked was that the board have a chance to decide on the particular issue of whether they would pay for the test or not".

The cost of the AKC test is only \$35, which is not a large sum, and it is not prohibitive. It is approximately the same cost as a single entry fee and the BOD has not voted to assume responsibility or reimburse this fee.

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TFT Breed Test:

It has been suggested that the ATFTC come up with their own exam for prospective mentors in lieu of requiring them to take and pass the AKC Judges exam.

It is the responsibility of the teacher (mentor) to know more than their students (prospective judges) in order to guide their students in the way they should go in accordance with the official AKC Breed Standard.

It is also the responsibility of mentors to prepare these same prospective judges to take and pass the AKC Judge's exam. It is, therefore, unreasonable to expect less from our own mentors than we demand from our judges.

It is for this reason that I stand strong in the opinion that prospective mentors NEED to take and pass the exact same AKC Judge's Exam that which we guide our students to take and pass!

ATFTC Breed Study Seminar, Orlando

The Orlando Breed Study Seminar was well received. We are thankful to Terrie Crawford for presenting and all she has done to help make our ATFTC Regional Specialty a success.

The ATFTC participated in the AKC Canine College with some of our most ideal representatives of the breed as determined by multiple judges throughout the show careers of these TFTs. Vicki Abbott, the judge for this Regional Specialty was interviewed and performed the hands-on exam. Unfortunately, Terrie Crawford was called away at the last minute which left her unavailable to keep her interview appointment. Again, I would like to send a big "Thank You", to Billy Hodges and everyone who worked tirelessly to help make this Regional Specialty and our participation in the AKC Canine College a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Irwin  
Judges Education Chair

#### **Meet The Breeds**

Chair to change from Kim to Susan T.  
Susan gave report on an outstanding booth and great response.

#### **Performance**

Wendy thanked everyone for support and for Billy being at AKC Invitational to support and met with the Agility teams. Looking forward to the future.

#### **Webmaster**

Billy suggested we have someone work on this with Barb or Barb hand it off. Doug suggested a club member to do the work. BOD are to put thought to someone upgrading and maintaining site.

#### **Specialties**

Billy presented the 2018 Ky Regional Specialty problems with concurrent vs designated, Carolyn expanded and explained. ATFTC stands to lose money on concurrent Specialty. Carolyn to contact Sally Skyler to work out details. Motion made by Sheryl and second by Susan to hold Designated Specialty instead of Concurrent Specialty. Motion passed. 5 Yes/ 0 No

Motion made by Sheryl and second by Carolyn not to have Breed Study Seminar at Lexington, Ky Regional Specialty. Motion passed. 5 Yes/ 0 No

**2017 Catalog Ads**

All Ads that were to be in the Catalog at the National Specialty (except the ones that got their money back) are to be put into the next Newsletter at No Charge. Sheryl is to get a list of those that were reimbursed. Motion passed.

**Presenters**

Discussion about gaining new/more presenters. Sheryl to get information to BOD's for further discussion.

**Board Meeting Schedule**

Second Wed. of each month

**Vice President vacancy**

Billy ask for suggestions from the floor. Names were considered.

Billy would like to ask Rick Lily (Everyone was in favor of Rick)

**Committee Review**

Billy ask Doug to acquire a third active member to serve on the C and BL committee.

**Show Chairs**

Tabled

Motion to adjourn by Sheryl and second by Susan

Meeting adjourned 10:??