

**American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2018**

Call To Order

Roll Call

President	Billy Hodges - present
Vice President	
Secretary	Barb Kelley - present
Treasurer	Douglas King - present
Directors	Dianne Clark – present (late), Wendy Howard - present, Sheryl Irwin - present, Carolyn Lichty - present, Susan Buckley Thibodeaux - present

Approve Minutes

- September Minutes – Motion by Doug, 2nd by Carolyn approved with ammendment
- October Minutes – Motion by Doug, 2nd by Wendy approved
- November Minutes – Motion by Susan, 2nd by Dianne approved with ammendment
- December Minutes – Motion by Dianne, 2nd by Sheryl approved with ammendment

Reports

- **President**
Board Members,

I am very pleased to say that I feel as though we as a Board, are moving forward in the right direction for the betterment of the Club and Membership. All of you have had good input to help straighten out past problems and correct them. That is truly appreciated.

As for the KY Regional Specialty; Carolyn and I have been diligently working to resolve this situation for the club and this will be expanded upon in the meeting.

Also, as you all know I did talk with Rick Lily and he is willing to take on the Vice President position, if voted in.

Sheryl has worked on getting you all the information concerning Mentors and Presenters and has already in contact with Joel about the Ads from the National Specialty to be placed in the next Newsletter.

While in Orlando, I had a meeting with Teri of BrilliantK9 Harness Company. They are very willing and excited to come on board with ATFTC as an official affiliate to offer quality products at a discounted rate and a percentage of sales passed back to ATFTC. Upon Board approval, of course!

I have talked with many, many members and non members about the prospect of ATFTC offering a TFT store. Every person I have talked to has been excited at the idea and 100% for it, as there is hardly anything out there for our Breed. But this would require structure and maintenance.

Lots of great things in store for ATFTC, but we must get old business in order first and foremost to be able to move forward. And that will take all of us working together as one unit.

Respectfully,
Billy Hodges
ATFTC President

- **Vice-President**

- **Secretary**

- **Summary of Voting for Constitution & By-Laws**

We had a total of 58 ballots, 3 ballots marked every proposal NO, 22 ballots marked every proposal YES, the remaining 33 ballots had mixed voting. There were several ballots that did not complete the back of the first page with a vote.

Here is the breakdown by Proposal:

Proposal #1 – 44 YES, 14 NO

Proposal #2 – 49 YES, 9 NO

Proposal #3 – 49 YES, 9 NO

Proposal #4 – 50 YES, 8 NO

Proposal #5 – 39 YES, 4 NO, 15 did not vote

Proposal #6 – 34 YES, 8 NO, 16 did not vote

Proposal #7 – 36 YES, 6 NO, 16 no vote

Proposal #8 – 41 YES, 16 NO, 1 no vote

Adding a Section – 46 YES, 12 NO

Proposal #9 – 51 YES, 7 NO

If you need anything else please let me know!

Terrie Crawford

Jen Canfield

John Hughes

- **Treasurer – Doug King**

Waiting info from Karen. Still setting up accounts.

Needs Federal Tax ID number to open account.

Dianne shared she automatically pays non-profit fee of \$10 in August to Washington state

Carolyn and Ed Fernandez willing to serve on audit committee

- **2017 Catalog Ad Report**

Catalog Ads: 2017 National Specialty

Catalog Ads from those not requesting a refund have been sent to Joel White for publication in the next ATFTC Newsletter. They will include the memorial/dedication for Bob Choate and ads from Susan Thibodeaux, Bonnie Hale, and Sheryl Irwin. Tammy Wallace

and Kelley Maldon requested and were sent refunds in lieu of having their ads published.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Irwin
Catalog Ad Chair

- **2018 Show Chair – Barb Kelley**

We have received AKC approval for our National and publicity has begun. Closing date will be May 16th at 6:00PM.

Premium Lists will be emailed and in addition to our members, we need to solicit all the emails we can to be included in this distribution.

Premium lists will be going out by 4/11.

Our show secretary will be putting together the catalog and we see this as a real opportunity to make the club some money. All ads will be in color with the exception of business card ads as they quite often land on a page that is primarily black and white. Suggested pricing is:

Back Cover \$100
Inside Front or Back Cover \$75
Full Page \$50
Half Page \$30
Business Card (B/W) \$15

MOTION made by Barb to accept ad prices, 2nd by Doug – approved.

Catalog ads will need to be ready by 5/1.

Added features of the catalog will include our breed standard, a message from our President (that's you Billy) as well as our Judges Profiles.

I will be working on the website to get information in place as well as get the link to the store for the trophies, banquet, ads and seminar.

- **Catalog Ads – Sheryl Irwin –**
- **Banquet – Denise Monette**

We believe we have a location for our banquet. We considered a lunch cruise for \$63/person NOT, a room at the Mariott down the road for \$45/person that doesn't include tax/tip, and believe we will be celebrating at the Front Room at the Wharf in Vallejo.

<http://www.frontroomvallejo.net/index.html>

Cost is \$35/person (includes everything) and we can bring a cake in if we like and they will serve and provide the ice-cream.

- **Show Site – Denise Monette**
- **T-Shirts – Lila Fast**
- **Trophy – Billy Hodges and Joel White**
- **Awards – Carolyn Lichty**

- **Sunshine – Susan Thibodeaux**

Motion by Carolyn for Billy to send thank you gift to Vickie Abbott for her help with our production, 2nd by Dianne, approved.

- **Education Chair – Sheryl Irwin**

Education Report:

As requested by the BOD I have spoken with Dorothy Fisher, the ATFTC Approved Presenter (only), and she has graciously agreed to present the Breed Study Seminar for the NC Triangle Area Judges Education Group (NC TAJEG) at the NC State Fairgrounds In Raleigh, NC in March.

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 As requested by Billy Hodges, the final Mentor Program Review Committee report along with all of the correspondence between committee members (that I was able to find in my email) has been sent to the BOD.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Sheryl Irwin  
 Judges Education Chair

- **Historian – Mary Redenbach**
- **Breeder Referral – Lila Fast**
- **Meet the Breeds – Susan Thibodeaux**
- **Gazette Columnist – Katherine LaRue**
- **Newsletter Editor – Joel White**
- **Constitution & By-Laws – Douglas King**
- **Performance – Wendy Howard**

First event in March and we're going to make some money.  
 East coast trials are still being looked into.

- **Webmaster –**

Barb has a couple people who are willing to help get our website converted to an easier platform and get a store going.

- **Correspondence**
- **Supported Entries & Specialties**
- **Meet the Breeds – Orlando/Westminster**

- Booth in Orlando made AKC newsbyte and we were one of the 12 booths included. Was very popular booth. Tabitha Phillips gave up a day of their vacation to help at the booth Sunday.
- New York – February 10, 2018 – Susan Thibodeaux overseeing. Jerry Barlet and Ted Vida will be helping too.

- **Membership Chair – Barb Kelley** – Our pens have finally arrived and I will be mailing each board member a packet for your review and am requesting input as to what you might like included for our new members. Once you receive it, please evaluate its presentation and content. I want it to be something new members will be proud they joined our club and hopefully want to get involved on a committee. Will look into membership window decal. Membership renewals will be extended to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Unfinished Business**

- **Vice-President Vacancy**  
**MOTION** made by Sheryl to accept Rick Lily as our vice-president, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dianne - approved
- **Show Chair for Lexington Regional 2018**  
 Report on Lexington Kennel Club Event

At the December board meeting Billy asked that I do some work on the Lexington ATFTC Event. This is what has been done and discovered.

1. Financial Work Sheet for commitments for the event. (Sent in another email)
2. Sent email to Sally Sklar, who is listed as “Event Secretary” and is not an ATFTC club member, and requested that she send all contracts to either the President, Billy Hodges or to me. As of this date she has not sent the requested contracts. She has sent emails to Billy, to me and to the board.
3. To determine whom we are to work with we sent messages to several officers or board members of the Lexington Kennel Club. Eventually, I talked with a member of the Blue Grass Cluster Committee and Event Chair for the Northern Kentucky Kennel Club who was able to guide me to the active Event Chair for the Lexington Kennel Club.
4. In the November ATFTC minutes Ann Kieffer reported that there is “paper work” for the September Event (the concurrent specialty), 5 days of supported entries, a block of rooms at the Residence Inn, a breed seminar, (which was cancelled at the December meeting) “cash prizes”(trophies) and two judges.
5. It has been the policy of the ATFTC to sponsor supported entries or designated specialties as efficiently and as economically as possible leading up to a National Specialty in an area the following year. The number of entries depends on the dogs that are actively being shown in that area. Usually the exhibitors in that area donate the trophies. While the numbers are not as big as at a national, it should be a healthy count. Last year the entry was 17 at the Lexington Event.
6. Anne had volunteered to be the Show Chair, to donate the trophies and be the organizer of the event. She has since resigned as VP. show chair and as a member of the club so ATFTC has to now step up to reorganize this event in a manageable way.

We are working with AKC and the Blue Grass Cluster to hold a designated specialty using the classes for the Toy Fox Terriers at Lexington Kennel Club all

breed show on September 1, 2018. ATFTC would donate the trophies and upgrade the ribbons to rosettes if the club does not offer rosettes.

ATFTC would support the TFT classes at the 5 all breed shows of the cluster with trophies, as Anne committed.

Spoke to hotel today, no financial obligation. Hotel was 7 miles from showsite so no breed seminar will be held in their breakfast room. They had held a block of 12 rooms and would like us to let them know if they should be released.

Putting together AKC application for designated specialty which will not require a show chair.

Everyone has been very good, cooperative and helpful.

Discussion followed sweeps judge could possibly judge designated specialty on Saturday. Billy and Carolyn will continue to work out a smooth transition for this event.

- **Show Chair for Lexington National 2019**  
Susan volunteered to check with a few other breed clubs to see how they have done things in Lexington and report to the board.
- **Mentors Exam**  
**MOTION** made by Carolyn not to have a written test for mentors and determine mentors by other qualifications in place, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan. Motion passed.

## **New Business**

- **Code of Ethics for Board Members – tabled**
- **Event Coordinator – tabled**  
Billy will write something up for board to consider.
- **Facebook Pages**  
It was agreed Susan's page would remain available to the public and the ATFTC Members Only page would be for the members with guidelines for puppy announcements, major wins, etc. ATFTC will monitor members only page to approve members and keep the site professional. Rules will be posted at top of page by Susan once she is made administrator.

## **Future Business**

- **Nominating Committee**
- **Election Process for 2018**
- **2020 National**

**Next Meeting:** February 14, 2018

## **Adjournment**