

**American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2018**

Call To Order: 8:34PM EST

Roll Call

President	Billy Hodges - present
Vice President	Rick Lilly - present
Secretary	Barb Kelley - present
Treasurer	Douglas King - present
Directors	

Dianne Clark - absent, Wendy Howard - present, Sheryl Irwin - present, Carolyn Lichty - present, Susan Buckley Thibodeaux - present

Approve Minutes

- March Minutes – motion made by Doug, 2nd by Rick to approve minutes – did not pass

Reports

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary** – Correspondence was sent to Canine College Rep, Magen Leavell that the Toy Fox Terrier Club would not be participating in their project at this time.
- **Treasurer** – Doug reported Wells Fargo account is finally closed – account has about \$17,000

- **2018 Show Chair – Barb Kelley**

Expect to see Premium List this week. Working on getting website current with all the info for show.

- **Catalog Ads – Sheryl Irwin** –
The outside back cover, both inside covers, and one full page ad have been spoken for but, to date, no ads have been submitted to me.
- **Banquet – Barb Kelley**
- **Show Site – Denise Monette**
- **T-Shirts – Denise Monette**
- **Trophy – Denise Monette**

- **Fund Raising – Joel White, Ted Vida, Jerry Barlet**
- **Awards – Carolyn Lichty**
- **Sunshine – Susan Thibodeaux**
- **Nominating Committee – Rick Lilly** – almost in place, tabled until next month.
- **Education Chair – Sheryl Irwin**

At the March 2018 BOD meeting members discussed the fact that the image displayed and other information provided on the AKC Toy Fox Terrier Overview page was not consistent with the breed standard. Circumstances prevented my direct communication with the AKC Digital Manager but she has reached out to me indicating a willingness to work together to improve the breed page.

There will be an Advanced Judges Institute for Hound and Toy Breeds in Orlando December 11 – 14, 2018. Laptops and projectors will be provided for each seminar room and presenters are asked to provide an audiovisual presentation; i.e., Power Point presentation, as well as educational handouts for the participants. More information to follow.

I received an email from Caroline Coile who is working on an article for the Canine Chronicle on how docked versus undocked tails should be addressed by judges at AKC shows when the breed standard states that the tail shall be docked. She indicated her goal is to provide a consolidated source for each parent club's position on this issue.

Someone forwarded Ms. Coile's email to Tim Thomas, AKC VP of Dog Show Judges, whose reply (consolidated version) was that, "If an AKC breed standard describes the tail as docked with no reference how the natural tail is to be considered/judged; it leaves it solely to the discretion of the judge".

Is this an issue that the ATFTC wishes to weigh in on? If so, which of the following describes the ATFTC position?

- a). Both docked and undocked tails are equally acceptable.
- b). Docked tails are preferred, but undocked tails are acceptable.
- c). Undocked tails are a fault that should be taken into consideration as would other deviations from the standard.

d). Undocked tails detract from breed type to the extent that dogs with undocked tails should be excused.

e). Our parent club has no position.

f). Other (Please explain)

Ms. Coile concluded by writing that this is NOT about the merits of docking vs natural tails, but about how judges in AKC conformation should evaluate them.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Irwin

JEC & Catalog Ad Chair

- **Historian – Mary Redenbach**

While I have nothing specific to report as per my actual "committee" I do think it's important for me to extend my sincere thanks to Carolyn for all her help in regards to my position & responsibilities as trophy chair for the 2018 ATFTC regional specialty in Lexington Kentucky. Mary.

- **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**
- **Webmaster – Barb Kelley**
- **Membership Chair – Barb Kelley**
- **Lexington Designated Specialty 2018** – Carolyn reported Mary is handling awards for show. \$314 spent, \$259 pledged – Carolyn was able to get the additional \$66 sponsored and monies will be sent directly to Mary to obtain trophy items.

Unfinished Business

- **Lexington National 2019** – Barb was unable to visit the Lexington Venue but did speak to club members at the Louisville show that were very positive about holding the National at that site. Indicate easy loading and unloading, carpeted rings, Toy Breeds only rings.
- **Code of Ethics for Board Members - tabled**
- **Election Process - tabled**
- **2020 National** – Carolyn is gathering info on potential sites. Suggested we try to

hold our National on a Friday instead of Wednesday.

New Business

- **New Members:**

Sally Waltrip & Gail Flynn – Dakota, MN – Motion made by Doug, 2nd by Susan to accept Sally & Gail into membership - passed

Izabelle Burg (Junior Member) – Onolask, WI – Motion made by Doug, 2nd by Susan to accept Izabelle into membership - passed

Stephanie Bowlan – Shawnee, OK – Motion made by Doug, 2nd by Carolyn to accept Stephanie into membership - passed

Next Meeting: May 9, 2018

Adjournment: 9:50PM EST