

**American Toy Fox Terrier Club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2019**

**Call To Order                    8:30PM**

**Roll Call**

<b>President</b>	Billy Hodges - present
<b>Vice President</b>	Rick Lilly - present
<b>Secretary</b>	Barb Kelley - absent
<b>Treasurer</b>	Douglas King - present
<b>Directors</b>	

Cindy Enroughty - present, Wendy Howard - present, Sheryl Irwin - present, Carolyn Lichty - present, Susan Buckley Thibodeaux - present

**Approve Minutes**

- July Minutes – **Motion** made by Doug, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn – minutes accepted.

**Reports**

- **President** – Florida specialty underway, everything taken care of to date.
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer** – Susan requested sign-ups for seminar and banquet sign-ups to Terrie. Doug unable to attend National, will send checkbook to Billy to handle any National expenses.
- **Event Coordinator – Carolyn Lichty** – National entries closed today. Still arranging grooming space near ring. Has made several requests for specific needs and trusting that will all happen as requested. Trying to arrange a provisional judge to serve as ring steward. Plagues are ordered for awards banquet and certificates are being put together. Donnamarie has provided crate pads again.  
Terrie advised restaurant there may be 30 attendees, little short right now – will promote on Facebook again. Discussion pertaining to beer and wine being provided and it was determined the event is a BYOB. **Motion** made by Doug that we budget \$50 for Terrie for banquet decorations, Susan second, motion carried.  
Susan is providing exhibitor bags with pens, notebads, poop bags, schedule of events, Embark offered full testing for best of breed to be awarded at the banquet. Discussion

pertaining to the including of private company info in our welcome bags resulted in it being ok with the understanding we do not necessarily endorse the company, information only.

- **Sunshine – Douglas King** – request to send card to Bob and Lila Fast, Donnamarie having knee repair surgery.
- **Education Chair – Susan Thibodeaux** – lot of email requests regarding seminar, 2 people have responded that will bring dogs for seminar. Following seminar, 15 minute session on do's and don'ts of being a mentor/presenter. Cindy requested info be sent out to board when documentation put together. Focus on the virtues only. AKC's best practices.
- **Historian – Mary Redenbach**
- **Breeder Referral – Lila Fast**
- **Meet the Breeds – Susan Thibodeaux** – signed up for December. Confirmed we have 10' x 20' size. Not doing Westminster Meet the Breeds unless someone in that area does it.
- **Gazette Columnist – Katherine LaRue**
- **Newsletter Editor – Chris Bowker** – more ads coming next Newsletter.
- **Constitution & By-Laws – Douglas King**
- **Performance – Wendy Howard**
- **Webmaster – Steven Thibodeaux**
- **Membership Chair – Barb Kelley**
- **Correspondence**

## Unfinished Business

- Approve Nominating Committee:  
Cindy Enroughty - Nominating Committee Chair  
Violet Denny - Nominating Committee  
Amanda Halsey - Nominating Committee  
Pam Watson - Nominating Committee Alternate  
Reena Fair - Nominating Committee Alternate

**Motion** by Doug to accept committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheryl, motion carried.

## New Business

- Membership application for Ann Walton, **Motion** by Doug, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan and Carolyn, she be accepted as member, approved.
- Health Page – Susan would like permission to rewrite recommended health testing page on the webpage. She will present to board before posting.
- Doug will review CB&L to advise board of procedure to remove member.
- Undocked tails letter – lots of discussion. **Motion** by Carolyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick/Sheryl to accept Susan's description. Motion amended to change wording to – “Prioritize your judging by virtues.” Motion passed.

## **Judging The Toy Fox Terrier With An Undocked Tail**

From the American Toy Fox Terrier Club, Inc. (ATFTC) (Adopted by the Board of Directors on August 14, 2019)

The Toy Fox Terrier is a docked breed. The AKC Breed Standard states "The tail is set high, held erect and in proportion to the size of the dog. Docked to the 3rd or 4th joint."

The ATFTC continues to support docked tails as an important characteristic required by the breed's function for this breed is not just a toy but is a terrier with a history rooted in hunting rats and other vermin. Therefore, the ATFTC does not intend to change the breed standard as regards docked tails.

In accordance with A.K.C. rules (Chapter 7, Section 15), A judge's decision shall be final in all cases affecting the merits of the dogs. Full discretionary power is given to the judge to withhold any, or all, prizes for want of merit. If in the judge's mind the deviation from the standard affects the merit of the dog, it is the prerogative of the judge to withhold any prizes from the animal.

Additionally, in May, 2012, the A.K.C. also issued the following statement: Individual Examination of Dogs. Judges are expected to examine and gait every dog in the same objective, breed-specific manner even if a poor specimen may clearly be out of the ribbons. This includes breeds that according to their breed standard traditionally have been cropped and/or docked and dogs entered which may have deviations from the breed standard.

The ATFTC will support your decision to withhold awards on an undocked dog after it has been examined and gaited.

Should you choose to keep a Toy Fox Terrier with an undocked tail in the ring, it is expected that you would prioritize your judging by virtues. The undocked tail carriage should also be a direct extension of the docked tail standard. The tail should be carried erect, never curled or laying over the back and in proportion to the body, with no kink or deformity.

As the Toy Fox Terrier has always been and should continue to be a docked breed, determine the tail set and carriage of an undocked tail by observing the tail through the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> joint as the dog is being moved.

- Advise Billy of any National Agenda meeting.

**Next Meeting:** September 11, 2019

**Adjournment** 9:47 PM