

American Toy Fox Terrier Club
Annual Membership Meeting
June 30, 2023

Call To Order – Presided by Susan Thibodeaux, Vice President

Roll Call: Board Members:

Susan Thibodeaux, Jerry Bartlet, Chris Bowker, Steven Thibodeaux, Carrie Fletcher

Absent: Billy Hodges, Jen Canfield, Cindy Enroughty, Pam Liddy

Members: See sign in sheet. Quorum was obtained.

Parliamentarian: Ann Walton (absent)

1. Reports

- A. President – Billy Hodges - None
- B. Vice President – Susan Thibodeaux – Will cover later in program
- C. Secretary – Jen Canfield – None
- D. Treasurer – Steve Thibodeaux – Updated 2022 finances are available for review during meeting. About 30K current in the bank pending
- E. Events Coordinator – Carolyn Lichty – Thanked all the show sponsors and members for attending.
- F. Sunshine Committee- **Open Position if you would like to volunteer, please let the board know.**
- G. Education Chair- Susan Thibodeaux – 13 members attended this year’s breed seminar; upcoming Judges Institutes are in Greenville SC in July and Arizona next winter. Barb Kelley will handle the Arizona Judge’s Institute.
- H. Historian – Mary De Vincentis Redenbach, no report
- I. Breeder Referral- Lila Fast (Central), Jerry Bartlet (Northeast), Wendy Howard (West Coast), Ann Walton (South) – If you have puppies, please let them know. We are pushing people to the website, if you have puppies, please post them and let the breed referral know. Helping people find puppies will help keep folks who want a TFT from being scammed.
- J. Meet the Breeds- **Open Position** Susan requested someone take over as liaison, we need volunteers for Chicago 100,000 people expected. Will take more than one or two people with a couple of dogs, we had three in NY on the piers a few years ago and the dogs were exhausted. We had about eight dogs over the weekend in Tampa and swapped them out every hour to keep them from getting too tired from the crowds.

- K. Gazette Columnist – Susan Thibodeaux are you enjoying the columns? Lots of head nods yea. 20th Anniversary to be covered soon in the Gazette, Susan is trying to encourage and educate the public about our breed in the Column as the Gazette is not a show magazine, everyone can have a free subscription. If you have ideas for subjects for the column let Susan know, we do a column every quarter.
 - L. Newsletter Editor- Mary Watson – Not Present we need more people advertising. It's a way for newer people in the breed to see what the grandparents and great grandparents look like. You're helping our Breed and future breeders to study the pedigree. Don't just look at it as club fundraising or people bragging, its one of the few ways for people to see dogs in their pedigrees when they are making breeding decisions down the road.
 - M. Constitution & By-Laws- Douglas King – Not Present – Discussion from the floor that it is not a committee with only one person. Per the discussion several people felt we do not need a committee unless we are contemplating by-laws change.
 - N. Performance- **Open Position – Please volunteer.**
 - O. Webmaster- Steve Thibodeaux – Website is available, we're running on an old platform, we are in the process of looking at a new software/template to update the site. Members only section is available to all members. New users will receive a temp password. No one but you know your password. We have a password reset that members can use if they forget their password. There is historical data available as well as board and treasure report for members to review. Only about 30 percent of our members access the site. Susan comments Use it if you have puppies. Steve will approve your puppy listing in about 48 hours or less. There are a lot of puppy scammers out there. If someone calls you about a puppy please respond even if it's just to direct them to the website and the breed referral volunteers. Denise Monette, question Is there any way we can refresh the website. Steve's response Sure for about \$15,000 we can have a new website designed by an outside consultant with all the whistles and bells.
 - P. Membership Chair- Jen Canfield
 - a. Membership Applications – 6 new members this year. We have 135 members currently.
2. Old Business
- a. Regional Specialties/Supported Entries approved by ATFTC
 - i. Puget Sound TFT Club- August 17th, 2023
 - ii. Central Florida TFT Club (very successful with this year's events to include agility. Next agility trial is October 27 St Petersburg FL.)
 - a. December 13 & 14, 2023-Orlando Designated Specialties
 - b. January 11 & 21, 2024- Brooksville, FL Designated Specialties
 - c. All-Breed Agility- October 27, 2023- St. Petersburg, FL
 - d. All-Breed Agility- February 2, 2024- St. Petersburg, FL
 - e.

b. Specialties

- i. 2024 – Western Massachusetts Toy Dog Specialty – May 26-28, 2024
- ii. 2025- Open- West Coast -Investigate Las Vegas.
- iii. Maltese Club and other toy clubs are looking at joining with each other and combining to share expenses for a site to use. All separate Specialties. We'll talk with them and see what they had in mind. Each region must submit a show request/bid for each year with specifics.
- iv. 2026- Open Lebanon Tennessee has approached us, 2 all-breed shows, Friday is all specialties with no limits, Sat/Sun 2 more all breeds. If we support the all-breeds they'll give us \$3 per dog each show. They promised meeting rooms, open communication and support. They suggested we hold a regional the year before to try them out. Board will discuss.
- v. 2027- Open
- vi. 2028- 25TH ANNIVERSARY- GREELEY, CO

c. ATFTC specialty- Orlando – 12/15/23

d. Royal Canin- ATFTC sponsored Breed Medallions for Agility, Obedience, and Conformation have been ordered.

e. Parent Club Health Statement- Thanks Mandy Price-Hasley to soon be published to AKC website. Want to make sure what AKC has is what the club has on our website.

3. New Business

a. Illustrated Standard- Susan Thibodeaux, Last year there was a committee setup to review the illustrated standard, and there has been a lot of controversy about it. Originally, we were going to send out for a vote on various changes in January, then the board reconsidered and said we should bring it to the June Membership meeting. We are not talking about the AKC Standard we are talking about the Illustrated Standard.

- i. Denise Monette: Is that the Illustrated Standard the Membership approved, yes in 2006, so that is something that needs to be amended, with a motion to undo something we have already approved. That is changing something that has already been approved by the members.
- ii. Jerry that is what we are talking about, the committee corrections to the Illustrated Standard.
- iii. Susan the revision are some wanted to change the head drawing because they said it was too cheeky, they wanted to add the word 'only' to the tan fringe only under the tail and only under the chest, it was more than just corrections there were lots of discussion amongst various people actual grammatical changes and what was actual changing the photo or verbiage:

- iv. Alex Maldon: you can actually access the standard on the website, but if they are going to make changes then the changes should actually reflect in the breed standard so if the breed stand does not say only then the Illustrated Standard should not say only. It should be a picture of what the breed standard said. Not something of what a person doesn't like.
Susan: Here are the changes the committee had. Susan read the changes the committee had sent out to its member's last fall.
- v. Denise: When did that go to the members?
- vi. Susan: It did not.
- vii. Kelley Maldon: Who is on the Committee?
- viii. Susan: Terrie Cowan, Susan Thibodeaux, Rick Lilly, Cindy Enroughty, Susan McCoy, Sheryl Irwin and Sharon Masnick.
- ix. Alex Maldon: So, like Denise was saying it should be put out to the general membership that what needs to be decided. I think that it is very important that everybody who is going to vote on whether we are going to make these changes should be fully informed. They should see the illustrated standard and it sounds like they have not seen it, they should know exactly what the proposed changes are and if they genuinely reflect the actual breed standard and are not just arbitrary changes, but they should also know what the cost and the approval process was on the original standard, it cost almost \$3,000 to have that standard developed. So, people should be fully informed.
- x. Denise Monette: Made a motion to table the changes to the Breed Illustrated Standard indefinitely. Seconded by Kelley Maldon.
- xi. Jerry Barlet the thing is they did not change it; they did not officially change it.
- xii. Susan: Let me read what the Breed Illustrated Standard committee came up with. She read the proposed changes, there was numerous discussions by most of the members in reference to this issue.
- xiii. Denise: So, this is a change of something that has already been approved by the members, this was a 2/3rd vote of the membership. So, we all know what we are doing so we already have a motion and a second so we got to vote. Motion to table indefinite vote of the members present. More discussion between Jerry and Denise about illustrated breed standard. Jerry and Denise both stated they feel blindsided by the committee recommendations not being brought before the membership.
- xiv. Alex Maldon: My point is whatever you are going to do to the Illustrated Breed Standard should reflect exactly what our AKC standard says not an interpretation of it but an exact mirror of it. It does not say Only fringe under the tail or chest. It does not say that in the breed standard. Or

otherwise, it will be two breed standards the AKC Standard and then the Illustrated Breed Standard which will be different.

- xv. Susan Any more discussion before we call for a vote to table it:
- xvi. Carrie Fletcher is there a report to the membership.
- xvii. Susan It's only in the committee notes. It was not shared with the membership. We have a motion to table and seconded.
- xviii. Mary Bowlan our standard covers colors and DQ's why after over 20 years has this become an issue. To update will be very time consuming and costly.
- xix. Alex Maldon: But the other thing about the head being cheeky the head is correct in the standard; you just can't go changing thing just because it's not your preference it has to be something that is not correct.
- xx. From the floor you leave the illustrated standard like it is.

Vote: To table changes to the Illustrated Breed Standard Indefinitely: All in favor say Aye – Unanimous response, No one was opposed. Passed to table indefinitely.

- b. TFT Health Survey: it has been 10 years since our last survey. Mandy Halsey has volunteered to head it up. She will be submitting questions to the board first before sending it out to membership, it will be anonymous and we will ask everyone to participate. So that we know something that was a problem 10 years ago is not such a problem anymore but something else we need to concentrate on health wise now. But we won't know that unless we have a good survey with participation. Look for that to be coming out in the next 6 months or so.
- c. **AKC DELEGATE**
 - i. Give yourselves a big applause we are now an official AKC Member Club. YEAH!!! THANKS BARB KELLEY
 - ii. We get to send a delegate now to AKC quarterly to have input into the AKC process and have a vote on the issue.
 - iii. Application Process
 - a. Reach out to the Board if interested in being a delegate.
 - b. We will be discussing at the board whether to appoint someone now or add to the elections and get it in the normal election cycle since we're already halfway through the year and they meet quarterly.
- d. Susan read letter from TFT Rescue. They thanked us for so many of our members supporting their rescue efforts. When a dog is surrendered, they will attempt to contact breeders. Email is attached.
- e. Any new Business: Carolyn Lichty- Specialty and Regional to encourage supported entry to help build majors in TFTs. Jerry Indoor or outdoor shows,

everyone agreed indoors is preferable. Chris: Supported entry shows are super easy to do.

4. Any other new business? In Closing – Susan: we have lost three breeders in the past year and our TFT numbers are not high to start with and like I said last night at the banquet I think we need to start what I am calling “compete in the ring and collaborate outside.” We had about 400 dogs registered last year and we have got to start finding a way to get more awareness of our breed to get more new people into our breed. So, whatever it takes us to do to get the public to wanting our dogs we need to work together to do that.
5. From the floor, Top 20 was not conducted this year. Susan and Jerry explained it was an issue due to not being able to find someone run it, it’s a conflict if you have a dog in the top 20 and are the Chair person. The board should look at a committee for someone who is not in the Top 20.
6. Carolyn Lichty – The events chair would like to show dogs to at the national, more people need to take their turn so everyone gets their turn, I believe that the winner of the previous year should be the next year show chair.
7. Susan, it takes an army to put on the show. Again, thank you everyone who helped with this year’s National show and thank you to the members that attended this meeting. Thank you, Mary for the wonderful raffle you are running and everyone please buy tickets.

Motion to adjourn made by multiple members seconded by Steve Thibodeaux.
Adjourned at 4:30 pm CST

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Thibodeaux
ATFTC Treasurer

Good morning, Billy and Susan,

If possible, I'd like the following to be read at the membership meeting at the Nationals. If you don't think it's appropriate, please let me know. I respect each of you and your opinions.

Hi everyone,

My name is Patty Blair and I have been a member of the ATFTC for almost 20 years. The first national I attended was in 2004 in OKC. Some of my closest friends have been made by attending this very show. I got my first TFT in 1975 and fell in love with this amazing breed. In 2003, I wanted to help with rescue because I didn't think I could get one of my own since I had two Boxers. I reached out to the National Rescue Chair of the ATFTC who happily invited me to join the rescue volunteer family. Shortly thereafter, I got my first TFT rescue, Max. The rest, as they say, is history.

In addition to being a member of the club, many of you know that I am president of Toy Fox Terrier Rescue (TFTR). I had hoped to attend this year's national and have TFTR be part of the 20th anniversary by having a raffle or something – to celebrate the TFT and to bring awareness of rescue to the club's members. Then I saw that the club was planning to hold a raffle, so I didn't want to step on anyone's toes. I thought I'd write this in hopes it could be read at the membership meeting.

On behalf of the board of TFTR, I want to thank each of you who have supported rescue in some way over the years. Whether you have participated in one of our two yearly auctions, have purchased a calendar, have bought some clothing, have transported, fostered, or pulled from a shelter, shared one of our posts, or even adopted one of our little ones, we truly appreciate your support. As I was once told by the National Rescue Chair who accepted me into the rescue community, you have earned your wings!

I'd also like for you to know that when an owner reaches out to us and needs our help in re-homing their dog, they receive a surrender form which asks for the name of the breeder if applicable. If a breeder's name is on that form, one of us WILL reach out to you and let you know. We'll ask you if you are aware of the situation and if you want to talk to the owner to take your dog back, as most contracts state. If for some reason you can't (full house, personal illness, etc.), we will ask if it's OK for the owner to work with us. When you say yes, we are pleased that you are placing your trust in us. What we cannot control is if the surrendering party fails to give us your name. Please do not think we are trying to work around you.

I hope that this Nationals is successful, that you too meet some amazing new friends and that your little ones have the best time showing off for everyone! I wish I could have been there to celebrate with you. Please know that TFTR is always here to help this breed we love so much and if you have any questions on how we operate, please reach out to me personally. Thank you, again, for your continued support and trusting we will do the right thing by you and these little ones.

Patty

Thank you, Patty

Patty Blair, President
Toy Fox Terrier Rescue, Inc.
www.tftrescue.com
www.facebook.com/TftRescueInc

2023 ATFTC Annual Membership Meeting Sign-In

Date: 30 June 2023

Time: 3:20 PM

Facilitator: Susan Thibodeaux, ATFTC Vice President

Place/Room: Oklahoma City, OK

Print Name	Organization	Title	Phone	Email
1. Dorothy Fisher	ATFTC	mba	903 203-3016	Dorothy.Fisher@gmail.com
2. Lea Ann Bokes	ATFTC	mbr	405 550-3125	leabokes@me.com
3. Tracy Baker	ATFTC	mbr	405 640-5485	tracy1000@windstream.net
4. Amy & Brent Madden	ATFTC	mbr	703 945-9165	amymadden@atftc.org
5. GAIL FLINOR	ATFTC	MBR	465 440-4404	gflinor56@gmail.com
6. SALLY WARRIP	ATFTC	mbr	651-428-4437	SALLYWAL1946@gmail.com
7. Chris Anders	ATFTC	mbr	600-812-1738	e.anders@osageymail.com
8. Michelle Liggett	ATFTC	MBR	940-682-5651	myliggett@gmail.com
9. Alex Maldon	ATFTC	MBR	678-908-0476	amaldon@windstream.net
10. Kelley	ATFTC	MBR	770-479-6053	—
11. Carolyn	ATFTC	MBR	218-525-3999	clinton100@gmail.com
12. James Weats	ATFTC	MBR	941-966-5876	jweat147@gmail.com
13. Michelle Sinclair Coleman	ATFTC	MBR	817-915-5255	michellesinclair@gmail.com
14. Chris Bockert	ATFTC	MBR	—	—
15. Richard Linty	ATFTC	MBR	218-269-1574	rlinty1661@gmail.com
16. Carolyn Linty	ATFTC	MBR	218-525-3449	clinty1@gmail.com
17. Denise Monette	ATFTC	MBR	530-741-3337	denise_monette@sbcc.edu
18. Missy Bowler	—	MSA	405-795-8261	heartlandttt@icloud.com

2023 ATFTC Annual Membership Meeting Sign-In

Date: 30 June 2023

Time:

Facilitator: Susan Thibodeaux, ATFTC Vice President

Place/Room: Oklahoma City, OK

Print Name	Organization	Title	Phone	Email
19. Laura Johnson	ATFTC	Mbr	203-209-4416	tylaurscotti@hotmail.com
20. Mary Lathlean	ATFTC	Mbr	203-298-6592	MLathlean@yahoo.com
21. Jerry Bazlet	ATFTC	Mbr mbr	484-388-0012	JBazlet@comcast.com
22. Tyler Luck	ATFTC	Visitor	905-382-5576	TLuck@kaymak.com
23. Susan Thibodeaux	ATFTC	mbr		
24. Steve Thibodeaux	ATFTC	mbr		
25. Caris Fournier	ATFTC	MBR	742-920-302	
26.				
27.				
28.				
29.				
30.				
31.				
32.				
33.				
34.				
35.				
36.				