

Message from the President

Hello Members:

I want to send you a message to keep you informed of the progress your Board of Directors are making for the club. As President I am excited to send this letter and welcome any input the membership may have.

Very proud to announce that our beloved dog was represented at the 2017 Westminster Meet The Breeds in New York. We had to scramble to get the event organized but your BOD came together to get the job done. I, along with VP Anne Kieffer, hosted the event for the club. This is the second time in a row that we have participated and we are happy to follow up our 2016 4th place for booth decoration with another 4th place this year!! Our theme was Toy Fox Terriers, "As American as baseball and apple pie". Our TFTs were dressed up in baseball outfits and so were their bat girls. We had tons of visitors and so many people waiting in line to take their pictures with the team. The BOD wanted to do this event to publicize our dogs and the club.

Next is the 2017 ATFTC National, Topeka, KS. Members are stepping up and working as a team to provide a great show for everyone attending. A HUGE thank you to Cindy Enroughty who graciously agreed to be show chair. Tammy Wallace has stepped up to be National Show Site Coordinator and will be working closely with Cindy to make this National great!! Lets not leave out our Trophy Chairs, Billy Hodges and Joel White. They have been working up a storm collecting trophy donations. If you would like to sponsor a trophy, please contact them at southgaitkennel@gmail.com.

Cindy shares with us that Onofrio will be our superintendent for the National so watch for that premium list. The National will be held on Tuesday August 22, 2017. The show is in conjunction with the huge Topeka shows held over two weeks!! We will be offering a breed seminar presented by our own Jon Rawleigh. Jon has so much knowledge to share and does a great job with the seminar. We will be having Sweepstakes, judged by Board Member Dianne Clark, thank you Dianne. Then on to breed judging and veterans, best BBE, NOHS, puppy, stud dog and brood bitch. Very proud to announce that your BOD has voted to offer junior showmanship at zero cost to the kids!! Hoping this encourages our youth to come out and participate. Our Annual Meeting to follow will be held in the afternoon, more details on that to follow.

The banquet will be held Monday, August 21, 2017 at Blind Tiger Brewery. Blind Tiger is highly recommended and we are hoping for a great turnout. Cost is \$30.00 which includes your meal of burnt ends, pulled pork, and BBQ chicken, plus all the fixins to go with it, and even dessert!! As you make plans to attend the National, make sure you arrive early enough on Monday to enjoy the banquet. We will be getting more information out to you regarding reservations as the date gets closer.

We have a great Performance Committee Chaired by Wendy Howard that is working hard to help with the obedience and rally events hosted by the Mo-Kan Toy Dog club on August 23rd. These performance events will be a supported entry by the ATFTC. We are excited to be getting involved with performance!! Also for the show on August 21, we will offer supported entries for the all-breed club.

Wendy is supported by her committee members Jen Duffy Canfield and Arlene King. All three ladies are working hard to get prizes and trophies gathered for our hard working TFTs.

In the recent ballots sent to the membership to give you a voice in who we hire for judges, our top five judges in order from most votes received are Rodney Merry, Judy Webb, Carolyn Herbel, Gloria Kerr and Timothy Catterson. Cindy is in the process of the contacting and hiring a judge.

Our Theme for the National this year is Sunflowers as the state is known to be the Sunshine State. I think fitting since our TFTs do brighten our days daily!!

TFT Rescue will also be present with a booth to gather donations and talk about available rescues for the right home. Lets work together to help keep our beloved little breed out of shelters. Please consider fostering or donating.

Sheryl Irwin is our catalog ads contact, so get your kennel name and contact information out there. Show your support and love for the breed. Let Sheryl help you by contacting her at starfoxtfts@yahoo.com.

Our 2016 Audit has been completed, thank you to Doug King and Greg Lawson who performed it. It was reported that the books were in order and Karen has done a fantastic job handling our money. When you see Karen, don't forget to thank her for all her hard work!!!! Thank you Karen!!

If you would like to step up and help get the word out to the members and become the Newsletter Editor, please contact me at flairtfts@ymail.com. We need your help.

On March 2nd, we received an email from Mike Canalizo from AKC stating this was his third time trying to get in contact with the ATFTC regarding hosting a specialty show in conjunction with the AKC National Dog Show in Florida. Apparently his emails were going to the past president and they were not getting forwarded to me. I immediately responded to him, asked for a bit extra time and started contacting members in Florida looking for a team to take on the event. A huge thank you to Terrie Crawford who stepped up to be the Show Chairperson. We went from almost missing out on the event to having team ready to handle the work in a matter of days!! So, we are happy to announce we will be hosting a specialty show on Friday December 15th in conjunction with the AKC Nationals show in Florida.

I hope you find this report informative and useful. If you have any questions, I am here to assist.

Thank you,

Your President
Kim Rowley