

It has been requested by ATFTC Board and other members that I respond to the numerous issues of concern and attempt to clarify what unfortunately has developed in to a great deal of controversy within the club. I chose not to respond till the election was over hoping the misleading items would cease or if not re elected for an interim, I could respond as just a member.

I want to express to everyone that the ATFTC is not an organization that falls under the umbrella of “civil law”. Therefore, the procedures under which it operates are procedures that are determined by the elected board and the board follows the constitution and by laws as approved by the membership. Again, under Article VI-Discipline-all procedures for hearings are determined by the **Board of Directors in compliance with the Constitution and By Laws.**  
**For AKC, we must stay in compliance with their policies and procedures to be able to hold events under the AKC name. We are a licensed club, not an AKC member club which does not require AKC to approve our Constitution and By Laws as long as they do not conflict with those of the American Kennel Club.**

Not having read everything that has been written to everyone, I will attempt to answer the items I have.

1. This is the AKC response concerning the disputed election.  
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Sent: Mon, 26 Jan 2009 11:01 am  
Subject: Am Toy Fox Terrier Club

Dr. Pritchard,

The club does not have to do anything. We are of the opinion that the deficiencies did not affect the results of the election. The winning candidates for the offices of president and secretary received 78% and 76% of the votes respectively while the elected board members received 84, 83 and 82 votes respectively and the unsuccessful candidates just 23 and 22 votes.

The complainants, who have secured the services of an attorney, want us to declare the election “null and void” which is ***not*** going to happen.

Thanks

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2. It was stated I wrote something that gave an unfavorable impression of the 2007 parliamentarian and the 2007 board, unethical and accusing them of actually what they did not do. My statements about the previous parliamentarian, I stand behind it. I have attended many parliamentarian workshops, seminars, classes, but that does not make me a parliamentarian. I AM NOT A CERTIFIED PARLIAMENTARIAN and can find no organization that Ann Walton holds certification. Unethical, my statement had to do with a MEMBER serving as a parliamentarian and then rendering decisions that would ultimately serve their wishes, their friends wishes, and possible not be in the best interest of the organization.
  - a) The items concerning the 2007 Board, there was so much confusion as to what was board business, what the membership wished at the 2007 National, and since there were no minutes from that meeting, the incoming board was being told this and that and we

basically had to review where we were and begin attention to the items that needed immediate addressing. This we did.

3. The item of removing the Show Chairwoman. I must not at this time go into all the details as it may result in a Personnel matter. But briefly the board discovered little had been brought to the board. When asked questions, it was stated, "She did not have to have board approval for her decisions". I went to Onofrios, picked up a copy of the Premium List and the board had to take some kind of action or the show would not have been ready with the many activities the board wanted to take place. The board tried to get it resolved to no satisfaction. Please read the constitution and by laws, Article V, Section 2.
4. The videographer-the contract was not breached- when he contacted Alex Maldon about selling the DVD's on the Web site, legal issues arose and I asked Alex to work with him and send to the Board a workable arrangement. Alex did just that.
5. The Raffle dispute, the raffle held at the 2008 National, please note that in the Premium list both a Rescue Raffle and a Club Raffle were listed. Due to miscommunications about the donation sources of some items that were included in the raffle, I was told at the show that the proceeds should be divided equally. After all information was presented, I recommended that all the money be put in rescue even though there were items included from the club raffle. This was done.
6. Special Rule-this was an attempt to stop the maligning of members publicly. I spoke with other parent clubs and it was adopted by at least one other club and we thought maybe it would help protect the members from the bashing of other members. Yes it was sent out to the members and asked to put with your Constitution and By Laws. WE HAVE NEVER USED THE STANDING RULES THAT YOU RECEIVED. Remember, it was an attempt to stop, or slow down people from maligning other members. If the issue comes up at a general meeting, it can be discussed and a recommendation can be made to change the C/B/L's to accommodate. How horrible for us to have to do such to stop members from treating others in the manner that has happened.
7. I want to make it very clear; NO ONE attempted to cancel the Houston Specialty. Prevention of SPECIALTIES was never done on the Board's part. Ways of presenting items out to the public are to confuse you, and mislead the facts. In this case the term, "Specialty" is really, in fact a "Regional" that is being used.
8. I have no idea what they are referring to when they say "ignored and did not reply to the certified letters sent on behalf of several members. We have not received such letters.
9. This board would like to see the minutes stating nonpayment to those serving on a committee required by the constitution and bylaws. Any time the board is put into a position to defend itself; someone is going to be out money and if the board is the subject, then those who have out of pocket expense should be reimbursed regardless of the outcome.
10. To make such a statement, "that votes, in any area, must be counted by a professions firm" is in accurate. Please submit the evidence to support such statements. If any illegal counting of ballots has ever occurred in this organization, I am unaware of except in the 2007 election

when the Secretary made arrangements with a firm in her area, attended the counting, and distributed who voted for whom at the election. Yes, the member's rights to privacy were damaged. No one contested this wrongful act.

11. Voting by email for Board business has been approved by the American Kennel Club. At the Parent Conference in 2007 the highlights are available on the AKC website under Parent Clubs. This Board wrote their procedure for such actions and it is on file with AKC. Their reasoning for allowing this method was because the distance between the officers and board and the cost to the clubs for conferencing. Please read for yourself.
12. As for suggesting to the members to vote for the committee's nominees, what I actually suggested was that they "seriously consider" this slate. It was only a courtesy for the work of the nominating committee. It never was an attempt to make any candidate appear unworthy, that would be a decision each club member needed to make when they cast their ballots.

**Please NOTE:**

**The information concerning the Treasurer's books has been changed to reflect the correct terminology, previously referred to as an AUDIT.**

**The Semantics' (wording) has been corrected below to reveal it was a "reconciliation" of the reports and the bank statements.**

13. The remarks about the Treasury. When the board could not make the treasurer's report and the bank statement balance, I asked permission from the board to have a reconciliation done. I am placing the reconciliation on the website. Now there was more money in the bank account than showed on the check registry. The reconciliation found the discrepancy; the beginning balance of the total bank account was entered incorrectly. It has been corrected and we have more money than the checkbook revealed. Further, the books **were available at the National, I told the membership at the meeting, please note, NO ONE ASKED TO SEE OR REVIEW THE TREASURE'S BOOKS, RECEIPTS, OR THE CHECKBOOK.**

The Treasurer has a receipt for each check written. A full audit of the 2008 books will be performed at the 2009 National by an audit committee of three to be determined later.

14. The fuss about the signatures on the bank account. I can assure you no check is written without 2 signatures on each check. Our insurance covers all officers and board members for handling any money belonging to this organization and to be covered two signatures are required on all checks. The Constitution and By Laws-Article III-Section 2, d) states the board **may** require both signatures on the checks, and this board did require 2 signatures on all checks. The past is behind us and we are learning each year ways to make things better and more organized. This board will not accept any monies that a receipt is not given for. We will provide receipt books to anyone accepting money. This way accountability will be in place and all records will be clear.

**Please read the American Toy Fox Terrier Club web site. We try to keep all members informed of what is going on with the club and the Board. The President's Messages,**

**Board of Directors minutes, Treasurer's report and other informative information forthcoming as they are received.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger B. Christensen", is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light green rectangular background.