**ATCA TELECONFERENCE MINUTES**

**October 19, 2020; 6:00 p.m. PDT**

**Board Members:** Bryan, Christensen, Dean, Evans, Farmer, Floyd, Massey, Occhiuti, Post, Samarotto, Schreeder, Sousa, Zupan

**Call to Order:** Meeting convened at 6:18 PDT

**Establish quorum:** Quorum established

**Time-keeper:** Alexa Samarotto

**Invitee:** Susan Mason

**Minutes:** Previously approved and published.

**President:** Bill Christensen will wait until the agenda item for the Breed Standard update

**Vice President Report:**  Grace Massey reported on the status of the job descriptions. It is felt the creation of the job descriptions more clearly identifies the roles and responsibilities of officers and board members. Darlene indicated she had a spreadsheet that clearly identified the list of responsibilities and how they tie to Standing Rules and By-laws. Darlene will forward the list to Dana and it will be sent out to the Board. It was generally felt this discussion would best be tabled until the new Board Vice President can guide the process and address changes as necessary.

**Recording Secretary Report:** Dana Dean – It was stated there are no only eight members who have yet to complete the eballot/ecommunications authorization form. Dana will send an updated list to Darlene to follow-up with. The review of the SimplyVoting tool was reviewed and the test ballots looked good to those who received it. Further discussion on the upcoming Breed Standard will include the language for the ballot.

**Corresponding Secretary Report**: Kerrie Bryan – has been sending out all of the communications received by the ATCA to members.

**Treasurer Report:** Darlene Evans – 3rd quarter Financials have not been completed but will be available for the November meeting.

**AKC Delegates Report:**  Bill Christensen had sent out a report regarding the most recent AKC Delegates meeting. He indicated the AKC is searching for ways to improve inter-committee communications.

**Old Business**

**AKC Standard Change Update:** Alexa Samarotto indicated we have received approval from Mari-Beth O’Neill to proceed with balloting the members regarding the revised standard on tail length and dew claws. Alexa outlined the timeframe for the ballots to go out to the members, the results to be sent to the AKC by December 15th for the next Board meeting in January, 2021, and what happens after the AKC Board votes. Mari-Beth also indicated it would be appropriate for the ATCA Board to send out a letter stating their support of the revisions. Motion to have the ATCA Board send out an endorsement of the Standard Revisions and so inform the members and recommend they approve the change made by Alexa Samarotto, second by Kerrie Bryan. Discussion regarding the endorsement by the ATCA Board. The Board voted 11-2 to approve sending out the endorsement communication to ATCA members. A review of the ballot and the wording of the ballot will be created by Alexa Samarotto and submit it to Dana for development of the eBallots and the paper ballots for those who require it.

**National Specialty:** Darlene Evans moving right along. The flyer needs to be changed because the Colorado Regional Specialty on Saturday has been added and she will need to have Susan Mason make the changes. Many of the trophies have been ordered. Still in limbo regarding the show location. The hotel contracts have not been signed as of yet and trying to postpone as long as feasible. The rooms have been reserved. It may be in November before notices start to go out to the members.

**Final Online Auction Accounting:** Jen Sousa reported the final amount earned through the online auction was $3,661.34 which will be rounded up to $3,700. Jen will send a check to Darlene this week and then work on getting the matching funds.

**Standing Rule-Social Media Usage:** Darlene Evans this item was tabled as the recommendations for a standing rule have not been finalized for the Board to act. Will be on the November meeting agenda.

**Review of Grooming Video:** Teresa Schreeder received just a few comments regarding the sample video and stated there is still a lot of work required to get the voice overs ready for the video. The new video will break up the videos into pet and show grooming. The final time will be close to 2 hours in length. It was also noted there are no more Grooming CD’s available through the ATCA Aussie Store. Kerrie will put a note indicating the video is under revision and is currently unavailable for purchase.

**Dr. Hess Publication:** Teresa Schreeder indicated the article “Heritability and complex segregation analysis of naturally-occurring diabetes in Australian Terrier Dogs” is available at: <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0239542> .

**New Business**

**Embark for Breeders Educational Content:** Bill is urging caution when utilizing the Embark Testing environment as the ownership and the sale of data could make some of the data suspect when used for other purposes. He recommended the best educational content for genetic information is was just posted from the forum at the last delegate meeting. The North Carolina State University is offering free genetic counseling. To take advantage of this genetic consultation service, please go to https://cvm.ncsu.edu/genetics/, select the Genetic Counseling icon to ask a genetics question about your dog.

**Proposal for Committee Minutes:** Kerrie Bryan indicated the committee minutes may be posted on the website as a service to the members. Kerrie will poll the committee chairs regarding their feelings towards having this option available. Annually, each committee submits a report regarding their work throughout the year. However, having minutes available could help members understand the work that is being done. This will not be a requirement to post the minutes. Making it optional will allow committees to post relevant work when it occurs.

**Current status of Judges Webinar:** Bill asked what the status of the Judges Education video waiting for one person from AKC to deal with a diagram. Kerrie will be in contact with them and see if she can’t get it completed. The webinar is still in process.

**AusTTrust Liaison:** Kerrie Bryan is the current Board liaison to the AusTTrust. She indicated they have a new website which looks great. Kerrie will send the link out to everyone.

**Adjourn:** 7:24 PDT

**Next Teleconference November 16, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,

Dana A Dean  
Recording Secretary