

ATCA TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

July 15, 2019; 6:00 p.m. PDT

Meeting was called to order @ 6:05 PDT;

Present: Cahill, Christensen, Farmer, Liga, Massey, Occhuiti, Popovits, Samarotto, Schreeder, Seaton, Zupan

Absent: Floyd

Time-Keeper: Alexa Samarotto

Vote for appointment to fill vacated recording secretarial position: Vice President, Grace Massey, took minutes as Recording Secretary, Kerrie Bryan, resigned from the position on July 8, 2019 citing personal reasons. Grace made the motion to approve President, Bill Christensen's appointment of Sherrill Yates to fill the position of Recording Secretary. Kim Occhuiti seconded the motion. **All present voted approval.** Sherrill Yates signed into the meeting at 6:10 PDT and began taking minutes.

Recording Secretary Report: Recording Secretary –

- **Minutes:** May, 2019 Annual Board Meeting minutes previously approved and published.

Vice President Report: Grace Massey –

- **Bylaws Changes requested by AKC** –The Board was presented with additional bylaws revisions requested by AKC. After a short discussion led by Grace, **the new revisions were unanimously approved.** Grace previously sent these new revisions to our New Jersey lawyer to confirm their legality in the State of New Jersey. After that confirmation is received, a ballot will be mailed to the membership for their vote. The results of the membership vote will then be sent back to AKC for their final approval before the revised bylaws can be implemented by ATCA.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Julie Seaton -

- **AKC National Championship Support Medallions** – Annually, AKC sends an offer to the corresponding secretaries of their parent clubs to purchase support medallions to be awarded at the AKC National Championship. Discussion was held on ways to make certain this request is always supported. Jeanne Popovits made a motion that ATCA automatically approve purchasing these medallions. Teresa Schreeder seconded the motion. Rita Farmer offered an amendment requiring a cap of \$500 be placed on the automatic approval of the medallions. Julie Seaton seconded the amendment. **The motion as amended was unanimously approved** by all board members present.
- **Virgil Silver Membership Application vote** - Postponed due to missing signatures on the application form. The signatures will be obtained and a ballot sent out for a vote on this application ASAP.

Treasurer Report: Kevin Cahill –

- **Fiscal Year End Financial Update** – Ended June 30th. Reports will be ready by Labor Day. Kevin has spoken with Mike Manderfeld, ATCA Accountant, about the financials he needs to file IRS forms.
- **National Specialty Financials to-date** – Kevin supplied the Board with a preliminary report
- **Membership Dues Update** – Kevin presented a list of members who have not yet paid their dues. The deadline was June 30th. Members have another 30 days before their membership is considered lapsed. Kevin reported he is working with Darlene Evans on the membership dues. Bill Christensen will ask Kerrie Bryan, Webmaster, to send out a reminder to all members. Board Members were asked to contact those on the list and remind them to pay their dues. Kevin and Darlene will send out a second notice and also be contacting those on the list with a reminder to pay before September 1st.

Old Business

Dr. Hess' Monthly Update: Teresa Schreeder as Health Committee Chair presented the second of Dr. Hess' monthly updates on her studies. Dr. Hess reported that a publication on locating a genetic marker for diabetes has been submitted to a journal for possible publication. She and her team are also analyzing pedigrees and calculating the degree of heritability of diabetes in Australian Terriers based on the survey sent out previously by the Health Committee. Dr. Hess is requesting help from the ATCA Board in contacting some of our breeders to answer a few follow up questions. Teresa reported that she has been able to reach several of these breeders but there are still unanswered questions from others. Teresa will continue to attempt to obtain the remaining information needed.

ATCA National Specialty 2023 – Application by Anne Roache in Colorado Springs, Colorado is due in September.

New Talkabout Editor Update – Bill Christensen reported he had not yet received any responses from members interested in becoming editor of The Talkabout in January after Julie Seaton leaves the position. Discussion was held on the computer requirements to continue the job as it has been done. Bill reported a professional firm would cost the club between \$2,000 and \$2,500 per year so it would be helpful if a member could be found. The search will continue.

New Business

New ATCA Website: Julie Seaton reported work on the development of a new ATCA Website has been ongoing since December and is $\frac{3}{4}$ finished. She and Kerrie Bryan, Webmaster, have been working together to accomplish the goal of getting it up and running by October 1st so the 2020 National Specialty Packet can be available by November 1st.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:53 PDT

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherrill Yates

ATCA Recording Secretary

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