

ATCA TELECONFERENCE AGENDA

April 20, 2020; 6:00 p.m. PST

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

Invited Guests: Kreg Hill, Judy O'Brien, Julie Seaton, Vicki McKee

Ex officio: Susan Mason

Call to Order; Establish quorum

Time Keeper: Alexa Samarotto

Minutes: March, 2020 Teleconference minutes previously approved.

Meeting was called to order by Bill Christensen at 6:08 Pacific time.

Agenda was modified to allow the guests to participate in the discussion of the National Specialty Show.

Julie Seaton started off with a presentation regarding the two specialty site opportunities. The first was Monroe, Michigan. The second was Montgomery County, New Jersey. The Monroe show was scheduled for the last weekend in September. The venue was for 3 days and the shows had conformation as well as performance activities. The Montgomery show is held the first weekend in October. This could have been five days of showing comprised of Hatboro (2days), Morris and Essex (1 day), Devon (1 day), and Montgomery (1 day). The advantage of the Monroe site is the show is held all in one location and would take place in the Midwest and would be consistent with specialty calendar of locations. Each Board member had an opportunity to share their thoughts regarding the re-scheduling of the specialty. The consensus among the board was their concern for the health and safety of the members. With the uncertainty of the effects of COVID-19 many were concerned about exposing members to potential infection. A motion was made to cancel the National Specialty for 2020. Motion made by Teresa Schreeder, second by Kim Occhiuti. Members were polled for their vote. The motion carried 10 for the motion, 1 opposed to the motion, 2 abstentions. The Board would like to recognize the hard work that was put into the planning and coordination of this year's specialty and expresses their appreciation to the co-chairs, Judy O'Brien and Julie Seaton for their efforts as well as Vicki McKee and Jen Sousa as well as the rest of the team.

To finish up the discussion on the cancellation there were some suggestions regarding the items for the Silent Auction and if it could be staged online. Julie also mentioned the trophies for the show and the consideration of what to do with them. Teresa Schreeder and Darlene will talk with Julie who will take photos of the awards to see if they can be re-purposed for the 2021 National Specialty.

Thank you to the guests for attending the meeting and they were wished a good night.

President: Bill Christensen – No report this evening

Vice President Report: Grace spoke about the conflict of interest form which had been passed around for comment and modifications. Both Darlene and Dana had made some edits to the form which was redistributed with the agenda package. Grace encouraged the Board to review the changes, submit suggested changes to Grace, and the result will be sent around and voted for adoption at the May meeting.

Recording Secretary Report: Dana presented the results of the petition ballot to modify the standard regarding the length of the Australian Terrier tail. The results were:

101 Ballots received, no illegal ballots

29, Approve

72, Disapprove

The petition language will not be incorporated into the standard. However, the Board acted swiftly to recognize the need to make modifications to the standard regarding tail length. The Board felt the committee should be comprised of at least 5 members with sufficient experience in the breed and knowledge of the AKC Terminology references for judges to assist in creating verbiage for the standard. Each Board member will propose 5 members. The goal is to put together a committee that reflects the diverse opinions of the members. The goal is to set up the committee so they may get started immediately to accomplish an acceptable standard change within 6 months. Each member is to submit their nominees to Dana. The members with the most votes will comprise the committee. The actions of the Board will be sent to Mari-Beth O'Neil at the AKC to find out what a potential timeline would look like to get final approvals and votes by the membership. The results will be sent out to members tomorrow.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Kerrie Bryan – Nothing to report

Treasurer Report: Darlene Evans – Under New Business was the upcoming Annual Dues. As a result of the changeover from a Fiscal Year to a Calendar year for accounting, the membership dues would reflect a total of \$60 to cover the last six months of the year and then for the whole year starting in 2021. A proposal to allow members to split their payments due to some being economically impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions. A motion was made to give the option to members to pay in 2 payments for the 2020/2021 years. Kim O. moved, Grace second. Carried unanimously. This rescinds the action regarding dues in the February 2020 minutes. Grace and Darlene will also work on developing notice regarding the election by members of the to vote electronically. This will be included in the dues mailing.

Old Business

Board of Directors Agreement: Teresa Schreeder will send out an updated version of the Board of Directors agreement which will be voted on at the next teleconference meeting.

Status of Standing Rules/Guidelines: This can be tabled for tonight while Darlene puts the finishing touches on a final document which should be available for the meeting in May.

Conflict of Interest: Discussed under the Vice President's Report.

Dr. Hess' Monthly Update: Information regarding pedigree study is almost ready for publication. As soon as the publication date is determined it will be passed on. Also looking for the published article from Dr. Hess which has been published in the Journal of Genetics and should be available for re-publication in the Talkabout. Discussion regarding placing the abstract of the article in the Talkabout and creating a link to the full article on the website.

AustTrust Request: Three requests had been submitted. Two were approved at the last meeting. The Health Testing to be held at the National Specialty is no longer needed. The third was for Canine Health Foundation grant on Degenerative Myelopathy. The request will be re-submitted to the Board and then discussed at the next meeting. For the May meeting a discussion regarding adding a test on CHIC.

Grooming Videography: Jen Sousa has received a quote on the cost of creating a grooming video. The proposal is for a fully scripted video with two cameras, one close-up, one wide-angle. The end results would be available on a USB. The anticipation is for the video to be between 90-120 minutes in length. The video will be done and then the script will be dubbed over. Includes editing and the overall cost is estimated to be \$1,500 inclusive. Kerrie made a motion, Barb seconded. Teresa requested to modify the Motion to increase the amount of money from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to cover any unforeseen costs.(The motion is for the videographer.)Barb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. There was also a discussion regarding the possibility to re-do the movement video at the next Specialty.

New Business

Henderson Obedience Award: The discussion on the versatility awards and the Henderson Obedience award will be tabled until the May meeting. Susan Saulvester and Heather Rife will be invited to the meeting to present their proposed changes to awards. Bill would like to keep the Henderson and the Versatility Awards as two separate items. The idea of including the Henderson Award into a new committee called Achievement Award was mentioned and Darlene was instructed to talk to some ATCA members to determine if they would like sit on this committee.

Australian Terrier Rescue: The Rescue group is out there helping even in these times. It is recommended that all owners have plans in place to take care of their dogs should something happen to them. Bill has requested there be some guidelines on setting up a process for taking care of the dogs. This will be a short article to be published in the Talkabout.

Code of Ethics: Kim O. reported she and Teresa Schreeder have started work on the Code of Ethics and the report will be sent out to the Board for review. Board will provide input and send comments back to Kim O.. The draft will also be sent to the Sustainability committee. Bill wants specific input from Rita Farmer and the Sustainability Committee.

Membership Dues Option: Discussed under the Treasurer's Report.

Adjourn 7:40 Pacific time

Next Teleconference May 18, 2020