

SBTCPS April, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Rob Coon
Bethany Dalton

Nichole Hamilton
Jenny Merritt

Rob Stafford
Wendy Stafford

Connie Torres
Ron Torres

7:05 p.m. Meeting called to order.
March meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Vice President's Report: Bethany Dalton filled in for Marji Haley and reported that Marji had redesigned the logo for club blankets, which enabled her to reduce the price to \$30. The new design was voted on and accepted.

Secretary's Report: Connie Torres reported that Andrea Kilkenny emailed she would like to be considered for fostering rescued Staffordshire Bull Terriers. Further, she introduced Nicole Hamilton for possible membership.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Stafford reported that she went to Bank America with Jenny Merritt to set up club's bank account. Wendy said that the club might consider purchasing bank CDs in the future but Jenny said that, with a \$5,000 required minimum, a CD purchase would be very difficult for the club at this time. Wendy also stated that an appointment had been set for later in April with an accountant to set up the club's "not for profit" tax status.

Seattle Kennel Club Meet the Breed and Breed Booth Wrap up: Jenny Merritt indicated that she thought the breed booth went very well. She also reported that she, Ron Schwab and Cindy Sim participated in the Meet the Breed Parade. Jenny noted the club received an invitation to participate in the Meet the Breed event next year.

Rob Stafford stated that there was a lot of activity while he and Wendy were in the Breed Booth.
Wendy Stafford reported:

- a) Pictures in the booth were laminated
- b) Nice educational games for kids
- c) Appreciated the coordination of volunteers by Cassie Malloy.
- d) Praised Thornton and Angelique Alberg for their efforts of setting up and revamping the Staffy Breed Booth, which was double from years past.

It was agreed that having two booths was a good idea and that an electric outlet was not necessary and should not be purchased in the future.

Jenny Merritt reported:

- a) The very heavy hinged display boards need to be retired and lighter weight options need to be designed.
- b) Thornton and Angelique Alberg gave everything from the breed booth to her and she put it all in storage.
- c) Breed Booth can be listed on the AKC required paperwork for the Specialty as an educational offering for the public.
- d) Enough dogs showed up both days in the booth, which made for positive publicity for the breed.

Specialty: Connie Torres reported that all the required paperwork (to date) has been faxed (\$6) to the AKC and received by Tabitha Sheppard, AKC Event Operations Manager.

Jenny Merritt reported the Sweeps Judges have been acquired for both days:
Chuck Murray – Friday, Sheila Allen – Saturday

Jenny also stated, "Parts is Parts" is something the club could do again this year and both Jenny and Bethany Dalton volunteered to coordinate this event. Jenny said she would write a piece about this event for the next edition of *Staff Status*.

Ron Torres reported that Jim and Cassie Malloy probably would not be doing the barbecue this year and the club might consider having this event catered. Jenny Merritt suggested a potluck. Jenny also suggested Costco food and guests could prepay a set amount or pay more on the day.
Ron Torres volunteered to research options for this event.

Wendy Stafford suggested a hospitality committee and volunteered to be on this committee.

Staffy Spring Fling: Connie Torres reported that a flyer has already gone out to the membership and another flyer with an agenda will go out before the event.

Bethany Dalton said there is a need for a fun match judge and Ronald Torres said the judge could be enlisted the day of the event to add to the fun.

New Business: Wendy Stafford nominated Nichole Hamilton and Rob Coon for membership and they were accepted.

Jenny Merritt requested that, henceforth, per the club by-laws, Article IX, Order of Business, all future meeting agendas reflect input opportunities from standing committees and, when necessary, input emailed to the secretary would be satisfactory.

Actions:

Club meeting at the show in Vancouver WA: Connie Torres made a motion and it passed.
(Date for this show has not yet been posted)

Possible art work for trophies: Item was tabled again as a response has not been received.
Jenny Merritt said she would call Sheryl Garrison.

Webmaster position: Jenny Merritt said that Rod Case wrote an email indicating that he would be willing to continue but that an XTML connection might be necessary.

New Action: On learning that Rob Coon is a web designer, Jenny Merritt asked Rob to do a presentation of his work at the May meeting.

Discussion of SPTCA Rescue Guidelines: Jenny Merritt said that our club could write our own rescue guidelines while borrowing ideas from the guidelines of the SBTCA or we could be under the umbrella of SBTCA breed rescue. Jenny suggest that, since we are our own club, that we should have our own rescue and adopt some of the ideas set forth in the SBTCA Rescue Guidelines. Jenny also stated that a monthly report detailing such items as current foster possibilities, individuals added to foster home list, etc.

Connie Torres called for an action to form a Rescue Committee

New Actions: Jenny Merritt will discuss the Rescue Committee with Thornton and Angelique Alberg.
After that discussion, Connie Torres will call for committee members in the newsletter.

Further discussion of this topic will be had at the May Meeting

8:30 p.m. Meeting was adjourned