

Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
October 21, 2011
Orlando Wyndham Resort
Orlando, Florida

A duly noticed meeting of the General Membership was convened at the Orlando Wyndham Resort on October 21, 2011. The following members of the Board of Directors were present at this meeting: Mary Remer, President; Becky Poole, Second Vice President; Naomi Waynee, Executive Secretary; Claudia Sharp, Corresponding Secretary; Gene Hains, Treasurer; Dale Schuur, AKC Delegate; Jacque Smith, Member at Large; and Glenna Wright. Brent Ruppel, First Vice President was absent.

Members present were: Carolyn Alexander, David Alexander, Marcy Bankus, Anita Bavol, Virginia Baxter, Sandra Belstock, Rhoda Bennett, Franne Berez, Barbara Bishop, Tom Bishop, John Blackwell, Val Blackwell, Daphne Breese, Mary Bruegger, Channa Beth Butcher, Steve Butcher, Stuart Cairns, Lynn Cash, Rosalind Clamper, Alesia Cooke, Russell Cooke, Victoria Corse, Angie Crabtree, Cheri Croucher, David Croucher, James Davis, Kay Davis, Barbara Deevers, Marion Dussault, Eileen Ebey, Bonnie Erwin, Vanessa Everett, Cynthia Farrington, Scott Fike, Jeanne Fournier-Fike, Perry Frangos, Sandee Frascone, Janice Frostick, Amber Gibson, Colin "Skip" Greaney, Lisa Greaney, Paula Grecco, Gail Harlamoff, Rachel Hatten, Miriam Hopkins, Paul Hopkins, Iris Hudson, Alison Ibbitson, Nancy Irvin, Amy (Woodman) Jaspers, Phil Jaspers, Jake Jones, Paul Jordon, Jane Killion, David Lewington, Nijole Lewington, Mark Lindquist, Linda Maddox Tonya Mages, Cecil Mann, Rebecca Martin, Theodore Martin, Ed McLean, David Merriam, Jackie Miller, Vicki Miller, David Morden, Irene Morden, Susan Murphy, Robert Myall, Robin Overby, Cleo Parker, Carolyn Patterson, Bill Patterson, Cindy Perrott, William Poole, Franciene Pytko, Nona Quigg, Lisa Quiggle, Rebecca Quigley, Nadine Robarts, Margaret Saldivar, Sonny Saldivar, Steve Schmidt, Fred Schneider, Judy Schneider, Christine Schuur, Melissa Searles, Peggy Selk, Richard Selk, Ray Sharp, Albert Shaw, Gordon Smith, William Smith, Glenn Snyder, Joan Spangler, John Spurr, Theresa Spurr, Elizabeth Thomas, Mariyn Turner, Will Turner, Izumi Udagawa, Kristy Utt, Cheryl Vincent, Melanie Whitehair, Tyrone Whitehair, Glen Whyte, Terrena (Jacobsen) Whyte, Dede Wilson, Linda Woodruff, and Pat Woods.

Guests present were: Jack DeGidio, Courteney Morgan, Elizabeth Nichols and Stephen Thompson.

President Mary Remer called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. President Remer acted as Chair and Naomi Waynee served as Recording Secretary.

- **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Cecil Mann moved the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as published. Lynn Cash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Report of the President – Mary Remer**

1. Mary Remer asked the membership to give a round of applause to the BTC of Tampa Bay for hosting Silverwood.
2. Our club lost long-standing members, Betty Desmond and Gloria Holland, recently. Our sympathies are extended to their families.
3. The Board voted to donate \$500.00 to the AKC Legislative Support Fund/ Political Action Committee. These funds are used to educate elected officials at the federal, state and local levels and to help elect dog-friendly leadership nation wide.
4. As of this report, the Trophy Sponsorship and Solicitation Committee has received \$4,050.00 for this year's trophies. \$4,915.00 has been committed. All the Silverwood trophies were sponsored. Congratulations to the committee for an excellent job and to the membership for the support.
5. In an effort to support the Bull Terrier Club of Tampa Bay with its contractual obligations with the Wyndham Orlando Resort, the Board voted to allow the sale of premium ringside seating. At this time, the club has sold 35 seats at \$100.00 per seat, including 2 seats for raffle. Each seat includes catalogues, a pen and an Einstein collectable pin.
6. We are excited to have Michael Morris fill our need for a club historian. His committee consists of Kyle Heneger, Diane Davis, Lisa Mohr and David Harris as a researcher.
7. Thank you to Stuart Cairns for his years of being our New Member Liaison. We are pleased to report that Ann Radford is stepping into his shoes.
8. We are delighted to have a Therapy Dog Committee that is being headed up by Barb Bishop. The Public Relations and Mentoring Committee has been hard at work with a graphic designer creating banners for our breed booth. It is possible we will see digital renditions of these fabulous banners at this meeting. We are anticipating the banners to be ready for our booth at Meet the Breeds in New York City in November.
9. While I am sure this is public knowledge, I want to make sure everyone is aware that Norma Shepherd succumbed to ALS last month.

10. As I complete my term of service as President of the BTCA, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the Board that I have had the honor of serving with for the past 4 years. The journey has been a difficult one. I have great respect for their perseverance, diligence and commitment that enabled us to work through these difficult times. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the membership for their support and patience. I wish the new Board the continued support and participation of the membership so that we can continue to serve in the best interests of our beloved breed.
11. A letter was received from Merilee Wilson with three questions she asked to be addressed to the membership in a public forum.
 - Why did the Board pay Victoria Corse \$150.00 when her gas expenses for trips to Norma Shepherd's were \$90.00? Mary Remer explained that Victoria made multiple trips to Norma Shepherd's on her own time to recover BTCA materials and records. Victoria only submitted one gas receipt for all her trips and the Board felt the amount she was reimbursed did not cover all her expenses and time.
 - Why there are not dual signatures on checks? Mary Remer responded that banks no longer acknowledge two signatures. There are checks and balances in place with the treasury at this time.
 - Mailing Surcharge for BARKS – Postal surcharges were 8% of the dues at the time of the last dues increase and are now 25% of the dues. Dues have not been increased and the overseas members have been paying a postal surcharge for their BARKS. The new Board will address the postal surcharge.
- **Report of the Executive Secretary – Naomi Waynee**
 1. Election Report
 - Ballots sent – 708
 - Ballots returned – 527
 - Spoiled ballots – 0
 - Replacement ballots – 23
 - Results:
 1. First Vice President: Carl Pew – 262
Jacquie Smith – 264
 2. Executive Secretary: Miriam Hopkins – 271
Alison Ibbitson – 253
 3. Treasurer: Gene Hains – 296
Theodore Martin - 227
 4. AKC Delegate: Rebecca Poole – 289
Dale Schuur – 235
 5. Member at Large: Colin "Skip" Greaney – 271
Lynne Myall – 249
Melanie Whitehair – 271
Amy (Jaspers) Woodman – 213
 - Election Costs: Mees, LLP \$1200.00
Postage \$454.02
Replacement ballot postage \$110.34
Copying \$374.45
Supplies \$51.74
Total: \$2190.55
 2. Naomi Waynee thanked the membership for their support during her eight year tenure as Executive Secretary and asked the membership to support her successor.
- **Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Claudia Sharp**
 1. Claudia Sharp had no report
- **Report of the Treasurer – Gene Hains**
 1. Gene Hains distributed the financial reports through September 2011 to the membership.
 2. Dues are currently being received.
 3. Bills are being paid
 4. There are a few credit card items that need to be processed.
 5. At the end of September, the treasury contained \$56,797.00 and after dues are collected it should be approximately \$72,000.00.
 6. Doble and Mann Funds need to be refunded.
 7. Roz Clamper questioned if the postal surcharge for BARKS was not paid, would members not receive BARKS. Gene Hains confirmed that this would happen.
- **Report of the AKC Delegate – Dale Schuur**
 1. **Grand Champion Program**
AKC reports that after the first year of this new program that entries have increased a total in excess of 58,000 entries directly attributable to this program. This increase calculates to a \$1.7 million increase in entry fees over this same period to the show giving clubs. AKC would like to thank the exhibitors for their outstanding support of this program.
 2. **Judging Approval Process**

AKC appointed a Special Committee to study and make recommendations to the Judging Approval Process. After over a year of work the Committee has made a proposal which would greatly streamline the existing process. There has been a period of review and open comment. I expect a report on this review period on or before the next Delegate Meeting at Eukanuba in December 2011.

3. **Meet The Breeds at Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York, Nov. 19-20, 2011**

AKC has announced another Meet The Breeds at Javits Center in New York City. This year they will be joined by The International Cat Association. They expect to have over 100 dog & cat product vendors in addition to the Clubs and Groups representing the various dog and cat breeds. This event draws large crowds. If you are in the area, you might want to check it out.

4. **AKC Philanthropic Programs**

AKC has allocated over \$30 million to fund programs for the betterment of dogs everywhere. Use of the \$20 registration fee allows funding of programs including;

- Health Research – AKC has donated over \$20 million to date to fund sound scientific research. The AKC Canine Health Foundation is the largest canine health foundation in the US.
- Search & Rescue – AKC has donated over \$3 million to Canine Search & Rescue groups and to disaster and relief preparedness programs.
- Kennel Inspections – AKC is the only registry which does kennel inspections in the US. They perform 1000's of these each and every year.
- Lost Dog Recovery - AKC through its Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) program has re-united over 400,000 lost dogs with their homes. CAR offers a 24/7, 365 days a year service. AKC CAR is the largest Not-For-Profit recovery service in the US.

6. **Remember to register all of your puppies with AKC.** Each of those registrations helps to support these and many other programs including the Conformation and Performance sports which we all love.

7. **Registration fees are increasing.** Individual dogs will be \$30.00 and \$10.00 fee for additional owners over one.

• **Report of the Committees –**

1. **Futurity** – Linda Maddox as new chair and Alison Ibbitson as retiring chair were recognized.
2. **Trophy** – Theresa Spurrthanked the trophy sponsors. This year's artwork is by Theresa Robertson. Theresa thanked the individuals who have volunteered to assist in transporting trophies. She also acknowledged Skip Landry for his assistance with trophy production and asked the members to thank him also.
3. **Trophy Solicitation** – Miriam Hopkins reiterated her thanks to the sponsors.
4. **BARKS** – Alison Ibbitson thanked everyone for advertising and supporting BARKS. Winners from the Silverwood weekend will receive a form to complete and submit in a timely manner with a photo and pedigree for BARKS. Sandra Belstock asked for a reminder from the Corresponding Secretary to send reminders to the regional clubs for columns. Alison stated a reminder will be sent. Bob Myall had a question about production costs and if the postal surcharge is calculated in. Gene responded that the postal surcharge is not part of production costs.
5. **RECORD** – Naomi Waynee announced the deadline for the RECORD is January 30, 2012 for the 2011 RECORD. She has a new email address: nwaynee@gmail.com. She will ask Chris Hutter to correct it on the website.
6. **Health** – Susan Murphy reported on the health clinic. Ten dogs were tested at the Cardiology Clinic this year. The Cardiology Study is being moved to North Carolina State from Michigan State.
7. **Performance** – Jane Killion reported that all performance entrants qualified. The committee is hoping to hold an agility trial next year and have a nose work demonstration.
8. **Ways & Means** – Glenn Snyder reported that the new committee is working on long and short term projects. Committee members are Glenn, Jan Dykema, Kim Bebb and Deb Kovach. One idea for fundraising was selling the reserved seats at Silverwood weekend. It is uncertain how this will be handled in the future. One project in development that Kim is working on is airline tickets for Silverwood weekend. The committee will continue to sell items the club already has.
9. **Silent Auction** – Skip & Lisa Greaney reported on the Silent Auction. This year a "Buy It Now" table has been added. All items on this table are \$1.00. Tee-Shirt Table with shirts that can be purchased was also added. Lisa Greaney has donated the cost for the computer and phone lines.
10. **Education** – Victoria Corse reported there were two all breed judges attend. She is looking for mentors for these two judges during the weekend. Carolyn Alexander has volunteered.
11. **Regional Club Liaison** – Gail Harlamoff & Amber Gibson. Amber reported on the Newcomer's Seminar. There were ten individuals in attendance.
12. **Rescue Support** – Glenna Wright informed the membership that rescue continues to be full due to the economic times. Rescue fosters are needed for the shelter dogs. Fosters are needed desperately. Support is appreciated. RWTF treasury is \$60,745.59 as of September 30, 2011. A long time rescue owner, Dr. Caroline Preston left the trust a little over \$17,000.00. The Trust recently networked with two other rescue groups to rescue six dogs from drug dealers in South Carolina. Melanie Whitehair contributed that fosters are not left in foster homes indefinitely. She also stated that rescue care is expensive. Most of the expenses are veterinary care and approximately \$17,000.00 has been spent since May. Glenna was acknowledged for all she does with Rescue.

13. **AKC Breed Ambassador** – Paul Jordon reported on what an AKC Breed Ambassador does. Information is available on the AKC website.
14. **Therapy Dog** – Barb Bishop reported two dogs were tested for Therapy Dogs and passed. She would like to have a data base listing all therapy dogs.

- **Reading of Applications**

1. Naomi Waynee read the 2011 applications for the second time. (See attached list) She also read a letter concerning one of the proposed applicants. After lengthy discussion a vote was taken regarding the applicant.

RESOLVED to approve membership for the balance of the applicants with the exception of Michael Scarcella.

ACTION: Skip Greaney made the motion. Seconded by Ed McLean. The motion passed.

RESOLVED not to approve membership for Michael Scarcella.

ACTION: Ed McLean made the motion. Seconded by Skip Greaney. The motion passed.

2. Naomi Waynee read the 2012 membership applications for the first time. (See attached list)

- **Life Memberships**

1. Nominations were received and approved by the Board to grant Lifetime Memberships to the following members:

Dr. David Harris
Gloria Holland
Wingate Mackay-Smith
Jackie Miller
Gordon Smith
Norma Smith

RESOLVED to grant Lifetime membership to the nominated members.

ACTION: Cecil Mann made the motion. The motion was seconded by Victoria Corse. The motion passed. unanimously.

- **Unfinished Business**

1. No unfinished business

- **New Business**

1. No new business

- **Member Input**

1. No member input

- **Adjournment**

Lynn Cash moved the meeting be adjourned. Cheri Croucher seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Waynee
Executive Secretary

2012 NEW BTCA MEMBERS

The following applicants were voted into membership at the Annual General Membership meeting held in Orlando, Florida during Silverwood weekend. Their membership becomes effective in 2012.

Name	e-mail Address	Address	City	State/Province	Postal Code	Country	Telephone
Dave Chasney & Dee Buffington	dchasney@msn.com	PO Box 23701	Tucson	AZ	85734	USA	5204005604
Robert & Janet Cooley	bobcooley51@gmail.com	4020 Dunhill Drive	Salida	CA	95368	USA	209-543-8344
Jacque Decker	deckerbullies@yahoo.com	735 Cannon Road	Sharpsburg	GA	30277	USA	404-597-1618
Tarah Hadel & Joy DeLucia	JoyDeLucia4RealEstate@gmail.com	P.O. Box 56	Homdel	NJ	07733	USA	732-757-7329
Manuel Londono	mlondo@sufflok.edu	26 Myrtle St, #12	Boston	MA	02114	USA	617-599-2811
Oscar & Amy Moreno	amy.c.moreno@us.army.mil	8144 Hedgepeth Road	Valley Springs	CA	95252	USA	209-920-4689
Judith Morrison	judymashmorris@yahoo.com	1140 Claridge Elliot Rd	Jeannette	PA	15644	USA	714-875-1961
Daphne & Robert Myers	bloodhoun ds@comcast.net	1100 Centerville Road	Lancaster	PA	17601	USA	717-898-7244
Beth Nichols	bethmastiff2@aol.com	114 136th Ave	Union Grove	WI	53182	USA	262-859-0347
Jan O'Nan	finstwo@verizon.net	5309 Nutmeg Avenue	Sarasota	FL	34231	USA	941-685-2190
Tracey Ramirez	swramirez@gmail.com	701 Santa Fe Street	Leavenworth	KS	66048	USA	913-406-8346
Nancy J. Rood	roodawakening@outdrs.net	5064 Littleville Road	Avon	NY	14414-9774	USA	585-226-6573
Mitch & Natasha Schmidt	mitch@tapoutbullies.com	W9437 State Rd 68	Fox Lake	WI	53933	USA	920-210-0070
Julie Snider	sniderj@dexterschools.org	9477 Hidden Lake Circle	Dexter	MI	48130	USA	734-649-3514
Vernon Starr	flet_@msn.com	6516 N Hickory Street	Kansas City	MO	64118	USA	816-986-0333
Martha A. Teichner	mat@cbsnews.com	c/o CBS News 524 West 57th St	New York	NY	10019	USA	212-975-4541
Stephen & Jennifer Thompson	jandsthompson@hotmail.com	35 Cold Brook Circle	Jefferson	MA	01522	USA	774-364-4953
Adele Wright	adelewright60@gmail.com	16 Saxon Drive	Acton Park	Tasmania	7070	AUSTRALIA	

2013 BTCA NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

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Linda Duncan	l.duncan@elseveir.com	7 Horseshoe Ridge Court	Chesterfield	MO	63005	USA	314-397-0309	Claudia Sharp & Ray Sharp
Lisandra Benitez & Rafael Fernandez	fernndezrafael@yahoo.com	Monsiones de Rio Peidras 1170 Hortensia	San Juan	PR	00926	USA	787-3-637-7108	Roger Garcia & Biancca Wakker-Vaags
Ellen & Randy Frisch	frischel@musc.edu	2 Trapman St	Charleston	SC	29401	USA	843-345-6974	Laura Jenkins & Kathy Sanek
Rick Horiike & Anna Barrios-Horiike	rsato93@gmail.com	26-17 28th St, Apt 1	Astoria San	NY	11102	USA	646-675-2298	Dede Wilson & Marion Dussault
Luis Badillo Milan	c_kennel@hotmail.com	2348 Calle Genaro Badillo	Antonio	PR	00690	USA	787-509-2456	Arnoldo Salazar & Guillermina Lopez
Susan Sanderson & Gary Tesconi	peacockmt@aol.com	PO Box 1537	Winsor	CA	95492	USA	707-836-9397	Jan Dykema & Franne Berez
Scott Wylie	s.m.wylie@comcast.net	8 Skyview Dr	Ware	MA	01082	USA	413-330-0726	Dede Wilson & Lisa Bass

These applicants were read for the first time at the Annual General Membership Meeting held during Silverwood weekend, October 2011 in Orlando, Florida. They will be read for the second time and voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting held during Silverwood weekend, October 2012 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. If approved their membership will become effective in 2013.