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In this Issue:

In our April column, we looked at the different kinds of dog clubs and what they have to offer to both the novice and more experienced dog person. To paraphrase President John F. Kennedy, this month we say, “Ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club.”

A club is only as good as its members. If there are no members, there is no club. It’s that simple. Clubs need members who will serve as officers or on the board. Committees need to be chaired and staffed. Members are needed to set up and oversee the club’s social-media platforms and website. Show chairs and committees need plenty of hands to put on shows, trials, and performance events. Instructors for classes and educational programs must be developed and scheduled. Members are needed to mentor the novice dog person.

Maybe you don’t belong to a club, or you just don’t want to join. You don’t want to be involved in club politics or watch the politics in action. You think you don’t have any skills to offer a club. You think, “They don’t need me—the show will always go on.” You don’t think you have the time or energy to get involved.

So, let’s think about the ramifications of those decisions. You enjoy showing, training, and participating in working or performance events. Who do you think puts on these classes and events? Shows, classes, tests, and trials do not just automatically happen. They take a whole group of people working together behind the scenes to put on events this big. What happens when these groups of people start to step down due to age, health concerns, family obligations, and so on? Who will step up to continue those things?

The answer is that you will wake up one morning and there won’t be a show to enter. There will not be an obedience trial or a draft or water test for which to train. There will not be a rally class to attend. There will not be a club meeting to exchange information about the newest veterinary procedure or how to groom your dog.

So, what to do? There is a very simple answer. Join! Step up and join your local all-breed club. Join your regional specialty club if one is in your area. Join your national parent club. You can find a listing of clubs on the AKC website, on Google, or by word of mouth. Then volunteer. Everyone has skills to offer—even if it is just a willingness to sit and sell catalogs or organize refreshments for a meeting. Volunteer to monitor the club’s social media presence. Are you good with numbers? Volunteer to run for treasurer. Have you trained several dogs to working titles? Volunteer to setup and/or teach classes. Set an example for others to join and volunteer too.

What you and your club(s) will gain is ensuring our sport, as we know it, will continue to exist and thrive. Many hands make light work—won’t you offer yours?

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Know Anyone Who Would Make a Good ASTC Member?
Please help the club grow and prosper by recruiting new members you believe will be an asset to the ASTC. Membership applications must be requested by a sponsor and are due to Membership Secretary no later than January 2. Remember that sponsors must have been members of the ASTC for five years and known the applicant for three years. Applicant names will be published in the next issue of the newsletter Bulletin for comment. We encourage you to read the rules for applications carefully and file forms early so that they can be corrected before the deadline if there are any errors.
In attendance via teleconference:
Greg Larson, Dan Haley, Allison Atherton, Pat Thomas, Michelle Jones, Kristi Mann, Jo Ann White, Judith Wilson, Beth Scorzelli, Heidi Selvig, Deb Wheeler, Lila Pontius, Bonnie Prato and Karen Millard. Absent: Kathy Garcia. A quorum was achieved.

President Greg Larson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. EST.

Officer’s Reports:
There were no Officer reports.

Committee Chair Reports:
Website and Bulletin – Jo Ann White gave an update that the website is getting updated, and the Bulletin is almost finished. She suggested that the Board consider a Publications Committee to work with the new Bulletin editor. Jo Ann stated she is willing to chair the committee.

2020 Welcome Bags – Jo Ann White advised that she will be unable to assist at the National and is looking for someone near the site who can receive welcome bag donations.

2020 Trophy ideas and Rosettes – Allison Atherton gave an update on ideas previously sent to the Board regarding trophies. After discussion, it was determined that another proposal will be provided to the Board at a future meeting.

Old Business:
Club Insurance – Deb Wheeler discussed insurance policies sent to the Board for discussion.

Motion 2019-50 Deb Wheeler made a motion that the club purchase Bond insurance from Sportsmen’s Insurance Company. All in favor. CARRIED

Conformation Awards and Records – Jo Ann White advised that Madonna Holko has resigned from the position and that Bonnie Prato has agreed to take the role.

Motion 2019-51 Jo Ann White made a motion to nominate Bonnie Prato as Chairperson of the Conformation Awards and Records committee. All in favor. CARRIED

Stud Dog Plaques – Bonnie Prato will be sending the Stud Dog plaques to the winners soon.

2020 National Specialty – Greg Larson gave a report that the MB-F contract has been signed and he will provide the contract to the Board. The budget provided to the Board was discussed. link to the decision on the 2020 budget was tabled until it can be reviewed and updated by the National Specialty Advisory Committee. The next National Specialty Advisor Committee meeting will be August 6th.

Karen Millard gave a report on judges’ commitments.

President Larson will send the revised schedule of events to the Board.

Motion 2019-52 Jo Ann White made a motion to approve the Sheraton hotel contract, as presented, and that Vice President Dan Haley be authorized to sign. All in favor CARRIED

Motion 2019-53 Pat Thomas made a motion that the ASTC pay for the Trinity Valley Shih Tzu Club ballroom expense of $600. All in favor. CARRIED

Standing Rules Committee – Pat Thomas provided a suggested revision to 1982-48 regarding the inclusion of the requirement in the Board acceptance form that all teleconference meetings will be attended.

Motion 2019-54 Pat Thomas made a motion to add a proposed revision to 1982-48 to require attendance at all Board teleconference meetings. All in favor. CARRIED

Franklin Savings Account – Deb Wheeler recommended a second Franklin Savings account to hold excess cash. CARRIED

Meet the Breeds – Jo Ann White reported that there will not be a Meet the Breeds event at Westminster weekend next year. It will be held the end of January at the Javits Center. She will coordinate with those who regularly manage the Shih Tzu booth.

Vicki Carder resignation – Pat Thomas updated that the Nominating Committee has not met. The Board discussed nominations for the replacement position.

Motion 2019-56 Pat Thomas made a motion to appoint Kristie Miller to fill the Board position left vacant with Vicki Carder’s resignation. All in favor. CARRIED

2020 Sweepstakes Judge nominees – Karen Millard will send the nominees from the Board discussion, and the nominations from last member ballot to the Board so that a vote can occur.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 24th at the same time.

Motion 2019-57 Lila Pontius made a motion to adjourn. All in favor. CARRIED

President Larson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. EST.

Allison Atherton, Recording Secretary
Approved 08/04/2019, (and adopted with corrections)

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**2019 Purina Donation**

Keep sending your weight circles from Purina kibble for benefits for you and for the ASTC Charitable Trust! This year, the Trust received $3,233.97 from the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program—more than double the amount received in 2018. An equal amount was donated to the AKC Canine Health Foundation to be used for Shih Tzu health research.

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**The 2021 National Specialty, hosted by the Trinity Valley Shih Tzu Club, will be held in Oklahoma May 12 to May 15 at the Sheraton Midwest City at the Reed Convention Center.**

As in 2018, there will be one local specialty, one regional specialty, and the national specialty (including puppy sweepstakes), plus two obedience and rally trials. Contact Dan Haley to volunteer your help with this national. Please join us. This hotel was a great place for a dog show, and Dan is planning another margarita party!
Remember: We cannot publish or act on what we do not know!!!

Local Clubs: If you want your local specialty to appear on the calendar on the ASTC website and in future Bulletins, or wish to receive ASTC medallions for your shows, you must submit the forms in the Members Only section of the ASTC website at www.shihtzu.org to Karen Millard and Jo Ann White.

ROM Applications: If you wish to receive ROM plaques earned in 2019 at the 2020 National Specialty banquet, you must submit the forms to Bonnie Prato by February 20, 2020. Applications can also be submitted for dogs eligible for this award prior to 2019, but they will receive certificates only. The ROM application form can be found on the ASTC website under Shows and Awards.

Rescue Funds: Any ASTC member involved in Shih Tzu rescue can request financial assistance from ASTC Rescue Chair Loree Levy Schwartz. The updated guidelines for qualifying for ASTC rescue funds can be found in the Members Only section of the ASTC website.

Articles for the Gazette and ASTC Website: If you would like to submit articles for the Shih Tzu breed column in the AKC Gazette or the ASTC website, please contact Jo Ann White. (Please obtain permission to reprint articles from other sources you are submitting for the website.) We also encourage you to point out things on the website that need updating or corrections; identify the changes needed by article and paragraph.

Bulletin and Website Updates: The next newsletter issue of the Shih Tzu Bulletin will be enclosed with the early 2020 mailing containing the 2021 Second Judges Ballot and 2020 ASTC Membership Applicants. The annual magazine format Shih Tzu Bulletin will be published after the 2020 National. Please check the ASTC website monthly for new articles, additional updates, and other information.

AKC Breeders of Merit, Member Contact Info Updates: Did you recently qualify as an AKC Breeder of Merit? Please let Lila Pontius know so we can add your name to that list on the ASTC website. Also let Lila know if your address, phone number, or website changes.

CORRECTION TO 2019 BULLETIN

By now you should have received the 2019 National Bulletin. It has also been posted on the ASTC website in digital format and a link has been emailed to all AKC Shih Tzu regular and permit judges. Note that the photographs in the ads on pages 38 and 39 were accidentally switched late in the design process. Our sincere apologies for this error...the printer’s ad designer did a great job but is not a dog show person.

Local Specialty Results

Trinity Valley Shih Tzu Club
July 4, 2019
Judge: Ms. Beth Sweigart

Best Of Breed, GCH CH Wang’s Taxi Taxi Bobby D., (D), Dr. Douglas Wang
Best Opposite Sex, Fantasy’s Candy Heart, (B), Susan Kilgore
Select Dog, GCH CH Wenrick’s N’Palaquins They Call Me Mr Bates, Lisa Thomaier/Robert Thomaier/Wendy Paquette
Best of Winners/Winners Dog, Charjalong’s Paddington Says Hello, Janet Long
 Reserve Winners Dog, Valston’s Relentless Demon, Rafael Ramos Apollinar
Winners Bitch, N-Finiti Journey Of Dreams, Paula Krueger/Pat Fletcher
 Reserve Winners Bitch, Lotus Santa Baby, Annette Lewis
Best Puppy, Lotus Santa Baby, Annette Lewis
Best Bred By Exhibitor, Karyon Wondering Again, Pat Fletcher

Shih Tzu Club of Southeastern Wisconsin
July 26, 2019
Judge: Mrs. Dawn Hansen

Best of Breed, GCH CH SarJan’s OMG!, (D), William Fusaro/Sarah Beebe
Best Opposite Sex/BOBOH, Jen’s Tailored Statement, (B), Jennifer & Sasha Heiken
Select Dog, GCH CH SarJan’s America Runs, Sarah Beebe
Best of Winners/Winners Bitch, Jen’s Tailored Statement, Jennifer & Sasha Heiken
 Winners Dog, SarJan’s UR Lookin’ At Magic, Sarah Beebe
 Reserve Winners Dog, Jadesilk Renaissance Man, Beth N. Chopey/Sandra Oxford
 Reserve Winners Bitch, Grenouille Midnite Velvet, Clare Blasinski

Shih Tzu Sweepstakes
Judge: Ms. Cheryl Szulczewski

Best in Sweepstakes, Jen’s Tailored Statement, (B), Jennifer & Sasha Heiken
 Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes, Ascher’s Slayin’ It On Broadway, (D), Ruth Crawford

Membership Directory Updates:

Anna May Brown (new address):
7332 Botanical Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34607

Judy Wilson (fix phone # on page 1):
515-999-2700, new email: prospecthillsttt@msn.com

Kelly Norrish (new address):
514 American Way #12157
Box Elder, SD 57719

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ASTC Officers and Directors, September 2019

With the resignations of Vicki Carder and Greg Larson, there were several changes in the ASTC Board. More recently, due to other commitments, Dan Haley has asked to exchange positions with Bonnie Prato. Dan had automatically become president with Greg’s resignation. All other changes have been approved by the Board without opposition. The listing below reflects all of these changes, which you should make in your membership directory. If you would like to help or have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the ASTC Board members below.

President: Bonnie Prato (CA) 2018-2020
Vice President: Dan Haley (TX) 2018-2020
Recording Secretary: Allison Atherton (TX) 2018-2020
Treasurer: Debora Wheeler (NH) 2019-2020
Corresponding Secretary: Karen Millard (OR) 2019-2021
Membership Secretary: Lila Pontius (FL) 2019-2021

Directors: Class of 2018-2020
Michelle Jones (SC)
Kristi Mann (WA)
Kristie Miller (MO)
Heidi Selvig (MN)
Judith A. Wilson (IA)

Directors: Class of 2019-2021
Kathy Bilicich Garcia (CA)
Elizabeth Scorzelli (LA)
Pat Thomas (OR)
Jo Ann White (FL)

2020 National Schedule
(Tentative: Judging times will be based on entries)

Tuesday, May 12:
- Agility Trial, 7 am to 3 pm, Judge: Ms. Karen Wlodarski, Johns Island, SC
- Setup, including assembly of welcome bags
- Registration opens at 4 pm
- Meet n’ Greet/Party, 6:30 pm until ???

Wednesday, May 13:
- Obedience/Rally Trials #1, 7 am to 1 pm, Judge: Mrs. Carol Mett, Savannah, GA 31416
- Regional #1, 1 pm. Judge: Mr. Michael J. (Mickey) Feigelson, Palm Springs, CA
- Board Meeting

Thursday, May 14:
- Obedience/Rally Trials #2, 7 am to 1 pm, Judge: Mrs. Carol Mett, Savannah, GA 31416
- ASTC Regional #2, 1 pm. Judge: Mrs. Janet M. Allen, Pt. Rayes Sta., CA
- Grooming & Handling Seminar, Ballroom, 7 pm

Friday, May 15:
- Sweepstakes: 10 am, Judge: TBD
- Annual General Meeting ringside following Sweepstakes
- Seminar: Canine College Expert Interviews – How has our breed changed and what should breeders and judges be looking for?
- Judges Education Seminar, including hands-on, Kristi Mann

Saturday, May 16:
- ASTC National Specialty: 10 am, Judge: Mrs. June A. Penta, Greensburg, PA
- Awards Banquet. Cash Bar 6:30 pm, Dinner 7 pm

THE LINK TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS NOW POSTED ON THE ASTC WEBSITE. BE AWARE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS IS APRIL 12, 2020, AND THAT RESERVATIONS MUST BE CANCELLED 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO AVOID A ONE NIGHT PENALTY.

2020 Performance Events

We are delighted that all performance events will be held in the same facility as conformation in 2020. A special thank you to Terri Jenkins, Jan Sammons, Beth Scorzelli, and Deb Wheeler for all the hard work it took to make this happen, and to show chair Janis Oehlschlager for a ballroom big enough to house it all!

Show Committee:
Show Chair: Janis Clary Oehlschlager (janismcgree@gmail.com)
Assistant Show Chair and Chief Ring Steward: Kathy Bilicich Garcia
Show Secretary: Anna May Brown (stedelweis@aol.com)
Agility Chair: Terri Jenkins (tzucando@gmail.com)
Obedience/Rally Chair: Jan Sammons (starsend@gmail.com)
Catalog Advertising: Michelle Jones (mjonesyingsu@gmail.com)
Vendor Chair: Vicki Youngquist (pawsoandtails@me.com)
Trophy Chair: Allison Atherton (allisonatherton@yahoo.com)
Raffle Chair: Trisha Fox (tfox10208@aol.com)
Welcome Bag Chair: Jo Ann White (joawhite@juno.com)

Please Send All Trophy Donations to:
Allison Atherton
506 City Park Road
Pflugerville, TX 78660
512-275-6629

Please Send Monetary Welcome Bag Contributions to:
Jo Ann White
5136 36th St. West
Bradenton, FL 34210
941-751-0531

Make all checks payable to American Shih Tzu Club, Inc., and contact Trisha and Jo Ann for shipping instructions for all donated raffle and welcome bag items. For welcome bags, it is cheaper to let us shop for you and have items shipped free to Myrtle Beach via Amazon prime. Ed and Melody Campbell have volunteered to assemble the 120 welcome bags in Myrtle Beach. Please volunteer to help with welcome bags and general setup on Tuesday.

Please Send All Raffle and Hospitality Donations to:
Trisha Fox
1415 Forest View Blvd.
Conway, SC 29527
301-938-0986

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2020 National Specialty Update

The “under the boardwalk”...
2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Patricia Thomas (OR) Chairman
Barbara Brem (IL)
Pat Martello (NY)
Jackie Stempel (NY)
Debra Beilstein (CA)

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
NOMINATED TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM (2020-2022):
President: Bonnie Prato (CA)
Vice President: Michelle Jones (SC)
Recording Secretary: Kelly Norrish (SD)
Directors: Dan Haley (TX)
Kristi Mann (WA)
Kristie Miller (MO)
Earl Takahashi (HI)
Judy Wilson (IA)

SAMPLE PETITION
We the undersigned, in accordance with ASTC, Inc., By-Laws Article V, Section 4c, place in nomination the name of:
______________________________________ for ______________________________
We further certify that we have signatures representing at 5%* of the active membership of ASTC, Inc.
Signed: ________________________Name (printed) ___________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________

*5%=13 members (total membership 9/10/2019

RECENT BOARD MOTIONS
Motion 2019-59 (White) To appoint Sharon Lunney as editor of the Shih Tzu Bulletin. CARRIED. 12 yes, 2 not returned (Garcia, Mann)
Motion 2019-60 (Miller) To accept Greg Larson’s resignation as President as of Aug. 8, 2019. CARRIED. 14 Yes.
Motion 2019-61 (Wilson) To accept Bonnie Prato as Vice President. CARRIED. 14 Yes.
Motion 2019-62 (White) For Dan Haley and Bonnie Prato to switch their Board positions immediately. CARRIED. 13 Yes, one not returned (Prato)

Local Club News
As there is no local Shih Tzu club in Mississippi, the Shih Tzu Fanciers of Central Florida just donated $500 from their rescue fund to help those dealing with the rescue of more than 100 matted Shih Tzu from a filthy, unairconditioned facility in Crystal Springs. The Mississippi Animal Rescue League and the Copiah County Animal Shelter are housing and caring for the dogs.
If your local club has had a specialty, a program, or other news-worthy activity, please contact Gay Eckes so we can share it with the rest of the ASTC in a future bulletin.

There are still a few 2018 and 2019 Shih Tzu Bulletins available. If you would like to order them, they are $5.00 each including postage. Please send orders to Allison Atherton, with checks payable to the American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.
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What is interesting about these statistics is that traditional conformation and performance numbers have generally remained stable over the past few years, yet the overall number of Shih Tzu and exhibitors competing have probably declined.

Of the total 1,474 titles awarded to Shih Tzu over the last 3 ½ years, less than 45% were conformation titles. Of these 657 conformation titles, 154 of were grand championships, which have been awarded to dogs that had already earned conformation championships only since 2010.

Just over 30% of the titles (again, with individual dogs often earning multiple titles) were earned in traditional performance events--44 titles were in obedience, 86 were in rally, and 323 were in agility. Almost all of the limited growth in our sport overall has occurred in the newer performance events.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2020 MEET THE BREEDS

In 2020, Meet the Breeds will not be held Westminster week due to the closure of one of the piers. Instead, it will be held on January 25 and 26 at the Javits Center in New York City. This event draws huge crowds of spectators, and we would like to see Shih Tzu represented. If you are willing to help, please contact Jo Ann White. We will need dogs of various ages in coat or cut down, but can provide decorations and handouts.