

**YTCA Board Meeting  
Held Via Teleconference Call  
Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

President Robert Owen called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. Eastern time with the following Board members in attendance: Bob Owen (President), Leslie Stolfi (Vice President), Matina E. Johnson (Secretary), Robert Franzoni (Treasurer), Directors Helen Scott, Ken Lambert, Georgina Miller and Wendy Doss. Pam Langstein joined in a few minutes later at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: President Bob Owen reported that the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting were approved by hard copy vote.

Report of the Secretary: Secretary Matina E. Johnson reported The Yorkshire Terrier Club of Los Angeles was granted permission to hold one (1) Sweepstakes and two (2) back-to-back (AM and PM) Specialty shows on Thursday, May 26, 2016 in Pomona, CA.

Report of the Treasurer: Treasurer Rob Franzoni reported the following:

YTCA Inc.

As of September 15, 2015

Bank Accounts	
PNC Checking	\$42,648.38
PNC MoneyMarket	\$60,117.49
Total Bank Accounts	\$102,765.87

Since the last report we have

- a. earned \$6.13 of interest income.
- b. received \$300.00 vendor fee for Louisville Roving from Barb King.
- c. paid Bruns & Bruns \$1,000.00 for reviewing the books.
- d. paid California the annual filing fee of \$10.00.
- e. paid GMR web hosting fees of \$50.00. (2 months at \$25 each)
- f. paid Intuit Quick Books online fees of \$26.95.
- g. paid OVYTC ½ of the additional \$300.00 vendor fee = \$150.00.
- h. reimbursed Faye Mitchell \$218.01 for Roving Show & Awards Committee expenses.
- i. paid a \$2,500.00 deposit on the Mesquite, TX hotel for 2016 Roving Show.
- j. paid Sportsmen's Insurance \$51.00 for increase in bond premium.

Bond: The Treasurer's bond has been increased to \$150,000 per ByLaws requirements. The additional premium of \$51.00 has been paid.

Annual Tax Returns: The annual Federal and California tax returns for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2015 have been timely filed.

Web Hosting: GMR has increased their monthly fee from \$25 to \$30 effective October 1, 2015 to cover the additional cost of hosting our emails.

AKC Donor Advised Fund: Rob received a mid-year statement covering the period January 1, to June 30, 2015 which reflects the following:

Beginning balance: \$1,706.35

Purina Parent Club matching funds	2,874.07	<i>(This matches the amount the Club received.)</i>
Interest/Dividend income	7.61	
Realized/Unrealized gains	<u>53.32</u>	
Ending balance	\$4,641.35	

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

NEW YORK 2016: Vice President and Co-Show Chairman Leslie Stolfi reported that she spoke with fellow Co-Show Chairman Cheryl Rangel, and they have now received back contracts on Conformation Judge Jason Hoke and Sweepstakes Judge Kirsten McGregor. Ken will be putting together a planning book in the coming weeks. Cheryl is still working on trophies. Kathy Wilcox has been confirmed as our show photographer. They are checking with the hotel to see if we might be able to gain access to the room as early as possible to perhaps allow for ring decoration prior to the membership meeting. That committee would also like to request that the membership please send any additional ideas for vendors to Leslie.

ROVING 2016: Director Ken Lambert reported that committee has been in discussions with the Bluebonnet YTC, and that they would like to come in as a part of the 2016 Roving in Dallas (specifically Mesquite, Texas) at the Hampton Inn and Suites and Convention Center by hosting a second Specialty next year. The hotel is holding the extra date, and it would cost us \$2000 for the additional day, of which Bluebonnet is willing to pay \$1500, since we only have Obedience that day. The hotel is not changing the food commitment or the number of room nights required.

We would need to split vendors and auction with Bluebonnet. Other than that, nothing would change. Also, concerning vendors, we have a pre-function area just outside the 12,000 square foot ballroom that is also ours, and can be used for vendors if we want. Ken will investigate a superintendent, and Pam Wengorovius will handle Agility entries.

The Board was in agreement to move forward with this proposal, and is currently reviewing and evaluating a schedule of events beginning on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Vice President Leslie Stolfi reported that the Membership Committee would like to add the following questions to the YTCA Application for Membership:

On the applicant's section:

How long have you had yorkies? \_\_\_\_\_

On sponsorship section for both the first and second sponsor:

Have you reviewed the Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics and Standard with your applicant?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Ken made a motion to accept these changes as proposed by the Membership Committee. Pam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: Chairman Matina E. Johnson reported that since the Purina Funds have come in, we currently have a balance of \$4,641.35 in our AKC/CHF Donor Advised Fund account, so it will soon be time to look at more AKC/CHF grants to sponsor. These funds may be applied to open Canine Health Foundation grants only. The Health Team will soon be reviewing and evaluating future grant sponsorship possibilities.

The Health Committee is also beginning to discuss and coordinate plans for hopefully another fabulous Health Clinic at our 2016 National Roving in July, and will soon be reaching out for suggestions on popular vets that come highly recommended by members in the Dallas area. Plans for our 2016 NY Health Clinic are in place as reported at the last Board meeting, and everything is going smoothly.

**JUDGES EDUCATION:** A report was submitted by Judges Education Chair, Kathleen Kolbert, reporting as follows:

Judges Education: Specialty Clubs may now request persons to judge a specialty who they feel are qualified, but not necessarily AKC approved for the breed.

Judging Approval: When applying for new breeds or as a first time judge, the breed exams will now have to accompany the judges' applications. They will not be part of the seminars.

The Board would like to encourage more regional mentorship participation and will be reaching out to the Regional clubs.

We received a Judges Education Mentor application from Judges Education Chair, Kathleen Kolbert. Pam made a motion to approve the Judges Education Mentor application for Judith Vukmanich. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMPANION/PERFORMANCE EVENTS COMMITTEE:** Vice President Leslie Stolfi reported on behalf of the Companion/Performance Events Chairman, Judy Casserberg, that the Committee would like to add two new members, as they are finding the need to have more active participation since they are continually working with details both before and after the YTCA Rovings.

It was requested that Vicki Wolff of Fenton, MO, a member since 2007, and Jennie Wright of Nashville, NC, a member since 1997, be added to the Companion/Performance Committee. Both attend the Rovings on a regular basis, and have been active in Stewarding and helping out with trophies as well as other activities. It was suggested by the Committee Chairman that it would be extremely helpful if they are also involved in decision making before and after Rovings, and that their expertise in dog sports would be very valuable to the Committee's work.

Ken made a motion to add Vicki Wolff and Jennie Wright to the Companion/Performance Events Committee. Helen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**GAZETTE COLUMNIST:** The Board came up with a short list of possibilities to fill this opening, and President Bob Owen will be contacting the names put forward. He will also verify the requirement with AKC prior to filling the position.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Board has begun to come up with a list of members as potential individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee which will be named before November 1<sup>st</sup>, taking into account geographical representation. The committee shall consist of five (5) members in good standing and eligible to vote who have been members for at least the 4 immediately preceding calendar years. Once the appointments have been made and the committee is established, the 2016 Nominating Committee will be published on the Announcement list, the YTCA website and in the E Express.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**AKC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is proud to announce the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award finalists in the categories of Conformation, Companion Events and Performance. The Awards, created and first awarded in 1999, are presented in recognition of exceptional participation and achievement within the dog fancy. The finalists chosen, based on nominations from AKC member clubs, have impacted the dog sport on a national level through club involvement, judging, exhibiting, breeding and teaching. The purpose of the awards is to celebrate those individuals whose many years of dedication have led to significant contributions to our sport on a national level.

As in the past, this year's nominees were selected by AKC member clubs that cast their votes for one nominee in each of three categories: Conformation, Companion Events and Performance. The three nominees receiving the most votes in each category were selected as the finalists. Member clubs have now been asked to cast their vote for one nominee in each of the three categories. This final round of balloting will close on Friday, October 9th, 2015. A special awards presentation will be held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida in December 2015.

Based upon the final tally of votes by AKC Member Clubs from across the country, the nominees for this year's annual American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards are:

<b>Conformation</b>	<b>Companion Events</b>	<b>Performance</b>
Hon. David Merriam	Susan (Suzi) B. Bluford	Ray (Jerry) Cacchio
Dr. Claudia Orlandi	John Cox	John Russell
Patti L. Strand	Donald A. Levinson	Grant Stanfill

We were asked to cast our vote for one nominee in each of the three categories, and after careful review, the Boards selections were as follows:

Patti L. Strand (Conformation)

Susan (Suzi) B. Bluford (Companion Events)

Ray (Jerry) Cacchio (Performance)

For full bios about the nominees and more information about the Lifetime Achievement Awards, visit: [www.akc.org/about/awards-and-honors/lifetime-achievement/nominees/](http://www.akc.org/about/awards-and-honors/lifetime-achievement/nominees/)

This concluded the business of the meeting. Georgina made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Helen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matina E. Johnson, Secretary

Hard Copy Vote - August 22, 2015

REGARDING: *Site location for Roving 2016*

I, Ken Lambert, make a motion to accept the contract at the Hampton Inn Mesquite for our 2016 roving. Rob Franzoni seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.