



Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2011

The **YTCA, Inc.** met via telephone conference call. Board members present: Carl Yochum, Julie Howard, Robert Owen, Sheri Clark, Barb Bedsted, Lisa Bridgewater, Bill Hinds, Cheryl Rangel and Pamela Wengorovius. President Yochum called the meeting to order at 8:09 P. M. EST.

MINUTES: The minutes from the March 21, 2011 meeting have been approved by hard copy vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Owen reported on the Meet the Breeds booth the YTCA will sponsor at the Javits Center in New York City on November 19 and 20, 2011, and gathered information to submit to the AKC about the Judges Institute to be held in Florida on December 15-18, 2011 in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Clark reported a checkbook balance as of April 11, 2011 of \$18,220.73, and a money market balance of \$52,656.76. The total is \$70,877.49.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Judges Education: Carl Yochum, Judges Education Chair, reported that he mailed the power point presentation to each board member.

Show Committee: Bill Hinds, Show Chair for San Antonio, reported everything is on track. The health screenings were discussed regarding what methods of payment the YTCA will accept. The catalogs were discussed for Agility, Rally, Obedience and Conformation. The general membership meeting will be on Tuesday at 7:00 P. M. followed by the Royal Canin function at 8:00 P. M. The banquet will be held on Thursday evening and the River Walk Dinner Boat on Friday.

Judges Selection Committee: Bill Hinds, Judges Selection Committee Chair, made a motion, seconded by Julie Howard, that a judge can judge conformation at a YTCA specialty only twice, with a minimum ten year period between judging assignments. A sweepstakes judge will not judge more often than once every ten years. The motion passed unanimously.

By-Laws Committee: The board discussed the revisions to the By-Laws as proposed by the By-Law Committee in their draft proposal. Julie Howard made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Rangel, that the Constitution and By-Laws committee be requested to remove the division of the US into five territories from which only one Board member may be elected and serve. The motion passed unanimously.

Julie Howard made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Rangel, that the Constitution and By-Laws committee be requested to remove the requirement that vacancies in a Board position will be filled by a member residing in the district of the original appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

Julie Howard made a motion, seconded by Pam Wengorovius, that the Constitution and By-Laws committee be requested to return the length of term served on the Nominating Committee back to one year and eliminate the territory from which members must be selected. The motion passed unanimously.

Barb Bedsted made a motion, seconded by Bill Hinds, that the Constitution and By-Laws committee be requested to change any mention in the By-Laws of the Yorkie Express to Yorkie EExpress. The motion passed by majority. Voting yes: Yochum, Howard, Clark, Bedsted, Wengorovius, Bridgewater, Hinds, and Rangel. Voting no: Owen.

Barb Bedsted made a motion, seconded by Lisa Bridgewater, that the Constitution and By-Laws committee be requested to change the wording in Article 1, Sec. 3, from; any negative information presented to the Board or Membership Committee and shall be given the opportunity to respond to such information prior to the Board's vote to read any negative information presented to the Board or Membership Committee and shall be given the opportunity to respond to such information within 2 months after the date that the letters are received. The motion passed unanimously.

Barb Bedsted made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Rangel, that the Constitution and By-Laws committee be requested to change the age of Junior Members to 9 years and under 18 years. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Bridgewater made a motion, seconded by Bill Hinds, that the Constitution and By-Laws committee be requested to revise Article III, Section 3 of the By-Laws to provide for nomination of the AKC delegate by the nominating committee and election by the membership. The motion did not pass. Voting yes: Bridgewater, Hinds. Voting no: Yochum, Howard, Owen, Clark, Bedsted, Wengorovius, and Rangel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Pam Wengorovius made a motion, seconded by Barb Bedsted, to add the "Board of Directors Award." This award may be presented to up to 5 members each year, who have made a special contribution to the club during the previous year. There is no time limit on this award for being a YTCA member and the awards will be presented at the dinner in February in New York. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: The board discussed making an announcement on the Announcement List and in the E Express seeking a volunteer to take over the position of YTCA Awards Chairman.

The board discussed the membership renewal letter that the treasurer will be mailing shortly.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P. M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Owen, Secretary