

**YTCA Board Meeting
Held Via Teleconference Call
Monday, May 16, 2016**

President Bob Owen called the meeting to order at 7:37 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 Wendy Doss, Ken Lambert, Pam Langstein, Georgina Miller and Helen Scott.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: President Bob Owen reported that the minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting were approved by hard copy vote.

Report of the Secretary: Secretary Matina E. Johnson reported that aside from general monthly correspondence, reminders were sent out that YTCA annual dues must reach the Treasurer by June 1st. This is a received by date, not a postmarked date, so please allow time for mailing. As per the ByLaws, a membership will be considered as lapsed if such member's dues remain unpaid sixty (60) days after the first day of the Club's fiscal year. If a reinstatement application, along with a reinstatement fee of twenty-five (\$25) dollars and the required dues payment for the year, is not filed with the Treasurer by July 31st, the lapsed member must formally seek sponsorship, and re-apply just as any other new applicant. We sent a listing of those paid through May 4th, and will be sending out another listing of membership dues received prior to the deadline.

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

YTCA Inc.
As of May 16, 2016

Bank Accounts	
PNC Checking	\$ 54,797.05
PNC MoneyMarket	\$60,165.27
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 114,962.32

Total funds from last report: \$102,807.73

Received:

Interest Income		5.72
2016-2017 Membership Dues		7,800.00
2016-2017 Hard Copy Express Income		1,125.00
2016-2017 General Trophy Fund Donations		4,105.00
Mesquite - dinner sales		270.00
Mesquite - logo wear sales		149.70
TOTAL RECEIVED		13,455.42

Paid:

Reimburse Claudia Pierro for Delegate Expenses		-57.07
CA Secretary of State - bi-annual charter renewal		-20.00
Reimburse Ken Lambert for mailing hard copies of Express		-440.62
GMR Web team - monthly fee		-30.00
Sportsmen's Insurance - General Liability coverage		-625.00
USPS - 1 roll of Forever stamps for treasurer's use		-47.00
Staples - treasurer supplies (binders & tabs, etc.)		-54.19
Intuit - monthly Quick Books online fee		-26.95
TOTAL PAID		-1,300.83

Total Current Funds:

\$114,962.32

Additionally, Treasurer Rob Franzoni reported that he has processed 283 dues renewals as of May 16th. There were 261 paid + 19 lifetime + 3 pre-paid. He has received another 7 as of the Board meeting which are not yet processed. He successfully renewed the club's charter with California. The agent for service of process was changed to Georgina Miller. Bruns & Bruns has offered to conduct the annual review of the club's books and to prepare the annual tax returns for a fee of \$1,150.00. Their fee last year was \$1,000.00. Director Ken Lambert made a motion that we accept Bruns & Bruns offer and fee for our current year's review and tax returns. Director Helen Scott Seconded the motion. Voting Yes: Owen, Stolfi, Johnson, Franzoni, Doss, Lambert, Langstein, Miller and Scott. Voting No: None. Abstaining: None. Motion passed unanimously.

The following resolution is to become a part of the minutes to the May 16, 2016 Board of Directors meeting:

Be it hereby resolved that effective June 1, 2016 the position of President is updated as follows:

Outgoing President: Robert Owen
822 Freeman Lake Road
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Incoming President: Leslie M. Stolfi
19220 SW 62nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33332

Upon adoption of the resolution, Robert Owen's signature authority on the club bank accounts at PNC Bank and the related debit card issued in his name will terminate effective June 1, 2016.

Upon adoption of the resolution, Leslie M. Stolfi's signature authority on the club bank accounts at PNC Bank will be added and a debit card will be issued for her use effective June 1, 2016.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

ROVING NATIONAL 2016 - MESQUITE: Director Ken Lambert reported that the Premium List has been submitted to Onofrio. We may incur a minor additional expense regarding transportation of the Agility equipment, as the Wengorovius's may need to rent a U-Haul, but the club is appreciative of their offer to drive down the equipment, as it is a savings to the club for the cost of rental equipment and expenses overall. Otherwise, plans are coming together. Trophies are nearing completion, and we will be taking dinner reservations very soon. The auction will host many exciting items such as a Best in Show trolley. Don't delay in booking your hotel reservations, and make plans now to join us in July!

NEW YORK 2017: Vice President Leslie Stolfi reported that everything is secure with the hotel for next year's event. We have a deposit due soon, and all contracts seem to be in order.

ROVING NATIONAL 2017 – WILLIAMSBURG: Treasurer Rob Franzoni reported that preliminary plans are in place, and that little details are beginning to come together such as logo design which is in process. Director Pam Langstein has agreed to serve as our Show Chair for this event, and Director Ken Lambert will serve as Assistant Show Chair. Thank you, Ken and Pam. We are looking forward to another wonderful event!

HEALTH COMMITTEE: Secretary and Health Committee Chairman Matina E. Johnson reported that sign up forms for our upcoming Roving National Health Clinic in Mesquite, TX on Friday, July 8, 2016 from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. are available on our website and on our Facebook page. Please don't delay in getting your forms in!

Additionally, we have been contacted by AKC/CHF and Dr. Simpson of Cornell University about the possibility of sponsoring an upcoming study on Protein Losing Enteropathy in Yorkshire Terriers. As a reminder of how the grant process works, every year we are charged with selecting which grants our AKC/CHF donor advised dollars go towards. These funds may be applied to open Canine Health Foundation grants only. It is never a benefit to science to leave funds sitting. We can donate any amount, but a donation of \$2,500 or more per grant makes us a sponsor and allows us a listing for Yorkshire Terriers. The Health Committee is currently reviewing the PLE grant abstracts, as this grant is ready for funding immediately. This grant specifically details how identifying the genetic factors implicated in the genesis of YT-PLE would enable the development of a genetic marker-based risk test, allowing breeders to make informed decisions about breeding with a view to eliminating YT-PLE. Determining how candidate genes are causally linked to YT-PLE would also greatly advance our understanding of this type of PLE in dogs and people which could ultimately lead to optimized treatment based on specific disease mechanisms.

Encephalitis is another area that we have been asked to look into by the membership, and we have a call in regarding research in that area as well. The Health Committee plans to submit a financial report, and make a proposal to the Board next month regarding upcoming grant funding.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Director Wendy Doss reported that the Sunshine Committee continues to do great work. She will pen guidelines to be added to the policy book that defines immediate family, and also outlines other directional information, such as submitting requests for reimbursement, which might be helpful to the Chair and future Chairs of this committee.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Director Pam Langstein reported that she will contact this committee to see if there are any plans for ongoing revisions that need to be addressed, or if the committee would prefer to make a recommendation that all work is completed at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS: Director Ken Lambert was happy to report that, to eliminate confusion, we will soon have only one Facebook page for the YTCA. We want to express our appreciation to all members who are helping make this page a consolidated effort. Ken Lambert, Matina Johnson, Wendy Doss and Georgina Miller have agreed to share page administrator duties. We are hoping that all members and the public find it to be a positive resource for general information on our breed, as well as a source for the latest news regarding upcoming YTCA events and activities.

POLICY MANUAL UPDATE: Director Pam Langstein reported that this project is slated for completion on June 1, 2016, and everything is currently on track. The project entails recording all motions regarding policy since the last update in sequential order. Pam is also compiling an alphabetized index to assist in more quickly locating policy headers, which will be a great asset to the files.

POWER POINT UPDATE: Director Georgina Miller reported that this project is still ongoing, but is continuing to progress. There are still a few slides remaining that need to be created prior to project completion.

PROTECTING THE STANDARD: The Board continues to discuss the future of the Breed, as well as our mission statement which is:

To preserve and protect the Yorkshire Terrier breed, as recognized by the AKC. To provide education and encourage the breeding of true type, good health and sound temperament. To promote camaraderie and cooperation among members of the YTCA, always keeping in mind the purpose of the Club is the best interest of the Breed.

President Bob Owen will be writing an article on Protecting the Standard that will appear on our website, and also as a featured article in the AKC Gazette.

NEW BUSINESS:

VICE PRESIDENT: Vice President Leslie Stolfi reported that on May 8th, two completed questionnaires of candidates for the office of Vice President were sent to the Board for review. Vice President Stolfi noted that this is not an election, but rather an appointment.

She reported that the procedures for the appointment will be as follows: There will be a single motion covering both proposed members. As per our ByLaws, it is mandatory that the entire current Board vote and abstentions are not permitted. The vote will be by private e-mail to the Secretary during the meeting. The Secretary will then count the votes, and e-mail the results to the President prior to the end of the meeting. The results will be announced before the end of the meeting by President Bob Owen, and will be expressed as a majority vote.

Since there was no discussion, and in keeping with the guidelines set forth, Treasurer Rob Franzoni made the following motion:

I, Rob Franzoni, make a motion that one of the two candidates under consideration be appointed to the office of Vice President to complete the remainder of Leslie Stolfi's term, and that we now vote in accordance with the directive as set forth by Vice President Stolfi. Director Georgina Miller seconded the motion. Voting Yes: Owen, Stolfi, Johnson, Franzoni, Doss, Lambert, Langstein, Miller and Scott. Voting No: None. Abstaining: None. Motion passed unanimously.

AKC GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: The Board will be considering candidates for this award with the recipient to be announced in New York.

PUPPIES 101 ANNUAL: Director Wendy Doss made a motion to renew our ad in Puppies 101. Director Helen Scott seconded the motion. Voting Yes: Owen, Stolfi, Johnson, Franzoni, Doss, Lambert, Langstein, Miller and Scott. Voting No: None. Abstaining: None. Motion passed unanimously.

ARMETALE PLATES AND MEDALLIONS: President Bob Owen reported that he would ship the Armetale plates and medallions to Director Ken Lambert for the Roving National 2016 in Mesquite, TX; Armetale plates to Director Pam Langstein for the New York 2017 shows; and Armetale plates to Treasurer Rob Franzoni for the Roving National 2017 in Williamsburg, VA. Treasurer Franzoni offered to keep an inventory of all remaining medallions after Mesquite for future use.

Vice President Appointment Results: President Bob Owen reported that Robbe Lyon received the majority vote for appointment to fulfill the remainder of the term for the office of Vice President vacated by Leslie Stolfi's election to the office of President, effective June 1, 2016.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Vice President Leslie Stolfi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer Rob Franzoni seconded the motion. Voting Yes: Owen, Stolfi, Johnson, Franzoni, Doss, Lambert, Langstein, Miller and Scott. Voting No: None. Abstaining: None. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matina E. Johnson, Secretary