



Annual Meeting Recap

FORT WORTH, TX | MAR 2023



NEW COMMITTEES FORMED AND STAFFED

Specialty Shows

The shows must go on! Tasked with ensuring RRSSC has judges, facilities, and all the paperwork, approvals, and the seemingly endless arrangements necessary to hold specialty shows.

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Bylaws Review

Not sure our current bylaws are serving us well? This committee is tasked with reviewing our bylaws and operating guidelines to provide the board with a list of suggested changes.

[READ BYLAWS ONLINE](#)



THE SURPRISING EVOLUTION OF MY CURRENT ROLE

President's Message

Greetings RRSSC Pack,

In our efforts to keep everyone informed of club happenings, I find that communication tools are so abundant that reaching everyone is both complex and simple. Some people like to talk in person at meetings, while others prefer email. Some people like to use Facebook to engage, and some want us to use Twitter to share quick updates. All methods are simple to use, and yet communicating is so much more complicated.

Last month was my one-year anniversary as president of RRSSC, and I've been reflecting on my goals and accomplishments, values, and effectiveness. For the love of the breed and the people that love them, I volunteer my time to the Board of Directors for two Standard Schnauzer clubs – RRSSC and SSCA. Serving on the Board of a dog club is a commitment to volunteer my time for what is frequently a tedious exercise in patience, diplomacy, and compromise. It is a commitment to work with other members that may have different but equally valid viewpoints, and it's a commitment to the breed itself.

My journey with RRSSC began four years ago as VP of Technology. It was an exciting and challenging role, but also daunting because we were a new club without a website or any technology tools. Everything had to be created from scratch, which meant working long hours in collaboration with a website developer. During this time, I found out that I love software development and web design. I also met someone who shares my work ethic and desire to help grow the dog world. This led to a side business that I now run with my friend and business partner.

Stepping up to President was even more daunting. I don't have decades of experience in dog clubs like many long-term board members, and this has both advantages and disadvantages. One advantage is that I don't have preconceived ideas about how things should be done, which has led to a renewal in vibrant discussions and new ideas. We're still at grassroots level, but our club is setting an example by respecting old ways and also adapting for a new generation of dog enthusiasts. On the other hand, I can't respond as quickly to suggestions or disagreements because I lack the history of rules, regulations, and how things have been done in the past. It takes time for me to research answers to make sure that we're taking the right actions as a club and board.

I'm sharing my thoughts about my time on the board because this is my final year serving the RRSSC. It's important that you start planning for the future leadership.

At the heart of every dog club is the intent to promote the breed and build fellowship with like-minded people. However, disagreements can lead to sub-groups forming and politics coming into play. This can create an environment where every action is seen as a win or a loss. It's important to remember that the ultimate goal is to promote the breed and build fellowship. It matters that we do not lose sight of that.

The rest of this newsletter is about creating a sense of community. I hope it helps you think about your goals for yourself, your dogs, the breed, and the RRSSC.

Darcy Morgan
PRESIDENT

P.S. Reading this newsletter thoroughly will better prepare you for polling questions at the next meeting!

Congratulations!

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Awards & Achievements

We celebrated the first year we were able to provide trophies for the outstanding accomplishments of the **8 Dog Of The Year** award recipients.

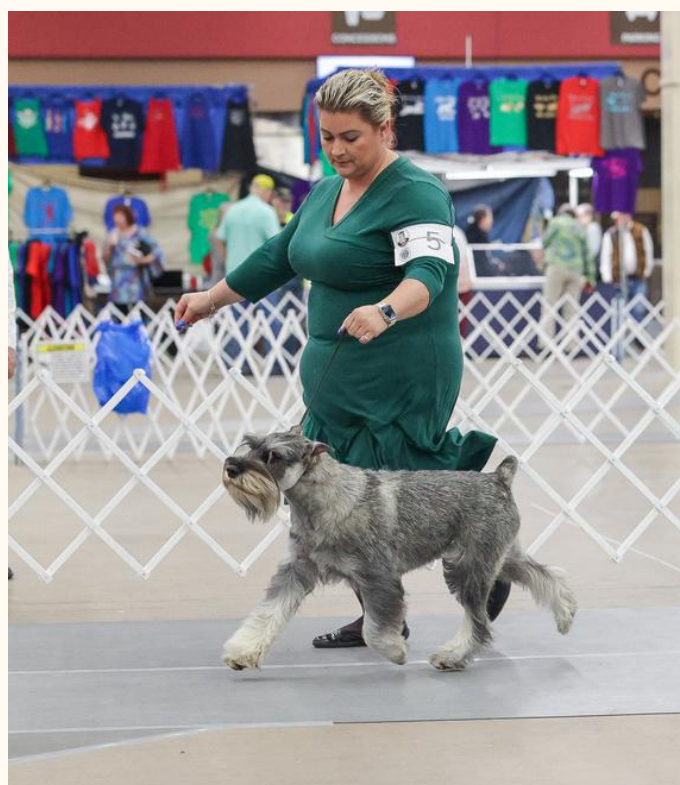
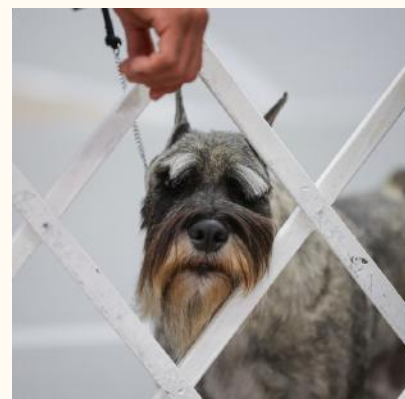
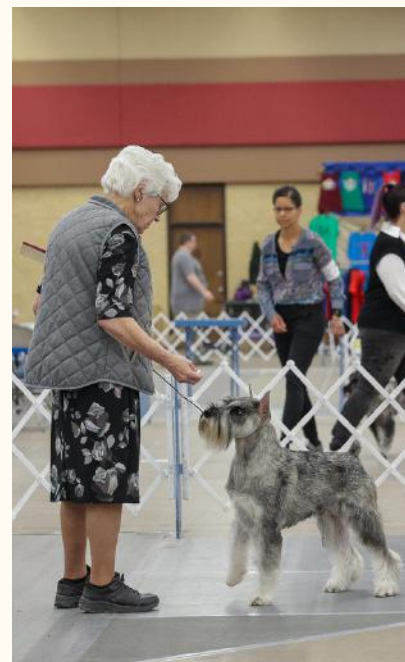


Way to Represent!

Exclusive Coverage

DETAILS OF THE WINNERS OF THE RRSSC 2022 AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

AWARD	CALL NAME	OWNER(S)
RRSSC Best Of Breed Dog Of The Year	FIONA	BRIAN KRAMER, JESUS GARCIA
RRSSC Best Of Breed Opposite Sex Dog Of The Year	ROCKET	CINDY CUFF
RRSSC Best Owner-Handler Dog Of The Year	KODI	MARK MANSFIELD
RRSSC Best Owner-Handler Opposite Sex Dog Of The Year	KYLIE	MARK MANSFIELD
RRSSC Stud Dog Of The Year	SIEGER	RENE A NUNZIR
RRSSC Brood Bitch Of The Year	ZOEY	DARCY MORGAN, CRAIG MORGAN
RRSSC Performance Dog Of The Year - Versatility	FIONA	BRIAN KRAMER, JESUS GARCIA
RRSSC Performance Dog Of The Year - Single Sport	KODI	MARK MANSFIELD



CONGRATULATIONS!

TO ALL OF THE
DOG OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENTS

KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON!

*Thank
you!*

TRACY PATTON,
PHOTOGRAPHER



Achievement Recognition

SHOWCASING THE VERSATILITY OF OUR BREED!

ACHIEVEMENT	CALL NAME	TITLE EARNED	OWNER(S)
Agility	FIONA	ACTI	Brian Kramer, Jesus Garcia
Agility	GLORY	ACTI	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Agility	HONOR	ACTI	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Agility	ZOEY	ACTI	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Agility	ROCKET	ACTI	Dottie Roach
Agility	FIONA	ACTIJ	Brian Kramer, Jesus Garcia
Agility	GLORY	ACTIJ	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Agility	HONOR	ACTIJ	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Agility	ZOEY	ACTIJ	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Agility	ROCKET	ACTIJ	Dottie Roach
Agility	GLORY	ACT2	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Agility	GLORY	ACT2J	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Barn Hunt	DRAKE	RATCH	Doris & Brian Taylor
Barn Hunt	ZARA	RATN	Doris & Brian Taylor
Barn Hunt	OZZY	RATN	Scott Simmons, Rochelle Lee
Barn Hunt	ZARA	RATO	Doris & Brian Taylor
Canine Good Citizen	GRACE	CGC	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Canine Good Citizen	ROCKET	CGC	Dottie Roach
Canine Good Citizen	SAMI	CGC	Dottie Roach
Canine Good Citizen	OZZY	CGC	Scott Simmons, Rochelle Lee
Conformation	FIONA	CH	Brian Kramer, Jesus Garcia
Conformation	GLORY	CH	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Conformation	HELLA	CH	Gustavo & Carolina Calero
Conformation	OLAF	CH	Gustavo & Carolina Calero
Conformation	DINO	CH	Gustavo & Carolina Calero
Conformation	SPICY	CH	Gustavo & Carolina Calero
Conformation	SIDNEY	CH	Kathryn Saucier

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Conformation	KYLIE	CH	Mark Mansfield
Conformation	FIONA	GCH	Brian Kramer, Jesus Garcia
Conformation	HELLA	GCH	Gustavo & Carolina Calero
Conformation	OLAF	GCH	Gustavo & Carolina Calero
Conformation	KODI	GCH	Mark Mansfield
Conformation	FIONA	GCHB	Brian Kramer, Jesus Garcia
Conformation	KODI	GCHB	Mark Mansfield
Conformation	OZZY	POA	Scott Simmons, Rochelle Lee
Coursing Ability	FIONA	CA	Brian Kramer, Jesus Garcia
Coursing Ability	GLORY	CA	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Fast CAT	FIONA	DCAT	Brian Kramer, Jesus Garcia
Fast CAT	ZOEY	DCAT	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Fast CAT	FIONA	FCAT	Brian Kramer, Jesus Garcia
Fast CAT	DRAKE	FCAT	Doris & Brian Taylor
Scentwork	KODI	SBA	Mark Mansfield
Scentwork	KODI	SBN	Mark Mansfield
Scentwork	KODI	SCA	Mark Mansfield
Scentwork	KODI	SCE	Mark Mansfield
Scentwork	KODI	SEA	Mark Mansfield
Scentwork	KODI	SIA	Mark Mansfield
Scentwork	KODI	SIE	Mark Mansfield
Temperament Test	KODI	ATT	Mark Mansfield
Trick Dog	GRACE	TKN	Darcy & Craig Morgan
Trick Dog	ROCKET	TKN	Dottie Roach
Trick Dog	SAMI	TKN	Dottie Roach
Trick Dog	OZZY	TKN	Scott Simmons, Rochelle Lee

Grooming Candida: Ft Worth



In The Ring: Ft Worth



UNVEILING WHAT'S NEW SINCE WE LAST TALKED!

Updates and Corrections

- **Annual Member Meetings to be held at a set time.**

Previously, we've tried to hold the Annual Member's Meeting following Best In Show at the show site – announcing that it will start 30 minutes after Best In Show finishes. But what time is that? It's highly unpredictable and such ambiguity makes it very difficult for members to plan attendance. Therefore, the new policy is that the Annual Meeting will start at a set time such as 7 pm. As with all things, this isn't going to be perfect for everyone and we'll have to see how it works.

- **Correction: Annual dues deadline.**

Oops! The Annual Club Meeting Minutes erroneously reported that the annual dues not received by April 15th would be considered lapsed. That was incorrect information. *Article I Membership, Section 9.* A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid on **June 1st**, of each year. The board may grant an additional 60 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

- **Correction: Club status with AKC.**

Some club members expressed concern that RRSSC's status with AKC was being jeopardized and that we might be facing a fine from for not having our 2023 Regional Specialty scheduled yet. The board contacted AKC's Club Relations department and confirmed that no such fine would be levied. The club reports our achievements annually to AKC, and RRSSC is in good standing. In the past year, we have:

- Held our club's first specialty while simultaneously sponsoring the national club specialty.
- Had 7 general member's meetings of which 4 were held in-person.
- Published 3 newsletters to showcase club activities and keep members connected.
- Hosted a 'Grub N Groom' grooming demonstration.
- Had a Christmas party
- Several outings to Fast CAT trials; and
- 10 club members banded together and convinced an all-breed training center to provide an All Standard Schnauzer Agility Training Class just for us. We train together as a team every week with our 10 SS's.

- **New committees formed and staffed.**

Specialty Committee Chair | Tommy Katzenstein

We've received SSCA letter of approval for the 2 October Specialties and the letter and application has been sent to AKC. Judges have been retained, and the Premium List is nearly complete to send over to the all-breed club. The committee will work with our VP of Technology to make trophy sponsorships and meal selections available online on our website. The decorating theme will be Fall/Autumn/Halloween.

Our 2023 specialty will be held October 19-22, in Belton, TX with 6 Standard Schnauzer shows in 4 days!

- 4 All-Breed shows
- 2 Concurrent Specialties
- 2 days of Puppy & Veteran Sweeps
- 2 days of Supported Entry

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Article V, Section 1. The board may appoint standing and special committees to advance the work of the club. Committees are appointed by and subject to the final authority of the board of directors. The board of directors can accept, in whole or in part, any committee recommendation.

Bylaws Review Committee Chair | Susan Katzenstein

This committee is tasked with reviewing our bylaws to make amendment recommendations to the board.

Article VII, Section 1. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the board of directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20 percent of the membership in good standing.

Article VII, Section 2. The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 secret vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

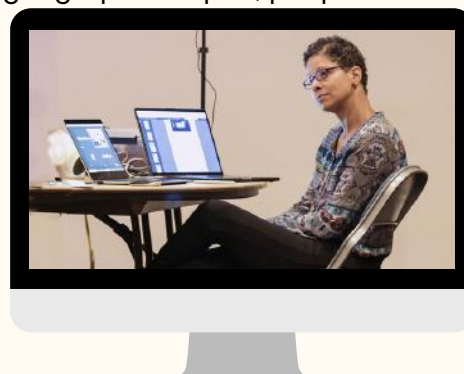


As the world becomes increasingly digitized, it's only natural that some of our most traditional processes have begun to undergo a technological transformation. One such example is voting. The rise of electronic voting has been met with excitement and skepticism in equal measure. In our recent meeting, we spent a good deal of time discussing electronic voting and virtual attendance.



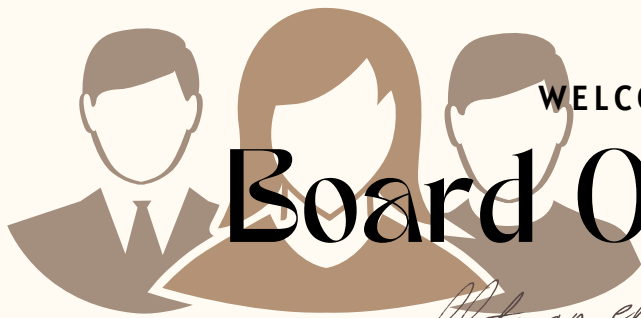
Our current bylaws and operating guidelines allow for both – and we've embraced technology with electronic voting and meeting attendance successfully thus far – but some members question the merits and methods of both.

One of the biggest advantages of electronic voting is that it can be much faster than traditional methods, and there's no need to travel to a physical location to cast a vote. As RSSC continues to adapt club activities to accommodate our geographical span, people's busy schedules, and a growing ease and desire for convenience, we'd love to hear what you think about electronic voting and virtual attendance. Does it take away from the personal touch of the club and risk losing one of our founding principles? Or do you feel that it is an easy way to cast a vote while still allowing people who can't physically attend or vote in person to have their voice heard? We'd like to hear your thoughts.



See electronic voting provision in Article II, Section 7 of the Bylaws

RRSSC Constitution & Bylaws can be found on our website by following the dropdown menu
About / Our Club / Constitution & Bylaws



WELCOME OUR NEW

Board Of Directors

off to an enthusiastic start!



CONTACTING US IS EASIER THAN EVER!

New Email Addresses

Previous board members have used personal email addresses to conduct club business but that complicates communications and makes it difficult to retain club mail after they leave the board. The new board has elected to use these permanent club-owned email addresses that will stay with the role in perpetuity.



POSITION	CALL NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS
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2ND Vice President	Aaron Smith	vp2@rrssc.org
Treasurer	Brian Kramer	treasurer@rrssc.org
Secretary	Rochelle Lee	secretary@rrssc.org

New Members Alert

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND APPLICANTS!

- Alex Vazquez
- David Buckner
- Tamara Shields
- Craig Baker
- Haris & Aisha Tareen
- Peggy Loyd

General Member Meetings are 4th Wed each month.
Next meeting is May 24th @ 7:00 pm.