



I am writing this to introduce myself as a candidate for the position Corresponding Secretary. Those duties are to act a representative of the club involving correspondence with all nonmembers and nonmember organizations. I have the time and energy for this position.

I attended my first dog show in 1970 and that started my love affair with purebred dogs. I obtained a Pembroke Corgi from my Stepmother Carol Simonds of Rover Run fame and my Doberman from a trainer at Guide Dogs For The Blind. My corgi never got a qualifying score, but my Dobie got her C.D. in three straight shows with scores in the 190s. Her best was 197.5 but I was too young to appreciate being told by a judge that I had a High in Trial dog.

I obtained my first Miniature Bull Terrier from Carol Simonds in 1986. Imperial Beetle Bailey lived to be 15 and taught me so much about the breed.

I went to my first Silverwood in Ventura in 1987 to show two Minis to Mary Remer. I have been breeding Miniature Bull Terriers since 1995. I am proud of the dogs that I have bred but more importantly how they live their lives in the homes of people who love them.

In 1998 I joined the MBTCA and became a Board member in 2000. I ran for President and AKC Delegate in 2003 when the club was recognized as a member club. I stepped down briefly as Delegate due to concerns over the pandemic. I was asked to return by the current board.

While living in Placerville I joined Hangtown Kennel Club and was active in training classes as well as the handling classes provided by the Club. I took a position on the Board for a few years. Hangtown KC prided itself on having dedicated members who work hard in all areas to put on a successful show. We had the benefit of knowing our show would be in the same location on the same weekend so the issues that face the MBTCA did not arise.

I do not believe that the MBTCA is a divided club. I want to serve all the members of the club and at the same time ensure that the Treasury remains healthy. This is achieved by smart decisions in many areas by the Board not one path decided by a few.

No bridges to sell you just a firm grasp of what the future of the MBTCA should be.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

I can be contacted at [bonsaimbt@comcast.net](mailto:bonsaimbt@comcast.net) for more in depth answers to any questions you may have.

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