

The Latest Wrinkle



January 2015

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Two BCGS Members finish Champions at Rose City Classic in
Portland!!



Meeting Minutes

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle Meeting Minutes Jan. 5, 2015

Members Present: 9 members

Guests: None

Educational Instruction: None

Meeting Called to Order: 7:31pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Approved

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

Report of President (Tamara Marcotte): Thanks for coming excited for the year.

Report of Vice President (Sherri Feeney): No report

Report of Secretary (Kim Dailey): BCA membership- Tamara will send over to Sandy. AKC New Ex. Officers updated. Kim will submit update.

Report of Treasurer (Sandy Fisher):

2015 Membership Renewals:

So far, we have had about 50% of the members renew their membership for 2015. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. Renewals are usually due by December 31st, however a slight grace period is allowed. Please continue to support the Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle by renewing your membership today! It is greatly appreciated!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Specialty Show

2015 BCGS Specialty Shows / Winn Ryman:

Theme voted and will be Super Bull (Sports Theme). Show site location to be determined. Any leads on a good place near Nisqually let Winn know. Peggy was going to check a couple near Lacy.

Sweeps Judges will be voted on during the February meeting.

Advertising (Robin Harris): No report

Bulltique (Kim Dailey): Will purchase new items for Specialty Show (rings and soap). Will update Slobberfest T-shirts with Katie and get info from Winn on printing. Baby blankets made by club members to sell at bulltique would be nice.

Legislation Liaison (Vacant): None

Newsletter (Gail Harris): None



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Public Education (Kim Dailey): Will try and set up Dog first aid/ CPR class or seminar for Specialty Show.

Ways and Means (VACANT):

Website – (Jeff Ryman)

Tamara will send membership form to Jeff Ryman for easy download for prospective members

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: No

ELECTION OF NEW BREEDERS TO THE BREEDER REFERRAL PROGRAM: No

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

501 3c Tax Info. (Ed Harris) Social club status 501.4 may be more suited for our club needs. He will see about 501 3c for special events.

2016 BCA Nationals: Need Volunteers- Trophies, Advertising, Publicity, Ways and means, Airport pick-up and Return, Hospitality, Grounds and Rings, Crating and Grooming, Banquet, Ice Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

Seattle Dog show / Booth / Meet the Breed (Kim Dailey / Tamara Marcotte) –

Booth reserved by Bud Colbath- Thank You. This year's shows are March 7 and 8 at the Century Link Field Event Center. We made a formal decision to participate in the Breed Booth and Meet the breed. Tamara will be requesting our time be as close to after show time on Saturday. Tamara will chair Meet the breed. She will be in charge of schedule and volunteers. Kim Dailey will be the chairpersons to organize the booth (set-up, tear-down, volunteers) If you can help with an hour or two please let me know. kim@lkstevensk9academy.com

Booth Volunteers needed please watch for details coming soon.

Food/Refreshments for Upcoming Meetings

Feb. 2015: Tamara Marcotte

March 2015 TBD

New Member Applications- none

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: none

Upcoming Shows and Events

Sammamish Kennel Club Jan 10-12

- Puyallup Fairgrounds

Bulldog Club of America Jan. 10

-Puyallup Fairgrounds

Meeting adjourned 9:01

Date of next meeting Feb. 2, 2015

SEA HAWKS***



Why Have the Rules if They're Not Enforced

By Suzi Szeremy

The mid-term elections are behind us now, though some of us are still afraid to answer the phone lest a "ro-bo-caller" be at the other end. Despite the mind numbing frequency of political ads, the elections put many of us in the mood to do our civic duty with pride. We paid attention to candidates, listened to their policies and voted accordingly.

I've long been struck by the similarities between politics, government and the dog fancy. Government, in its smallest form, has to be a family unit. It operates within a budget, and its decision-makers, usually parents or other adults, establish the rules by which family members must abide (or get grounded). The dog fancy isn't that much different. Its governing entity, the AKC, oversees our laws. We have a representative form of government in the form of delegates who "speak" for us after being elected by the membership of the clubs to which we belong.

It's worth asking, however, if our sport is being run in a way that resembles government as John Adams envisioned it – a government made up of laws and not men- or if it comes closer to the view of musician Frank Zappa, who opined that we are a nation of laws that are badly written and randomly enforced.

As much as I'd like to think that we're all on board with John Adams' noble idea, these days, I sometimes wonder if the fancy doesn't come closer to Zappa's interpretation.

UNENTERED DOGS PRESENT

Over the summer, I heard about a dog show on the East Coast that was attended by many spectators with their dogs in tow. Aside from the ramifications of exposing show dogs to pets whose owners may or may not have diligently vaccinated them, this became problematic when these same spectators confused the dog show for a dog park.

Their dogs, many on flex-leads, rocketed to the end of their leashes to "say hello" to entered dogs not in a position to respond. Some dogs were about to enter a show ring, while a few others were youngsters at their first show. By all accounts, the show dogs didn't appreciate the in-your-face (if not butt) visit from strange dogs with no manners.

The salient point here, however is that unentered dogs are not allowed at AKC shows, and yet there they were. Neither the show committee nor the AKC field representative

stopped these people from entering the show grounds with their pets, nor were the owners asked to leave. The rule, as I see it, is a sensible one, but what happened at this show made me wonder why we bother having this rule at all if it's not enforced. Have we become so eager to garner acceptance by the public that we are afraid to apply our own rules?

INEFFECTIVE FIELD REPS

On a different note, I wrote about the problem of bullying in our sport in an article that appeared here a few months ago. After the piece was published, I heard from readers who felt compelled to share their stories with me. Some were exhibitors who felt they had been victims of bullying. A few others had been accused of *being* bullies. Their personal accounts made me realize that there's a third "player" in the dynamics of conflict at a dog show, someone whose job it is to be the eyes and ears of the AKC by providing an unbiased account of conduct at a show: That person is the AKC Field Representative.

Part of a Field Rep's job is to protect the sport against people who harm it. What's more harmful to the fancy than bullies who drive novices out of it, or make life so miserable for other exhibitors as to make dog shows a thing for them to dread?

Reading so many similar experiences persuaded me to conclude that a lack of action by a Field Rep is not an uncommon thing. In some instances, the Rep chose to ignore a complaint for reasons never expressed to the complainant, while in some cases of bullying, the Field Rep's friendship with the alleged victim or perpetrator was a clear conflict of interest, and the primary reason neither party felt anything helpful was done at all.

Most Field Representatives do a stellar job, but it's not an easy job, especially if a situation requires a judgment call. That said, why have a Field Rep at all if he or she is unwilling or unprepared to deal with a situation that might involve a friend or a breed colleague? Shouldn't fairness and impartiality trump everything else?

SO-CALLED "SERVICE DOGS"

A governing body, whether it's the United States government or the AKC, has an obligation to its citizens (or membership) to enforce the laws it passes. Citizens (and fanciers), however, also have a duty to abide by those rules, and that leads me to end my thoughts with a situation increasingly becoming a problem: the abuse of the "service dog" moniker.

Why Have the Rules if They're Not Enforced

Breed judging had concluded at a benched Show I attended last year when an exhibitor Slipped a service dog vest over his show dog's Head and left the benching area to become a Spectator with his now service dog. Though I learned of this incident after the fact, there were those who knew this "service dog" wasn't any such thing, yet no one filed charges and no one complained. Whether the dog was a service dog isn't really the point. The point is that an exhibitor agrees to abide by the rules of a show-giving club when he or she mails an entry form. The rules of the kennel club giving this show had stipulated in writing that any dog entered in its show was on the premises as a show dog even if it served that role in its "other life".

At the best of times, it's difficult, if not awkward, to challenge someone about the veracity of his or her service dog. The abuse of the service dog vest, however, impacts legitimate service dogs and diminishes their role as the public grows skeptical of their authenticity. I'm not a fan of over-regulation, but the need for verifiable certification of service dogs seems clear to me. Until the time that happens, all of us are on an honor System. Sadly, there are some in the dog fancy who are abusing the trust, and even more fanciers who are loath to report them.

I end with a question I've asked myself many times: Why have rules if they're not enforced?

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Show Results

BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

Saturday, Jan 10th 2015

Judge: Winn Ryman

Best of Breed

CH. WILSON'S I'M YOUR HANDYMAN

Owners: Jody Hoffman, Larry Hoffman,
Jay Serion Agent

Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch

DEVINE'S ADVENTURE CINNAMON BUNS

Owner: Kim Lucier, Tom Lucier, Beth Stephenson,
Brian Stephenson

Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor

D'VISTA WHERE ANGELS SOAR

Owner: Cathy Harrington

Reserve Winners Dog

DLANOR'S DIRTY DEEDS DONE DIRT CHEAP

Owner: Ronald Romualdo

Reserve Winners Bitch

BROADWAY'S PARADISE RUBY RED

Owner: Tamara Marcotte, Elizabeth Pearson,
Sean Pearson, Deniece Humphries

Select Dog

CH BEAUTIBULLY MAGIC VALLEY CRUNCH

Owner: Sherri Feeney

SAMMAMISH KENNEL CLUB

Saturday, Jan 10th 2015

Judge: Claudia Brown

Best of Breed

CH. WILSON'S I'M YOUR HANDYMAN

Owners: Jody Hoffman, Larry Hoffman,
Jay Serion Agent

Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch

TJ'S SLICE OF PIE

Owner: Patricia Murray, Daniel Acosta

Best of Winners, Winners Dog,

DLANOR'S DIRTY DEEDS DONE DIRT CHEAP

Owner: Ronald Romualdo

Reserve Winners Dog

IROC VIVA LAS VEGAS

Owner: Kandie Kroonen

Reserve Winners Bitch

BROADWAY'S PARADISE RUBY RED

Owner: Tamara Marcotte, Elizabeth Pearson,
Sean Pearson, Deniece Humphries

Select Dog

GCH SWEET BEACH'S ALAN RUNS THE WRECKER

Owner: Pam Hill

PUYALLUP VALLEY DOG FANCIERS

Sunday, Jan 11th 2015

Judge: Michael Loller

Best of Breed

CH. WILSON'S I'M YOUR HANDYMAN

Owners: Jody Hoffman, Larry Hoffman,
Jay Serion Agent

Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch

DEVINE'S ADVENTURE CINNAMON BUNS

Owner: Kim Lucier, Tom Lucier, Beth Stephenson,
Brian Stephenson

Best of Winners, Winners Dog

IROC VIVA LAS VEGAS

Owner: Kandie Kroonen

Reserve Winners Dog

LADY LUCK'S MAXX HUMPHRIES

Owner: Amber Vallejo, John Merkt, Patricia Merkt
Agent: Jay Serion

Reserve Winners Bitch

MAGIC VALLEY BEAUTIBULLY ROCK MY WORLD

Owner: Sherri Feeney

Select Dog

GCH SWEET BEACH'S ALAN RUNS THE WRECKER

Owner: Pam Hill

TACOMA KENNEL CLUB

Monday, Jan 12th 2015

Judge: Beth Lachnitt

Best of Breed

CH. WILSON'S I'M YOUR HANDYMAN

Owners: Jody Hoffman, Larry Hoffman,
Jay Serion Agent

Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch

FONT A NOSES ONLY COLORS OF THE WIND

Owner: Joel Fontanos, Brenda Fontanos

Best of Winners, Winners Dog

TUMBLEWEED'S SUPER QUAKE AT IROC

Owner: Kandie Kroonen

Reserve Winners Dog

DLANOR'S DIRTY DEEDS DONE DIRT CHEAP

Owner: Ronald Romualdo

Show Results continued

Reserve Winners Bitch

DEVINE'S ADVENTURE CINNAMON BUNS

Owner: Kim Lucier, Tom Lucier, Beth Stephenson,
Brian Stephenson

Select Dog

GCH SWEET BEACH'S ALAN RUNS THE WRECKER

Owner: Pam Hill

BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

1/14/15

Judge: Patricia Ropp

Best of Breed

Ch. Wilson's I'm Your Handyman

Owners: Jody Hoffman, Larry Hoffman,
Jay Serion Agent

Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winners Bitch

IROC TULANE HIGHEST SCHOLAR

Owner: Kandie L Kroonen & Shannon Chapman.

Winners Dog

WESLIN'S LET YOUR FINGER'S

DO THE WALKING

Owner: Joann Russell & Linda Kilgore

Reserve Winners Dog

MAJESTIC MADISON II

Owner: Shalisa & Geoffrey Neely

Reserve Winners Bitch

FLYBOY'S LT KIRBY'S SUPPER CLUB

Owner: Jeff & Winn Ryman

Select Dog

IROC VIVA LAS VEGAS

Owner: Kandie L Kroonen

BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA

Sweepstakes

1/14/15

Judge: Sherri Feeney

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes

VALIDUS PACIFIC LOIS LANE

Owner: Betty Bueltman & Jay & Christine Serion
& Ronald Villafuerte

Best of Opposite Sex Puppy in Sweepstakes

MAJESTIC MADISON II

Owner: Shalisa & Geoffrey Neely

Tualatin Kennel Club Inc

1/15/2015

Judge: Mrs Janice G Pardue

Best of Breed

GCH CH SWEET BEACH'S ALAN

RUNS THE WRECKER

Owners: Pam Hill

Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch

DEVINE'S ADVENTURE CINNAMON
BUNS (**NEW CHAMPION**)

Owner: Kim & Tom Lucier and Beth &
Brian Stephenson.

Best of Winners, Winners Dog

LADY LUCK'S MAXX HUMPHRIES

Owner: Amber Vallejo Patricia & John Merkt.
AGENT: Jay Serion.

Reserve Winners Dog

MAJESTIC MADISON II

Owner: Shalisa & Geoffrey Neely

Reserve Winners Bitch

FONT A NOSES CHRISTMAS STAR

Owner: Norma Goddard

AGENT: Jay Serion.

Select Dog

CH. WILSON'S I'M YOUR HANDYMAN

Owners: Jody Hoffman, Larry Hoffman,
Jay Serion Agent

Dog Fanciers Association of OR Inc.

1/16/2015

Judge: David J. Kirkland

Best of Breed

CH. WILSON'S I'M YOUR HANDYMAN

Owners: Jody Hoffman, Larry Hoffman,
Jay Serion Agent

Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch

BROADWAY'S PARADISE RUBY RED
(**NEW CHAMPION**)

Owner: Tamara Marcotte, Elizabeth Pearson,
Sean Pearson, Deniece Humphries

Show results continued

Best of Winners, Winners Dog

ZEN'S ALL THE LADIES LOVE ME RN RN
(NEW CHAMPION)

Owner: Matthew Gallagher & K Bidleman &
H & J Guajardo.

Reserve Winners Dog

MAJESTIC MADISON II

Owner: Shalisa & Geoffrey Neely

Reserve Winners Bitch

VALIDUS PACIFIC LOIS LANE

Owner: Betty Bueltman & Jay & Christine Serion
& Ronald Villafuerte

Select Dog

CH BRUMARS PADDIS ROLLIN' HARD
WITH ROCKBOTTOMS.

Owner: Sandra Martinez

Dog Fanciers Association of OR Inc.

1/17/2015

Judge: Mrs Peggy Dillard Carr

Best of Breed

GCH CH SWEET BEACH'S ALAN
RUNS THE WRECKER

Owners: Pam Hill

Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch

TJ'S SLICE OF PIE

Owner: Patricia Murray, Daniel Acosta

Best of Winners, Winners Dog

MAJESTIC MADISON II

Owner: Shalisa & Geoffrey Neely

Reserve Winners Dog

BULLYWOOD DOLLS SUGGSATION

Owner: Meca Doll

Reserve Winners Bitch

TOPBRASS' PRISCILLA OF BABYLON

Owner: Geoffrey Vande Kuyt Mark &
Dawn Berryman

Select Dog

CH. WILSON'S I'M YOUR HANDYMAN

Owners: Jody Hoffman, Larry Hoffman,
Jay Serion Agent

Select Bitch

BROADWAY'S PARADISE RUBY RED

Owners: Tamara Marcotte, Elizabeth Pearson,
Sean Pearson, Deniece Humphries

Tualatin Kennel Club Inc.

1/18/2015

Judge: Mr Lawrence C Terricone

Best of Breed

CH. WILSON'S I'M YOUR HANDYMAN

Owners: Jody Hoffman, Larry Hoffman,
Jay Serion Agent

Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch

VALIDUS PACIFIC LOIS LANE

Owner: Betty Bueltman & Jay & Christine Serion
& Ronald Villafuerte

Best of Winners, Winners Dog

FLYBOY'S MSGT BRUGSE ZOT
(NEW CHAMPION)

Owner: Jeff & Winn Ryman

Reserve Winners Dog

MAJESTIC MADISON II

Owner: Shalisa & Geoffrey Neely

Reserve Winners Bitch

IROC'S TANGLED WEB OF MARAH

Owner: Kandie Kroonen

Select Dog

GCH CH SWEET BEACH'S ALAN
RUNS THE WRECKER

Owners: Pam Hill



Upcoming Shows

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February 20-21, 2015

Linn County Kennel Club (Albany, OR)

Friday Judge: Ms. Christie C Smith

Saturday Judge: Mrs. Debra Long Gschwender

Superintendent: Onofrio

February 22-23, 2015

McKenzie Cascade Dog Fanciers (Albany, OR)

Sunday Judge: Ms. Elizabeth Muthard

Monday Judge: Mr. Johnny R Shoemaker

Superintendent: Onofrio

March 8-9, 2015

Seattle Kennel Club (Seattle, WA)

Saturday Judge: Dr. Gerard C Penta

Sunday Judge: Mr. Charles L Olvis

Superintendent: BaRay

March 21-22, 2015

Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club, Inc. (Bremerton, WA)

Saturday Judge: Mr. Darryl Vice

Sunday Judge: Mrs. Susan St. John Brown

Superintendent: BaRay

March 25, 2015

Bulldog Club of America (Corvallis, OR)

Judge: Michael Rathje

March 26-27, 2015

Southwest Oregon Bulldog Club (Corvallis, OR)

Thursday Judge: Mr. Ray J Spivey III

Friday Judge: Ms. Makeyia D Spivey

Superintendent: Janice O'Neill

March 28-29, 2015

Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc. (Albany, OR)

Saturday Judge: Mrs. Brenda Newcomb

Sunday Judge: Link Newcomb

Superintendent: Onofrio



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