

**The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes– February 3, 2018
Berliner Pub, Renton WA**

Members Present: Dave & Cathy Harrington, Joan Johnson, John Barry, Tamara Marcotte, Ron & Mia Carper, Melanie Trichler, Tammy Thresher, Len & Trish Whitney, Jeff Ryman, Sandy Fisher

Guests: Toni Swain, Pavel Bezrodny, Enoch Bezrodny, Elizabeth Bergeron, Ashley Wall

Educational Instruction: None at this time

Meeting Called to Order by President Dave Harrington at 3:15 PM

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: M/S/C to approve January meeting minutes as published.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: David Harrington

A big welcome to all for coming today. Thank you again Melanie for finding this meeting place.. Let us know at the end of the meeting if this location works for next month. Or if you have another location maybe a park in mind that would work.

I believe the key will be to find a place for our dogs to come with us.

I believe that we are going in the correct direction and the support that we are getting from you all is wonderful. Please always feel free to email me with question concerns or ideas. This is your club and we need to make sure it keeps growing.

Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney

No report

Report of Secretary: Tamara Marcotte

Correspondence from Linda Kilgore promoting the SWOBC Specialty Show. Will include the flyer in the next newsletter.

Will update the AKC site with our current officers and board members.

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher

Not much activity in January. Had \$385 in income with \$150 going out for the breed booth at the Seattle Kennel Club Show. Request was made by Jeff Ryman for \$40 reimbursement M/S/C to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advertising (Melanie Trichler): No Report

Bulltique:N/A

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): Absent

Newsletter (Tamara Marcotte): Newsletter has gone out for January. Always looking for articles and photos

Public Education: None

Ways and Means: None

Website (David Harrington): Working on cleaning up the website

Social Media (Sandy Fisher and Mia Carper) Mia has been posting a “question of the week” on the Club’s Facebook page.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: None at this time

ELECTION OF NEW BREEDERS TO THE BREEDER REFERRAL PROGRAM: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2018 Meeting and Events Schedule and Calendar: Still need to schedule events and meetings for 2018.

- David Harrington has contacted Lou from Bulldog Haven NW to see what activities we can join. Still working with Lou

New Member Letters: Sandy Fisher and Tamara Marcotte worked on coming up with a welcoming letter that can be sent to new members once approved. Sandy sent the letter (along with a Christmas Party flyer) to our October new members.

- Would also like to come up with some other information that could be sent to new members. It was suggested to direct people to the BCA website
- What is available in our handouts that would be appropriate? Need to look through handouts to determine if any need to be updated.

CGC and Tricks Titles Classes: Looking into holding Canine Good Citizen and Tricks introduction or classes for members and guests. This will help the non-show club members. Sandy Fisher mentioned the possibility of doing a meet the trainer class and monthly meet up to get ready for taking the CGC and/or Tricks novice tests to receive AKC titles in conjunction with Slobberfest or as standalone.

- She will work with her trainer < Shawna, as she would be willing to get her AKC CGC Evaluator credentials.
- Looking at the idea of conducting the classes sometime in the spring; possibly holding 3-week CGC classes and 3 week trick classes. Joan Johnson volunteered her home as a possible location to hold the classes.

Awards for Champions/Titles: The BCA gives out awards for new Champions. Dave Harrington suggested we do the same thing for club members. These would be not just for Champions but any new title. Cost should be 15 dollars or less. Will consider what the cost for a small plaque would be similar to what BCA does at the division level.

- Dave Harrington still working on cost, so we can get approval
- Approved Mia is getting a cost. Mia to work with Jeff Ryman on potentially using the vendor that the Division Club uses for their plaques.

2019 Show Back to Red Lion: Not sure if everyone has had a chance to read the email from Jeff Ryman. He is proposing that in 2019 we team up with OSBC for the specialty shows. Not sure of the cost as it is really far out, however the shows at the Red Lion have been fun. The cost will be split between clubs. This should help us and the OSBC club. M/S/C to pursue the proposal of the 2019 show back to the Red Lion in Olympia.

- Jeff and Winn are still working with the Red Lion. Initial proposal has been submitted.

Running with the Bulldogs Specialty Shirts: Sandy Fisher was waiting to hear back from Jay as he mentioned he had a friend in Mexico that he would like to run the project through.

- No word yet so it is proposed that we use Rushordertees.com as they did our Slobberfest t-shirts. M/S/C to use the vendor Sandy has been working with. Pre-Order flyers have gone out to member and was included in the newsletter
- Just need to decide on quantity and colors of shirts. Will offer pre-orders for sweatshirts and hoodies and will provide shipping. Contact Sandy Fisher for shipping prices.

Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show Breed Booth: BCGS usually reserves two booths next to Bulldog Haven NW. Cost is \$150. Approve to reserve? Also, need volunteers for the booth.

- M/S/C to Approve. Thanks to all that have volunteered, all shifts are pretty much covered. Will also need volunteers for Meet the Breed which usually happens close after breed judging.

Breeder Referral Program: David Harrington is proposing that the club changes this program to have a fee of \$30.

- M/S/C to Approve. Dave is working on letter that will go out to members by February 14th.

2018 Specialty Show:

- *Judges:* David Harrington has verified that all judges have contracts.
 - Zac Lane will have us split cost.
 - Dara and John tickets will be approximately \$630.
- *Ribbon Upgrade:* Dlanor Kennels have said they will help pay for ribbon up grade. Trying to get a catalog to order from. Can possibly use the same vendor the SWOBC uses.
 - Need to know what is need the number of ribbons so I can get Ronnie a cost.
 - We are a supported entry for this show. It was agreed that the we can do a supported entry. Jeff Ryman will get notify the sponsoring club
- *Show Funding Raffle/Auction Donations:* Looking for people to help organize donations for raffle / auction items. Looking for raffle items. Will have them at the show then do the raffle at the picnic.
- 4-6 month Puppy Class: M/S/C to have a 4-6 month puppy class with Zack Lane as the judge.
- *Show Advertising/Publicity:* Melanie will be responsible for advertising the show.
- *Trophies.* Would like to do towels with our theme on them M/S/C to approve. Dave looking into the cost. M/S/C to present the Linda Borden Memorial for Best Puppy on day one of the specialty show.
- Judges transportation used by WWC. The club has selected Semper Fi Chauffeur to move judges from airport. The cost is 55 per judge and will work both ways. Thoughts on spending this money? Discussion was held on possibly getting a volunteer to pick up the judges.
- Judges Gifts Any ideas? Joan Johnson has volunteered to be responsible for Judges gifts.
- *Barbeque for Saturday:* Looking at using DeCoursey park the cost is 60 dollars for a 10 am – 3pm time frame. We can have a barbecue club to pay for hot dogs and hamburgers. Need people set up and to ask Ba Ray to be done before 11.
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- *RV Parking:* RV Parking is available in the Orange Lot by prepaid reservation beginning on Thursday afternoon. Hookups are included in the cost which is currently \$50 per night. There will be a shuttle bus. Might be a good idea to include this in our premium list.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Need a copy of the Insurance to give to the PVDF show secretary.
- Need someone to work with Ba-Ray on the show to set up timetables for premium list and catalog copy.
- Do we want trophies for the PVDF show? If we do they will provided rosettes. This is just for the BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, WB, RWD, RWB SD and SB.
 - We need a refundable cleaning deposit of 150.00 for cleaning this
 - Please send your refundable deposit checks, EMT check, and extra table/chair checks to: Cindy Carriegan – Specialty Liaison – Western Washington Cluster: 21723 91st Street East, Bonney Lake, WA. 98391 3 weeks prior to the show.
 - Do we want any extra chairs or tables? They are 1.25 each Possibly one extra table.
- Looking at have a handling class in the late spring/early summer timeframe. Holding the class once a week either on a weekend or weeknight depending on the show schedule. Ashley Wall has offered her place as a location. Jeff Ryman and Ashely will work on setting up a schedule so it won't interfere with shows or the CGG/Trick classes.

- Suggestion was made on having a summer picnic for the club sometime in the July/August timeframe. Will look at the show schedule to find an appropriate date.
- Len & Trish Whitney have donated bulldog puppy throw pillows that can be used for fundraising.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Ashley Wall, Vicky Langager, Toni Swain, Elizabeth Bergeron.

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: None

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

February 23-26 – Albany Show

March 10-11 Seattle Kennel Club Show

March 24-26 Peninsula Dog Fanciers (Bremerton, WA)

March 29-30 SWOBC Specialty Show (Corvallis, OR)

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM

Date/Location of Next Meeting – Berliner Pub: March 3, 2018 at 1:00 PM