

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Monthly Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2019 – Marymoor Park. Redmond WA

Members Present: Citty Brugalette, Tricia and Len Whitney, David Harrington, Paula Brockway, Mia Carper, Joan Johnson, Sandy Fisher, Tamara Marcotte, Ashley Wall, Nancy Kordes, Dennis Piccolotto, Suzy and Abby Crickmore, Brian Nolan.

Guests:

Educational Instruction: None

Meeting Called to Order: 2:07 PM

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Approved

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: David Harrington:

Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney:

Report of Secretary: Brian Nolan:

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher:

Treasurer Report:

2019 Specialty Show accounting: Total Income (BCGS/OSBC): \$7,573; Total Expenses (BCGS/OSBC): \$7,792; Net Loss (BCGS/OSBC): \$219; BCGS Net Loss: \$843; OSBC Net Gain: \$352. This was less of a loss than in most prior years when the show was held at the Red Lion. Other income that affects the specialty show: BCGS sold \$970 in t-shirts for a net gain of \$498 after Cost of Goods Sold. Also, two events (2018 Obedience/Rally Trial and 2019 Specialty Show in Portland) were held previously as fundraisers for the specialty show which provided income of \$1,584. The club is doing a great job of holding and developing fundraisers that help us maintain a positive cash flow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty and Mia)

Slobberfest was a success, we had a good showing of people for the event. Our next activity is the Halloween Party on 10/27 at Pawsabilities in Fife. Joan would like to sponsor a fun match this year at her property. It would be good to have a Juniors match also.

Website (Citty Brugalette & Aline Emery):

Citty is adding upcoming events to website. She made an appeal for more pictures to display on the web page to all members present.

Social Media (Mia Carper): Gentle reminder that Facebook is a tool for conversations from chair person. Negative comments through social media won't be propagated by or sponsored by the club. We also will try to keep advertising out of the feed as it's not sponsored by the club.

Legislation Liaison (vacant):

Newsletter (Tamara Marcotte): **Reminder that newsletter is now quarterly.**

Tamara noted that the newsletter would be out by the end of the month.

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): Joan is recrafting a letter to be sent out to members who are breeders. We're basically starting the referral process from scratch, with goal of starting in January.

Vacant Committees: Advertising, Bulltique, Public Education, Ways and Means

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Shirley Thompson – voted in during this meeting.

ELECTION OF NEW BREEDERS TO THE BREEDER REFERRAL PROGRAM: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Member application modification: Breeder referral modifications. Ongoing – see committee report.

Kissing Booth for Breed Booth: This is on hold.

August 2020 BCGS Specialty Show:

Sandy is show chair, with Citti as co-chair. Voted and approved during meeting.

Show themes: We will solicit ideas from club member for a 2020 show theme. So far, three have emerged. Either a time theme: 70's, 80's or 90's, a comic book (Bully-thon) or Superhero theme. Sports were mentioned also, though we have done that in the past.

We need to get this information to everyone. Post on Facebook and website, include in newsletter.

Trick Dog Certification: we may look at having Kim come back for this year.

Rally and Obedience Trial –December 2019: Jeff and Winn Ryman would like to add a day to the rally and obedience trial for a BCA Nationals fundraiser. Jeff will find a judge and just want to clear it with the club. Jeff will be training someone in Oregon to do the same thing. This is something all the other clubs in Division 5 are going to be doing as a fundraiser. The paperwork for these shows has been submitted. The AKC Fees of \$100.00 (\$50 per show) have been paid and submitted for reimbursement.

Portland BCGS/OSBC Rose City Specialty Show 2020: Jeff Ryman asked the club if we would like to co-sponsor this event as we did in January 2019. The dates are January 10 & 11, 2020 and we would need to secure a judge.

*** The club voted and feels that in addition to other activities this would be more than we can handle at this time. Support for Portland was not voted for, though individual members can certainly participate in show in Portland.***

Linda Borden Best Puppy Award:

Laura Haney's 100.00 / year endowment running out at the end of this year. This will be the last year for this endowment.

Update: AKC does not need to approve a member sponsored award. This was voted on and approved, potentially to be renamed "Best Puppy Award".

NEW BUSINESS:

Slobberfest was held on the 14th of September this past weekend. It was well attended and a success. Financial info reported by treasurer, with full accounting still to be completed.

Member Application Modification:

Discussion on rewording our application to read “Do you have a bulldog and what kind?” in place of current “Do you have a bulldog and how many?” Discussion centered on our club being a club to promote Bulldog breed (and allow other variations, such as French, Olde English, American to be represented by their own clubs).

This is completed: Sandy is updating member application master.

During September meeting we voted on allowing email membership approval. This was voted on and approved.

BCGS Specialty Show 2020:

Show Chairperson: The club is looking for someone that would like to be the Show Chairperson for this show.

Sandy is Chairperson, with Citti as co-chair. Voted on by members and approved.

Co-host with Oregon Club: Do we want to co-host with Oregon again? *This was declined during the meeting due to other committed obligations of the club.*

Nominating Committee for 2020 Officers and Board Members: Will need to have a slate of proposed officers and board members for the October Meeting. Additional nominations accepted at November Meeting. Voting will occur at the Christmas Party in December. Nominating Committee is:

BCA Division V Nominations: The membership present voted on the Div V ballot provided for BCGS to vote as a club.

New BCGS merchandise: An email was sent to the members in regards to merchandise using the Running With The Bulldogs logo that they would like to see us make available for sale. The items that were mentioned are: nice jackets, big coffee mugs, tumbler water jug, bumper stickers, cool coat. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

Membership Application change: It has been suggested that in lieu of actual signatures on the application under “Proposed by the following BCGS Members” that email verification from the BCGS member will be accepted. The Board has approved this change. The club also approved this change.

BCGS Website Homepage: Citty would like to update the photo on the home page and have it rotate to potentially 4 different photos. What types of photos would the club like? They need to be real good quality photos.

Seattle Kennel Club Show 2020: Their show will no longer be held in Seattle starting in 2020. It will be held in Puyallup, The breed booth will not be part of it. They are working on a new educational event in Seattle which would include breed booths that would start in 2020. More info is to follow.

Judges: We already have the Tinsley’s (?)

Date and Venue:

Theme:

TBD

Upcoming Events and Dates/Venues:

Meetings:

October: 10/19 1PM at the Berliner in Renton.

November: November 16th, with a potential first aid class.

December: At Christmas Party

Special Events:

Slobberfest (2020): Mia Carter will chair as Sandy is doing Specialty Show. Sandy will co-chair event.

Halloween Party: Looking at Pawsabilities, 10/27.

Christmas Party: Santa is available – Bed and Biscuit is site, scheduled for 12/14.

Proposed special events: Ice Cream Social, Summer Picnic/BBQ, Bulldog Walk

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Lyle & Lori Anderson, Austen Debord, Ed Trautmann & Keith Davies, Art & Diana Barr.

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:05pm

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Next BCGS Meeting will be at Berliner Pub, 10/19.