

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2022 – Zoom

Members Present: Len & Trish Whitney, Citty Brugalette, Joan Johnson, Dave & Cathy Harrington, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Mia Carper, Lonnie Anderson, Sandy Fisher, Brian Nolan, Michele Hawk

Guests: N/A

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03 pm

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: Joan Johnson: Nothing to report.

Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney: Nothing to report.

Report of Secretary: Citty Brugalette: I received an email from Club Development on August 16, 2022 regarding “Exciting News for Specialty Clubs Nationwide” and new policies that have been implemented:

- AKC Specialty Clubs may hold up to 4 specialties a year or 5 specialties if one is in conjunction with the breed's National Specialty.
- Specialty Clubs joining the National Specialty can travel up to 500 miles (*Pending Parent Club approval*) from their territory, and those joining other specialty clubs of the same breed may now travel 300 miles. Specialty clubs may travel up to 125 miles when not utilizing the options above.
- Specialties may also hold 4 designated specialties a year, this is in addition to the specialty options listed above. Designating the classes at an all-breed or group clubs' shows is another way to support your breed.
- Three Opportunities for Conformation Championship Points on a Day at a Site.
 - The Board Policy was modified to allow for three opportunities for Championship points in a day, except for two All-Breed shows on the same day. This policy requires at least one of the three opportunities to be a specialty!

I received an email from AKC on August 17, 2022 regarding “Update to Clubs – August 2022.” I forwarded same to all members on August 17.

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher: Total Specialty income was \$16,015. Expenses were \$18,683.95. Loss from actual show was \$2,669. Other income to consider - \$463 in misc. merchandize, \$2,132 from the online Facebook auction, \$634 from the See's Candies fundraiser which gives us a net gain of \$560. We have \$440 worth of remaining inventory of Mardi Paws shirts. Judge's travel and hospitality were our biggest expenses. The silent auction income was \$1,781 for BCGS and \$1,100 earmarked for the 2023 Nationals; health clinics income was \$440; beer/wine pull income was \$505 and pot of gold income was \$625.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty Brugalette/Anna Sullivan): Our next event is Slobberfest on September 17 at Marymoor Park. The Halloween party will be on October 15 at Win-Star Bed & Biscuit. Ed & Keith Trautmann will host a humans only Christmas party at their house in December.

Website (Citty Brugalette): Nothing to report.

Public Education (Gail Harris/Citty Brugalette/Joan Johnson/Suzi & Abby Crickmore): Gail Harris absent. Nothing to report.

Social Media (Mia Carper): Nothing to report. Just keeping everything going with posts.

Newsletter (Vacant): N/A

Membership Committee (Ed Trautmann, chair/Ana Sullivan/Keith Trautmann/Trish Whitney/Joan Johnson): Ed Trautmann was reading the current issue of the Bulldogger and it is noted that only 4% of AKC registered litters are from BCA members. What is it like in our region with breeders and how can we reach out to them to become members of BCGS and BCA?

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): I got a telephone call from a guy in Illinois looking at a puppy from breeder in Seattle for his girlfriend and was looking for info on the breeder. The breeder will ship the puppy to them and it is a Merle. The girlfriend got on the phone and she didn't care if the puppy was healthy or not. She just wanted one and didn't care where it came from.

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): Nothing to report locally. AKC lists on their website the distinction between animal rights versus animal welfare. The AKC legislative conference will on October 22 and 23.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: N/A

ELECTION OF NEW BREEDERS TO THE BREEDER REFERRAL PROGRAM: N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BCGS Specialty Trophy: TABLED. It has been decided that BCGS will hold off on debuting this trophy until the 2023 Specialty show at Nationals. This will allow time for a name to be chosen and to finalize the details.

- Motion was previously made and approved to do trophy for Best Bred-By.
- Suggestions for a name for the trophy are a Legends Trophy, Randy Rudyk and Melanie Trichler. Dewey Ritter and Cathy Revell were suggested at the March meeting.

Mentor Program for New Members (Keith Trautmann): Keith will draft a pamphlet we can use for new member welcome letters, posts for the Facebook page and emails to members.

- I am finishing putting it together and will send out over the weekend and then create a flyer once it is finalized.

2023 Nationals: Joan Johnson will be the show chair. Please let Joan know if you have any interest in volunteering on a committee. BCGS will need a lot of support.

- There are still gaps in the committee list that need to be filled in.

- Most committee have chairs. You must be a BCA member to chair a committee.
- Do we want to do another See's Candies fundraiser for Nationals?
 - Motion made, seconded and approved. Need to decide what the proceeds will go towards (Nationals or for the BCGS specialty?)

Specialty in January (Dave Harrington): The Frenchie Club is having a specialty in January at the Puyallup shows. Does BCGS want to have a generic specialty and share the judge with the Frenchie Club?

- Dave Harrington will gather more information and report back.
 - Elaine Lessig would be the judge. She is an all-breed judge. BCGS cost would be \$200.
 - What do we stand to make on entries?

Activities for 2022:

Slobberfest – September 17, 2022 at Marymoor Park (Velodrome shelter) in Redmond. Bulldog Haven NW will participate and co-host.

Halloween Party – October 15, 2022 at Win-Star in Tacoma.

Christmas Party: Date is TBD – party will be at Ed & Keith Trautmann's house and will be for humans only.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Alexandra Seal & William Robinson

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:17 pm

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

September 24, 2022 – 3 pm – Berliner Pub

Special Events:

Slobberfest: September 17

Halloween Party: October 15

Christmas Party: TBD

Shows (the below shows may or may not go forward as scheduled):

9/8 – 9/11: Roseburg, OR

9/16 – 9/18: Chelalis

9/29 – 10/2: Kennewick

10/21 – 10/23: Cashmere

10/29: Ridgefield

11/4 – 11/6: Central Point, OR

11/19 – 11/20: Monroe
12/2 – 12/4: Ridgefield

REMINDERS:

Bullycon/Seattle Aviator Merchandise: If anyone would like to purchase any merchandise, please contact Sandy Fisher at treasurer@bulldogclubofgreaterseattle.com to place an order. Pricing does not include shipping costs, buyer will need to pay for shipping.

Vet recommendations: Do you love your vet? Are they familiar with the Bulldog breed? If so, please email their name and location to Citty Brugalette at cbrugalette@gmail.com so they can be added to our list of Veterinarian Recommendations on our website.

Tote Bags: If you would like to order a personalized tote bag, please email Citty Brugalette at cbrugalette@gmail.com.

OSBC Applications: Please contact either Joan Johnson (joanjohnson915@hotmail.com) or Citty Brugalette (cbrugalette@gmail.com) if you would like an application emailed to you.