

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2023 - Zoom

Members Present: Joan Johnson, Citty Brugalette, Sandy Fisher, Anna Sullivan, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Suzy Holleran, Michele Hawk, Alex Seal, Brian Nolan, Ashley Hogue, Jay Serion

Guests: N/A

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: Joan Johnson: Nothing to report.

Report of Vice President (Suzy Holleran): Nothing to report.

Report of Secretary: Citty Brugalette: On 1/27/23 I received an email from AKC regarding January 2023 Update to Clubs. I forwarded the same to all members on 1/27/23.

On 1/31/23 I received an email from Susan Rohringer regarding the BCA Sweepstakes Judges List 2023. I forwarded the same to all members on 1/31/23.

On 2/6/23 I received an email from AKC regarding Rally Choice: New Rally Class Effective June 29, 2023. I forwarded the same to all members on 2/6/23.

On 2/6/23 I received an email from Madison Middle School. Their school mascot is the Bulldog and they are having an auction fundraiser on April 29 and have invited BCGS to attend and to do a meet and greet and photo op with our Bulldogs. I responded and said we would love to participate. I asked how many dogs they think they would like to attend and she asked if 8 was too many. She will try to get us lined up at the beginning of the auction around 6 pm for about an hour to 90 minutes. I will get more details as we get closer to the event date. If anyone is interested in participating, please let me know.

On 2/27/23 I received an email from Fran Stephens with Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers asking clubs to fill out a Juniors Mentor Survey. Joan Johnson completed and returned the survey.

On 2/27/23 I received an email from AKC regarding February 2023 Update to Clubs. I forwarded the same to all members on 2/27/23.

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher: Membership roster and payment of \$40 was sent to BCA Division V for 2023 club dues. Income received was \$428 for the winter See's Candies fundraiser, \$190 in raffle ticket sales at the I Love My Bulldog event, \$290 in member dues. I paid \$175 to Tacoma Parks for the summer picnic rental and \$426 towards maintaining the website for 2 years. We received 5 new member applications. We have a net income to date of \$368.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty Brugalette/Anna Sullivan): The I Love My Bulldog event was a success and we got 5 new member applications. Bulldog Haven is not available on September 23 for Slobberfest so we will have to push it back to September 30. Our next club event is the summer picnic in June at Pt. Defiance Park on June 24. Emerald Downs will be doing another Running with the Bulldogs on June 11. BCGS can set up a booth but we will need volunteers.

Website (Citty Brugalette): Nothing to report.

Public Education (Jay Serion): Jay Serion asked if there were any questions that anyone would like to ask or any topics he can discuss. The question of what to expect and how to be prepared for Nationals was asked as well as if we can see the entries and the dog's history before the show.

Answer: Nationals is just like any other show, just on a bigger scale. People from other countries will come and people will want to exhibit their nice dogs. You won't see who the entries are prior to the show but all information will be in the catalog. Nationals is the Superbowl of dog shows. People come to show off their dogs. About 50% of people attending are breeders looking to see what is out there.

Jay Serion will host a Q&A session at the beginning of our March meeting. If anyone has a specific question or a topic they would like discussed, please email cbrugalette@gmail.com.

Social Media (Jay Serion, Chair/Ashley Wall/Michele Hawk/Kate Jack): The BCGS Instagram page is up and running.

Newsletter (Vacant): N/A

Membership Committee (Ed Trautmann, chair/Anna Sullivan/Keith Trautmann/Joan Johnson): Nothing to report.

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): Nothing to report.

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): The Healthy Dog Importation Act would require dogs being imported into the United States to meet certain health qualifications. The AKC supports this bill

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Scott and Sasha Larson, Ashley and Ryan Hogue

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 Nationals (Joan Johnson): I am still looking for someone to chair Catalog Advertising and Judge's Hospitality.

- Ashley Hogue volunteered to do Catalog Advertising and Alex Seal will help with Judge's Hospitality.

The Sponsorship packages have now been posted on the Facebook page and will be on the website soon. The schedule is being finalized and will be posted soon.

2023 Facebook Auction: The dates will be April 15 – April 18. Heavy items will be for local pickup only. Please email Anna Sullivan at bulldogams956@gmail.com no later than April 8 with descriptions and photos of items you have to donate.

Spring See's Candies Fundraiser (Citty Brugalette): The storefront is now open. This fundraiser will run through March 24, 2023.

Storage (Joan Johnson): We are starting to outgrow the trailer and are accumulating a multitude of items including decorations, show stuff, ring equipment, etc. The Frenchie club has a member in Graham that has a barn with stalls. She has offered to let BCGS park the trailer there and use a stall if we help repair the roof damage caused by a fallen tree.

- Dave Harrington will keep us posted.

Junior Membership as a Club Bylaw Amendment: AKC's Board of Directors, at its November 2022 Board meeting, implemented a policy to assist all clubs wishing to amend their bylaws by adding a provision for Junior membership without AKC review and approval. From AKC glossary - Junior: Open to children under 18 years of age; a non-voting/nonoffice holding membership which may automatically convert to regular membership at age 18.

- Current bylaws state that members need to be 18 years of age.
- BCGS will amend its Bylaws to include a Juniors membership. Citty Brugalette will start the process.

Activities for 2023:

Running with the Bulldogs at Emerald Downs: June 11, 2023.

Summer Picnic: June 24, 2023 at the Fort Nisqually Shelter at Pt. Defiance Park.

BCA National Week and BCGS Specialty: September 10 – 16, 2023 in Olympia, WA.

NEW BUSINESS:

SWOBC Specialty: Do we want to make a trophy donation to SWOBC's April specialty? A motion was made, seconded and approved to make a \$100 trophy donation. Sandy Fisher will send out a check.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Kristine & Bret Booth, Sue Harms, Kyza Potratz & Jess Adkens, Fabiano Festi, Scott & Tanya Emerick

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:23 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

March 21 – Zoom

April 22 – Berliner Pub

Special Events:

6/11/23 – Running with the Bulldogs

6/24/23 – Summer Picnic

9/10-9/16 – BCA Nationals Week and BCGS Specialty

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

3/25 – 3/26: Bremerton

4/6 – 4/9: Albany, OR

4/16 – 4/16: Moses Lake

4/28 – 4/30: Yakima

5/6 – 5/7: Elma

5/11 – 5/14: Klamath Falls, OR

5/19 – 5/20: Lynden

6/24 – 6/25: Canby, OR

7/8 – 7/10: Puyallup

7/22 – 7/23: Graham

7/28 – 7/30: Sequim

8/12 – 8/14: Enumclaw

8/18 – 8/20: Enumclaw

9/10 – 9/16: Olympia (BCA Nationals and BCGS Specialty)

9/15 – 9/17: Chehalis

9/28 – 10/1: Kennewick

10/20 – 10/21: Cashmere

REMINDERS:

BCGS 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.