

**The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle**  
**Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2023 - Zoom**

**Members Present:** Joan Johnson, Anna Sullivan, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Michele Hawk, Citty Brugalette, Suzy Holleran, Dave & Cathy Harrington, Brian Nolan, Kate Jack, Alex Seal, Sandy Fisher

**Guests:** N/A

**Educational Instruction:** N/A

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:05 pm

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:** Approved.

**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:*** Nothing to report.

***Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher:*** 2022 Profit & Loss summary will be emailed to all members. As of January 24, 2023, we have 12 members that have not renewed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***Activities (Citty Brugalette/Anna Sullivan):*** We have the I Love My Bulldog event on 2/11 at Postdoc Brewing in Redmond. Last year we had perfect weather so hopefully we get the same this year. I briefly mentioned at a previous meeting, but I just want to say again that with Nationals in September, we are going to need someone to chair Slobberfest if we want to be able to hold the event this year. I can help but I probably won't be able to do the heavy lifting. We will also need to kick it out a week to September 23. Last year was a great event so it would be nice to keep the momentum going.

Anna Sullivan will get available dates in June for a summer picnic at Pt. Defiance Park.

***Website (Citty Brugalette):*** I have updated the website with the 2023 events we have scheduled to date. The AKC Shows event tab has been updated with the 2023 show calendar for Washington and Oregon.

***Public Education (Jay Serion):*** Absent.

***Social Media (Jay Serion, Chair/Ashley Wall/Michele Hawk/Kate Jack):*** Our Facebook page has 2,353 followers and 2,235 likes. Several people attended the Puyallup shows because they read about it on the Facebook page. Kate Jack will set up and run a BCGS Instagram page.

***Newsletter (Vacant):*** N/A

**Membership Committee (Ed Trautmann, chair/Anna Sullivan/Keith Trautmann/Joan Johnson):** We can probably do more things now that we don't have all of the Covid restrictions. We can put together a packet of information that members can hand out at public events.

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

**Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan):** AKC reports there is a general shortage of vets. A Washington state House committee has scheduled a hearing for January 25 to consider House Bill 1234. This proposed bill addresses the issue of animals being seized on cruelty charges, and the payment of their care during impoundment. AKC opposes this Bill.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** N/A

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**2023 Nationals (Joan Johnson):**

- Small amount of merchandise remains from original order. We are going to restock the mint hoodies, sky blue crew neck sweatshirts and we are exploring garment bags as a new offering. The Nationals website will be updated shortly with the available products.
- We will be the first National to introduce the 4-6 Month Puppy Competition. Betsy Love has agreed to judge. I will get a flyer created and posted on the Nationals website and FB. This is time sensitive for those people considering a breeding in the next month.
- We will be the first National to offer multiple Performance events. Cheryl Knapp is chair for those events.
- AKC paperwork has been submitted for both Confirmation and Performance events.
- Work continues on the Platinum Sponsor offerings. More to come on that.
- Debi Clark is the committee chair for Vendors. If you know of anyone interested in being a vendor or have been contacted by someone, please forward that information to Debi.
- Citty Brugalette will set up and maintain the Nationals FB page.
- BOAS Testing and a BOAS Seminar are being added to the National Week schedule.
- Anna Sullivan is the committee chair for Raffle/Auction. If you have anything to donate to either one, please contact Anna directly. We have a beautiful set of "sepia" (for lack of a better description) colored collector bulldog plates that were donated to BCGS. That full set will be available and up for auction during Nationals week. Sharon Dykes will donate a one of a kind bulldog statue (similar to the French Bulldog statues she has auctioned on FB) for the auction. Her Frenchie statues have sold for no less than \$550 so I expect we will make something similar.

**Activities for 2023:**

**I Heart My Bulldog:** February 11, 2023 at Postdoc Brewing in Redmond.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**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](mailto: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):** We previously voted to do both the winter and spring See's Candies fundraisers. We raised about \$428 with the winter fundraiser which will be earmarked for the BCGS Specialty show in September. I just wanted to confirm that we want to also do the spring and where do we want the money to go? BCGS Specialty? Nationals in general?

- Spring See's Candies fundraiser proceeds will be earmarked for the BCGS Specialty show.

**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.

- We will need to review our current Bylaws to see if there is an age requirement for membership.

**NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Scott and Sasha Larson, Ashley and Ryan Hogue

**NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS:** N/A

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:20 p.m.

## **UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:**

### **Monthly Meetings:**

February 28 at 7 pm - Zoom

### **Special Events:**

February 11: I Love My Bulldog

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

2/18 – 2/19: Ridgefield

2/24 – 2/26 – Albany, OR

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  
7/22 – 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)  
9/28 – 9/29: Kennewick  
9/30 – 10/1: Kennewick  
10/20 – 10/21: Cashmere

### **REMINDERS:**

***Bullycon/Seattle Aviator/Mardi Paws Merchandise:*** If anyone would like to purchase any merchandise, please contact Sandy Fisher at [treasurer@bulldogclubofgreaterseattle.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cbrugalette@gmail.com).

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