

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2023 – Berliner Pub

Members Present: Citty Brugalette, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Suzi & Abby Crickmore, Michelle & Paul Hawk, Brian Nolan, Anna Sullivan, Len Whitney, John Barry, Fabiano Festi, Kate Jack

Guests: Eugene Victoria, Doug Hartley

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 12:18 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: Joan Johnson: Absent.

Report of Vice President (Suzy Holleran): Absent.

Report of Secretary: Citty Brugalette: On March 28, 2023 I received an email from AKC re March 2023 Update to Clubs. I forwarded the same to all members on March 28.

On April 5, 2023 I received an email from IABCA/International Dog Show attaching flyers for their events. I forwarded the same to all members on April 10.

On April 18, 2023 I received an email from a woman who owns a non-standard colored 5 month bulldog. She found out afterwards that he was a non-standard color and about responsible breeding and is now wanting to get involved with educating people on why non-standard colors should not be bred. I invited her to attend our meeting and I sent her a BCGS member application.

On April 20, 2023 I received an email from AKC re April 2023 Update to Clubs. I forwarded the same to all members on April 20.

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher: Absent. Report emailed to Citty Brugalette: Expenses include \$20.00 for the WA State Nonprofit Corporate Renewal, \$22.01 for the BCGS domain name renewal, \$100 trophy donations to BCU and SWOBC and \$50 for 5 embroidered towels for the supported entry show in September in Chehalis. Also, \$90 was sent to Bulldog Haven NW and \$100 to Pacific NW Bulldog Rescue for donations made by our members while renewing in 2023. Income was \$40.00 for two new member dues and \$110.75 from the See's Candy fundraiser (to be earmarked for the 2023 BCGS Specialty Show). Total balance is as follows: \$18,613.44 at BofA and \$100 in petty cash.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty Brugalette, chair/Anna Sullivan): The Running with the Bulldogs at Emerald Downs is on Sunday, June 11. BCGS plans on setting up a booth and has a few volunteers to help answer questions and pass out educational materials, member applications, etc. I checked with Emerald Downs and we will be able to sell merchandise. They have tables and chairs we can use but we will need to bring a canopy.

Website (Citty Brugalette): Nothing to report.

Public Education (Jay Serion): Absent.

Social Media (Jay Serion, Chair/Ashley Wall/Michele Hawk/Kate Jack): Kate Jack: we get a few new followers to the Instagram page every week. My goal is to post at least twice a week and balance the content out with educational material and other kinds of posts (photos, etc.).

Newsletter (Vacant): N/A

Membership Committee (Ed Trautmann, chair/Anna Sullivan/Keith Trautmann/Joan Johnson): Nothing to report but we should try to post on local bulldog Facebook pages about BCGS whenever we can.

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): N/A

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): HB 1012 – Addressing the response to extreme weather events. AKC strongly supports this bill. HB 1234 – Concerning the civil forfeiture of animals seized for abuse of neglect. AKC is encouraged by the amendments but still has some concerns. HB 1424 – Concerning consumer protection with respect to the sale of adoption of dogs and cats. AKC appreciates the amendments but still has some concerns. HB 1077 – Concerning courthouse facility dogs. AKC supports this bill.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Chris Woodside and Kim Kwock, Andres & Carrie Lugo

ELECTION OF NEW BREEDERS TO THE BREEDER REFERRAL PROGRAM:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 Nationals (Joan Johnson): N/A

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.
 - There is a lot of room for storage but will need help with repairs.

Madison Middle School Auction: We have been invited to attend the MMS auction fundraiser on April 29, 2023 in West Seattle for a meet and greet and photo op with our Bulldogs. We are looking for 8 – 10 people to volunteer and bring their well-behaved bulldog to this event.

- We have 2 spots remaining if anyone else is interested.

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:

2024 BCGS Specialty Show Judges: We need to start compiling a list of potential judges for our 2024 Specialty.

Good Sportsmanship Award in honor of Trish Whitney: If we are going to do a Good Sportsmanship Award in conjunction with our Specialty shows, we will need to come up with a list of parameters as to how the award is given and what will qualify to receive the award. This award will be limited to our Specialty each year. Another option is to dedicate a Member of the Year award to be given at the end of each year.

2023 BCGS Specialty Show dedication to Trish Whitney: We will dedicate our 2023 Specialty Show to Trish in the catalog and premium list. We will also do a verbal dedication at the start of the show.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Laura Tuttle

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:44 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

May - TBD

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):

4/28 – 4/30: Yakima

5/6 – 5/7: Elma

5/11 – 5/14: Klamath Falls, OR

5/19 – 5/22: 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.