

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2023 – Zoom

Members Present: Joan Johnson, Citty Brugalette, Shannon Wallace, Sandy Fisher, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Ron Carper, Suzy Holleran, Laura Tuttle, Lonnie Anderson, Michele Hawk, Cheryl Knapp, Len Whitney

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: On May 17, 2023, I received an email from AKC regarding Update to Clubs – May 2023. I forwarded same to all members on May 17, 2023. On May 24, 2023, I received an email from AKC regarding List of Breeder Judges by Breed. I forwarded the same to all members on May 24, 2023. On June 5, 2023 I received an email from IABCA regarding the International Dog Shows in Enumclaw. I forwarded the same to all members on June 5, 2023. On June 8, 2023, I received an email from the President of the Bulldog Club of Colorado Springs about their specialties. I forwarded the same to all members on June 9, 2023.

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher: The annual club insurance policy will renew in August. The quote is \$550 which is the same as last year. Need approval to renew policy.

- Motion made, seconded and approved to renew insurance policy.

Since the last meeting, we have had income of \$165. \$145 in merchandise sales (less \$2.72 in Square fees) from the Running with the Bulldogs event and one new membership dues. Expenses were \$35 for a reimbursement for an item for the auction to be held at the Nationals.

I have set up the ability to use Zelle for donations and payments. The new email address to only be used for Zelle and associated with our bank account is BCGSdonate@gmail.com. There are no fees to use Zelle so this may be a good option as more people are using these types of payment methods.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty Brugalette, chair/Anna Sullivan): A few of us attended the Running with the Bulldogs at Emerald Downs and set up a BCGS booth. We sold some shirts and answered some questions. Bringing back the Running with the Bulldogs t-shirts exclusively for this event was discussed. It was well attended but there were definitely

more French Bulldogs than Bulldogs. Our summer picnic is scheduled for June 24, 2023 and the fun match is scheduled for August 26, 2023.

Website (Citty Brugalette): Nothing to report.

Public Education (Jay Serion): Absent.

Social Media (Jay Serion, Chair/Ashley Wall/Michele Hawk/Kate Jack): Nothing to report.

Newsletter (Vacant): N/A

Membership Committee (Ed Trautmann, chair/Anna Sullivan/Keith Trautmann/Joan Johnson):
Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): We previously discussed informal activities like going to farmer's markets in the area. I received an email with a list of all markets in the area that I will distribute so people can attend with the Bulldogs.

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): Absent.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Sariah Brumet

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 Nationals (Joan Johnson): We launched the wine tasting event which BCGS will be sponsoring. We sold out almost immediately and will be opening the event again so more people will be able to attend. We have not had a huge response for the Great Ball of Sires playbook. We are close to finalizing the judges' gifts. You do not need to be a club member in order to attend Nationals or participate in any of the activities.

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.

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.

- A motion was made, seconded and approved that BCGS will do a Member of the Year award in honor of Trish and the award this year will go to Trish.

2023 AKC National Championship (Suzy Holleran): William Seal is qualified for juniors at the National Championship so maybe we can help support him financially through donations/sponsorships to help him attend.

- Suzy has been trying to get information on how other club's set up programs for their juniors.
- Suzy has been in contact with Cindy Stansell and Winn Ryman who is working with BCA/AKC.
- In the meantime, since BCGS cannot give cash to a junior, we can set up a Go Fund Me so people can personally help support him.

2024 BCGS Specialty Show Judges (Jay Serion): Pending AKC approval, the judge's panel for 2024 will be Ward McAfee, Carlos Albuquerque, Richard Truong, Annette Nobles, Ken Roux and Jan Lewis. Sweeps judges will be John Thompson and Susanne Stephens-Truong. Juniors judges are pending.

Activities for 2023:

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

Fun Match: August 26, 2023 at Joan Johnson's house.

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

Slobberfest: September 30 at Marymoor Park.

Halloween Party: TBD

Christmas Party: TBD

NEW BUSINESS:

Chehalis All-Breed Show – Supported Entry: The Chehalis all-breed shows were already on the books with AKC for 9/15, 9/16 and 9/17 when we scheduled Nationals in September. The show chair agreed to remove Bulldogs from the entries for 9/15 and 9/16 to not conflict with Nationals. BCGS is doing a supported entry for 9/17 and I encourage anyone that can go, to go and show on Sunday.

Future BCGS Specialties and who is excluded from showing: In previous years, the show photographer was excluded from showing at a BCGS Specialty alongside the show chair and ring stewards. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the show chair, ring stewards and show photographer will not be able to show at any future BCGS Specialties.

Performance Events at 2023 Nationals (Cheryl Knapp): We are offering obedience and rally trials on both Sunday (9/10) and Monday (9/11) at Nationals this year. We need help on both days with stewarding and check in.

I can do a demo/seminar/training session to show how rally is done and what it involves and we can do a stand-alone Zoom meeting regarding performance events and how to get started prior to Nationals.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Kim Gosser

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:44 pm

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

July 20 - Zoom

Special Events:

6/24/23 – Summer Picnic

8/26/23 – Fun Match

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

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

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.