

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2023 – Zoom

Members Present: Joan Johnson, Citty Ortega, Suzy Holleran, Michele Hawk, Sandy Fisher, Dave & Cathy Harrington, Mia & Ron Carper, Lonnie Schmidt, Kate Jack, Alex Seal, Nancy Piccolotto, Brian Nolan, Suzi & Abby Crickmore, Ed Trautmann, Kim Kwock

Guests: N/A

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 p.m.

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-Ortega): Nothing to report.

Report of Treasurer: (Sandy Fisher): The only activity since the last meeting was a reimbursement to Joan Johnson and John Barry for the engraving of trophies in the amount of approximately \$82.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty Brugalette-Ortega, chair/Anna Sullivan): Slobberfest is Saturday, September 30 and the weather is looking to be perfect. Ed Trautmann is now chairing the BC Bulldog Days and we have 6 – 8 bulldogs signed up for a visit to Bellevue College on October 18. The Halloween party is on October 22 at Win-Star Bed & Biscuit.

Website (Citty Brugalette-Ortega): Nothing to report.

Public Education (Jay Serion): Absent.

Social Media (Jay Serion, Chair/Ashley Wall/Michele Hawk/Kate Jack): We have 2,276 likes (July was 2,268) and 2,428 followers (July was 2,414) on Facebook. 106 followers (July was 95) on Instagram. We got a few followers on Instagram after the videos were posted at National. If anyone has any cute photos, send them to Kate Jack and she will post them on the Instagram page.

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): Nothing to report.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: N/A

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 Nationals (Joan Johnson): Thank you to everyone for everything to make this year's National a huge success. I have received a lot of positive feedback from judges, exhibitors, and the ring stewards. Moneywise, we are in good shape. Invoices are still coming in, but we might have some money coming back to BCGS. The books will be closed out and audited by our next meeting. BCGS had an old trophy refurbished for the Tricia Whitney Good Sportsmanship Award. This year the award was awarded to Trish and next year the award will be awarded to someone at our specialty.

Storage (Joan Johnson): TABLED. 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.

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. Joan Johnson spoke to Cindy Stansell and there is no issue with a club supporting a junior financially. Michele Hawk will set up a Go Fund Me account for donations and BCGS will donate an amount to be determined.

- Michele Hawk is working with Alex Seal to get a bank account set up for the money to go to for the Go Fund Me.
 - Michele Hawk will get the Go Fund Me set up this week and will post it on the BCGS Facebook page.

BCGS Specialty 2024 (Jay Serion): Absent. The theme for next year's specialty will be Hawaiian based on the votes from last year for a theme.

Activities for 2023:

Slobberfest: September 30 at Marymoor Park.

Halloween Party: October 22 at Win-Star Bed & Biscuit

Christmas Party: TBD

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Activities: We will once again do the card exchange, ornament exchange and Secret Santa Paws this year.

Nominating Committee: The board had a meeting and Jay Serion will be the chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2024 officers and board members. John Barry will also serve on the committee. We need 1 more member to be on the committee and two alternates.

- Jay Serion, John Barry, Alex Seal, Dave Harrington and Suzi Crickmore will serve on the Committee.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Geoffrey Vande Kuyt

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:52 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

October 17 – 7 pm via Zoom

Special Events:

9/30/23: Slobberfest

10/22/23: Halloween party

TBD: Christmas party

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

9/28 – 10/1: Kennewick

10/20 – 10/21: Cashmere

10/28 – 10/29: Ridgefield

11/3 – 11/5: Central Point, OR

11/17 – 11/19: Monroe

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.