

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2023 – Zoom

Members Present: Joan Johnson, Citty Ortega, Jay Serion, Mia & Ron Carper, Laura Tuttle Brian Nolan, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Alex Seal, Sandy Fisher, Valeria Petrafeso

Guests: N/A

Educational Instruction: Prior to the start of the meeting, Jay Serion discussed the origin and history of the Bulldog.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 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): Absent.

Report of Secretary: (Citty Ortega): I received an email on September 29, 2023 from AKC re Canine Respiratory Infectious Disease Awareness and forwarded same to all members on October 2, 2023.

I received an email from AKC on October 19, 2023 re Update to Clubs – October 2023. I forwarded same to all members on October 20, 2023.

I received a card on behalf of BCGS from Jeff Ryman thanking everyone for their help with the 2023 National.

Scam emails are going around again. I received an email purporting to be from BCA Division V President, Janice O'Neill, needing help sending money because the Treasurer, Liz Coates, was unable to complete the task.

Report of Treasurer: (Sandy Fisher): Expenses were \$255 to AKC for the 2024 Specialty shows and \$10.86 for the purchase of an extra Square reader. Income from Slobberfest was \$664.42 and we are owed \$203 from BHNW. BHNW stated their expenses were higher and they will try to get them down next year. Our net proceeds from Slobberfest are approximately \$617. Bank balance is \$19,826.62.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty Ortega, chair/Anna Sullivan): The Halloween party was fun, we had about 17 people attend. Maybe we could get more participation if we have the party on a Saturday instead of Sunday. Anna would like to start thinking about a date in June for the summer picnic and a Saturday date for the next Halloween party so we can book the venues early.

Citty Ortega will be stepping down from the activities committee so we will need a new chair and a couple members to join the committee to assist with activities and parties. Citty will chair Slobberfest in 2024 unless someone else wants to. Citty will remain as chair for the Christmas activities (Christmas card exchange, ornament exchange and Secret Santa Paws). If you are interested in participating this year, please let me know no later than November 17, 2023.

- Laura Tuttle and Kate Jack will join the Activities Committee.

BC Bulldog Days (Ed Trautmann): We had 5 Bulldogs attend the event and it was very successful. Thank you to everyone that participated. We took pictures that were posted on Facebook. The college had a big blow up of a Bulldog. It was a fun event.

Website (Citty Ortega): Nothing to report. If anyone is available to help maintain the website, please let me know.

Public Education (Jay Serion): Nothing to report.

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): Nothing to report.

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

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): Nothing to report.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Geoffrey Vande Kuyt

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 Nationals (Joan Johnson): We had 2 complaints from the hotel – the sofa in the hospitality room was soaked in urine but we did not get charged as it needed to be replaced anyways and a mattress was damaged which was paid for by the guest. Income generated was \$81,695 and expenses were \$62,449. We will be able to reimburse the Division the \$10,000 as well as reimburse Utah and SWOBC/OSBC the money they spent for hospitality. BCGS will get the \$3,870 proceeds from the auctions. It was recommended that a donation be made to the Bulldogger.

Storage (Joan Johnson/Dave Harrington): **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): The dates for the Specialty are August 2, August 3 and August 4. We will once again have 6 shows in 3 days which will include 2 Sweepstakes and 3 Juniors.

Activities for 2023:

Christmas Party: December 16 at Ed and Keith Trautmann's house. This is for humans only.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Ingunn Oman, Corey & Manda Lyght, James & Becca Molnar

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:22 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

11/16 – 7 pm via Zoom

12/16 – at Christmas party

Special Events:

12/16/23: Christmas party

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

10/28 – 10/29: Ridgefield

11/3 – 11/5: Central Point, OR

11/17 – 11/19: Monroe

12/1 – 12/3: Ridgefield

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.