

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2024 - Zoom

Members Present: Joan Johnson, Anna Sullivan, Citty Ortega, Dave & Cathy Harrington, Mia & Ron Carper, Jay Serion, Sariah Brumet, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Julie Dow, Ashley Hogue, Kendyl Gosser, Manda & Corey Lyghts, Nancy & Dennis Piccolotto, Brian Nolan, Sandy Fisher, Michele Hawk

Guests: N/A

Educational Instruction: Prior to the start of the meeting, Jay Serion discussed gluing ears.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:24 pm

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: (Joan Johnson): Nothing to report.

Report of Vice President (Mia Carper): Nothing to report.

Report of Secretary: (Citty Ortega): I received an email on December 28, 2023 from AKC re Update to Clubs – December 2023. I forwarded same to all members on December 29, 2023. I received an inquiry through the website on December 17, 2023 from someone interested in becoming a Bulldog or French Bulldog parent as well as obedience and performance events. I forwarded the email to Joan Johnson to respond. I received an email on 1/23/24 from AKC re Update to Clubs – January 2024. I forwarded same to all members on January 23, 2024.

Report of Treasurer: (Sandy Fisher): Income of \$4,965 with \$3,638 in expenses – net income of \$1,527. We still have income from the National that will be coming in. Our end of year assets is \$20,415. We have 46 member renewals to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Anna Sullivan, chair/Laura Tuttle/Kate Jack/Michele Hawk): We are excited to start the year and have 3 events scheduled so far – I Heart My Bulldog on February 17 (Kate Jack is leading), Running with the Bulldogs on June 9 (Michele Hawk is leading) and the summer picnic on June 15 (Anna Sullivan is leading). Laura Tuttle will lead the Halloween party and is currently looking at venues.

Website (Citty Ortega): I have updated the AKC Shows tab with upcoming shows available to date. I will update Activities as they are scheduled.

Public Education (Jay Serion): Nothing to report.

Social Media (Jay Serion, Chair/Ashley Wall/Michele Hawk/Kate Jack): We have 2,292 likes (September was 2,276 and July was 2,268) and 2,460 followers (September was 2,276 and July was 2,414) on Facebook. We also have 136 followers (September was 106 and July was 95) on Instagram. We've had good content on both the Facebook and Instagram pages.

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): HB 1012 – WA state funding for warming and cooling centers for extreme events for pets. HB 1634 – Bill to end insurance company discrimination by breed for pet insurance. Both Bills carryover from 2023.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: N/A

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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.
- *We should get a committee together to look at the barn and see what work needs to be done.*
 - *Sariah Brumet's husband owns a construction company and can help.*
 - *Corey Lyghts has volunteered to help.*
- *Dave Harrington will talk to Terry May.*
- Do we have other options for storage? We should do another clean out of the trailer to try and free up space.

Activities for 2024:

BCGS Specialty Show 2024:

Show Chair: Jay Serion

Date and Venue: August 2, August 3 and August 4, 2024. **The Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake has been sold and we need to find a new location for our shows.**

- **New location should be no further north than the convention center and no further south than Olympia.**

Superintendent: BaRay.

of Shows: There will be 6 shows in three days. Juniors, sweeps and best puppy will be offered.

Judges:

Show Theme: Hawaiian

Premium List/Catalog/Catalog Advertising:

Silent Auction (Anna Sullivan):

Hospitality:

Judge's Gifts/Ribbons/Trophies (Joan Johnson):

Merchandise:

Fundraisers:

Vendors:

Sponsors:

Educational Seminar:

Hotel: TBD

NEW BUSINESS:

Advertising/selling available puppies on social media (group discussion): The mentality over the years has been breeding quality over quantity. Breeders are now having several litters a year and standard breeders should be more visible on social media as prospective buyers frequently look for puppies on social media.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: N/A

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: Suzy Holleran

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:41 pm

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

February 27 at 7 pm - Zoom

Special Events:

February 17 – I Heart My Bulldog – Postdoc Brewing

June 9 – Running with the Bulldogs – Emerald Downs

June 15 – Summer Picnic – Point Defiance Park

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

2/23 – 2/25 – Albany, OR

3/8 – 3/10 – Salem, OR

3/23 – 3/24: Bremerton

4/6 – 4/7: Albany, OR

4/13 – 4/14: Moses Lake

4/26 – 4/28: Yakima

5/3 – 5/5: Elma

5/9 – 5/12: Klamath Falls, OR

5/17 – 5/18: Lynden

5/25 – Spokane

6/14 – 6/16 – Merlin, OR

6/21 – 6/23: Canby, OR

7/20 – 7/21: Graham

TBD: Sequim

8/2 – 8/4: Olympia

8/10 – 8/12: Enumclaw

TBD: Enumclaw

9/28 – 9/29: Kennewick

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.