

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2024 - Zoom

Members Present: Joan Johnson, Citty Ortega, Mia & Ron Carper, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Julie Dow, Jay Serion, Suzi Crickmore, Kate Jack, Suzy Holleran, Cathy Harrington, Nancy & Dennis Piccolotto, Alex Seal, Sandy Fisher, Corey & Manda Lyghts, Laura Tuttle

Guests: N/A

Educational Instruction: Prior to the start of the meeting, Jay Serion discussed the 4-6 month puppy class at AKC shows.

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 (Mia Carper): Nothing to report.

Report of Secretary: (Citty Ortega):

- I received an email from AKC on January 26, 2024 re Washington: ACTION NEEDED: Bill Protecting Pets and Owners in Extreme Weather Advancing in Senate. I forwarded the same to all members on January 26, 2024.
- I received an email from AKC on February 8, 2024 re Washington: ACTION NEEDED: Bill Protecting Pets and Owners in Extreme Weather Advancing in Senate. I forwarded the same to all members on February 8, 2024.
- I received an email from AKC on February 12, 2024 re Washington State Bills Impacting Dog Owners. I forwarded the same to all members on February 13, 2024.
- On February 13, 2024, I sent an email to all members that have not renewed their membership yet with a reminder and renewal instructions.
- I received an email from AKC on February 22, 2024 re Washington: Ask Committee to Support Bill Protecting Pets and Owners in Extreme Weather. I forwarded the same to all members on February 23, 2024.
- I received an email from AKC on February 23, 2024 re Update to Clubs – February 2024. I forwarded the same to all members on February 23, 2024.

Report of Treasurer: (Sandy Fisher): 2023 summary: \$4,964 income and \$3,354 in expenses for a net income of \$1,610. We received \$5,300 from the BCA National. Net income for January/February 2024 is almost \$6,100. We've received about \$600 in member renewals. Total assets of \$26,591.82. I received fraud alerts from Bank of America that 3 checks were trying to be cashed on our BCGS account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Anna Sullivan, chair/Laura Tuttle/Kate Jack/Michele Hawk): I Heart My Bulldog was a big success and we had a great turnout. About 20 Bulldogs showed up. We sold \$470 in raffle tickets and got 1 new member application. BCA shared our post on Facebook. Everyone had a great time.

Website (Citty Ortega): Nothing to report.

Public Education (Jay Serion): Nothing to report.

Social Media (Jay Serion, Chair/Ashley Wall/Michele Hawk/Kate Jack): We are getting good action on social media and have a lot of activity.

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): Absent. No new legislative alerts just the same ones previously talked about - House Bill 1012 – Addressing the response to extreme weather events, House Bill 1635 – Limiting liability arising from the use of trained police dogs, Senate Bill 5788 – Concerning service animal training and House Bill 1961 – Concerning the civil forfeiture of animals seized for abuse or neglect.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: N/A

ELECTION OF NEW BREEDERS TO THE BREEDER REFERRAL PROGRAM: Suzy Holleran – approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Storage (Joan Johnson/Dave Harrington): 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:

Running with the Bulldogs: June 9, 2024 at Emerald Downs.

Summer Picnic: June 15, 2024 at Pt. Defiance Park.

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:

Trophy donations to SWOBC and BCU specialties: SWOBC and BCU both have specialties coming up (SWOBC in April and BCU in May). We usually do a trophy donation every year. Do you want to donate again this year?

- Motion made, seconded and approved to donate \$100 to SWOBC, \$100 to BCU and \$50 to OSBC. Sandy Fisher will mail in checks.

Obedience/rally trials (Joan Johnson): December 14 and 15, 2024. Cheryl Knapp has secured the venue and judges and will provide a chief ring steward. Cheryl will try to get 1 or 2 more ring stewards but we may still need some volunteers. We could pay a nominal fee of \$100 to the chief ring steward.

The Bulldogger (Jay Serion): We have a new group running The Bulldogger and the goal is to move the publication forward. We will have a new option to advertise using a template option where you input your information, upload a photo and a proof is sent to you. This will be a more affordable way to advertise. All other options will still be available as well. April 1, 2024 is the deadline for the first issue.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Cindy Jaciuk, Jacqui Bester, Ana and John Beard, Kimberly Houghton, Mark and Tarah Yurovchak

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:54 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

3/26/24 – 7 pm via Zoom

Special Events:

June 9 – Running with the Bulldogs – Emerald Downs

June 15 – Summer Picnic – Point Defiance Park

August 2-4 – BCGS Specialty

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

3/8 – 3/10 – Salem, OR

3/23 – 3/24: Bremerton

4/4 – 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.