

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

Members Present: Joan Johnson, Citty Ortega, Suzy Holleran, Dave & Cathy Harrington, Mia & Ron Carper, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Dennis Piccolotto, Brian Nolan, Julie Dow, Kate Jack, Jay Serion, Lonnie Anderson, Len Whitney

Guests: N/A

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 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 (Mia Carper): Nothing to report.

Report of Secretary: (Citty Ortega):

- Received email from AKC on March 27, 2024 re Update to Clubs – March 2024. I forwarded same to all members on March 28, 2024.
- Received an email on April 1, 2024 through the website from someone who has a 9 week old American Bulldog wanting to establish vet care. I responded on April 1 and advised that we were a local Bulldog club and not a vet clinic.
- Received an email on April 3, 2024 from Tacoma Kennel Club inviting BCGS to host a breed both at its shows in July. The Board has decided not to participate this year due to the location being outdoors and it will be too hot for the Bulldogs plus not a lot of foot traffic at this location.
- Received an email on April 8, 2024 through the website from someone asking if we had any upcoming events. They don't own a Bulldog but were interested in attending and hanging out with some dogs as they love the breed. I responded on April 8 letting them know about Running with the Bulldogs at Emerald Downs, the summer picnic and Slobberfest.

Report of Treasurer: (Sandy Fisher):

Treasurer Report:

Year to date Profit & Loss: \$7,011.89 in Income and \$1,488.20 in expenses for Net Income of \$5,523.69. Income includes proceeds from nationals, member renewals and fundraisers (I Love My Bulldog and See's Candies). Expenses include trophy donations to clubs, deposit for the Specialty Show venue, park rentals for events and misc. expenses. Trailer tabs were renewed and sent to Dave Harrington. Current bank balance is \$25,614.21.

Membership Report:

Final counts are 63 renewing members and 11 non-renewing members. 4 members were carry-over from 2023 (new members in September or later). We also have 6 new members in 2024. The renewal process raised \$160 in rescue donations for BHNW and PNWBR and \$270 in general fund donations. Thanks to everyone who renewed and to those that added a bit extra!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Anna Sullivan, chair/Laura Tuttle/Kate Jack/Michele Hawk): We have Running with the Bulldogs coming up. Kate Jack will start advertising it on social media.

Website (Citty Ortega): I have updated the website with a few more upcoming AKC shows.

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: Dave and Maree Williams – approved.

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

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.
- Dave Harrington and Joan Johnson spoke to Terry May. They will pick a day to go look at the damage and determine what repairs need to be made and supplies needed.
 - Terry May will pay for all of the materials necessary to complete the repairs.
 - Kim Houghton offered to donate up to a 16' beam from the saw mill, if needed.

Madison Middle School auction fundraiser: MMS has invited us back to attend their annual auction fundraiser. The event will be on May 11 in West Seattle. We are looking for 6 – 8 members to bring their well-behaved dogs to attend this event.

- We still have room for 1 more Bulldog.
 - Kate Jack will attend with Tugboat.

Activities for 2024:

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

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

Slobberfest: August 31, 2024 at Marymoor Park in Redmond.

BCGS Specialty Show 2024:

Show Chair: Jay Serion

Date and Venue: August 2, August 3 and August 4, 2024 at the Academy of Canine Behavior in Bothell, WA.

Superintendent: BaRay.

of Shows: There will be 6 shows in three days. Juniors, sweeps and 4-6 month puppy will also be offered.

Judges: Ken Roux, Carlos Albuquerque, Annette Nobles, Richard Truong, Jan Lewis, Ward McAfee

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: A list of nearby hotels will be provided in the Premium List.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bulldog handling seminar fundraiser (Jay Serion): Are people interested in a handling seminar fundraiser to raise money for the Specialty and help offset costs? Yes.

- Joan Johnson has volunteered her backyard to host the event.
- Date will be on June 29, 2024.
- Jay Serion will finalize details.

Slobberfest (Citty Ortega): Slobberfest will be on August 31, 2024 this year at Marymoor Park at the Velodrome Shelter. We will need help with set up/tear down, check in, the agility course, etc.

Updating vet recommendations on BCA website (Joan Johnson): Citty Ortega will email around to the membership a current list of recommended vets that is posted on the BCA website. The list is outdated so it would be great if everyone can take a look at the list and advise if there are any vets that should be removed or added. Please also look at the vet recommendations listed on the BCGS website as well.

Activities at the Specialty: It was asked if we were planning any evening activities at the Specialty. Since we are close to Woodinville, a wine tasting has been suggested.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: N/A

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:47 pm

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

5/23/24 – 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

August 31 - Slobberfest

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

4/26 – 4/28: Yakima

5/3 – 5/5: Elma

5/9 – 5/12: Klamath Falls, OR

5/17 – 5/20: Lynden

5/25 – 5/26: Spokane

6/14 – 6/16: Merlin, OR

6/21 – 6/23: Canby, OR

7/6 – 8: Puyallup

7/20 – 7/21: Graham

7/26 – 7/28: Sequim
8/2 – 8/4: Bothell
8/10 – 8/12: Enumclaw
8/16 – 8/18: Enumclaw
8/31 – 9/1: Tenino, WA
9/26 – 9/27: Chehalis
9/28 – 9/29: Kennewick
10/18 – 10/19: Cashmere
11/15 – 11/17: 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.