

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2024 - Zoom

Members Present: Joan Johnson, Citty Ortega, Anna Sullivan, Dave & Cathy Harrington, Michele Hawk, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Cindy Jaciuk, Ana Beard, Suzy Holleran, Mia Carper, Kimberly Houghton, Jay Serion, Manda & Corey Lyghts, Julie Dow

Guests: N/A

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 7:01 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 July 26, 2024 re Use AKC's Sample Letter to Contact CDC and Congress About Dog Importation. I forwarded the same to all members on July 26, 2024.
- On July 26, 2024, I forwarded to all members the link to the article re the Edmonds City Counsel approving a ban on backyard breeders and private animal sales.
- On July 29, 2024, I forwarded to all members an email from the Sportsmen Alliance I received from Len Whitney re SAF Notifies HHS and CDC that Dog-Import Rule Is Illegal — Will File Suit if Rule is Not Repealed.
- I received an email from AKC on July 30, 2024 re Update to Clubs – July 2024. I forwarded the same to all members on July 31, 2024.
- I received an email from AKC on August 1, 2024 re New Dog Import Rules in Effect Today. I forwarded the same to all members on August 1, 2024.
- I received an email from AKC on August 8, 2024 re Reintroducing AKC Club Development. I forwarded the same to all members on August 9, 2024.
- On August 22, 2024, I forwarded to all members an email from the Sportsmen Alliance I received from Len Whitney re the SAF filing for a preliminary injunction.

Report of Treasurer: (Sandy Fisher): Absent. Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Anna Sullivan, chair/Laura Tuttle/Kate Jack/Michele Hawk): Anna Sullivan will get the date of the Halloween party from Laura Tuttle.

Website (Citty Ortega): Nothing to report.

Public Education (Jay Serion): Nothing to report.

Social Media (Jay Serion, Chair/Ashley Wall/Michele Hawk/Kate Jack): Jay Serion: There is good content being posted. Shannon Cusac put together several videos for us of our specialty shows that I forwarded to Kate Jack to post.

Newsletter (Vacant): N/A

Membership Committee (Ed Trautmann, chair/Anna Sullivan/Keith Trautmann/Joan Johnson): Nothing to report.

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): Three recent puppy inquiries have come in. If you are on the breeder referral list, please make sure you respond to any inquiries even if you don't have any puppies available.

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): Absent. Nothing to report.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Cathy & Tucker Hayes

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.
- Terry May is trying to get an estimate on the cost to repair the facility but has had no response from the contractor.

2024 Specialty: Thank you to everyone for helping to make our shows successful. The bills have now been paid so we should have an accounting soon.

January Specialty at Puyallup (Michele Hawk): A list of breeder judges who can also judge French Bulldogs was discussed.

After discussion 4 proposed judges were removed from the list. The remaining 6 names will be sent to the Frenchie Club. Members attending our meeting voted for their Top 3 picks. If the Frenchie Club picks one of our Top 3, that will be the judge for the specialty. If the Frenchie Club picks someone else, BCGS will hold a special club meeting to vote.

Michele Hawk is looking for people to help with the show. Julie Dow and Cincy Jaciuk will do trophies. Joan Johnson will handle ribbons.

Entry fee will be \$25 per dog and \$15 for 4-6 month puppy and Bred-By. Juniors will be free.

Activities for 2024:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Specialty (Jay Serion): Our 2025 shows will be held on August 1, 2 and 3. I propose we hold the shows at the Academy of Canine Behavior again and try to have the Friday shows inside, if possible. I'd like to keep it casual again and do the same number of shows as we have been doing.

An objection was made to the venue stating it was too crowded, too loud and the parking wasn't sufficient. The location is tabled until our next meeting and Michele Hawk, Suzy Holleran and Mia Carper will look for other potential show sites.

Jay Serion proposed judges for the 2025 shows. A motion was made to approve the judges, seconded and approved.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: N/A

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:46 pm

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

September 19 at 7 pm: Zoom

Special Events:

August 31 – Slobberfest

Halloween Party: TBD

Christmas Party: TBD

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

8/31 – 9/1: Tenino, WA

9/13 – 9/15: Chehalis

9/26 – 9/29: Kennewick

10/18 – 10/20: Cashmere

10/26 – 10/27: Ridgefield

11/1 – 11/3: Central Point, OR

11/15 – 11/17: Monroe

11/20 – 12/2: 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.