

**The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2020 – Berliner Pub, Renton**

**Members Present:** Brian and Melissa Seymore, Tricia and Len Whitney, Anna Sullivan, Joan Johnson, John Barry, Tammy Thresher, Ashley Wall, Tamara Marcotte, Mia Carper, Dave and Cathy Harrington, Paula Brockway, Shirley Thompson, Sandy Fisher, Suzi & Abby Crickmore, Brian Nolan, Citty Brugalette, Jeff Ryman,

**Guests:** Tim Collins, Ann Owens

**Educational Instruction:** None

**Meeting Called to Order:** 12:59 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:**

**REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:**

**Report of President: David Harrington:** Welcome and thank you for coming out. We are going to have a good year with a lot of good activities.

**Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney:** N/A

**Report of Secretary: Citty Brugalette:** N/A

**Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher:** Our 2019 net income was \$3,582. We did spend almost all of that money on shirt orders but we are expected to make it back with the sales. Sandy will organize the profit and loss sheet.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities (Mia Carper and Citty Brugalette):** Activities are being added to Facebook and the website as they come up. We have a great event coming in February. We are waiting to hear from Emerald Downs as to whether or not they will be doing the Bulldog races again this year.

**Website (Citty Brugalette):** 2020 activities and events have been updated and will be updated as events are added. Homepage photo will be changed to 4 rotating photos that have been submitted by members. Citty Brugalette will choose which photos to use.

**Public Education (Cathy Harrington/Ashley Wall):** Anna Sullivan suggested we try to include the media in some of our upcoming shows and events. Suzi Crickmore suggested we reach out to City Dog magazine to see if they would be interested in doing an article/photo shoot on Bulldogs. We need to educate the public on healthy Bulldogs and reputable breeders.

**Social Media (Mia Carper):** Events are being added to Facebook as they come up. Request for silent auction donations for the Specialty will be posted.

**Newsletter (Tamara Marcotte):** Tamara will have the newsletter out by the end of the week. She has activity flyers to include but needs photos.

**Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson):** We are completely revamping the BCGS Breeder Referral program to more closely align with the BCA. A new Breeder Referral application will be sent to all members and a new participant list will be created. The Club discussed and passed a motion to table charging a Breeder Referral participation fee until 2021.

**Legislation Liaison:** Brian Nolan has volunteered to chair this committee.

**Vacant Committees:** Advertising, Ways and Means

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** Alex Kulbitsky, Lahura Jenkins, Ronald Romualdo, Michelle and Paul Hawk voted in during January 2020 meeting and approved for membership.

**ELECTION OF NEW BREEDERS TO THE BREEDER REFERRAL PROGRAM:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

***Breed Booth:***

***New BCGS merchandise (Aviator Bulldog):*** Members like the Seattle aviator Bulldog design for general merchandise. Some suggestions were a tote bag, accessory bag, t-shirt, mugs, tumblers.

***Event Locations:*** Paws-Abilities has closed so we will need to find a new location for our Halloween Party in 2020. Family Dog was mentioned as a possible venue and other locations should be looked at. Sammamish Valley Grange, Cascade Kennels and Kent Family Dog Training Center were also mentioned and need follow ups.

***Christmas Santa Paw Gift/Ornament Exchange/Card Exchange:*** Overall this event went well for its first year. We intend to do it again for 2020.

***Activities for 2020:***

**February 15, 2020 – I Love My Bulldog:** Meet-and-greet for humans and bulldogs at Postdoc Brewing in Redmond. Mia has a room reserved. Prize baskets will be donated for raffles. Board members will provide light snacks. Beverages and food are available for people to purchase.

**March 14 – Paint Your Pet at Wine and Design in Snohomish:** Registration is open now for this fun three hour event. The link is <https://wineanddesign.com/calendars/event.php?id=191978>. The special code is “bulldogclub”. Participants will submit a photo of their pet and will receive a lightly drawn canvas that they will paint during the event. Price per person is \$65 and they will donate back to the club \$15 per person. The minimum amount of people needed for event is 10 and maximum number of people is 25. Wine and other beverages available for purchase.

**April - K9 First Aid Seminar (?) If this does not happen, ice cream social and/or bulldog walk:**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> - Spend A Day With Your Bulldog at Marymoor Park, Redmond:** The North Shelter has been reserved for the 9am to 2pm slot. Potluck BBQ and new activities to have are being discussed.

**June/July – Fun Match/Potluck BBQ in Sammamish:**

**September – Slobberfest:**

**October - Halloween Party:**

**December – Christmas Party:**

***BCGS Specialty Show 2020:***

**Show Chairs:** Sandy Fisher and Citty Brugalette

**Date and Venue:** Hotel RL Olympia on July 31, August 1 and 2, 2020.

**# of Shows:** 5 shows and 1 sweepstakes. Will also have a 4-6 month puppy class. Dave would like to add in a junior show and award a \$200 scholarship to the winning junior. Need to check the current judges to see if any of them are qualified to judge juniors.

**Judges:** All five judges have returned their signed contracts. We have also confirmed our Sweepstakes judge.

**Show Theme:** The Show theme is BullyCon and Superheros.

Advertising: A flyer has been designed and has been posted to the BCGS Facebook page and on the website. Once approved by AKC, need to send flyers to other Clubs. Deadline to submit an ad to the Bulldogger is February 1. Members voted that a full color ad should be submitted.

Trick Dog Certification: We would like to offer this again. Sandy Fisher will reach out to Kim.

Best Puppy Award: Tamara Marcotte is supporting this award for five years with a \$100/year endowment. Tamara would like to keep the name as the Linda Borden Puppy Award.

Vendors: Will be accepting show vendors. Limit to 3-5 vendors due to space. It was suggested that BCGS have a booth. Joan will reach out to Dell (the blanket guy) about being a vendor as he is working on a Bulldog specific fabric.

Education Seminar: Cindy Smith, DVM will again be providing an education seminar. Anna Sullivan will coordinate. Cathy will reach out to Cindy to see if she is available on Friday, July 31.

Sponsors: We currently have two sponsors, Northwest Naturals and Ashbaugh Beal.

Catalog Advertising: We would like to offer catalog advertising this year.

Auction/Raffles: Anna Sullivan will be the Auction Chair. Need items to be donated from members and vendors. Trish Whitney and Ashley Wall will help with the auction and raffles.

Fundraisers: Several fundraisers have been suggested including Pot of Gold and a Wine Pull.

Merchandise: The club has placed an order for Bullycon T-shirts, Crewneck Sweatshirts, Hoodies and Zip-Up Hoodie Sweatshirts. The Zip-ups will have the BCGS logo on the front and will be offered to members first.

Volunteers Needed: We still need Committee Chairs (hospitality, fundraisers, ring/grounds, waste management, ring stewards, advertising, sponsors, vendors) and volunteers to help the Chairs.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

***Changing monthly meeting to a centrally located venue:*** Member Melissa Seymore emailed Mia about the possibility of changing the monthly meeting location. She passed along a link to help search for dog friendly venues: <https://www.sidewalkdog.com/seattle-breweries-that-welcome-dogs-inside/>. Brian Seymore suggested that we rotate meeting locations and ask bars/restaurants to donate back 5% of proceeds to the Club. It was decided that Berliner Pub will remain as the main meeting location but twice a year the meetings will be held elsewhere (south and north).

***Decide on dates for monthly meetings through December 2020:*** Get the show dates for the year and then decide on meeting dates.

***Junior Handlers: Dave is looking for suggestions on how to promote this. AKC has a survey out regarding Junior Participation in the Sport (only 1 survey response per Club).*** Does anyone know of any 4H groups? Members can send the 4H groups a letter stating they have a dog(s) available. Dog needs to be co-owned with a junior.

***Division trophies:*** Jeff Ryman passed out division plaques to Tamara Marcotte, Dave and Cathy Harrington and Joan Johnson.

***Obedience and rally trials:*** BCGS is looking into changing the dates from the first weekend of December to a different date.

**NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Ed and Ann Owens were read in

**NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS:** None

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2:08 p.m.

**UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:**

Monthly Meetings:

February 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.at Postdoc Brewing in Redmond

Special Events:

February 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 2 pm at Postdoc Brewing in Redmond

March 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon, Paint Your Pet at Wine & Design in Snohomish

Shows

Linn County Kennel Club: 2/22 – 2/23

Bremerton: 3/21 – 3/22

Southwest Oregon Bulldog Club: 4/1 – 4/2

Chintimini Kennel Club: 4/3 – 4/5