

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Monthly Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2020 – Berliner Pub, Renton

Members Present: Citty Brugalette, Mia Carper, Sandy Fisher, Brian Nolan, Len & Trish Whitney, Steve & Tracy Sheridan, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Suzi & Abby Crickmore, Paul & Michele Hawk, Paula Brockway, Shirley Thompson

Educational Instruction: None

Meeting Called to Order: 1:06 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: David Harrington: N/A

Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney: N/A

Report of Secretary: Citty Brugalette: N/A

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher: We made \$655 in Bullycon shirt sales and \$175 in raffle ticket sales at the February I Love My Bulldog event at Postdoc Brewing. We have made a total of \$1,190 from the Bullycon merchandise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Mia Carper and Citty Brugalette): The I Love My Bulldog event in February went very well, we had a good turnout and Postdoc Brewing was happy with our group.

Website (Citty Brugalette): BCA's Bulldog 101 – A Lesson on Coat Color video has been added to the website. A couple of the educational links have been updated. 2020 show dates are being added. I received some great photos for the home page. However, due to the way the home page is currently set up, most of them would not work. The page has now been updated and while it did not come out the way I had originally planned, it still works although photos had to be significantly cropped to fit into the wide space. Will try to recode the page so the pictures will fit as a "square" in the middle of the page and the full body of the dog can be shown. Members can continue to send me photos.

Public Education (Ashley Wall/Cathy Harrington): Keith Trautmann has volunteered and would like to do a dog safety class on topics such as plants to avoid, etc. Doing a 15 minute session prior to a meeting was discussed as well as putting together a pamphlet of safety tips, toxic plants, etc. to email to all members.

Social Media (Mia Carper): We will not post the safety tips, toxic plants, etc. pamphlet Keith Trautmann will put together on Facebook as this will be a member benefit. There was a complaint about the March cover photo that was chosen since the photo came from a breeder. All comments under the post relating to the advertising of the breeder or puppies for sale are deleted as they get posted. A blurb was posted that BCGS does not promote any breeder that is not part of the Club's breeder referral program nor we allow advertising of puppies for sale. Photos selected for the cover photo will continue to be from members and non-members to enter the contest.

Newsletter (Vacant): Tamara Marcotte is stepping down as newsletter editor. We are looking for a member to fill this position.

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): N/A

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): There are two legislative issues affecting Washington State. Senate Bill 6300; adding Pain and Suffering to the definition of animal cruelty. The definition of pain or suffering is defined in the bill as meaning a state of physical or mental lack of well-being or physical or mental uneasiness that ranges from

mild discomfort or dull distress to unbearable agony. AKC feels that this state initiative is too broad and impacts things such as tail docking, wearing a cone post-surgery, etc. House Bill 2334 regulates breeders, eliminating pet choice by preventing stores from selling dogs and cats. AKC is opposed as it declares the best and only choice for pet owners is through rescue or adoption. AKC also opposes this legislation.

Paula Brockway mentioned that the Pug Club was able to get AKC to not register Pugs of color and she would like to campaign AKC to do the same for Bulldogs. She will look into this.

Vacant Committees: Advertising, Ways and Means

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: N/A

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Breed Booth: Tacoma Kennel Club will have breed booths at their April show (April 18 & 19). Cost for the weekend is \$50. Reservations were due by March 1 but they may still allow us if they have the space. Does the Club want to participate? We would need volunteers and dogs at the booth. Seattle Kennel Club plans to have breed booths during the summer months at an outside location. No confirmed dates have been set yet. Citty Brugalette will find out if it is too late to get a breed booth for the Tacoma show. If we can get one, we will need 6-8 volunteers per day to split shifts.

New BCGS merchandise (Aviator Bulldog): Sample tote bags have been ordered. Shirts would consist of unisex/women's/long sleeve. Due to the graphic design, a white shirt would look the best and that is what would be ordered but we can also do a pre-order/special order for a few select other colors. Sample tote bags were available at the meeting and were narrowed down to 4 possibilities. Sandy Fisher will get a bundle pricing estimate on tote bags and shirts.

Event Locations: Paws-Abilities has closed so we will need to find a new location for our Halloween Party in 2020. Kent Family Dog (phone call and email were sent, never heard back) was mentioned as a possible venue and other locations should be looked at. Sammamish Valley Grange (\$110 an hour Saturday; \$75 an hour Sunday – 3 hour minimum), Cascade Kennels were also mentioned and need follow ups. Citty Brugalette will reach out to Sammamish Valley Grange to see if they have a special rate for non-profits. It was discussed that as a last resort, we could have the Halloween party at Win-Star Bed & Biscuit (where the Christmas party is held).

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.

Obedience and rally trials: BCGS is looking into changing the dates from the first weekend of December to a different date. Does the Club want to do ribbons for obedience?

Vet recommendations and training facilities: There was a discussion for an email to be sent to all Club members for training facilities and vets that members like to use and approve of. Do we want to send an email to all Club members asking for their recommendations and the compile a list that we can post on the website? It was approved that an email will go out to all members asking for bulldog knowledgeable vets and any training facilities they use and a list will be compiled and put on the website. We will not specifically say that the vets and training facilities on the list are recommended by BCGS.

Activities for 2020:

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 11 – Ice cream social: We will have our first annual ice cream social in conjunction with the April Club meeting. Ice cream social will begin at noon with the meeting to begin at 1 pm. Dog friendly ice cream will be provided.

TBD - Grooming class (?): Jay Serion has agreed to teach a grooming class. One other person has volunteered to teach the class as well. Need to confirm a date and location. This may or may not take place in April depending on availability.

May 9th - Spend A Day With Your Bulldog at Marymoor Park, Redmond: The North Shelter has been reserved for the 9am to 2pm slot. There will be a potluck BBQ and a variety of activities.

May 31 – Bulldogs races at Emerald Downs: Registration is not open yet. Registration link will be posted on FB and the website.

June/July – Fun Match/Potluck BBQ/Handling class in Sammamish: Joan Johnson will host a fun match at her house that will be combine with a potluck BBQ. Jay Serion will teach a handling class if his schedule permits.

September – Slobberfest: Won't know exact date until May/June after concert schedule is posted. Tentative date is scheduled for September 12. Bulldog Haven NW will co-host again. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event as well as items to be donated for raffle baskets.

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.

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.

Trick Dog Certification: We would like to offer this again.

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. Does the Club still want to pay for the engraving? How many slots are left?

Vendors: Will be accepting show vendors. Limit to 3-5 vendors due to space. Del Thornton with Rose City Pet Gear is confirmed. He will arrive Friday for set up and be on site Saturday and Sunday. Does BCGS want to set up a booth? Does anyone know of any other companies that would want to set up a booth?

Education Seminar: Cindy Smith, DVM will again be providing an education seminar. Anna Sullivan will coordinate. Mercato is confirmed for July 31. Seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsors: We currently have two sponsors, Northwest Naturals and Ashbaugh Beal. Does anyone know of any other companies that would be interested in sponsoring? Sponsors will be recognized in catalog. Do we want to recognize anywhere else?

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

Auction/Raffles: Anna Sullivan is the Auction Chair. Need items to be donated from members and vendors.

Fundraisers: Pot of Gold and Beer/Wine Pull. Emails have gone out to all members asking for items to be donated to both fundraisers.

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 (ring/grounds, waste management, ring stewards, advertising, sponsors) and volunteers to help the committees. There are many volunteer opportunities available.

Hotel room: Hotel RL has a block of rooms being offered under group code BULL0730. Last day to reserve a room for group rate is July 1, 2020.

Superhero Parade: Looking at having a Superhero parade where the dogs and owners can show off their superhero apparel.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: N/A

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:04 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

April 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Berliner Pub

May 9 at 1:30 p.m. after Spend a Day event

June 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Berliner Pub

July 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Berliner Pub

September 12 at 2:00 p.m. after Slobberfest (date subject to change)

October 17 at 1:00 p.m. at Berliner Pub

November 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Berliner Pub

Special Events:

March 14th at Noon, Paint Your Pet at Wine and Design in Snohomish

May 9th at 10:00 am: Spend A Day With Your Bulldog, Marymoor Park in Redmond

May 31st at 2:00 pm: Bulldog Races at Emerald Downs (tentative)

July 31st through August 2nd: BCGS Specialty Shows and Special Events: Hotel RL in Olympia, WA

Shows

Bremerton: 3/21 – 3/22

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

Chintimini Kennel Club: 4/3 – 4/5

Moses Lake: 4/11 – 4/12

Lewiston: 4/17 – 4/20

Tacoma: 4/18 – 4/19

Ellensburg: 4/25 – 4/26

Elma: 4/30 – 5/3