

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 22, 2020 – Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Dave & Cathy Harrington, Citty Brugalette, Len & Trish Whitney, Joan Johnson, David & Lisa Lafferty, Sandy Fisher, Mia Carper, Brian Nolan, Pegg Bauer

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 1:01 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: David Harrington: Thank you for coming during this hard time. I know it's not as fun but we'll get through this.

Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney: Thank you everyone for sticking together. I can't wait for things to go back to normal.

Report of Secretary: Citty Brugalette: I was contacted by the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of American and asked to get the word out about a weekend of events they are having in Oregon. There will be an All-Breed B-Match on September 12 and an All-Breed AKC Temperament Test on September 13. This info was posted on the BCGS Facebook page.

Email from AKC: At their July meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved additional staff recommendations to further help clubs hold events during this period of uncertainty. The new actions are:

1. Ring location

Clubs may publish in their premium list that the location of the rings, indoors or outdoors, will be determined on the day of the event. Refunds will not be granted based on the final location of the rings.

2. Number of competitions

Offering three opportunities for Championship points at the same site on the same day will be allowed provided at least one of the three competitions is a specialty show.

3. Distance a club may travel with special circumstances

Club with extenuating circumstance may request an exception to hold their conformation show up to 300 miles outside of their territory.

These are temporary changes to existing policies and will expire at the end of 2020.

We also want to take this opportunity to remind you to check your 2021 Events dates:

Please review the [Corresponding Date Table](#) to determine your club's 2021 corresponding date(s). 2021 is a year that corresponding dates shift forward due to January 2, 2021 falling on a Saturday. If you want to change the dates for your 2021 events and/or confirm the dates that cancelled 2020 events have been corresponded to, please contact EventPlans@akc.org. Some clubs have rescheduled events to later in the year in 2020. If a club wishes to hold their events on these new dates in 2021, please contact EventPlans@akc.org so that we can set up the 2021 events and protect the club's new dates.

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher: We received 1 membership fee. In July we spent \$550 on the purchase of a new canopy. Insurance renewal was paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty Brugalette): Slobberfest has been cancelled. There will likely be no activities in 2020 due to COVID but we remain hopeful.

Website (Citty Brugalette): The vet recommendations page was updated to reflect the names people gave in response to BCGS Facebook post.

Public Education (Ashley Wall/Cathy Harrington):

Social Media (Vacant): David Lafferty will help maintain the BCGS Facebook page.

Newsletter (Vacant – Steve and Tracy Sheridan???): N/A

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): N/A

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): N/A

Vacant Committees: Advertising, Ways and Means

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

ELECTION OF NEW BREEDERS TO THE BREEDER REFERRAL PROGRAM:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Breed Booth: Tacoma show in April.

New BCGS merchandise (Aviator Bulldog): Sandy Fisher and Citty Brugalette are looking into setting up a BCGS “store” through Teespring where numerous items and designs can be sold and ordered/shipped directly through Teespring.

Bullycon Merchandise: If anyone would like to purchase a t-shirt or sweatshirt, please contact Sandy Fisher at treasurer@bulldogclubofgreaterseattle.com to place an order. Mia will make a post on Facebook. Pricing does not include shipping costs, buyer will need to pay for shipping.

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. 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). Sammamish Valley Grange does not offer a special price for non-profits.

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.

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.

Specialty January 2021: Jeff Ryman asked Dave if BCGS would be interested in holding a specialty show in conjunction with the all-breed and French Bulldog Specialty in January 2021 in Puyallup. BCGS would have to split the fee for Baray and the judge. BCGS would need a ring steward. Joan Johnson spoke to Yolanda with AKC and confirmed we can host a generic show in January without it affecting our specialty show in July/August. The Club has decided to move forward with this event. Dave Harrington is getting this scheduled.

- Puyallup Kennel club has approved us for the show. They also have asked that we do it Friday After noon. If we want to do a sweeps they suggest that we do sweeps while Adrian is judging the French bulldogs.
- BCGS needs to send a letter to the AKC asking for approval. Dave Harrington will ask Jeff Ryman for a copy of the letter he used.
- BCGS needs someone that is not showing to *either* pick the Judge up from the airport Thursday night or bring him back Saturday. We only need one or the other. Splitting the cost of an Uber was suggested.
- Need approval for a judge's gift - \$100 Amazon card. Motion was made and approved.

Activities for 2020:

Paint Your Pet at Wine and Design in Snohomish: This event has now been re-scheduled to November 7, 2020. Updates will be provided to those who previously signed up and paid.

Ice cream social: **TBD.**

Grooming class: **TBD.** Jay Serion has agreed to teach a grooming class. Dave Harrington suggested holding a virtual grooming class and charging for it. Any new members that joined could have their membership fee deducted from the cost of class.

Fun Match/Potluck BBQ/Handling class in Sammamish: **TBD.** 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: **CANCELLED.**

October - Halloween Party: **TBD.**

December – Christmas Party: **TBD.**

BCGS Specialty Show 2021:

Show Chairs: Sandy Fisher and Citty Brugalette

Date and Venue: Hotel RL Olympia on July 30, July 31 and August 1, 2021.

of Shows: A motion was made and approved to have 6 shows in 2021.

Judges: Joan Johnson and Dave Harrington will put together a list of potential judges. Sandy Fisher emailed 2021 contracts to the Praegers and to George Lai and has not received responses yet. Does anyone have any ideas on who can be judges for 2021? Citty Brugalette will send an email to all members asking for judge recommendations.

Show Theme: The Show theme is BullyCon and Superheros.

Advertising: The 2020 flyer will be updated to reflect 2021 information.

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? 4 slots are left. 2019 best puppy needs to be added (who won?).

Vendors: Will be accepting show vendors. Limit to 3-5 vendors due to space. Del Thornton with Rose City Pet Gear will be invited and BCGS will also have a booth. Any other potential vendors?

Sponsors: Dave Harrington will check with Northwest Naturals to inquire if they will sponsor in 2021. Ashbaugh Beal will sponsor \$250. 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.

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: There are many volunteer opportunities available. Trish Whitney's daughter has volunteered to be a ring steward.

Hotel room: A group booking link will be set up once we are less than a year out. The hotel can accommodate late check out for those who will need it. If you anticipate needing a late check out, please let the hotel know when you book your room.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

BCGS Specialty 2021: The Division is giving us the Division shows so we may need to reach out to them to make sure we get the plaque and anything else we need. This will need to be voted on at the next Division meeting to make formal.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Bill and Jeanene Speck

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:49 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

September 19 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

October 17 at 1:00 p.m. at TBD

November ?? at 1:00 p.m. at TBD

Special Events:

TBD

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

Enumclaw: September 23-27 (OKC/Walla Walla combined)

Boise, ID: October 8-11 (2 days have been cancelled)

Cashmere: October 16-18

Ridgefield: October 25-26

Coeur D'Alene, ID: October 31-November 1
Central Point, OR: October 31-November 1 (SOWB Specialty)
Monroe: November 14-15
Bow: December 6 (Rally)