

**The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2020 – Zoom Meeting**

**Members Present:** Dave & Cathy Harrington, Citty Brugalette, Anthony Ortega, Joan Johnson, John Barry, Trish & Len Whitney, Anna Sullivan, Sandy Fisher, David Lafferty, Brian Nolan, Mia Carper, Ed & Keith Trautmann

**Educational Instruction:** N/A

**Meeting Called to Order:** 1:02 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:** Approved.

**REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:**

***Report of President: David Harrington:*** Thank you everyone for coming to today's meeting.

***Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney:*** It is nice to see everyone and hopefully we can get together soon.

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

***Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher:*** 2 Bullycon sweatshirts were sold. We have \$12,048.96. Renewals will go out in November.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***Activities (Citty Brugalette):*** N/A

***Website (Citty Brugalette):*** N/A

***Public Education (Ashley Wall/Cathy Harrington):*** It was discussed getting materials/resources together on the common surgeries that vets frequently recommend for Bulldogs and stress the importance of a good Bulldog vet and getting a second opinion if a surgery is recommended and asking a lot of questions of the vet. It is a good idea to talk with your breeder if your vet recommends any surgeries.

- Joan Johnson will contract Elizabeth Milan to see if BCA has any published materials that we can use and share.

***Social Media (Mia Carper/David Lafferty):*** Mia Carper is posting the Question of the Week. David Lafferty is posting 5 -6 times per week and is learning as he goes.

***Newsletter (Vacant):*** N/A

***Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson):*** N/A

***Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan):*** Len Whitney thinks there is a Bill in congress regarding breeding. Brian Nolan will research.

***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:*** The Tacoma show is scheduled for April 2021. We will discuss further in 2021.

***New BCGS merchandise (Aviator Bulldog):*** Several sample items were ordered from Teespring and the quality and consistency were poor. Citty Brugalette and Sandy Fisher decided the Club should not use Teespring as a storefront. Other options (CafePress, Zazzle and Redbubble) are currently being looked into.

- Ed Trautmann will look into an online store. If the online store does not work out, we will just wait until we can have an in person event and will order merchandise to sell.

***Bullycon Merchandise:*** If anyone would like to purchase a t-shirt or sweatshirt, please contact Sandy Fisher at [treasurer@bulldogclubofgreaterseattle.com](mailto:treasurer@bulldogclubofgreaterseattle.com) to place an order. 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](mailto:cbrugalette@gmail.com) so they can be added to our list of Veterinarian Recommendations on our website.

***Specialty January 2021 (Puyallup):*** 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 afternoon. 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.
  - Dave Harrington has not heard back from AKC yet.
- 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. Do we want to split the cost of an Uber with the French Bulldog Club?
- Need approval for a judge's gift - \$100 Amazon card. Approved.
- Need a judge for sweeps. Dave Harrington to reach out to Leta Graham.

- Dave Harrington sent an email to Leta Graham and is waiting for a response.
- Patricia Whitney will ask her daughter if she can be our ring steward.
- Dave Harrington will find out what our deadline is to get everything done.

**BCGS Online Auction:** An online auction was suggested by Anna Sullivan. David Lafferty has agreed to assist in running it on the BCGS Facebook page with Anna's assistance. Dave Harrington is going to reach out to Linda Kilgore to see if Division V is interested in participating. Donations for items to auction are needed. Ed Trautmann has volunteered to help.

- Anna Sullivan would like to hold the auction from November 16-23.
- Anna Sullivan will send photos of what she currently has to David Lafferty and will send an email to all members asking for donations.
- David Lafferty will build a template for the auction on Facebook.

**Facebook Costume Contest:** David Lafferty has suggested we have a Bulldog costume contest on the BCGS Facebook page for Halloween. The most "likes" will determine the winners. Prizes will be given. Ed Trautmann has volunteered to help.

- David Lafferty will put together a post on Facebook and will include photos of the prizes. People can post their photos as replies to the post.

**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. Do we want to try having a virtual grooming 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.

October - Halloween Party: **CANCELLED.**

Holiday Activities: We will be doing the Secret Santa Paws/Ornament Exchange/Christmas Card Exchange again this year. All of these activities will be done by mail. Citty Brugalette will organize and send an email to all members in November.

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. We will also have juniors and sweeps.

Judges: The Show Committee is actively working on securing judges.

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.

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.

Division: 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 BUSINESS:**

***Rose City/Specialty 2021 Show:*** Rose City has cancelled their January 2021 show and is potentially rescheduling it to the last weekend of July 2021 which is when the BCGS Specialty is scheduled. Citty Brugalette spoke to Patti Strand who is the Rose City show chair. They are not yet confirmed for the last weekend in July yet as they are trying to work with some other Clubs to get a cluster going. There is also a possibility where they would start earlier and end on either 7/28 or 7/29. Patti advised that they should have a decision made within the next 2 weeks. It was also discussed with Patti that BCGS would possibly do a supported entry for Rose City. Should BCGS do this, we would need to notify and get permission from OSBC as BCGS is outside of its assigned area. Citty Brugalette will follow up with Patti in 2 weeks. The Hotel RL Olympia is holding the first weekend of August for BCGS should we want to switch weekends.

- BCGS prior Specialty Shows have always been in August. A motion was made and approved to move the 2021 and 2022 shows to the first weekend of August. Citty Brugalette will confirm these changes with the hotel and get revised contracts signed.
- Joan Johnson will discuss BCGS doing a supported entry at Rose City at the next Division V meeting on November 1, 2020.

**2021 BOD Nominations:** The Nominating Committee met and have made the following nominations for the 2021 Board: President – Joan Johnson; Vice President – Trish Whitney; Secretary – Citty Brugalette; Treasurer – Sandy Fisher; Board Members – John Barry, Len Whitney, Mia Carper.

- Additional nominations may be made at the November meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person nominated does not decline the nomination. If the proposed candidate is not in attendance, they will need to email the Secretary that they agree to their nomination.

**Amendments to the Bylaws:** The Board will be proposing amendments to the Bylaws which will be voted on at the November meeting. The Secretary will email the proposed amendments to all members prior to the meeting.

**NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** N/A

**NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS:** N/A

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 1:58 p.m.

**UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:**

Monthly Meetings:

November 21 at 1:00 p.m. (Zoom)

December ? - TBD

Special Events:

TBD

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

Ridgefield: October 25-26

Coeur D'Alene, ID: October 31-November 1

Monroe: November 14-15

Bow: December 6 (Rally)