

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Monthly Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2020 –Zoom Meeting

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

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 1:12 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: David Harrington: Thank you everyone for showing up today. Hopefully next year at this time we can meet in person.

Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney: Thank you everyone for making the meeting.

Report of Secretary: Citty Brugalette: I received an email from someone looking for help in rehoming their Am. Bulldog/Bulldog mix as he is starting to get aggressive and was abused in prior homes. I referred her to Bulldog Haven NW. I received an email from a member looking for food recommendations. This question was then posted on the FB page for feedback. An inquiry was received from someone who was asking if we had any information on breeder, Seattle Bullies. I responded that they are not a BCGS member nor do we have any information on their breeding program.

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher: We spent approximately \$92 on sample merchandise from Teespring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty Brugalette): N/A

Website (Citty Brugalette): N/A

Public Education (Ashley Wall/Cathy Harrington): N/A

Social Media (Mia Carper/David Lafferty): Mia Carper is posting question of the week on Mondays. David Lafferty is enjoying helping run the Facebook page and is learning to see what content people like the most. David has been posting pictures as well as informational and educational articles.

Newsletter (Vacant – Steve and Tracy Sheridan???): Steve and Tracy are currently working on the fall newsletter.

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): N/A

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): N/A

Vacant Committees: Advertising, Ways and Means

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Bill and Jeanene Speck were approved for membership.

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.

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. Pricing does not include shipping costs, buyer will need to pay for shipping. A post advertising our merchandise was recently made on the FB page. Citty Brugalette will include information on merchandise in the next email update.

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. Do we want to split the cost of an Uber with the French Bulldog Club? Dave Harrington will talk to Jeff Ryman about this.
- Need approval for a judge's gift - \$100 Amazon card. Approved.
- A motion was made and approved for sweeps. Dave Harrington will reach out to Leta Graham to see if she will judge.
- BCGS will need a ring steward. Trish Whitney will see if her daughter would be willing and able to do this.

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.

September – Slobberfest: **CANCELLED.**

October - Halloween Party: **CANCELLED.** A motion was made and approved to cancel the Halloween party.

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 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:

Nominating Committee: The Board held a Special Board Meeting and the Nominating Committee for the 2021 election of Officers and Directors was chosen. The Committee will put together their list of nominees no later than October 15, 2020. Members may make other nominations at the November meeting.

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. Anna Sullivan will send a message out looking for donations. Ed Trautmann has volunteered to help with the online auction. Mid-November is the target date to hold the auction.

Facebook Costume Contest: David Lafferty has suggested we have a Bulldog costume contest on the BCGS Facebook page for Halloween. Ed Trautmann has volunteered to help. It was suggested to have a BCGS member prize and a non-member prize. David Lafferty will put the event on Facebook. The most "likes" will determine the winners. Prizes will be given.

Christmas Activities: BCGS will do the Christmas card exchange, ornament exchange and Secret Santa Paws again this year. Citty Brugalette will send out an email to all members at the beginning of November.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: N/A

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:23 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

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) (entries closed)

Cashmere: October 16-18 (cancelled)

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)