

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

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

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: Joan Johnson: I have nothing to report but I am excited to hear everyone's reports today.

Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney: Thank you to everyone who participated in the online auction. It was very successful. Thank you.

Report of Secretary: Citty Brugalette: I received an email that came in through the BCGS website inquiring about membership. I tried replying several times and each one bounced back as undeliverable.

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher: BCGS spent \$175 on the spring edition Bulldogger ad. We have received \$310 in member renewals, general donations and newsletter sponsorship.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty Brugalette/Mia Carper): N/A

Website (Citty Brugalette): I have started to update the website with 2021 AKC shows for Washington and Oregon.

Public Education (Vacant): N/A

Social Media (Mia Carper/David Lafferty): We have 25 new "likes" on the BCGS Facebook page for a total of 2,206 "likes."

Newsletter (Suzi/Abby Crickmore): N/A

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): N/A

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan):

- The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has removed guidance that allowed licensees to self-report noncompliance.
- Oregon HB 3008: Prohibits person from using specified types of animals in traveling animal act (e.g. carnival, circus, etc.)

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Jay Serion, Cindy Mazingo, Jenifer Dayal.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BCGS Online Auction: We had our first online auction via Facebook on January 23 – 30, 2021. Total proceeds from the auction were \$2,411. Shipping costs were \$345 and averaged out at about \$9 per item. We had \$18 in Paypal fees. Total net profit is \$2,047.

- BCGS should consider doing an online auction on a yearly basis.

Activities for 2021:

Virtual Happy Hour: A virtual happy hour for St. Patrick's Day was suggested. This will be combined with our March meeting and be held on March 13, 2021.

BCGS Specialty Show 2021:

Show Chairs: Sandy Fisher and Citty Brugalette

Date and Venue: **NEW DATES:** Hotel RL Olympia on August 6, August 7 and August 8, 2021.

of Shows: A motion was made and approved to have 6 shows in 2021. We will also have NOHS, 4-6 month puppy and sweeps. Juniors will also be offered.

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.

- Save the Date ad in full color was submitted for the Bulldogger Spring 2021 edition.
- Once judges are confirmed, Sandy Fisher will create a flyer. Citty Brugalette will email the flyer around early June to other clubs within Division V. The BCGS website will be updated and the flyer can be posted on Facebook.

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?).
 - Jester Bomber's Memphis Bella (Erica Peters) won best puppy in 2019. Trish Whitney will have the trophy updated.

Vendors: **TBD DEPENDING ON COVID.** 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?

- Dave Harrington emailed the NW Naturals contact to confirm they are still interested. No response received.

- Citty Brugalette reached out to NW Naturals and they cannot commit at this time as to whether or not they can be a sponsor due to Covid. They will see how things are in a few months.
- Dave Harrington reached out to Royal Canin and they would potentially be interested in being a sponsor but they want to be the only food company. RC will not do monetary sponsorship unless they can come to the show. They have offered up to 40 prizes.
 - If NW Naturals will not commit or are not interested, we will pursue RC.

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. Need items donated for both fundraisers.

Merchandise: The club has placed an order for Bullycon T-shirts, Crewneck Sweatshirts, Hoodies and Zip-Up Hoodie Sweatshirts.

Volunteers Needed: There are many volunteer opportunities available.

Hotel room: A group booking link will be set up. 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. For RV spots, you will have to call the hotel directly as their online system is not set up for those reservations.

Superhero Parade/Costume Contest: Looking at having a Superhero parade/costume contest 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.

- Need to get medallions.
 - Contact Janice O'Neill in June/July.

AKC Paperwork: Applications have been submitted to AKC and are pending.

Superintendent: The Board had a special meeting on February 4, 2021 and voted to go with Baray as Superintendent. The contract has been signed and returned. BCGS will provide a Show Secretary and ribbons.

NEW BUSINESS:

See's Candy Fundraiser: Does BCGS want to do an online candy fundraiser to raise money for the 2021 Specialty? "This virtual fundraising option is contact-free and paperless. Set up your free online shop, share the link with supporters, and we'll ship the orders. No minimum required."

<https://fundraising.sees.com/ways-to-fundraise>. Motion was made and approved to move forward with this fundraiser. Sandy Fisher will set up the online store, a link will be posted on Facebook and Citty Brugalette will send an email to all members.

- See's Candy Yum-raising:
 - Set up your online shop
 - Spread the word
 - Let us ship directly to your supporters
 - Sit back and enjoy the profits!
- Spring fundraising is available with a turn in date of 3/19/21.

Tote Bag Fundraiser: Suzy Holleran is making custom tote bags using a photo of your choice. She has offered to sell her custom tote bags to members as a fundraiser and BCGS would get a portion of sales.

- Is there any interest in BCGS doing a fundraiser?

Boxed Lunches for Specialty: BCGS can do boxed lunches at the August Specialty instead of hosting a buffet style lunch. The order form would be in the Premium list and people would pre-order their lunches.

- Anna Sullivan will look into possible vendors in Olympia.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: N/A

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:42 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

March 13 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Special Events:

Virtual Happy Hour – March 13

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

4/8 – 4/9: Albany, OR (Specialty – SWOB/BCA)

4/9 – 4/11: Albany, OR

4/17 – 4/18: Moses Lake

4/24 – 4/25: Tacoma

4/30 – 5/2: Ellensburg

5/6 – 5/9: Elma

5/13 – 5/16: Klamath Falls, OR (Specialty – BCA on 5/15)

REMINDERS:

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.

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.