

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

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

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: As the vice president for Division V, it is my responsibility to put together a slate of nominations for the Division Board as we are losing a few people to the Nationals Board. The slate is done and we have some new people getting involved.

Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney: N/A

Report of Secretary: Citty Brugalette: N/A

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher: Not much activity since the last report. The club's domain name was automatically renewed for another year. The Annual Nonprofit Corporation Report was filed with the State of WA. The BofA checking account signers were updated to include Sandy Fisher (Treasurer) and Joan Johnson (President). Citty Brugalette (Secretary) will also be added once she is able to get to the Sammamish branch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Citty Brugalette/Mia Carper): There is a small park in Bellevue where we can put together a playdate for a few dogs/people.

Website (Citty Brugalette): I have been working on updating the AKC show page as well as the activities pages.

Public Education (Vacant):

Social Media (Mia Carper/David Lafferty): We have been posting daily. Most likes and comments are from non-members.

Newsletter (Vacant):

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): N/A

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): HB 1424 has been introduced which would stop new pet stores from selling dogs and cats. It also requires that all dogs sold by Washington pet stores come from shelters, rescues or qualified breeders who meet the Washington state law regarding housing and other kennel standards and the 50-dog ownership limit. HB 1424 also further restricts animal ownership. Current law states that a person may not own, possess, control, or have custody or charge of more than fifty intact dogs over the age of six months at any time. However, those with a USDA license were exempt from this limit. HB 1424 would further tighten this limit by only exempting those who have maintained a USDA license without interruption since January 1, 2010.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Suzy and Chris Holleran; Shawn Stephen

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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.

- Citty Brugalette has been working closely with Suzy Holleran in finalizing details and an email blast will go out soon to members and we will also post on the Facebook page for non-members.

Boxed Lunches for Specialty: BCGS is going to do pre-order boxed lunches for Sunday, August 8, 2021. The order form will be printed in the Premium List.

Rose City Classic 2021 Show: New dates for show will be July 28-August 1 at the St. Paul Rodeo Grounds in St. Paul, OR (34 miles SW of Portland).

- Citty Brugalette obtained permission from Beth Stephenson (OSBC) to do supported entries for 2 days. Citty Brugalette emailed all relevant information to Patti Strand.

Custom Stainless Steel Travel Mugs: Suzi Crickmore has a contact that can make custom mugs. Suzi will gather info and present it to BCGS. Citty Brugalette will email Suzi the Bulldog Aviator images so she can find out if that design can be put on the mugs and what the wholesale cost would be.

- Citty Brugalette will send a follow up email to Suzi.

Virtual First Aid Class: Suzi Crickmore has offered to do a virtual first aid class for BCGS at no cost. People would just need to purchase the CPR Anytime Kit.

Division V: We need people to step up and help support Division V. There will be a board election later this year and will need to fill some positions.

BCGS Trailer: A small group should go and look at/organize the contents of the trailer. Citty Brugalette will contact Ashley Wall and get a date set up.

- This will be conducted as a Board meeting.

BCGS Patches: Does the Club want to invest in getting patches made? Dave Harrington, Suzi Crickmore and Mia Carper will research costs.

- Anna Sullivan has a connection and will get pricing.

Activities for 2021:

Paint Your Pet: Mia Carper is looking into dates to have a Paint Your Pet in Federal Way.

Fun Match: Joan Johnson will host a fun match at her house. Date is TBD but looking at July.

- **Potential dates are July 3 or July 24.**

Slobberfest: Date is TBD for September 2021.

- Marymoor is not accepting applications yet but ours has been submitted and it is on file. Potential date is September 18.
- Mia Carper will chair and ask Bulldog Haven if they want to participate this year.

Halloween Party: Date is TBD. Need to find location.

- Mia Carper will contact Kent Family Dog.
- Dave Harrington will contact Win-Star.

Christmas Party: TBD

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 4-6 month puppy and sweeps. Juniors will also be offered.

Judges: Judges have been secured and contracts are signed.

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.
- Flyer has been emailed to all members and has been posted on the Facebook page and on the website.

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? YES. 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?

- **Mia Carper will reach out to a couple vendors that attended Slobberfest to see if they are interested.**
- **Suzy Holleran asked if she can sell generic tote bags at our event.**

Sponsors: Dave Harrington will check with Northwest Naturals to inquire if they will sponsor in 2021. 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 in November 2020 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.
- **Citty Brugalette sent an email to Patti on March 31 with no response. Follow up email was sent on April 5.**
 - **We will wait a little bit longer on NW Naturals before we reach out to RC. Citty Brugalette will try to fine another person at NW Naturals to try and contact.**
- 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: 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. The group rate is good through July 1, 2021.

Superhero Parade/Costume Contest: The Club has decided to not hold this but encourage dressing up and decorating crates.

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 have been approved.

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:

Aviator Bulldog Merchandise: Do we want to order and start selling merchandise at the Specialty in August?

- Motion made and approved.

BCGS Trophy: It was suggested that we start a new tradition and get a big trophy we can display at our Specialties and engrave it each year.

OSBC: OSBC needs members. BCGS members are encouraged to provide suggestions for how to increase interest and build up membership for OSBC. All interested are encouraged to join.

Membership Committee: It was suggested a membership committee be put together to think of ideas and ways to bring in new members. Is there a BCA rule that states each applicant has to have 2 current members sign off for them? The committee will consist of:

- Ed Trautmann
- Anna Sullivan
- Keith Trautmann
- Trish Whitney
- Joan Johnson

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: N/A

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:00 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

May 22, 2021 at 1 pm – Zoom

Special Events:

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

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)

6/27 – Canby, OR

7/8 – 7/12: Puyallup

7/24 – 7/26: Portland, OR

7/29 – 7/31: St. Paul, OR (Rose City)

8/1: Sequim

8/6 – 8/8: Olympia (BCGS Specialty)

8/14 – 8/15: Enumclaw (Sammamish Kennel Club)

8/21 – 8/22: Enumclaw (Olympic Kennel Club)

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.