

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2022 – Via Zoom

Members Present: Trish & Len Whitney, Anna Sullivan, Citty Brugalette, Ron & Mia Carper, Dave & Cathy Harrington, Joan Johnson, Sandy Fisher, Suzi & Abby Crickmore, Brian Nolan, Ed & Keith Trautmann

Guests: Shannon Wallace

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: Joan Johnson: Nothing to report.

Report of Vice President: Trish Whitney: Nothing to report.

Report of Secretary: Citty Brugalette: I received an email from AKC on 12/22/21 on “Changes to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows” which related to the Bred-by-Exhibitor class, how age is calculated for entries and Winners Class. These changes go into effect for all conformation events held on or after March 29, 2022. This email was forwarded to all BCGS members on 12/22/21.

I received an email inquiry on 1/10/21 which came from the website from someone looking for a trainer recommendation. A post was made on Facebook asking for recommendations.

I received an email from AKC on 1/11/22 on “How to increase Junior participation in Clubs.” If anyone is interested in reading the AKC email, please let me know and I will forward it.

I received an email from AKC on 1/25/22 on “Event Operations Update to Conformation Clubs” which relates to changes to limited events policy for specialty clubs. Starting with the 2022 calendar year, local Conformation specialty clubs can hold four shows per year. Previously they were limited to two shows or two days of shows per year. If anyone is interested in reading the AKC email, please let me know and I will forward it.

Report of Treasurer: Sandy Fisher: We received the check from the See’s Candies fundraiser in the amount of \$634. We made \$140 on embroidered sweatshirts. Expenses were \$1,025 on the Aviator shirt orders but we received \$620 in pre-order sales; \$175 on the Specialty ad for the Bulldogger; \$350 for the Specialty Mardi Gras design logo and \$270 for reserving the shelter for Slobberfest but Bulldog Haven NW will pay half of that fee. Approximate total in bank is \$19,100.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Mia Carper/Citty Brugalette): Anna Sullivan will join the activities committee. We have the I Heart My Bulldog event on February 12 at Postdoc Brewing. There is no charge for the room rental but beer and cider will need to be purchased. There should also be a food truck on site.

Website (Citty Brugalette): I have started to update the website with upcoming 2022 shows and activities.

Public Education (Vacant): N/A

Social Media (Mia Carper): I have been updating the cover photo with whatever event we have going on for that month. Non-members were the only ones submitting photos for the cover photo contest. More members need to participate.

Newsletter (Vacant): N/A

Membership Committee (Ed Trautmann, chair/Ana Sullivan/Keith Trautmann/Trish Whitney/Joan Johnson): There is a bulldog meetup Sunday at 9 am at the Dog Yard in Ballard. Any dogs over 8 months old need to be spayed/neutered.

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): We have received 5 renewal applications. February 1 is the deadline to submit before the website is updated.

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): Nothing to report.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Wayne & Shannon Wallace

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BCGS Specialty Trophy: Motion was previously made and approved to do trophy for Best Bred-By.

- Suggestions for a name for the trophy are a Legends Trophy, Randy Rudyk and Melanie Trichler.
- Joan Johnson met with a trophy guy and he will come up with some possible ideas on what he can do for a trophy.

2022 Facebook Auction: We had a great and successful auction. We brought in \$2,365 in bids and total amount of shipping charges paid were \$327. BCGS has incurred \$340 in shipping fees but not everything has been accounted for so that number will change. All proceeds have been earmarked for the 2022 Specialty. Anna Sullivan will do research prior to the next auction in how to keep shipping costs down. If anyone has any lessons learned or ideas for the next auction, please email them to Anna at bulldogams956@gmail.com.

New location for in-person meetings: We are hoping to have an in-person meeting in March. Ed Trautmann is looking for locations in case the Berliner Pub is not open by then.

2022 Event Calendar: Potential events for 2022 include bowling, ice cream social, walk in an Easter parade, bulldog walk, visit a pumpkin patch, fun match, picnic/BBQ, grooming class, handling class. Running with the Bulldogs at Emerald Downs, Fast Cat, ask Cheryl Knapp to do a demo regarding tricks and agility were also suggested.

Mentor Program for New Members: Keith Trautmann suggested BCGS start a mentor program for new members. Keith would like to make sure all new members feel comfortable with doing stuff and would like to reach out to them about what being a member entails and about his experience with going to dog shows. Keith will email some ideas around to the Board.

2023 Nationals: Joan Johnson will be the show chair. Please let Joan know if you have any interest in volunteering on a committee. BCGS will need a lot of support.

Ring Equipment: UKC has been disbanded and they might have the rings that we have. Would the Club like David Harrington to look into this and possibly purchasing the ring equipment from them?

- Dave Harrington will inquire on pricing and see what equipment is available.
- The UKC equipment has fallen through and is not happening but Dave is working with Sharon Dykes on finding ring equipment. We specifically need cones.

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.

- It was suggested that Suzi can teach one thing during each meeting.

Activities for 2022:

I Heart My Bulldog – February 12, 2022 at Postdoc Brewing in Redmond.

BCGS Specialty Show 2022:

Show Chair: Citty Brugalette

Date and Venue: Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake (formerly known as Hotel RL Olympia) on August 5, August 6 and August 7, 2022.

Superintendent: BaRay. Citty Brugalette is working on getting a contract.

of Shows: There will be 6 shows in three days. Juniors, sweeps and best puppy will be offered.

Judges: Judges have been secured and all contracts are signed.

Show Theme: Mardi Gras.

Premium List/Catalog/Catalog Advertising (Sandy Fisher):

Silent Auction (Anna Sullivan):

Hospitality (Keith Trautmann):

Judge's Gifts/Ribbons/Trophies (Joan Johnson):

Merchandise:

Fundraisers: Beer/wine pull and pot of gold.

- Ideas for other fundraisers – beaded necklace with bulldog on it; Mardi Gras themed cool coat.

Vendors: Do we want to have vendors again?

Sponsors: Northwest Naturals? They previously offered a \$1,500 sponsorship for 2020 shows.

Educational Seminar: We did not have a seminar in 2021. Do we want to try and put something together for 2022? Do we want to ask Purina to do an Ask the Vet? Health clinics?

Volunteers: There are many volunteer opportunities available. If anyone would like to volunteer and help a committee, please contact City Brugalette.

Hotel: The booking link will be provided early 2022. Get your reservations in early to get the special group rate.

Slobberfest – September 17, 2022 at Marymoor Park (Velodrome shelter) in Redmond. Bulldog Haven NW will participate and co-host.

- BCGS will need volunteers to help with this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Requests: City Brugalette would like to order BCGS plastic bags to use as Welcome Bags at the Specialty and other events. The cost is approximately \$140 for 250 bags. Anna Sullivan requests a budget of \$150 to use towards the 2022 Specialty silent auction.

- Motion made and approved for both budget requests.

Breed Booth: Tacoma Kennel Club will having breed booths at their April 23 – 25 all-breed shows. Cost is \$50 for the weekend and the deadline to submit an application is March 1.

- Does BCGS want to host a booth?

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: N/A

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:24 p.m.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

February 15 at 7:00 p.m. – via Zoom

Special Events:

I Heart My Bulldog: February 12

BCGS Specialty Show: August 5-7

Slobberfest: September 17

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

2/25 – 2/27/22: Albany, OR

3/12 – 3/13/22: Salem, OR

3/26 – 3/27: Bremerton, WA

4/7 – 4/8: Albany, OR (Specialty – SWOBC)

4/8 – 4/10: Albany, OR

4/16 – 4/17: Moses Lake, WA

REMINDERS:

Bullycon/Seattle Aviator Merchandise: If anyone would like to purchase any merchandise, 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.

Tote Bags: If you would like to order a personalized tote bag, please email Citty Brugalette at cbrugalette@gmail.com.

OSBC Applications: Please contact either Joan Johnson (joanjohnson915@hotmail.com) or Citty Brugalette (cbrugalette@gmail.com) if you would like an application emailed to you.