

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2025 - Zoom

Members Present: Joan Johnson, Nancy & Dennis Piccolotto, Citty Ortega, Anna Sullivan, Mia & Ron Carper, Julie Dow, Ana Beard, Michele Hawk, Suzy Holleran, Theresa Bakken, Kimberly Houghton, Brian Nolan, Dave & Cathy Harrington, Manda Lyghts, Jay Serion

Guests: N/A

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 pm

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

Report of President: (Joan Johnson): Nothing to report.

Report of Vice President (Mia Carper): Nothing to report.

Report of Secretary: (Citty Ortega):

- I received an inquiry through the website on February 17, 2025 from Damien Keehn. His grandmother, Elaine Keehn, had recently passed and the family would like to donate some of her Bulldog items from her collection. Joan Johnson made arrangements with the family to pick up the items.
- I received an email from Karen Zimny on January 27, 2025 forwarding an email from AKC re “Upcoming Event Service Fee Adjustment – Effective October 1, 2025.” The current fee of \$3.00 per entry will increase to \$4.50 per entry.
- I received an email from AKC on February 21, 2025 re: Update to Clubs – February 2025. I emailed same to all members on February 24, 2025.
- I received an email from AKC on February 26, 2024 re: Event Service Fee Increase Postponed. I emailed same to all members on February 27, 2024.

Report of Treasurer: (Sandy Fisher): Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Anna Sullivan, chair/Laura Tuttle/Kate Jack/Michele Hawk): We are going to do a Paint Your Pet in June. If anyone has any locations to suggest for meet ups, please let Anna Sullivan know. Michele Hawk will chair the Running with the Bulldogs and Halloween party. Michele Hawk is looking for volunteers to help with RWTB on June 8, 2025. Joan Johnson and Mia Carper volunteered to help with RWTB.

Website (Citty Ortega/Kimberly Houghton): The website has been updated with AKC shows to date as well as upcoming activities. Kimberly is working on fixing the home page since the slideshow was accidentally removed. Our web hosting costs are going to increase significantly in 2026. Kimberly Houghton is looking into changing platforms and will put together a presentation of options to present to the Board.

Public Education (Jay Serion): Nothing to report.

Social Media (Jay Serion, Chair/Ashley Wall/Michele Hawk/Kate Jack): We should check the AKC website to clarify the rules on videotaping the dog shows.

Newsletter (Vacant): N/A

Membership Committee (Ed Trautmann, chair/Anna Sullivan/Keith Trautmann/Joan Johnson): Nothing to report.

Breeder Referral Committee (Joan Johnson): Nothing to report.

Legislation Liaison (Brian Nolan): I have been exchanging emails with Ward McAfee regarding a good breeding practices letter we can put together.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: N/A

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2025 Show Site Committee: In previous meetings, it was suggested that a committee be formed to visit the Academy of Canine Behavior to identify areas of improvement with ring size and placement. Volunteers were requested again this month, but no one responded.

Activities for 2025:

BCGS Specialty Show 2025:

Show Chair: Jay Serion

Date and Venue: August 1, August 2 and August 3, 2025 at the Academy of Canine Behavior in Bothell.

Superintendent: BaRay.

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

Judges:

Show Theme:

Premium List/Catalog/Catalog Advertising:

Silent Auction:

Hospitality:

Judge's Gifts/Ribbons/Trophies:

Merchandise:

Fundraisers:

Vendors:

Sponsors:

Educational Seminar:

NEW BUSINESS:

See's Candies Spring Fundraiser (Citty Ortega): We will do a spring fundraiser this year. It is low risk and not a lot of work to do.

BCGS Club Meetings and Meet Ups (Joan Johnson): We would like to get more get togethers on the calendar and stagger the club meetings and meetups. A motion was made, seconded and accepted to hold club meetings every other month with meetups in between. If there is something important to discuss during a non-meeting month, we will call for a meeting.

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award (Joan Johnson): BCA has asked each Division to nominate a club member for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Each local club in the Division will present a nomination to the Division V Board. BCGS will nominate Nancy Piccolotto as she previously won the BCGS Good Sportsmanship Award in January 2025.

Paint Your Paint: Citty Ortega is working with Wine & Design in Snohomish to put together a BCGS Paint Your Pet event. A portion of the sales will go back to BCGS. June 28, 2025 is the tentative date.

New Stand-Alone Specialty (Michele Hawk): Since the January winter cluster in Puyallup will not be going forward, I would like to find another cluster to have a specialty that does not conflict with our August specialties. We can discuss further at the next meeting.

Slobberfest (Citty Ortega): Sandy Fisher and I are working on locking down a date for Slobberfest and are trying to get September 13, 2025. Marymoor Park has changed their process for holding events and we will now have to be an official vendor and pay a \$40 vendor fee with a 10% portion of any sales going to the park. BHNW will now solely become a vendor and not an official co-sponsor to help them offset their costs.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: N/A

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:54 pm

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

April 17, 2025 at 7 pm via Zoom

Special Events:

Running with the Bulldogs: June 8, 2025

Paint Your Pet: June 28, 2025

BCGS Specialty Shows: August 1 – 3, 2025

Slobberfest: TBD

REMINDERS:

BCGS 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.