

The Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle
Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2025 - Zoom

Members Present: Citty Ortega, Dave & Cathy Harrington, Joan Johnson, Manda & Corey Lyghts, Cindy Jaciuk, Ed & Keith Trautmann, Suzy Holleran, Sandy Fisher, Ana Beard, Michele Hawk, Brian Nolan, Amy Lee, Mia Carper, Kimberly Houghton

Guests: N/A

Educational Instruction: N/A

Meeting Called to Order: 7:01 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 email on December 26, 2024 from AKC re Update to Clubs – December 2024. I forwarded the same to all club members on December 27, 2024.
- I received an email on January 22, 2025 from Ward McAfee re recommendations approved by the BCA council to implement in the responsibilities as a Bulldog owner. I forwarded the same to all club members on January 22, 2025.

Report of Treasurer: (Sandy Fisher): Income in 2024 was \$26,486.70 and expenses were \$25,370.85; a net income of \$1,115.85. Total assets are \$21,941.14 of which \$5,300 was revenue from the BCA 2023 National. 2024 Profit and Loss summary is attached. I am still working on the January specialty summary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Anna Sullivan, chair/Laura Tuttle/Kate Jack/Michele Hawk): Anna is requesting ideas for get togethers and events with or without dogs that are outside of our regular activities. Laura Tuttle will reach out to the Berliner for some meet up dates. Michele Hawk will chair the Running with the Bulldogs.

Website (Citty Ortega): Nothing has been updated in a while. Kimberly Houghton will help manage the website.

Public Education (Jay Serion): Absent.

Social Media (Jay Serion, Chair/Ashley Wall/Michele Hawk/Kate Jack): While we can't stream shows anymore on the Facebook page, Michele Hawk will continue to post about local shows happening.

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): The CDC will revisit the dog importation rules which limit public health risks for imported dogs. The rules passed in 2024 were too severe and broad.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: N/A

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

January Specialty at Puyallup (Michele Hawk): Thank you everyone for helping with the show. I would like to do it again next year.

2025 Specialty Location: Emerald Queen is too small. The 2025 shows will be in Bothell again and a committee will be put together to view the location for ideas on ways to make improvements from last year. We should start looking at other locations for 2026.

Activities for 2025:

I Love My Bulldog: February 15, 2025 at Triplehorn Brewing in Woodinville.

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:

BCA recommendations to implement as a Bulldog Owner:

1. AKC Dog owners and breeders must be unified in the fact that our Breed Standards are the blueprint for Healthy, well-tempered and conformationally correct dogs, this united front demands that all dog breed owners be unified when it comes to ignorant criticism of a breed and its standard.
2. We must own the potential health issues our breeds could possibly incur. We must make efforts to publicize the measures we are taking to improve our breeds in all ways. The BCA is and has been for years out front with encouraging and rewarding health testing and the Charitable Fund making available funds for numerous health studies, we need to make this information on these programs public for the good they do.
3. We should use social media to show, as many of us have, what well-bred Bulldogs look like and are capable of.

(While we were meeting it was noted that several New Hampshire legislators were sent educational videos showing brachycephalic breeds in performance and in general day to day activities. We were told that this helped the legislators in understanding that the breeds in question weren't the genetic train wrecks as presented by the sponsor of the bill and the speakers in favor of New Hampshire 1102.)

4. We must make the time to meet our elected officials and educate them. For the most part our elected legislators are not involved in the Dog Fancy and are ignorant to our endeavors. Consider setting up a meeting at their office to discuss bills or ordinances that negatively or positively affect you as a dog owner and breeder. Invite your congressman to come to your show so they can see what their constituents are involved in. Seeing is believing and inviting your lawmaker to meet a litter of healthy puppies you have bred is another wonderful educational experience. Send your elected officials information, readily available by each state which you can find on the AKC Government Relations website, to show the economic impact of Dog shows and Performance events.
5. BOAS testing using the Respiratory Function Grading Scheme can be used to increase awareness of healthy brachycephalic dog breeds. This thought might be considered controversial to some, but it is currently the most supported form of testing. We should actively recruit Veterinarians to become certified in this testing curriculum. As of today, there are no Veterinarians in New Hampshire that are certified to apply this testing method.
6. The BCA, BCA members and Member Clubs, need to financially support, as best they can, groups individual State Federations, NAIA and AKC PACS. The intent and purpose of these groups is to protect our rights.

Brian Nolan will put together a form letter that members can send to our legislators.

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: N/A

NEW BREEDER REFERRAL APPLICATIONS: N/A

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:42 om

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS:

Monthly Meetings:

February 27 at 7 pm via Zoom

Special Events:

I Love My Bulldog: February 15, 2025

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

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.

<p align="center">Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle 2024 Profit and Loss</p>

Income

2024 Specialty Show	\$11,457.00
2023 BCA National Proceeds	\$5,300.00
2025 January Specialty Show (catalog ads)	\$370.00
2024 Obedience/Rally Trial	\$3,582.56
General Fund Donations	\$304.25
Rescue Donations (from renewals)	\$200.00
Merchandise Sales	\$1,778.00
Events and Fundraisers	\$2,274.89
Membership dues (2024: \$920 & 2025: \$300)	\$1,220.00
Misc. Income	\$0.00

Total Income: \$26,486.70

Expenses

2024 Specialty Show	\$15,802.24
2024 Obedience/Rally Trial	\$3,070.53
2025 January Specialty Show	\$40.00
2024 National Show Donation (Basket)	\$100.00
Merchandise Purchases	\$2,823.18
Rescue Donations (from renewals)	\$160.00
Donations to Division V Member	\$500.00
Trophy Donations to other clubs	\$200.00
Insurance - Liability	\$550.00
Misc. Expenses, incl. supplies	\$691.63
PayPal/Square/Misc Fees & Postage	\$148.71
Administrative Expenses	\$274.65
Event Expenses	\$1,009.91

Total Expenses: \$25,370.85

<p align="center">Net Income/Loss (Income less Expenses): \$1,115.85</p>

<p align="center">Bulldog Club of Greater Seattle 2024 Balance Sheet</p>

Assets

Bank of America Checking (BCGS)	\$19,950.33
Bank of America Checking (Spec Show Earmarked)	\$1,631.65
PayPal	\$259.16
Petty Cash	\$100.00

Total Current Assets: \$21,941.14

Liabilities & Equity

Unrestricted (Retained Earnings)	\$18,865.56
Bank of America Checking (Spec Show Earmarked)	\$1,631.65
Uncashed Check	\$328.08
Net Income/Loss for 2024	\$1,115.85

Total Current Assets: \$21,941.14