



PACIFIC RIM BLOODHOUND CLUB “PAWPRINTS”



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President's Message

PRBC Members:

I hope this newsletter is finding that everyone has made it through the winter and is ready to start spring. I know for myself this winter was packed full of search and rescue missions with most months having at least 11 missions. It makes for a very tired dog and handler. A lot of progress has been made by the committee members for the Regional and National. They continue to work hard to make sure that these events will be a success. This march Susie, Cheryl, Janis, Betty, Stacey and Marie went to Clarkston to check out the hotel and venue site for the National. I look forward to hearing about what they have found. The site for the regional trailing trial I hear is exceptional and can't wait to see it for myself.

This winter has also brought with it the loss of several individuals we hold close to our hearts. I appreciate the generosity and outward show of appreciation made by members of the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club. It truly speaks to the caring nature of the members of this organization.

In March we held a teleconference for the membership meeting. It was well received, easy and fun! I hope to have more meetings in the teleconference format so that potentially more of the membership and attend and be heard.

Lastly I want to say Thank You to all you have sent well wishes my way. Brodie is on the mend and I hope to have him back in top form very soon. See you all in Puyallup in June.

Becky Irving
Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club President



**2011
National
Specialty
Committee
Chairs *STILL* Need-
ed**

Trailing - Lynn Harty and Cheryl Croomenees

Obedience/Rally/CGC - Website/News/Publicity -

National Treasurer - Marie Taylor

Trophies/Ribbons/Rosettes - Suzi Paine

Boutique - Hospitality/Banquet/Food - Betty Seigal and Tim Whetstine

Auction/Raffle/Fundraising - Top 20 - Kim Hansen

Catalog (ads/Sales) - Show Merchandise/Logo -

Grounds - Sherry Whetstine

Judges Hospitality - Janis Hardy

Vendors - Janis Hardy

Facebook Group - Sherry Whetstine

MEETING MINUTES: TACOMA, WA JANUARY 16, 2010

Minutes Recorded by PRBC VP, Sonnya Crawford

Members Present: Becky Irving, Betty Siegal, Janis Hardy, Suzi Paine, Cheryl Cromeenes, and Sonnya Crawford

The **Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club** is called to order at 11:07am by **President, Becky Irving**. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the November meeting by Janis Hardy. This was seconded by Cheryl Cromeenes and voted on. The motion passed. The **Treasurer's Report** was read and is attached. There was no report by the Vice President or Secretary. **Rescue Report:** We have Charlie and Cassie in Rescue currently. Charlie is blind in one eye but has several serious inquiries at this time. Cassie is very lame from a serious, chronic infection. Xrays have been taken to assure that the infection does not involve bone or joints. The Lakehomers euthanized their Rescue boy, Duke, and a sympathy card was passed around. **Trailing Trial Committee Report:** Betty, Cheryl and Janis explored options for a location for the trailing trial which will be held in conjunction with the 2010 Regionals. They found a beautiful site with a cluster of schools that backs up to a park and neighborhood. The school administration has been contacted and they are in the works to finalize details on using this location. Judges are being lined up. They are offering 2 MTX, 2 MTI, AND 4 MT trails. **Regional Report:** Sonnya and Suzi are meeting with the Olympic Kennel Club members on Feb. 4th to discuss final details. Our premium list is due at that time, which is much earlier than usual. Janis is finalizing the trophy list. It was discussed and confirmed that we need to get a gift for our Sweeps judge, Jim Dok, but not the other judges or ring stewards, who will be taken care of by OKC. A motion was made by Janis to rent 2 motorhome sites during the show so that we have a meeting place. One site will be used by the Crawford's motorhome, which is open to all club members to use throughout the show weekend. The other site will be available for pop-ups and Ex-

pens. This was seconded by Betty, voted on and approved. Janis also motioned that the proceeds from the bloodhound quilt go to the Rescue fund and the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle go to the PRBC general fund. This was seconded by Cheryl, voted on and approved. Sonnya said that we are still looking for someone to handle the 50/50 raffle. The **National Committee** report was read and is attached. **Old Business:** Janis and Suzi worked hard yesterday cleaning out the storage unit. Outdated t-Shirts, bags, aprons and sweatshirts were passed around and given away to the attendees. Janis motioned that the fanny packs be donated to NWBSAR for use as first aid kits. This was seconded by Suzi, voted on and approved. Suzi advised that they threw away 6-12 bags of junk and dead scare crows. The remaining stuff needs to go to Stacey Poler for use at Nationals or is stuff that Janis can use for this year's Regional trophies. Suzi will send a detailed list of the inventory to Stacey to see what she wants to use. The Crawford's may but the 3 laminate tables. **New Business:** Suzi has been working on the PRBC Corporation renewal which is due in September. Currently Suzi's address is used on the Corporate forms. A motion was made by Betty to leave the forms with Suzi's address. This was seconded by Cheryl, voted on and passed. A motion was made to adjourn by Janis and seconded by Betty. Adjourned at 12:12pm.

MEETING MINUTES: TELECONFERENCE MARCH 13, 2010

Minutes recorded by PRBC Treasurer, Kay Schmitt

Members present: Becky Irving, Suzi Paine, Cheryl Cromeenes, Betty Seigel, Claudia Myers, Kay Schmitt

The meeting was called to order at 11:05am. A motion to accept the minutes from the January 16, 2010 meeting was made. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. The **treasurer's report** was made by Kay Schmitt. A motion to accept was made, seconded and passed. There was no report by the Vice-President or Secretary. **Rescue report:** One bloodhound, named Jess (formerly Hilda), is in rescue.

This is her third time to come back into rescue. Sonnya has put her photo on Petfinder.com. **Trail-ing Trial report:** Betty reported that Jan Rothwell has the whole packet. It has been voted on and approved. The school has issued the permit for the site. Suzi visited the site and walked all over it. She is very impressed with the layout for the trails. **Re-gional report:** Cheryl has already e-mailed 50/50 raffle tickets for sale to many of the members. None have come in yet. Sonnya will be sending out more soon. The bloodhound quilt is ready for the raffle. National report: Suzi reported that a planning meeting will be held on the show site at the end of the month. Stacey plans to ask Barb Casciole to work on the boutique, as she has experience. A committee head for the auction/raffle is needed. Old business: Janis and Suzi have packed up all the 'stuff' from storage at Argus. Plans were discussed about transporting it out to Stacey. Janis and Suzi can load a van. Betty offered her truck to assist with delivery, leaving room for Cheryl to go along. New business: Sonnya has suggested a new column for the newsletter. Short articles about one or two members in each issue would serve to introduce them to the membership at large. A short discussion about whether the Vice President would write this column took place. Betty made the motion to approve the new column, Claudia seconded the motion and it passed.

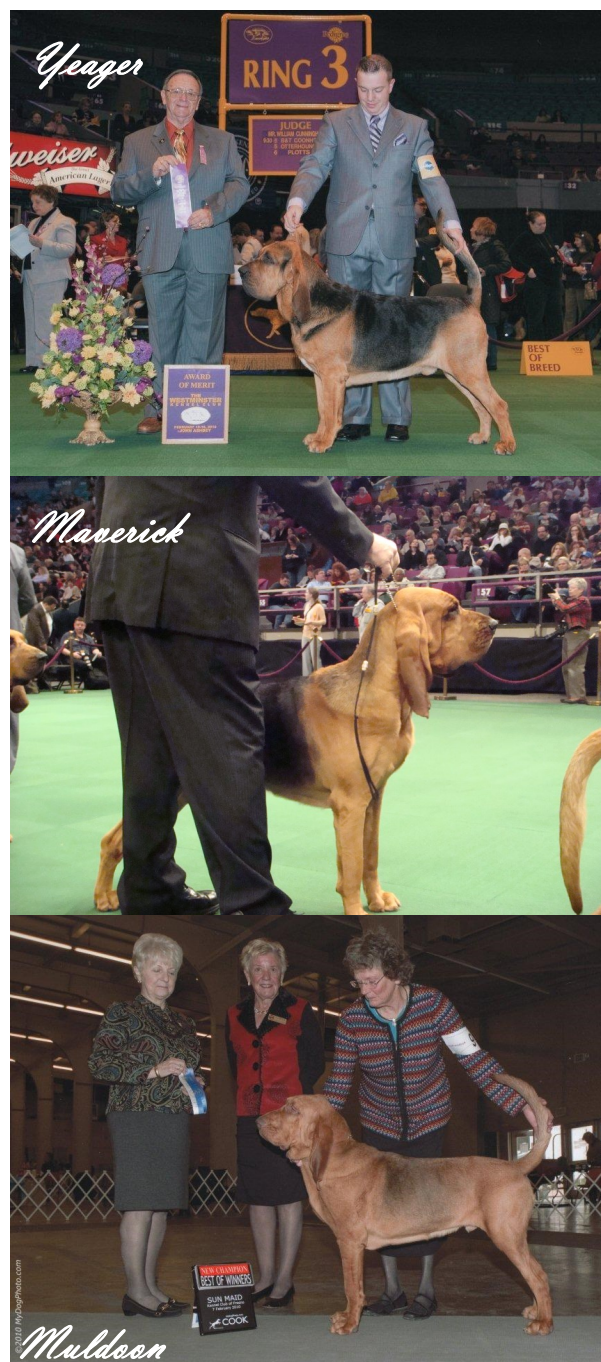
Cheryl was congratulated on the birth of her new granddaughter.

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 32. Next meeting is on June 12 at Suzi's house in Tacoma. Time will be set when the ring times are up for the Puyallup show.

BRAGS

Lyn Sherman - The two littermates did very well at Westminster this year. Ch Heathers Little Night Music won BOB at Westminster, Am/Can Ch Heathers Where Eagles Dare, won an AOM at Westminster, the littermates were bred by Heather & Peter Whitcomb & Lyn Sherman.

Lyn Sherman finished CH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather, a Yeager puppy from Ireland at 8 months in February. Look for Muldoon in Sweeps this year.



DON'T MISS OUT!
OUR NEXT PRBC MEETING
IS COMING UP!
JUNE 12, 2010
TACOMA, WA
AT THE HOME OF SUZI PAINE

Rescue Update

April 2010
Sonnya Crawford

In January, PRBC Rescue was given a lovely little female bloodhound, Cassie. Although, Cassie had some serious dermatologic issues, she was otherwise very sweet and healthy. After just a few weeks in lockdown, she was placed in the loving home of Camellia Welsh, a longtime hound owner and police officer. After a few days in her new home, we got the following email:

"I was going to write to you today, but I am glad you did. I just love her!!!! She now has a very happy SOUL and boy did she love that couch. At first she was timid with the other dog, but now they are buds."



I took Cassie to Value Village (Second Hand Store) and everyone wanted to pet her and she had a great time there. Then she went to meet her Uncle Joe, who cut up steak in little pieces for her to eat. Then she helped herself to my chicken sandwich, yes she is fitting in."

Right now, I left both dogs with the T.V. on the Animal Channel. I have been giving Cassie the meds, in food, but sometimes she spits out the pill. Now I make sure the food masks the smell of the pills. She is also chewing at her skin infection, is there anyway to stop that so that it heals quicker?"

Do not worry, I will send pictures and have her visit you and her family at your office. I will warn you first. It will be about 3 weeks before I can send pictures."

Thanks Again, PRBRescue. I just LOVE her."

Also in January, we received Alfred. We had been following Alfred's story for some time as his owner wanted to give him to Rescue but at the last minute found him a home with her own veterinarian. Unfortunately, as often is the case, this home only lasted for a few short weeks, and Alfred was ultimately turned over to us. Alfred is a beautiful, sweet, very large boy, but quickly found a home with the Lakehomer/Duffet family. You may remember this family because they had previously adopted Duke. Unfortunately,



Duke was recently euthanized. A sympathy card was passed around at a recent PRBC meeting. Here is an email we received after they brought Alfred home:

"Thank you so much for the sympathy card. It touched our hearts to know that you and others of PRBC Rescue recognize how attached we get to our dogs and how hard it is to lose them. We feel fortunate to have known Duke and are glad we were able to provide him a good home for at least a couple of years. Now I just have to remind myself that he is in a better place, without the demons that haunted him so."

Alfred is turning out to be quite a guy. He is very strong and a challenge for me to manage on the hiking or running trail so we are working on manners. But he loves the dog park. We have several in Eugene, and one that is quite large, for him to run and play with other dogs. He is quite social, to say the least! At home, he is settling in. He seems to be becoming quite comfortable with us and has started to play with Jim. We really like him."

Thank you again for your kind thoughts and words, Jean"

We currently have 2 beautiful hound girls in Rescue. Madison is a 4-year-old black full coat spayed female.



She was found as a stray in Snohomish county. She is sweet, knows basic commands and loves car rides. Regan is a small 5-year-old black & tan female from Oregon. Her owner passed away and family members couldn't keep her. She is also very sweet and well-behaved. She came into Rescue as an intact female and was not current on vaccines, but we've since remedied those little problems.



As always, check our Petfinder.com page often for updates on our rescue bloodhounds. <http://www.petfinder.com/pet-search?shelterid=WA300> Keep telling friends about our hounds and support bloodhound rescue when you can.

Shamus' Adventure

April 2010
Sonnya Crawford

As some of you may know our daughter, Allison, is going to a boarding school in Utah. She gets pretty homesick and lonely. Last month, I went out there for a week to visit Allison. Her only request was that I bring Shamus.

My dilemma was how to get him there. With his service vest on, he could have flown on the plane and sat between my legs. This was not a good vision though; I'm not a small lady and Shamus is HUGE. I could only imagine 2 very uncomfortable and painful hours. So, we drove to Utah... in the Lincoln. I'm sure most people that saw us thought I was crazy for putting a dog—any dog—especially a bloodhound into a Lincoln, but I think it fits him. We laid the back seats down and Shamus was able to spread out during the ride. To keep him happy, I let him put his head out the sunroof occasionally. We also stopped often at McDonalds so that he could have a cheeseburger.



When we got to the school in Koosharem, Utah, Shamus put on two wonderful Search and Rescue presentations for the kids. We went to the gymnasium where all the girls came in and got to meet Shamus and hide for him, followed by all the boys.

The kids are all high-school aged and many have had a difficult time fitting into the world. In addition, many of these kids have been locked down at the school for several years. Seeing Shamus was a hit. This was truly animal therapy at it's finest. Shamus wandered around the gymnasium getting love and attention from all those kids for about 10 minutes. Once the initial excitement died down, Allison got to introduce us and hand-pick the kids who "hid" for Shamus. In each presentation, he easily found the 4 kids in the gymnasium and then 1 kid who hid outside in the hay.

Shamus not only loved the kids, but there was several feet of snow on the ground in Koosharem in March. Shamus LOVED the snow.

Many of the kids expressed interest in working with dogs and/or doing Search and Rescue work. Shamus and I stressed the importance of keeping a clean record and doing volunteer work. I think a lot of these kids really connected with that.

After the presentations, Shamus, Ali and I hit the road. We stayed in Provo for the week. Because we had no "safe" place to keep Shamus, he went everywhere with us: Macy's, JoAnn Fabrics, shopping in the mall, the movies, Outback restaurant, Walmart, etc. He kept his service animal vest on and EVERYONE greeted him with smiles, pets, and lots of Thank You's for the work he does.

National Show Committee Meeting

Clarkston, Washington
March 26-28, 2010

The 2011 Show committee held a meeting on our proposed show site the weekend of March 26-28. This was a very productive weekend where we were able to see the site, and all of the amenities it provided! The weekend began with Janis Hardy, Suzi Paine, Marie Taylor and Stacey Poler having dinner out and brainstorm session at Rooster's Landing. Roosters is located within walking distance of the Clarkston Quality Inn. Rooster's menu has all the diversity a person could want and who wouldn't love the catchy quotations and witty decorations throughout the restaurant and bar.

Saturday morning, after a lovely walk with our tag-a-long bloodhounds Spud and Folly, we enjoyed a lovely breakfast provided by the hotel in their on site restaurant, Bogey's Restaurant. After breakfast we joined up with Cheryl and Betty to "search" for a trailing site! We reviewed several options research by Marie Taylor and decided to visit Spalding Park first. Spalding was determined immediately to be a perfect location for a trailing trial and connections were made with local park representatives. Spalding park is a lovely site with disperse trees along the Clearwater River. The park is approximately 10 miles from the Clarkston Quality Inn and Conference Center and is large enough to hold all planned trails.

Saturday afternoon was full of brainstorming sessions on the lawn outside of our lovely hotel. We discussed trophies, judges trophies, trailing trial, trailing judges, hospitality, and vacant committee positions, etc. We had a lot of laughs and got some "serious" work done as well.

We enjoyed dinner on Saturday evening at Tomato Bros, an Italian restaurant also within walking distance of the hotel. Tomato Bros has a lovely menu with delicious choices including, specialty pastas, chicken parmesan, traditional pastas, and wood fired pizza.

Sunday morning we ran a fun trail with Miss Folly and visited the adjacent RV Park. Granite Lake RV Resort is adjacent to the Quality Inn and is right on the river. It has a newly remodeled clubhouse and several amenities including full hook-ups, free wi-fi, concrete patios, satellite TV, laundry facilities, restrooms/showers and is Pet Friendly!

