

PRBC Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 20, 1999, at the home of Katie Cole

Members Present: Terri Coffey, Suzi Paine, Mike Tinkler, Adriana Pavlinovic, Katie Cole and Nancy Radabah.

Visitors: Lisa Jackson and Dave Lockridge

The meeting was called to order by President Katie Cole at 3:40 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

Motion was made by Suzi Paine to accept the minutes of the August 1" meeting as published in the newsletter. Terri Coffey seconded. Motion passed. Secretary Terri Coffey requested the purchase of a tape recorder to record minutes of the meeting to be transcribed by her after the meetings. Terri will price the item and report back at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses: \$727.79 Income: \$797.01 Checking Balance: \$398.44 Savings Balance: \$ 2671.21
Income: Reimbursement on seed money from National 1993 \$1261.00 Interest: \$6.67 Ending
Balance \$3928.88 Suzi Paine also reported that after paying back our seed money from the
National, the net profit from the 1999 National Specialty was \$3875.90. The National Rescue
receives \$387.59. The balance is \$3488.31. The American Bloodhound Club receives Vz of the
proceeds, leaving us a total of \$1744.00 in Gross profit! This amount has not yet been added to
our account. Terri Coffey told everyone that a successful National is one that people come to and
have a good time and the club breaks even. At our National, people came, had a GREAT time
and we made money. No one could ask for more than that! Adriana reported that the Breed
Rescue booth brought in \$1200.00. Also, Inland Empire Bloodhound Club made a very generous
donation of \$500.00 to Breed Rescue.

Proposed Bylaws Change:

While re-typing the by-laws, Terri found a discrepancy that needs to be addressed. Article III, Section 4 states: The annual club meeting will be held within the period of April 1 to June 30." Article IV, Section 4c states: If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before October 15th, the Nominating Committee slate shall be declared elected at the time of the annual meeting and no balloting shall be required." This wording means that our elected officers do not take office until April 1. Terri Coffey recommended changing Article III, Section 4 to read: The annual Club meeting will be held within the period of January 1 to February 15." ' This will coordinate the. dates in our by-laws, and will correspond to our Club's fiscal year of January 1, as per Article IV, Section I. The Board of Directors proposed to make this change. As per Article VII, Section 2, the Secretary shall send a copy of the proposed amendment, by mail, to each member in good standing, accompanied by a ballot on which he/she may indicate a choice for or against the action to be taken. The notice shall specify a date not less than 30 days after the date of the mailing, by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of two thirds of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

2000 Independent Regional Specialty:

Ballots were counted by Terri Coffey and Suzi Paine for the Sweepstakes and Breed judges for our 2000 Independent Regional. A total of 14 judges' slates were returned from a possible 24. Results are: Sweepstakes: Steve Aguirre with 9 votes. Breed: Edith Hansen with 6 votes. Secretary will write confirmation letters to both judges. Katie will call Edith to give her the unofficial notice so she does not accept another assignment for that date prior to receiving the official notification. Terri reported that the next newsletter will be out on December 10th. The letter of intent to hold our Specialty has been sent to Western Washington Hound Association. Mike Tinkler proposed that the club give a choice of 3 locations for future Regional Specialties, as the dates in August conflict with a 9 day circuit in Canada. Katie Cole said that the Chair person for the shows has the right to choose where the Regional should be held. However, when held with an all-breed club, we will lose the ability to choose which judge we would prefer, and have to go with whom the all-breed Club may have in mind. The exhibitor would have to choose which show they would prefer to go to, the Canadian circuit or the Specialty. Discussion was also held on the effects of moving the Regional around the NW area. It was felt my most that moving the Regional around would hurt our entry, and if we were to pick one weekend, one location and hold it consistently each year, most people could plan ahead and we would have a better, more consistent entry. Katie Cole reported the Regional Specialty has many jobs left. Terri Coffey will be doing hospitality and decorations, Noel Stockwell will be doing trophies, Lynn Harty and Jill Dingle will be in charge of the auction and raffle. Katie will be looking into special rosettes for BOB, BOS, WD, "WB, BOW, BVD, BVB, BISS & BOSS. We will need two dependable volunteers to donate their time helping to set up rings on Thursday, or when WWHA requests, and two more (or the same) to help tear down on Sunday after the Group judging.

Proposed ABC Bylaw Changes:

Adriana reported on the proposed ABC By-law changes. These are being developed to help smooth over some problems that have come up over the years. There are several items being looked at for proposal.

1. Add reference to the Standing Book of Rules.
2. Add a way to remove officers or directors if they are not active. Don't rely by membership vote at annual meetings.
3. Change the Officers/Directors' terms from 2 year to 4 year, no more than 3 Officers or Board members from any one region, remove the 2nd vice president position and add one more director
4. Change the election process. Publish all interested parties bios in the newsletter/bullerin/special mailing...yer to be decided exactly how... have everyone interested in the positions on the ballot instead of having a nominating committee.
5. Discipline policy changes - increase the fee for bringing charges against a member from the current amount to \$100.00. This amount is refundable if the Board upholds the charges. This is to prevent frivolous charges.
6. Term limits: It is currently proposed that there be no term limits for Officers and Board members.
7. This is just the beginning of the process. The ABC Board of Directors needs the input from ABC members to carry this forward. Remember, if you have no input, they will have no choice but to make the draft without hearing from you. Please be active and participate.

Adriana felt there were two other items to think about. At this time, these are not a part of the rough draft, but she would like to see them addressed.

1. With a new method of balloting, should the ABC look into an outside service to collect and count the ballots? Currently it is the Recording Secretary and 3 other people. This will be a lot of ballots and a very large responsibility for them. This would also give the appearance of Non-Partisan if given to an outside service.

2. Sponsorship. Some members are sending out signed membership applications to people they do not know. Should, there be something on the sponsorship form for them to write something about the person they are sponsoring? In this way, we may avoid some people that are joining the ABC just to use the name to sell puppies. Adriana asked the membership present about manning a Breed Public Education booth at the Seattle KC show In February. Adriana will chair the committee to set it up. Cost is \$10.00 for 1 or 2 days. It would be nice to decorate the booth with informational photos and decor, and man it with club members armed with informational brochures from the ABC. Terri Coffey motioned to sponsor the booth for 2 days. Katie Cole seconded. Motion passed. We will try to think of a fundraiser we can run along with it. Adriana will send the secretary a Rescue Report for the Newsletter.

Other Business:

- **Ken Wheeler High in Trial Trophy:** Suzi Paine reports that we still have a HIT trophy that was not won from the National. Ken Wheeler does not want us to return it to him, he would like the club to use it to make some money. This beautiful trophy is one of the large stained glass lamps that he so graciously made for our National, it is valued at \$450.00. There was some talk about offering it as a perpetual trophy for our club regional for BOB or HIT, however, the maker did request the club make some money from it. Terri Coffey will check into placing the trophy onto E-Bay for auction with a reserve price of \$500.00. In that way, the club will respect the artist's request. Once the item is sold, the club can then decide if we wish to commission him to do another perpetual trophy with possibly etched Bloodhounds on it, or something else. We can make that decision after it sells. Motion was made to sell it on E-Bay by Suzi Paine, Katie Cole seconded. Motion passed.
- **Breed Education Booth at Seattle Kennel Club Show:** Next meeting will be held on January 15, 2000 after judging in Puyallup. A meeting for the Breed Education booth at SKC will be held at Suzi Paine's that evening. A Board of Directors meeting will be held prior to the regular meeting.
- **Fundraising:** Suzi Paine passed around another fundraising idea. The Malamute Club is selling coloring books with 6 crayons for \$5.00 each with great success. Discussion was made to speak to several artists in the ABC, and our own club, to donate one or two pieces of artwork for the project. They should be sent to Suzi Paine. Terri Coffey made a motion to proceed on the coloring book. Karie Cole seconded. Motion passed.
- **PRBC Webpage:** Terri Coffey asked if the membership was interested in designing a web page for PRBC. All present were excited at the idea. Terri will check into it.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Coffey Secretary, PRBC