

PRBC Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2002

Meeting was called to order at 11:40, Sunday, March 17, 2002 by President Suzi Paine.

Members Present: Terri Coffey, Jan Cook, Suzi Paine, Lynn Harty and Katie Cole. Suzi asked Terri to read the minutes of the last meeting held November 17th at the home of Katie Cole. Terri read the minutes, and they were approved as read.

President's Report:

Suzi thanked Terri for the calendar, we actually made some money! We would like to make the calendar an annual project. We have 3 more meetings planned for this year. Memorial Day weekend at Lynn Harty's home, October in Pleasanton, CA at the National, and November at Katie Cole's. PRBC originally only had quarterly meetings; however we "upped" the meeting schedule to 6 per year prior to the National. Suzi feels we can go back to 4 meetings per year until 2004. We have about the same number of members, but seem to have less interest. If we go back to 4 per year, we hope we will have more attendance.

Secretary's Report:

We have received letters from both our Sweeps and Breed judge for our Regional accepting their assignments. No other correspondence.

Treasurer's Report:

Ending checking balance on 12-31-2001 of \$460.64. Income of \$505.00 from calendars, trophy donations, membership dues. Expenses: \$128.70 calendars and \$35.00 for catalog ad for WWHA. Ending checking balance of \$801.94. Savings: \$2271.51, and our \$5,000 CD.

Committee Reports:

- **2005 National Specialty Venue Visit:** Suzi, Lynn and Terri went out to the new venue on Saturday. The site is unbelievable! The barn is ready with bedrooms, bathrooms, hospitality room and meeting room. Great high ceilings, kitchen, and a stone fireplace. The judge's house is ready also and is very homey and incredible! This house has an industrial sized catering kitchen. This year there will be 14 RV hookups with power and water, eventually there will be 30. The PA system is coming along on the show site where the rings will be set up. LOTS of acreage. There is an undercover arena in case of inclement weather, and an indoor obedience building. Location is right on the Green River where the dogs can swim. Everything, including the disaster plan, is now into the AKC for approval. Suzi and the show secretary are beginning to work on the premium list.
- **Trophies:** Terri has purchased most, if not all of the trophies already for both the regional and the supported entry. They just need to be sorted for the placements. Donations have come in, and we have received some wonderful, generous donations for trophies and the general fund. **Hospitality:** Katie will not be able to be there on Sunday as her daughter will be getting married on that day! She will have everything all ready to go for that day, and several have volunteered to help her put together the Chicken Caesar Salad and bread and serve it for her. Any help to serve and clean up would be greatly appreciated. We will need people to help tear down the hospitality tent and pack it. Someone will drive Katie's motor home to Suzi's after the show so it isn't left on site Sunday night. Katie is still thinking of

ideas for Saturday's meal, possibly a spaghetti feed or something very easy. Katie will have her menu completely figured out by the next meeting. Terri will be doing the judges hospitality as she doesn't have a dog to enter at the show.

- **Fundraising and Welcome Bags:** Lynn says we have some great items for pre-sold raffle tickets, and we will hold a silent auction. No report on welcome bags.
- **Memorabilia Items:** Jan Cook has gotten prices on bags and umbrellas. Jan passed around a catalog with pictures of the items, and has checked on the prices to import the items. She found it will be very cost effective to purchase these items in Canada and pay a small one time "informal entry" fee of approx. \$5.00. Terri will have to supply the logo to be screen printed on the items, and we can get them at a very reasonable price! Jan will double check on the prices. EVERYONE loved the large golf umbrellas with our logo printed on it. It was decided to put our logo with no dates written on it. In this way, if they don't all sell, we can continue to sell them at other events, or use them for trophies etc. Also, if we ever want to reorder, there will be no setup fee each time as long as there is no change. The umbrellas have a space for a business card or ID tag. We can put in a card with our logo and NW Regional Specialty and the date. The prices for the umbrellas are about \$18.00 each, Canadian, plus a one-time setup fee of about \$45.00. GST tax is not included in the price. Suzi made a motion for Jan to get prices on the umbrellas and check on quantity price breakdowns. Motion seconded and passed. Terri has the logo on disk and will provide it to the company on disk for the screen print. Colors were discussed; everyone likes the blue and white umbrellas with our logo printed on the white in blue ink.

Old Business:

- **2003 Judging Ballot:** We need to put together our judging ballot today for 2003. In a previous newsletter we asked for suggestions and only received one response. The ballot should be 3 to 5 names. Since we had no other input, we need to decide today with the people present who should be on that ballot. After much discussion, the names to be on the ballot for breed judge will be: Honey Glendinning since she was chosen twice as first choice in previous balloting but has been unavailable. Harold Pybus was listed by the one and the only response we received, so he will be included, Carol Williams, and Georjan Bridger. Georjan Bridger has been to at least two Bloodhound Judges Education Seminars and is licensed for Bloodhounds. Terri will check to see if Carol Williams is licensed for Bloodhounds before the ballot goes out. Lynn Harty made a motion that these names be sent out on ballot pending that all of them are AKC approved for Bloodhounds. If one or two are not licensed, Richard Lopaschuk will be added to the ballot.
- **Fundraising:** The last two years PRBC has made \$ 100.00 donations to both the ABC and the CBC Nationals. We are now discussing donating trophies to Cascade Hound Association and HIT for Portland Dog Obedience. This will mean about \$50.00. We haven't done any fundraising, and we need to remember that we are beginning to focus our monetary attention to the National coining in 2005. To be comfortable with the 2005 National, we will need \$10,000. We don't want to take away from the current donations, but can we afford to keep these donations up when we aren't doing any fundraisers? The donations we make will come back to us in the long run. We do have enough trophies in stock to support the Cascade Hound Assn. without spending cash to do so. Terri made a motion to support the entries at Cascade Hound Assn., BOB, BOW, BOS, WD & WB and PDOC High Scoring Bloodhound. Motion was seconded, motion passed.

New Business:

- **Rescue:** There could be some major changes to rescue operations in the Northwest in the near future. The ABC Board of Directors has suspended its recognition and funding of Northwest Bloodhound Rescue Association as the ABC recognized rescue for this region, pending further investigation. PRBC needs to consider the possibility of starting a new rescue for the Northwest. We would need to determine how this should be done and who is willing to volunteer. PRBC will need to form a new corporation, then apply to ABC for recognition in order to begin receiving funding. We would also need people willing to foster and transport dogs and people with knowledge of networking with other rescue groups. As we do not have the facilities for housing large numbers of dogs which NWBRA has, we need to look into alternatives for fostering. We could possibly contract with a boarding kennel, and also get in touch with Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue about joining their operation for some support. It is also possible that we may need to help with several dogs currently in rescue with NWBRA. Anyone who is able to foster, or who has potential adoptive homes, should contact a PRBC board member. Terri will create applications for intake and adoptions before our next meeting (May 25), and the topic will be discussed further at that time, when more information is available.
- **National Specialties:** A motion was made to continue supporting the ABC National at \$100.00, and the Canadian National at \$75.00, or an equal dollar exchange amount to add up to \$100.00 Canadian, not to exceed \$75.00 U.S. Motion made by Katie Cole, seconded, and passed.
- **2005 National Venue continued:** We will hold the National at the Argus Ranch Facility for Dogs. Argus is very excited to have us. We can hold our National during the week prior to WWH, our Regional on Saturday, and supported entry on Sunday. This could bring us a draw as its opportunity for 3 sweepstakes, 3 obedience trials and 3 chances for majors. Less than 1 mile from Argus is Flaming Geyser State Park, which would be a perfect place to hold a Trailing Trial. The Best Western motel is less than 10 miles from Argus (closest to show ground); prices range from \$77.00 to \$92.00 and the motel is right off Hwy 18. They have 84 rooms, spa, sauna, indoor pool, restaurant and bar, pets are accepted with deposit. Day's Inn is in Auburn, prices are \$55.00 to \$85.00. They have 66 rooms, and are 1 1/2 miles north of Hwy 18, pets accepted. In 1999 we used 76 nights at the motel on our biggest night. The Best Western fits our requirements the best, and we will try to reserve the entire motel. There are a half dozen other motels in Auburn for overflow if needed. Most of our hospitality will be held on the grounds during the week, and we will also need hospitality at the motel. Obedience will be held indoors on a completely matted floor!
- **Brags:** Suzi Paine's "Dylan", The Ritz' It's A Masterpiece, won BOB over 3 specials at Timberland KC on March 9th for a 3 point major! Jan Cook shared a picture of her newest Grand daughter, Zenobia. Terri Coffey bragged that another horse photo from Coffey Photography made the cover of "Hoofbeat" Magazine! That makes two in the past 3 months!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Coffey, PRBC Secretary