

Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club
2022 General Meeting – Saturday, May 28, 2022
Held in Conjunction with the 13th Annual Clyde Reed Trailing Trial and
ABC Northwest Regional Specialty
Hosted by PRBC at the home of Sid and Lynn Harty in Valleyford, WA

CALL TO ORDER: Following a brief ABC meeting conducted by Cheryl Cromeenes, ABC NW Directory, PRBC's General Meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm by President Cindy Wolfrom. The meeting will be conducted in person as well as via Zoom for those members unable to attend.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

ABC Members: Cheryl Cromeenes, Marvin Newton, Lyn Sherman, Janet Kelly, Marie Taylor, Aldo Branch, Diane Branch, Sid Harty, Lynn Harty, Sheri Whetstine.

Attending via Zoom: Cindy Wolfrom, Darla Watkins

PRBC Members: Cheryl Cromeenes, Lyn Sherman, Katie Cole, Janet Kelly, Marie Taylor, Aldo Branch, Diane Branch, Sid Harty, Lynn Harty, Sheri Whetstine

Attending via Zoom: Cindy Wolfrom, Darla Watkins, Holly Crane

Guests: Janna Goff, Mark Scholla, Newt

PRESIDENT'S OPENING MESSAGE: Welcome to Holly Crane, a new PRBC member. Welcome to guest Jaana Goff, originally from Finland, now living in Belgrade, Montana. Welcome to guest Mark Scholla, who respectfully declined to make a personal appearance. Congratulations to all participants of the Trailing Trial and the Regional Specialty.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from PRBC's 2021 general meeting have been made available to members. Offer to read minutes or accept as written. Motion to accept as written was made by Janet Kelly and seconded by Lyn Sherman. Motion passed unanimously (except for Newt).

SECRETARY'S REPORT: PRBC Annual End Of Year Report was completed and submitted to Janet Kelly as required.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynn Harty reported the current balances for the PRBC treasury:

General Account:	12,938.70
Savings Account:	10,013.42
Event Account:	6,006.04

PayPal: 370.92
Total: \$29,329.08

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Sheri Whetstine and seconded by Lyn Sherman. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: We have six new members in the past two years – 2021 are Kate and Ohad Lowy from WA, Echo Boley from AK, 2022 are Holly Crane from WA, Lindsay Norman and Jennifer Merrill from WY.

RESCUE COMMITTEE: None.

TRAILING COMMITTEE: Trailing Trial was held Friday, May 27th, 2022. There were three entries, one MTI and two MTX. There were two passes. New MTI is Cheryl Cromeenes and Sequoia. New MTX is Sheri Whetstine and Jelly.

REGIONAL SPECIALITY: Specialty was a great success. Winners in every category. BOB went on to Group 1 and BOBOH went on to an OHG3! Way to go PRBC hounds! Ribbons and prizes were beautiful!

OLD BUSINESS: All old business has been addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ***ELECTIONS:*** PRBC Directors are up for re-election. Nominating committee needs to be formed. Request for volunteers. Cindy offers to lead the committee. Lyn offered to be on the committee. Darla offered to be the third committee member.
- ***SEPTEMBER 2022 TRAILING TRIAL:*** Cheryl is the chair. We will have a bag of Mr. Groom grooming products and a beautiful handmade sterling silver pendant of a bloodhound in movement for raffle items. Cheryl showed the items and they will be raffled off on Facebook. Trailing Trial is two one-day trials, September 17th and 18th, with eight trails offered. Judges are Katie Cole, Cheryl Cromeenes, Sheri Whetstine, Corky Watkins, and Cindy Wolfrom. Base will be at the Wolfrom's home in Winlock. Darla will be the chef. Entries open in July.
- ***2023 REGIONAL SPECIALTY & 14TH ANNUAL CLYDE REED TRAILING TRIAL:*** Lynn says after years of hosting and chairing the Trailing Trial and Regional, it is time for change. She reports that Spokane Kennel Club's Barb Nelson has been hospitalized and had a stroke a week ago. SKC is in flux and it is unclear if they will be able or willing to host our Regional next year. Given that the majority of our membership is in western Washington she would like to move the Regional back to the west side. Discussion was held and the general consensus is that the entry would likely be higher if the Regional is in the west. This would benefit both the club and the membership. Discussion of venues

ensued. Suggestions were made such as Enumclaw, Puyallup, Elma. Elma is off the beaten path and there are not many hotels available. Enumclaw is in August, outdoors and the weather is typically quite warm. There are more hotel options than Elma. Puyallup is July. It is indoors and there are more hotel options. Much discussion ensued. Request made for someone to offer to chair. Puyallup is the preferred venue by the majority of members familiar with the three suggested. More discussion regarding the Clyde Reed. Discussion regarding connection with the Regional. They don't have to be at the same time. Much discussion regarding do we have two trailing trials or just one? Maybe have only one next year while we are transitioning back to the west. There are lots of options to explore. Sheri suggests having a designated specialty and just one trailing trial next year. Option for an additional one-day trailing trial is left open. Further discussion on the trailing trail is tabled at this time

Lynn motioned that we have a designated Regional Specialty with one of the Puyallup Shows in July 2023. Sheri second. Motion passed unanimously.

- FUNDRAISING: PRBC cannot raise funds for the National until 2023 has concluded, but we can raise funds for PRBC. We have many items in our possession which would be available for online auctions. Janet says Suzanne Fitch from Colonial Bloodhound Club is phenomenal at fundraising. Marie will be taking the auction items home and will be photographing them for posting online. Janet suggests having one auction quarterly, with each item running one week to ten days. Janet suggests putting the items on the American Bloodhound Group page (not the members only page). Janet will contact Suzanne when she gets home. Janet and Lynn will work with Suzanne to get started as soon as possible.
- 2024 NATIONAL: PRBC will be hosting the 2024 National, September 15-21, 2024. Sheri Whetstine and Lynn Harty will co-chair. Two venues were being looked at, Post Falls, Idaho and Ocean Shores. Because of cost, decision was made to go back to Ocean Shores. Our National will be earlier in the year, still during tourist season, but Shiloh Inn has agreed to offer us off season room rates. Contracts for the Convention Center and hotel have been signed.

Lyn Sherman says will volunteer to shuttle people flying in to PDX. Strongly suggested for people coming to fly to PDX as opposed to SEA due to travel time. Weather that time of year will be better for people driving.

Sheri says at this point we need to start forming committees. Cheryl said if Janet will be her secretary, she will be the Trailing Trial Chair. THANK YOU CHERYL AND JANET! We are moving forward on potential show secretary, potential regional judge and a potential National Sweeps judge. We are in discussion regarding Top 20 chair. Logo is currently being designed. Lynn says that although many things are in flux we are making good forward momentum. Darla has an apparel connection for silk-screening. Lynn made contact today with an embroiderer in Oregon who will do website with pre-orders.

Sheri spoke with Elaine Russell-Rushton who, if her schedule allows, would love to be the show photographer.

Discussion was held regarding having obedience and rally at the National. In 2017 we had only one entry. 2021 had one entry as well. There are no bloodhound people up here who do obedience. Does the extremely low entry warrant the expense of matting and a judge? Much discussion ensued regarding mats, such as storage, weight, condition of mats if we were to borrow. Janet asks if someone could contact Kristi Mann regarding availability of matting. Lyn said she would contact Kristi and ask. Holly suggested perhaps checking with an industrial store supply companies for an estimated cost or maybe for donation. Cindy mentioned it might be less costly to buy mats on discount if available and if no one can store them appropriately to throw them out. It was agreed that Holly will check into the possibility of getting mats at a discount or getting them donated. Regarding a donation, it was clarified that we are a not-for-profit and NOT a charitable organization, not a 501(c)3.

Tina has agreed to do the ribbons for the National.

ADJOURNMENT: No further discussion Cindy entertained a movement for the meeting to be adjourned. Cheryl motioned. Lyn seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Whetstine, Secretary