

Agenda and Notes
Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club
Board Meeting regarding the 2024 ABC National Specialty
Saturday, June 1, 2024, 5 PM PDT, Held via Zoom

Present: Sheri Whetstine, Lynn Harty, Cindy Wolfrom, Cheryl Cromeenes, Pam Herranz, Janet Kelly, Aldo and Diane Branch, Marie Taylor, Kristy Vanorsdel, and Diana Sandoval

Absent: Becky Irving, Lyn Sherman, and Jan Rothwell.

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 PM.

1. Updates

A. Weebly Update (Lynn Harty):

Lynn plans to contact the Ocean Shores Department of Tourism so that we can post a page of fun things to do in Ocean Shores, including the Bowling Alley and Pacific Paradise Arcade. Lynn will contact Pacific Paradise Arcade (mini golf, bumper boats) to find out whether they'll be open during the week of the National.

***6/1/2024 Update:** Not done yet. Either Lynn or Cindy will follow up with Pacific Paradise Arcade.

B. Grounds Updates

Do we now have poop bags? Who will make the signs we need? No Peeing Here and what else?

Matting Update: The mats are now at Sid and Lynn's house, and Cheryl plans to pick them up on June 1. **Lynn will figure out how much Gorilla Tape (wide and narrow) will be needed to tape the mats and grid off the premium crating spaces.**

***6/1/2024 Update:** Cheryl picked up the matting today. Yay! The poop bags donated by Suzanne Fitch are for the hospitality bags, but Kristy and Janet are willing to donate them, and Sheri suggested that a grocery store could be asked to donate a roll of plastic bags from the produce section. As far as signs go, the No Pee signs for the CC and the Shilo are all that are needed ... although we could consider making signs for what's in the various CC room areas.

C. Shilo Updates

*** 5/29//2024 Update:** Due to new staff hires, the Shilo has been telling callers that the ABC room block is sold out. This is incorrect, and Sheri has added a notification to the ABC website and resolved the issue with Jennifer Schwartz. The ABC Board said that this is a common issue at Nationals.

***6/1/2024 Update:** Note that the Shilo (apparently) won't be emailing any room confirmation emails to its guests, but we can phone them to get our room confirmation codes. Sheri will contact Jennifer Schwartz to see if we can get the ABC room block rate for those of us who are arriving on Saturday, September 14th for example, which is before the block rate kicks in.

D. Food Updates

*** 5/11//2024 Update:** We'll have two lunch choices for three days (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). Break-even price for the lunches is 22.20. **Lynn suggests that we charge \$25 for the lunches.**

*** 5/29//2024 Update:** Will someone volunteer to contact Betty Seigal to ask whether she's planning to come to the Nationals?

Menu: Could we substitute veggie lasagna for one of the entrees on Saturday? George Lee is willing to make that substitution for us.

***6/1/2024 Update:** Aldo volunteered to contact Betty Seigal and see whether she's coming to help us at the National. Ramon and Diana Sandoval have said that they will be on hand to distribute lunches. Speaking of lunches, our consensus is that \$25 is too much to charge. We would like to stick with \$20, but Cindy will talk with George Lee and see, if the bottled water isn't included (because we will be providing water), the CC would drop its lunch price to us to \$21 each. Also, Veggie lasagna is okay as a Saturday night entrée substitution. Cindy won't be finalizing the menus with George until later in the summer.

E. Seminars

*** 5/29//2024 Update:** Sheri and Lynn have agreed that Marti can better help us by soliciting trophy donations. Have received no reply from Jessica, and we await pricing from Dr. Cindy Smith for a weekday seminar on reproduction.

***6/1/2024 Update:** Renee Wagner can do CGC and Trick Dog, seminars and Sheri knows a local person who can do them too. We haven't heard what Dr. Cindy Smith's weekday price would be for doing the reproduction seminar.

E.5 Commercial Vendors

***6/1/2024 Update:** Michelle Rockwell wants to attend the National to offer massages to humans and dogs. We agree that this is a great idea and that we would love to have her. Sheri will contact her and see if she's interested in doing Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (Tuesday would be a free set-up day) for a flat rate of \$100/day (negotiable) to us. Michelle has a 10'x10' privacy tent, and we'll offer her an interior space (half of the seminar room?) in the CC.

E.75 RV Parking at the CC

***6/1/2024 Update:** Ramon and Diana Sandoval can park their RV free at the CC. It's also possible that they will rent a room at the Shilo and park there instead.

F. Welcome Bags

*** 5/29//2024 Update from Pam:** So far these are the items going into our Welcome Bags -

Magnet with logo - donated by Sheri Whetstine

Drool Rag - embroidered with DROOL IS COOL - donated by Pam and embroidery by Sarah

Wet Noses pumpkin big bone cookie - donated by Wet Noses and received by Sheri

Pen - donated by Janet Kelly

Bottle opener - donated by Pam

Toy - donated by Pam

Bloodhound shaped keychain - Kristy is making these out of resin with glitter (different colors)

Roll of poop bags - donated by Suzanne Fitch

Pam will be ordering 100 of the 10"x8"x4" light blue reusable bags for these items. Sheri ordered stickers with the logo to be stuck on each bag.

Pam received all 96 throw blankets today and will be donating those to the club to be used as trophies.

Question: Do we have enough swag for the bags now?

***6/1/2024 Update:** Pam/Kristy will get a bottle of water and some candy for each bag, and then the contents will be complete. We will have a hospitality bag stuffing party at the CC!

G. RVSPs

* **5/29/2024 Update:** Currently, there are 49 yeses, two nos, and three tentatives.

H. Photographer

* **5/29//2024 Update:** Our photographer has a perfect tropical backdrop for the win photos.

* **6/1/2024 Update:** Sheri will meet in person with the photographer on June 17. Note that the photography contract includes a full set of win photos for the ABC Bulletin to publish. Meeting topics will include dos and don'ts of photographing bloodhounds (Mojo will be the model) and negotiating Top 20 photo prices for the photo shoot after judging on Wednesday, September 18th.

I. Trophies

5/11/2024 Discussion Update: Fused art glass by Glassic Design for the National trophies and Metal art bloodhound head studies for the regional trophies (3 large heads for BOB, BOW, and BOS / 16, 9" heads /for additional 'best' trophies / 12, 5" and 16, 3" that we won't use this time) dog travel bag kits for Grand Futurity and Grand Sweepstakes.

* **6/1/2024 Update:** Recent Trophy fundraising initiatives by Marti Michalis and Lynn Harty have brought in \$2485 (PayPal fees not taken out yet). Previous total was \$1440, so we are sitting right around \$3900 for trophies, including trailing trial trophies (at around \$140), and rosettes. This is a big step forward! We budgeted \$2318 for National trophies and rosettes, \$997 for regional trophies and rosettes, and \$200 for participatory rosettes: **\$3515 total.**

* **6/1/2024 Additional Update:** For the premium list, other than the Glassic Design trophies, all other trophies and class placement items will be listed as Dog-Related Item with this requested disclaimer: "If any described trophies become unavailable, items of equal or greater value will be substituted."

J. Class Placement Items Continued

5/11/2024 Discussion Update: Discussed ocean-themed stuffies (pink and blue for boys and girls?), paw-print dog throws. For the premium list, it's okay to refer to trophies as dog-related items.

* **6/1/2024 Update:** Embroidered towels for the National are terrycloth. Discussion will be continued at the next Zoom meeting.

K. Judge's Biographies and Photos

* **6/1/2024 Update:** Bios and photos have been received for Eddie Dzuik and Susan Markley. The only thing we're missing is a new photo of Karen Dewey.

L. Judges' Hospitality

What shall we get for judges' gifts?

* **6/1/2024 Update:** Wine? Portable phone chargers? Yeti cups with bloodhound art? (Darla's daughter and Kristy have Cricuts and can produce these.) Discussion was tabled and will be continued at a future meeting.

M. Apparel: Lynn Harty

4/20/2024 Discussion Update: Apparel is Lynn's next big project.

5/11/2024 Update: Lynn has emailed Janet Shaw, the embroidery lady in Spokane. Janet's on vacation but should be back in Spokane this coming week. More details to follow. For apparel, Cheryl would prefer embroidered sweatshirts for the trailing judges with an embroidered Trailing Judge title added to each shirt.

***6/1/2024 Update:** Janet Shaw has put the sweatshirt embroidery out for bid, so we're still waiting for prices. Logo shirt colors will be gray, blue, and sandy beige. Lynn has photos of Cheryl's hoodie. It's possible that the logo will have to be simplified for embroidered patches.

***6/1/2024 Update from Darla:** The Bloodhound heart t-shirts are made and ready to go. These will be sold in the boutique.

O. Items from the ABC

5/11/2024 Update: Need a rosette "Breeder of the Grand Futurity Winner" to be presented at the National banquet on Friday night.

Best Bred by Exhibitor will be split into Puppy and Adult Classes by sex for dogs and bitches and winners will compete for Best Bred by Exhibitor after BOB judging.

P. Top Twenty Items

***6/1/2024 Update:** Is there an update on Top Twenty judge's reservations? And will the Top 20 be requesting and doing raffle baskets? Per Cindy, the judges' reservations have been made, and there will be raffle baskets. Some cool ideas are under discussion.

Q. Jewelry (Sheri):

*** 5/29/2024 Update:** Lisa Jones has donated a sterling silver bloodhound head (puppy) pendant. Lyn Sherman will consider donating a jewelry item.

***6/1/2024 Update:** We'll need a sterling silver chain to go with the necklace. Cindy will donate one. Thank you, Cindy!

R. Live Auction on Friday Night

*** 5/11/2024 Update:** It was voted on and unanimously approved to retain Mercury Auctions for the live auction. Cindy will serve as liaison with the auction house. An auctioneer and two staff members will be provided.

S. Payment Options for the Live Auction and the Boutique

***6/1/2024 Update:** Cindy, Cheryl, and Kristy will meet separately to discuss payment options with Venmo, a PayPal link, and Zell.

Final Request: Please email updates that take place before June 29th to the committee members.

Calendar Alert: The next PRBC National Specialty Zoom meeting will take place on June 29th, 5:30 PM PDT.

The 6/1/2024 PRBC National Specialty Zoom meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM Pacific Daylight Time