

PACIFIC RIM BLOODHOUND CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Held in Conjunction with the PRBC 2012 Regional Specialty

Olympic Kennel Club, Enumclaw Expo Center

August 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM.

Members Present: Lynn Harty, Marie Taylor, Janis Hardy, Sheri Whetstine, Becky Irving, Sonnya Crawford, Cindy Wolfram, and Tim Whetstine

Guests: Sherry Robertson, Jan Stallings, Randy Greenlee, Emily Doblal, Tina Kocar, Sylvie Magee, Dave Lockridge, Nancy Seanor, and Katie Cole

Current board members, general members, guests, and past presidents were introduced, recognized, and thanked for their attendance by Acting President Lynn Harty.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from previous PRBC board meetings (2011 and 2012) are now available for review on the PRBC website www.pacificrimbloodhoundclub.org under the 'Membership' tab (see 'Minutes'). Thank you, Sonnya, for adding these and for updating the website.

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report (Kay Schmitt):

As of 8/13/12:

- The current balance in checking is \$1,553.29.
- The current balance in savings is \$10,403.27.
- The current balance in the rescue account is \$3,861.00

Sonnya offered clarification of a Gray's Harbor Vet credit balance (\$455.97) to PRBC. This is a carryover from 2010. We will verify with Kay whether the balance of

\$3,861.00 includes the PRBC credit. A full copy of the treasurer's report is available from Kay on request. Discussion was held regarding monthly bank service fees for the clubs' accounts. Janis Hardy suggested we look into different banking institutions that would possibly waive the fees. Sonnya suggested this discussion be tabled until Kay could be directly involved.

Committee Reports:

- **PRBC RESCUE (Sonnya Crawford):** There are currently seven dogs in rescue and no potential adoptive/foster homes at this time. Sonnya and Suzi Paine attended "Woofstock 2012" in Tacoma on August 4th and had a female bloodhound who was adopted out by PRBC two years ago returned in extremely poor condition. The dog, Cassie, a five-year-old female, has a number of health issues that will require significant financial and time resources in order to bring her back to health. One condition Cassie has is atopic dermatitis, and the medication for this can be quite costly. Becky Irving has a good supply remaining from Brodie's treatment and will mail that to Sonnya. Sonnya requested permission from the club to keep and treat Cassie. Because the cost of treating Cassie is currently unknown, club permission was not given. Rescue also has Lollipop (Lolly), a senior female with severe arthritis who is not doing well. It was suggested that Sonnya look into "Old Dog Haven," a group of people in western Washington who provide "hospice" care to aged dogs – www.olddoghaven.org. Janis Hardy is willing to take two of the younger males, Fitz and Luther, after Labor Day for evaluation purposes and to foster for a while.
- **2012 REGIONAL SPECIALTY (Sheri Whetstine):** Sheri thanked everyone for pulling together for a successful show. Discussion about the 2013 Regional was held regarding dates and a venue. It was suggested that we look into going back to an independent regional as opposed to an "in conjunction with" show. Brief discussion was held regarding the reasons for going to an "in conjunction" show; this change was made primarily for financial reasons. Several options were discussed for an independent regional, including WWHA, OKC, and the Cascade Hound Show in Oregon. Lynn Harty will request comparative financial information

from Kay Schmitt regarding the cost of past independent regionals, and cost estimates from potential partner clubs will be requested from Cindy Wolfrom for WWHA Sheri Whetstine for OKC, and Becky Irving for Cascade Hound (Oregon). Send information to Lynn Harty by mid-September 2012.

- **MEMBERSHIP (Marie Taylor):** Current club membership stands at 21, not counting spouses, who are included in one membership per family. Applications from three potential new members were received during the Regional and will be presented to the board for discussion and voting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The PRBC board has been discussing the following topics; however, as they are new to the general membership, they will be presented as new business.

- **TRAILING TRIAL:** Sid and Lynn Harty have offered to host the Clyde Reed Memorial Trailing Trial at their home in Valleyford over Memorial Day weekend in 2013. The most difficult aspect of putting on a trailing trial is MTX judges. We only have a limited selection of judges who live in the west, and if they are unwilling or unable to judge, we may have to bring someone in from the Midwest or East. This could be quite costly because of airfare. Discussion was held regarding potential fundraising ideas – logo wear or a fun day. Cindy stated that WWHA is going to pay an outside source for setup/tear down at their August show and asked if PRBC would be interested in doing this. All ideas remain open for future discussion.
- **PET EXPO (Janis Hardy):** Pet Expo will be Friday through Sunday, November 2, 3 & 4, 2012, at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Hours are Friday afternoon, Saturday 10-7, and Sunday 10-6. Janis needs a commitment from members to staff the booth (human and dogs) during all show hours. We were unable to participate last year because we were unable to cover the booth one day. A request will be e-mailed from PRBC members and Northwest Bloodhounds to help out. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding "Meet the Breed" events, such as Pet Expo, which

are held outside of the show venue, decorations, intent, and club support. It is felt that these events outside of a dog show venue provide a greater opportunity for public education. Janis feels the club needs to commit to at least one "Meet the Breed" annually. Other upcoming Meet the Breed venues include the Tuallatin Valley Kennel Club and the Portland Kennel Club in January 2013. X

- **REPORT FROM the American Bloodhound Club (Sonnya Crawford, Regional Representative):** Sonnya reported that the ABC is requesting members to make a donation to the PAC (Political Action Committee) to help fight the proposed Federal breeder legislation. Camille McArdle (ABC President) is requesting volunteers for positions within the ABC. Currently needed are volunteers for the nominating committee, a webmaster, the health committee, and a national breeder referral coordinator. More information is available in the ABC newsletter and bulletin.
- **PRBC RESCUE 501(c)3 APPLICATION (Sonnya Crawford):** Sonnya would like to separate rescue from PRBC and form a separate 501-C-3 for the rescue. She stated that, with tax-exempt status rescue would be eligible for to receive grants, sell items on e-bay and other websites for fundraising purposes, receive tax-deductible donations, and be eligible for matching funds, etc. Cindy Wolfrom suggested that perhaps PRBC should look into 501-C-3 status as well for the same reasons. Lynn Harty asked Sonnya to draft a proposal to clarify the intent and submit it to the PRBC board. Discussion was held, and it was agreed upon to table this item until the proposal is received.

- **BLOODHOUNDS WEST-NORTHERN CHAPTER (President Sherry Robertson):**

Trailing 2013: Sherry reported having a very good Regional over the Cinco de Mayo weekend this year and thanked PRBC members for supporting the show. The Judy Robb Memorial Trailing Trial will be held on President's Day weekend, February 16, 17, and 18, 2013, in the Salinas/Gonzales, CA area, pending ABC approval. The trial will be put forward as two separate events over three days, and application has been made for six MTs, four MTIs, and two MTXs. Because MTX judges are very limited here in the west and are the biggest expense for a

trailing trial, National Trailing Trial committee Chair Jan Rothwell will help find MTX judges for less money.

ABC National 2014: The 2014 National will be hosted by Bloodhounds West and held at Lion's Gate Hotel in Sacramento (rooms are \$79/night). This is the former McClellan Air Force Base and is fully self-contained. Bloodhounds West will be able to offer conformation, trailing, agility, and obedience on the site. The club needs to raise approximately \$30,000 for this event. Jan Stallings offered fundraising ideas. They are currently offering a discount coupon book for \$30. In addition, Bloodhounds West recently purchased a heat press to make logo wear. The press is a six-way press that also does items other than clothing, and may be made available to other clubs (including PRBC) on a profit-sharing basis.

Breed Rescue: Bloodhounds West has shut down its breed rescue and transferred it to Laura Rathburn with Paws for a Cause in Redding, CA. Sherry did note that Bloodhounds West was not chartered as a breed club but as a rescue group.

- **NATIONAL 2012 TOP 20**: Lynn Harty and Sherry Robertson received an e-mail from Judy McDonald stating that regional clubs have traditionally donated a regional-specific basket to be raffled at the National Top 20 and requesting that PRBC donate a basket. Discussion was held regarding prior donations. Janis stated that, two years ago, the basket cost as much to ship as it did to put together because we had no one from our club who could take it. Becky Irving suggested a "Made in Washington" store gift basket, as that could be shipped anywhere. It would not be bloodhound-specific but would be regionally appropriate. Janis Hardy offered to organize the procurement of the basket if the membership voted to do so. She requested a \$150 budget to put together and ship the basket. A motion was made by Sheri Whetstine to provide \$150 to Janis for a regional gift basket for the 2012 National Top 20. Becky Irving seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2013-15 (Lynn Harty for Nominating Committee Chair Stacey Poler)**: Because of the recent mid-term change of officers/directors, there has been some discussion regarding how to go forward

and get the election cycle (officers one year, then directors the next year) back on track. Stacey suggested that, if the current acting and elected officers were willing to stay in office for one more term, the nominating committee would then nominate a Board of Directors only this year. Three of the current officers are in "acting" capacity. All three are willing to continue in their current offices. The nominating committee consists of Stacey Poler, chair, and Tim Whetstine and Heather Richards with Jill Dingle as an alternate. Lynn asked that the slate of nominees be presented to the members by October 15th for voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERI WHETSTINE, SECRETARY