

Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club

2023 General Meeting – Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 6:00 PM

Conducted via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: President Cindy Wolfrom called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

PRBC Officers and Directors Present: Cindy Wolfrom, Sheri Whetstine, Lynn Harty, Darla Watkins, Cheryl Cromeenes, and Marie Taylor

PRBC Officers and Directors Absent: Becky Irving

PRBC Members Present: Jan Rothwell, Aldo Branch, Diane Branch, Katie Cole, Pam Herranz, Ramon Sandoval, and Jan Stallings

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF 2022 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: The 2022 general meeting minutes were emailed in advance of the Zoom meeting, so it was moved by Lynn Harty, seconded by Katie Cole, and unanimously approved to approve the minutes as written and without being read.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Secretary Sheri Whetstine had nothing to report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Lynn Harty highlighted the previously emailed 2022 fiscal analysis of the club treasury and reported the current treasury balances shown below:

- General Account: 14,888.29
- Savings Account: 10,015.48
- Event Account: 3667.81
- PayPal Account: 470.66
- Total: 29,042.24

A current pending \$30 deposit (\$10 EEC and \$20 sale of a donated bedspread) and two bills to pay (\$77 for the ABC’s 10% profit from our July 2023 regional specialty and \$20 owed to the state of WA for the annual renewal of the PRBR rescue committee business license) will bring the account balances to a total of 28,975.24. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was moved by Sheri Whetstine, seconded by Aldo Branch, and unanimously approved. Lynn Harty abstained from voting.

MEMBERSHIP: PRBC has 30 members. New member Ramon Sandoval was on the Zoom for tonight’s meeting. Welcome to PRBC, Ramon and Diane Sandoval!

RESCUE: Pam Herranz reported two female bloodhounds for rehoming: one in the Tri-Cities and one in California. Pam and Deb Thomas-Blake are working together on rescues.

TRAILING: Cindy Wolfrom reported that entries are now closed for the upcoming End of Summer Fun in Winlock trailing trial. Four entries were received.

REGIONAL SPECIALTY: Sheri Whetstine reported that the regional specialty weekend was very busy, especially with the WWHA Fast Cat event going on. This year marked the first time since 2017 that PRBC has hosted the ABC's NW Regional Specialty in western Washington. Moving the event has resulted in a higher number of entries, but July's Puyallup cluster might be a little too frenzied a venue for PRBC to offer the type of event, with opportunities for exhibitors and friends to gather and socialize, that everyone enjoys.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: PRBC's Nominating Committee, chaired by Darla Watkins with committee members Pam Herranz and Ramon Sandoval (Tina Kocar as alternate) is working up a slate of officer candidates (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer) for the upcoming year. Cindy requests that anyone interested in one of the officer positions submit a letter of interest with your qualifications to the nominating committee by August 25th. The slate put forth by the committee will be mailed to the club secretary by September 15th and then emailed to all club members by September 25th. Additional nominations may then be made and must be received by the secretary by October 15th. Each of these nominations must be signed by five PRBC members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each additional candidate, signifying the willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position. If no valid additional nominations are received, the Nominating Committee's original slate shall be declared elected effective January 1, 2024, and no balloting shall be required.

UPDATE: ABC NATIONAL SPECIALTY 2024, HOSTED BY PRBC

SUPPORTING HANDOUTS:

- PRBC Board Meeting Notes July 12, 2023, with 2024 National Discussion
- Proposed Logo for the 2024 National
- Stage #1 of the T-shirt Quilt for the 2024 National
- Duties and People for the 2024 National
- 2024 National Week Daily Calendar/Schedule of Events
- National Tasks and Timelines adapted from the ABC Website

HELPERS:

- Jan Rothwell will handle 2024 catalog advertising and ABC Bulletin and Newsletter promotions. Thank you, Jan!
- Cindy Wolfrom can store auction/raffle items either at her house or at her mom's house. Thank you, Cindy!
- Cindy Wolfrom will handle the receiving and mailing back of the challenge trophies. Thank you, Cindy!
- The Convention Center can provide coffee (and water?) in the morning as well as an open bar later in the day. The consensus is that it's too much to expect members to cook onsite food for the hospitality room. Cindy will check with the Convention Center regarding what we can and can't do as regards food/snack items for hospitality.
- Deb Thomas-Blake will help where needed (no heavy lifting). Thank you, Deb!
- Aldo and Diane Branch will help as they are able (Diane boutique?). Thank you!

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Crating: Send Heather Buehner a direct message.
- Still need someone to chair trophy/rosette donations and fundraising. Marti Michalis was suggested. Cindy will reach out to Marti and ask if she is willing.
- Equipment: Ask Bryan Flessner if he will help with the ring set up and matting.

2024 NATIONAL UPDATES:

- Auction Proceeds: With the goal of raising \$4000 in support of the 2024 National, Lynn Harty reported these auction proceeds from the “silent phase” of PRBC’s fundraising:

952.48 summer 2022 online auction

507.52 for trailing expenses raised September 2022

562.33 November 2022 online auction

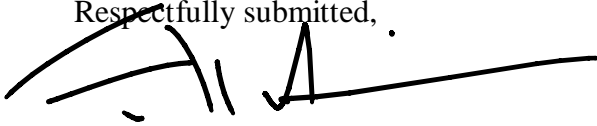
2021.33 total

Proposed “big” auction items for 2024 are the T-shirt quilt, the quilted wall hanging, the original bloodhound head study by artist Larry Walden, and the bloodhound statue donated by Lynne Aguirre (if it has value). Because we don’t want to compete with the fundraising currently being done for the 2023 National, we will hold off on doing more general and trailing auctions until later this year. (Note: The 2023 ABC National Specialty will be held September 24-30, 2023.)

- T-Shirt Quilt: We’ll email a request for previous national specialty t-shirts (no stains, no holes) and specify the years we are looking for.
- Bloodhound Statue Donated by Lynne Aguirre: Lynn Harty will email a photo of the standing bloodhound statue to Cindy Wolfrom, who will show it to the Mercury Auction House staff. Hopefully we can get some provenance on this item to determine its value and price it correctly.
- Ring Equipment: PRBC is extremely fortunate to be able to borrow matting and fencing from Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers. This is a huge thing! We will haul the equipment from Colfax over to Ocean Shores and back. Marie Taylor, thank you for your help with this!
- Additional Event: Fast CAT on the beach appears non-workable, so we are looking into the possibility of doing Scent Works as part of the 2024 National week-long schedule. Another venue for this would need to be reserved: the Ocean Shores VFW or the Elks Club were suggested. Trailing Trial Chair Cheryl Cromeenes said that it might be possible to run Scent Works concurrently with the trailing trial (Monday, 9/16/2024 and Tuesday, 9/17/2024). Tony and Mary Ginter are the Scent Works contact people in the ABC. Sheri will speak with them at the National regarding the feasibility of holding the two events concurrently.
- Ring Markers: Because we can’t locate our bloodhound ring markers, it was suggested to contact Melissa Byrd in the SEBC to see whether we could borrow theirs.
- Hospitality Bags: Pam is chairing the committee. She will solicit donations. Lynn Harty volunteered to make 75 pinecone fire starters for the bags.

With no further business, it was moved Lynn Harty, seconded by Pam Herranz, and unanimously approved to adjourn the 2023 general meeting of the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheri Whetstine', written over a horizontal line.

Sheri Whetstine, Secretary

Addendum: Received an email from Ramon Sandoval, after the meeting was adjourned, that he and his wife, Diane, will be willing to help with hospitality. Thank you, Ramon and Diane!