

**Notes**  
**Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club**  
**Board Meeting re 2024 National Specialty**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 5 PM, Held via Zoom**

**Present:** Cindy Wolfrom, Sheri Whetstine, Lynn Harty, Pam Herranz, Diana Sandoval, Cheryl Cromeenes, Marie Taylor, Darla Watkins, and Aldo and Diane Branch

**Absent:** Becky Irving, Jan Rothwell, Janet Kelly, and Lyn Sherman

**1. Updates Part One**

- a. **The Weebly storefront is now live and working correctly!**
- b. Grounds Update: Chair Becky Irving has notified us that she won't be able to attend the National Specialty, so the grounds committee – responsible for setting up and taking down the rings, making signage and doing poop patrol – will remain chairless. Sheri will ask Bryan Flessner and Michael Nye to help with ring setup (the mats are quite heavy), and Cindy and Darla will create decorative sandbags to stabilize the fence supports. **Update: Bryan and Michael will help! Aldo and Diane Branch will help too.**
- c. **Convention Center Update (Cindy Wolfrom)**: Cindy and Sheri met with George, who now heads the Ocean Shores Convention Center, and everything is good there.
  - i. Event Schedule Reminder: the Trailing Trial will take place on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday is scheduled for Futurity and the Top Twenty with a buffet banquet and cash bar; Thursday is scheduled for Veteran and Puppy Sweepstakes. Dinner will be a Polynesian buffet banquet with a cash bar. Friday is the National Specialty with regular and non-regular classes, the annual buffet banquet with a cash bar, and the live auction; and Saturday is the NW Regional Specialty with Veteran and Puppy sweepstakes.
  - ii. For breakfasts, the Convention Center will provide coffee, tea, and water.
  - iii. Five RV spaces (\$35) are available at the Convention Center with all profits going to the club. No hook-ups.
- d. **Shilo Inn Update (Sheri Whetstine)**: Because we haven't been able to get Jennifer Schmidt, the Shilo's new manager, to revise our contract to reflect the one-time pet fee, Sheri will revise the contract and email it to her for her signature. We're hoping this will work. **Update: Jennifer signed and returned the revised contract with the corrected pet fee information!**
  - i. The Shilo restaurant space has been leased, and the restaurant was supposed to have opened as of March 1, 2024, but Sheri just checked with the Shilo, and the restaurant isn't open yet.
  - ii. Our Shilo room block should close very near to the date that National Specialty entries close ... about three weeks prior to the beginning of the show.
- e. **Catalog Ads and More**: Candace Heath will do the catalog adds. Please send her contact information to Lynn to add to the show committee list. The "Daily Drool" will publish ads for us and will need them by 5/31.
- f. **Equipment We Still Need**: Bill Russell's ramp/pedestal for stacking hounds for win photos. Sheri will contact WWHA. The ring markers made by Earl Allen are still missing. Options: Sheri's brother could make them, we might be able to borrow the SEBC's (Michael and Molly Nye), or we could contact Janis Hardy's friend who bought her house to see whether they are there.
- g. **Lunches**: Diana and Ramon Sandoval volunteered to help Betty Seigal with the lunches.

- h. **Raffle Ticket Rolls:** Cindy and/or Cheryl will see about getting some.
- i. **Seminars:** Marti Michalis and Jessica Chrisopoulos for Trick Dog and CGC seminars. Suggest we approach Dr. Cindy in Lakewood about doing a reproduction seminar. Ask Darla? Tina?
- j. **Welcome Bags:** So far, we have poop bags, pumpkin cookies, and magnets. Drool rags are proposed.

## 2. Fundraising Initiatives

- a. **Top 20:** Suzanne Fitch will offer a Top 20 Online Auction, and Lynn has sent her photos and descriptions of 13 nice items from PRBC for the auction. Lynn has these items at her house and will mail them to the winning bidders. USPS flat rate boxes, based on comprehensive research by Marie Taylor, are the quickest and most financially efficient choice for mailing items nationwide. Auction profits will be encumbered to support the Top 20 event.
- b. **Trailing Auction:** Janet Kelly has several items from the estate of Linda Gottlieb to auction. Proceeds will be earmarked for trailing and possibly rescue. Lynn will check in with Janet about how she wants us to proceed with this fundraising initiative. **Update from Janet: Live auction!**
- c. **Bloodhound Ephemera from Lynne Aguirre:** Sheri has received lots of hard-copy items from Lynne Aguirre. Lynn suggested that these materials could be made part of the Bloodhound Scholar's Library that we will showcase and offer for purchase during the Live Auction.
- d. **Mercury Auctions:** As much as we would love to have the Mercury people run our Live Auction event, our event budget can't support the \$500 cost. Cindy will notify the auction people, and we'll need to identify an auctioneer, a scribe, and a money person.

## 3. Updates Part Two

- a. **Ribbons/Rosettes:** Darla reported that Tina Kocar has agreed to make all the ribbons and rosettes for the National Specialty events.
- b. **Working Dog and Bitch Classes:** add Working Dog and Working Bitch to the National Specialty regular classes. **Update: Done!**
- c. **Class Placement Item Suggestions:** Sheri will create glass pieces for the large trophies. Embroidery for towels for the National classes will cost \$250-ish from Jamie Eggleston (40 colored towels more or less cost \$12-\$13/dozen. Can these be purchased in mixed colors per dozen?) National Sweeps could be a toy in a bucket, and regional sweeps could be toys in graduated sizes. What should we have for Futurity? Don't purchase these items until after entries close.
- d. **AKC Event Application Paperwork:** Paula VanBeveren has submitted the National and Regional paperwork to the AKC. Update: **The AKC has approved the National and Regional events!**

## 4. Current Budgeted Trophy/Rosette Funds are Shown Below.

- a. National Trophies \$950 / Rosettes \$1368
- b. Regional Trophies \$450 / Rosettes \$547
- c. Top 20 Trophies and Rosettes (Cindy)
- d. Participatory Rosettes \$200

## 5. Calendar Alert: The next PRBC National Specialty Zoom meeting was **not** identified during this meeting.

This Zoom meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM, Pacific Daylight Time.