

Notes
Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club
Board Meeting re 2024 National Specialty
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 7 PM, Held via Zoom

Present: Cindy Wolfrom, Sheri Whetstine, Lynn Harty, Pam Herranz, Diane Sandoval, and Jan Rothwell

Absent: Becky Irving, Cheryl Cromeenes, Darla Watkins, Janet Kelly, and Lyn Sherman

1. Updates

- a. Grounds Chair Becky Irving has notified us that she won't be able to attend the National Specialty.
- b. **Convention Center Update (Cindy Wolfrom):** Cindy and Sheri met with George, who now heads up the Ocean Shores Convention Center, and everything is good there.
 - i. PRBC has purchased a liquor permit so that PRBC can offer beer and wine for our Tuesday night gathering (when we will recognize trailing and share trailing trial results), and PRBC will be purchasing the food (pizza). The Convention Center will provide coolers and water at its cost. Earlier on Tuesday, we'll be setting up the rings, and 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, and it's possible that the Shilo restaurant will be open by September.
 - iii. Fun things to do: The Convention Center has corn hole equipment, so we could offer corn hole tournaments on Wednesday and Thursday. It's possible that the next-door games (miniature golf, golf carts, etc.) will be open on Saturday and Sunday only, so we'll have to check on that. But the bowling alley will be open.
 - iv. National Boutique: The boutique location will be in the same area as in 2017, and the Convention Center will provide skirted tables with no top coverings. Table space is free, but vendors will need to reserve their spaces in advance, and PRBC will take a 10% commission from their sales. Please Note that the ABC apparel for the National Specialty will be sold on a pre-order basis only and will be available for pick-up at the Nationals. Boutique hours (afternoons only) will be determined by the Boutique chairperson.
 - v. Five RV spaces (\$35) are available at the Convention Center with all profits going to the club. No hook-ups.
- c. **Shilo Inn Update (Sheri Whetstine):** Jennifer is the Shilo's new manager. She is brand new to a manager position and is not always onsite at the Shilo. She is the fourth manager (so far) that we have worked with for this National.
 - i. RVs can park free at the Shilo (on the outskirts of the parking lot only) **IF** the RV owners are renting Shilo rooms. If they aren't, RV parking costs \$25/night. No hook-ups.
 - ii. The clam shack will be ready as an outdoor dog-washing station.
 - iii. The Shilo restaurant space has been leased, and the restaurant is supposed to have opened as of March 1, 2024.

- iv. 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.
- v. After a misunderstanding about whether the Shilo pet fee was: (1) \$25/dog/night/3-dog maximum; **OR** (2) \$25/dog/3-dog maximum for the duration of the room renter's stay, Jennifer ended up agreeing that the Shilo would honor (2). Sheri asked Jennifer to revise our contract to that effect, but Sheri has received no revised contract. Jennifer did send Sheri a reply email agreeing to (2). Sheri, **please** send copies of this reply to Cindy and Lynn.
- vi. Discussions are ongoing about room comps.

2. Fundraising Initiatives

- a. Lynn is having a very tough time with the PRBC Weebly website, so Cindy will work with Suzanne Fitch to offer a Top Twenty Online Auction while Lynn continues the Weebly fight.

3. Other Discussions

- a. Add Working Dog and Working Bitch to the National Specialty regular classes.
- b. Class placements could be little stuffies/toys in graduated sizes or machine-embroidered towels with washcloths for places 2-4 and hand towels for first-place wins. Do **NOT** purchase these items until after entries close. Sheri will create glass pieces for the large trophies. Discussion took place about where to order ribbons/rosettes with no decision reached, although we have been told that Tina Kocar will be making rosettes for the Top Twenty.
- c. AKC Event Application Paperwork: Paula VanBeveren has submitted the National and Regional paperwork to the AKC.

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. Mark Your Calendars: The next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 5 PM Pacific Daylight Time.