

Notes
Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club
Board Meeting regarding the 2024 ABC National Specialty
Saturday, May 11, 2024, 5 PM PDT, Held via Zoom

Present: Sheri Whetstine, Lynn Harty,

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at PM

1. Updates

- a. **New Weebly Update (Lynn Harty):** Lynn has just posted web pages for trailing trial general fund donations, veterinary services in southwest Washington and transportation to/from airports (shuttle services for SeaTac are still under discussion ... Sheri has posted a query about interest in shuttles on the ABC Facebook page. Sonnya Crawford Wilkins is willing to provide shuttle service to and from SeaTac for interested groups, but travellers would need to work with her directly). 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.

- b. **New Grounds Update:** Who can lend us their pooper scoopers, and how many do we need? Still need poop bags. **Lynn will bring buckets. How many buckets do we need? What kinds of signs need to be made?**

- c. **New Matting Update (Lynn Harty):** Lynn has sent a matting diagram to Sheri, Cheryl, Cindy, Bryan, and Michael. We'll be bringing 9 mats and 30 gates with standards from Colfax to Valleyford to western Washington. Mat pick-up and timing is under discussion among Sid, Lynn, Marie, and Cheryl. **We'll need Gorilla Tape**, per the Convention Center, to do the matting (easier on the carpet). **How many rolls of tape do we need? Sid and Lynn will work with Marie and Cheryl to get the mats from Colfax to Valleyford, then from Valleyford to western Washington this month.**

- d. **Convention Center Update (Cindy Wolfrom)**
 - 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.

- e. **Shilo Inn Update (Sheri Whetstine):**
*** 5/11/2024 Discussion Update:** The restaurant isn't open yet.

e. **Catalog Ads Update (Janet Kelly):**

* **5/11/2024 Discussion Update:** Janet has sent an email to Rick Shriver, chair of the 2025 National.

f. **Equipment We Still Need:** In progress with WWHA for ramp/pedestal and ring markers. Sheri Whetstine verified that WWHA will lend us the Bill Russell ramp. Also, Sheri's brother will recreate the bloodhound ring markers. Thank you!

g. **Lunches:** Diana and Ramon will help Betty Seigal Sandoval distribute the lunches.

h. **Raffle Ticket Rolls (Cindy/Cheryl/Lyn):**

i. **Seminars (Sheri Whetstine and Janet Kelly):** The seminars are proposed to take place on Thursday afternoon.

* **5/11/2024 Discussion Update:** Janet has sent an inquiry email to Marti Michalis and Jessica Chrisopoulos about CGC and trick dog seminars. Tina Kocar will check with Dr. Cindy about prices for her canine reproduction seminars.

j. **Welcome Bags:** So far, we have poop bags, pumpkin cookies, pens (thank you, Janet!) and magnets, those donated by Sheri. Thank you, Sheri! Drool rags are proposed.

* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Val Peppinger can't do any embroidery on drool rags because of equipment problems. Can we get dog toys? Darla will ask Sonnya Crawford Wilkins about poop bags for grounds and tog toys. Is there some way to add the logo to the handles of the hospitality bags?

* **5/11/2024 Discussion Update:** Pam has arranged for drool rag embroidery, and Sheri has made logo stickers for the hospitality bags.

k. **RVSPs:** Currently, we have 47 yeses, one no, and 3 tentatives. Have you RSVPed?

l. **Photographer:** Sheri wasn't able to meet with the photographer at the show on May 4th.

m. **Show Secretary (Sheri Whetstine):** **All items for inclusion in the premium list are due June 1. Catalog ads are due August 15.**

2. Pre-Event Fundraising Initiatives

a. **Top 20 Online Auction** As of 5/11/2024, Suzanne Fitch's Top 20 online auction brought in \$1676.14 net (\$1715 gross figure - \$38.86 in PayPal fees = \$1676.14 net). Thank you, Suzanne! Combined with previous fundraising efforts for the general fund (previous online auctions at \$1614.81) and trailing (previous fundraising at \$1155.00), our pre-event fundraising totals \$4,445.95. PRBC's goal was to raise \$4000.00 in pre-event initiatives, and this goal has been met. Yay for us!

* **4/10/2024 Discussion Update:** We are planning another online auction mid-June to early July start date. Lynn H. and Sheri will handle this online auction.

b. **Quilt for Live Auction:** The quilt top is done, and Marie is working on the batting, backing, and binding.

*** 5/11/2024 Discussion Update:** Lynn has made an appointment with Beth North in Medical Lake to do the long-arm quilting. See the photos.

3. Current Still to Do List

a. Ribbons/Rosettes: In progress. Current Budgeted Trophy/Rosette Funds are Shown Below.

National Trophies \$950 / Rosettes \$1368

Regional Trophies \$450 / Rosettes \$547

Top 20 Trophies and Rosettes (Cindy)

Participatory Rosettes \$200

*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Sheri will create Classic Design pieces for the major trophies at Friday's show and will ask reimbursement for glass costs only. We have no ideas yet on trophies for the Regional Specialty event nor on the Futurity trophies either. Discussion centered around stuffies and water buckets for sweepstake events ... although water buckets can be expensive. **To be continued.**

*** 5/11/2024 Discussion Update:** Sheri: **Dream catchers, dog travel bag kits, stuffies ...**

b. **Class Placement Item Suggestions:** 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. **For continued discussion at the 4/20/2024 meeting.**

*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Sheri has purchased larger towels that will embroider well.

c. Contact ABC Treasurer regarding insurance waivers for all scheduled events. **Lynn Harty**

*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Lynne Aguirre's mother has just passed away, so Sheri will contact Sandy Katos about getting the insurance.

*** 5/11/2024 Discussion Update:** **Per 5/8/2024 Zoom meeting, Sandy Katos will work to get the event insurance. The Ocean Shores CC and the Shilo Inn will be named as additional insureds.**

*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Sheri will contact Sandy Katos about getting this information from the National breed and futurity judges. Sheri already has contacted the sweeps and regional judges.

*** 5/11/2024 Discussion Update:** **Per 5/8/2024 Zoom meeting, Sandy Katos will work to get the bios.**

d. Begin developing content for premium list. In progress with Georjan. June 1 is the exact due date for premium list information. / Determine the number of premiums to be printed and mailed. / Obtain the mailing list from the ABC membership chair.

*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Sheri will contact Georjan Bridger to determine the best way to publish the premium list. Premiums aren't mailed out any more; the ABC could email the large email distribution list to Georjan.

*** 5/11/2024 Update:** **Per 5/8/2024 Zoom meeting, premium list distribution will be all electronic: Georjan can email the premium list in PDF and with a link to Adriana Pavlinovic, who then can use Works to distribute it to the ABC membership and the social media sites.**

- e. Contact the ABC Hall of Fame coordinator.
*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** National Sweeps Judge Karen Dewey is the ABC Hall of Fame coordinator. PRBC is required to provide large ivory and gold rosettes to the winners, and the list of winners will be available on July 31, 2024.
- f. **ABC National Trophies: Cindy Wolfrom will touch base with Lisa Martinchalk.** Most of these will be brought to the National and taken back to Lisa, but the ABC does have requirements for how the trophy table is to be set up
*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Cindy will touch base with Lisa Martinchalk. Janet Kelly already has some of these trophies and is willing to drive them to and from Ocean Shores but would like a partial reimbursement for gas.
*** 5/11/2024 Update:** **Cindy has been in contact with Lisa, and we have the description of the challenge trophies for including in the premium list and catalog. We'll need two tables with white tablecloths to display the trophies, and we'll bring extra gating to protect them from dogs and people walking by.**
- g. **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.**
- h. **Judges' Hospitality: Lynn will contact Adriana Pavlinovic.** The judges' hospitality person communicates with judges regarding their contract requirements and any individual requirements. Finalize judges' hotel reservations? Trailing judges are handled by the Trailing Trial Event Committee.
*** 5/11/2024 Discussion Update:** **We discussed details of this with Sandy and Addy during the Zoom meeting. Note that Futurity judge Susan Markley has significant food allergies and is glucose and lactose intolerant so will need a special diet. Sheri will get permission from the CC to bring in special banquet meals for her. Addy will contact Judge Eddie Dzuik for his arrangements.**
- i. **Dinners and Lunches: Cindy with George Lee at the Convention Center: Need to finalize menus, prices, including for children, and options for gluten free and lactose intolerant.**
*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Banquet prices are \$57 with \$25 for children's plates. The menus shown below are for the Top Twenty and National banquets. Sheri will handle the menu for the Thursday night banquet, luau theme.
*** 5/11/2024 Update:** **Sheri has ordered the Thursday night luau banquet from the CC. Price is \$40/plate. Entertainment will be corn hole and trivia games.**

Note: Basic dinner buffets include assorted rolls, butter, appropriate condiments, chef's choice dessert display, regular and decaf coffee, and hot tea.

Top Twenty: Veggies: green bean almondine and scalloped corn and scallop casserole / Starches – buttered red potatoes and wild rice / Entrées – sliced inside beef round, chicken cordon blue

and roasted pork tenderloin with pancetta and sage / Salads – tossed field greens and green pea salad.

National Banquet: Veggies – glazed whole baby corns and tomato basil green beans / Starches – rice pilaf and parsley red potatoes / Entrée – beef tips with mushrooms, sliced turkey, and marinated chicken breast with grilled pineapple salsa / Salads – Italian pasta salad and tender butter lettuce and baby arugula.

***5/11/2024 Update:** Veggie lasagna is an option from the Convention Center. Typically, their buffet banquets include information about food ingredients for patrons with special dietary needs.

- j. **Decorations** Cindy is coordinating using the table decorations that the Convention Center has.

*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Cindy reported that the Convention Center has table decorations that we can use, and the linens and tablecloths will be very nice in black and white. The Top Twenty Committee will handle its own decorations for the Top Twenty banquet.

- k. **Select someone to buy floral arrangements as needed.**

*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:**

Lynn is thinking about windmill palms and/or pampas grass as greenery for the win photos. Perhaps some greenery for the selfie area??

- l. **Judges:** **Sheri** - Double-check contracts for responsibilities and ensure that requirements will be met.

*** 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:**

- Karen Dewey, Natl Sweeps ~ 1) One night hotel; 2) Dinner the night prior; 3) Two banquet tix.
- Laura Reeves, Reg Sweeps ~ 1) One night hotel; 2) \$100 max travel; 3) Dinner the night before; 4) Two banquet tix *
- Sylvie McGee, Regional Breed/Jrs ~ 1) \$5 per entry; 2) \$150 max travel; 3) One night hotel; 4) Dinner night prior; 5) Two banquet tix; 6) Lunch Saturday.. Sheri will make an alternative Friday dinner offer to Sylvie and Laura because they can't attend the banquet prior to their Regional judging assignments on Saturday.

*** 4/20 and 23/2024 Update:** After discussion on 4/20, Sheri offered Sylvie and Laura dinner on us at another restaurant Friday night. Both understood the situation and agreed to the change. No rewriting of their contracts will be needed.

4. **New Topics Brought Up during the 4/20/2020 Meeting**

- a. **Judges' Education (Camille McArdle):** Lynn Harty will contact Camille for an update.

*** 5/11/2024 Update:** Camille says that it's way too early to know who might or might not sign up for Judge's Education. It's probable that she won't make the trip to Ocean Shores for this year's Nationals, but she'll contact Susan Hamil about doing judge's education if we have any paying attendees. More details to follow as they become available.

- b. **T-Shirts for Donation (Darla Watkins:** Darla's daughter has new, bloodhound heartbeat T-shirts to offer. S/M 15 count each size; L, XL, and 2X; 30 count each size + more.

c. **Jewelry for Live Auction:** Lyn Sherman has jewelry that she will consider donating. Thank you for considering doing this, Lyn! Lisa Jones could also be asked.

5. **New Topics for 5/11/2024**

a. Do we want to have a puppy match?

b. Cheryl Cromeenes will handle the financial spreadsheets for the National

c. 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 for dogs and bitches and winners will compete for Best Bred By as part of BOB judging.

d. Finalize judges’ hotel reservations

*** 5/11/2024 Update:** In progress. Is there an update on Top Twenty judge’s reservations?

e. Jewelry (Sheri):

6. **Calendar Alert: The next PRBC National Specialty Zoom meeting will take place on PDT.**

The 5/11/2024 PRBC National Specialty Zoom meeting was adjourned at PM, Pacific Daylight Time.