

**Notes**  
**Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club**  
**Board Meeting regarding the 2024 ABC National Specialty**  
**Wednesday, April 20, 2024, 5 PM PDT, Held via Zoom**

**Present:** Cindy Wolfrom, Sheri Whetstine, Lynn Harty, Janet Kelly, Jan Rothwell, Pam Herranz, Darla Watkins, Diana Sandoval, Lyn Sherman, and Aldo and Diane Branch

**Absent:** Becky Irving, Cheryl Cromeenes, and Marie Taylor

**The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM**

**1. Updates**

- a. **New Weebly Update:** PRBC's Weebly website and 2024 National Specialty store front are refreshed, and the store front is now working correctly. Shoppers can sponsor selected trophies at the Futurity, National Specialty, Regional Specialty, and Sweepstakes events; sponsor selected classes; make donations to the general trophy fund; purchase premium crating spaces; buy catalog ads; and reserve RV parking (five spots, no hookups) at the Convention Center.
- b. **New Grounds Update:** The Grounds Committee is responsible for setting up and taking down the rings (mats and gating), making signage, and doing poop patrol. Bryan Flessner and Michael Nye have agreed to help with ring setup (the mats weigh one pound per linear foot), and Cindy and Darla will create decorative sandbags to stabilize the fence supports. **Who has pooper scoopers?**  
**\* 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** PRBC doesn't have them, so we'll have to borrow. **We need poop bags, too.** Lynn Harty will bring poop buckets. Cindy will check with George Lee about what type of tape the CC wants to use to tape down the ring mats.
- c. **New Matting Update:** As you'll remember, Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers/Lewis and Clark Kennel Club is letting PRBC borrow their matting and gating. Thank you, Marie Taylor! Towards the end of April, Sid and Lynn Harty will bring this equipment from Colfax to their house and store it until Cheryl Cromeenes and Marv Newton can pick it up and transport it to western Washington. Yes, it takes a village.  
**\* 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Lynn verified that these mats aren't stored outdoors and won't need to be scrubbed before we use them.
- 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.
  - ii. **New Update on the Tuesday Welcome Gathering:** Ramon and Diana Sandoval will coordinate the Tuesday Welcome Gathering, which will be a pizza feed. PRBC will pay for the pizza and provide financial reimbursement to Diana and Ramon, who will bring beverages and coolers. Thanks to the Sandovals for their support! PRBC has purchased its own liquor license for this gathering so that we can offer beer and wine to our guests.

- iii. **New Hospitality Update:** For breakfasts, the Convention Center will provide coffee, tea, and water. Diana and Ramon will have breakfast items available. Thank you again!
- d. **Shilo Inn Update (Sheri Whetstine):** Update: Jennifer Schmidt 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.
    - \* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** The restaurant isn't open as of 4/20/2024. The Shilo now anticipates its being opened before summer 2024. Twenty-five rooms have been booked for the National.
  - 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 ads. One ad has been sold so far. The "Daily Drool" (Bloodhounds West) will publish ads for us and will need them by 5/31. Sheri will now handle catalog ads directly with Georjan Bridger. Ohad Lowy has purchased an ad, Lyn Sherman will buy an ad in memory of Elwood, and Janet Kelly will let 2025 National Chair Rick Shriver know that he can have the catalog's back cover free of charge for 2025 advertising.
- f. **Equipment We Still Need:** In progress with WWHA for ramp/pedestal and ring markers.
  - \* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** 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 and/or Cheryl will see about getting some.
  - \* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Lyn Sherman said that she has some raffle tickets, and she and Cindy will work together to coordinate what they both have.
- i. **Seminars:** Marti Michalis and Jessica Chrisopoulos for Trick Dog and CGC seminars. See **Still to Do below.**
  - \* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Janet Kelly will take this over. Thank you very much, Janet! The seminars are proposed to take place on Thursday afternoon.
- j. **Welcome Bags:** So far, we have poop bags, pumpkin cookies, pens (thank you, Janet!) and magnets. 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 about poop bags for grounds and dog toys. Is there some way to add the logo to the handles of the hospitality bags?
- k. **RVSPs:** Currently, we have 44 yeses, one no, and 3 tentatives. Have **you** RSVPed?
- l. **Photographer:** Sheri, does the photographer have any backgrounds for the win photos?
  - \* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Sheri will meet with the show photographer and talk to her about taking ringside candids, which we'll need to go with the National Specialty we'll be expected to write. Also, she'll ask the photographer if she has any backgrounds for win photos. The Convention Center has a hanging drape on a pipe if we need to use this as the background.
- m. **Show Secretary:** Sheri
  - \* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Sheri will get hard due dates from Show Secretary/Superintendent Georjan Bridges, who will be onsite from Wednesday – Saturday.
  - \* **4/23/2024 Update:** 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 and More:** Suzanne Fitch's Top 20 online auction has brought in \$1375 (gross figure: shipping costs and PayPal fees will be an expense). 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 \$4144.81 (minus Top 20 online auction expenses). PRBC's goal was to raise \$4000.00 in pre-event initiatives, and this goal has been met. Yay for us!

\* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Cindy reported and Suzanne Fitch confirmed, that the Top Twenty online auction made another \$125.00, bringing total online sales to \$1,500.00 and our pre-event fundraising totals to \$4,269.81 (minus Top Twenty auction expenses). 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:** A photo of the quilt top was emailed to everyone yesterday. Marie Taylor is a **fabulous** precision seamstress! The finished size is projected to be 62" by 80", so this quilt will be versatile and can be used as a bed topper, a couch throw, or a wall hanging. Lynn and Marie are in the process of choosing the filler and backing. **Please note** that we will have this piece quilted by someone who does professional quilting on a long-arm machine.

## 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.**

- 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. **Veterinarians:** In progress to identify local and emergency veterinarians.

\* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Deb Thomas-Blake reported via Sheri that Dr. Lake in Ocean Shores is open M, T, R, F and can see dogs on an emergent basis. Other possibilities include Hoquiam (Rain Tree?) and Olympia (iffie) for the emergency vet. **Discussion to be continued.**

- d. **Seminars:** Marti Michalis and Jessica Chrisopoulos for Trick Dog and CGC seminars.

\* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Janet Kelly volunteered to do this. Thank you again, Janet!

- e. 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.

- f. Request judges' bios and photos for the catalog. **Who will do this?**  
**\* 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.
- g. 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.
- h. 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.
- i. **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.
- j. **Apparel: Lynn Harty**  
**\* 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Apparel is Lynn's next big project.
- k. **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.  
**\* 4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Lynn will do this right away.
- l. **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.  
**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.

m. **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.

n. **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 too??

o. **Grounds Committee handles poop-scooping equipment.**

\* **4/20/2024 Discussion Update:** Our plan is to borrow pooper scoopers rather than buying them. Lynn will bring poop buckets.

p. **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.

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. Calendar Alert: The next PRBC National Specialty Zoom meeting will take place on Saturday, May 11, at 5:00 PM PDT.**

The 4/20/2024 PRBC National Specialty Zoom meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM, Pacific Daylight Time.