

**Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club 2014 General Membership Meeting**  
**Held in Enumclaw, WA on August 16, 2014, in conjunction with the American Bloodhound Club's**  
**Northwest Regional Specialty Weekend, August 15 – 17, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jan Cook, Marie Taylor, Chris and Laura Hansen, Stacey Poler, Lynn Harty, Janis Hardy, Tina Kocar, Cheryl Cromeenes, Becky Irving, Cindy Wolfrom, and Sheri and Tim Whetstine

**GUESTS:** Marvin Newton, Garrett Irving, Dave Lockridge, and Tom and Cheryl Hayley

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 12:08 p.m.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes from the general membership meeting held 12 January 2014 were reviewed. A motion was made by Janis Hardy and seconded by Marie Taylor to accept the minutes as written. This motion was passed unanimously. Lynn Harty noted an error in the May 2014 Board meeting notes; Janis Hardy and Lynn Harty should be listed as rescue contacts on the PRBC website in addition to Suzi Paine, who serves as the ABC's rescue director for the Pacific Northwest region. The May notes will be corrected and re-posted to the PRBC website.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The Regional article for the *ABC Bulletin* is due today, but Sheri Whetstine has been given an extension until Sunday so that this weekend's show results could be included. Sheri requested input from members/exhibitors by Saturday if they want anything included in the article. Sheri also asked that any photos taken over the weekend be e-mailed before Sunday night for inclusion. Sheri will share the article and photos for the next addition of "Pawprints."

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of 14 August 2014, PRBC's checking account balance was \$6537.70, and the savings account balance was \$10,001.30.

<b>Balance as of 01/01/14</b>					<b>5,683.69</b>
	Dues		400.00		400.00
	Merch.		10.00		10.00
	Website		(38.50)		(38.50)
	Rescue	Income	300.00		
	Rescue	Expense	(313.12)	(13.12)	(13.12)
	Trailing	Income	340.00		
	Trailing	Expense	(304.84)	35.16	35.16
Regional	Trophy	Income	867.47		
Regional	Grounds	Expense	(290.00)		
Regional	Sweeps	Expense	(117.00)	460.47	460.47
<b>Balance as of 08/14/14</b>					<b>6,537.70</b>

Cindy Wolfrom reported that the club had received \$300 in donations toward the rescue dogs we worked to re-home earlier this year. The expenses incurred for the dogs totaled \$313.12, resulting in a net out-of-pocket expense to the club of \$13.12.

**COMMITTEE RERORTS:**

**REGIONAL SPECIALTY:** Sheri thanked everyone for their hard work in making this yet another successful Regional. Discussion was held regarding future venues, including the possibility of changing locations and

moving the regional away from Friday evenings. Sheri would like to keep the Regional an independent event as this allows for altered veterans to be eligible to enter and compete on more than just an “exhibition only” level. Janis requested that any members who have suggestions for a different venue submit them by 1 October 2014. The WWHA hound show was mentioned as an alternate venue, although it probably would be more expensive than OKC, which charges PRBC only \$50 for the current site. Sheri made a motion to keep the regional as an independent event. Tina Kocar seconded. This motion passed unanimously. The discussion of venue changes will be tabled for the time being.

**MEMBERSHIP:** A current roster was not available for review; however, the current paid membership stands at approximately 21 members. Our newest member is Jewlz Lane – welcome! Jewlz owns Loving Care K9 Spa in Carnation, WA. She brings a great deal of experience placing mastiffs, bullies, bloodhounds. She has been instrumental in fostering and placing two bloodhounds this year. Annabelle was a long-term foster who has just been successfully rehomed. Jewlz is currently fostering Stella, one of the dogs taken into rescue from Steve Passé this past spring.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**RESCUE:** Lynn Harty reported that Steve Passé sent a very touching letter thanking her for the updates on Duke, one of his bloodhounds taken in by the Hartys, and Gus, one rehomed by the Hartys with Tom and Sharon Lamb. Laura Hansen read Steve’s letter to the membership. Cindy added that she also had received a letter and is in fairly regular contact with Steve. Steve is doing well with Maggie and George. He appreciates all the work done on his behalf to rehome the dogs. We will email Steve’s address with the general membership if anyone would like to keep in touch with him or send him a card or a note.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ELECTIONS:** PRBC director positions are up for re-election this year. Cindy Wolfrom, a member of the nominating committee (chaired by Betty Seigal), said that the current directors are all willing to remain in office for the next two-year term. Lynn Harty read the by-law regarding nominations from the floor, which are now open and will be accepted until 15 October. If no nominations are received by 15 October, the current directors will retain their offices. If additional nominations are received, a vote-by-mail will take place.

**BY-LAW AMENDMENT:** The current proposed bylaw amendment regarding membership (deleting the associate membership category so that all members who are active, as defined by the PRBC constitution and bylaws, can vote regardless of their geographic locations) is listed in the meeting agenda. The proposed changes will be posted on the website. Sheri asked if it would be acceptable also to post the proposed changes to the membership via e-mail. Discussion ensued regarding electronic communication versus electronic voting. Laura Hansen clarified that dissemination of information and voting are two separate issues. It was generally accepted that the proposed by-law changes could be transmitted to the general membership for review via e-mail; however, the actual voting will need to be done via snail mail.

**CLYDE REED TRAILING TRIAL 2015:** Lynn Harty reported that discussion had been held regarding moving the Clyde Reed to the west side for 2015 as this might perhaps increase the entry. The general consensus was that a location change would be worth trying. Janis Hardy suggested Enumclaw as a possible location as we have had a trial there in the past. Sheri reported she still has the paperwork for the trial held in Enumclaw, so the application process should be fairly straightforward. Janis offered to chair the 2015 trial, and Lynn offered to be secretary. Janis made a motion to move the 2015 Clyde Reed Trailing Trial to western Washington with the location to be determined. Becky Irving seconded. This motion passed unanimously. In preparation for 2015, west-side fun weekends centered around trailing could be offered.

Cindy Wolfrom was congratulated on achieving her ABC Trailing Trial judge certification for MT. Cheryl Cromeenes is in the process of completing her MT application and should be certified soon. Janis Hardy is very close to receiving her MTX upgrade.

**PRBC FACEBOOK PAGE:** The page currently is open only to PRBC members. Lynn Harty asked if it would be appropriate to include the "Friends of PRBC," an e-mail distribution list of about 60 members. Discussion was held regarding the purpose of the Facebook page, which is to hold discussions, share information, and maintain contact. No official club business is conducted on the page. "Friends of PRBC" are people who are involved in bloodhounds on some level; i.e., rescue, rescue adoptions, etc. and included in e-mails sent to the membership. It was agreed that they could be added to the Facebook page. Lynn Harty will do this.

**NATIONALS 2017:** Sheri Whetstine again mentioned holding the 2017 National Specialty in the Portland area. Sheri, Becky Irving, and Cheryl Cromeenes looked at a couple of possible venues last June. One has potential (the Holiday Inn at the Portland Airport, although the dog-walking area at this venue might not be acceptable), but the other does not appear to be able to accommodate the needs of a National. There are several other venues that have potential, most particularly the Red Lion in Olympia (2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW 98502), which has worked with many breed clubs and has served as the location for several dog shows, and Sheri will follow up on these. Stacey Poler strongly recommended talking with other breed clubs to find out their experiences, if any, with the proposed venue. She also recommended contacting the Portland (PDX) airport to determine if it can handle size 700 crates. Sheri will follow up on this. According to the ABC Standing Book of Rules, a letter of intent to host a National Specialty needs to be submitted to the ABC by 31 December three years prior to the proposed event, which would be this coming December if we want to host in 2017. Janis Hardy made a motion to submit the letter of intent of PRBC to host the 2017 National Specialty. Tina Kocar seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

**STAINLESS STEEL BLOODHOUND ORNAMENTS:** A brief discussion was held regarding PRBC's purchasing 24 stainless steel BH ornaments from Northwest Bloodhound Search and Rescue. There was not enough information today to hold further discussion, so this issue has been tabled until more information is available.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Membership/Rescue:** Janis Hardy asked what the role of the club would be in rescue and how rescue would proceed in the future. She feels that since rescue has become virtual as opposed to having a physical facility, there is more participation, perhaps because people don't feel as much pressure to foster and/or adopt. The PRBC website currently lists people who are no longer club members as contacts for rescue. Discussion was held as to how to accurately update the information as there is no rescue committee per se, and everyone is involved on some level. Janis offered to have her name as the contact for western Washington, and Lynn Harty offered to be the contact for eastern Washington. Suzi Paine will remain on the website as the National Regional Rescue Director. As requests are received, information will be passed on to the appropriate people, as we have done this past year. In the meanwhile, it would be great if we could identify some people who would be willing to foster rescued bloodhounds-in-waiting.

Janis asked about setting up an escrow account for rescue in order to have at least a minimal amount of money to tend to the needs of any dogs we take in. Stacey Poler suggested setting aside a specific percentage of all revenue to fund this. Discussion was held, and 10% was the amount agreed upon. Janis made a motion to set aside 10% of all income starting with the 2014 Regional for rescue. Stacey Poler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Breed Education:** Laura Hansen asked about public education events, if they are being done and, if so, where and when? Discussion was held regarding the annual Seattle Kennel Club Meet the Breed in March, the

Puyallup Pet Expo in the late summer/fall, and the Rose City (Portland) Meet the Breed in January. These are the only three organized events about which any members are aware. It was suggested that if any member hears of a Meet the Breed in his or her area and would like to attend, there is no reason not to do so, and members should feel free to contact other members for participation as well. Additional formal discussion of the topic will be continued at a later date.

**Agility Fundraiser:** Cindy Wolfrom stated that the Western Washington Hound Association currently hosts a three-day agility trial, a main source of income that can be quite lucrative. She states that WWHA is willing to give up one day to PRBC if the membership is interested. This event could generate several hundred to several thousand dollars in revenue for the hosting club and would be a good source of revenue for PRBC. Cindy stated we need to decide fairly soon whether or not we want to try this for 2015 as the ABC is only allowed a limited number of these events. Sheri made a motion to commit to the 2015 Agility Trial. Janis seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

With no further discussion items, motion was made by Janis Hardy to adjourn the meeting. Becky Irving seconded.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Whetstine  
Secretary, Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club