

**PRBC BOARD MEETING with GENERAL MEMBERS ~ VALLEYFORD, WA
SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2014**

PRESENT: LYNN HARTY, SHERI WHETSTINE, CINDY WOLFROM, JANIS HARDY, BECKY IRVING, MARIE TAYLOR, JANET KELLY, and TIM WHETSTINE.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 2:24 PM

MEETING MINUTES: It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes from the January 2014 PRBC general meeting as written and posted on the PRBC website.

The Recue Section of these meeting notes has been corrected to show Suzi Paine, Janis Hardy, and Lynn Harty as rescue contacts on the PRBC website.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Cindy Wolfrom):

CHECKING: \$6,072.72 / SAVINGS: \$10,001.14

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: PRBC's current membership is approximately 20. Lynn has e-mailed those who haven't paid 2014 dues with a due date of May 25, 2014 to renew. The club's newest member is Julie (Jewlz) Lane. Cindy Wolfrom and Tina Kocar are her sponsors. Jewlz is a member of the American Bullmastiff Assoc., the Dogue de Bordeaux Society, and the Bulldog Club of America. She is interested in showing, pet, breed info, and breed rescue; she owns one bloodhound and has fostered/placed four other bloodhounds. Per Jewlz: "I was the proud owner of the most perfect Bloodhound in the world. I learned many valuable lessons from my Gracie. Everything I do in the breed is out of the love she taught me of Bloodhounds and to honor her."

RESCUE: Spring 2014 has been very busy with rescue bloodhounds numbering in the double digits. As most members are aware, seven of these hounds have been owned by Chris Toepel and Steve Passé. Chris passed away very unexpectedly last year, and PRBC rescue was contacted in late March 2014 to assist with re-homing. Of the seven hounds, Tush has gone back to Dave Lockridge; Duke now lives with Sid and Lynn Harty; Gus now lives with Sharon Lamb; Stella is being fostered by Jewlz Lane; Suzi, renamed Dancer, is being fostered by Deb Thomas-Blake; Sunny was put to rest with advanced stage cancer; and Maggie, whose health is uncertain, and a border collie mix will remain with Steve. (A hospice home for Maggie in Arizona might be a possibility if necessary.) We hope that the new families will keep Steve posted on how the dogs are doing; his mailing address is available from Lynn Harty. Other rescue bloodhounds have been Daisy, a red female from Elk, Washington, who now lives with Sharon Lamb, her husband, Tom, and Gus; Jethro, an enthusiastic red male from the Port Townsend shelter who received his very own airplane ride courtesy of Pilots N Paws to his new home in San Diego County; and Clark of Kent (named by Sheri Whetstine), from the Kent Animal Shelter, who came to Valleyford this weekend to Alex Devilbiss, his new dad. Annabelle, whom Jewlz Lane also has been fostering, awaits the perfect home, preferably with other dogs to play with. Potential adopter Charles Smith has submitted adoption paperwork to Janis Hardy.

A question was raised regarding how much money remains from the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Rescue account. \$300? Note that the Toepel/Passé dogs received a \$200 donation from the WWHA and a \$100 donation from BHSD to help defray their rescue expenses. We will need to research the amount remaining from PRBR by looking back into the records. PRBR is recognized by the state as an entity separate from PRBC. Although the rescue facility and the separate checking account have been closed, should the separate state filing be continued? It was suggested to realign the PRBC website to include Lynn Harty and Janis Hardy along with Suzi Paine as the regional contacts for

rescue. In addition, Sheri Whetstine moved, and Tim Whetstine seconded, to add rescue and trophy donations to the dues renewal notices as separate categories for additional donations. Motion passed. We will explore our PayPal account to see if that could be expanded to accept additional categories of deposits for dues renewals, rescue donations, etc.

The idea was brought up of requiring signed contracts for re-homed rescue bloodhounds with the stipulation that dogs would returned to PRBC if circumstances warranted (i.e., unsuccessful placements). Examples of current contracts were shared. Concerns were expressed that this might be problematic because PRBC has gone virtual with its rescue efforts and no longer has a physical facility for housing rescue dogs. This item has been tabled for a future discussion.

REGIONALS: The theme of this summer's regional (Friday, August 15 in Enumclaw, WA) is 'Hot Summer Nights'. We still have trophies that need donors; a June 1 deadline will assure a spot in the premium list. This year, we have reserved three parking spaces for hospitality. Tina Kocar is doing the ribbons/rosettes, and more trophy labels are needed. Tim Whetstine might not be available to prepare his wonderful BBQ dinner, so we might need an alternate plan for the food. We will hold the PRBC general membership meeting on Saturday, August 16, rather than Friday evening. Should we have a raffle? To generate more interest in the regional, should we offer catalog ads? Should we change the photos and layout on the PRBC website? Should we create a Face Book page for PRBC? This could be an informational page for a closed group of members and invitees only. Club secretary Sheri Whetstine volunteered to create this page. Janet Kelly moved to create a Face Book page for PRBC, and Cindy Wolfrom seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ABC Nationals 2017:** The ABC Nationals are scheduled to return to the Pacific Northwest in 2017. Sheri Whetstine and Janis Hardy have volunteered to chair this event and are exploring show venues in the Portland, OR area. Washington Fairgrounds? Venues could be researched on the MBF, AKC, or InfoDog websites. The Portland International Airport also should be contacted about flight schedules and airlines that will fly crated dogs. An indoor venue for showing would be a huge advantage. Should we begin to explore fundraising strategies? Should we offer agility? Further exploration is needed; Cindy will contact Kay Schmitt about agility at the California Nationals. Also, it was noted that, although a working co-chair situation would be fine, there should be one official chair for the 2017 Nationals.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Trailing in 2015:** Janet Kelly has offered to come out and judge in 2015. This year, she generously donated her airfare and rental car costs as we filled only four (including an EECT) of ten trails offered. Janis moved and Sheri seconded to have Janet back as a 2015 trailing judge; the motion passed unanimously. Should the trailing venue move to the west side in 2015 with the idea of generating more entries?
- **Donation to 2014 California Nationals:** PRBC has earmarked a \$150 donation to the 2014 Nationals. However, no donation has been requested yet. This item will be decided at our upcoming regional specialty in August.
- **Stainless Steel Bloodhound Heads:** Northwest Bloodhounds wants to know if PRBC has interest in purchasing these. The price is \$400 for 24 of them in assorted sizes (4", 6", and 8"). The individual price per item would be \$16.67. This item was tabled for further discussion at the August regional.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJORNED AT 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Whetstine, Secretary