

PRBC BOARD MEETING TELECONFERENCE
January 20, 2012

Present: Lynn Harty, Stacey Poler, Marie Taylor, Janis Hardy, Sheri Whetstine, Becky Irving, and Kay Schmitt

Absent: Sonnya Crawford

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm

As PRBC's past president, Becky Irving was invited to join the conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking: \$1877.17; savings: \$13,400.16; rescue: \$68.00. \$200 was transferred to rescue from checking to pay the last bill. Lynn asked about the status of savings funds. Kay stated that the funds are "fairly liquid" and accessible for use. Kay was told that regulations were easing up on her being able to make changes on the account from California. She should be able to access savings to transfer money to checking if necessary.

RESCUE REPORT:

Brutus was put down, but four dogs, the maximum number for the PRBC rescue organization, remain in rescue. Two rescue dogs are currently ready to be fostered, and Sonnya is actively looking for placement homes. Becky requested additional information regarding the dogs available for placement, specifically ages, sex, future potential for trailing, etc. She stated that there are several people in her area interested in hounds.

NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Discussion was held regarding how to increase the potential for adoptive homes. The Pacific Northwest breeder referral person is Katie Cole, who is not a PRBC member. Stacey suggested contacting Camille McArdle, ABC president, to ask if the referral person could be changed to an active PRBC member. Current rescue contacts are Suzi Paine, Janis Hardy, and Sonnya Crawford. Janis is willing to continue to be a contact for rescue, and Sheri Whetstine volunteered to be an additional contact.

Discussion was held regarding the PRBC website. It was suggested that a designated webmaster be appointed to maintain and upgrade the website. However, Lynn will check with Sonnya first.

MEMBERSHIP:

Kay has received dues from only 11 members to date. Lynn states she will be sending out a PRBC informational e-mail to the old distribution list in the hope that more people will renew their membership.

2012 REGIONAL:

- 1) The show does not currently have a show chair. Lynn asked if any of the members present were interested in taking this position, but there were no volunteers at this time. Janis asked if, since the regional is an "in conjunction with" show, the PRBC regional chair would be required to be present. Marie Taylor would be willing to chair if she were not required to be on-site (she might not be able to make the regional).

- 2) Show date for the regional: Sunday, August 19th, was selected.
- 3) Sweeps judge: Gary Trivilino, Stacey Poler, Pam Saunders, and Suzi Paine were suggested as sweepstakes judges. Stacey will contact Suzi to ask her first.
- 4) Additional classes: Veteran sweeps, puppy sweeps, and junior sweeps with breakdowns by age. Regular classes will include veterans.
- 5) Trophies: Suggested items for sweeps were “stuffies” and rosettes. Other trophies were discussed, including clothing, jewelry, and other logo items. The trophy decision was postponed pending further discussion.
- 6) Sweepstakes entry fees, breakdown, and distribution of monies will be based upon last year’s premium.

TRAILING TRIAL:

Do we want to have a trailing trial and, if so, do we want to have it on the regional weekend? Janis stated that she would like to have a trailing trial but not in conjunction with the regional. Lynn suggested Labor Day weekend 2013; she will contact Sherry Robertson, who has offered to chair the trailing trial, and Pat Moffitt regarding a trailing seminar. If Sherry and Pat are available on Labor Day weekend, we will try to put on a trailing seminar and a one- or two-day trailing trial.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Lynn commended Stacey and Marie on a great national last year. In that vein, what do we, as a club, want to do this year on the heels of the national? Lynn will send a list of action items to all members.
- Lynn stated that the rate for our conference calls has been lowered due to our non-profit status.
- Janis will take inventory of the PRBC items she has in her shop. When the inventory is complete, she will send a list out to members for suggestions about what to do with the items.
- Pet Expo is in November, and Janis offered to be the liaison for the event. Becky stated that “meet and greet” events at larger dog shows are a good venue for distributing rescue/breed information. Lynn will check show sites for contact information and try to find which local shows will have “meet and greet” events that we could attend. There is a “meet the breed” at the Puyallup fair; in the past, this has been attended by NWBSAR members.
- Lynn stated that the e-mail to PRBC club members, past and present, will be sent within 3-4 weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Whetstine, secretary