

Minutes of Carolina PBGV Club, Saturday, February 23, 2008, Cabarrus Beagle Grounds, Concord, NC.

In attendance:

Mike Williquette

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Beverly Childs

Tony Childs

Mary Fluke

Meeting called to order by Ralph Hattox, 11.55 am.

President's Report: Ralph expressed the thanks of the group to Mary Fluke for working on the AKC application materials. As of January 31, 2008, we are now eligible to hold Sanctioned B matches, our next step in achieving AKC licensure. Ralph reported that he had spoken to Bob Cohen (Pres., PBGVCA) about what we needed to do next to become a member club--apparently we fill out a membership application in the name of the club and pay our \$50 and that's that.

In addition, Ralph reported on the progress of our plan to submit a bid to sponsor the 2011 National in Charlotte. Ralph wrote to Ann Gallant who said that there is a handbook (in process) but meanwhile Ralph got a copy of a suggested time line for this process. The first step (3 years in advance) is to investigate sites and submit a recommendation to the PBGVCA Board, Show Chairperson to recruit personnel for key positions and responsibilities, and create a projected budget. The next phase (2 years) is to continue development of the budget, secure hotel contract, hire conformation judges (selected by PBGVCA) and obedience and agility judges (selected by host club), identify a superintendent and show photographer, develop a show logo (to be approved by PBGVCA), show chair to appoint chairpersons for various committees. Needless to say, all volunteers are welcome at any point through this process. Bobbe Jackson is the acting Show Chairperson right now. Maggie Lutz offered to undertake the logo project (she requests that any themes to be considered be forwarded to her--she promises that it will be "NOT UGLY!")

Elizabeth Cates and Beverly Childs offered their past experience for the trophy committee. The projected date for the National will be the first week in March 2011 (based on the latest possible date for hunting at the Cabarrus Beagle Grounds). Bobbe said that the majority of the venues have been identified (hotel, agility ground, hunting ground). Mike Williquette asked about a tracking venue.

Secretary's report: Mary Fluke stated that we stand at 23 regular member households with 31 voting members, with 4 associate member households (7 members). There are a couple of renewals still pending.

Treasurer's report: Mike Williquette said that there hasn't been a lot of change in the treasury since the last meeting date. We've received \$205 in dues so far. The balance in the treasury stands at \$2288.12 as of today.

Website Committee report: Wendy Murphy (webmistress) reminded everybody to visit the wonderful website ([www.carolinapbgv.org](http://www.carolinapbgv.org)) to see the new hunt pictures that Paul Urban has collected. Paul Urban discussed the member profiles (People Pages) in the members' only section and asked that we all fill out the profiles the next time he sends out an e-mail appeal--he only got one back the last time he tried! Ideally we would like to include a picture of the member so that people can figure how what face goes with what name (helpful for newcomers!) Elizabeth Cates asked about how she could announce a dog that she has for placement--information like this can go in the announcement section as long as it is not about a dog for sale (adoption ok, sale not). Bobbe Jackson asked about setting up a Breeder's Page in the public area so someone visiting the site could see who to contact about a prospective puppy (not announcements of litters). Lisa Schermerhorn mentioned a page on another website called "Find a Friend!" for adoptions. We offered a round of applause to Paul and Wendy for a job well done on this terrific website. (Reminder--access the Members' Only area using the portion of your e-mail address that proceeds the @ as your user name, with "pbgv" as the password.)

New Business: Mike Williquette asked if we could place an ad for the club in the catalog for the upcoming National (deadline March 7). Mike will design the ad. The group offered up suggestions of including the club logo, language in congratulations on our progress towards AKC licensure, and maybe a group photo (which we took after the meeting was over, rubber boots and all).

Bobbe Jackson said that we needed to be thinking about getting our first B Match done by May at the latest so that the next one could be held in Concord in November (AKC suggests at least 6 months between B matches). Ralph Hattox, Mary Fluke, Mike Williquette, and Bobbe Jackson will be on the committee to organize the first B Match (sometime in late April at Bobbe and Lynn's farm? in association with the MAHA show in May?) More on this later.

Bobbe also asked if we would commit to doing the supported entry for the GMKC show in November as we have done before (still us hosting the PBGVCA sponsored supported entry). So far the judge for regular breed classes is Dorothy McDonald from California. The group was in favor of doing this.

Mary Fluke asked that we vote on an additional ByLaws amendment required by AKC. At present the language simply says, "The constitution and by laws may be amended by a secret vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and provided to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting." Mary Fluke moved that we make the following change: "The constitution and by laws may be amended by an affirmative

vote of 2/3 of the members present and voting by secret ballot....” Seconded by Lisa Schermerhorn, approved unanimously.

Mary Fluke asked about some kind of recognition/presents for the outgoing officers and board members. Lynn Rowell will provided suitable items with a limit of up to \$25 each (NOT UGLY!), approved unanimously.

Mary Fluke also asked about a protocol for recognizing members who have health issues or bereavement or just plain horrible luck. After some discussion of flowers, cards, fruit, and donations to the PBGVCA Health and Rescue Foundation, it seemed like most people would feel the love if the club made the donation in their honor. Mike Williquette moved that we ok a donation of up to \$50 to the Health and Rescue Foundation, with the minimum recognition being at least a greeting card, seconded by Maggie Lutz, unanimously approved.

After all this talk about how to spend money, Wendy Murphy brought up the question about how else other than dues we bring money into the club. Ralph noted that in future we will be able to have the proceeds from hunt weekends, matches, etc. We already have the silent auction proceeds. Other fundraising ideas include a Rally Show and Go, a limited edition poster offered for sale at hunt weekends, logo items for sale (NOT UGLY!), electronics recycling. Mary Fluke suggested that we have a Fund Raising Committee to brainstorm ideas and maybe start implementing some of them as the timing seems right. The committee will consist of Mike Williquette, Lisa Schermerhorn, Wendy Murphy and Mary Fluke.

Ralph moved for adjournment at 12:37 pm, seconded by Lisa Schermerhorn, unanimously approved.