

Minutes of the Carolina PBGV Club meeting, Emma's Restaurant, 11 Union St., Concord, NC, Saturday, November 15, 2008.

In attendance:

Mary Fluke

Susan Hattox

Ralph Hattox

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Carla Gillette

Wendy Murphy

Lynn Rowell

Meeting called to order by Ralph Hattox at 7:12 pm.

Ralph opened the meeting by thanking Wendy Murphy for her stellar performance as B Match Secretary on Friday night, Nov. 14. He also thanked Ruth Hoffman for finding the restaurant for our annual meeting and making the necessary arrangements. The group echoed his thanks--good jobs, Wendy and Ruth!

Lynn Rowell presented engraved mugs to the outgoing officers from last year (better late than never!)

Carla was present to receive her mug (thank you for your service, Carla!) and the other two mugs for Kim Mabe and Shirley Van Camp will be sent to them.

Lynn Rowell moved that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as written. Seconded by Bobbe Jackson, approved unanimously.

President's Report: With regard to the 2011 National, the next step is to make the final negotiations with the host hotel for the costs. Ralph noted that although our committee will make the deal, the paperwork is actually signed by the parent club (PBGVCA). Wendy noted that she drives by the hotel all the time and the parking lot is never full so cautioned Ralph not to let them snow him! Thanks for the tip, Wendy!

Secretary's Report: Application were read for Ginger Russell, Diann Shannon, Stanley Voje, and Dan and

Mackie Rader.

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted by Mike Williquette, read by Mary Fluke. Current account balance stands at \$2197.55. We lost about \$425 on the recent hunt (in spite of making nearly \$300 on the raffle--thank goodness for that!) Major outlays were nearly \$700 on judges expenses and \$510 on rental of the field. We also renewed (actually got a new policy) our liability insurance for \$265. (Note--the math seems to be in question on the treasurer's report--it looks like we actually made money--we will clarify this and send out a new report when the issue is sorted out. MF)

(New Business?)

Wendy Murphy made a proposal that we discontinue using the yahoo groups e-mail list (which we haven't really made much use of primarily because not everybody subscribed early on) and use an e-mail communication list which is part of our website. The list address will be cpbgvc@carolinapbgv.org. There is no digest option. All current members will be added to the list automatically. You can unsubscribe if you want to. The goal will be to allow any member to easily communicate with the entire membership without having to go through Mary Fluke. Bobbe Jackson moved that we accept the proposal, seconded by Susan Hattox, approved. (Mary Fluke will forward any announcements or other items of general interest to the "Friends of the Carolina PBGV Club" which includes prospective members and people who have visited meetings in the past.) Wendy will implement the new list immediately.

2009 Regional Committee report.

Bobbe Jackson discussed issues relating to the proposed 2009 Regional Specialty for November, 2009, at GMKC shows. At this point, the plan will be to have the PBGV regular classes at the show serve as our regional. In addition, we can have a banquet, meeting, and any other events that we want to include.

An application (including a budget) will need to be submitted to PBGVCA by the show chair (who can be anybody but Bobbe). In addition, we need to provide our top 3 choices for judge to the judges selection committee for GMKC by no later than December 15. It is likely that we will get our first choice since Bobbe is on the judges selection committee and also chair of the combined specialties committee. Two previous e-mails have been sent around requesting suggestions for judges from the list provided of people who can judge PBGV's. Bobbe noted that we are more likely to get our pick if that person is able to judge a lot of other breeds besides PBGV's. Suggestions offered at the meeting included Lee Canalizo, Roger Hartinger, Kent Delaney, and Nick Frost for regular classes, and Bill Bailey and Kim Mabe for Sweepstakes. Bobbe will communicate any other suggestions that she has received to Mary Fluke to compile a complete list. Mary Fluke moved (Cass Corliss seconded) that we e-mail our membership the list to vote on and select our top candidates for Breed and Sweepstakes from the list. Approved with 1 vote against.

Bobbe noted that we will be able to solicit trophy donations from PBGVCA as well as CPBGVC.

The remaining issue was to select a Show Chair. Mary Fluke suggested Ralph Hattox, who is also assistant Show Chair (with Bobbe Jackson) for the 2011 National so this is good practice. Ralph agreed provided that we find a person for him to train to serve as Hunt Secretary for the October 2009 Hunt.

Ginger Russell and Mackie Rader offered to serve as mentors and helpers as they have each been Show

Chairs in the past. Ralph was elected as the Show Chair for the 2009 Regional (almost unanimous).

Ralph will need to form a committee to work on this show and also submit the application and budget to PBGVCA.

Election of Officers: The slate of officers for 2009 is as follows: Ralph Hattox, president; Bobbe Jackson, vice president; Mary Fluke, secretary; Mike Williquette, treasurer; and Lynn Rowell as new board member (Wendy Murphy and Cass Corliss are current board members). The slate was approved unanimously.

Mary Fluke noted that we need to start using our board better (as in "at all") so that maybe some of the decisions that are currently being handled in the general meetings could be made more efficiently.

Ralph will call a board meeting in December (by conference call).

Match Report: Wendy Murphy reported that our second B match (Friday pm, November 14) was a big success with 15 dogs for a total of 20 entries in all classes. We had three substitution judges (Leigh Ann Yandle, Lynn Rowell, and Jenny Lough-Watson) due to family emergencies experienced by Linda Holland and Donna Bruce. We had 6 winners in conformation, 1 in obedience, and 4 in Rally. We made a total of \$104. Lessons learned include the need to streamline the same day entry process, more aggressive stewarding, a separate stewards book from the judges book, and better publicity (posters at the show table and in the bathrooms!, infodog.com). Mary Fluke and Wendy (under duress) will undertake the arrangements for our next A match--we'll try to the Mid Atlantic Hound Show. Mackie Rader offered to help.

Report on the recent October Hunt and it's aftermath:

Bobbe Jackson filled us in on the follow up after the hunt. Mary Fluke and Wendy Murphy created a judges questionnaire which was distributed by e-mail to all the judges who served at the hunt. Since the overall perception was that the judges were all on different pages, the goal was to find out where we are actually starting from with regard to the judges' opinions on how to judge the dogs and specifically how to implement the new rules. In addition, Bobbe asked the judges who were at the meeting for their impressions of what went wrong. The two compiled documents were presented to the board of PBGVCA at the recent teleconference meeting last Monday night. Bobbe participated at the meeting in dual roles as Co-Chair of the PBGVCA Hunt Committee and also as a representative of CPBGVC (since we were the club that tried using the new rules for the first time). The upshot of the board meeting was that the rules were not good and need to be rewritten. The Hunt Committee will go back to the drawing board to resolve the conflicts between the NC and NJ points of view. In addition, the board asked where the Hunt Committee was in the process of applying to have AKC titles. A point of clarification was that there is no second committee (PBGVCA) to investigate AKC titles--this is the sole responsibility of the PBGVCA Hunt Committee which is charged by the Board to "clean up what we have before applying to AKC for recognition of any sort of hunting titles" The Hunt committee will then decide if they want to investigate AKC titles and any committee formed will be a sub-committee of the Hunt Committee.

An additional point raised was in regard to the gunshy test. We will need to switch to something larger than a .22 caliber pistol. In France a shot gun is used. Concerns were raised about noise ordinances and

the need to get permits to fire anything really loud. We will most likely use a .32 caliber blank pistol (which our club may need to purchase).

CPBGVC Fun Trial--we are gearing up for our Fun Trial (practice day, really) on Sunday, November 23 at the Cabarrus Beagle Grounds. The field will open at 9 am--no dogs may be set down after 4 pm as we must be off the field by sundown. No one may be on the field alone at any time. The fee will be \$15 per person to defray the cost of field rental and other nominal expenses. We will have a pot luck lunch at around 12:30 pm with hot dogs so there will be something hot to eat. Bring a dish to share. We have had about 10 people RSVP so it doesn't look like it will be too much of a mad scene, but if we wind up with too many dogs on the field at any given time we'll need to be willing to play fair and give others a turn. Please note that anyone with a video camera is encouraged to come and video dogs hunting as part of our plan for creating a hunt video for instructional purposes. Hunting licenses are not required for this event as it is sanctioned by the game warden.

Ralph will try to arrange a similar opportunity to get on the running grounds in South Hill, VA. We have a previous relationship there thanks to Ralph and Bobbe. The group authorized Ralph to make whatever arrangement he can. The date will most likely be sometime in January or February.

Wendy Murphy and Mary Fluke have both taken the on line Hunter Safety Course (<http://www.hunter-ed.com/nc/index.htm>) as a prerequisite for getting their hunting licenses. The next step is the Internet Field day which they will be doing in December (at which point they will hopefully be hunting buddies forever--hbf!) The course is extremely interesting and worthwhile and has extensive information on gun safety, hunting ethics, survival preparedness, and first aid. Wendy noted that it made her realize that we didn't have a very good first aid plan for our club for field events and asked that we remedy this.

Ruth Hoffman will assist in getting together an appropriate first aid kit so that we don't have to count on Bobbe and Lynn to bring theirs. Mary Fluke usually brings veterinary first aid stuff but we'll also need to always be sure that we have the address and phone number of the nearest emergency practice for the dogs. Thank you, Wendy, for thinking of this.

Wendy also asked if we can do a CGC test. Member Shirley Knipe is a registered evaluator and did a CGC once before for us. Mackie Rader will look into seeing what is required to become an evaluator. A CGC test is a pretty good money maker to have in conjunction with a match.

Bobbe Jackson piped up that she wanted to express her pride in the accomplishments of PBGV's at the GMKC shows. Cass Corliss's Bubba qualified in 3 out of 4 agility runs, Ralph Hattox and Ellie earned her second leg in obedience, and Mike Williquette got the first OTCH point ever earned by a PBGV with Gypsy. Way to go!

Ralph asked who was counting on a meeting at Winston Salem--nobody seemed to have a strong opinion so we decided to not meet in December (particularly as we have already had 6 meetings this year) and wait until the February Hunt for our next general meeting.

Mary Fluke asked for input about plans for the February Hunt. The only rules we currently have to use are the ones under review and it seems that an educational event is more critical than a 2 day trial.

Bobbe mentioned the slide show that has been prepared by Betty Barth on the current rules. The general feeling is to have a day of education, judges mentoring, and practice runs, followed by a day of scored trials. The CPBGVC Board will discuss this and come up with the plan for the February Hunt which will then be communicated to the membership.

Mackie Rader announced that she will donate 10% of any Hush Puppy Products sold to PBGV people to CPBGVC. Lisa Schemerhorn will donate 20% of any photos bought by PBGV people to CPBGVC. We thank them both for their generosity.

Bobbe offered us the option of putting on an Agility Show and Go prior to the GMKC show next November. Cass noted that it would take a lot of people (like the entire club!) to do this. (It's a great fundraiser but maybe a little more than we can undertake along with everything else? Another option for a fund raiser would be a Rally Show and Go which is much easier to stage.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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