

Minutes of the Carolina PBGV Club, Hillsborough, NC, Saturday, June 5, 2010.

In attendance:

Mary Fluke  
Maggie Lutz  
Ruth Hoffman  
Wendy Murphy  
Ralph Hattox  
Susan Hattox  
Bobbe Jackson  
Lynn Rowell  
Lisa Schermerhorn  
Ginger Russell  
Phyllis Lindquist  
Dawn Allen  
Bob and Becky Padgett  
Sam and Trena Corey  
Kim Mabe  
Russell and Karina Corey (guests)

Ralph opened the meeting at 11:04 am.

Minutes from the 2/27/10 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report:

March 2010: Disbursements of 1297.66 (mostly hunt stuff, PBGVCA trophies and catalog ad). Income of \$455.32 (raffle for \$205, plus \$85 in dues and more hunt stuff). Balance of \$2978.75.

No activity in April.

May 2010: Disbursement of \$60 to PBGVCA (hunt), and \$15 income (dues). Balance of \$2933.75.

February Hunt lost \$60 (which means we basically broke even).

Secretary's Report:

Current membership stands at 35 voting members in 26 households, and 14 associate members in 9 households. Quorum is 7 members.

PJ and Richard Curry were elected as associate members. Rose and Chuck Balch were elected as voting members.

Mary mentioned getting a letter from National Animal Interest Alliance soliciting our club for a donation to work against radical animal rights legislation. We won't send money, but everyone is encouraged to contact their legislators and make their own opinions known about these bills (particularly SB460 currently up again in the NC legislature—not good for the dog fancy).

Match Report:

Ginger explained that AKC rules prevent us from opening our obedience and Rally to other breeds so that simplifies our match plans. The new plan is to try to piggyback our match onto the GMKC agility trial in August (match date Saturday, August 14, 2010, after the agility trial is finished—Cabarrus Event Center). Bobbe will confirm that we can do this and will also help to line up a judge. The goal will be to settle on judges so Ginger can send in the application ASAP. She also needs a chair and a secretary (neither of whom can show in the match).

#### Hunt Report:

Mary reviewed the volunteers so far for the jobs at the October Hunt (Oct. 22-24, 2010). PJ Curry will lead the Hospitality committee (Susan Thomas has volunteered to help with that as well). Rose Balch has volunteered to help with hospitality as well but Mary wants to have her co-ordinate gift bags (will make sure she's willing). Dawn Allen will be the lead photographer (Lisa Schermerhorn will help).

(...and then the arm twisting began....)

Bobbe Jackson agreed to lead the PLE/NLE on Friday afternoon.

Bob Padgette agreed to take on the job of Head Marshal—he will need 3-5 additional people who are committed to helping. The marshal gets to be right next to the judges so it's a great learning opportunity. For those members of the club who are looking for a way to pitch in, consider going out on at least one run at the hunt.

Lisa Schermerhorn agreed to be in charge of the raffle/silent auction. Don't be surprised if she comes up with some great PBGV related art to contribute to the event.

Wendy Murphy and Lynn Rowell will work on t-shirt and logo item sales (t-shirts to commemorate the hunt, logo items as a fundraising option).

The October Hunt event committee will consist of Mary Fluke, Ginger Russell, Phyllis Lindquist, Dawn Allen, and Ruth Hoffman. Mary will send in the application with the hope that it will be considered at the PBGVCA Board meeting on June 14, 2010.

#### President's Report/2011 National update:

Ralph reported that things were going well with the hotel even though our contact person has changed. Tony Childs and Paul Urban visited the hotel to review the grounds and layout—apparently the Vizla National was hard on the hotel so we are being held to a pickier standard in terms of minimizing the impact of the dogs on the facility. The main thing will be the need to lay plastic not only in the ballroom where the rings will be, but also in the rest of the wing where our event will be held. This must be completed before Wednesday morning when the superintendent arrives to set up the rings. ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR THIS ONE! (Tuesday evening.)

Bobbe stressed the need for all committee chairs to start lining up volunteers now. Bobbe distributed the current schedule. The agility contingent insists on a separate PBGV only event—Bobbe has found an indoor venue (Charlotte Sports Center--turf) within 20 minutes of the hotel. The original idea was to have the agility event on Tuesday but it seemed like more people would want to do agility and hunting vs. agility and tracking, so the necessary overlap in performance events should work

out better on Wednesday (agility vs tracking). Bobbe will confirm that the venue is available on Wednesday.

(Reminder about the tracking seminar presented by the Durham Kennel Club, Graham, NC, July 10-11—it would be good for members of our club to attend as this seminar will likely help us to figure out how to put on the tracking trial!—contact Ruth Hoffman or Maggie Lutz for details and a flyer).

Phyllis Lindquist has made a good start on plans for the hunting event. Bobbe noted that this hunt will likely attract PBGV people who have not hunted before so we need to accommodate inexperienced participants while still providing the options for the more experienced dogs.

Marie Jose Vanderpol will offer a seminar on hunting in France and The Netherlands. We decided that Monday night would be best for this as we would need to keep Tuesday evening open for the plastic job. Tentatively, we'll have the barbeque dinner at the Cabarrus Beagle Club at 6 pm, then go back to the hotel for a dessert bar and the seminar.

Bobbe has lined up a mobile grooming operator to provide the capacity for people to get their dogs cleaned up between the hunting/tracking, etc., and the conformation events.

The PBGV Store will be open, in the ballroom area, run like a yard sale. Items can be offered by individuals or groups on a consignment basis. Any group that puts items in the store must provide volunteers to help run the store.

There was some discussion of where Lisa Schermerhorn's photography set up would need to be (probably not in the ballroom due to space).

Kim Mabe reviewed the trophy situation. The theme is "light" and the big prizes are lamps but she's having trouble finding something economical to use for the smaller prizes (night lights? Luminaria?) If anyone has any brilliant ideas, share with Kim.

Bobbe noted that there will be more trophies as AKC has added new classes.

Various other topics—new PBGVCA website will be able to run money through Paypal (for things like trophy donations, entry fees, boutique sales, etc.) Also, PBGVCA subsidized the last National rather heavily and will likely do so again as they need to use up some of the cash on hand (so I guess you can be too rich and too thin—rich, anyway).

Wendy asked about budget for meals and stuff—Bobbe said it was still in the works. Finally, the new Texas club raised \$600 at the last National for the Health and Rescue Foundation and they've challenged us to beat them. Bobbe has an idea to sell ring side seating with a personalized towel to be included in the purchase price. Needs further study but apparently the Vizla people did it and made big bucks. Ralph and Bobbe will figure out how many seats might be available so we can determine if this is feasible.

We decided that it would be convenient to have everyone meet at the hotel on August 14, the morning of the match day (since we'll be in town anyway) to see the facility and think about how to set it up.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm and we had a really wonderful pot luck (as long as you liked chicken salad and macaroni salad). Many thanks to Maggie Luz for hosting

the event, and to Mother Nature for holding off the rain until the meeting and lunch were over.

Minutes submitted by Mary Fluke, DVM

Reminders:

Match tentatively scheduled for 8/14/2010, Cabarrus Events Center, Concord, NC.

Meeting at the Airport Sheraton earlier that day for 2011 committee chairs.

Carolina PBGV Club Hunt Weekend, 10/22-24/2010.

PBGVCA National/Regional Specialty/Hunt Test/Tracking Trial/Agility

Trial/CPBGVC Match—3/5-13/2010. (If you haven't already gotten that week off from work, do it!)