

Board Meeting Conference Call
January 19, 2016

Attending: Ruth Hoffman, Ginger Russell, Mary Fluke, Bob and Ginny Morris, Lisa Blackwell, Paul Urban

Treasurer Report - Ginny

We should have registered for tax exempt status. It does not appear we have, the options are

- We can ignore it, not apply for tax exempt status which would mean we cannot file 1099
- Contact PBGVCA national, ask for their recommendation
- See what we would need to apply for tax exempt status

Mary noted

- AKC club relations can be used as a resource for this type of problem.
- The biggest problem is that we write checks to the doctors that do the health clinic and should provide them with a 1099.
Mary indicated we have paid doctors from \$800 to \$4000 for their work at the health clinic.

Mary asked that if there was a down side to applying for tax exempt status. Ginny responded that she didn't know of any downside, but there may be questions about years previous and we do not have records except for 2015.

Ginny knows the treasurer for the Asheville Kennel Club. Ginny will seek input from them and AKC club relations regarding applying for our tax exempt status

Paul asked if we would be required to have a 1099 for every payment to judges, etc., i.e. hunt judges

Ginny responded that 1099s would be required for only for payments over \$600

Mary asked if we could still have/raise money as a non-profit

Ginny said that we would only have problems if we started selling things for profit. This would not preclude selling t-shirts and/or hats as we have done in the past.

Last year our net income was less than \$500

Mary indicated she was pleased as long as we are in the black and can pay our expenses. She noted that last year we spent money on our members, with the agility and obedience fun days. All agreed that this is a good thing and would be nice if we continued that.

AKC Legislation Fund - Mary

Discussed at general meeting Sat night. Did seem that general membership was supportive of providing financial support.

Ginger has a letter from AKC explaining the fund and has requests \$200, \$500.

Paul suggested \$100 donation to the AKC fund

Lisa asked how we know what they are working on –

Mary responded that you may sign up with AKC online they will keep you updated.

Lisa indicated that it would be a good idea to have an agenda item for general membership meeting that covered what was being handled by this group as most members are not up to date on what laws are being proposed.

North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs

- \$25 annual membership dues
- have been members for several years
- it also allows for more donations, but we haven't done that previously
- has a lobbyist that works at the state level

Bob suggested we spend our dollars with this group, as it provides more local influence and would not be spent on something going on in other states as AKC would.

Since a motion was made at the general meeting to donate \$25 to NC Fed & AKC \$250; we will not make any decision here.

We will provide more information at the next general meeting on this issue.

We would recommend at the next general meeting that we change the donations amount to spend more for local issues.

January Hunt - Paul

Overall the hunt went well

The Friday rain was not welcome – making conditions on the field unpleasant. Saturday cleared up & hunt was successful.

Ended the weekend making about \$466, raffle brought in about \$350

Most of our profit comes from the raffle without it we may break even but there would be no profit.

Ruth asked about opening another field in SC since the hunt was over filled on the first day.

Paul responded that since the fields are not adjacent the problem with opening another field we have to double everything – judges, a secretary, marshals. We would need to have about 9 total runs on the extra field to make it work.

This may be an issue with the hunt for national.

Paul drew up a method for draws

We are trying to work out a fair equitable way for all to run.

It was noted that the judges often bring their own dogs to run. If we offer the judges one guaranteed run per day it would leave very little for the general entrant. i.e. if you have 5 judges then you have 5 slots taken up and we are limited by daylight hours. Question: would judges come if they cannot run their own dogs?

Should there a difference between alternate judges who judge two runs and a judge judging all day? May require a minimum number of runs judged to "earn" a slot.

Lisa indicated she was concerned that people new would not know that they need to know to enter on the first day. It was noted that most people starting out would be doing HIT, HIT are generally safe to enter later.

Mary noted that many dog sports are difficult to get in and require that you get your entry in on opening day, ie tracking, agility

Trophy - Mary

It was noted that national has a trophy fund & solicits donations to the trophy fund. Question: If CPBGV is donating the trophies for national what is this money being used for? Possibly the monies that are solicited by PBGVCA will be used to purchase better trophies for the regionals

It was suggested that since CPBGV has agreed to pay for materials Bob will need to make the trophies, then

- National should pay Bob for making the trophies

OR

- National should pay Bob for the materials and if it falls short we would make up the difference. CPBGV could send national a bill for the materials

Mary's concern is all that we are paying for, the materials, that Bob's time is not being reimbursed. Bob noted that he was not expecting anything – what he wants to be sure of is that CPBGV gets credit for providing these trophies. Bob is planning on providing enough trophies for all winners 1st thru 4th

Question: How does the sponsor of trophy work? When you sponsor a trophy, your name is noted but the money goes into a general fund. However often people who provide monetary sponsorship for a trophy expect the trophy they sponsored be worth the amount they paid to sponsor it, this is not how it works- money does not go to a specific trophy.

Paul asked if we have committed to providing trophies for free. CPBGV has committed to reimbursing Bob for materials he needs to produce the trophies. Lisa & Mary do not remember that we made a formal commitment about trophies.

We need to find out exactly what we CPBGV has committed to do about trophies – will have to find out from Beverly

Would be good if we had better, regular communication with Beverly about national.

Mary indicated that the club needs to keep our commitments limited and defined since 2017 national is not a club national.

One thing Bob doesn't have a decision from Beverly yet is the logo for the national – at the point he gets it he can move forward with figuring out how to attach the logo to trophy.

Paul recommended that he give Beverly a final date for the logo

Bev had mentioned something about trophies for regionals at the January general meeting.

Lisa noted that the CPBGV club did not commit to provide trophies for Nationals not for regionals.

Bob stated that it was never his intention or his agreement to provide trophies for regionals, only for nationals.

It was suggested that whenever Bob communicates with Beverly about the National he copy the board on these communications.

Mary indicated regardless of how this discussion about trophies comes out - Bob's expenses will be paid. The question will be if CPBGV asks PBGVCA to reimburse CPBGV for the materials/equipment paid since PBGVCA is soliciting money for trophies.

Next Board meeting - Mary

Fun days – what, when where

Possibly a day at Bobbe Myrick's building

Think about what you as a member would like to see

Next meeting Feb 16

General meeting Feb 20

Adjourned: 9:45pm