

## CAROLINA PBGV CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### JULY 29, 2017

This meeting was held at the TD Convention Center in Greenville, SC at 12:00pm. The meeting was called to order by Club President Mary Fluke.

#### Attendance:

- Michael Edwards (Secretary)
- Beverly Childs
- Mary Fluke (President)
- Ginger Russell (Vice President)
- Cindy Wood
- Gary Wood
- Tony Childs (Board Member)
- Jan Tindall (guest)

#### Welcome and Introductions

Club members introduced themselves to guest Jan Tindall. Jan is from Easley, SC and has a PBGV puppy and has an interest in hunting and being a club member.

#### New Member Application

This is the first reading of new associate membership applicant Colleen Learn. Colleen lives in Brandon, FL. She is former rescue chairperson for PBGVCA, is a member of PBGVCA, has a 2 year old PBGV, and is interested in information on performance dog activities. Colleen is sponsored by CPBGVC members Michael Edwards and Robert Sweeney.

#### Proposal for Authorization for Board of Directors Discretionary Spending

Mary Fluke introduced a proposal to the membership that the Board of Directors be authorized to spend up to \$500 without consent from the general membership. Mary explained that this has been common practice in the past and felt that it was time to have the membership vote and have it on the record as a reconfirmed practice. Michael read the following proposal into the record:

***"That the Board may decide to spend up to \$500 on club business without obtaining approval of the membership. Any expenditure over \$500 would require a vote by the membership either at a general meeting with a quorum of voting members present or by e-mail with a response equal to a quorum of voting members."***

The proposal was accepted unanimously by the attending members.

## **Discussion of Changing By-Laws to Streamline Membership Application Process**

At the July Board meeting, a discussion was held concerning streamlining the membership application process so that new members could be accepted and begin participating in club activities. This would require a change in by-laws. Michael Edwards agreed to draft new language reflecting a streamlined process and present the draft by email to members so that comments can be generated before a general meeting vote. These are the highlights of the general discussion that followed:

- After a discussion of the current membership application process, it was explained to the guest that it was not the intent of the club to exclude new members. The club's mission includes making sure that current members and prospective members have the welfare of the breed at the forefront of all activities. It is hopeful that having current members sponsor prospective members, that like-minded individuals will be included in the club membership.
- It was suggested that the club consider future voting by email or other electronic means
- Based on some of the rules adopted by PBGVCA, it was suggested that new member applications be published in PDF format by email to the general membership. Members would have 30 days to comment on the applicant and then the board would vote on membership at the next board meeting. This would reduce the time for somebody to become a new member from months to 30 days.
- It was suggested that if current members had negative comments about a prospective member, that those comments be directed to a designated member of the board, rather than a general email to the membership.
- Flow of application process: Secretary received application, secretary presents application to the board and discusses, application is published, members comment, board votes, new member is notified.
- Michael Edwards agreed to have a draft motion of membership by-laws changes ready for comments so that a proposal can be voted on in October.
- There was discussion about how many voting members would have to be in attendance to change by-laws. The following statement from the current by-laws was read into the record:

### **Article VII: Amendments**

**Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20 percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.**

**Section 2. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present and voting by secret ballot at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and sent to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.**

- Discussion followed about how many voting members there are currently (30). It was suggested that meeting attendance for voting members be mandatory because not all voting members participate in club meetings. Much discussion followed about the pros and cons of such a requirement with no proposal made.

### **Discussion of Future Hunts**

- **Cindy Wood reported that Betty Barth told her about a Beagle Club in Georgia that had approached her about hunts for the GBGVCA. Betty had not heard from the club again at the time of this meeting. Cindy will follow up with Betty.**
- **Paul Urban and Michael Edwards are also exploring new hunt field options.**

### **2017 PBGVCA National Specialty**

- **Beverly Childs, Director of the 2017 Specialty, thanked the club for its participation and sponsorship that helped make the specialty a huge success.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:49pm.