

CAROLINA PBGV CLUB

CONFERENCE CALL ON JULY 21, 2020 AT 8PM

ATTENDANCE:

Mary Fluke – President – Present
Roger Mayer – Vice President – Present
Ginny Morris – Treasurer – Present
Jill Fitzgerald – Secretary – Present
Paul Urban – Board of Directors – Present
Bob Morris – Board of Directors – Present
Kevin MacDonald – Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Mary Fluke at 8:00PM

AKC Club Relations contact regarding bylaws changes and remote meetings.

Mary reviewed the contract with AKC club relations regarding our bylaw's changes. She sent the current version of the Constitution and Bylaws to AKC Club Relations together with documentation of the announcement of the meeting where the vote came out. We are now right with AKC as regards our past bylaws changes.

Secondly, AKC is suggesting that clubs determine whether their bylaws allow remote meetings. Our bylaws read (Article 2, Section 1) "Meetings of the club shall be held at least 6 times a year within the greater Charlotte NC area or within the local area of the club...at such an hour or place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written or electronic notice of each such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, the quorum for such meetings shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing."

We could interpret "at such an hour or place" to include remote meetings by Zoom or other web-based video conference. The AKC doesn't care as long as we

are following NC law (which Mary is a bit foggy on, not having found the exact statute that covers meeting requirements for a corporation such as our club).

In order to change the Constitution and Bylaws to specifically state that remote meetings are allowed we would need to have an in-person meeting to take the vote. That might be possible at the SC or NC hunt when we have the likely expectation of a quorum. If we want to change the bylaws, we need to write up the proposed change, then publicize it to the membership. Current Bylaws require 22 weeks' notice of the meeting and approval by 2/3 of the members present (assuming the quorum of 20% listed above).

Remote meetings might be very nice to do during the pandemic—We could reach a larger number of our members with a Zoom meeting, nice to get the “face to face” contact, opportunity for speakers, program, etc. We can either assume that our current bylaws allow it (see language above) or we can go forward with a bylaw change to specify that remote meetings are allowed. If we decide we want to have remote meetings now, we can do so provided that NC allows it, and that we write a letter to AKC indicating that we plan to amend our bylaws accordingly. Mary asked **that board members take some time to review the current bylaws and come up with language to allow remote meetings** (review at our next board meeting).

We discussed how we would host a remote meeting. Mary will research Zoom and find out what it costs to have a meeting lasting longer than the 40 minutes allowed for free.

We also discussed the fact that we are not having 6 meetings a year per the bylaws but it would most likely only be a problem if someone pitched a fit about it.

Elections

Mary noted that we needed to start the elections process as per our bylaws, first step to create a nominating committee in July (this meeting), then nominating committee to meet by August 15 and present slate of candidates by September 14(see Constitution and Bylaws Article 4, Section 4).

Jill will chair that committee and recruit 2 club members to help and 2 alternates,

Ginny Morris is resigning as Treasurer because she feels as though she will not be able to attend many of the meetings and hunts,

Paul Urban's term is expiring as well.

Jill was given a list of people to contact to serve of the committee.

Minutes approval

The minutes from 2020-6-21 were approved. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes. Roger seconded it,

Treasurer's Report

Ginny reported a current balance of \$8722 in the club's account. Income so far for the year is \$3562.(hunt income, raffle income, dues) and expenses of \$5804(hunt, insurance \$600,donations \$750 to PBGVCA and Cabarrus Beagle Club, member awards \$162,show trophies \$440, service charge for checking \$32) for a deficit of \$1522. Ginny reminded us that we were intentionally trying to spend down our account (hence the donations and what not).

Roger made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report. Jill seconded it.

A last business was to remind Roger to think about the awards for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM

The next meeting will be August 18,2020 at 8PM.

Jill Fitzgerald

Secretary