

CAROLINA PBGV CLUB

Minutes of Board meeting held by conference call at 8:00pm on December 21, 2021.

Attendance:

Mary Fluke – President – Present
Roger Mayer – Vice President - Present
Mike Williquette- Treasurer –Present
Michael Edwards – Secretary – Present
Paul Urban – Board Member – Present
Jill Fitzgerald – Board Member – Present
Kevin MacDonald– Board Member – Present

Mary Fluke called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

Communication with Tokeena Beagle Club

- Mary reported that she has spoken with Andy Holiday Of Tokeena Beagle Club. During the conversation about the low rabbit population, Andy said that the beagle club members don't have the same perception that the population is low.
- Paul said that he had polled the judges after Andy asked him how we did over the weekend. Judges commented that rabbit population was low, heavy cover made judging difficult, and overgrown paths made navigating the terrain difficult. The comments were passed on to Andy.
- Mary expressed concern that the beagle club was asked to have a groundskeeper reduce the cover and possibly clear trails. Andy explained that the heavy cover was meant to deter aerial predators that reduce the rabbit population.
- A request had been made to the beagle club that they trim the trees on the road that leads to the C hunt field parking area. The overgrown limbs are causing a hazard to the camping vehicles as they enter and exit the parking area.
- After much discussion about whether the club should share the expense of trimming the trees, Roger made a motion that we authorize Mary to negotiate cost sharing terms with Tokeena and authorize her to spend up to \$300 without further consultation with the board. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Mike sent a report to the board before the meeting.
- Mary observed that the report also contained a file name that suggested that personal accounting could also be done at the same time as club business. Mike offered that only club accounting would be done within this account.
- Only one page of the treasurer's report was delivered to the board by email. Discussion of the report centered around missing data or misplaced data. For example, income and

expenses are in the same column. Data that were asked for by the board appeared to be missing but Mike explained that these data had been entered but were not showing on the report.

- Receipts for food for the hunt were not readily available and Mike was asked to reconcile fees for food versus hunt fees. There was more discussion about columns of the report and what was included.
- Mary is also using an accounting program as a back up to the accounting by the treasurer.
- Mike was asked if she will be able to prepare a year end report and she said that she would work on it.
- Mary said that it is imperative that the accounting is current as soon as possible. Paul and Robert were asked to help Mike if needed.
- When asked if doing the accounting by hand instead of a program was a viable solution to getting all accounting current Mike said that she would like to continue to learn the program that she is using now

Club Finances

- Mary shared ideas about spending the excess money in the club account. The question was asked if we need to ask the membership for the authority to spend \$800 on annual awards and is that enough. Because currently any expenditures by the board over \$500 should be done only with approval from the membership.
- Mary made the motion to bring a vote to the membership to authorize the board to spend up to \$1000 on annual awards. Roger seconded the motion and the motion passed
- Conversation continued about the effort to spend down money in the club account.
- It was noted that the club donates money to PBGVCA health and rescue which is good but limited in what is supported by health and rescue.
- It was noted that the AKC Humane Fund and Take the Lead are more diverse in support of animals and people.
- The board was asked to think about advantages to giving to more divers and expanded funds.
- It was suggested that the finance committee might be revamped.
- No action was taken at this time

Dog show PBGV supported Entry

- Mary forwarded an email from Bob Morris and part of it is here: *How was the rabbit hunt, considering the warm weather? Did you bring up the idea at the club meeting about the possibility of a supported entry for our Blue Ridge Cluster show (Asheville) in May? If you did, what was the reaction? After my research of past shows in Asheville and speaking with exhibitors and organizers, I don't see much possibility for*

an entry that would justify the purchase of worthwhile club trophies for the event. I was looking at Saturday and Sunday (5/28 and 5/29). I could provide artisan woodcraft similar to the '17 National Specialty (without club logo) at little or no cost, but I'm not in a position for mass production. If we still want to pursue the idea on a small scale, we can input information to MBF for the premium lists thru the first week in Jan. This could be for Confirmation entries only (Best of Winners, Best of Breed). This wouldn't be equitable for a larger entry. Considering we are still in COVID 19 protocols and restrictions, the 5-day cluster is new in Asheville, and it is 3 weeks after the St. Louis National Specialty, this is probably not the year to try this.

- Michael made the motion to follow Bob's advice and drop the supported entry at this time. Paul seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Spring Scent Work Fun Day

- Michael agreed to consult with Sue Conklin about creating a proposal for a spring scent work fun day.

Club Website

- Ann Miller is working with Paul to learn to manage the club website.
- Paul said that it will take about 6 months for Ann to get up to date on managing the website.
- Paul was thanked for his many years of being the webmaster.

PBGVCA Health Survey

- Mary encouraged our participation in the PBGVCA online health survey. The comment was made that while the survey is not optimal, it is the instrument that the parent club uses and it should be supported.
- Mary suggested that you have dog health records available when you start the survey because changes to answers are difficult to make.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 8:00pm.