

CAROLINA PBGV CLUB

Minutes of Board meeting held by conference call at 8:00pm on November 16, 2021.

Attendance:

Mary Fluke – President – Present
Roger Mayer – Vice President - Present
Mike Williquette- Treasurer –Absent
Jill Fitzgerald – Secretary – Absent
Paul Urban – Board Member – Present
Bob Morris – Board Member – Present
Kevin MacDonald– Board Member – Present
Michael Edwards – Assistant Secretary – Present
Guest – Robert Sweeney - Present

Mary Fluke called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

CPBGVC Hunt Test, December 3-5, 2021

- Robert Sweeney, hunt test secretary, reported that to date there are 11 runs including 1 solo run, 3 brace runs and 7 pack runs but not all registrations have been received. Because the hunt is oversubscribed, runs will be judged on Friday and Coady Egan, hunt chair, has already lined up a sufficient number of judges for Friday runs. Paul and Mary will offer suggestions to Coady about which stakes are best run on Friday.
- Bob Morris asked which titles required a solo run. Mary answered that PCMH and PCMHX require a solo run and a solo run can also be used for PCSHX. Bob expressed concern that some dogs were being entered as solo runs that weren't really working on titles that required solo runs. Paul and Mary suggested that solo runs were probably not being run without a reason because of cost involved and even if they were, there is no rule prohibiting solo runs for a dog even if the handler not working on a specific title.
- Robert also reported that 3 people participated in the beta testing for online hunt test registration. PayPal was used for payment for fees and the treasurer was notified by PayPal immediately of the payments and the treasurer forwarded the confirmation to the secretary.
- Robert observed that the online registration gave him the opportunity to respond quickly to errors in the forms. Several folks submitted incomplete forms by mail and it took a while for them to respond to text messages trying to get clarification.
- Mary offered that the online registration forms can be completed, scanned, and then emailed to the secretary much like recent scent work trials where the form were scanned and submitted.
- It was noted that our members have different levels of technical abilities and the option of using a fillable .pdf form that can be submitted or filled in on a computer, printed and scanned and emailed was discussed. Another option discussed was to print the forms and

complete them by hand and then scan or attach them to an email to the secretary. When it was noted that not everyone can use the fillable forms, Paul asked why someone would not use the free Acrobat reader to be able to use the fillable forms. Some people have their own way of filling the forms without using Acrobat.

- Mary reported that corrections have been made to the January Premium List and Paul agreed to make the forms fillable and then the Premium List will be posted with instructions on how to use online registration.
- When the Premium List is posted, Veronica will be asked to include a statement suggesting that Acrobat is available as a free download and can be used for fillable .pdf forms.

Annual Awards

- Roger reported that 13 members have applied for Carolina PBGV Club annual awards for about 22-23 dogs.
- The order for the tankards has been placed and the certificates will be printed at UPS.
- Roger will submit an invoice to the treasurer for reimbursement.

Dog show PBGV supported Entry

- Bob reported that he has begun the process of forming a committee to plan the events for a supported entry at the Blue Ridge Classic Dog Show Cluster on Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29, 2022 with a Sweepstakes event on Saturday. The club will provide trophies and prizes for conformation and performance events.

Officer Elections

- Mary will send an email reminding members that elections for officers for 2022 will be held at the annual meeting on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

Donation to PBGVCA Health and Rescue

- Mary made a motion that the club make a \$100.00 donation to PBGVCA Health and Rescue Foundation in honor of club member Kerry Beverly who passed away last year. Paul seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 8:00pm.