

## CAROLINA PBGV CLUB

Minutes of Board meeting held by conference call at 8:00pm on October 19, 2021.

### Attendance:

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

Mary Fluke called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

### **Assistant Secretary**

- Mary announced that Michael Edwards would be assisting Jill Fitzgerald in the duties of secretary while she is recovering from surgery.

### **Member Year End Gifts**

- Mary reported that she has mailed, with a letter of explanation, club logo patches to club members. The patches are gifts from the club.
- Each club member has also been mailed vouchers redeemable for one regular hunt test fee (\$25).
- Concerned that the postage of an envelope with a letter, patches, and vouchers was the same as a first-class letter according to the post office, Mary asked board members to let her know when the letter from her was received.

### **Annual Awards**

- Roger reported that to date that the owners of 9 dogs have applied for Carolina PBGV Club annual awards.
- The club will be using the same company that has produced the tankards for the past two years.
- Roger has suggested that memorials for dogs that crossed over the rainbow bridge be a refrigerator magnet with a picture.
- Mary asked Roger to send the awards letter and form out one more time to all club members to help remind procrastinators that the application deadline is rapidly approaching.

## **Report from the Treasurer**

- Because of the absence of the treasurer, Mike sent a report to the board before the meeting and Mary expanded on and led discussion on several ongoing projects that Mike is working on related to online hunt registrations.
- Mike has created a gmail account for the treasurer – [CPBGVCTREASURER@gmail.com](mailto:CPBGVCTREASURER@gmail.com).
- Paul established contact with a PayPal representative and Mike is working on a PayPal account with a target date to have it up and running of November 1, 2021. Because the treasurer will be the only one allowed to access the account, notice of payment of registration fees will have to be forwarded to the hunt secretary.
- At least two people will be beta testers for the online registration for the December hunt. Mary will not include online registration as an option for the January hunt in the premium list, but if the test works, she will send out an email to club members announcing online registration as an option.
- Roger suggested that the beta test be conducted over multiple platforms (Apple, Android, etc.) because some fillable forms don't work on all platforms.
- Mary described the process she just used for a scent work entry where there was a work around for a registration form.
- There was discussion about whether or not a treasurer's report should be disseminated to the general membership via email. It was agreed that all members should have access to treasurer's reports after the board has approved the reports and should only be accessible in the member's only section of the club website.
- Before the meeting the treasurer submitted the following report:  
Beginning Balance \$7,943.62  
Check                      422.80 for patches  
Ending Balance        \$7,520.82
- Mary also reported that she wrote a check to Sue Conklin for \$200 for the scent work fun day and a check for \$150 to Robert Sweeney for scent work fun day meals and snacks.
- Some members expressed concern over the lack of detail in treasurer's reports and discussion centered around various apps that are available to create spreadsheets for reports that contain line-item details for expenses and income. It was suggested that we might return to the way the reports used to be prepared. It was generally agreed that it would be helpful to have monthly details reports with year-end summaries. Bob Morris agreed to find out what Ginny used for her financial reports as our last club treasurer. Michael also agreed to check with accountants he knows to determine what would be best for our club needs.

### **Dog show PBGV supported Entry**

- Bob reported that Asheville, Spartanburg, and Hendersonville Kennel Clubs will form a five-day dog show cluster, The Blue Ridge Classic, to run May 26-30.
- Conformation, rally, and obedience will be a part of the cluster.
- Bob suggested that CPBGVC sponsor a supported PBGV entry.
- Lengthy discussion followed about the benefits of a supported entry. Opinions were expressed about the impact on number of entries, the work involved, and what would need to be done to offer the supported entry. Should the supported entry be offered on all days or concentrated on the historically better attended days? Do we have input on judges? What will be the financial obligation of the club?
- Bob reported that we would also be able to have a sweepstakes conformation event at the show which cause much more discussion resulting in the following motion made by Bob and seconded by Paul:
  - Carolina PBGV Club will offer 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.
- The motion passed with one no vote because of doubts that the supported entry would increase entries or offer other benefits to the club.
- Mary said that there are three areas that will need to be sorted out: who will judge the sweepstakes, what will be offered as trophies, and how much money will we need to offer the sponsored entry and sweepstakes?
- Many names were offered as possibilities for judges. Bob agreed to form a five-person committee to take on planning the event and it was suggested that the committee get input from the general membership for a judge.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.**

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 8:00pm.**