

## CAROLINA PBGV CLUB

Minutes of Board meeting held by conference call at 8:00pm on April 19, 2022.

### Attendance:

Mary Fluke – President – Present  
Roger Mayer – Vice President - Present  
Mike Williquette- Treasurer – Absent  
Robert Sweeney – Interim 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 8:03 pm.

### **Status of 2022 Membership Renewals**

- Mary reported that all memberships had been renewed with the exception of Bayje Pomeroy.
- Mary asked if all current members, including the most recent members, Keith and Susan Sweat were on the membership list currently posted on the website. It was reported that the Sweats have been given a password to the website and Paul will update the membership list.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Mike Williquette has announced that she will not complete her term as treasurer and Robert Sweeney has agreed to take over as interim treasurer until the annual election. The board has accepted Robert as interim treasurer.
- Robert asked if club taxes and insurance are current and was assured that they are current.
- Mary reported that Randy Valenti made a \$100 donation in Roni Kaluza's memory. The money will go into the general fund for use when club donations are made. Jill said that she will follow up with Randy via a phone call.
- Mary presented the March Hunt financial spreadsheet for discussion.
- Paul had formatting concerns and suggestions.
- It was pointed out that it appears that a check was not written to Vickie Willmann for judging the March hunt. Mary said that she will review the report and make corrections as needed.
- Mary made a motion that the hunt voucher program be suspended. Jill seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Jill brought up the food subsidy again. As a way of addressing an ongoing discussion about food subsidies, Mary suggested that the hunt committee could address the food

issue. Because there was no record of a hunt committee discussion, Mary was asked to describe her vision of the hunt committee.

- Mary said that a problem with club governance is that we are not involving new members in the management of the club. There appears to be no succession plan and the example given was what would happen if Mary or Paul were suddenly incapacitated?
- Mary described the committee as being open to anyone who participated in the hunts with various tasks assigned to subcommittees and/or individuals so that the entire process would be covered by committee rather than single individuals. This would allow several people to be familiar with the process of conducting a hunt. Members of the committee will see what goes on behind the scenes and also learn to do the tasks involved. It was suggested that the hunt committee can address the issue of food subsidies.
- Paul reminded the board that the goal of hunts financially was just to break even and we have been doing that. He wanted everyone to be mindful of this as we move forward.
- Mary made a motion that the board form a hunt committee to oversee all future hunts with specific tasks discussed and assigned as the committee is formed and evolves. Jill seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **Club Website**

- Paul was asked what he wanted to do about the club website. Paul said that he wanted to continue to be the webmaster and he was concerned that a new person might come and destroy what he had done.
- Mary suggested that a new webmaster would most likely make changes that would reflect new technology and formatting. She also assured Paul that the information currently on the website is a historical record of the club and would be preserved regardless of who is in the webmaster position.
- Paul said that the only change he wanted to make now was having one other person know how to get into the website. Jill said that Sharon Kimble has expressed interest in helping with the website. Paul asked Jill to ask Sharon to contact him.

### **General Discussion**

- Mary suggested that the Finance Committee concept be revisited. Robert asked that he be given time to assess club finances before addressing the committee.
- Discussion of various fun days took place with Michael reporting that for the May Scent work fun weekend, we have 21 dogs and 16 handlers attending.
- Ruth is also putting together a rally and obedience fun day.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 8pm.