

CAROLINA PBGV CLUB

Minutes of Board meeting held by conference call at 8:00pm on February 15, 2022.

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 8:05 pm.

Scent Work Fun Weekend Proposal and Request for Funds

Michael presented the following proposal

• **PROPOSAL FOR SCENT WORK FUN WEEKEND AND REQUEST FOR FUNDS**

- Submitted by Michael R. Edwards
- WHAT: Scent work fun weekend
- WHEN: May 21 – 22, 2022
- WHERE:
- At the home of Michael Edwards and Robert Sweeney, 760 Whittle Pond Road, Williston, SC 29853 (Aiken County).
- WHO: All CPBGVC members
- FACILITATOR: Sue Conklin of the Puppy Nanny in Simpsonville, SC. Sue has years of experience in all aspects of dog training and she has numerous training certifications. She is especially known for scent work and has titles from AKC, Performance Scent Dogs (PSD) and National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW). She has several PBGV students so she is very familiar with our breed.
- Planned Agenda: Saturday, May 21 – DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
- THIS EXERCISE IS SUITABLE FOR TEAMS AT ALL LEVELS •
- Having good observation skills is an important part of becoming a great handler. It is said that what happens just before your dog alerts is what is really important. • Recognizing the change of behavior that occurs when your dog is in odor is arguably the most important part of YOUR job. This exercise will help you learn to interpret what you see during a search.
- • The morning will be spent watching videos and discussing the different changes of behavior that dogs exhibit in scent work.
- • The next step is for all teams to run a container search while being videotaped. All participants will observe the run in real time and take notes on what was observed.

- Next, all participants will watch the videos of each team's run and then compare notes. • The afternoon will follow the same format except that teams will run a blind interior search to practice their new observational skills.
- Sunday, May 22 • Various searches will be performed. • Each team will run a "scavenger hunt" on the walking trails. An unknown number of hides will be placed along the trails and each team will try to find all of the hides.
- Funds Requested: Sue Conklin's Fee: \$1,000.00 (-\$600.00 donated by the MOHAWK Foundation) \$400.00 Food- Includes continental breakfast, water, soft drinks and lunch for both days \$200.00 TOTAL \$600.00
 - **After discussion about donating funds to the Mohawk foundation to help with the costs of the weekend, Michael asked that the proposal be accepted as presented.**
 - **Mary made the motion to adopt the proposal and Roger made a second to the motion.**
 - **The motion passed.**

PBGVCA National and Regional Specialty Catalog Ad

- Mary made a motion to fund a \$50 full page color catalog ad for the National Specialty.
- Jill made a second to the motion and the motion passed.
- Mike will compose the ad and committed to the timeline of no later than April 6th.

Trophy Donation for the National Specialty

- After discussion, Mike made a motion that the club donate \$250 for the general trophy fund for the National Specialty;
- Roger seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Authorization to Increase Amount Board Can Spend Without a Vote from the Membership

- Mary made the following points:
 - In 2017 the club formalized the previous understanding that the board could approve expenditures of up to \$500 without seeking approval from the general membership
 - There is no specific language about this in the bylaws.
 - The board recognizes that we have strayed over the \$500 limit on several occasions and the costs of the annual awards is a specific example as well as the costs of the scent work fun weekend passed during this meeting.
- With agreement by the board, Mary will put out a notice to the general membership that a general meeting will be held on Saturday night, 02/19/2022 and include that a vote will take place on a motion to ask the membership to raise the informal limit that the board can spend from \$500 to 1000 without a vote from the general membership directly.

Treasurer's Report

- Mary presented a report on income and expenses for the January hunt
- Jill offered that she was stunned at how much the club is losing on food costs for the hunt
- It was acknowledged that we are subsidizing food costs
- No final decision was made on changing the way we subsidize food costs until further analysis
- Paul offered that the original purpose of the \$25 hunt vouchers was to get more members of the club to participate in the hunt, but there was no evidence that the vouchers had achieved the purpose.
- It was decided that no decision would be made on discontinuing the vouchers until we were able to determine how many vouchers were used during this hunt season.
- Mike was asked to provide a general statement of our bank balance now but she expressed that she could not do so because she was still not able to get the problem with PayPal resolved. She said that she would have to call PayPal again to determine a solution.
- Mike also thinks that we should not use PayPal because it is very confusing and burdensome with too many steps when somebody registers for hunts online.
- Mary asked what could be done to make the process of using PayPal less problematic for Mike and Mike said that it was all too confusing.
- Paul led a discussion about how online hunt entries are a problem for the hunt secretary as well. He offered the example that when he has a paper entry for the hunt, he can enter the specifics from the paper but online entries require him to have to look at a computer screen which made the process more cumbersome. Mary asked if the online forms could be printed and Paul said that just added more work.
- There was discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of using PayPal.
- It was decided that we will continue to use online entries with PayPal through the March hunt and then revisit the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 8:00pm.