

Board Meeting of the Barbet Club of America

September 26, 2017

The Board members of the Barbet Club of America met via phone.

In attendance: Judy Descutner, President; Leslie Woodward, Vice President; Lynn Vogt-Kinsey, Treasurer; and Barb Gresham, Secretary. Judy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm ET.

The minutes from 8/22/17 were reviewed. Lynn moved to approve the minutes, Judy seconded.

Report of President:

- 1) Judy Descutner recently spoke with Christine Weiss of AKC regarding changing our official breed standard which will now allow registration of Pied Barbet as white with brown or white with black.

Report of Vice President:

- 1) Regarding judges' education training, Leslie suggested the Board begin a process to train members to do judges' education so that we have a set format and a clear presentation. The Board agreed to check with other breed clubs to learn how they standardize their presentations and train their members.
- 2) Leslie reported that she has completed a checklist with instructions to help breeders who want to be included on the BCA website breeder list. She will format it to submit to the club newsletter and/or email to breeders.

Report of Secretary:

- 1) Barb will send out welcome letters to the newly accepted members.
- 2) She will draft an email to the general membership to inform them of the upcoming election for Treasurer and Vice-President; to remind them of upcoming membership renewals; to ask for ideas for articles they would like to see in the club newsletter; to begin collecting quality photos for our 2018 club calendars; and to remind everyone of the Orlando shows and Meet the Breed. This email draft will be sent to other Board members for additions/amendments prior to sending to general membership.

Report of Treasurer:

- 1) Lynn Vogt-Kinsey reported the following balances: Bank of America-\$5,954.52; PayPal-\$2,029.96 for a total of \$7,984.48.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) BCA Open Show in Orlando: Judy has submitted all required documentation to Susan Gordon (show superintendent for the BCA open show in Orlando), who is finalizing the show premium. Judy has budgeted \$500 for nice ribbons. The company she is working with can fill the order after show entries are closed, so we can order just what we need. One of our new members, Sue Meacham, will be making our trophy gifts. She is going to make embroidered towels for the Best of Miscellaneous and Best of FSS winners that will include our club logo. The Best in Open Show winner will receive an embroidered ringside tote filled with nice and usable goodies. Judy will contact the Orange County Convention Center to reserve a room or area for a Barbet get-together after the BCA open show. We are signed up to participate in Meet the Breed and will be asking members to sign up for a time slot to help out at our booth.
- 2) Plans for hosting second open show: Leslie has spoken with Val Black, who arranges the open shows to be held in Waukesha, Wisconsin in July, 2018. We have an opportunity to host our second required open show on the Saturday. Leslie stated that this show is well attended, a nice venue, well organized, and with many vendors. All Board members agreed to pursue this opportunity.
- 3) Judges' Education Opportunities: We have been invited by the Golden Gate KC to participate in judging seminars for newly accepted, Miscellaneous, and FSS breeds in Daly City, California January 2018. The Board agreed this was an excellent opportunity but because of distance, will pass this year.

New Business:

- 1) Formation of a national health registry/database: The Board agrees this needs to be done, but is a serious undertaking that requires thorough investigation. Judy stated that a primary purpose of parent clubs is to promote the health of our breed. Discussion to continue at next month's meeting. Meanwhile, we will inquire what other clubs do. For example, the Bearded Collie club has a great database.
- 2) 2018 Calendars: One of our members is a graphic designer. Leslie will ask her if she will help us create a club calendar for 2018.
- 3) New members: Isabelle Ringuet of Ferreol les Neige, Quebec; Katherine Hale of Lake Bluff, Illinois; and Paula Coats of Baton Rouge, Louisiana were put before the board for acceptance as members in BCA. Leslie moved to accept all three into membership. Judy seconded the motion.

Next month's meeting was scheduled for October 24 at 7:00pm ET. Judy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm ET. Lynn seconded the motion.

Barb Gresham, Secretary Barbet Club of America

