

Board Meeting of the Barbet Club of America

January 24, 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. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm ET.

The minutes from 12/27/16 were reviewed and several changes were suggested. The amended minutes will be sent to board members for final approval.

Report of President:

- 1) Judy Descutner expressed her enthusiasm for working with the new board. The year is off to a great start with multiple dogs showing in several different events. She has heard some great feedback from the judges.
- 2) Judy has cleaned up the BCA website, including the addition of a link to the store, which has had immediate sales. Judy officially offered our thanks and appreciation to Leslie Woodward for her contribution of lovely artwork available in the BCA store. Leslie's artwork has been and will continue to be a successful fundraiser.
- 3) Passwords have been changed on all accounts and shared with Board members.
- 4) Documents formerly in Stacy Able's "dropbox" have all been moved to Google Docs. Angie Tena can assist those who need instruction on navigating Google Docs.
- 5) Angie Tena will be managing BCA's presence in social media (Facebook, Instagram, newsletter).
- 6) Judy has talked with Elsa Sell, who is active in Portuguese Waterdogs and Bearded Collies and their health concerns. Their conversation will continue as to how to proceed with forming a health committee.
- 7) Judy has negotiated with Embark Veterinary for a reduced price of \$129 to run Barbet DNA, which screens for over 160 genetic diseases.

Report of Vice President:

- 1) Leslie Woodward has designed a new backdrop (20' x 8') and a stand up banner, which includes breed information, to be used at Meet the Breeds and judges' education seminars. The board voted unanimously in favor of the purchase of both. They will be ready prior to Westminster Meet the Breeds in February.
- 2) The club has enough handouts for Westminster. New handouts will be designed to coordinate with the new banners when needed.

Report of Secretary:

- 1) Barb Gresham is preparing to send out membership renewal letters. She submitted a sample letter for the Board's approval. Once she receives an updated membership list, Barb will email all outstanding members.
- 2) Barb inquired about editing prior meeting minutes before submitting them to AKC. Judy Descutner stated that minutes from the past two years have already been submitted to Christine Weiss with AKC with the only changes being the addition of last names.

Report of Treasurer:

- 1) Lynn Vogt-Kinsey reported the following balances: Bank of America-\$3854.89; PayPal-\$3387.02 for a total of \$7241.91.
- 2) Lynn will verify with Stacy Able that the balance owed her has been paid. Treasurer's passwords will then be changed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Membership renewal: Updated list will be in Google drive. There are currently 57 members. Lynn Vogt-Kinsey asked if there was an option for multi-year memberships. Judy Descutner stated that our BCA by-laws state annual memberships only at this time. Leslie Woodward requested adding this topic to next month's agenda. Judy stated that there is one Lifetime member, Loretta LeBar in New York.
- 2) Website/Logo: There are plans to redo the website. Everything not AKC related has been removed. Angie Tena will document the website's history. A new logo is needed. After Meet the Breeds at Westminster is organized, Leslie Woodward will work on logo.
- 3) Judges' Education Material: Barbet Club of America has been invited to present at the Mason-Dixon Dog Judges Association in April. This is an awesome group of AKC judges and a wonderful opportunity to present our Barbet. Judy Descutner and Leslie Woodward are preparing their presentation. Paula Ballak does a Barbet presentation each year at the Michigan Sporting Dog Association. BCA gets credit for her presentation.
- 4) Westminster Meet the Breeds: Westminster's Meet the Breeds is just one day, February 11, 2017. Representing our Barbet with their dogs will be Judy Descutner, Tracy Schnabel, and Donna Forte.

5) New Backdrop/Stand-up banner: Leslie Woodward reported that the backdrop is priced at \$480 and the stand-up banner is \$350. Judy Descutner made the motion for BCA to purchase both; Lynn Vogt-Kinsey seconded the motion.

6) AKC Packet: All material required by AKC for application to full recognition has been submitted. Christine Weiss with AKC has received the packet and will let us know if additional information is required.

7) Open show in August: BCA is working toward hosting an open show at the Mountain Valley Cluster Dog Show, in Roanoke, Virginia in August. Judy Descutner had nothing to report at this time.

Next phone meeting is planned for February 21, 2017 at 8:00pm ET. Lynn Vogt-Kinsey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm ET.

Barb Gresham

Secretary Barbet Club of America