

Board Meeting of the Barbet Club of America

January 8, 2018

The Board members of the Barbet Club of America met via phone. In attendance: Judy Descutner, President; Lynn Vogt-Kinsey, Treasurer; and Barb Gresham, Secretary. Judy called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, ET.

- 1) The minutes from 11/15/17 were reviewed. Lynn moved to approve the minutes, pending one change (striking the sentence tentatively scheduling a Board meeting while in Orlando).
Judy seconded.
- 2) Report of the President:
 - A) Judy reported that our 2018 calendar sale was successful. Forty calendars were originally ordered and all were sold. Ten extra were ordered and purchased by Judy Descutner and will be given as gifts. She suggested we start planning the 2019 calendar earlier in the year and start calling for photographs in September 2018 to allow more time for people to order.
- 3) Report of Secretary: nothing to report
- 4) Report of Treasurer:
 - A) Lynn reported the following balances: Bank of America--\$6,983.98; PayPal--\$2,678.17 for a total of \$9,662.17.
- 5) Unfinished Business:
 - A) Wrap up of BCA Open Show in Orlando: The show went well and had 100 entries. The only glitch was that there was no ramp for the Mudis, but this was quickly remedied. Lynn Byfield did an amazing job as show chair, even having Judge Jamie Hubbard's favorite candies ringside. We were fortunate to also have a great ring steward. The Kooikerhondje Club loaned us their award table at no charge. To thank them, BCA will sponsor something at their next specialty. The BCA Meet the Breed booth was very well attended. We were even videotaped and interviewed by Jerry O'Connell with Animal Planet, Susi Szeremy with National Purebred Dog Day, and Laura Reeves with Pure Dog Talk. Judy will send an email to Michael Canalizo, AKC Event Management Consultant, asking for the BCA to host an open show again in Orlando in December, 2018.
 - B) Update on Plans for a Second Open Show in Wisconsin: We have been approved to host our second open show in Waukesha, WI July 28-29, 2018. BCA needs to submit an application and choose a show chairperson. We will use the same show superintendent as the other WI shows. Judy will file the application.
 - C) Officers/Election/Bylaws/General Meeting: Judy pointed out that the club has always had the Board positions run January 1-December 31 but our club bylaws state that elections occur at, and tenure starts with the annual meeting. In order to change the bylaws, an AKC liaison needs to review the bylaws and then this is put to a vote by the general membership. The Vice-President position is currently vacant and has had no one interested in becoming a candidate. The Board agrees that the position needs to be held by someone familiar with AKC. The Board will continue to think of qualified

candidates. Judy asked Barb to consider filling the VP role. Topic was tabled until the February meeting.

- D) Rescue Contact: Ellen Rich has agreed to be the contact person for the Barbet Rescue in AKC. Her name has been submitted to AKC and is posted on the website.
 - E) Health Liaison: Stephanie Dixon has agreed to be the BCA Health Liaison. She has already submitted new health guidelines to the club, which includes testing for prcd PRA. Judy motioned that this PRA testing be a mandatory requirement for the breeders' listing. Lynn seconded the motion.
 - F) Update to BCA Breeder Listings: Judy suggested that the club has made the requirements for breeders to be listed on the website too complicated. She feels that we should simply have breeders sign a form stating they are doing the required testing, including prcd PRA and maintain the listing fee at \$100. Stephanie Dixon, as our Health Liaison, would be the appropriate person to supervise the breeder listings.
- 6) New Business:
- A) Membership Renewals: Barb will send out emails reminding our members to renew their BCA memberships.
 - B) Westminster Meet the Breeds 2018: Leslie Woodward is planning on setting up the BCA booth and manning the booth, with help from Tracey Schnabel. Judy will check with Donna and Stefanie Forte to inquire if they are available to help.
 - C) AKC Breed Paragraph for New Website: Leslie Woodward submitted a revised breed description. The Board had only one correction that of the addition of "Ophthalmologic eye exam" under health testing.
 - D) New Member Vote: Applicants for BCA membership are Pam DePew, Hernando FL, Beth Humma, Hamburg PA, Jacki Edens, Highland MD (all sponsored by Judy Descutner); and April Atkins, Dallas TX (sponsored by Heather Candler). Barb moved to accept all four into membership; Judy seconded.

Next month's meeting TBA. Judy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm ET; Lynn seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Gresham, Secretary

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