

Board Meeting of the Barbet Club of America

August 22, 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 7:01pm ET.

The minutes from 7/21/17 were reviewed. Lynn moved to approve the minutes, Judy seconded.

Report of President:

- 1) Judy Descutner shared that there has been a lot of correspondence regarding unregistered litters of Barbet puppies (two litters that we know of in the US). Judy has offered to help the breeders to register the litter/puppies but has had no response to her offers. There is also no way to track the imported Barbet if they are not AKC registered and there is nothing the Club can do.

Report of Vice President:

- 1) Leslie reported that she has spoken with Sue Vroom with AKC regarding the upcoming education seminar about "how to do judges' education" at the Orlando shows in December. Evidently this is not going to be on the agenda this year. Our goal for this seminar was to increase the number of people in the Club who are qualified to do judges' education. Leslie suggested we put this on next month's agenda to figure out what we can do to increase the breed education efforts.
- 2) The breeders' checklist (to aid breeders in registering their puppies with AKC): Leslie reported that she has nearly completed the checklist and hopes to roll it out at next month's Board meeting.
- 3) Leslie has been in touch with Kathy Wiecha with Michigan Sporting Dog Association regarding the 2018 Judges' Education seminar in Michigan. Next year's dates are June 23-24, 2018. The application to participate will be on MSDA website, available January 2018.

Report of Secretary:

- 1) Barb Gresham sent out acknowledgement letters to the newly accepted members.

Report of Treasurer:

- 1) Lynn Vogt-Kinsey reported the following balances: Bank of America-\$5,954.52; PayPal-\$1,963.12 for a total of \$7,917.64.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Judge for the BCA Open show in Orlando this December. We have a signed contract with Jamie Hubbard, who is also on the judging panel at the AKC championship show that week.

2) BCA Open Show: Lynn and Judy will be working on ordering ribbons. Judy has submitted everything required for the show premium to the AKC. Discussion centered on how to pay for ribbons/prizes (member donations vs BCA paying for them). As we are expecting a fairly large entry in December, it was decided by the Board that the Club will absorb the expenses this year. Class ribbons will be generic; group and Best in Show ribbons will be rosettes and date specific.

4) Update on Breeders' List: Leslie reported she is nearly finished compiling information and will report next month.

New Business:

- 1) Elections for Vice President and Treasurer: Election will be late November/early December 2017 for the following 2 year term. We need to post a public notice on the Club website and newsletter asking for interest in these positions. Barb will send out an email to the general membership regarding election.
- 2) Newsletter Items: Newly titled Barbet (Fiona and Flora are most recent recipients of AKC Certificate of Merit); an article to assist novices on how to prepare for your first open show.
- 3) New members: Jean Fogel-Dean, Staten Island, NY and Stacy Robbins were put before the board for acceptance as members in BCA. Barb moved to accept both into membership. Lynn seconded the motion.

Next month's meeting was scheduled for September 26 at 7:00pm ET. Lynn Vogt-Kinsey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm ET. Barb Gresham seconded the motion.

Barb Gresham, Secretary Barbet Club of America