

Board Meeting of the Barbet Club of America

Minutes of April 27, 2017

The Board members of the Barbet Club of America (BCA) 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 by Judy at 7:19 pm ET.

The minutes from 3/30/17 were reviewed. Lynn moved to approve the revised minutes; Judy seconded.

Report of the President:

1. Judy announced that the BCA minutes are now posted on the website for all to review. She has also heard great feedback from the ShowSight article on miscellaneous breeds.

Report of the Vice President:

1. Leslie reported a busy month, being involved with the judges' education seminar as well as planning for our open shows the BCA is hoping to host this year. She expressed her pleasure at the number of Barbet that have been out showing, including many who have won Best of Miscellaneous. Unfortunately we are not seeing much involvement from the West coast Barbet owners. Judy stated she will write to encourage West coast owners to get involved with AKC shows.

Report of the Secretary:

1. Barb reported that she has sent our acceptance letters to all newly accepted in 2017 BCA members.
2. Barb has only, to date, received the appropriate Breeder forms from Judy Descutner. Barb stated that she's gotten a little resistance from one breeder, stating that she did not feel she needed to pay for advertising her litters. Discussion involved that the Breeder listing is not so much for advertising space on the website as much as it is for the breeder to demonstrate involvement in the parent club and proof of involvement with health testing recommendations.

Report of the Treasurer:

1. Lynn had nothing to report on this date.
2. Leslie inquired about partial reimbursement of expenses incurred doing the judges' education. The Mason-Dixon Dog Judges Association paid \$50, which will be split

between Judy and Leslie. Leslie stated she had \$150 in gas expenses alone. She is happy to donate for the club, but asked what is expected. Judy stated that, in the past, the club has only reimbursed people for materials but with the growing need for judges' education as well as a number of the shows that offer judges' education (i.e. Orlando, Louisville), we may need to consider some percentage of reimbursement for expenses incurred for those participating in education. We have also been invited every year to the Rose Classic in Portland, Oregon in January. This topic will be added to the agenda for the May meeting. Regarding the judges' education at the Sporting Dog Seminar in Michigan this June, Barb will ask Paula Ballak (who has in the past done this, even though she is with CKC) if she would like assistance. This would also demonstrate to AKC the BCA's involvement.

Unfinished Business:

1. Judges' Education in Virginia: Both Judy and Leslie reported that the attendance was not as large as they expected but that the judges were interested and asked good questions. In addition to their formal presentation, breed standards and reprints of the ShowSight article were distributed and they had five dogs there to represent the Barbet and to give the judges an opportunity to see, meet and feel. One question the judges had that needs our consideration: How does the Barbet compare to other water dogs? Leslie added that the judges were impressed that we are bringing our dogs out even with little to no competition with other miscellaneous breeds.
2. Open Show Updates: Judy reported that we have a great opportunity to host an open show in Orlando this December, during the week preceding the AKC Championship. There are potentially two other open shows, one hosted by the Kooikerhondje Club and one pending. We have local help there from Lynn Byfield, Tracy Boring, and Deborah Bean. Additionally, Judy, Lynn, Leslie and Barb all plan to attend. While the October Wilmington, Ohio show offered a good opportunity, to meet AKC requirements the open shows we host must be at least six months apart. Judy moved to skip Wilmington and focus on the Orlando show. Lynn seconded the motion. Judy will submit the application to AKC for the Orlando show. She will be in touch with Michael Canalizzo, who is very involved in AKC. He will be our "point man" for Orlando.

New Business:

1. New Members up for vote: Katherine Hale, Chicago, IL, sponsored by Stacy Able; Sue Meacham, Guilford VT, sponsored by Leslie Woodward. Katherine reportedly had difficulty submitting her membership fees through the website, so will be deferred until next month. Leslie reported that Sue Meacham has years of dog show experience and will be an asset to the club. Lynn made the motion to accept Sue Meacham as a member; Barb seconded the motion.

2. Plans for editing the By-laws of the BCA: Only Lynn had a chance to review the by-laws. She suggested we use “plain speech” to revise the by-laws and reported that there are many typos. She suggested we revise the by-laws to match the AKC format. Discussion will continue at next meeting.
3. Leslie moved to hold the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the BCA on June 16 in Kalamazoo, during UKC Premier. Judy seconded the motion. Barb will notify members by email at least two weeks prior to the meeting. It will also be posted on the website.

Adjournment: Next month’s Board meeting was set for May 23, 2017, time to be announced. Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm ET. Barb seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Gresham,

Secretary, Barbet Club of America