

Board Meeting of the Barbet Club of America

Minutes of June 1, 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 7:02pm ET.

The minutes from 4/27/17 were reviewed. Lynn moved to approve the minutes; Leslie seconded the motion.

Report of the President:

1. Judy announced that she was asked to do a judges' education during the New Castle, PA show last month (May). The judge thought our materials were excellent and asked her to repeat the education later.

Report of the Vice President:

1. Leslie announced that Judy put together a great power point presentation for the Judges Education at the New Castle, PA show in May. She suggested that the presentation be put on a flash drive for all to share when finalized. Judy received very good feedback from the judges in attendance.
2. Leslie met with Sue Vroom at the Springfield, IL show in May. Sue Vroom is the Executive Field Representative for the AKC and is the head of AKC judges' education. She helps build education materials. Sue thought we were off to a great start with outstanding materials and invited us to a seminar at the Orlando shows this December. Sue and Sam McDonald offer seminars for people who do judges' education. One or more of the BCA Board should plan to attend in December.

Report of the Secretary:

1. Barb reported that she is preparing an email to notify all BCA members of our annual general meeting to be held June 16 in Kalamazoo, MI (Kalamazoo County Expo Center). For those unable to attend, the meeting will be live-streamed on the BCA private Facebook group page. This meeting has also been announced in the BCA newsletter and on the BCA Facebook page.
2. Barb received an email inquiry from Veronica Matthews asking about her breeders' listing because she had submitted her payment on PayPal. Lynn was able to find a payment listed under Veronica's business name. Barb replied to Veronica and notified her which forms were required. Veronica agreed to submit said forms.

Report of the Treasurer:

1. Lynn reported the following balances: Bank of America: \$5,145.36; PayPal: \$2,727.88 for a total of \$7,873.24.
2. Judy inquired if the club has income from Café Press. Lynn reported occasional income from the web store.
3. For the general meeting in Kalamazoo, Lynn will prepare an income & expense statement for the past year. Judy will report the Café Press income for past year. They will continue to discuss this offline.

Unfinished Business:

1. Breeders' List: We have had very few submissions from the Barbet breeders we have contacted. Judy asked if we are expecting too much of them. PawPeds improves with more participation. Registering and microchipping each puppy is an easy process. Leslie suggested we create a checklist with basic instructions, screenshots of what is required (just 2016 litters' proof of registration and microchipping, and health testing results of sire and dam). Judy and Leslie will work on creating a checklist. Once we have a checklist, Barb will send out another email asking our breeders to participate; we want as many breeders as possible on the BCA website.
2. Reimbursement/stipend for expenses incurred for judges' education events: All the board members expressed torn feelings on this topic. Leslie stated that a reimbursement/stipend is not necessary but we want to be all inclusive. Some members may want to participate in judges' education but may not have the means to travel/miss work, etc. Lynn suggested we table this topic until 2018 when we will have more people involved in education.
3. Open Show in Orlando Update: Nothing new to report.

New Business:

1. Judge for Orlando show: Judy inquired of Leslie if she asked Sue Vroom about the process of hiring a judge. Leslie reported that it is more advantageous to ask a judge who is already on the panel. There will be some high caliber judges at the AKC championships.
2. AKC's request of BCA to sponsor parent club medallions at the AKC championships in Orlando: Judy moved that the BCA should sponsor a conformation medallion; Lynn seconded the motion.
3. Insurance for BCA: At events sponsored by BCA, "event insurance" covers the club's liability and is required. Judy will look into what AKC recommends.

4. New Members up for acceptance:
 - A. Michelle Charters, Chesapeake VA, sponsored by Judy Descutner. Michelle currently has Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs but is interested in getting a Barbet.
 - B. Lori Carver, Belchertown MA, sponsored by Leslie Woodward. Lori has chaired numerous dog shows.

Barb moved to accept both new members. Leslie seconded the motion. Lynn and Judy unanimously agreed. Barb will notify the new members of their acceptance.

5. Michigan Sporting Dog Association Judges' Education: Board members discussed the importance of BCA presence/representation at this event. Everyone who presents there, does so on behalf of their parent breed club. Leslie has spoken with Kathy Wiecha, President of the MSDA, who said she would be very happy to have one of us observe at this year's event. Barb expressed an interest in attending, as she will be at a nearby show that weekend (June 24/25). Leslie will email/introduce Barb to Kathy. Barb will send Kathy her availability once her show's judging program is announced.
6. BCA general meeting in Kalamazoo agenda:
 - A. Leslie suggested we include an update on the Orlando show as well as a report on our work on judges' education year-to-date.
 - B. Club income/expenses report.
 - C. Review of Board Meeting Minutes of the past year: a retrospective of what the club has accomplished.
 - D. Board members will all submit other agenda items to Judy.

Adjournment: Next month's Board meeting was set for Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 7 pm ET. Judy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm ET. Leslie seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Gresham,

Secretary, Barbet Club of America

