

PBGV HEALTH AND RESCUE FOUNDATION MINUTES

Board Meeting, May 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Liscum at 7pm EDT.

Attendance: Karen Clugston, Bob Cohen, Kevin Curran, Jo Anne Hacker, Helen Ingher, Laura Liscum, Jill Otto, Giselle Romanace

Absent: Susan Smyth; Donna Bruce did not send in a Letter of Interest.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: Laura commented on the Annual Report from the National Specialty and a report from the Nebraska law firm.

She thanked Bob Hacker for writing the copy for a new trifold for the Foundation that went into each welcome bag at the National Specialty.

All Foundation members who submitted Letters of Interest were accepted as continuing members. All officers on the slate for 2024 were elected.

The meeting went into a brief Executive Session.

Vice-President's Report: The annual Foundation audit was performed. Jo Anne Hacker gathered the appropriate paperwork for 2023. Susannah Cooper and Ingrida Robinson each reviewed a section. All paperwork was approved and Laura Liscum signed off.

Minutes of Prior Meeting: Karen Clugston moved to approve the minutes as published. Helen Ingher seconded. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: On this day, May 23rd, 2024, the Foundation has \$2453.66 in checking and \$121,700.56 in money market for a total of \$124,154.22. Jo Anne also sent out the Quarterly Report.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Health/Education/Research:

- A Letter of Intent was received from Dr. Muñana stating her plan and budget for a study to determine the prevalence of epilepsy in PBGVs. A survey will be sent to owners of all PBGVs born between 2010 and current asking if the PBGV ever had a seizure. If answered Yes, a second more detailed survey will be sent. Based on that survey, a blood sample will be requested. A kit will be sent to help obtain the correct sample. Epilepsy patterns can be obtained from the survey. A suggestion was made that Dr. Muñana come to the National and to have a blood draw specifically for this project.
A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) containing the full proposal will need to be signed by Laura and accepted by the Canine Health Foundation.
A motion to accept the Letter of Intent and MOU and to fund the project up to \$15,000 to study epilepsy was made by Bob Cohen and seconded by Helen Ingher. Unanimous approval.
- The Pedigree Database was discussed.
Veronica Scheer made a list of diseases in PBGVs. This could be useful in identifying epilepsy in dogs.

There has been a suggestion to spend up to \$3000 to write a trial mating feature which has not been approved by the Foundation. Due to the PBGV Club's intention to move the club website to a different platform, there was discussion that the database should be handled separately from the website. There was discussion as to which entity should own it. Jo Anne Hacker, Helen Ingher, and Kevin Curran will form a committee to propose to the PBGV Club that the Foundation assume control/ownership of the database. If accepted, this will require a point person on the Foundation.

Policies and Procedures: NNTR (Bob Cohen)

Rescue: NNTR

Social Media: Gisele Romanace has been deleting inappropriate items from the Foundation Facebook page. Puppy sales and GBGV items are not allowed. She suggested that we have written rules detailing allowable topics.

Saber Tails: The May 15th deadline was moved to May 20th. The upcoming issue contains a health report from the National and an article by Wendy Martin about the "pro's" of the semen bank.

Old Business:

- Laura Liscum gave a recap of the National.
 - The Foundation table sold many items that have been in the Foundation inventory for a total of \$473. We can now rethink what items we want for the table in the future.
 - Expenses were a little over \$3000. Dr. Greer still needs to be paid.
 - 59 PBGVs were examined at the eye clinic.
 - Laura Liscum suggested the Foundation cover the expense of the AV equipment used during the National, \$631. A motion was made by Laura/Bob to reimburse the club. Karen suggested the Foundation split the cost with the club since both entities used the equipment. Laura/Bob withdrew the original motion. Karen Clugston made a motion to pay for the projector and screen which would split the cost in half. Helen Ingher seconded the motion. Unanimous acceptance.
- Laura Liscum asked Bob Cohen about the Rescue and Foster document. Bob reported that he was told that the Club would take care of it and his input was not needed.
- Laura Liscum reported that Dr. Mellersh received the \$10,000 from the Foundation. Laura has a call next Wednesday to discuss the matching funds donation.

New Business:

There was a discussion regarding Veronica Scheer's request for funds.

Motion to adjourn: Helen Ingher/Karen Clugston. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 EDT.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Otto

Acting Secretary

Motion List:

- Minutes of Prior Meeting: Karen/Helen, unanimous acceptance
- Letter of Intent and MOU from Dr. Munana: Bob/Helen, unanimous acceptance
- Split cost of AV equipment used at National: Karen/Helen, unanimous acceptance