

PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation

October 19, 2020 Minutes

Members in attendance: Donna Bruce, Bob Cohen, Karen Clugston, Jo Anne Hacker, Pam Helmer, Helen Ingher, Laura Liscum, Jill Otto, Sue Smyth, Sherry Weinstein

Guests: Gisele Romanace

President's report: Meeting called to order at 7:02 by President Laura Liscum: NNTR

Vice President's report: Jill Otto- NNTR

Secretary's report: Gisele's last name was corrected. Sherry moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, Helen seconded. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's report (Jo Anne reporting): It has been pretty quiet. Balance in checking is \$1,379.26 on 10/19/2020 and \$86,438.89 in money market on 10/19/2020 for a total in all accounts of \$87,818.15. We received a car donation from Alex Pekasky (Jo Anne's nephew) that yielded \$524.00. Balance in Pay Pal is \$.64. Envelopes will be inserted in the next issue of Saber Tails. Another Annie bill came in. Discussion. Sherry moved that we authorize \$3,000.00 total for 2020 for Annie's care (which is adding another \$750 to the Annie fund). Second by Jo Anne. All voted in favor. Donna abstained.

Committee Reports

- A. Health, Education & Research (Laura & Helen reporting): Dr Alvarez will speak at the 2021 National. She works on rehabilitation and complementary medicine. UC Davis has not replied to Laura's email. OFA also has not responded to Laura's emails. She offered to write a survey that parallels the OFA survey. She will contact Eddie Dziuk to see if Jon Curry is OK. Helen reported that most of the AHT staff is now at Cambridge. Embark's DNA testing for breeders claims to have found 3 markers for epilepsy. Donna reported that they are willing to do a breed study if funded at \$120 per kit for 20 kits. Laura will look into it. She is skeptical.
- B. Policy & Procedure (Sue & Bob reporting): NNTR
- C. Rescue (Pam reporting): The hearing for the first person arrested at Elite Bassets is this week. Discussion. Laura sent a letter to the Humane Society saying the Foundation was willing to pay vet expenses for the PBGVs involved up to \$1,000./dog with invoices submitted. There are at least 4 PBGVs in the shelter.

- D. Social Media-(Laura reporting): On Facebook, the post that got the most attention was about Elite Bassets (55 dogs seized). Send donations to the Foundation not the shelter involved. Laura will not make any additional posts until after the hearing. Second top story was about people helping animals involved in the California fires.
- E. Saber Tails (Helen & Laura reporting): Next issue will include a breeder article by Nick Frost.

Old Business

- A. Policy & Procedure-Laura will resend the revised Policy & Procedures. Check the edits and get back to her. Looking for volunteers to assume responsibilities. Tabled for the next meeting.
- B. Foundation Website-(Laura reporting): A link was sent with the initial draft of a website via Fat Cow. Photos were uploaded from Bob's collection. Laura walked us through each section of the new Foundation website. Cost is estimated to be about \$300./year to maintain. There will be extra fees as we go along.
- C. Breed Preservation-(Jo Anne reporting): The Breed Preservation Committee will be making a presentation to the PBGVCA Board to set up a corporation for a PBGV reproductive bank with a separate Board. Anticipated cost to incorporate should not exceed \$1,000. Once the Board has reviewed, and if approved, Jo Anne will share with the Foundation. This info is important because the Board could request reimbursement from the Foundation as Breed Preservation and a Reproductive Bank go hand in hand.

New Business

- A. Budget-Laura reporting: Should we put a budget together, for the Foundation, based on Jo Anne's quarterly expenses over the past 5 years? Discussion regarding recurring expenses (see table). Not felt to be necessary at this time.
- B. Fundraising (Laura reporting): Envelopes are being inserted into the next issue of Saber Tails. Think of fund raising activities we can utilize in 2021. Should we develop specific goals?

Bob moved to adjourn at 8:37. Karen seconded. Next meeting to be scheduled in early December.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Smyth, Secretary PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation