

PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation Conference Call Meeting

January 12, 2010

Call Meeting to Order at 8:06 pm

Roll call

Present were: Lauren Kovaleff, Helen Ingher, Pegi Scriver, Maggie Lutz, Laura Liscom, Bob Cohen, Jeanne Hurty, Pam Helmer, Sue Smyth, Dottie Allen

Absent was: Jenny Zinn-Boyce

1. Officer's Reports and Approval

- a. President : NTR
- b. Vice President : Eddie Dzuik from OFA/ CHIC may be attending our national.
- c. Secretary – Approve minutes of the last meeting Motion 2010011201 (Ingher, second by Cohen) to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Treasurer's report

Balance in accounts as of 9/30/09

Unrestricted (includes interest income) \$ 11,463.06

Restricted – Rescue \$ 2,890.96

Balance \$ 14,354.02

Income for 4th Quarter

Donation – Rescue restricted \$ 656.53

Donations – Health restricted \$ 15.00

Donations – Unrestricted \$ 454.15

DVD Sales \$ 15.00

Interest earned \$ 6.58

Total income \$ 1147.26

Expenses for 4th Quarter

DNA support	\$ 52.83	
Donation / Rabies Challenge Fund	\$ 1,000.00	
Survey fees	\$ 49.00	
Rescue Expenses	\$ 2,542.84	
Total Expenses		\$ 3644.67

Balance in accounts as of 12/31/09

Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 10,851.96	
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,004.65	
Balance		\$ 11,856.61

2. Committee Reports

- a. Fund Raising – The Dr. Bell seminar is scheduled for St. Louis. Some money is being raised through IGive, Café Press, and GoodSearch.
- b. Health Education – A new version of the brochure is in progress.
- c. Health Research – Laura Liscom attended the CHF conference. Information on new grant applications will be available soon. Discussion was held about a study on dwarfism.
- d. Policy and Procedure – Sue reported that Pam will supply PEC with information on rescue dogs available as appropriate.
- e. Rescue – Pam reported that one dog is in foster care and three others may be placed directly. Some puppy mills have been identified as having PBGVs. Breeder education was discussed, including the need to take the time to educate members of the public inquiring about the breed. Sue mentioned that these types of inquiries can be directed to PEC also.
- f. Website – Lauren reported that Wendy will be making some changes to the website for the board’s review. Bob reported that PBGVCA will be upgrading its website.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Nationals Health Conference – Only one DVD has been sold.
- b. Dinner following 2010 health seminar- The foundation does not have sufficient funds to subsidize a dinner following Dr. Bell's seminar. Bob will propose a subsidy to the club board.

4. New Business

- a. Discuss/ approve draft donation form update- Dottie suggested that donors be given the option of specifying where their donation should go.
- b. Discuss/ approve draft Foundation brochure update- The tri fold was updated to include the new logo and new research projects. The board will take the rest of the week to address any concerns.
- c. Discuss possible Foundation "memento". (Like the pens a few years back)- Consensus was that pens would be the most useful item. We will research costs and then make a final decision.
- d. CHIC- Discussion was held about reconsidering whether PBGVs should become a CHIC breed. This would primarily be a club decision. Concerns were expressed about confusion caused by having multiple DNA banks.

Next meeting: March 2, 2010 at 8 pm eastern.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Esherick

PBGVCA Health and Rescue Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2010

Call Meeting to Order

Present: Lauren Kovaleff, Helen Ingher, Megan Esherick, Bob Cohen, Pam Helmer, Laura Liscom, Jeanne Hurty, Sue Smyth

Absent: Dottie Allen, Jenny Zinn-Boyce, Pegi Schriver, Maggie Lutz

1. Officer's Reports and Approval

a. President (Annual report)

b. Vice President- NTR

c. Secretary – Approve minutes of the last meeting **Motion 2010030201**(Liscom, second by Ingher) to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Treasurer's report: To date (1/1/10 – 3/1/10) FY 2010

Treasurer's Report (2 month)			
To date (1/1/10 – 3/1/10) FY 2010			
Balance in accounts as of 12/31/09			
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	10,851.96	
Restricted – Rescue	\$	1,004.65	
Balance			\$ 11,856.61
Income for 1st Quarter to date			
Donations – Rescue restricted	\$	1,523.60	
Donations – Health restricted	\$	48.60	
Donations – Unrestricted	\$	2,101.95	
Interest earned	\$	5.38	
Total income			\$ 3,679.53
Expenses for 1st Quarter			
Promotion pens / National	\$	99.50	
Health Survey fees	\$	45.00	
Rescue Expenses	\$	981.57	
Total Expenses			\$ 1,126.07
Balance in accounts as of 3/1/10			
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	12,859.79	
Restricted – Rescue	\$	1,546.68	
Health Restricted	\$	3.60	
Balance			\$ 14,410.07
Respectfully Submitted			
Dottie Allen, Treasurer			

2. Committee Reports

- a. Fund Raising – Sue has had the Skycastle photograph mounted. Several PBGV items are being donated for the auction by a club member. We can only have a couple items in the live auction. We will have a table in St. Louis. Pam, Jeanne, and Dottie are the foundation's auction committee.
- b. Health Education – Jenny Zinn-Boyce was not present. Laura asked if we had a health speaker for 2011.
- c. Health Research – Laura Liscum reported that a study on markers for glaucoma in various breeds is underway and will be reported on in Saber Tails. More DNA samples from affected dogs are needed.
- d. Policy and Procedure – Sue Smyth reported that the policy and procedure is just about done. Sue and Lauren will meet once more to confirm this. Lauren asked if the liaison system is working.
- e. Rescue – Pam Helmer reported that in 2010 no rescues have been in foster care but 12 PBGVs have been placed through rescue.
- f. Website – Lauren Kovaleff reported that Wendy Murphy has not been able to complete the new website yet. It will not be ready to go live until it can accept Paypal.

3. Old Business

- a. Nationals Health Conference – DVD sales. Update.
- b. Foundation Financial Audit plans – Bob, Sue, and Charlie Ingher will be the audit committee. The audit should be completed prior to nationals.
- c. Dr. Bell seminar – update. Helene reported that everything is arranged and the database is almost ready. The dinner is set up and the sign up form is available.
- d. Welcome bag bags - NTR
- e. Pens order – Dottie has received the pens.
- f. Seminar dinner- Megan questioned if vegetarian meals were available.
- g. Auction items. The photo came out nicely.
- h. Table info and donor board will be present in St. Louis
- i. DNA update/issues
- j. Health survey update/issues – Helen
- k. Letters of interest/blast notice/ballot- Lauren discussed sending a blast email to the PBGVCA membership. Members with fundraising experience are needed.
- l. Other Nationals prep- Letters of interest are being accepted for board members. Megan and Jeanne will not be continuing on the board.

4. New Business

- a. Key rings: Pam reported that the new Texas PBGV Club is making key rings for the foundation to sell for \$10. The club will donate the cost of the materials.

Lauren adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Megan Esherick

PBGVCA Health and Rescue Foundation Board Meeting Agenda

April 23, 2010

Call Meeting to Order at 8:05 central time.

Present were: Lauren Kovaleff, Helen Ingher, Megan Esherick, Dottie Allen, Sue Smyth, Jeanne Hurty, Laura Liscom, Pam Helmer, Bob Cohen; Rebecca Belflower (guest), Alice McGowan (guest), Julie Shannon (guest)

Absent were: Pegi Schriver, Maggie Lutz, Jenny Zinn-Boyce

1. Officer's Reports and Approval

- a. President (Annual report): We need to make more efforts on fundraising. Café Press, I-search, and I-give have been helpful.
- b. Vice President: Helen reported that the club donated \$5000 for rescue at yesterday's board meeting.
- c. Secretary: Two thank you notes were received Megan suggested that a new storage method for the old secretary files might make sense. Approve minutes of the last meeting **Motion 2010042301** (Liscom, second by Allen) to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Treasurer's report- **Dottie will email**

2. Committee Reports

- a. Fund Raising – Allen/Helmer/Hurty: Some online bids were received for the auction. An online holiday auction is a possibility.
- b. Health Education – Ingher: A glaucoma article will appear in the next *Saber Tails*. An eye clinic needs to be included at each national. 21 dogs participated in the eye clinic/ DNA draw today.
- c. Health Research – Laura Liscom reported that we are currently funding several grants, detailed in the annual report. There are some grants for research that may be of interest to the foundation. **Motion 2010042302** (Cohen, second by Smyth) to donate \$2500 to Gary Johnson's epilepsy study. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Policy and Procedure – Sue Smyth distributed the revised Policy and Procedure. **Motion 2010042303** (Ingher, second by Cohen) to approve the Policy and procedure. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Rescue – Pam Helmer suggested that \$5000 be kept in a rescue fund. PBGVs are turning up in puppy mills more frequently. Discussion was held as to whether keeping funds in a separate account is necessary, as there is backup in place for rescue expenses.
- f. Website – Lauren Kovaleff reported that the new website is up but still needs some tweaking. We need an experienced backup person for Wendy Murphy.

3. Old Business

- a. Nationals Health Conference – DVD sales update: Dottie reported that no one has expressed interest in purchasing the DVDs.

- b. Foundation Financial Audit plans – Sue reported that she, Charlie Ingher, and Rebecca Belflower conducted an audit and met with Dottie. Monthly reports will be done for the next year.

4. New Business

- a. Election of new Board Members: **Motion 2010042304** (Helmer, Ingher) to modify the policy and procedure so that anyone elected must receive a majority of the votes. Motion passed unanimously. The following members were elected to the foundation board- Carolyn Randal, Dottie Allen, Helen Ingher, Julie Shannon, Rebecca Belflower, Sue Smyth.
- b. Election of Officers: **Motion 2010042305** (Cohen, second by Ingher) to nominate Lauren for president. Lauren is elected president. **Motion 2010042306** (Allen, second by Cohen) to nominate Helen for vice president. Helen is elected vice president. **Motion 2010042307** (Ingher, second by Helmer) to nominate Sue Smyth for secretary. Sue is elected secretary. **Motion 2010042308** (Smyth, second by Ingher) to nominate Dottie for treasurer. Dottie is elected treasurer.
- c. Committees- appointing of committees was tabled to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Esherick

PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation
May 24, 2010

Meeting called to order at 8:37 by President Lauren Kovaleff.

Members in attendance: Sue Smyth, Bob Cohen, Lauren Kovaleff, Rebecca Belflower
Carolyn Randall, Julie Shannon, Laura Liscum, Helen Ingher, Pam Helmer, Dottie Allen
Absent: Jenny Zinn-Boyce

Motion to approve previous minutes (April 23, 2010) made by Laura Liscum. Seconded
by Carolyn Randall. All voted in favor.

President's Report-Lauren Kovaleff

Maggie Lutz's term expired this year so she will be removed from the current Board list.

Vice President's report- Helen Ingher

Carolyn has agreed to join the health committee. We now have 500 dogs entered in the survey at this time. Laura Liscum asked if the survey going to be updated based on the recommendations from last year. Helen said she has the list of recommendations.

Treasurer's report- Dottie Allen

Dottie asked when did we want monthly reports implemented? It was decided that July 1st is a good time to start. Our fiscal year is October 1st (we believe this is based on when the Foundation got started). Carolyn motioned the treasurer's report be approved, Rebecca seconded.

Secretary's Report-Sue Smyth

Thank you letters have been mailed/emailed to many people who were involved with Foundation activities at the Nationals.

Committee Reports:

Dottie will serve ad hoc on all fundraising committees.

Julie mentioned that many people have requested letters stating a declared value for items they donated.

1. Health Education-Helen Ingher reporting

Helen will expand Saber Tails articles going in all of the time. She has a report from the ophthalmologist who did testing for the PB at Nationals regarding what he saw there.

2. Health Research-Laura Liscum reporting

We funded 7 research projects last year. A new project was voted in at Nationals - epilepsy#762. Lauren noted that we send money directly to the AKC-CHF, we have not been sending money to the AKC Canine Health Fund-Donor Advised Fund. The money donated is matched 50/50 either way. Lauren Kovaleff will write to the AKC Canine Health Foundation-Donor Advised Fund and explain what the PBGV Foundation has been doing. Helen mentioned that we (PBGVCA) are listed as "Founders" of the AKC-CHF!!!

Laura will be submitting an article on Dr. Bell's seminar in St. Louis. Bob has pics and

will send them to Laura for the article.

3. Policy and Procedure-Sue reporting

The newly revised Foundation P&P has already been updated to reflect the new voting procedure as amended at our Nationals meeting.

4. Rescue-Pam Helmar reporting. Pam is contributing to an article that is being written about rescue. Pam is looking for additional ghost writer(s).

5. Website- Lauren Kovaleff reporting

There was some discussion about the need to add a link to “rescue” on the PBGVCA web site. Julie agreed that “rescue” was very difficult to locate on club (PBGVCA)website. Bob will check into this. Helen said the rescue information was difficult to navigate! Bob will ask to have the word “RESCUE” made bigger on the PBGVCA webpage.

Old Business:

1. Dottie had one concern about our Nationals meeting regarding the change in procedure made without notice. Lauren stated this issue would be added to our next meeting agenda. Everyone needs to think about amending the Foundation’s Policy and Procedures...

New Business:

Subcommittee tasks:

1. Advertising-will reflect all committee projects-Rebecca Belflower
2. Fund Raising-Dottie, Jenny, Carolyn, Julie
3. Nationals Auction- Dottie, Pam
4. Nationals Fundraising- Dottie Pam, Julie, Carolyn
5. Policy and Procedures-Sue (this will be ad hoc, not a committee)
6. Website-Lauren
7. Rescue liaison-Pam, Julie
8. Health Research-Laura, Helen, Lauren
9. Health Education-working with club health committee-Julie & Helen are Co-Chair, Carolyn
10. Saber Tails liaison-Helen
11. Webmaster-provide Wendy with up to date information-Lauren will talk to Rebecca’s husband about this job...
13. PBGV Website liaison-Lauren Kovaleff
14. Yahoo- Bob Cohen, Lauren Kovaleff will serve as Chair
15. Annual Report-Dottie Allen and Lauren Kovaleff

A discussion of our online voting procedure took place. Sue will send out copies of the Foundation Policy and Procedures to all members along with the minutes.

Discussion regarding approval of rescue expenses/club procedures. Lauren reminded the Foundation members that PBGVCA is responsible for initial rescue expenses.

Let Lauren know if you see items that need to be corrected on club Foundation website.

Our next meeting date is July 19th at 8pmEST/5pm PST.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm by President Kovaleff.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Sue Smyth
Foundation Secretary

PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation
Meeting 9/28/2010
Minutes

Minutes called to order at 8:06pm by President Lauren Kovaleff

Members in attendance:

Bob Cohen, Lauren Kovaleff, Sue Smyth, Rebecca Belflower, Helen Ingher, Dottie Allen, Julie Shannon, Carolyn Randel, Pam Helmer, Julie Shannon, Laura Liscum, Jenny Zinn-Boyce (until her cell phone died)

President's report-Lauren NNTR

Vice-President's report--Helen reported plans to expanded Member Education. The health committee will be included when putting a program together for the North Carolina Nationals. A copy of the neck pain article was sent to Jo Quintez for inclusion in Saber Tails. Helen will also send Lauren a copy of this article.

Secretary's report-Sue Smyth- Laura corrected the spelling of hemangiosarcoma and Dr. Sluyter in the minutes of the previous meeting. Carolyn motioned to approve the August minutes with these 2 corrections and the motion was seconded by Pam Helmer, all voted in favor.

Treasurers Report-Dottie Allen's report was emailed to the Foundation members:

Balance in all 3 accounts as of June 30, 2010 was \$20,598.87.

Income for July 1 to September 28, 2010 was \$115.63

Expenses July 1 to September 28, 2010 was \$4,206.65

Balance in accounts as of September 28, 2010 is \$16,507.85

Committee Reports:

1. Fund Raising-Julie Shannon reporting for the Texas PBGV Club. She noted 30 key chains remain available. Bob recommended that 10-15 be sent to Mary Fluke/The Carolina Hunt and 10-15 to Dottie Allen for the MidNJ PBGV Association Hunt to assist sales prior to Nationals. Dottie thinks the umbrellas are in NJ. She will put 1 in the auction (at Nationals) and take some to the Meadowlands to sell. Lauren also suggested selling them online. Rebecca needs all information for the next issue of Saber Tails by the October 15th deadline for the December/January issue. Lauren liked the ½ page Foundation add previously placed in Saber Tails.

2. Health Education--Helen Ingher and Julie Shannon reported that they will put information in Saber Tails, online blast, etc announcing plans for the Member Education committee's expansion. The expanded focus of this committee will be on providing education to all members. Carolyn emphasized a commitment to increase the information provided to new members about basic health care. Articles about ear care will be posted on the Foundation home page (Linda Murray will place the information). Bob suggested she be provided assistance with making decisions about where to place information.

3. Health Research--Laura Liscum reported: we continue to have 4 active grants. Two research progress updates will be placed in Saber Tails (the article in The Wall Street Journal and the Tufts newsletter). She is waiting for a new crop of grants to come out. Helen asked if an article could be written focusing on the steps necessary to identify a grant. The article could also include how to initiate a study and how a study works. The article could be titled: "How the Health and Rescue Foundation grant cycle works: from the application, to obtaining samples and securing funding."

4. Policy and Procedure---Sue Smyth reporting NNTR

5. Rescue-Pam Helmer and Julie Shannon reported about sick dogs in rescue homes. In the southwest region, a rescue representative picked up a rescue with a fractured femur head (hip). Her Vet offered to do the surgery for \$500. They have a placement, ready this month, for a rescue in Rhode Island. Several people in the south are willing to rescue the dog with hip fracture. This young dog was found in the mountains, by hikers, in northern New Mexico. Bob recommended Pam run the surgery fees, etc. past the Board. Pam has prepared a 50 minute Rescue presentation to run at Nationals. If anyone has ideas to add, email them to her. Bob asked if a display would, also, be available; last year's display was well done and seemed to have a big impact!

6. Web site--Lauren Kovaleff reported that she has updated information on the web about our auction, research grants, etc. We will add the Christmas information around Thanksgiving. Rebecca noted discounts (\$10 off) for online purchases made within a certain time frame, with a minimum purchase of \$60 or more. They is also offer \$5 off the first purchase.

Old Business:

1. Café Press--Rebecca noted fewer PBGV items are available to purchase if "Foundation" is used as the link. She will work on getting more items listed online. Lauren mentioned using jpeg to list items. Bob offered to assist Rebecca when she is ready to use jpeg. Lauren reported the items she has ordered are of excellent quality. Lauren will place an add in Saber Tails to remind people to shop online for holidays at IGIVE.

2. Online auction---Dottie reported that she has 15 items to date. There was a discussion about using insurance money (post office) to cover damages incurred while an item was shipped. It is too late to advertise the items in Saber Tails for the holiday. Items will be shipped by/for Christmas. Bob suggested reminders be placed on the PBGB -L to encourage participation noting the closing date. Carolyn recommended posting information on ARROO. Carolyn will send Rebecca info about posting information there.

3. PBGV Tales-Carolyn reported that she sent out a reminder. She will meet with Rebecca to post information on the web, the home page, ARROO, and PBGV-L. She has 12 stories, to date. Proceeds from the sales of this book will benefit the Foundation. Lauren reminded us that funds are needed to cover rescue expenses! Pam asked about advertising to remind people to contact rescue if they have lost a PBGV. Helen recommended this reminder be posted to the PBGV blast, and be placed in Saber

Tails. The PBGVCA website will provide a link to the PBGV Foundation rescue. We also need to remind everyone to microchip their PBGVs and encourage people to keep pictures of their PBGVs should they get lost.

New Business:

1. CHIC --Lauren reporting:

PBGVCA approved becoming a CHIC breed with eyes/hips testing the standard. PBGVCA did not address changing the DNA bank to CHIC at their Nationals meeting, but we have been sending some blood samples to CHIC for banking and the forms are available on the PBGVCA website. It was recommended that the University of Missouri DNA bank paperwork be returned to the PBGVCA website for posting/downloading. The PBGVCA Health Committee chair will appoint a subcommittee to study this issue and make a recommendation to PBGVCA about identifying a single DNA bank---either CHIC or U. of Missouri to decrease confusion.

Additional confusion is created when people complete 1 survey for CHIC and are asked to complete 1 for PBGV Foundation (the electronic health surveys for the Foundation are not being completed). Helen is, also, concerned about the data being skewed (some 20 year old dogs were included in the study).

Members realize a benefit to donating to CHIC/U. of Missouri is being able to advertise their participation as a responsible breeder.

Bob recommended the Health Committee look into at the CHIC survey form. It is easier to send blood to the Univ of Missouri.

When the DNA bank at the U. of Missouri was started, years ago, they said they would bank the first 100 samples for free then charge \$10/sample after that. We have over 500 dogs in storage but have never been billed! CHIC charges \$20/sample to process/store DNA in its bank.

Rebecca noted the PB studies conducted by the Univ of Missouri study families of dogs. She prefers to use them for this reason.

The \$75 reimbursement remains in place, for blood withdraws, for now. Bob noted the blood draw at the North Carolina Nationals should be offered at the **beginning and ending** of the week, to collect from PBGVs who are there for only to hunt or only to show .

Helen said previous blood samples have been sent to CHIC and on to UC Davis but we don't know if CHIC sent any to the Univ of Missouri. Helen said the Foundation's role is to subsidize the blood draw at Nationals. The North Carolina Nationals will not qualify for the \$75/dog reimbursement because it is a bulk blood draw. Helen said swabs are not preferred for DNA; blood is preferred.

If we decide to go with CHIC, do we fund \$10 of the \$20 charge, on a 1 time basis, at the 2011 Nationals? It was suggested that swabs be available for CHIC and blood drawn for Univ. of Missouri at the North Carolina Nationals. Both facilities could assist with the online health survey (Bob said Eddie, at CHIC, could help with our survey). Helen will review our contract with Hopkins and check to see when that contract expires. Dottie feels we are being hit with unexpected charges by CHIC.

2. Lauren reported the Foundation is funding the seminar offered at Nationals. It will

be under \$500. Dottie noted we need to vote on this. Lauren will hold the vote until we get more details about the cost, from Jo Quintez. We need a proposal from the Nationals committee. Bob noted the health seminar, at the Nationals, will be offered Friday afternoon, followed by a dinner, just like last year. Helen will tell the Nationals committee the Foundation will not be conducting a survey this year (we can do this at another time).

The next meeting will be December 14, 2010 at 8pm (it can be cancelled if not necessary).

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Sue Smyth
PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation Secretary