

PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation

November 15, 2021 Minutes

Members in attendance: Donna Bruce, Bob Cohen, Karen Clugston, Jo Anne Hacker, Helen Ingher, Laura Liscum, Jill Otto, Gisele Romanace, Sue Smyth

Absent: Sherry Weinstein, Kevin Curran

President's report: Meeting called to order at 7:03 by President Laura Liscum: Presidents items to be discussed throughout the meeting.

Vice President's report: Jill Otto- NNTR

Secretary's report: Karen moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Jill seconded. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's report (JoAnne reporting): As of 11/15/2021 we have \$372.68 in checking and \$85,825.48 in Money Market for a total of \$86,198.16 at TD Bank. We have \$.64 in the PayPal Account (balance required to keep it open).

We have very little financial activity since the last meeting with the exception of a \$749.12 gift from the PayPal Giving Fund. They contacted us and once they were given proof that we are a legitimate non profit, they forwarded this gift to us. I believe it will be a repeated event.

In October Treasurer filed the short form with the IRS stating that we had less than \$50,000 in revenue in our preceding fiscal year. The IRS is requiring that all accounts be reopened by Summer of 2022 with rigorous identity requirements including facial biometrics (not the treasurer's finest hour).

The club's Breed Preservation Committee, almost 2 years ago, raised close to \$5,000. to fund a hunt video to help in the promotion of the breed at such events as Meet the Breeds, National Dog Shows and special AKC features. The Foundation accepted the funds and have been holding the monies until the video could be produced. Due to Covid, the Breed Preservation Committee could not film a hunt at a National and eventually decided to just have a private hunt for the purpose of doing the video work. It was a success and a video is forthcoming. The Foundation released 50% of the videographer fee it was holding on behalf of the Club and will continue to hold the balance for further video and still photography work.

Committee/Liaison Reports

- A. Health/Education/Research (Helen & Laura reporting): see old business and new business
- B. Policy & Procedure (Sue & Bob reporting): NNTR
- C. Rescue (Sue reporting)- Sandy Bustin is reviewing and updating paperwork
- D. Social Media-(Laura reporting): Stories about our senior PBGV birthdays drew a lot of attention. There was mention of two 15 yr old PBGVs. A post about Lepto spreading in New England at an alarming rate also drew attention. There was also information about inflammatory bowel disease. Karen noted that she was in the news on 11/2/2021.

- E. Saber Tails (Helen & Laura reporting): upcoming issue will contain an article about the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The next deadline is 12/21/21. Robyn Wallis submitted an article about structure for the current issue that was reported to be an excellent read.

Old Business

- A. AKC-CHF Grants: no new suggestions. Laura will resend the list.
- B. Update on Size of PBGV Litters (Laura reporting): range of 4-5 pups per litter. She does not have info from a few of the major breeders (she noted who they were).
- C. Breed Preservation Committee update- Laura sent a draft of Genetic Diversity Testing by Embark. Embark has a Matchmaker tool to assist breeders as they plan a breeding. 100 samples are needed. Cost is \$129/test. We may be able to prepay Embark for tests for a discount. If we decide to proceed the cost would be around \$12,000. Discussion to be continued at the next meeting.

New Business

- A. Events at the 2022 National (Laura reporting): Helen is looking for an ophthalmologist but no luck so far. We will have a Foundation table. There will be a number of seminars at the National. Unfortunately, there is no time for a Foundation seminar.
- B. Laura sent seminar ideas to Tiffany for the 2023 National to be held in Kerrville, Texas, March 27 to April 4, 2023.

Next meeting to be scheduled in December. Bob moved to adjourn at 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smyth, Secretary PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation