

PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation

July 19, 2021 Minutes

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

Absent: none

Guest: Kevin Curran

President's report: Meeting called to order at 7:02 by President Laura Liscum. Laura is proud of the Foundation-we are listed as charter supporters of the AKC CHF Foundation! We are a small club but have been very generous. We are small but mighty!

Vice President's report: Jill Otto- NNYR

Secretary's report: Correction: the parent club is seeking a chair for rescue. Jill moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. Donna seconded. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's report (JoAnne reporting): As of this day, 7/19/21, we have \$1,208.59 in checking and \$97,921.02 in money market for a total of \$99,129.61. We have \$.64 in PayPal.

Notably since our last meeting we have received \$6,228.17 in donations. Included is \$118.49 from Amazon Smile, \$295.00 from Network for Good which is anonymous, \$200.00 from the Carolina PBGV Club and \$100.00 from DonationLine for a car.

Regrettably we had three people pass away during this period. One individual's family named the Health and Rescue Foundation as recipient for memorial gifts. That recognition resulted in approximately \$4,800. In gifts and gifts are still coming in.

Donna asked about Jo Anne receiving funds from the online auction and the live auction at the National. Jo Anne will contact Gloria.

First and second quarter financials reviewed and accepted.

Committee/Liaison Reports

- A. Health/Education/Research (Helen & Laura reporting): 1. 99 dogs reported in survey so far. Only 3 dogs are reported to have seizures (it is known that there are many more). Diabetes is one of the top concerns-14 dogs are reported to have diabetes. 2. 2022 National in St. Louis. Speaker to be confirmed- Helen will contact Tammy.
- B. Policy & Procedure (Sue & Bob reporting): NNTR
- C. Rescue- Sandy Bustin named as Rescue Chair. Sue will serve as liaison to the Foundation.
- D. Social Media-(Laura reporting): The Facebook account post with the most responses was about hiking and a dog going missing (leave an article of clothing).

- E. Saber Tails (Helen & Laura reporting): Upcoming issue will include national pictures and articles about: grants we have funded in the past, diabetes, puppies, etc.

Old Business

- A. Update on Reproductive Bank proposal-Jo Anne reporting-NNTR
- B. Breed Preservation- Genetic Diversity analysis. Does not involve the Foundation at this time. Study being proposed to the parent club about the genetic diversity of our breed. Better Bred from UC Davis or Embark from Cornell. Selected company will need 100 cheek swabs from a cross-section of our breed. Match Maker tools are available to breeders. Better Bred cost is \$50 per cheek swab, then \$80, and the breeder tools cost \$500/yr although you can sign up by the month. Embarks costs are more reasonable up front. Laura will analyze costs and present to the parent club Board. The Foundation will be asked to support these expenses.

New Business

- A. Final bill for Annie McGowan- Donna reporting that Annie has passed. She served as both a service dog for Alice & as a court assistant for abused children. She was also a representative for FEMA to advocate for rescue equipment. Final bill for Annie's cremation: Karen moved that we pay the cremation bill in full & Alice be refunded her down payment. Jill seconded. All voted in favor.
- B. CHF Parent Club Conference August 13-15 in St. Louis. Laura does not have to travel therefore the Foundation can pay for Foundation members to attend. Jill moved that the Foundation pay for members to attend virtually at \$125 each. for a total of \$555. This includes reimbursing 3 members who already registered to attend at \$60 each. Karen seconded. All voted in favor.
- C. Discussion of funding new AKC CHF grants-pick out grants of interest to each of us and send your list to Laura ASAP.

Bob moved to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Donna seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Sue Smyth, Secretary PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation