

# PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation

## January 25, 2022 Minutes

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

Guest in attendance: Kevin Curran.

Absent: Sue Smyth, Sherry Weinstein

**President's report:** Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Laura.

Laura mentioned that Alice McGowan is looking for a service dog. She lost Annie in August.

Planning for the 2022 and 2023 National Specialties is underway. The Club is looking for a 2024 show chair and site.

Other items will be discussed throughout the meeting.

**Vice President's report:** (Jill) NNTR

**Secretary's report:** Jo Anne moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Donna seconded. All voted in favor.

**Treasurer's report** (Jo Anne) Jo Anne reported that as of 1/24/2022 we have \$437.68 in checking and \$81,922.68 in money market for a total in all accounts of \$82,360.36. We have \$.64 in our PayPal account.

Last week we received a "flurry" of donations, all small, in honor of Betty White. Since the last meeting we have received a major donation of \$2,500 and another for \$1,000 from a donor who gives this amount each year.

In addition we have sent the final payment of \$1,800.00 for the Hunt Video to Blue Media as well as \$7,500.00 to the Canine Health Foundation.

### Committee/Liaison Reports

A. Health/Education/Research (Helen & Laura reporting): Laura received a request from a CHF grant applicant for a letter of support for their application on idiopathic epilepsy. Laura and Susannah submitted a joint letter from the Foundation and Club committing to help find PBGVs who might be candidates for their study if the grant is funded.

Helen remarked that the Club website has a Breeders Tool Chest, which was well received; however, breeders are not looking at the information. She proposed adding breeder education to the purview of the Health Committee. Donna mentioned that AKC Canine College also has excellent resources. A breeder page in Saber Tail was suggested. It was also suggested that the Club's breeder mentors should take and pass the Canine College courses.

In February there will be a series of Canine Breeder Excellence Seminars sponsored by CHF and the Theriogenology Foundation. Laura made the motion to reimburse up to 4 breeders (\$20 each webinar ) to watch one of the webinars and write up a summary for Saber Tails of the webinar that they watched. The write-ups will be reviewed by Donna Bruce and Helen prior to submission to ST. Jill seconded. All voted in favor

B. Policy & Procedure (Sue & Bob reporting): NNTR

C. Rescue: NNTR

D. Social Media (Laura): Foundation Facebook posts that received the most notice were those showing on the hunt video, thanking people who donated on Betty White's birthday, and wishing happy 13<sup>th</sup> birthday to one of Karen Clugston's litters.

- E. Saber Tail (Helen & Laura reporting): Jo Anne and Laura submitted an article on the impact of the Breed Preservation Committee.

### **Old Business**

Laura reported that the Club passed a motion to approve the Linden Tucker Bell Genetic Diversity Study. Jo Anne made the motion that the Foundation fund the Club's genetic diversity study with an initial funding of \$12,000 to be taken from the Stella Fund that the Foundation is holding. Jill second. All voted in favor.

### **New Business**

A. Laura reported that the Foundation's eye exam reimbursement program expired. Karen made the motion to extend the program through 2022. Helen seconded. All voted in favor.

B. The 2022 National Specialty is in St. Louis. Jo Anne will contact the St Louis Fire Department to find out if the donation of pet oxygen masks would be welcome.

A contribution to the Breeder's Brunch was discussed. The brunch will feature a talk on breeding by Pat Trotter. Karen made the motion that the Foundation pay up to \$400 to cover an honorarium and night of lodging for Pat Trotter. Helen seconded. All voted in favor.

The Foundation gets a complementary 1-page ad in the show catalog. We will inquire about getting a second page.

Laura purchased pens with the Foundation logo for the welcome bags. Karen will bring the previously purchased decals and magnets for the welcome bags and Foundation table. Laura will draft flyers for the welcome bags and table.

C. Laura would like one or more Foundation Board members to organize our fundraising activities. These include donation envelopes in ST, online auctions, flyers/ads, and t-shirts or other logo items. Discussion to be continued.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Liscum