

PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation
February 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Bob Cohen, Peggy Evanich, Helen Ingher, Karen Clugston, Laura Liscum, Linda Murray, Jill Otto, Sue Smyth, Sherry Weinstein (Sarah Dye recently resigned)
Absent: JoAnne Hacker

President Linda Murray called the meeting to order at 8:24 pm

President's report: NNTR

Vice President's report: An Outstanding Service Award was presented to Linda Murray by Laura Liscum on behalf of all the Foundation members to show our appreciation for all she has done for the Foundation. Linda has been the Foundation President since 2013 and has served in many positions within PBGVCA. An artist in Colorado designed a lovely etched glass award for Linda. A photo of this lovely award will be attached to the current minutes.

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

Treasurer's report:

JoAnne's report as sent:

As of 2/11/19 we have \$90,764.43 in our Money market and \$3,033.68 in our checking account. There are no major expenses outstanding.

The most recent allocation of monies is December 2018, and is within 1% of what is reported:

Restricted rescue \$11,388.65

Restricted health: \$750.00

Restricted Stella \$50,360.56

Unrestricted: \$30,433.97

We have \$30,000.00 to use for health-related programs.

(Laura's additional clarification: Of the \$30,000.00 unrestricted funds for health, \$10,000.00 is earmarked for the eye exam reimbursement program and \$5,000.00 is earmarked for programming Coefficient of Inbreeding into the pedigree database. Therefore \$15,000.00 is in unencumbered funds.)

Linda noted that we have received funds from the sale of the Pet Beds (\$460) and Amazon Smile (\$205.66).

Committee Reports:

- A. Health/Education/Research/DNA-Laura reported. Education-Dr. Komaromy's expenses to speak in Kerrville include the following: flying in from Detroit, car rental, drive to the airport, gas, 1 night at the YO resort plus meals. Bob moved to cover his expenses up to \$1200.00 Sherry seconded. All voted in favor. Videographer will tape Dr. Komaromy's presentation about the latest information on eye diseases. Helen reported-Veronica is in the process of drafting a breeder/mentor program.
- B. Policies & Procedures-NNTR
- C. Rescue- Bob reported Stella has a vet visit on Saturday. Ownership clarification papers have not been signed yet. The feeling is the Foundation should not be owning a dog. Discussion tabled to the next meeting.
- D. Social Media/Facebook/Saber Tails-Laura NNTR (condolences to Jill who lost Poppy)
Saber Tails is still accepting material & has not gone to the printer yet. Suspect the March issue will actually be in May. Need a club member to volunteer to do the layout & gather copy. It is currently running over-budget. Not enough ads to support costs. Discussion followed.

Old Business: (1) Eye Reimbursement program, Laura reported-an eblast has been sent out, a flyer will be placed in the welcome bags (flyer attached to permanent copy of minutes) & article is in Saber Tails. Eblasts should go out quarterly & with posts on Facebook. There is no limit to the number of dogs each member may submit (no puppies). (2) Funding for COI-the club Board turned our offer down to match our contribution of \$5,000. It is felt that there is a need for more education. People don't understand the importance of seeing the health issues in the database. Helen sent an email to breeders within the US and Europe. Some people felt there weren't enough dogs within the COI database. Helen agreed that more education is needed. Discussion followed.

New Business: (1).Letters of Interest-Sue reporting Bob & Laura have submitted letters. Need letters from Linda & Sherry (2.) AKC CHF conference representative-Laura volunteered to go. Karen moved to send Laura as our representative. Sue seconded. All voted in Favor. The date is August 8 & 9 in St. Louis. (3.) Oxygen masks- JoAnne asked the club to support with a donation of \$850.00 if the Foundation donated the same amount. The combined total of \$1700.00 would be used to purchase oxygen masks to donate to Kerrville & surrounding communities. Laura moved to donate up to \$850 (to match the amount the club donates). Sherry seconded. All voted in favor. (4.) DNA clinic-Laura reporting we have 2 vet techs coming. Motion is needed to pay the 2 vet techs \$100 each, to cover the cost of supplies such as needles & syringes & the cost of shipping blood to St. Louis, plus \$10 per sample to submit results to OFA. In total she estimates that \$450 is needed for the DNA clinic. Laura moved to set aside \$500 in funds for the DNA clinic. Jill seconded. All voted in favor. Karen & Jill offered to help Laura run the table at the DNA clinic. Additional Foundation members offered to help. (5.) Should we run a catalog ad or donate to trophies at the National this year? This is an opportunity to mention the COI. Sherry volunteered to draft an ad for the catalog. Karen moved to run a color ad within the catalog at a cost of \$50. Jill seconded. All voted in favor. (6.) Laura drafted a flyer about our eye reimbursement program.

We adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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May 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Bob Cohen, Peggy Evanich, Helen Ingher, Karen Clugston, Jo Anne Hacker, Laura Liscum, Linda Murray, Jill Otto, Sue Smyth, Sherry Weinstein

Absent:

Guest: Pam Helmer

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President's report: NNTR

Vice President's report: At the National Specialty banquet, an Outstanding Service Award was presented to Linda (in absentia) by Laura on behalf of all the Foundation members to show our appreciation for all she has done for the Foundation. Laura presented a report of Foundation activities at the Club's annual meeting. Flyers describing the eye exam reimbursement program were inserted into all of the welcome bags.

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

Treasurer's report: On April 30, 2019, the Foundation had \$448.85 in checking and \$96,809.62 in Money Market for a total in the bank of \$97,258.47. Of those funds, approximately \$48,000.00 is restricted to Stella's care. Notable gifts in February and May include a large gift from David & Rebecca Claude and the Mid New Jersey PBGV Association and the donation of a car by Robert Sweeney, which yielded \$1,028.

The Pet Oxygen masks were successfully given to the Kerrville Fire Department at the National.

The balance in PayPal at the end of April is \$0.64

We collected a significant amount of money because of donations in memory of both Donnie Moore and LCDR John Marshall. The extent of these donations cannot be determined at this time because many donations were made to the Club and we may not see those for many months. Also, some of the donations are on their way to me but have not yet arrived.

The annual financial audit was conducted at the National meeting. Four individuals who are not on the Foundation Board reviewed a quarter each. One receipt was missing, but other than this all signed off on the audit.

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Minutes respectfully submitted,

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July 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

President's report: Meeting called to order at 8:18 by president Laura Liscum. Welcome to Donna Bruce, tonight's guest. How often would we like to meet? Our goal will be meeting every 6 weeks. Bank account & insurance has been transferred from Linda to Laura.

Vice President's report: Absent.

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

Treasurer's report: Jo Anne reporting: The Second Quarter Treasurer's Report has been sent to you for your review. In the Second Quarter, we had income of \$6,675.37 and Expenses of \$5,329.43.

If you remove income and expenses directly associated with the care of Stella, the income for the Second Quarter is \$6,675.37 and the expenses are \$3,354.12. Of that \$3,354.12, \$1,515.54 are vet bills associated with the rescue that are very, very old. We just had a submission from the Club to pay those bills.

The balance in our checking account at the end of the Second Quarter is \$641.66. The balance in our Money Market Account at the end of the Second Quarter is \$96,121.57 for a total in both bank accounts of \$96,763.23

The breakout of categories is as follow:

\$9,873.11 earmarked for Rescue

\$900.00 earmarked for Health

\$38,684.87 earmarked as unrestricted

\$47,305.25 earmarked for Stella

We received a \$95.43 donation from Network for Good and we do not know who the donor is. We continue to receive a few gifts in honor of Donnie Moore. We had 1 POAG request this month.

Committee Reports

- A. Health/Education/Research-Helen Reporting: Eye exam reimbursement form for 2 dogs submitted. Club member does not want to be reimbursed. Work continues on the pedigree database (trying to make it more user friendly). Exploring costs.
- B. Policy & Procedure- Sue & Bob reporting-NNTR
- C. Rescue-NNTR
- D. Social Media- Laura reporting: moving forward with FaceBook
- E. Saber Tails-Helen reporting the next issue deadline for submission is September 15. This deadline is for the fall ST issue. Laura reported that she submitted an article (Dr. Komaromy's seminar at the National in Texas) for this issue. Research-Laura reporting that Dr Komaromy discussed treatments for POAG affected PBGVs. He is looking for 1 or 2 PBGVs who are early symptomatic. He will treat 1 eye and not the other. He is applying for a Canine Health Foundation Grant. \$6,000 needed to adapt the virus. \$30,000 to treat 1 or 2 dogs. This treatment may be very helpful in the future for Lens Luxation in other breeds. Do we want to pledge any funds for this project?

Old Business

- A. Website Redesign- Peggy, Helen & Laura have been working on this. Draft sent to Foundation members prior to this meeting. Question: Do we need our own web site or continue to post with the Club? Discussion followed.
- B. Foundation Activities at the National Specialty- Should we have our own room, table, etc? What are our goals? Education and funding blood draws, etc. The sub-committee (Pam, Bob, Jill, Karen) needs to meet & propose suggestions to increase our visibility.
- C. Foundation newsletter-will be sent out to all club members, posted on our club website & will go out Quarterly. Send Laura ideas for articles to include in the newsletter.

New Business:

- A. Insurance- Laura reporting. It is time to renew our Executive Protection and Employment Practices Liability insurance for \$812. Has been switched to Laura from Linda. Bob moved that we pay this bill; Jill seconded. All voted in favor. So moved. The Bonding Policy is active until 2021.
- B. Reloading pre-paid card- some bills need to be paid by credit card. Issue dropped.
- C. 2020 National Specialty Health Speaker- Dr. Leilani Alvarez from the Animal Medical Center in NY. (animal sports injuries). Honorarium is \$500 plus hotel & travel expenses.
- D. Need for new health survey? OFA helps administer surveys for clubs. This issue will go back to the Health Committee.

Karen moved to adjourn at 9:52 pm. Jill seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Sue Smyth, PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation Secretary

PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation August 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Bob Cohen, Peggy Evanich, Jo Anne Hacker, Pam Helmer, Helen Ingber, Karen Clugston, Laura Liscum, Jill Otto, Sue Smyth, Sherry Weinstein
Absent/Guest: Donna Bruce

President's report: Meeting called to order at 8:17 by president Laura Liscum. The AKC Health Foundation Conference earlier this month was very informative. We have such a healthy breed! Laura referenced the article by Dr. Jerry Bell, geneticist. Sherry is to be thanked for writing an article encouraging the club to rejoin CHIC and again require hip clearances. A health survey will be developed in 2020. Discussion regarding Board reaction/comments.

Vice President's report: Peggy reporting that she missed the health conference due to an auto accident. She is recovering.

Secretary's report: Karen moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; Sherry seconded. All voted in favor. Information about joining AKC Canine Health Foundation for \$200/yr will be sent to Laura to share with the Foundation members to consider.

Treasurer's report: Jo Anne reporting: As of 8/22/19 we have \$682.89 in checking and \$93,830.71 in Money Market for a total in the bank of \$94,513.60. We have \$.64 in PayPal. Notable since our last meeting is a gift of \$308.00 from Donation Line which is a result of 2 cars given by Michael Jerome. We also made a payment of \$812.00 to Great American Insurance Company. JoAnne also said that she received a call from a club member to inform her that he had named the Foundation in a donor advised fund run by Fidelity. He promised to send her the information, but she has not received it yet. We also received a quarterly payment of \$73.05 from Amazon Smile. This brings us to \$1,097.79 in cumulative donations from Amazon Smile.

Committee Reports

- A. Health/Education/Research-Helen reporting: 1. Veronica & Helen made contact with people on Facebook who have PBGVs with epilepsy & encouraged the owners to submit DNA to our database. 2. Veronica has researched & developed a new "Health Desk". She found software that allowed canned responses to general questions. She is fine-tuning the software. Should be ready in a month or two.
- B. Policy & Procedure- Sue & Bob reporting-NNTR
- C. Rescue-Pam reporting Stella is not doing very well right now after being boarded for 3 weeks while Pam had surgery. Stella has not been eating for 3 days. She cooked & fed her chicken today. Otherwise rescue is quiet.
- D. Social Media- Laura reporting: People liked the post about pig ears & salmonella, caring for aging pets, etc.
- E. Saber Tails-Helen reporting: deadline is Sept. 15; Linda Skerritt is submitting an article. Bajey Pomeroy, club member, asked to write an article for about the French National. The Board approved the Health Committee to conduct a Health survey. Please update your dog's health information if their health changes as they age. Laura reported that Gloria decided not to run our eye reimbursement ad in the last issue but will run it in the next issue.

Old Business

- A. Website Redesign- Peggy, Helen & Laura committee. Peggy reported they are still searching for a web site designer. They have been discussing the layout.
- B. Foundation Activities at the National Specialty- This committee consists of Pam (chair), Bob, Jill, Karen. They will meet soon & report back.
- C. Komaromy grant on POAG-Laura reporting: no good news! Helen found 4 potential dogs. Laura sent him a letter indicating potential financial support. He is now looking for a grant from Michigan State. Sherry suggested we send the 4 owners a letter. Discussion.

New Business:

- A. GoFundMe page on FaceBook: "PBGV Breeders and Owners", Karen reporting about Elite Basset Hounds (& PBGVs) fake page to raise \$90,000. for research. They are located in Iowa. Discussion.
- B. Jo Anne reported two attempts of fraud involving the Foundation!

Sherry moved to adjourn at 9:19 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Sue Smyth, PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation Secretary

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October 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Guest: Donna Bruce

President's report: Meeting called to order at 8:18 by president Laura Liscum. A gift was sent to Pam to thank her for looking after Stella. Pam expressed her appreciation.

Vice President's report: The past 6 weeks Peggy & her committee have been concentrating on developing a Foundation web site. Photos & videos will be added. She will encourage the Board to assist with writing sections.

Secretary's report: Jill moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; Karen seconded. All voted in favor. Information about joining AKC Health Foundation for \$200/yr will be sent to Laura to share with the Foundation members to consider.

Treasurer's report: (see 3rd quarter & fiscal end of year reports as distributed)

Big donation was received from a non-member who lost 2 PBGVs in 1 week. In addition to a "Thank You card" should we send a subscription to Saber Tails for 1 year?

Disappointing results for club members taking PBGVs to ophthalmologists; few reimbursements requested so far. Bob noted that there were no donations to AKC CHF research grants this year.

Treasurers Report for the **3rd Quarter of 2019:**

Balance in checking plus money market fund as of 9/30/2019 is \$94,560.35. Income for the Third Quarter of 2019 was \$2,013.56 and expenses were \$4,216.44. Of this \$4,216.44, \$2,655.86 was due to end-of-life expenses for Stella. Also included is the renewal of our Directors and Officers Insurance in the amount of \$818.00.

Treasurers Report for **Fiscal Year-End** 2018-2019: The Fiscal Year ended on 9/30/2019. The Fiscal Year began with \$90,054.26 in the Foundation's Treasury. The Foundation's income for this Fiscal Year was \$18,127.17. The expenses for the Fiscal Year were \$13,621.08. Of that amount, \$7,253.40 were expenses for the care of Stella, who is now deceased.

At the end of the **Fiscal Year**, the balance in the Treasury was \$94,560.35. Of this amount, \$9,873.11 is restricted for use for Rescue; \$474.42 is restricted to Health; \$44,649.39 remains in an unrestricted fund called Stella; and \$39,563.43 is unrestricted.

Committee Reports

- A. Health/Education/Research-Helen & Laura reporting: 1. Karen moved to extend the 2019 eye exam reimbursement program to include 2020. Jill seconded. All voted in favor. 2. Helen reported that we have an ophthalmologist for our 2020 national, on Friday. We will also have a blood draw clinic on Friday. In the past, we have paid for half of CERF/gonioscopy/tonometry exams. At the 2020 National we will distribute forms for the reimbursement program with the proviso that the results of each exam be submitted to OFA. Have forms available as each exam is completed.
- B. Policy & Procedure- Sue & Bob reporting-NNTR
- C. Rescue-Pam reporting NNTR

- D. Social Media- Laura reporting: The Facebook post that got the most attention was “Dog Breeds Vulnerable to Extinction in the US”. Laura will send this article to the Board.
- E. Saber Tails-Helen & Laura reporting: Next issue will include Linda Skerit’s article about AHT. Next deadline is mid-December with a photo contest.

Old Business

- A. Website Redesign- Peggy, Helen & Laura committee reporting: Draft of the web site is ready. Laura will send it out after our meeting to be critiqued. Peggy contacted a web site designer, quoted possibly under \$1,000 total cost. Web site goal is to attract donations & disseminate health information, grant information & PBGV news. Send Peggy photos.
- B. Foundation Activities at the National Specialty- This committee consists of Pam (chair), Bob, Jill, Karen. Pam reported a very successful meeting. There will be plenty of room for a Foundation table at the next few Nationals. There is a need for better signage & an explanation about the goals of the Foundation. Bob offered photos for a tri-fold brochure. Volunteer(s) needed to work on brochure & signage. Karen discussed polo shirt & sweatshirt sales with a PBGV head & PBGVCA or Foundation logo on a 5” magnet. Bob assisted with photos. Static cling decal suggested with white logo and magnets. Good prices if ordered in bulk through CustomInk. Sheryl Bradbury gave designs to Karen to use. Mugs with “Hug your Hounds” suggested. Laura moved to authorize a CustomInk sales campaign & authorize up to \$400 worth of items including tax & shipping. Seconded by Sherry. All voted in favor. Additional ideas, please contact Pam.
- C. Dr. Komaromy grant on POAG. Laura reporting- nothing new. He did not get an application in to CHF. Laura has a letter ready to send in on his behalf but needs an address. Discussion regarding poor attendance at seminars. Offering a meal helps boost attendance.

D. Executive Session

New Business:

- A. Clinics at National Specialty- Helen reporting: Blood Clinic & Ophthalmology Clinic
- B. Stella funds- Jo Anne reporting we now have unrestricted Stella trust funds.
- C. Health Survey: Laura reporting that Health Committee is developing a health survey draft. Anyone interested in assisting, please contact Laura or Helen.

Karen moved to adjourn at 9:59 pm. Laura seconded.

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