

## BCPA Board Meeting Minutes

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

8PM EST

**Attendance:** Ailynn Collins   Jackie Carswell   Lexandra Creitz   Michele Fitzgerald  
Judy Thompson Valerie Black   Janice Billingsley   Jenny Scifres  
Diane Cocos

**President Report:** Judy Thompson. Welcome everyone and thank you for attending. We have a lot to cover so let's start with reports.

**Recording Secretary:** Michele Fitzgerald. Review of Minutes from June. Michele concerned about links working and is having issues with her PC. Will work to fix links before releasing them to the main IO group. The board voted to pass the Minutes (unanimous).

**Corresponding Secretary:** Lexandra Creitz. No new business of note sent from AKC. Westminster released a briefing that it will be held at the tennis center again for 2024.

**Vice President:** Valerie Black. No new member applications received from Patty Newguard.

**Delegate:** Jackie Carswell. No new business.

**Treasurer:** Janice Billingsley. -100.00 was paid for the storage facility in July.  
-99% of the Trophy Sponsorships for the National have been paid.  
-3 Cardio tests have been pre-purchased.  
-V. Black asked if we need any donations to go towards the Fast Cat events at the National. The FC does not need anything at this time. Those that have already donated may be contacted if the funds are not needed.

### **July budget report:**

[file:///Users/michelefitzgerald/Documents/2023 Aug. BPCA Treas Rpt.pdf](file:///Users/michelefitzgerald/Documents/2023%20Aug.%20BCPA%20Treas%20Rpt.pdf)

**Area 1 Rep:** (vacant, with J. Thompson reporting) Paperwork sent in for the Philadelphia National and prizes will be sent. (Crate tags and towels).

**Area 2 Rep:** Jenny Scifres. Set for Orlando/Sunshine State Herding Specialty in December. Asked about Kentuckiana Supported Entry for 2024, as deadlines from the show chair are looming.

Agreed to have it, but need to decide if it would be better to have a designated specialty there in the future. Motion to support by Jenny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Val, ALL present in favor. Jenny will need 4 days' worth of Trophies, and a discussion on new prizes was started again with no resolution. She will research new trophies and report back.

Lena Groth joined the meeting at this time to report on the Newsletter: Lena shared a mock up via zoom of the up-coming newsletter. Her contact is [lenagroth891@gmail.com](mailto:lenagroth891@gmail.com) We discussed getting her a club email in order to handle all inquiries a little easier. Val will research that. You can contact Lena for submissions- articles, brags, photos, etc. She currently needs results and photos from the 2022 Specialty, so if you have any win photos, please send them her way. Lena hopes to have the first Picardier out in September and it will include all the info for this year's National as well.

After her presentation, the board thanked Lena for her hard work and enthusiasm, and she left the meeting.

**Area 3 Rep:** Diane Cocos. Diane reported that there are majors at Waukesha, 19 dogs entered! Also, a reminder about IKC in Chicago at the end of August, with an AKC MTB event of two days included. This will be one of the first associated with an all breed show since COVID.

**Area 4 Rep:** Ailynn Collins. One day Supported Entry with 7 entries in Seattle. Crate tags are being offered as trophies. Plans for a Designated Specialty in Portland in 2024. Look for more info in upcoming minutes.

The board went into executive session at 8:45; ended at 9:05.

#### **New Business:**

**Health**-no new reports.

**Judges Ed:** Valerie working on projects from last meeting for FL.

**Sunshine:** Ellen Lucas has agreed to oversee this important task. Thank you, Ellen!

**Rehome:** No new reports from Lauren.

**Breeder Referral:** No new reports.

**Standard Revisions:** None currently up for eval.

**National 2023 Updates:** Jackie reviewed the updates on the grounds and the herding trial facility. There was a motion made by Michele to vote for the plated meal, as opposed to a buffet style, for the judge's dinner to help with everyone's costs. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lexanne; all present in favor, motion passed unanimously. The AGM will have a Pizza Party catered by the

hotel; with a cash bar. Val will bring a projector for audiovisual aid. Judges Ed will be 3:30 to 5:30PM. Judges can be invited to the Pizza Party for the cost of the meal, as well as guests. The schedule of Events pdf was sent to Lena for the Picardier. It is urged to book your hotel using the club group name quickly; there are already no king beds available.

**Elevage Book Updates:** Lexandra reports that Kristen V is working on the individual Picard reports. Please email her at [kristenv@cfu.net](mailto:kristenv@cfu.net) with your chosen photo if you haven't already done so. You can also contact Lena at [lenagroth891@gmail.com](mailto:lenagroth891@gmail.com). It is still NOT TOO LATE to get an ad in as well.

**Upcoming Elections:** If you are a voting member, look for a paper ballot to come in the mail, and return to the recording secretary ASAP. All votes will be calculated at the AGM.

**Website Updates:** The new website has new Committee members who are very talented with all things computer related. They have had 2 meetings. Kami and Jenny will be the Main Application managers. There will be three phases for the release of our new website. To start, info and education on the site will be released, Phase 2 will be the opening of a password controlled Membership area; and the user managers will assist with adding members to this area. Phase 3 will be ongoing updates to the site with current events; such as upcoming National and Designated Specialty info, next Elevage info, any new items regarding health, new photos, access to BPCA Merch, etc.

Jenny asks that board members send her and Kami any updated info for their bios. They also need photos of our dogs doing things; sharp clear images without people in them of any events you may participate in can be sent to Jackie, Kami or Jenny.

A motion was passed unanimously to end the meeting at 10:04. The next board meeting will be Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 8PM EST via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Michele Fitzgerald