

Bull Terrier Club of America, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds, Wrentham, MA
June 5, 2010

A duly noticed meeting of the General Membership was convened at the Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds in Wrentham, MA. The following members of the Board of Directors were present at this meeting: Mary Remer President; Becky Poole, Second Vice President; Naomi Waynee, Executive Secretary; and Claudia Sharp, Corresponding Secretary; Gene Hains, Treasurer; Dale Schuur, AKC Delegate; and Glenna Wright, Member at Large. Brent Ruppel, First Vice President; and Jacquie Smith, Member at Large were absent

Members present were:

Guests at this meeting were: Phyllis Azeur, Matthew Bader, Lisa Bass, Walt Baval, Barbara Bishop, Tom Bishop, Phil Brodeur, Lisa Burke, Marilyn Burris, Stuart Cairns, Karen Cooke, Victoria Corse, Shawn Evans, Kari Harris, Rick Harris, Ole Hausken, Rhona Hausken, Jane Killion, Ted Martin, Melissa McConnell, Sharon McGee, Robert Myall, Charles Nadeau, Lucinda Nadeau, Beth Parry, Jeff Parry, Franciene Pytko, Melissa Searles, Glenn Snyder, Melanie Whitehair, Ty Whitehair, Ann Wiggins, Dede Wilson, Amy Woodman, Chares Wright, and Elaine Wright.

Guests at this meeting were: Pepe Anastas, Mark Lindquist, and Lisa Saari.

President Remer served as the Chairperson and Executive Secretary, Naomi Waynee served as Secretary.

The Chairman called this meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and announced that this meeting was being held pursuant to due notice and that a quorum was not present.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – Marilyn Burris moved to accept the minutes for the October and March meetings as distributed. Franciene Pytko seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

Report of the President – Mary Remer

1. Mary thanked BTCNE for a great job on the weekend.
2. Mary introduced Gene Hains to the membership present.
3. Norma Shepherd met with Mary Remer, Dale Schuur and Jacquie Smith to deliver multiple boxes of her collectables for restitution purposes. The items will be placed for sale in the BTCA Store. BTCA Store is on the website. Real estate owned by Norma Shepherd's daughter has been put up for sale with proceeds to go towards restitution. Sharon McGee asked if there is a time limit for the property to be sold & have charges been brought against Norma. Sharon McGee was concerned what the charges against Norma will be. Mary explained it is up to the District Attorney. Tom Bishop asked if there will be reserves on the collectables. There will be reserves on the collectables. Walt Baval asked about the property and having a legal document regarding the sale of the house and the money going to BTCA and if there are any liens on the property. Dale Schuur informed the membership the details are being negotiated next week. There is not a "deal" at this time. The prosecutor and Norma's attorney have to work out the details. Next court date is June 14, 2010. Walt Baval questioned spending the money to do a title search on the property and if the acceptance of the property could be based on a clean title search. This should be designated by the prosecuting attorney this week. Bob Myall asked if we have an attorney to negotiate with the prosecutor and Norma's attorney, Mitch Woodlief, BTCA member and attorney in Florida, has been working as our representative. Bob Myall felt we should have an attorney representing us during negotiations. Dale Schuur stated that Mitch's advice is at this time we do not need an attorney. Cindy Nadeau asked if we have hired an attorney. Mitch Woodlief will represent us until we need to hire an attorney. Charles Nadeau asked what the audit determined the amount owed. Dale Schuur informed the membership that the audit determined approximately \$183,000.00 is owed to BTCA.
4. Mary Remer thanked Jane Killion for her work as chair on the Trophy Solicitation Committee. Miriam Hopkins has been appointed as the new chair person. Alison Ibbitson is rotating off the committee and Ginny Baxter and Angie Crabtree have joined the committee. Dede Wilson will be contacting members for donations.
5. Donations to the BTCA General Fund since March have totaled approximately \$1700.00.
6. BARKS subscriptions –The Board determined instead of a subscription for BARKS and purchasing the RECORD, starting with the BARKS Spring 2011 issue, members will only be charged a postal surcharge and no subscription fees.

Report of the Executive Secretary – Naomi Waynee announced M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Texas A & M are conducting a study on canine lymphoma. Information can be found on the BTCA website (www.btca.com) under the Health link.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Claudia Sharp

1. Claudia Sharp had the Trudy Shelley Avery note cards as well as the Summer print note cards on hand to sell for fund raising. The note cards are available for purchase through the website.
2. The second print in the Four Seasons series will be coming out soon. Mary Jung Wainwright will be painting Spring, Lori Fitzgerald will be painting Autumn and Trudy Shelley Avery will be painting Winter.

Report of the Treasurer – Gene Haines

1. Gene Hains gave a financial report. The current balance is close to \$30,000.00.
2. The 990 tax report will be filed.
3. He will be forwarding additional information to Paula Grecco for ongoing donation thank-you acknowledgements.
4. The Treasury is fairly well under control.
5. He will be turning the books over to Ted Martin and the Budget and Audit committee to work on first half of the year audit.

Report of the AKC Delegate – Dale Schuur

1. Delegate meeting tomorrow and Monday. Judges annual fee will be discussed at the meeting.
2. AKC registrations are still falling off. AKC showed a small profit in 2009 mainly due to cost-cutting measures. They have nearly exhausted measures for cost-containment.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

JSC – Cheri Croucher

1. The Board approved the following specialty judges for the first half of 2011.
 - Southwest Floater – Bull Terrier Club of Central Arizona – Sunday, March 6, 2011
Regular Classes – Mary Remer Sweeps – Gregory Anderson
 - Southeast Floater – Bull Terrier Club of Dallas – Friday, March 25, 2011
Regular Classes – Dale Schuur Sweeps – Gail Harlamoff
 - Northwest Floater – Barbary Coast Bull Terrier Club – Friday, April 15, 2011
Regular Classes – Stephen Craven Sweeps - Christine Craven
 - Great Western Terrier Association – Sunday, June 26, 2011
Regular Classes – Maggie Alhino Sweeps – Theresa Spurr

Show – Jacquie Smith

1. Mary Remer announced on Jacquie Smith’s behalf from her Board report the first half of the 2011 Show schedule with the exception of the Bronze Trophy weekend has been approved by the Board.

Trophy – Theresa Spurr

1. Mary Remer announced on Theresa Spurr’s behalf that Theresa currently has the trophy plans underway.

BARKS – Linda Maddox

1. Linda Maddox has resigned as BARKS editor and Amy Woodman has resigned as Advertising Editor.
2. An announcement will be sent informing the membership and the Board will solicit for new BARKS editors.

RECORD – Naomi Waynee

1. Naomi Waynee thanked the members of the RECORD committee for their assistance on the RECORD and the membership for their contributions.
2. The 2009 RECORD made a profit.

APPLICANT READING

Naomi Waynee read membership applicants for the first time. (See attached list)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mary Remer announced Dede Wilson will be chairing a mentoring committee to promote education for the membership and regional clubs.
2. Mary Remer announced she will have highlights from meeting to the membership within two weeks.

MEMBER INPUT

1. Amy Woodman asked about all-rounders being added to ROM judges. Tom Bishop stated East Coast has lost two show weekends. Bob Myall commented on all-rounders regarding ROMS. He stated that ROMS are for breeding stock and all-rounders are looking for “pretty”. He felt one of the strengths of the breed is to talk about the breed amongst breeders and that all-rounders look at the dogs in a different manner.
2. Stuart Cairns questioned why a ROM system review has not been addressed. Stuart will submit his information to the Board for consideration. Barb Bishop questioned why are the varieties separated for ROM points.
3. Glenn Snyder inquired if there is established criteria for how BTCA awards ROM points to shows.
4. Ty Whitehair announced the hotline fee has been renegotiated and reduced by a third. Donations for hot line have also been received.

ADJOURNMENT – Charles Nadeau moved to adjourn the meeting. Dale Schuur seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Naomi Waynee
Executive Secretary