

Papillon Club of America, Inc.
Teleconference Board Meeting - November 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 PM ET by President Lori Bovee.

Board members present: Lori Bovee, Jane Sirkoch, Nikki Berthold-Illias, Angela Pickett, Kevin Ray, Jeri Naylor, Mary Jo Loye, Mary Keith Welch

The October 15, 2009 PCA Board minutes have been approved by the PCA Board.

Report of President, Lori Bovee

On October 18th and 19th, PCA members Sherrie Puzak, Karen Simicsak, and Terri Heil hosted the PCA booth at the AKC 125th Anniversary Meet-The-Breeds event at the Javitz Center in New York City. The event was reported by AKC to be a resounding success with double the expected attendees (approximately 40,000 people), and Sherrie has provided some delightful pictures of the Papillon booth, which will be posted to the PCA website. Thank you, ladies!!

Report of Treasurer, Jane Sirkoch

Balance in Citizens Checking is \$11,201

Balance in Citizens National Specialty \$8,281

Balance in Citizens Savings is \$117,653

Fund Balances:

Genetics \$52,299

Benevolent \$ 2,328

Special Projects \$14,887

Rescue \$ 3,021

2010 National \$ 8,281

2010 NE Regional \$ 1,448

General \$ 54,871

Expenses include \$73.21 postage of which \$1.42 as for genetics, \$68.75 for brochure printing, \$19.96 for checks, \$982.38 for newsletter, and \$150 for September, October and November website charge.

Website Committee

Lori Bovee submitted the following committee report:

Russ Burdick has asked for relief as Chair of the Website Committee, recommending Towal Jacobsen to take his place. Towal has agreed to take on the task temporarily, and Russ will remain on the Committee. Both individuals indicate that overhauling the website from the current "frames" organization will be a must if PCA is to continue to have the services of volunteers for maintaining the site. Towal has recommended re-structuring using a content manager approach and updated technology to allow for cleaner navigation and more efficiency in the update process. I am working with Towal to nail down the approach/resources for overhauling the site and should have a proposal for the Board at our next meeting.

Genetics Committee

Mary Jo Loye submitted the following committee report from Leona Domino, Genetics Committee Chair:

The genetic team members are starting to work on getting a survey started. Cost is highly variable from \$15,000 by the Cavalier King Charles survey that took 200 pages of analysis to OFA who requires minimal cost. We want to find a survey that enables multi dog statistics (i.e.: kennels).

Misty our German girl IS pregnant, eating well and a delightful girl. She is due the first week in December. Dr. Petersen-Jones has indicated she will need to be bred a second time. We will still be looking for an affected male.

Benevolent Committee

Jane Sirkoch submitted the following committee report:

Plans are continuing regarding the raffle of the gift certificates from Pet Edge to benefit the Benevolent Fund. Ellen Stuban, chair, is working on setting up a website for the purchase of tickets and the purchase of the certificates.

Legislative Committee

Mary Keith Welch submitted the following committee report:

The AKC has several brochures available regarding limit laws, contacting your legislators, guardianship, etc. Lori Landis thought it might be good to get some of these and pass them out at Nationals either in the goody bags or perhaps leave them on a table in the hospitality area. If this sounds like something we would like to pursue, Lori Landis can contact AKC and find out what costs might be associated with the brochures. They had stacks of them on a table for free at the last event she attended, so there may not be any cost or a minimal one.

Lori Landis would like to look into having a seminar at the 2011 nationals, perhaps Sheila Goff who is Director of Govt. Relations at AKC.

She writes,

"As for current issues, the House bill for the \$3500 tax deduction has been generating a lot of discussion on the lists. Most are opposed (with the exception of PetPac) due to concerns about introducing "guardianship", possible requirements for microchips and having to declare your animals to the IRS. I'm not sure it looks that sinister to me since it would be a voluntary deduction. If you don't want the government in your business, don't declare the deduction. But I certainly can see why people are opposed and it does appear to be yet another "foot in the door" type of bill for HSUS. So, my position is that I am undecided at this point. It was introduced and has been sitting in committee for several months, so I don't know how likely it will be that it will move any farther.

The other issue is the MA bill for devocalization. It passed its first committee and has at least three more committees to go through. It has strong support and people in that area need to mobilize and express their opposition.

Florida is quiet for the moment as they are out of session. My US Rep. CW Bill Young recently had a bad experience with his grandchildren getting an unhealthy dog from a pet store and it sounds like he is about to ramp up his efforts regarding "puppy mills". He is one to keep an eye on for sure. I wish it was easier to speak to our representatives at the national level, but I often feel that they are unreachable. Emails are practically ignored and phone calls don't seem to have much effect either. I would love to be able to find someone in his office who would really listen to me on this issue. Florida already has strict puppy lemon laws that could be used for his family's situation, but instead I am afraid this will turn into some sort of "puppy mill" crusade."

Phalene Committee

Jeri Naylor submitted the following committee report from Janis McLaren

Linda Sohn will be submitting a proposal and request to the board for the phalene banquet events, but our plans are to hold the banquet in the ring area and at some point during that time frame, possibly during dessert, have a fun match for PCA member phalenes only with a judge and then also select a "People's Choice" winner. We will also have a slide presentation of all the award winners for the past year with each receiving a small award.

I am waiting to hear from Louann Hansen as to the status of the calendar, she had told me she had many photos of phalenes submitted. I checked with Elaine Zech about the people that printed the last calendar for genetics, but she did not recommend them because they are very slow to respond. The calendar may not be for 2010, but for 2011 instead and available at the National for sales.

A Nancy Pinke sculpture is being raffled to raise funds for the phalene events. Everyone who sees the picture love it and we hope to get good response.

Annual Committee

Kevin Ray reported that the instructions and sample page have been posted to the PCA website.

2010 PCA Regional Specialty, Des Moines

Kevin Ray reported that the application and disaster plan for the regional specialty in Des Moines has been filed with AKC.

(End of committee reports)

2012 PCA National Specialty

A motion was approved by general consent to approve the Papillon Association of Puget Sound as host of the 2012 PCA National Specialty.

A motion was approved by general consent to approve Nikki Berthold-Illias as the PCA Board liaison to the 2012 PCA National Specialty.

AKC Humane Fund Donation

A motion was approved by general consent to direct the \$1000 donation to the AKC Humane Fund to come from the PCA General Fund.

Meet the Breed Brochures

Lori Bovee reported that 500 brochures were ordered to be distributed at upcoming Meet the Breed events.

PCA Midwest Regional

Jane Sirkoch will contact Wendy Rios to secure the accounting from the PCA Midwest Regional held in Des Moines, Iowa on September 4, 2009.

PCA 2009 National

Kevin Ray will contact PCA 2009 Showchair, Meg Peifer, to secure the 2009 PCA National original disc of National photos.

2010 National Phalene Match

The approval of the phalene match was tabled pending further information regarding the North American Phalene Fanciers and the PCA Phalene Committee.

Meeting called into Executive Session by President, Lori Bovee at 10:18 PM ET.

Meeting called back into regular session by President, Lori Bovee at 10:47 PM ET.

Report from Executive Session

Executive session was called to discuss the PCART situation.

A motion was approved by general consent to approve Towal Jacobsen as the Website Committee Chair.

Judges Education

A motion was approved by general consent to approve a list provided by the Judges Education Committee for tutored judges that will be available to judge sweepstakes at PCA Regional Specialties & Independent Papillon Club Specialties. The list will be made available for suggested names of judges and will not be mandatory. The name of anyone accepting a sweepstakes assignment for a regional or independent specialty would then be removed after completion of the assignment. The Judges Education Chairman will maintain the list of tutored candidates.

AKC Stud Book Pages

A motion was approved by general consent to approve Charlotte McGowan to continue to receive the AKC Stud Book pages on behalf of PCA.

Judges Education Presentation

Kevin Ray made a motion to approve the Judges Education CD and material submitted by the

Judges Education Committee. Motion approved. Sirkoch, Berthold-Illias, Pickett, Ray, Loye, & Welch approve. Naylor against. Motion passed.

The next Board meeting will be on November 19, 2009 at 9:00 PM ET.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 PM ET.