

**Papillon Club of America, Inc.**  
**Teleconference Board Meeting - March 18, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 PM EST by President Lori Bovee.

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

The February 18, 2010 PCA Board minutes have been approved by the PCA Board.

A motion was approved by general consent to take the agenda out of order.

**Report of Vice President, Sandy Schumacher**

Sandy Schumacher reported that she received a check for \$131.50 for supporting the entries at the Long Beach Kennel Club, Los Encinos Kennel Club, & Kennel Club of Beverly Hills show that were prior to the AKC Invitational in December 2009.

**Report of Treasurer, Jane Sirkoch**

- Balance in Citizens Checking is \$14,828
- Balance in Citizens National Specialty \$13,359
- Balance in Citizens Savings is \$105,690
- Fund Balances:
  - Genetics \$49,040
  - Benevolent \$ 2,409
  - Special Projects \$14,895
  - Rescue \$ 4,376
  - 2010 National \$13,359
  - General \$49,798

Expenses include \$62.47 judge gift, \$1202.48 Paptalk, \$1182.03 for NE Regional, \$275 for C & BL ballot tally, \$1106.98 genetics, \$30 AKC, \$44.84 dues refund, \$750 AKC Delegate, \$53.32 recording secretary.

Note: After two phone calls and one email to Bell Nunnally, the final invoice for legal services has not been received to date.

**Report of Recording Secretary, Angela Pickett**

The 2010 PCA membership renewals are due on or before March 1, 2010. Membership that is not renewed by April 15th will be considered lapsed.

Previous charges against a member that the Board voted to entertain at the February 18, 2010 Board meeting were withdrawn. Additional charges against 6 members were received and then withdrawn. Charges were received against two other members, but were returned as they were not submitted in accordance with the PCA Constitution and By-laws..

**Report of Corresponding Secretary, Nikki Illias**

American Dog Show Judges (ADSJ) requesting a donation.

American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards select names for Conformation, Companion Events and Performance.

I have had two e-mails from insurance companies wanting information on value of two papillons.

Have had photos e-mailed wanting to know if their dogs are purebred.

I get about 2/4 e-mails weekly wanting info about Papillons--they seem to come from AKC website. I refer them to PCA website.

**Committee Reports****Genetics**

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

The two research puppies: "Adam and Eve" were transported to Dr. Simon Petersen-Jones March 5, 2010 for PRA research.

The doctor was very appreciative. He will make arrangements for their placement in homes.

Costs for puppies: Vaccinate 2 puppies, twice: \$40.00

Whelping care, board, 2 puppies, dew claws removed NO CHARGE

Transport of 2 puppies to Michigan State (9.hours)

including health certificate needed for Michigan State: \$149.00

The repeat breeding requested by Dr. is a problem. We have no male that is affected with PRA and intact. Please help us find that male so that we might increase our research colony.

If a male affected with PRA is available, the owners can work directly with Dr. Petersen-Jones. All information can be strictly confidential. No information needs to go through PCA or Genetics, rather only researchers at Michigan State will be included in the male's significant data. Plans are to take the mother, Misty, to Michigan State in mid-April for an exam and ERG at that time. Meanwhile she is due in season in a matter of weeks.

The last two puppies suspected of Neuroaxonal Dystrophy have been examined by the staff at Univ. of Pa. They are being cared for again, by Colleen Kirby.

Work is being started to update SR16 (Genetics) It is hoped to be completed by the National in May.

The World Wide Survey is active and within the first 2 weeks nearly 1000 respondents have

filled out this survey. Looking at the results you will note many other countries are cooperating with the study. Please encourage your puppy buyers to fill out the survey.

### **Phalene Committee**

Jeri Naylor submitted the following report from the Phalene Committee:

The plans for the fun match and banquet have been finalized and all is progressing well. The information is available in the premium list for the National. The Phalene community will be supporting the High Scoring Phalene in agility both days & High Phalene in Obedience at the PCA National in Des Moines.

### **Standing Finance Committee**

Jane Sirkoch submitted the following report from the Standing Finance Committee:

I wish to thank Sue Simmons and Laura Gabbard for their service to the club and to the Standing Finance Committee during the past year; however, both have resigned due to personal commitments. Vince Sgro has graciously accepted the position as Chair of the committee.

### **Benevolent Fund Committee**

Jane Sirkoch submitted the following report from Benevolent Fund Committee Chair, Ellen Stuban.

Changes in the IRS laws have prevented the planned raffle from occurring and no further plans have been made to raise funds. Therefore, at this time, the club will have to rely on the generosity of the members to increase the balance of the fund.

### **Judges Education Committee**

Sandy Schumacher submitted the following report from Judges Education Chair, Jan Paulk:

The American Canine Education Foundation canceled their JE Toy Group seminars on Feb. 7, due to the snow storm that hit the east coast that week. Donna Garofalo and Gia Garofalo were going to present for PCA.

NYC Metro Specialties: ringside mentoring went well, with 17 attendees

Sandy Walker and Susan Pollard presented to the Classic Toy Dog Club of W. MA on March 7

Marcy Wyrens presented Papillons at the Toy Seminars in Kansas City on March 17

Scheduled for February 2011 is the Judges Education Seminar at the Dog Judges Association of America to be held at Madison Square Garden on the Friday and Saturday preceding Westminster Kennel Club show.

Judges Ed CD is in production -- 1,000 copies ordered.

### **Website Committee**

Lori Bovee submitted the following report from Webmaster, Towal Jacobsen:

The new website has been live for 10 days. We have had 5,171 unique visitors with 302 of those people returning to visit at least once. We have had 19,379 page loads. The average per day has been 167 unique visitors per day with 625 page loads. People are coming to the site from a variety of search terms. The most "popular" misspellings for Papillon are pappion, papillion, papplion, pappilon and papplion. The breeders list is the most often visited section of the webpage for people coming from searches.

The average time spent on the page for people that stay longer than 5 seconds is 30 seconds to 5 minutes. We have had visitors from the following countries: Canada, Germany, Puerto Rico, Italy, UK, South Africa, Spain, Russian Federation, Sweden, Australia and Norway. There have been no complaints received about the website. Members have asked for corrections to their breeders list entries and those corrections have been made. The reception to the new site has been overwhelmingly positive.

The biggest hurdle has been people not understanding the need to register a new account on the new site. There are also a tiny percentage of people who are not receiving their verification emails in a timely manner. It's a very small number of people and I have been unable to find any particular reason for it to happen, so I suspect it has to do with how individual internet providers handle these types of emails. When a person contacts me about not having received the email, I manually verify their account and there have been no further problems for those individuals.

Instructions for registering for the new site will be in the March Pap Talk. There will also be an announcement about changes to the Announcement List in the April Pap Talk.

There are also some tips for navigation and features on the new site on the Members Home Page (you must be logged into the site to view this page) and I continue to add things to this page if someone expresses confusion about an area of the site. If a member has suggestions for something they would like to see covered in this tips section, please contact me and I will add it so that other members may benefit as well.

Paula Botwinick has volunteered to update the AKC Title Reports herself rather than sending them to me to add to the site. Paula recently added the March 2010 AKC Title Report herself using the instruction pdf I made for volunteers. She reports that it was easy to understand and she met with no problems adding the content herself.

I will be looking for more volunteers to help keep up other sections of the site which have been harder to upkeep in the past. The site has an enormous amount of content and requires a large number of updates to be kept current. In particular, I am looking for volunteers to maintain content in the following areas: Agility, Obedience and Jr. Showmanship. If anyone would like to discuss possibly helping with the maintenance of those sections, please contact me at [towal@towal.com](mailto:towal@towal.com).

Finally, I would like to thank Russ Burdick and Jerry Ortel. They have managed a herculean task for years and deserve credit for this new site as well. I could not have made the new site into as nice a finished product without the information that they maintained on the old site. Russ spent a lot of his time going through old records so that members and the public could see the years and years worth of accomplishments by Papillons and their people. Without the foundation Russ laid with the site, it would not be anywhere near the wonderful resource it is today.

### **C&BL Committee Report**

Lori Bovee submitted the following report from the Constitution & By-Laws Committee: The ballot on the reformatted PCA By-Laws closed on March 15, 2010. The threshold of approval on this vote was 2/3's of responding members. By a vote of 159 (approve) to 27 (do not

approve), the reformatted By-Laws are adopted and will be posted to the PCA website this weekend. The Inspector's Report on the ballot results from The Ballot Box is available on the PCA website, member section, under "downloads."

Working from this new "baseline" document, additional proposed revisions will be posted to the website for comment by April 15th, 2010.

### **AKC Delegate**

Arlene Czech, AKC Delegate submitted the following report:

#### **March AKC Delegate Report**

March 8 & 9 Delegate meetings were held in Newark, NJ. After the horrible weather in New Jersey previously we were treated to delightful weather. Monday's committee meetings were extremely informative concerning the Grand Championship.

I started with the Parent Club Committee where the discussion began with the Parent Club Delegate Conference to be held August 27 - 29. A list of those clubs not responding was passed around so our delegates could urge the President, etc to answer with the names of the attendees. Again the request for the club's Code of Ethics was presented and a list of those clubs not responding was passed around.

They also had a Dock & Crop session that does not involve us.

Next I went to Dog Show Rules Meeting where they discussed in length scheduling judges' assignments. The dog club can specify how they want it scheduled. It is not the superintendents privilege.

That afternoon I attended the All Breed Clubs Committee meeting and again we held a long discussion on the Grand Champion implementation.

Tuesday was the election of 3 board members

And it was a shock that it was determined on the first ballot. The winners were Bill Newman, Charles Garvin and Pat Scully. The rest of the agenda went quickly. The amendment for changing the number of groups was withdrawn and sent back to the Board.

They eliminated the use of telegrams for entries - since there are none.

The third one on Veterinarian duties at the show was sent back to the committee.

The Chairman, President and Chief Financial Officer gave their reports. Details of these can be found in the Gazette. Also the various awards presented to clubs and individuals.

(End of committee reports)

### **Website Maintenance**

Nikki Illias made a motion to pay Towal Jacobsen \$50 a month through August 2010 for website maintenance & content manager support & training. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Parent Club Conference**

Sandy Schumacher made a motion to approve \$150 fee for the conference for the AKC sponsored Parent Club Conference in August 27-29. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **PCA SW Regional Specialty**

Mary Keith Welch made a motion to approve a PCA SW Regional in Ventura, California with the requested date of the regional to be July 7, 2011. Seconded. Schumacher, Sirkoch, Illias, Pickett, Ray, Welch, Loye approved. Naylor opposed. Motion passed.

**Supported Entries**

Sandy Schumacher made a motion to have PCA supported entries with medallions at the Long Beach Kennel Club on December 2, 2010 the day prior to the AKC Invitational. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Standing Finance Committee Chair**

A motion was approved by general consent to appoint Vincent Sgro as Chair of the Standing Finance Committee.

**American Dog Show Institute**

A motion was approved by general consent to make a donation of \$100 to the American Dog Show Institute.

**Show Chair for the PCA Regional**

A motion was approved by general consent to change the Showchair of the PCA Regional to be held on May 4, 2010 from Stacy Newton to Zach Newton.

**Nominations**

An announcement will go out to the membership seeking nominations for the PCA Lifetime Achievement & the PCA Outstanding Sportsmanship awards. Deadline for nominations will be April 10, 2010.

**Breeders Support Committee**

A motion was approved by general consent to form a Breeders Support Committee & to appoint Mary Jo Loye as the PCA Board Liaison. Kevin & Mary Jo will go forward with forming the committee & discussing how the committee can support the breeders of the club.

The next Board meeting will be on, April 15, 2010 at 9:00 PM EST.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 PM EST.