

## Pharaoh Hound Club of America

Board meeting ( Zoom/Phone)

March 18, 2021

Members Present: Mary Severino, Rebecca Stephens, Meredith Wille, Luciane Terra, Stephen Sipperly, Linda Witt, Lynne Tatarowicz, Emily Kerridge  
Absent: Theresa Harper

Meeting was called to order at 8:36 ( Eastern) by President Mary Severino.

Theresa was absent from this meeting but February minutes had been sent to the members in advance of meeting and having no corrections were approved. Theresa will also be sending the results of the new member ballots.

**Presidents report:** Mary emailed her report to the members prior to the meeting. She will be sending an adjusted action schedule and is hoping to continue board meetings the third Thursday of every month, keeping it to a one hour duration whenever possible. The treasurer transition should be complete by the end of the month, with Luciane added as an authorized signer on the PHCA accounts.

There was a meeting of the by-laws committee early this month , that report will follow. Probably of most importance to date is the clarification of membership categories with suggested addition of two new categories.

The AKC defines regular *voting* members as those with permanent residence in the US, its territories, and possessions. To date, our non-US members have had voting privileges with the club, a status that does not coincide with AKC language. The committee has recommended that we have two new membership categories, 'foreign' and 'honorary.' Current 'foreign' members( Those members with residence outside of the US, its territories, or possessions) who have been members in good standing for more than one year prior to the date of the approval of bylaws changes would retain their voting privileges as regular members. New foreign applicants would not have voting privileges. Non-US members may not serve in Board positions. Honorary membership would be a discretionary non-voting category bestowed on a deserving individual by the Board.

**Recording Secretary:** No report however Mary reported that the Board voted on member applicants Sandy Marchelletta and Michael Black. Results of the Board vote should be forthcoming.

**Corresponding Secretary:** No report however the PHCA received a request for the AKC information regarding the AKC's listing of All-Breed, Hound and Pharaoh Hound registration statistics. Dominic Carota was responding to that request directly with the individual.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary emailed that report to the Board in advance of the meeting, asking that everyone review the information.

**2022 Specialties:** Meredith will send Lynne info for email blast to membership for requests for the 2022 National Specialty proposals, with a deadline for submission of 8/1/2021. Luciane suggested also posting

on the club's facebook page as well as our newsletter, the Scribe. There was discussion regarding location and number of 'specialties' since the Board had voted in 2018 to limit the number of specialty locations for financial concerns, potentially combining the National with one of the regionals. Rebecca feels that keeping ourselves open to 3 if we have people willing to do it is a good thing. Mary feels that overall participation at our specialties has been a concern, but is open to providing potential event teams with options. A suggestion was made that perhaps there could be a regional with just one day designated as a national. Meredith and Lynne will work out the language and transmittal of the request for 2022 specialty proposals.

### **2021 Specialties:**

Eastern: Meredith had reached out to Julie Gwin regarding the Eastern updates but hasn't heard back. Meredith felt that things are moving along, she is not concerned.

Western: Meredith shared the following email she received from Jayme just prior to the meeting: Meredith summarized an update that Jayme emailed to her the afternoon of the Board meeting. Although Meredith relayed information contained in the email, it was difficult for the Board to fully understand the status of the event schedule, the projected expenses for events that might be anticipated or the sources for funding. Stephen voiced concern over using an off-site secretary versus an on-site secretary for the events despite the differences of costs, noting that any errors could result in the AKC nullifying the results of the events. Emily felt that Jayme not clear about what the Board was seeking with respect to information. Mary suggested that in order to straighten out the lines of communication, several things would be done in follow up:

- Mary would send out a 'Doodle' Scheduling survey in advance of scheduling a Zoom meeting with Jayme, Meredith, Emily, Luciane and other Board members who would choose to join;
- Mary would resend the Budget spreadsheet sent to Jayme as a template for income/expenses;
- Mary would resend the Specialty Guidelines package that outlines the items that the specialty event chair should assemble for event planning and communication to the Board.

National: Meredith sent her ideas regarding a schedule for the national just prior to the meeting. The schedule allowed for supports, 2 specialties (2020, 2021) and coursing. Obedience and rally are included with the all breed. Additional information she shared is that ribbons for coursing and the triathlon have already been donated. Mary asked that donations be shown on the budget spreadsheet so that they can be tracked and credited. Meredith has found a Holiday Inn hotel in Weirton, WV, (~ 15 minutes from the show site) with good rates and no room block commitment required. The hotel charges a one-time fee of \$60 for pets and plenty of exercise areas around the hotel for dog walking. Meredith will confirm that there is no limit on number of dogs in the room. We have no commitment regarding food for lunch, dinner, but can be arranged on relatively short notice pending entries.

Stephen brought up that we were hoping to scale down as there are still concerns for attendance with the pandemic. After much discussion, the general consensus was to have just one national (Saturday), lure coursing (Sunday), the supports the other 2 days and the triathlon as well. Mary will be the show chair. Meredith will follow up with the schedule update, her committee listing and further detail for event budgeting.

**Committee Initiatives:** With the hour getting late, Rebecca will email her report and thoughts to the Board.

**New Business:** Website needs updating. Mary hopes to address further at the April meeting. Facebook page ideas- please send to Mary anything you feel would be beneficial to be posted to that page-looking to be more informative and keep member up to date on events.

Mary will update the action items schedule with the information on the national and also any adjustments if needed once she has spoken to Jayme regarding the Western.

**Next meeting:** April 15, 2021 ( 8:30 Eastern; 5:30 Pacific)

Lynne moved to adjourn at 9:59 ( eastern ) , Stephen seconded, unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Lynne Tatarowicz  
( for Theresa 😊 )

“Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one, is a life diminished.”

**Author Dean Koontz**