

Pharaoh Hound Club of America Annual Membership Meeting

Held Via Zoom Videoconference and Teleconference

Thursday, August 19, 2020

5 pm Pacific, 8 pm Eastern

- **PHCA Annual Meeting Introduction**

I am Mary Severino, your 2021 club president, and it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 2021 PHCA Annual Members Meeting. On behalf of the entire Board, we appreciate you taking time to hear what we have been up to this year. First, however, I would ask Theresa Harper to introduce herself for the Board Roll Call, Attendance Signup and call to order for this evening's meeting.

- **Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Mary Severino
Theresa Harper
Meredith Wille
Stephen Sipperly
Linda Witt
Rebecca Stephens
Luciane Terra
Emily Kerridge
Lynne Tatarowicz

Dominic Carota, AKC Rep

Members present (recorded by Linda Witt from chat roll call and photos):

Vicki Bellito
Mike Black
Lee Bridges
Mark Bridges
Michelle Carillo
Martin Del Prince
Darleen Dimor
Bonnie Folz
Julie Gwin
Stu Hamilton
Annie Hammer
Jake Hammer

Marie Henke
Sheila Hoffman
Jayme Jones
Brianna Kemerer
Sarah Kerridge
Darci Kunard
Rachel Lachow
Laurie Laventhal
Margie Luck
Andre Magi
Cheryl McDermott
Ooneen McGettigan
Kathy Neal
Robert Newman
Nik Parks
Hannah Pemberton
Tabitha Perry
Alvaro Pisoni
Cynthia Pisoni
Thomas Severino
Lisa Summers
Linda Tetreault
Alex Wood

Non-Members Present

Cathi Sadocha

- **President's Message (Mary Severino)**

Leadership in an organization is an honor and a responsibility – and often a very time-consuming endeavor. When one agrees to serve on a Board, it is that individual's responsibility to contribute to the organization to the best of their abilities. We are very fortunate to have talented Board members, along with committee members who have dedicated time and energy to advance club objectives this year. One thing I can assure all of you of is that the members of the 2021 Board of Directors are dedicated.

Each year's Board make the effort to move the club forward in a positive manner. These efforts are not always visible to the membership and even may be misinterpreted. There is a tremendous amount of administrative work that moves the club forward. This year alone, we have had seven Board meetings including a June Specialties meeting. Minutes of meetings have been regularly posted in the Scribe, including the minutes of the 2020 Annual

Members Meeting. For that, and a lot more, our Recording Secretary, Theresa Harper deserves major credit.

Lynne Tatarowicz, tasked with sending out our general email blasts, jumps on her computer to get information out to members as quickly as possible. We also thank Cynthia Guinn for her steadfast work on the PHCA website. She handles the small changes and update requests behind the scenes and is always available. And Darleen Dimor works tirelessly to put together The Scribe for everyone's enjoyment.

With so much uncertainty in 2020, planning our specialty events for 2021 has been a major effort. There are months of behind-the-scenes work devoted to events that take place over only a few days. I would like to give a shout out to the people who have worked to implement club specialties. Over the course of the year to date, we have three specialties scheduled, with our National over the Labor Day weekend, our Western on October 7, and our Eastern on December 11. As many of you are aware, in 2020, Sheila Hoffman and her team were actively planning our national at Purina Farms. This year, safety concerns led to a change to an outdoor show venue. Meredith Wille led the effort to implement our National in Ohio with little time and tremendous effort. We thank Meredith along with the Western and Eastern Regional Specialty teams. I know we all hope that these events move forward safely without postponement.

This meeting's objective is to provide you with information about the activities of the Board and its Committees. We have listened to the past concerns of members about Board inclusion and responsiveness. Committees are the primary mechanism for members to participate. Our committee roster has undergone some massaging thanks to Rebecca Stevens along with the Board. She will describe aspects of the structure later in the meeting. We hope that the result is further member understanding about how your thoughts can be integrated into the actions of the club.

Driving action in a national club takes time, effort, dedication, and leadership. An objective of this year was to increase communications with our members and communication is a two-way effort. The success of any club depends on the dedication of its members, some of whom serve on your board. We encourage you all to participate in PHCA events, and committees. With that, we will move our business forward with Officer Reports.

- **President's Report (Mary Severino)**
 - The PHCA bylaws describe the duties of the 'President' in a succinct manner. 'shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these by-laws..... The 'normally appurtenant' is the kicker. First I had to look up the definition –

which is basically 'pertinent.' For me, that has included a myriad of activities including the following:

- Scheduling and administering Board Meetings – put together in a 'working ' action schedule that has been updated through the year.
- Last year I served as the club's Treasurer. The baton was passed on to Luciane Terra who assumed the Treasurer position this year. Luciane has been tremendous in her knowledge and leadership as we have worked through the treasurer transition over the last several months. She and I continue to discuss how we can improve on the processes.
- The AKC initiated a new national Meet the Breeds program this year. I have been involved in many aspects of this program along with Rebecca Stephens and Sheila Hoffman. In past years, the club had utilized our own booth backdrops for the events. This year, the AKC standardized the backdrops that were to be used for all clubs. We coordinated the legal aspects of the AKC using our club logo and appropriate breed photographs for their backdrops and signage. Sheila will further update the membership on Meet the Breeds a bit later.
- PHCA Online Store: I have enjoyed exploring the online store and that is not without some trial and error. I will report on that later in the meeting.
- PHCA Bylaws: A major endeavor for the club is the AKC-encouraged updates to our bylaws. I will report on that later in the meeting as well.
- Moderating email and other items within and outside of the Board.

- **Minutes of last Meeting (Theresa Harper)**

The minutes of the last board meeting (May) and the Specialties meeting (June) are approved and have been uploaded to the website.

- **Recording secretary report (Theresa Harper)**

All BOD meeting minutes are up on the website – we are making sure these get approved and uploaded as quickly as possible and well before the next scheduled board meeting. These are also going in The Scribe.

A reminder that all club correspondence goes to me via email or physical mail because these are the methods that are available to everyone

- **Corresponding secretary report (Meredith Wille)**

Nothing new to report.

- **Treasurer report (Luciane Terra)**

- The Treasurer's reports are regularly available to the membership in Board meeting minutes posted on the webpage as well as in the Scribe. Because that information is available to all members, I will only briefly review where we stand on our account balances as of this date

Treasurer's Report
As of August 15, 2021

Wells Fargo – Account Balance	8/15/2021	6/30/2021	6/30/2020
Business Checking	\$ 12,469.38	\$ 9,744.74	\$9,297.84
Business Market Rate Savings	\$ 14,414.17	\$ 14,414.05	\$14,412.61
Pam Haig Mem. Rescue Fund	\$ 26,812.80	\$ 26,812.57	\$25,711.42
Total	\$53,696.35	\$50,971.36	\$49,421.87

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- The increase in funds observed in since April is mainly due to the three approved 2021 Specialties. In addition to funds for the Specialties:
 - The PHCA received a generous donation from Matt Ziegler, OH. Matt is not a PHCA member or a Pharaoh Hound owner. He is a dog lover who made a donation in honor of Flint. Flint was sadly lost by Annie and Jake Hammer in June.
 - The PHCA also received funds in memory of Rita Sacks to be donated to the AKC Museum of the Dog. Rita Sacks was one of the first owners of Pharaoh Hounds in the United States and has influenced the breed here and abroad. Also important, she co-wrote with Pauline Block, the book, 'The Pharaoh Hound' which was originally

published in 1973. This book is still sought after and is an invaluable part of The AKC Museum of the Dog library.

- The PHCA received funds from Dr. Stephen Sipperly that were donated to the Sighthound Underground Rescue Group. Linda Tetreault reached out and suggested a PHCA donation to the Sighthound Underground Rescue Group for Lucy. Lucy is a 11 months-old Pharaoh Hound brought from Korea in June. As I shared Linda's suggestion with the Board, Stephen generously stepped in and send the funds to be donated by the PHCA to the Sighthound Underground Rescue Group.
- The PHCA received 5 membership application fees this year. Theresa will be welcoming the 4 new members. The last membership application is still open for comments. As usual, please remember to send any comments regarding an application to our recording secretary, Theresa Harper.
- Specialties
 - The fundraising for all three approved 2021 Specialties is being done mainly through the PHCA Online Store at <https://www.pharaohhoundclubofamerica.com>. However, it should emphasize that you can donate by check if you prefer to do so. There are still sponsorship opportunities for all 3 Specialties. So, please consider donating if you have not done yet. We depend on your support to run the Specialties.

Specialties Trophy Sponsorship Summary <small>as of Aug 15, 2021</small>	National OH, Sep 3 – 6	Western CA, Oct 7 – 10	Eastern PA, Dec 8 – 12
Sponsorship			
Gross Sales (\$)	\$ 2,785	\$ 895	\$ 940
Merchandise			
Gross Sales (\$)	\$ 430	-	-
Lure Coursing & Triathlon			
Entries - Gross Sales (\$)	\$ 610	-	-
Total	\$3,825	\$ 895*	\$ 940

* \$1,415.00 raised for the 2020 Western are being rolled over to the 2021 Western, as the 2020 show was cancelled

- **AKC Delegate Report (Dominic Carota)**

- AKC Finances through 06/30/21-
 - Financial Results:
Net Operating Income is \$17.4 million primarily due to higher registration and event service revenues, along with lower operating expenses.
 - Total Revenues of \$52 million exceed budget by 36% led by Registration Fees of \$23.7 million, Pedigree and Registration Related Fees of \$7.5 million

- AKC Education Q2 2021 Report
 - Canine College develops and manages over 600 courses and exams available for Conformation and Performance Judges, Breeders, Groomers, the fancy, and the general public.
 - Breed and Breeder Courses: A total of 54 breeds are now available on Canine College.
 - Public Education New Resources - In an effort to continue to provide new and exciting resources for teachers, Public Education created three “Compare the Breeds” passages that are targeted for students in grades 3-6 and could also be used as an enrichment resource for 2nd grade students. In addition to teaching students about different dog breeds, students are learning to compare/contrast, identify author's purpose and main idea, use text features, and identify text structure. Each activity also includes a follow up activity with an answer key for the teacher.
 - To further educate the general public about breed specific history and culture, Public Education created a resource series that features breeds from different regions of the world. This series is meant to promote more diversity and education for both children and adults, while educating about these breeds. It can be used both digitally and in printed form.
 - The Public Education team launched a new program intended for high school students seeking service hours for college applications. The AKC Leader of the Pack program is designed to get high school students involved in their communities through dogs. The mission of AKC Public Education is to foster and continue to find ways to ever strengthen the human-canine bond. By participating in this program, students will have an opportunity to give back to their own dog communities by volunteering in a series of activities of their choosing.
 - Information was provided on AKC Canine Corner, a new newsletter from Public Education which
- Government Relations Legislation Monthly Update
 - Year to date, AKC GR is monitoring more than 2,100 pieces of legislation at the state, local and federal level that could impact dog ownership, the wellbeing of dogs or AKC events and operations. This includes positive as well as negative legislation. The most up-to-date information on legislative issues are available via AKC GR's Legislative Action Center, www.akcgr.org.
- Registration Update

- 2021 will be the 8th consecutive year of increases in Dog Registration, the 7th consecutive year of increases in Litter Registration and the 7th consecutive year of increases in Unique Breeders.....
- Actual Registration return rates Return Rate analysis reveals that at 6 Months we are consistently seeing a 5 to 6 percentage point improvement over 2019; the best since 2004.
- Additional Accomplishments 2021 YTD
- Launched Online Foreign Registration: it is now easier to submit & quicker turn-around; 33% online since launch; expect 50% of applications to be online before end of year
- Launched Electronic Litter Kits : 8.5% of online litter registrants use this service to receive litter kit immediately via digital file, avoiding US Mail delays
- Added Electronic Litter Kit Dupe printing to AKC Breeder Toolkit : any breeder can use AKC Breeder Toolkit to easily reprint (\$15 Fee) instead of calling Customer Service and paying for dupe papers to be mailed
- Updated AKC Puppy Folders
- Using CRM data, we enhanced the online certificate transfer process & clarified the messaging people get when they input incorrect PINs in online dog registration
- Marketing
 - AKC.org
 - When compared to Q2 2019, users grew 61%, sessions grew 54%, and page views grew 30%.
 - Organic traffic remains by far the largest traffic acquisition source.
 - It grew 64% vs Q2 2019
- Bylaws
 - Club Bylaw Changes and Formation -Streamlining Guide- Approved by AKC Board 08/21 and available for all Clubs to utilize.
- ***LIFESAVING AKC PET DISASTER RELIEF TRAILERS DEPLOYED TO 50 LOCATIONS TO HELP DISPLACED PETS***



- *Emergency Grants Also Provided by AKC Reunite Across the Country-*
 - RALEIGH, NC — AKC Reunite, the largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service provider in the United States, is pleased to announce the 50th deployment of its AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers. These life-saving trailers donated to local emergency management teams through the AKC Pet Disaster Relief program are available to dispatch to any local disaster scene that needs assistance sheltering pets. AKC Reunite has also provided funds to support the work of organizations that are saving and reuniting pets with their owners during natural disasters.
 - AKC Pet Disaster Relief is a nationwide program sponsored by AKC Reunite, that is dedicated to keeping pets and their owners safe in response to natural disasters. AKC Reunite partners with AKC® dog clubs and pet lovers to donate lifesaving trailers to emergency management teams across the country. These trailers are stocked with equipment to help create a safe, temporary home-base for at least 65 pets before, during and after a disaster is declared. The trailer's crates and generator can be set up as co-location shelters, where people can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals. Other contents include microchips and scanners, cleaning supplies, feeding bowls, leashes and administrative supplies.
 - To date, 95 AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers have been donated to emergency management teams throughout the U.S. On Monday, August 16th, the Arizona Humane Society deployed its trailer to assist with animal sheltering efforts in the wake of the deadly flooding in Gila Bend, AZ. This marked the 50th deployment of these critical trailers throughout the country.
- Detection Dog Task Force

- The American Kennel Club Detection Dog Task Force (DDTF) is pleased to introduce a new video highlighting AKC's efforts to address the crucial shortage of explosives detection dogs that protect against terrorist threats in the United States. The video presents a new look at the Patriotic Puppy Program (PPP), a pilot program that assists US Breeders affiliated with the AKC to develop, breed and raise a sustainable high-quality source of "green" dogs that can be purchased by law enforcement for advanced training.

- **Committee Structure (Rebecca Stephens)**

- At our 2020 Annual Membership meeting, I announced that the PHCA Board of Directors would be overseeing the development of an organizational committee structure that will facilitate increased organizational communications, volunteer involvement, as well as a system for committee operations within PHCA. This work was completed and presented to the Board of Directors for advisement and the proposed PHCA Committee Structure and Guidelines was approved in the spring.
- On May 21, 2021, an email was sent to all PHCA members outlining the committees and subcommittees, and asking members to contact the appropriate committee board liaison to indicate their interest in participating on a committee or committees.
- If you would like for that email to be re-sent to you, please email me at RStephens4@aol.com and I will be happy to email it to you. Included in the email is the list of committees and subcommittees, along with the names and email addresses of the board members who are the committee Board Liaisons so that you are able to contact them to express your interest.

- **Member Outreach (Lynne Tatorowicz, Theresa Harper)**

- Lynne: I have started posting the "meet the breeder" questions and answers on our FB page and see alot of views and likes. Would still like to have more participation from our preferred breeders.
- Lynne: I have started to reach out to some members in regards to a mentoring program I would like to start. In short- if any of our breeders send pups to homes outside of their own locale- I am trying to line up people - hopefully nearer to those new owners to mentor them in the various sports that our dogs participate in. Doesn't have to be in person -would be nice - but if someone has a question on how to enter a show- or enter an agility trial - or what

do you do when you arrive on scene at a lure coursing event- there's a mentor (maybe close by) that can advise.

- Theresa: We would like to have additional members join us – please reach out to me if you would like to help us with member outreach.

- **Rescue (Theresa Harper)**

- We have had several rescues this year
 - Penny – dumped on a road in Illinois. Christine Johnson and Darci Kunard are handling this. Christine has been working through Penny's health issues while Penny is staying with her.
 - Luna and Zorra – 2 eight year old females out of Florida. Multiple people have been involved in this – Darci Kunard has been coordinating. Dominique kindly took them in but they were not happy in her condo – she updated their vaccines, got them tested for heartworm and on preventative, and Luna's extensive eye meds – all at no cost to rescue. Laurie Laventhall boarded them free of charge for some time. Shenandoah is the foster home. Zora has been spayed with a free spay certificate from her vet. Darci provided free microchips. Rescue picked up the cost of Luna's eye removal above a \$300 donation made specifically for that by Karen Robbins. Shenandoah is covering the teeth cleaning for both dogs.
 - Aza – a rescue from a complicated dog raid situation. Aza is now in her new home. The owner provided us with a \$250 adoption donation. Sheila Hoffman, Robert Newman, and Hannah Pemberton worked very diligently on this rescue to get her to a happy situation.
- We are always looking for people that want to help rescue – foster, assess, monitor for Pharaohs in rescues.

- **501c3 Discussion (Mary Severino)**

- Although the PHCA's Rescue Fund has been retained in a separate club bank account for many years, the account is held under the PHCA's umbrella as a 501 (c) 7 exempt non-profit corporation in the State of Delaware. Donations to our rescue fund are not tax deductible per IRS requirements. We also have a good deal of interest in people working on and supporting the PHCA's rescue efforts and comments encouraging us to have a tax-deductible outlet for rescue donations. This year, the Board approved an exploratory effort with respect to moving the rescue fund into a separate corporation.

- I reached out to folks at the American Whippet Club who have a separate rescue organization. Jennifer Beach-Buda, a former Board member of WRAP, (Whippet Rescue and Protection) the whippet breed's rescue organization. WRAP has over 120 volunteers in various roles nationwide and 10 Regional Advisors. They have a network of volunteers who work with their Board on nationwide rescues of pure bred whippets. I got great information, along with encouragement of why and how to move this forward.
 - Unfortunately, the PHCA is a much smaller organization than the AWC or WRAP. If the PHCA were to formally pursue this, there must be a separate Constitution and Bylaws, separate accounting books, Board of Directors, and a strong group of people including volunteers who are committed to the rescue organization and operations activities.
 - In particular, I found the objectives very interesting because some of these objectives came up in our bylaws committee discussion.
 - Rescue includes pickup from owners or animal welfare facilities, assessment of the Whippet's suitability as a pet, provision of health care and training as needed and appropriate, qualification of perspective homes, placement, follow-up, and, if a placement fails, recovery into Whippet Rescue- including:
 - To be a separate, non-profit organization to assist Whippets needing new homes and assist local rescue groups and individuals in all aspects of rescuing Whippet dogs from animal shelters;
 - To provide assistance to individuals who need to place their Whippets in a new home due to family circumstances or other unforeseen events;
 - To assist and educate individuals who are looking to adopt a rescue Whippet;
 - To provide follow-up educational services to individuals who adopt a rescue Whippet;
 - To transport and help arrange transport of rescued Whippets to new homes;
 - To prevent cruelty to animals and provide funds for the purpose of having Whippets spayed or neutered to prevent over breeding;
 - To pay for appropriate routine and preventative veterinary care given to Whippets in rescue; and
 - To raise funds to assist local Whippet rescue groups or individuals in the rescue, foster care, veterinary care, transportation, purchase of Whippets from shelters,

auctions, and animal welfare groups, and placement of rescued Whippets.

- To formally pursue we would need a separate entity with a separate BOD, by-laws, etc
 - Members Laurie Laventhall, Stephen Sipperly, and Dominic Carota brought up relevant items such as that the by-laws would have to be carefully written, that the member club would lose control of this new entity, etc
- All members are asked to send thoughts about 501c3 to Mary Severino directly or to Recording Secretary Theresa Harper.

- **Audit (Linda Witt)**

- The 2021 Audit Committee was headed by Linda Witt and members Debby King and Sue Carter did the audit.
- The audit was completed July 6, 2021 and no issues were found.

- **By-Laws Committee (Mary Severino)**

- The PHCA Bylaws have stood without update since 2002. In 2020, the AKC suggested that member clubs review their constitution and bylaws to reflect technology advances and evolving membership needs. The 2020 Board of Directors began that review and in 2021, the new Board of Directors approved the establishment of a special bylaws committee.
- The PHCA Bylaws Committee is an ad-hoc advisory committee that has been tasked with undertaking a review of the club's current constitution and bylaws. It is comprised of three Board members and six additional members in good standing. Committee members are Mary Severino-Chair, Linda Witt, Emily Kerridge Sheila Hoffman, Cynthia Guinn, Mariah Houser, Darleen Dimor, Julie Gwin and Jayme Jones. The committee convened in early March 2021.
- The objective of this committee is to present proposed bylaws amendments to the Board that represent a consensus of the committee members – and – align with the AKC bylaws standards. The AKC updated their recommendations on February 23, 2021, in a new 'Sample Constitution and Bylaws for Parent Specialty Clubs.' This document is the guide for the PHCA's review and has been referenced frequently in committee review discussions.
- The importance of meeting AKC requirements for bylaws updates cannot be understated. As an AKC national parent club, the PHCA must obtain approval from the AKC Board of Directors for any bylaws amendments prior to those amendments becoming effective. (PHCA Bylaws, Article VIII 'Amendments,' Section 3.) AKC Board reviews involve detailed document scrutiny, often

involve multiple revisions, and resubmits that take months or even years to complete. The PHCA Bylaw Committee has been evaluating our documents with member needs, AKC documents and state and local laws in mind.

- **The PHCA Bylaws Committee process:**

- Review existing bylaws and draft updates proposed by the Board in 2020.
- Discuss appropriate updates to the existing club bylaws via video conference and email discussions.
- Following multiple reviews and discussions, the committee will conduct a final review of each section, voting to approve or decline the amendments proposed for that section. The majority vote will win. The committee will generate a single document based on those votes.
- Changes, deletions, revisions and updates to the existing constitution and bylaws must be clearly indicated on the submitted document.
- The consensus document will be submitted to the Board for their review and approval in advance of the Board's submittal to the AKC and the club membership. The Board may vote to revise the committee's consensus document if/as appropriate.
- The Board will review the submitted document and will vote to approve transmitting the amendments to the AKC for their review and approval.
- The AKC will review the proposed amendments and will approve or decline the submitted proposal. No amendments to a member club's constitution and bylaws will become effective prior to the AKC's approval.
- Further revisions mandated by the AKC will be reviewed by the Board with revisions made as appropriate.
- Upon the AKC's approval, the bylaws document will be sent to the membership for a vote in accordance with the PHCA Bylaws, Article VIII 'Amendments.'

- **Nominating Committee (Luciane Terra)**

- The 2021 PHCA Nominating committee is:
 - Luciane Terra – chair
 - Julie Gwin
 - Greg Witt

- Alternates:
 - Martin DelPrince
 - Bonnie Folz

First a big thank you for Julie, Greg, Martin, and Bonnie for agreeing to serve on the nominating committee. Julie, Greg and I have been identified the members and will be presenting the nominating slate to the Recording Secretary Theresa Harper in the next few days.

- **Health (Stephen Sipperly)**

- Health survey is voluntary.
- Unfortunately, the number of entries diminishes over time after each mention in the Scribe.
- It is possible to print out a report from the health survey.

- **Education (Sheila)**

- Judges Education
 - The Carolina Dog Show Judges Study Group held its hound group judge's seminars and workshops in Greenville, SC, July 29 – August 1st. I presented our pharaoh hound seminar with Linda Tetreault assisting. Thanks to those who brought dogs and helped handle for the hands-on (Linda Tetreault, Sami Hirko, Sandy Marchelletta and Bekki Pina). There were about twenty people in attendance.
 - The American Dog Show Judges had planned to present the Hounds at the 2022 Judges Institute in March 2022 (delayed from 2021) however, these are now planned for March 2023 in Louisville.
 - We continue to have a few virtual tutoring sessions spread between mentors and some viewing of the on-line presentation on the AKC website.
 - We will be having ringside mentoring at the National in Ohio for future pharaoh hound judges. If there is interest, we will also offer a hands-on session there.
- Public Education
 - Public Education has been folded under the Education committee as the AKC began rolling out its expanded Meets The Breeds (MTB). The events would be similar to

MTB events similar to those held at Orlando and New Year City in previous years. AKC provided a template for large backdrops for each breed and the PHCA board of directors coordinated the development as the newly expanded MTB began. AKC had the backdrop made and will be managing the storage, transport and set up for these events in the future. AKC has also offered a stipend for the individuals participating which will be coordinated through the PHCA treasurer. PHCA plans to provide Pharaoh Hound playing cards and the tri-fold brochure for these events.

- AKC had eight MTB events planned in major cities across the country. The first was held in San Diego, CA, last weekend. Thanks to Robert Newman for coordinating manning and dogs for the booth. Thanks to his crew: Kathy Kirk, Bill & Francie and Nancy Brown.
- Unfortunately, with the worsening state of the COVID-19 pandemic and out of an abundance of caution, the AKC has postponed the next five events into 2022. Thank you to Ooneen McGettigan (Tampa) and Lori Evans (Philadelphia) for volunteering to be our coordinators at these two events and for the work you had already put into them.
- At this point, the November MTB events in Columbus, OH, and New Orleans, LA are still on the schedule but AKC will be keeping us advised of their status.
- If you are interested in helping at a MTB, reach out to Sheila Hoffman.

- **Awards (Emily Kerridge)**

- There will be an awards ceremony and power point presentation at the National on Sunday.
 - Awards will be presented at the National and will be handed to those attending.
 - Those not attending should make arrangement to have someone who is attending bring them back from the National for them.
 - We will be charging on shipping for plaques not picked up at the National.
- We have started assembling a committee, headed by me, to modernize and update the awards criteria for versatility and register of merit awards. As of right now we are honoring the old point system for awards to be presented at this year's national and next, but we hope to

introduce the new point system in mid-2022 and begin awarding based on the new modernized criteria at the 2023 national.

- **Specialties (Meredith Wille, Julie Gwin, Jayme Jones, Robert Newman)**
 - National for 2021 (Meredith Wille)
 - 2 weeks away
 - Entries closed yesterday
 - 53 entries for national, approx 40 entries for supported entry days
 - Club was able to host shows last year even during Covid.
 - Specialty trimmed due to finances/budget/caution around global pandemic
 - Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon – rally and obedience
 - Friday: supported entry/CAT tests. We are allowing gate entries. Much thanks to Stuart/Andrea/Darci.
 - Friday night: bonfire/smoes party at RV area
 - Saturday: Sweeps/National, AB lure coursing, conformation judging for triathlon,
 - Sunday: AKC specialty lure coursing/Supported entry/AB lure coursing.
 - Sunday afternoon: raffle/silent auction/awards at Pavilion that is outdoors with electricity.
 - Monday: ASFA lure coursing and supported entry.
 - Western for 2021 (Jayme Jones)
 - Premium posted and entries open for specialty.
 - Enter specialty through DogZibit
 - Gavilan Kennel Club opens next week – enter through MBF
 - Can pre-order catalog through Dogzibit.
 - Will post lunch options soon.
 - Trophies still available for sponsors.
 - Hotels as close as across the street
 - Packet posted soon.
 - Working on lure coursing and have people lined up.
 - Cannot do raffle on site for legal/tax reasons. Will be setting up stuff online.
 - Western and Sweeps on Thursday Oct 7 with the potential of coursing in the morning.
 - Friday is supported entry and Fast CAT
 - Saturday is supported entry and rally/obedience and Fast CAT
 - Sunday is a show (might be supported) and Fast CATS
 - Eastern for 2021 (Julie Gwin)
 - December 8-12 at Oaks, PA

- Thursday – supported entry, meet and greet @ hotel with food
 - Friday – supported entry, banquet and raffles @ Chadwicks
 - Saturday – specialty
 - Sun – supported entry
 - Number other activities on the FB page
 - Hotel and show site are about 5 min away from each other with a hotel shuttle to the show site. Restaurant very close to both.
- National/Western for 2022 (Robert Newman)
 - Will be held at the Hound Classic show in Silverado, CA which is the largest all-hound show
 - Thursday, April 14 is lure coursing (about 45 min away)
 - Friday, April 15 National and Western specialties
 - Saturday/Sunday is the hound show with supported entries
 - Fri/Sat/Sun obedience and rally
 - There will be a triathlon
 - Banquet will be Saturday evening
 - Committee formed and beginning planning
- **Performance Committee (Linda Witt, Board Liaison, Darci Kunard, Committee Head)**
 - Committee comprised of Darci Kunard, Annie Hammer, Meredith Wille, Luciane Terra)
 - Getting mobilized and working on objectives of committee – some of those are:
 - Education
 - Resources for owners
 - Align with awards committee
 - Provide content for Scribe/Website
- **Online Store (Mary Severino)**
 - The PHCA Online Store has been live since 2018 and has helped to streamline our donation and sponsorship activities. I have generally enjoyed handling the store but there have been some unique challenges. All items offered on the store are individually priced and input. This is the first year that we have had multiple specialties up on the store at one time, essentially mandated by the scheduling of the events. Some of the challenges have resulted in a few missteps – apologies for those affected.

- The good side of the online store is that we can print out reports that allow for accurate records, including the wording of dedications. This year, we put merchandise up, allowing again, for more accurate accounting and potential orders of specialty wearables. The only downside is to have people order the products. Most vendors require minimum orders, and we won't take chances on over ordering and taking a loss. Many thanks to Meredith Wille's friend, who agreed to provide merchandise for this one event without minimums.
- Please continue to support our upcoming events through additional sponsorships, and donations to our PHCA General Fund.

- **New Business**

- The PHCA is still looking for 2023 proposals for National/Eastern/Western
- The PHCA is still looking for 2022 proposals for an Eastern
- Membership Mailed Questions
 - None were received

Martin Del Prince moved to adjourn at 7:12 pm (Pacific Time). Lynne Tatarowicz seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Harper
PHCA Recording Secretary