

Pharaoh Hound Club of America
Board Meeting (Videoconference & Phone)
July 16, 2020

Members Present: Andrea Schokker, Theresa Harper, Robert Newman, Mary Severino, Rebecca Stephens, Meredith Wille, Luciane Terra, Stephen Sipperly

Members Absent: Linda Witt (illness)

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm (Eastern) by President Robert Newman.

- Recording Secretary (Theresa)
 - Minutes are approved as they stand
 - Have received one member question for our membership meeting to date
- Corresponding Secretary (Stephen)
 - Nothing from AKC
- Treasurer (Mary)
 - Several membership applications resulting in monies to the account
 - Account Balances: 06/30/20**
 - Business Checking: \$ 9,297.84
 - Business Market Rate Savings: \$14,412.61
 - Pam Haig Mem. Rescue Fund: \$25,711.42
 - Total Accounts Balance: \$49,421.87**
 - We have experienced a surge in membership interest this year. New members approved in the 1st Quarter include Hannah Pemberton and Kathy Neal, who have received welcome letters. The following applicants were approved by the Board this quarter and have been sent welcome letters.
 - Lee Bridges, Mark Bridges, Nikela Parks, Turner Parks and Corey Heenan
 - In addition, we have nine applicants including the following:
 - Pat Knigge (Alex Wood/Mark Doyle)
 - Will Nelson (Alex Wood/Mark Doyle)
 - Michelle James (Alex Wood/Mark Doyle)
 - Christine Bailey (Julie Gwin/Tom Andrews)
 - Justin Long (Alex Wood/Mark Doyle)
 - Alissa Long (Alex Wood/Mark Doyle)
 - Kailen Goldman (Alex Wood/Mark Doyle)
 - Gloria Tzuant (Alex Wood/Mark Doyle)
 - Jerry Marchelletta (Robert Newman/Theresa Harper)
 - The application fees and dues associated with membership applications provided most of the \$570 of income for this quarter.
 - In accordance with the PHCA by-laws, an audit committee was named by the Board, consisting of Meredith Wille (Chair), Darleen Dimor and Darci Kunard. On May 30, 2020, I (Mary) transmitted the PHCA financial information to the committee members via email. The following documents were sent for 2017 (May 1 – December 31), 2018 and 2019:
 - General Ledger
 - Statement of Activity

- Statement of Financial Position Detail

I responded to specific questions that came forth from the committee on June 10 and July 2. As of the date of this report, there have been no further questions.

- President (Robert)
 - No report
- Rescue Committee (Robert)
 - Contacted by a gentleman with a 9 yo Pharaoh Hound that needs a new home (acquired from a non-member of the PHCA). Dog located in the western half of the US. Asked if they had contacted the breeder and the conversation abruptly ended.
- Health Committee (Stephen)
 - Nothing to report – no one answering the health survey at this point
- Awards Committee (Sheila)
 - Several clubs (Whippet, Borzoi, Ibizan that I know of) are mailing out their top awards (plaques & certificates) to their membership given National events are cancelled due to the pandemic. I think we should seriously consider this since it is one of the few things the club gives back to its membership. The Ibizan Hound Club of the US posted on their Facebook page asking if people wanted theirs mailed or presented at next year's national. I think this is a great idea and could save postage. I'm willing to take care of this if the board decides to proceed with 2019 top awards. The BOD decided that Sheila should move forward with the 2019 top awards by having Sheila email awardees and ask their preference – mailed or presented at next year's national.
 - I did an inventory of the club medallions we use for placements in the regular classes and performance qualifiers at the National. We still have 182 so plenty for a few more years!
 - I have a spattering of miscellaneous ways & means items from the past. Hopefully, we can use or give away at future PHCA events.
- Education Committee (Sheila)
 - Still getting a few inquiries about virtual learning but interestingly, few that inquired have followed through with actually scheduling something.
 - In June, had an additional six people listen to the webinar.
 - Robert and I [I represents Sheila in this paragraph] had a discussion after Robert took the AKC Pharaoh Hound Canine College course. As I had shared back when this was completed, I was about 80% happy with it as it was difficult to get enough good representative pictures. Robert agreed after viewing the course. AKC is a stickler (for good reason) about having signed releases from dog owners AND photographer before using any picture. I tried to get some when this course was put together in 2017 but didn't have much luck so we had to use mostly older club pictures or those taken by AKC during the national specialty earlier. Robert had a great idea I think we should try to pursue – at the 2021 National, let's try to get more pictures taken in hi-def that could perhaps be added or exchanged with some that are in the current course.
- Challenge & Perpetual trophies (Stephen)
 - No Changes
 - Note that many members fail to provide the take home trophies. We need to remind them each year as many members are not aware of this.
 - We have one National trophy that was retired and never replaced and a take home has never been provided.
- Unfinished business
 - Specialties
 - Deadline for proposals is August 15. To date, none have been received
 - Updated mentoring and mentoring agreement will be rolled out at membership meeting
 - Approved Breeder's list
 - Robert posted on website with the deceased and non-active members removed
 - Will be providing updates to the approved breeders list requirements at the annual membership meeting. They will have 60 days to provide any information for Pharaohs born within the last 12 months.

- Playing cards for Meet the Breeds are now available from Robert
 - Do we want to update the pamphlet? No, the card has the website.
- New membership applications process
 - The Scribe timing makes things difficult –review Mary’s proposal (she will send it out)
 - Can we screen for AKC good standing as this is a membership requirement?
 - Our publishing in the Scribe and waiting 45 days is not in the By-Laws so we can change the process
- Frequency of BOD Meetings
 - We should have another board meeting in a month after the annual meeting (Thursday, August 20th at 5 pm Pacific)
- PHCA By-Laws Revision Proposal (Committee: Mary, Andrea, Linda, Theresa)
 - Reviewed and discussed proposed changes
 - Andrea will send out an updated, marked copy for further review by BOD
- Membership meeting
 - Need to send out agenda, link, and protocol ahead of time
 - Google doc for sign in – link in chat box if we can get it working
 - Will discuss revised mentoring requirements and they will be sent out
 - Revised Code of ethics
 - Survey results from Survey Monkey (will also post on FB page, put in email blast, and publish in Scribe)
 - Annual audit results
 - AKC Good Sportsmanship Award
- Policies and procedures (Rebecca Stephens’ proposal)
 - Tabled until next meeting
- Website redo
 - Website is out of date (WordPress version) and cannot be updated without the website crashing. Has not been supported for 3 years
 - Need formal bids with deficiencies and a proposal for work with price
 - Have Cynthia manage this work after approval of a bid

Stephen moved to adjourn the meeting at, Mary seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM

Respectfully submitted by:
 Theresa Harper
 PHCA Recording Secretary