

## Pharaoh Hound Club of America

Board Meeting in Lexington, KY

August 29, 2018

Members present: Robert Newman, Andrea Schokker, Linda Witt, Mary Severino, Theresa Harper

Members present on phone: Stephen Sipperly, Meredith Wille

Absent: Pam Haig, Rita Sacks

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm (Eastern) by President Robert Newman

- Recording Secretary (Theresa)
  - Discussed the May, 2018 meeting minutes. Linda made motion to accept them, Stephen seconded the motion. None were opposed.
- Corresponding Secretary (Stephen)
  - Has received 4 requests for information
- Treasurer (Mary)
  - Total accounts data:
    - Checking: \$19,116.10
    - Savings: \$14,405.49
    - Rescue: \$13,621.92
    - Total: \$47,143.51
  - Western netted \$1572.19 profit and the Eastern netted \$2852.97
  - National had good sponsorship but expenses coming in late. Very poor entries for National. Biggest entry was 32.
  - We discussed that we are not a club that can really hold a separate National. Should consider anchoring National to Eastern one year and Western the next. Come back to this in new business.
  - Procured Square for club.
  - PayPal with the online store needs work to get it easy to reconcile. Square can also do online stores. We could keep a merchandise store all year.
- Rescue
  - No rescues we are taking responsibility for.
  - Florida rescue situation may be a scam. For now we will do nothing.
- Health (Stephen)
  - Reminder still going out in Scribe
  - Question asked about what members did not respond last year and who has responded thus far this year.
  - Andrea can send out a reminder email (blast) to do health survey ¾ of the way through the year.
- Education (Sheila)
  - Awards (Sheila Hoffman)
    - 9 dual titlist, 3 versatility and 1 versatility excellent.
    - The awards committee arranged for the #1 PHCA plaques this year. Many thanks to Pam Haig for starting this tradition, compiling the data, and covering the cost for so many years.
  - Judges Education (Sheila Hoffman)
    - Mailed out a few illustrated standards. We did add the illustrated standard to the PHCA website in PDF form and there has not been a request for a hard copy since that time.
    - Three judges have commented to Sheila about the on-line seminar course on the AKC website. They seem to be pleased and finding it helpful in clarifying questions they may have had.
    - Sheila will be giving the breed seminar in Orlando, FL on Wednesday, December 12 at the AKC/DJJA Advanced Judges Institute. Need 4-6 dogs for hands on portion. On August 13, Sheila received notice that there were already 30 (max allowed) signed up for the seminar.
- Challenge/Perpetual Trophies (Stephen)
  - Everything the same, no action.

- Specialties 2019
  - Shawna is not planning on doing Western
  - Currently we have NO 2019 proposals in our hands
  - Continue to use Sue Carter to select judges
  - Robert attempting to work up proposal for 2019 but we need to announce we are accepting proposals – Andrea to send out another email blast for proposals.
  - Julie Gwin expressed interest in doing the Eastern again. Her previous Eastern was very successful financially.
  - Sheila judged sweepstakes at the Curly Coated Retriever Club of America in 2016 and they offer Gun Dogs and Dual Titlist in Sweeps – may be a way to increase entries
- Mentoring
  - We discussed altering the mentor requirements at previous board meeting and Robert asked for feedback. He only received one response. Please send responses to Robert – minimum requirements to act as mentor/do judges education.
  - We have to notify AKC who is offering judges education at meeting.
- Specialty Guidelines
  - We still need guidelines for specialties to help people with proposals.
- Board Member Nominating Committee
  - Mary heading
  - Andrea to send out e-blast with proposed Slate
  - Only send out ballot if there are additional valid nominations from the membership
  - Stephen, Pam and Rita up for renewal. Rita sent email and has decided to step down after 45 years. She will still do education committee. Pam willing to serve or yield.
  - Motion made by Mary to approve nominating committee and alternates and to have Slate finalized by September 30 to be e-blasted to membership by October 1. Theresa Seconded, all approved.
- Old Business
  - Pharaoh Hounds getting approval for herding. Apparently other breeds did not want Pharaoh Hounds.
- New Business
  - Robert made a motion to anchor National with Western one year and Eastern the next as we don't have the numbers to support 3 specialties a year. Linda seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. Preference will be for the West Coast in 2019.
  - Robert wants to establish a new award: The PHCA Legacy Award.
    - Not necessarily an annual award
    - Given to those that demonstrate commitment to the breed over many years.
    - Pam Haig as inaugural recipient
    - Firm up rules at later date
    - Can be given posthumously
    - Approval by a majority of the board
    - This award is in compliance with AKC awards
    - Robert made the motion to establish the legacy award to be awarded as deemed qualified and subject to approval by a majority of the board. Stephen seconded. All approved.
- Delegates Report (Dominic)
  - Lure coursing is up 13% YOY, FAST CAT is up 169% YOY, CAT down 4% YOY
  - The Museum of the Dog will have one of the best art collections of dog art in the world. It is 1.5 blocks from Grand Central Station.
  - Purebred dog organizations are being targeted. There were 2100 anti-dog legislation bills in 2018.
  - New initiatives
    - Service dog initiative to help stop fake service dogs. In conjunction with the airlines and the government.
    - AKC bomb detection dog initiative – 80-90% of dogs are failing out of training. We get most of these dogs from Europe and they are keeping the higher quality dogs in their own countries.

- Dominic suggested we make a one-time payment to the Museum of the Dog to have a PHCA plaque in perpetuity – cost is \$2500. Can be paid over 5 years. Andrea made a motion to do the one-time payment and Robert seconded. All were in favor.

Theresa moved to adjourn the meeting, Linda seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Theresa Harper

PHCA Recording Secretary