



THE PHARAOH HOUND CLUB OF AMERICA

July 2021 Board Meeting (Videoconference & Phone) July 8, 2021

Board of Directors Members Present: Mary Severino (President), Stephen Sipperly (Vice President), Meredith Wille (Corresponding Secretary), Luciane Terra (Treasurer), Rebecca Stephens, Lynne Tatarowicz, Theresa Harper (Recording Secretary), Linda Witt

Board of Directors Members Absent: Emily Kerridge

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm (Pacific) by President Mary Severino.

- **Meeting Minutes**
 - Theresa Harper made a motion and Stephen seconded to approve previous meeting minutes. All were in favor. Meeting minutes were approved.
- **President's Update (Mary)**
 - **General:**
 - AKC Meet the Breeds, the Bylaws Committee, the online store and consideration of our upcoming Annual Members meeting have been my focus since our last Board Meeting..
 - **Treasurer's Transition:**
 - Luciane has taken over Treasurer responsibilities. We continue to communicate if/as questions arise.
 - **Bylaws Committee:**
 - Comments from Bylaws Committee members made in 6/1 through 6/20 comment period were compiled and distributed back to committee members and to Board members. A zoom committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 24. The hope is to reach consensus on an updated document to send to members prior to the August 19 Members meeting.
 - I have reached out to a local attorney for a fee proposal to review the bylaws update for compliance with Delaware State laws as required by the AKC.
 - **PHCA Annual Audit:**
 - PHCA's 2020 books were submitted to the Audit Committee for annual review. Linda Witt will report on that committee's work.
 - **AKC Meet the Breeds Events:**

- Considerable time was spent coordinating the PHCA's photographs for the AKC's standardized backdrop design.
 - Problems arose with respect to the AKC's mandate that both the photographers of dogs and the owners of dogs in photos signed the AKC's license agreement. Language in the initial agreement was unacceptable, but we were able to tighten the language enough to narrow use to Meet the Breeds events.
 - I relayed to the AKC representative that the PHCA would not approve use of stock photos for the booth. To the best of my knowledge, the PHCA photos that were approved by the Board and then submitted to the AKC will be used.
- **PHCA Online Store:**
 - The online store has been updated per Meredith and Julie Gwin's needs. Jayme Jones has offered no Information or feedback for the Western, so I do not know if the store offerings are consistent with Jayme's events.
- **PHCA Annual Members Meeting:**
 - The Annual meeting will be coming upon us quickly and preparation is important. I have put together a draft agenda based upon our agenda that was set up for last year's meeting. I would ask all Board Members to think about how we can make the meeting both informative and successful for the membership.
- **Recording Secretary (Theresa)**
 - Three membership applications up for voting: Christian Ortiz, Andrea Hamilton, and Stuart Hamilton.
 - Christian Ortiz voting: Mary made motion to approve membership, Rebecca seconded. All present (8) in favor, none opposed.
 - Andrea Hamilton voting: Rebecca made motion to approve membership, Stephen seconded. All present (8) in favor, none opposed.
 - Stuart Hamilton voting: Theresa made motion to approve membership, Rebecca seconded. All present (8) in favor, none opposed.
 - Theresa will send out email welcome letters. Lynne will send out email blast.
- **Corresponding Secretary (Meredith)**
 - Sent approvals for shows to Theresa
- **Treasurer (Luciane)**

Wells Fargo – Account Balance	6/30/2021	5/31/2021	4/30/2021
Business Checking (...24)	\$ 9,744.74	\$ 7,431.79	\$ 7,678.67
Business Market Rate Savings (...37)	\$ 14,414.05	\$ 14,413.93	\$ 14,413.81
Pam Haig Mem. Rescue Fund (...49)	\$ 26,812.57	\$ 28,264.16	\$28,263.92
Total	\$50,971.36	\$50,109.88	\$50,356.40

○ **Treasurer Position Transition**

No update. Document needs to be prepared and approved by the Board to allow for appropriate bank level access for the Treasurer person, without the need to open a new account at every Treasurer transition.

- **Rescue**

At the end of May, reimbursement was provided to Christine Johnson of IL for Penny's veterinary expenses. So far the reimbursed veterinary expenses totaled \$752.31 (from Board approved expenses up to \$1000). Penny is the PH that was dumped on the road.

- **PHCA Online Store**

The National has sold approximately 50% of the existing sponsorships. There has been no activity on the store for the Western since April. The Eastern percentage of sponsorship sold is the lowest among the specialties. However, they are the furthest out specialty. The event chairs are aware of the proceeds for their events as well as the detail transactions and sponsorships still available.

Specialties Trophy Sponsorship Summary – Gross Sales

Month	National Sponsorship	National Merchandise	Western Sponsorship	Eastern Sponsorship
April	1,305	-	305	110
May	290	-	0	25
June	305	50	0	225
July	220	145	0	0
TOTAL	2,120	195	305	360
SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE*	2,085	n/a	1,740	2,400

*General funds accounted as only 1 unit sold. To be validated by the chair

- **Other Business:**

The PHCA received a \$300 donation from Matt Ziegler, OH "to be used anywhere you could most use it." The donation was in memory of Flint, recently lost by Annie Hammer and Jake Hammer. A thank you card was sent to Annie Hammer by Lynne Tatarowicz and a thank you note was sent to Matt Ziegler by Luciane Terra.

The PHCA Board has collected \$750 in memory of Rita Sacks. Mary Severino send a condolence basket to Laurie Laventhall on Rita Sacks' passing (close to \$60). The remaining \$690 will be donated to the AKC Museum.

Membership application fees for Andrea Hamilton, Stuart Hamilton, and Christian Ortiz have been deposited.

- **AKC Report (Dominic)**

- Currently, 48 states and Congress are in session. To date, AKC GR is tracking more than 1,800 pieces of legislation at the state level that could impact dog ownership, the well-being of dogs, or AKC events and operations. This includes positive as well as negative legislation. This record-

breaking level of introductions this year follows a record-breaking year in 2020 in which the team tracked more than 4,000 dog bills for the entire year. To date, AKC GR has released 45 geo-targeted legislative action alerts on important legislation asking club members to take action. As a reminder, Delegates, legislative liaisons, and club officers automatically get AKC legislative alerts impacting constituents in the geographic area covered by their clubs, unless they have opted out of these alerts. GR relies on club legislative liaisons – as well as Delegates and club officers – to ensure that these alerts are forwarded to their club members in a timely manner so they can take action immediately.

- Trending Issues: Please see the legislative action center www.akcgr.org and upcoming GR Legislative updates.
- Sales Restrictions – We are continuing to see a large number of bills at the state and local level that would restrict the retail sale of purpose-bred pets. In most cases, these bills are associated with supplying retail pet stores. This is a problem because it eliminates the opportunity for many people to choose an appropriate purpose-bred puppy and forces them either to obtain a dog from a rescue/shelter distribution network or an online pet seller. A particularly egregious bill which had a hearing in Utah earlier this Spring would have eliminated all retail pet sales, including those by hobby breeders. We are pleased to report we've stopped this bill. Sales restrictions have been introduced in many other states including NY, NJ, CT, FL MA, RI, VT, CO, IL & TX.
- Breeder Restrictions and Licensing – We're continuing to see efforts across many states to further restrict or regulate hobby breeders or all individuals who breed a dog or require licensing and regulation of breeders at an increasingly low threshold based on the number of intact females owned or bred. This typically puts hobby breeders out of compliance with local laws or requires them to comply with arbitrary operational and kennel engineering requirements that are neither necessary nor appropriate for dogs raised by hobbyists in their homes. We're seeing major efforts on bills of this nature in CA, TX, OK, TN, CT, MA, NH and other states.
- Arbitrary Temperature/Tethering Restrictions – These bills assign arbitrary temperature restrictions for dogs to be outside or tethered/maintained outside. These measures typically do not take into account breed adaptability, acclimatization, health status, temporary tethering for events and training or other factors that impact appropriate care for specific dogs and specific breed types. Arbitrary temperature zones may further remove Animal Control Officer's flexibility to address issues of dogs in distress from temperatures or conditions inappropriate for a particular dog that fall within an arbitrary, legislated range.
- "Lawyers for Dogs" – Court appointed animal advocates bills. We are seeing an influx of bills that see to provide legal representation in court for dogs in cases of animal cruelty. These measures are grounded in animal rights philosophy, which also states that animals should not be used or owned by humans in any way. The measures often contain findings that expand legal protections and rights to animals that are traditionally only assigned to minors or other people lacking legal capacity. Such measures undermine the traditional legal classification of animals as property in which owners have certain rights and responsibilities associated with the care of the animal. Passage of these measures would undermine the traditional legal system that provides

protections for animals against cruelty and negligence, undermine the rights of animal owners to take appropriate care of their animals, doesn't improve well-being of individual animals and would create confusion about who is legally responsible for an animal.

- AKC Pet Disaster Trailer Project: As of Spring 2021, 434 clubs are participating. 91 trailers have been delivered to 29 states with others being created. Total funds raised are \$2,326,602.72.
- Specialty Show Site Committee Report: A letter to Parent Clubs was sent by Guy Fisher in Club Development. Beginning in November 2020 through January 2021 there have been nine updates since the initial letter detailing good locations to give Parent Clubs additional site possibilities to hold their Specialties.
- Veterinary Outreach:
 - AKC Staff has been successful in continuing to coordinate Virtual Meetings with Veterinary Schools this spring. We had a total of 14 Virtual "Meet the AKC" meetings that were conducted last Fall and there are 12 scheduled to date for this Spring and Summer. The AKC CHF Parent Club Conference is being held in St. Louis (and virtually) August 13th-15th. . Six have already been presented; VA/MD, Florida, Missouri, Cornell, Colorado and Western. An email received from Colorado students reads, "I just wanted to thank you on behalf of the CSU students for joining us on Tuesday to give such a great lecture. I personally did not know much about the programs that you mentioned and really enjoyed hearing about all the different ways that we can potentially get involved even now as students." The Theriogenology Club has received nothing but interest and wonderful feedback about the lecture.
- Parent Club Responsibility for Using Marketplace Tool: The reality is that each Parent Club has to be responsible to periodically review the advertising for their own Breed on AKC Marketplace . Using the Marketplace tool they can identify people who claim to be Parent Club members and they can change their classification directly. If there are other issues; for instance if people are trying to sell mixed-breed dogs or a non-qualified sub[1]set of the breed, this needs to be referred directly to Kirsten Bahlke, Kirsten.bahlke@akc.org
- Several Initiatives the Delegate Body and Parent Club Committee are currently working on
 - Parent Club Best Practices Guide
 - Revised and Condensed Sample Bylaws Guide for Parent Clubs and All Breed Clubs
 - Possible AKC Canine Reproductive Bank for Individuals and Parent Clubs
- General Delegate Discussion
 - Dominic is happy to serve as delegate but the board needs to consider the time when he is not serving. The reality is that this costs several thousand dollars of year (which he self-funds) but we should not be restricted to people serving as delegate only because they have the means.
 - The AKC stipulates specific requirements for delegate. Our by-laws could be adjusted to say that the BOD could compensate the delegate for their expenses.
 - There are a shortage of delegates and many clubs would be happy to pick up a delegate.
- **Audit Committee (Linda)**
 - Committee members: Sue Carter and Debby King
 - The committee reviewed all records and no irregularities were found.

- Will report at the annual meeting.
- **By-Laws (Mary)**
 - July 24 is the next meeting.
 - Reached out to an attorney in Delaware to review the by-laws draft which is something highly recommended by the AKC. There will be a fee for this.
 - The committee is very close to a draft document. Committee is using AKC document and looking for consensus from committee.
 - Once a draft document is ready, committee will send to BOD for review and then to the AKC for pre-review before sending to entire membership.
- **Meet the Breeds (Mary and Rebecca)**
 - Lori Evans is going to spearhead Philadelphia and Ooneen will handle Tampa.
 - Lynne to send out email blast to membership with dates and locations. Lots of opportunities for people to help.
 - Sheila Hoffman will be curating people for this and ensure there is a leader for each location. Rebecca will be talking with Sheila about how CDECA handles guidelines for MTB.
 - Mary worked very hard to get our preferred photos approved and they are the same as on our current booth.
- **Rescue (Theresa)**
 - Darci will be getting together adoption applications for Luna and Zorra.
 - Pennie is finally clear of her anal gland issues. Christine trying to decide whether she wishes to adopt Pennie.
 - Linda Tetreault suggested the PHCA donate to SHUG for the 11 month old PH they imported from out of the country. Stephen generously offered to make a donation.
- **Specialties (Meredith)**
 - **National**
 - Hang-up with premium list so it is not out yet.
 - Going to start ordering trophies.
 - Already have several wearable orders.
 - Getting sponsorships from people.
 - We can have a bonfire at the RV group parking on Friday night.
 - There is a food truck (BBQ) on the show grounds.
 - Saturday night will try and organize some event at a restaurant near the hotel.
 - Working on coursing contracts. Field cost is \$150 for entire weekend.
 - On Sunday at 2 pm we can set up our raffle and auction at the main pavilion. We can sell tickets all weekend.
 - Announce triathlon winners on Sunday at the main pavilion.
 - Stuart, Andrea, Annie, Jake, and Hannah are all helping at the National.
 - Carella's are going to redonate trophy and will provide take home.
 - **Eastern**
 - No updates
 - **Western**

- BOD signed the contract for the judge.
- **Health (Stephen)**
 - No activity on the survey. We get activity when it is mentioned in the Scribe and then the responses die off until next time it is in the Scribe.
 - Should we require the health survey as part of the by-laws?
- **Member Outreach (Lynne):**
 - Sending out regular AKC Communicates
 - Sent out questions to breeders
 - Sent out membership application blasts
- **Education (Sheila)**
 - The Carolina Dog Show Judges Study Group Pharaoh Hound seminars and hands on are scheduled for Friday, July 30, 2:30-5:00 PM during their four day all-breed Greenville, SC cluster. I have agreed to present our pharaoh hound seminar. Dominic will not be able to attend and I have not gotten confirmation from Linda whether she will be there or what dogs she could bring. I have gotten enough exhibitor dogs for the hands on. I'm working to find a reasonable hotel (La Quinta is \$165/night!!).
 - The American Dog Show Judges had planned to present the Hound & Toy presentations at the 2022 Judges Institute in Louisville along with the Working and Herding presentations that were cancelled in 2020. They have realized they will not be able to present all four groups. Therefore, are planning to present just the Working and Herding presentations for the 2022 Institute. They would like to have the Hound and Toy presentations be held at the 2023 Judges Institute. The dates for 2023 are March 16th-19th. I have marked this on my calendar.
 - Meredith asked if I would do ring-side mentoring at the National on Saturday, September 4th in Ohio and I have agreed to do this. If there is interest from judges, we could also coordinate a hands-on session since we should have several dogs there.
 - I just received a call from a judge interested in getting more pharaoh hound education. I will follow up with and put her in touch with the appropriate mentor in her area and let her know the education events we have planned.
 - I've been slow getting up to speed on the AKC MTB new program. I have not received any information from directly from AKC and just recently had one forwarded from Mary. Seems confusing on who at AKC is running that show. Lynne has not received any response to the newsletter asking for those interested in helping on these. I need some guidance on how the board would like us to select who is coordinating the individual PHCA booths. Not all areas have member or active members, some areas have members but maybe not ones that I'd personally be comfortable representing us without being self-promoting. I'd like to designate a person for each location (that we can man) and let that person coordinate other in the area to help man the booth. To me, these others do not necessarily need to be members as sometimes pet owners are great at sharing what it is like to live with a pharaoh hound. **Thoughts and direction from the board on this, please.**
 - The club really needs a new person in charge of writing articles for the AKC Gazette breed column. The hounds are every three months so would be four per year unless that has changed

with it being on-line. I see them because the Ibizan club posts the link to their Facebook page when a new issue comes out that includes hounds. Great idea on their part as I'm not sure how many people actually go looking for it on the AKC site.

- **Awards Committee (Emily)**
 - Sheila did the 2019 presentation (sent out with Scribe). No work on 2020 has been done.
 - Emily will contact Sheila regarding awards
 - Concern is that there is not enough time to get them all organized and printed before the National. Can we do the presentation and send awards later?
- **New Business**
 - Plan to update specialty guidelines with checklists/dates required.
 - Board Code of Ethics needs to be a requirement for participating on the board.
- **General Discussion**
 - Annual membership meeting is 8/19 at 5 pm Pacific/8 pm Eastern.

Theresa moved to adjourn the meeting; Mary seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM (Pacific).

Respectfully submitted by:

Theresa Harper
PHCA Recording Secretary