

Georgia Boxer Club
February 4, 2017

Attendance:

Members - Sherry Johnson, Sherry Buchla, Todd Buchla, Bridget Brown, Sara Mathews, Jennifer Graham, Todd Graham, Roberto Elinan

Guests – Noel Mercado, Beth Downey

Welcome: Sherry Johnson called the meeting to order, welcoming attendees and thanking the host, Sara Mathews.

Minutes: Sara Mathews made a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes. Todd Graham seconded the motion.

Board of Directors: N/A

Treasurer: Bridget Brown reported a balance of \$7,972.74, stating that the corporate registration and re-certification fees have been paid, as well as the American Boxer Club dues. Commitments still to be paid include the donation to the Atlanta Boxer Rescue and to the American Boxer Charitable Foundation. Bridget also reported that all members have renewed their membership except for one.

Secretary: Sherry Buchla read a letter received from Donna Marietta Purichia regarding the request for donations to the ABC Hospitality banquet, to be held on May 7, 2017, at the American Boxer Club National Show. Bridget Brown reminded members that last year, the club donated \$100 towards the banquet. Todd Buchla pointed out that last year's donation was given "out of pocket" by members, as the club balance did not allow for such a donation. Jennifer Graham made a motion for the club to donate \$100 and the motion was seconded by Bridget Brown, and passed unanimously by the membership.

Delegate's Report:

Prestige: Sherry Johnson reported that all was on track for the show.

Combined: Sherry Johnson reported that everything is ready to go for the Spring 2017, with the premium now being proofread.

ABC: Bridget Brown stated that the American Boxer Club National would be held from May 6-12, 2017, in Indianapolis, IN, with Diego Garcia judging Sweeps, Bill Hargraves judging bitches, and Sharon Steckler judging dogs and intersex. Beth Downey stated that the Maryland Boxer Club would be hosting the ABC Regional in Maryland in the Fall – the first time 1 club would be hosting a Regional without the assistance of other clubs since the 70s. Beth stated that if this show is successful for the Maryland Boxer Club, it may lead the way for other clubs to consider such an arrangement, as pairing the Regional with an All-Breed show greatly limits the club's responsibility for expenses and may show clubs that such shows can be a great financial success for their club.

Show Chair Persons' Reports:

Spring 2017 – Show Chair – Sara Mathews – April 16th, Perry, GA - Specialty Judge – Ms. Cheryl Robbins, Sweeps Judge – Ms. Bridget Brown. Sherry reported that all was ready and that the judges' hotel would be the LaQuinta in Warner Robins, GA, and that Cheryl Robbins had been notified of the hotel information.

Fall 2017 – Show Chair – Jennifer Graham – Jonesboro, GA - Sweeps Judge – Beth Downey. Sherry Johnson reported that she reached Bob Busby, who said he had not received her inquiry about judging. Mr. Busby agreed to judge the show but soon thereafter got back with Sherry to inform her that he had been nominated to judge the Regional and he could not commit to judge our show until the results of the vote were tabulated. Sherry confirmed that Mr. Busby was available for the Fall 2018 show. Sherry also reported that she had not been able to reach Vickie Sheiler to inquire about her judging the Fall 2017 show. Bridget Brown pointed out that the correct name was Victoria Seiler-Cushman and after a quick search on her phone, Bridget was able to report that Ms. Seiler-Cushman had an All-Breed assignment the day of our Fall show and would not be available to judge for us. Bridget suggested that Sherry also contact Mrs. Sioux Forsyth-Green to see if she would be interested in judging the Spring show, as the online database showed her as being available. Sherry agreed to contact Mrs. Forsyth-Green.

Spring 2018 – Sherry Johnson reported that Sara Mathews will be the Show Chair. Sherry also announced that once she has the judge for the Fall 2017 show confirmed, she will begin to search for a judge for Spring 2018 and will send out a call for nominations.

Fall 2018 – Sherry Johnson announced the need for a show chair.

Committee Reports:

Holter: Sherry Johnson reported that Sherry Buchla had the Holter. Sherry Buchla reported that when testing her dog, an error occurred and the Holter only recorded 9 hours before encountering signal interference. It was agreed if another error occurred when retesting, the Holter would be sent in for repairs.

Web Page: Peggy Otto updates after each meeting, after minutes are distributed.

Boxer Rescue: Jennifer Graham reported that the bitch that the Atlanta Boxer Rescue had taken in had lost all her puppies, in spite of ABR's effort to save them. Jennifer also reported that Jim Miller Park would not be available in October for the annual Boxerstock fundraiser and that ABR would be deciding at their next meeting whether or not to attempt to find another venue or to cancel the fundraiser.

Nominating Committee: N/A

President's Report:

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Sherry Johnson reported that Ken Johnson would soon not be able to continue to serve as a Board Member due to health concerns and that the members needed to be prepared to nominate a new Board Member at the next Board meeting in April.

Braggs:

Bridget Brown reported that Amity Hall Raineylane Tardy For The Party aka Rainey was 2nd on Thursday and 4th on Friday in the 4-6 month puppy working group at the Jonesboro shows. She is 4 months old!

Todd Buchla reported that Minnie, CH 4M's Shame On Me CGC, had earned her Beginning Novice Obedience Title at the Jonesboro show.

Future Meetings:

April 2017 – Easter weekend – Sherry Johnson stated the need to identify a host for the show. She reported that Peggy Otto will considering being the host but wants to know what the budget will be before committing. Sherry reminded the membership that in July 2015, Debbie McAlpine suggested that the club end expenditures for the show due to the club's budget. Now that the club has some funds for this purpose, Sherry asked members to consider what we wanted to spend. Sherry pointed out that last year, the room used for the banquet was free because she had won free use of the room but that would not be the case this year. Sherry also stated that last year, the membership agreed to have pizza. Bridget Brown made a motion that the club set aside \$150 for food and \$100 for room rental. The motion was seconded by Sherry Buchla and the motion passed unanimously.

August 2017 – Mandy Justice will host - Jonesboro, GA show site – time and date TBD

October 19, 2017 – Ken and Sherry Johnson will host – Jonesboro, GA show site – time and date TBD

December Christmas Party/Meeting – Sherry Johnson announced the need for a host and Todd and Sherry Buchla agreed to host the party/meeting at their home.

January Members-Only Meeting – Sherry Johnson announced the need for a host and Todd and Sherry Buchla agreed to host the meeting at their home.

Todd Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting – the motion was seconded by Bridget Brown.