

THE LOWDOWN

POTOMAC BASSET HOUND CLUB

MAY 2019

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SPECIALTY SHOW

Show Info - Our Specialty Show will be held on Saturday, May 18th, and held concurrently with the Mattaponi Kennel Club. Our judges will be Dr. Norbert Dee for Breed and Bob Dowd for Sweepstakes. The premium is available on www.infodog.com and on the PBHC website, www.potomacbhc.org. Grooming and crating space will be reserved near the rings similar to last year's event.

Food & Drinks - We will be offering snacks and drinks at the Specialty Show. To sign up to bring something, please use the sign up sheet link that Devon Merritt emailed last month or write it up in an email and mail to Devon (stlobassets@gmail.com) and she will add it to the list.

Raffle – Our raffle is always a huge hit! Please plan on bringing a basket to raffle off! Wondering about what to include? Let your imagination go – the sky's the limit! Think anything dog related, basset related, hobby related, or food / drink related!

Letting Devon Merritt know you are bringing a basket is helpful but not required!

Moment of Remembrance – We will be holding a Moment of Remembrance of club members who have passed away (Al Bumanis, Richard Trenck, and Dale McGregor) at the Specialty.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11 – Monthly Meeting at the Salem Church Branch Library . Library Address: 2607 Salem Church Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22407

May 18 – PBHC Spring Specialty

June 8-9 - Fisherville Show by Skyline KC

June 20-21 – Richmond Show by Gloucester KC

June 22-23 – Richmond Show by Virginia KC

June 29-30 – Doswell Show by Tidewater KC

July 31-Aug 1 – Salem Show by James River KC

August 2-3 – Salem Show by Roanoke KC

August 4 – Salem Show by New River Valley KC

August 24 – SBHC Specialty in York, PA

July 20 – Meeting & Picnic at Joan Porter's

September 14 – PBHC Meeting Salem Church Branch Library in Fredericksburg, VA

November 23 - PBHC Meeting Salem Church Branch Library

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2019 @ Central Rappahannock Regional Library

Meeting called to order at 10:09 am.

Members in Attendance: Devon Merritt, Madeline Wilson, Melinda Brown, Sally Nist, Robin Snell, Bill Orem, Harry Chipman, Joan Portner.

Guests in Attendance: Nessa Hart, Phillip Lanier.

On Discord: Gregg Kantak, Richard Jackson, Candice Spock, Tracy Holmes, Will Nassau, Debbie Nassau.

February minutes were accepted as published in March Lowdown – Motion approved.

President's Report: None at this time.

Committee Reports

Show Chairman: Premium should be out any day. We should consider getting long term approval for blanket approval for continuing with Mattaponi if needed. For Spring Specialty – no changes needed in premium proof. In draft for Mattaponi supported entry was correct. Melinda will check our table reservations. We requested times, but will need to wait for MBF scheduling, Regular classes than our specialty, 2 breeds are ahead of us in the scheduling; looking at around noon. Gregg and Richard will rope off our area the Saturday before our show for grooming and add a sign. Gregg has secured a steward for our ring.

Trophy: All trophies and prizes are ready, more prizes purchased. Candice will help Devon and Isabelle to learn more about trophies.

Hospitality: None at this time. Devon will send Sally the judges' contact information.

Grounds: None at this time. We can't park in sheds or grass and will have a Basset crating and grooming area.

Photographer: Using show photographer.

Food: Offer a light lunch / snack fare. Devon will start a sign up sheet / online document for the food.

Raffle: Members bring baskets for raffle offerings at the Specialty. This was very popular last year. Linda Cooper donated an entire Basset Hound figurine collection for our raffle.

Old

Life Membership: Robin Snell made a report for giving a life membership. She recommended Harry Chipman, Sally Nist, Judi Kinnear, Nancy Poole, Eben Richards, Joe Smith, Judy Trenck, and W. Henry Odem III to receive life memberships to PBHC. Sally said to consider having life members continue to pay dues. We will reference the PBHC constitution to see how we would continue with life memberships. Gregg suggested that we do this yearly just for consideration. This would be a decision by the Board. The decision will be tabled until the annual meeting. Sally suggested that we do a member awards rather than lifetime membership.

Eye Clinic: Considering doing this during the November meeting. Devon will ask Dr. Samuels to give a talk to the club at the November 23rd meeting. She will also ask about the process of bringing in dogs to do group Goinoscopy and HFU check of inner cleft.

New

Match: April 27th will be the Sanctioned Match. Gregg is going to ask people who are looking for assignments. Devon will do the AKC paperwork today. Match will be held at Joan Portner's house and start at 10am.

New Site for Spring Specialty: Going forward since Mattaponi lost their site after this year. Melinda Brown suggested a site at Point of Rock if we go back to a completely independent Specialty, but it depends on the costs. Sally Nist has inquired as to the cost of renting this site. Other possible sites include Shawnee KC, Independent, Fishersville, and Doswell. Gregg suggested that we consider Doswell and see what the clubs will give us for moving our Specialty. He also suggested meeting after the Specialty in May to see which club will be the best fit. Need to look at draw and available clubs. The discussion was tabled until May.

Board Nomination Committee: Board Nominating Committee is chaired by Madeline Wilson, with Sally and Robin as members.

Judges for Nomination: Gregg and Richard will provide the club names for two Sweepstakes judges (Fall and Spring 2020), and a judge for the Spring 2020 Specialty.

BHCA Judge Nomination: 2020 Nationals Judge Nomination – Rudy Smits, Kevin Merritt.

BHCA Trophy Donation: PBHC will sponsor a class at the BHCA 2019 Nationals. Melinda will request to sponsor two classes: Rally Class, then either Bred By, Open Dog, Open Bitch, or Veterans.

VFDC&B News: Melinda passed out the Legislative Guides. Tethering Bill was amended and watered down. For the Calendar, you have until May 24th to place an ad. You can purchase front or

back of front covers; you can also do spot photos and business card sized ad inside the calendar. PBHC will do ads in Fall and Spring before our shows. Motion was approved.

Secretary's Report

Incoming: AKC Approvals received for Specialty and Sweepstakes. Thank you card from the family of Gwen McCullagh for the sympathy card sent. Proof for Specialty premium.

Outgoing: Approved premium proof.

Treasurer's Report: \$5894.31 in all accounts.

Election of New Members: Will Nassau and Debbie Nassau; memberships approved.

Next Meetings:

April 27: Sanctioned Match at the home of Joan Portner at 10am.

May 11: Meeting at 10am at the Salem Church Branch Library, 2607 Salem Church Rd, Fredericksburg VA, 22407.

July 20: Meeting and Picnic at the home of Joan Portner.

September 14: Meeting at Salem Church Branch Library.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:33am.

CLUB CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of several club members: Mr. Richard Trenck, Mr. Dale McGregor, and Mr. Al Bumanis.

Richard's wife Judy conveyed that his wishes to not have a service or funeral. Those that wish may make a donation in his memory to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (1800 M Street NW, Suite B50 North, Washington D.C. 20036).

BRAGS

CH ZEN'S CORKEY'S BOLD THADDY QUILL (THAD) BY NANCY CORKEY

New Champion! At just 11 months old, Thad finished his champion title at the Durham Kennel Club Inc. show in Raleigh, NC under judge Mrs. Debbie Campbell-Freeman. Thad is out of GCHS CH Daddy Douglas V. Grunsven and GCH Corkey's Calliope in Zen. Many thanks to Whitney Meeks, his handler. Owner Nancy Corkey, breeder Robin Snell.



HOKIELAND BASSETS PASS ODOR RECOGNITION BY KAREN HIGHLEY

Hokieland Bassets traveled to Springfield, VA for an Odor Recognition run through on Saturday, April 27. It was wonderful as all 3 passed! Tazz alerted on clove, RV & Bruce on Birch. Now the real test will be later in June in Richmond.

ZEN'S GRAB YOUR GEAR BIG DEBUT BY MARGARET O'BRIEN

Zen's Grab Your Gear made his debut in Lawrenceville on March 30 under judge Mrs. Nancy Simmons, and on March 31, for his second time around the ring, under judge Camille McArdle, D.V.M., going WD/BW/OS each day for two, 3 point majors! He was bred by Robin Snell and is owned by M. O'Brien, C. Miller, and L. Goyer (Canada). He is such a fun boy to show!

