

December 13, 2008

Georgia Boxer Club

Attendance—Members—Lisa Crowder, Ray Bateman, Ken Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Carol Brown, Elmer Cleveland, Margaret Cleveland, Don Norred, Roberto Elinan, Julie Delaney—Guests—Claudia Junka, Dianne DaLee, Eric Kaplan, David & Kathy Arkin, Stacy Jones, Chad Williams, Alex Arkin, Shannon Arkin, DeDe Reidy, Noemi Mercado, Noel Mercado

--**Welcome**--President Sherry Johnson welcomed all members and guests and thanked our hostess Debbie McAlpine.

--**Minutes**—Dispensed.

--**Board of Directors**—Treasurer Ray Bateman reported that we had not paid the UGA annual veterinarian scholarship since 2004. Since it had been a long-standing donation the Board voted to send a donation for the last two years which would be a \$1,000.00 total. The club had previously voted to send the American Boxer Club Charitable Foundation an annual contribution in the name of Dr. Wendy Wallner. The ABC has not been crediting the Georgia Boxer Club with a donation due to the way ABC lists their donations. ABC lists the memorial donations separately from the club donations, and therefore the GBC was not credited as a contributor. The Board will ask that the contribution be listed in the Club's name.

Peggy Otto had suggested at the October meeting that the GBC start making an annual contribution to the NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance). Our records indicated that we had made a \$100.00 contribution in 2005, but none since then. The Board voted to recommend that the contribution be made annually. The Board also voted to invite the Atlanta Boxer Rescue group to our July meeting for a presentation and reiterated it's support of this group.

The AKC has denied the GBC request to have a sanctioned puppy match at the Fall 2009 show. According to the AKC, the match must be a stand-alone event. Betty Aikenhead has sent a second request to ABC members for help in researching the pedigrees of any dogs that have been affected with DM. The GBC secretary will forward her entire email to the membership once more.

--**Treasurer's Report**—As of December 13, 2008 the Club had a balance of \$8,709.21.

--**Secretary's Report**-- None.

--**Delegates' Reports**

--Prestige—No report.

--Combined—No report.

--ABC—No report.

--Show Chair Persons' Reports

--Spring 09—Lisa Crowder says everything is on schedule.

--Fall 09—Debbie McAlpine. No report.

--Spring '10—Lisa Crowder reports that Jim Briley was elected to judge the regular classes and Jorge Pincon was elected to do the Sweeps.

--Fall 10—Roberto Elinan. No report.

--Spring '11—Julie Delaney volunteered to do this show for us. Thanks, Julie.

--Fall '11—Don Norred volunteered to handle this event. Thanks to Don.

Committee Reports

--Holter Monitor—Ray Bateman says that since the club changed it's policy in October (members now only pay for postage and supplies) we have had many more requests to use the Holter.

--Web Page—Peggy Otto will update the web page after each meeting.

--Boxer Rescue—Carol Brown introduced 3 guests from the Atlanta Boxer Rescue: Eric Kaplan, Diane Da Lee, and Claudia Junka. Since June 14th, Atlanta Boxer Rescue has rescued 39 boxers with only 5 still on hand. Two had to be treated for heartworm. This organization has the rescued Boxer spayed/neutered, tested and treated for heartworms and insures that the Boxer has all their shots before it can be adopted. All prospective new owners are screened through in-home visits before the dog's adoption can be approved. Carol called this group and their work, "incredible".

Volunteers and donations are needed. All pertinent information can be obtained at their website, atlantaboxerrescue.org. Before the meeting, Carol had asked for donations of food, money and supplies. She reports that club members responded in an overwhelming way by donating 325 lbs of dog food, \$100.00 in cash, and numerous members volunteered to help transport, to do in-home screening as well as other duties.

Adoption fees are as follows: Up to 6 months of age is \$300.00. 7-12 months is \$275.00, and over 1 year is \$250.00.

--**President's Report**—None.

--**Old Business**—The slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee was voted on and accepted by the membership. The President instructed the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate which was done. The new officers for 2009 are:

President—Sherry Johnson
Vice President—Roberto Elinan
Secretary—Ken Johnson
Treasurer—Ray Bateman
Chairman of the Board—Deborah McAlpine
Board Member—Rosemary Lichtenberger
Board Member—Don Norred

Ray Bateman made a motion that we make a \$100.00 annual contribution to the NAIA. The motion was seconded by Carol Brown. The vote carried.

--**New Business**—None.

--**Brags**—Ch. DonRay's Showdown of Westhaven recently finished his championship in Concord, NC under Judge Jim Briley. "Gunner" was handled by Sherry Johnson and becomes the 5th Champion for both his Dam, CH DonRay's Mist of the Lake, and his Sire, CH KenaSher's Hired Gun. "Gunner" was bred by Ray Bateman and Don Norred and is owned by Tami & Dave Westendorf.

Julie Delaney reports that she recently whelped a litter of 5 girls and all are placed except one.

--**Future Meetings**—

January—Members only. Hosted by Andrea Bickleman. Date is to be announced.

February—Jonesboro show-site hosted by Ray Bateman and Don Norred.

April—Perry show-site.

July—Mary Sechler's home.

October—Rosemary Lichtenberger and Sherry Johnson.

December—Deborah McAlpine.