

Bouvier Health Foundation Meeting Minutes  
August 5, 2015



1. Call to Order (7:00pm – CST)
2. Roll Call:  
**Board Members Present:** Penny Anderson, Susan Costanzo, Marilyn Howard, and Wendy Sparschu. Serge Bilodeau joined at 7:20pm, with Andie Newman joining at 7:25pm.  
**Absent:** Erika Werne.  
**ABdFC Oversight:** Dayle Sullivan. **Absent:** Dennis Craig.
3. Approval of Agenda (Howard/Sparschu); Susan Costanzo motioned to add Silver Beard Policy Review to Old Business; new motion (Anderson/Howard) made to include additional Old Business topic; motion passed by voice vote.
4. Approval of May 20, 2015 minutes (Howard/Anderson); motion passed by voice vote.
5. BHF Officers Reports
  - Chair (Costanzo) Thanks to the Board for their prompt discussion/voting on the BHF support of the Colorado National with “Welcome Bags.” As this is her last Board meeting as “Interim Chair”, Susan again thanked the Board for their participation & commitment during the year and wished the Board success in the year to come. Our Colorado Health Day is moving forward with Jody Head & Beth Leabch overseeing the day’s activities. BHF Board Members confired to attend and assist with Health Day activities this year: Anderson, Costanzo, Newman – Howard possible.
  - Secretary (Anderson) second Mini Health Survey was emailed/snail-mailed to the membership the third week of July; since our last meeting, two BHF By-line health articles have been forwarded to the Dirty Beards (DBQ) editor for publication – Summer issue includes an article on Pyometria and the Fall, an article on dealing with a cancer prognosis; no “Silver Beard” submissions were received before the July 15<sup>th</sup> Fall DBQ deadline, so a “blast’ reminder was emailed to the membership late last month; no monetary donations received.
  - Treasurer’s Report (Sullivan/Costanzo) the fiscal year & quarterly P&L reports were discussed; noticeable differences between proceeds from last National to the Colorado National are: 1) reserve seating income will be used by the Specialty Committee and 2) no BHF dedicated raffle item.
6. Committee Reports
  - DNA Blood Draw – no additional information from Jody Head – on schedule; only waiting for registration information to schedule volunteer assignments.
  - Guest Speakers – no additional information from Beth Leabch, except to say that the cost of the Blood Draw Vet Techs will be donated
  - Gene Mutation (SAS Study) – no additional information from Sue Matthews - Susan verified with Samantha Wright (AKC/CHF) that the SAS initiative is still active – June deadline is in a holding pattern.
  - CHF/DAF Research Projects (Sparschu) a new research portfolio was published in July, but under quick review, it appears not to include any new research proposals, just the previous projects – most ending soon.
  - Nominating Committee (Costanzo) the Class of 2018 Board positions will be going to a vote of the membership again this year; deadline to submit petitions, with bios, is August 15<sup>th</sup>; Karen Florentine will mail voting packets by the end of the August and vote tally will be conducted at the Annual ABdFC meeting in Colorado. Penny will again be responsible for contacting the new Board for an organizational meeting no sooner than 30 days after the tally – the Organizational Meeting must be conducted before the end of the year.

## 7. Old Business

- Silver Beards Policy Review (agenda addition - Costanzo) In 2007, Sandi Lyon, DBQ Editor, and past member Ellen Raper, BHF Chair introduced the 'Silver Beards' program to the ABdFC Membership. These recognition pages became a favorite location for members to visit and celebrate our senior Bouviers. A solicitation ad, requesting picture & brief write up, first appeared the "Winter" 2007 edition of the Quarterly. Subsequent editions also included a solicitation ad, with the exception of Summer 2009, until Fall 2010. From the Fall 2010 edition to Summer 2015, no solicitation ads appeared in the DBQ. In the absence of BHF soliciting the membership, the DBQ Editor took up the solicitation personally, contacting members with senior Bouviers. This past Spring, with help from ABdFC Secretary Karen Florentine, the BHF Board stepped back into leading the solicitation program by utilizing the Club's ListServe capabilities. Now that BHF is again managing the Silver Beard recognition, a policy should be established to cover program requirements; after much discussion, a motion (Newman/ Bilodeau) was made requiring that the honoree be a minimum of 12yrs (living or deceased), this based on date of birth included in the bio; depending on number of submissions &/or available DBQ space, publication cannot be guaranteed for a specific DBQ edition; the submissions will be placed under the "BHF By-line", in an area of the DBQ dedicated to BHF information; motion passed by voice vote, with one abstention. In addition, Marilyn Howard has volunteered to manage Silver Beard submissions...all future solicitations will include her contact information.
- DNA Profile Proposal/Progress Report (Bilobean) was not able to complete article for Fall 2015 DBQ deadline and no presentation will be made to the membership at the October Annual Meeting; Marilyn has volunteered to assist Serge with his article that maybe completed in time for the Winter 2016 DBQ – topic forwarded to next Board year.
- SAS study/Progress/Direction (Costanzo) will we continue forward; if not us, then who; Dr. Stern needs minimum 12-SAS affected dogs from dissimilar pedigrees; the thought is that once there are dogs participating, possibly more dogs/owners will come forward. Dr. Stern will be presenting at the Parent Club Health Conference this weekend – two additional Board questions surfaced that Penny will attempt to discuss with him – topic forwarded to next Board year.
- BHF Mini Health Survey/Part 2 (Anderson) second survey was emailed/snail-mailed to the membership on July 17<sup>th</sup>; only 14 respondents so far – will send another email "blast" reminder mid-August – topic forwarded to next Board year.
- Glaucoma Genome Follow-up (Costanzo) Erika forwarded a June 22<sup>nd</sup> email response from Liz Hansen, a colleague of Gary Johnson's, in the Animal Molecular Genetics Lab at MIZZOU, to indicate that a stored sample can be used; however, Dr. Johnson would prefer a sample from a young "live" dog, just in case additional follow-up with that dog is necessary. Susan will again forward a copy of this email for those who cannot find the reference – topic forwarded to next Board year.
- BHF Website Overhaul (Costanzo) with Marilyn Adam's overwhelming commitment to the National Club's website, it may be time for BHF to seek a dedicated webmaster – topic forwarded to next Board year.
- BHF Overall Health Survey (Costanzo) after significant Board discussion; consideration must be made as to the scope of the survey – there has been a clear indication that the membership feels it is important to conduct a general survey, but will this be correlated by a sub-committee of the membership or outside consultant; topic forwarded to the next Board year.

- BHF Health Day 2015 (Costanzo) with the help of Jody Head, Beth Leabch and others, a forecasted expense report was submitted for Board review – however, since indicated earlier, there have already been adjustments to the costs, as the Vet Tech’s time has been donated...however, the end result should be at or below this draft estimate.
  - BHF Raffle for Colorado Specialty (Newman) Julie Bender will not be able to donate an auction item for this year’s Specialty, so there will be no dedicated raffle items for the Foundation; however, Penny indicated that her husband will be producing two western-theme auction items dedicated for BHF.
  - BHF Health Day 2016 – Update (Costanzo) because of the proximity of Pennsylvania, BHF must look at the Blood Draw numbers from Colorado, to determine if it is beneficial to again hold two collection days; also must consider who in the membership will be recruited to chair the Blood Draw event - will, of course, ask Jody first – but the Board must be prepared with another member if Jody is unable to continue; see email of July 27<sup>th</sup> from Karen Florentine with information on another possible presenter for the Wednesday, Health Day 2016 – Dr. Ann Jeglum, Veterinary Oncology Services and Research Center ( [www.vosrc.net](http://www.vosrc.net) ) ; topic forwarded to next Board year.
8. New Business
- BHF Domain Registration Renewal/Parcom (P) to GoDaddy!!!(GD) (Costanzo) Board discussion indicated that cost differences \$15/mth (GD) vs \$12.99/mth (P) is insignificant with the guarantee from GD that BHF would not have a worry with the domain name expiring; a motion (Bilodeau/Newman) was made to move the domain to GD – motion passed by voice vote; as the designated domain administrator, Ray Waterman will be contacted to facilitate moving the domain name
  - Email Notification “Blasts”/BHF Contribution Proposal (Costanzo) currently, “blast” communications to the membership are limited to 3,000 emails generated/month for a cost \$15/mth – for an additional \$10/mth, this can be increased to 5,000/month, allowing BHF to use this “blast” capability for increase communication with the membership; a motion (Bilodeau/Anderson) was made to contribute the additional \$120/year to the ABdFC for greater access to email communications – motion passed by voice vote
  - BHF Support of 2015 Specialty/Participant Welcome Bags (Anderson) as you know, this has been an email discussion over the last month; hoping to have the second mock-up for your review – should be available in next couple days.
9. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm (CST) (Newman/Howard); motion passed by voice vote.