

Bouvier Health Foundation Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2015



1. Call to Order (7:10pm – CST)
2. Roll Call:
Board Members Present: Penny Anderson, Susan Costanzo, Marilyn Howard, and Wendy Sparschu. Andie Newman joined mid-way through the meeting. **Absent:** Serge Bilodeau and Erika Werne.
ABdFC Oversight/Absent: Dennis Craig and Dayle Sullivan
3. Approval of Agenda (Sparschu/Howard); motion passed by voice vote.
4. Approval of April 15, 2015 minutes (Sparschu/Howard); correction under 6.5 (Glaucoma) – adjusting “required” to “requested”; motion passed by voice vote.
5. BHF Officers Reports
 - Chair (Costanzo) Nominating Committee has finalized its recommendations for the Class of 2018 – names will be forwarded to the ABdFC Board to be read into their June minutes; with the help of Dennis Craig, Marilyn Howard & the AKC’s Manager of Club Relations, it was determined that non-resident (foreign) members can serve in a voting capacity on the BHF Board; the AVCO is holding its National Conference during the week of our Specialty – Jody Head is attempting to secure a Board Certified Ophthalmologist for eye examinations on Wednesday, October 7th
 - Secretary (Anderson) our email request for Silver Beard submissions was very successful, generating seven honorees for the Summer Edition of the DBQ; no BHF donations received.
 - Treasurer’s Report (Costanzo) the fiscal year & quarterly P&L reports were discussed
6. Committee Reports
 - DNA Blood Draw – no additional information from Jody Head – she’s currently working on the costs associated with the medical supplies; the room for the draw has been secured and will be adjacent to the grooming area – contains two doors, making for a better entry & exit of participants.
 - Guest Speakers – no additional information from Beth Leabch – still working with Dr. Greg Burns (Reproduction Specialist) to finalize his presentation
 - Gene Mutation (SAS Study) – Susan waiting for a phone call from Samantha Wright (AKC/CHF) regarding the amount of “wobble-room” on the June deadline for parent club commitments. In Sue Matthews’ report, there continues to be unanswered questions regarding the ability to collect the required number of affected dogs, while maintaining an adequate diversity in the pedigrees; waiting for direction from the Board on how to proceed.
Andie Newman joined the Board meeting
A motion was made (Anderson/Costanzo) to request that Sue proceed with writing an email “blast” to inform the membership of the initiative; however, before distributing to the ABdFC, content must be approved by the BHF Board – the vote was called with two ayes & three abstentions. Because of a question regarding Robert’s Rules in voting protocol, a motion was made (Anderson/Costanzo) to resend the previous motion to “proceed” and a new motion was made (Newman/Howard) to TABLE the topic until the next scheduled meeting.
 - CHF/DAF Research Projects (Sparschu) a check has been cut for the Cancer/Hemangiosarcoma study, but waiting for second signature before forwarding to CHF; no new research proposals have been issued – next listing expected in July.

- Nominating Committee (Costanzo) acceptance letters & bios have been received from the two names that will be forwarded to the June meeting of the ABdFC Board - those individuals are Denise Mankin, DVM (Legacy Bouviers) & Kevin Taylor (Dragons Keep Bouviers)
7. Old Business
- DNA Profile Proposal – TABLED
 - BHF Mini Health Survey/Part 2 – TABLED
 - Glaucoma Genome Follow-up – TABLED
 - BHF Website Overhaul (Costanzo) Marilyn Adam's commitment is with the 2015 Colorado Specialty, so updates are at a stand-still. Marilyn has been in contact with the original web-developers to see how we can use areas of the site that have been abandoned; also attempting to move from page to page and eliminate redundant information.
 - Donation Level Recognition (Anderson) a motion was made (Newman/Anderson) to label the donation levels as the following: Friend (\$1 – 49), Partner (\$50 – 99), Hero (\$100 & above); motion passed with a majority vote of three ayes, one nay, & one abstention. These designations will not be noted until 2016 donations.
 - Status of BHF "Windows" (Costanzo/Howard) only four publications remain (2-2001, 2-2003); motion was made (Anderson/Howard) to have a no-cost drawing for these books – tickets will be available at the BHF table, with the names drawn at our Wednesday Health Day; motion passed by voice vote.
8. New Business
- BHF Website – Survivor/Memorial Page Recognition (Anderson/Costanzo) motion was made (Newman/Howard) to TABLE discussion until after it can be determined that there is available space on the website to accommodate
 - BHF Health Survey (Costanzo) motion was made (Anderson/Costanzo) to TABLE until Erika can join the discussion for a status update on OFA's plans to hire someone to write code.
9. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm (CST) (Sparschu/Newman); motion passed by voice vote.