

Board Meeting Highlights---6/4/10—

1. The real estate owned by Norma Shepherd's daughter has been officially listed. The listing price is \$154,900.00. On Friday night, Norma met with myself, Dale Schuur and Jacquie Smith. Norma delivered multiple boxes packed with her collectibles. Norma had made an itemized list of the contents. Jacquie kindly drove the boxes back to Pittsburgh and she and Bill will unpack the boxes and collate the items with the list. Claudia will ultimately put the items on the website for sale. Some items may do better being offered to a larger scale audience such as on Ebay or Craig's list. Some items may be sold with a reserve in place.
2. Treasurer Gene Hains reported a balance of approximately \$30,000.00 in our general fund account. The Rescue Trust has a balance of approximately \$6500.00.
3. Based on the status of our current finances and the anticipation that our membership renewals are similar to historical averages, the Board voted to eliminate subscription fees for hard copy publications of BARKS and The Record. A postal surcharge of \$15.00 to cover mailing costs will be implemented starting with the first issue of BARKS 2011 (Spring). This notice will be included with the 2011 dues notice. The surcharge will be reassessed on an annual basis.
4. After years of dedicated service, Linda Maddox and Amy Woodman are stepping down from their editorial positions with BARKS after the summer issue. We are extremely thankful to them for their excellent work.
5. BARKS is looking for a new editor. Please contact Linda Maddox if you are interested.
6. A committee of Dale Schuur, chair, Claudia Sharp, Naomi Waynee and Becky Poole has been formed to review the floating specialty program with regard to its distribution and its effectiveness in supporting our regional clubs and exhibitors.
7. A big thank you to Jane Killion for initiating and chairing the Trophy Sponsorship and Solicitation Committee. She is staying on the committee but stepping down from the chair position. The committee is excited to report that Miriam Hopkins is assuming the chair position. Many thanks to Alison Ibbitson for her service on the committee. She is stepping off and the committee is welcoming Ginny Baxter on board. The committee is now: Miriam Hopkins, chair, Ginny Baxter, Jane Killion and Dede Wilson.
8. Dede Wilson has agreed to spearhead the implementation of a mentorship program. Dede has been in contact with Melanie Whitehair and Mark Lindquist about being on the committee and Barb and Tom Bishop have come forward to

help. Anyone interested can contact Dede directly @ [dede@dedewilson.com](mailto:dede@dedewilson.com). We are very excited about the possibilities and potentials this program can offer.

9. Ted Martin reported the development of a questionnaire for committee chairs relative to the budget. He anticipates having a budget recommendation to the Board by early July.
10. Claudia Sharp's fund raising committee has been hard at work. The committee received a very generous donation from Steve McGowan to help with the printing cost of the Trudy Shelley Avery cards. These beautiful, suitable for framing cards are now available on the website. Due to popular demand and a sell out, the "Summer" cards have been reprinted and are now available. Mary Jung is doing the next print which will be "Spring". Those who have ordered the first print will be notified when the next print is available and will have an opportunity to purchase the second print before they are offered to the public. Lori Fitzgerald will be doing the "Autumn" print and Trudy Shelley Avery will be doing "Winter", the final in the seasonal series.
11. We are looking for volunteers to man the BTCA sales table at Silverwood. This is a great opportunity to help out and meet a lot of fanciers. Ellen Bluhm will chair the BTCA table at Silverwood. Please contact Ellen ([ellenbluhm@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenbluhm@hotmail.com)) if you can volunteer a few hours during the weekend.
12. The Golden Triangle Club is planning to offer cardiac screening and BAER testing at Silverwood. Please go to their Silverwood site to sign up. Dr. Magi Casal, one of the foremost researchers on LAD, will be giving a talk at some point on the weekend.