



The Nine O'clock Bark

the Newsletter of the
SMOKY MOUNTAINS BULLDOG CLUB

On the web at: <http://www.discoveret.org/smbc.index/htm>

*The next meeting of the Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club
Will be Tuesday November 7, 2006 at 7 pm
at Firehouse# 10. On the menu: Pizza
(see page 4 for directions)*

November 2006

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OFFICERS

President

- Rancee Randby

Vice President

- Ron Stellhorn

Secretary

- Mari DeCuir

Treasurer

- Ruth Ann Parker

Board Members

- Grant Howard
- Michael McLean
- Linda Sterner

November Program

Ethics

**Mr. Nick Chase of the law firm
Egerton, McAfee and Armistead**



The President's Column

It's nice to have friends. And Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club has good friends in Jill Parsons of Anchor-down Kennels and her daughter Shonda Allen of Fox Creek Kennels. Jill and Shonda developed and host Wrinkles on the Mountains each year to help Bulldog Rescue. This

year, SMBC's rescue program received \$487 in proceeds from the event. It's absolutely fabulous to have those kinds of friends! We will have a thank-you card for Jill and Shonda at this month's meeting, so please be sure to sign it because we really do appreciate their support.

In other business this month, we will be taking nominations from the floor for 2007 officers. The program is on ethics -- critical to all aspects of life, but especially for those interested in breeding/raising Bulldogs. Yesterday, I met a Bulldog who walked wobbly. He had been sold over the internet by a breeder who knew the dog had spinal problems. Our rescue program is currently dealing with a dog taken from a "collector" in Campbell County who thought he was doing the right thing. Ethical questions are not always black and white, so we should have a very interesting discussion.

The Bulldog Club of America's (BCA) National Specialty Show is coming up Thanksgiving week in

Orlando, Florida. Several people from the club will be going to help with hospitality, show dogs and hobnob with the year's biggest gathering of Bulldoggers. SMBC will be informally (meaning by word of mouth, not from a booth) selling club items and tee shirts to help raise money for rescue.

Don't forget that dues are payable anytime. If you go ahead and send those in now, that will save Mari the trouble of having to send out reminders (and save the club money on postage!).

We will be at Rural/Metro Fire Station 10 on Parkside Drive this month. The site is very centrally located (directions are on page 4), so I hope to see you all there on Nov 7. Vote early!

Have a happy and safe Halloween!

Bully regards,

DUES

It is that time again
 Dues are due and renewable
 As of Jan. 1, 2007
 \$15.00 Individual
 \$25.00 family
 Send check to:
 Ruth Ann Parker
 1590 Romary Rd
 Dandridge, TN 37725

Minutes of the October '06 Meeting

President Randby called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. The **Minutes and Treasurer's Report** were accepted as published with Linda Howard making the motion and Grant seconding. **President Randby reported** that we turned more than 500 snack items over to Judy Russell at the Murfreesboro show for the nationals goody bags.

The Secretary received the following correspondence: *Bully Babblers*; 3-part BCA application forms; e-mail from Dixie. Outgoing: 26 application for nationals rescue parade.

Committee Reports:

Show. Raneë has volunteered to be our 2007 show Chair! Congratulations Raneë. She will be working with Mari.

Rescue. Still have **Bones**. **Winston** has been placed with a family near Chattanooga. Mari is coordinating the rescue parade for the nationals in Orlando.

Finance: John Parker reported the following:

Oakmark	\$6,829.15
Flex CD	\$5,610.80
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Total	\$12,439.95
Change	\$29.26

John Also reported that the Our CD had come due and he rolled it over at 4.85%.

Programs. No report

Report of the Nominations Committee:

The committee chair Ruth Ann parker reported the following nominations: President: Ron Stelhorn; Vice-President Grant Howard; Treasurer: Suzan Jordan; Board: Linda Hatmaker, Michael McLean, and Linda Sterner.

Unfinished Business. Linda Howard made a motion that we purchase an ad in the nationals catalogue. Grant seconded. MC. Mari suggested that instead of advertising our 2007 show since plans were incomplete that we recognize five years of rescue. Mari will design the ad and send it to Debbie Steding. Ruth Ann gave Mari a check to send with the ad.

* **New Business.** Ideas for sale items at the Nationals included cookbooks and our mugs. Raneë suggested that we purchase 50 long sleeved T-shirts with a Bully picture and

Future Programs Mark Your Calendars



December 2— Christmas Party at Madison and Suzan Jordan's new house!

the words, "Be naughty, Save Santa the trip."

- * Fall Picnic was discussed but it was decided that members were too busy to organize one this year and we would try for spring and fall next year.
- * Meeting format change was discussed. Raneë suggested that we copy the procedure followed by Music City Bulldog Club. Their officers and board meets separately to conduct business. Monthly club meetings are basically social gatherings and/or dinners with only the business conducted being those items requiring a vote of the membership. We could still have speakers and programs, but we wouldn't have to abruptly change topics to a business meeting. This might appeal to our members who might like to skip some of our dryer topics of discussion. Officers would be on the hook for two meetings a month. Discussion followed but nothing was decided. Members thought we might take up the issue again after the new of-

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Treasurer's Report

Smoky Mountains Bulldog Club		
September 30, 2006		
<u>Main Account</u>		
<u>Beginning Balance</u>		<u>\$3,835.46</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Interest	\$4.32 + 4.32	
<u>Ending Balance</u>		<u>\$3,839.48</u>
<u>Rescue Account</u>		
<u>Beginning Balance</u>		<u>\$2,292.72</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Lola's Adoption	300.00 +300.00	
<u>Ending Balance</u>		<u>\$2,592.72</u>
<u>Total in SMBC Account</u>		<u>\$6,432.20</u>

NOMINATIONS

(from the By-Laws)

10.4.1 The committee shall nominate one (1) candidate for each office and position on the Board, and after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing.

10.4.2 Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, at east two weeks before the November meeting, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.

10.4.3 Additional nominations may be made at the November meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

Nominations for 2007:

- President: Ron Stellhorn
- Vice President : Grant Howard
- Treasurer; Suzan Jordan
- Secretary: Mari DeCuir
- Board:
- Linda Hatmaker
- Michael McLean
- Linda Sterner

WELCOME NEW RESCUE MEMBERS

JENNIFER HEARD AND WINSTON

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ficers were installed.. We did decide to try meeting at Firehouse 10 on Parkside Drive.

* Ribbons from show. Onofrio has apparently sent ribbons to the winners of our 2006 show—finally! So far no bill has appeared.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 with Linda Hatmaker making the motion and Michael seconding.

Respectfully submitted,
Mari DeCuir, Secretary



Nationals Week Nov. 19-25



Wrinkles on the Mountain



Donates Proceeds to SMBC Rescue.

The officers and members of SMBC would like to thank Jill Parsons and Shonda Allen for the substantial donation to our rescue program from their 3rd annual "English Bulldog Day".

It is only through caring people like you that we can continue to rescue abandoned, neglected and abused Bullies.

Thank you so much, our rescues send lots of sloppy Bullie kisses.....



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Canine Reproduction, Whelping and Puppy Intensive Care Seminar.

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afternoon break.**

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Sharon Adams, CLONE Tennessee
615-453-9913 or 615-683-6600
Clonetn@yahoo.com**

**SAVE ONE PUPPY AND THE SEMINAR PAYS FOR ITSELF
(Mari will have one brochure at the meeting)**

Directions to Parkside Dr. Firehouse Station 10:

Exit 387, turn south on Cedar Bluff Road. Turn right onto North Peters Road, which becomes Parkside Drive. The road narrows to 2 lanes. The fire station is the second building on the left after you pass Sherway Road (which is also on the left). Parking is in the back.