

BOUVIER CLUB LIAISON COMMITTEE

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INTRODUCTION

The Constitution of the AMERICAN BOUVIER des FLANDRES CLUB states that one of the purposes for which it was formed is to “encourage the organization of independent local Bouvier des Flandres specialty clubs . . .” A logical extension of this purpose is that the ABdFC should do everything it can to help and promote the development of all existing, developing and potential regional clubs. One of the most efficient ways of helping is by establishing effective communication lines. These communication lines should be open to both formal and informal groups of Bouvier owners and remain open whether we approve of what they are doing or not. A report on the activities of other Bouvier clubs and groups shall be prepared and submitted to the editor for each issue of ABdFC periodical publications.

An operating regional club communication system can easily be extended to include international Bouvier clubs. It would be helpful and informative for the membership to know what is happening with Bouviers in the rest of the world.

The objectives of the Bouvier Club Liaison Committee (BCLC) then is in three parts:

- to help with the organization of other Bouvier clubs.
- to let ABdFC members know what other Bouvier clubs are doing.
- to let other Bouvier clubs know what the ABdFC is doing.

HELP

The BCLC chair shall make every effort to locate groups of Bouvier owners that may be thinking of forming a regional club. The BCLC chair shall then determine what kind of help can be given to these groups that would be most effective. It is anticipated that the help given will generally be in the form of advice or manpower. If the help needed is in the form of money or equipment, a request must be submitted to the Board of Governors for their approval.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH REGIONAL CLUBS

The BCLC shall obtain and maintain the names, addresses and phone number of the secretaries of all existing, developing and potential regional Bouvier clubs. If a club has specified someone other than the secretary to act as liaison, the BCLC chair shall obtain and maintain the name, address and phone number also. The ABdFC secretary shall be kept informed of the regional club’s current secretary and liaison.

The BCLC chair shall negotiate with each U. S. Bouvier club to effect a trade of publications on a regular basis. If a U. S. club does not have a publication, contact shall be maintained by telephone or by letter on a bi-monthly basis. The ABdFC

Publications Chair must be kept informed of the name, address and phone number of the person who is to receive ABdFC publications.

COMMUNICATION WITH INTERNATIONAL CLUBS

Communication with English speaking international clubs should take the same form as with the U. S. clubs. If the language of the international club is not English, a translator will be necessary to summarize articles in their publication. The translator may be one of our members, one of their members or a computer program.

Special communication procedures will be needed for international clubs whose publications cannot be translated or those that have no publications at all. Two persons, one in their club and one in the ABdFC, speaking the same language and willing to talk or write about club matters on a regular basis must be found. The ABdFC communicators and translators will be expected to submit reports on international club activities to the BCLC chair.

PUBLICITY

It shall be the responsibility of the BCLC chair to prepare articles on the activities or happenings in other Bouvier clubs and groups. An article should appear in each issue of every periodical publication of the ABdFC. It is expected that each group we communicate with should be mentioned at least once each year. The more active clubs will require mention more often.

REPORTS AND BUDGET

Reports and budgets must be submitted to the ABdFC Secretary and the ABdFC Treasurer, respectively, in accordance with the procedures established in the *ABdFC Standing Committees, General Operating Procedures*.