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AT THE LATEST meeting of the Board of Governors, the details of the annual membership meeting were settled. The regular annual meeting of members, at which new members to the Board of Governors were to be elected, to be held at the Van Rensselaer Hotel, 15 East 11th St., New York City on Sept. 25, followed a dinner for members. Notices of the meeting were in the mail to members, together with the membership list from which the new members to the Board were selected. This, of course, is written before the meeting.

The usual last-minute arrangements have taken up much of the Club's activities. We find that meeting places are about as easy to locate as homes. And details of meetings can't be arranged until the place is set. These things wind up a very busy year for the B.C.A. Getting the Club back on an active basis after its inactivity during the war entailed a lot of work for the new board and the Club's officers. We've accomplished a lot and have progressed a long way. And best of all, our efforts have been amply rewarded by the reception given the Club by the new members who have demonstrated their approval by swelling the membership list to nearly four times its number last year. We thank those members who gave so willingly of their time and thought to the betterment of the Club and the furtherance of its activities.

The policy of inviting the secretaries of all Bulldog Clubs to honorary membership in the B.C.A. has met with approval. Several letters of acceptance of this honorary membership have been received. Our first such visitor to our meetings was Mrs. Juanita Brandonisi, secretary of the Bulldog Club of New Jersey. We will welcome the attendance of more visitors in future meetings.

We regret to announce the resignation of Warren H. Blaisdell, III, from the board and as treasurer. Warren's work will take him too far from meetings to be able to attend. Since he was elected to the board by the members at the last membership meeting, it was decided that his place would be left vacant until the membership meeting, at which time the members will elect a governor to fill his place for the balance of his term of office. Warren was treasurer of the Club, so a new treasurer was necessary, and Robert S. Horne was unanimously elected to that most important office. We are glad that Warren can remain a member of the Club and look forward to the day when he will be able to take a more active part in the Bulldog world. In the meantime, Bob Horne is a thoroughly capable holder of the title "Bulldog of the Treasury."

Only a few months ago the B.C.A. announced the rules governing its Futurity stakes and already the entries have been most encouraging. That Futurity is something for all Bulldog breeders to consider: it is open to all, whether or not the breeder is a member of the B.C.A. The Club has pledged \$25 to be added to the entry "take" and to be divided among the winners. The rules are simple, clear and in accordance with AKC requirements. It is open to bitches only. So why not enter the expectant mother before whelping, then look over the puppies and keep the future champs eligible? If you don't enter, you can't win. Write Miss Bertha Quintana, 32 Glannan Road, Livingston, N. J. for rules, entry blanks and any further information.

Looking over the foregoing, it would seem that too much space has been given to activities and news of the B.C.A. and not enough to the Bulldog himself. Let us say this for the Bulldog: that his character, honesty and integrity are such that, coupled with his affection, he has won and is maintaining a place in man's heart that can be envied in the world of dogs. When, against all corners, he can top all entries at many of the largest shows throughout the country, it is clear that his place in the canine world is assured. It is the purpose of the B.C.A. and all other Bulldog clubs to further the interests of the Bulldog. We write about Club activities only to let it be known that we are doing our feeble human best to further said interests. There is no doubt that if the Bulldog himself could use the typewriter (which your editor knows I can't) he would do a much better job of it. Meanwhile, it appears that the Bulldog is content to let us keep on trying. Eventually we may be able to do him justice.

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