

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 18, 2015

Call Meeting to Order. All members present.

Approval of minutes. All approved

1. Report of President

- The most important message I will ever have to the club is never take your GWP's for granted. No matter how good things are going disaster can happen! Love and hug them every time you walk out the door. When you come home be thank full that they are O K even though they destroyed a pillow or peed on the carpet. Their loss is hard enough when they are old and you know the time is near but to lose one suddenly in the prime of life is heart breaking!

2. Report of the Treasurer

- Equisure needs additional contacts
- Equisure Insurance bill was received and paid
- Purina Pro Club Parent Club partnership Program:
The German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc. had 368 Pro Club® Members declared for the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. There were 48 Pro Club® Members that submitted weight circles from January through December of 2014. The German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc. earned \$1,863.27 for their participation. \$931.63 will be given to the Canine Health Foundation for use in your donor advised fund. \$931.63 is enclosed for your club's use in funding education, health research, and/or rescue efforts.
- Club Finances
 - General Fund- \$34,053.80
 - Maturity- \$490.55
 - Emergency Rescue- \$5,578.24
 - AllStar- \$990.14
 - National FT Buckle- \$530.00
 - Supplemental FT Trophy Fund- \$1,770.00

3. Report of Secretary

- Sent parent club approval for Central Oregon GWP club Field Trial Sept. 19-20
- AKC has mailed us CGC materials for the advanced level of CGC test—the AKC Community Canine
- The deadline for the next Wirenews is August 1
- I received an offer for a volunteer at Nationals—Thank-you Beth Schmidt!
- Photos and info for GWPCA Disaster Trailer were sent to Wirenews Editors for inclusion in the next Wirenews.
- Notice of Election has been prepared on VistaPrint. I have asked Erika to proofread it, and then upload the membership mailing list so the postcards can be mailed. Approx. printing and mailing costs: \$225 (based on 350-400 cards)

4. Committee Reports

a. Bylaws (Chuck Casanova) No Report

b. CHIC (Robin Nelson)

- I have been contacted by Dr. Sara Thomasy, a veterinary ophthalmologist at UC Davis. She is studying corneal endothelial dystrophy in several dog breeds, specifically German Wirehaired Pointers, German Shorthaired Pointers, and Boston Terriers. This eye disease can result in blindness and ocular pain from secondary complications. The only definitive treatment for this condition is a corneal transplant. Corneal transplants are rarely performed in canine patients due to the expense of the surgery and follow-up care, relatively high risk of complications, and lack of appropriate donor tissue.
- Dr. Thomasy's group is approaching our club to see if we would consider supporting her research through our AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund. UC Davis has a matching program through their Center for Companion Animal Health and will match up to \$7500 annually for up to 2 years. She has also contacted the German Shorthaired Pointer and Boston Terrier clubs. Her intention is to acquire resources to work on the genetics of the disease, with the ultimate goal of developing a genetic test for corneal endothelial dystrophy.
- Our Donor Advised Fund balance is \$2292.01. In my opinion, this project is definitely something to consider. I personally know of GWP's affected with this condition, and not too many research projects specifically include our breed.
- If the BOD is willing to consider Dr. Thomasy's request, I can provide more information as needed. Thanks for the BOD's consideration.
- I am also trying to see if a CHIC Repository DNA Collection might work at Nationals. Does anyone have an "estimate" of numbers for this year's Nationals?

c. AKC Delegate (Pat Laurans) (dialing in for "live" report")

d. FEAC (Liz Dixon) No Report

e. Field Futurity (Tom Lococco) No Report

f. JEC (Judy Cheshire) Nothing to report

g. SEAC (Michelle Boyd)

- The judges ballot for 2017 is ready and has been sent to the wire-news for publication in the fall issue. We will also be sending a couple of wire-news e-mails with this information. We will now be back on schedule and able to include nomination info for 2018 in the Wire-News.
- Once we hear about the updates to the Show Events manual, we will begin work on possible revisions additions to the manual. Our understanding is that Judy Cheshire has submitted revisions/updates to the Board and is waiting to hear back.
- Once again, the committee has worked well together and put out a lot of work with time constraints.

h. Rescue (Suzanne Oslander) No Report

i. ROM (Courtney Bastian)

- Send final draft for a vote (see below in old business)

j. Show Futurity (Laura Myles)

- Working on info for Nat'l Events Manual
- 14 litters nominated for 2015 Nat'ls

- A reminder to owners/breeders/nominators—the more co-owners and co-breeders listed on the dog, the smaller your payout will be since the “purse” is divided among all owners and breeders.
- k. Standards Review (Garnett Persinger) No Report
- l. Versatility (Greg Dubois) nothing to report
- m. Wire News (Taylor Marshall/Gabrielle Litterman) /Wirenews Advertising (Kelly Mitchell)
- The Summer issue was a hit amongst our readers. Thanks to all that contributed.
 - We are gearing up to a great Fall issue! Ads are coming in slowly as are articles. People are asking us if they can write which is a great sign from the club. We are working on an advertising proposal that will start in Jan and will get the information to the BOD for approval by next meeting.
 - Below are the financials from the summer issue.

Revenue

Ads \$2,655.00

Business Card \$219.00

Total Revenue \$2,874.00

Expense

Graphic Designer \$544.00

Standard Shipping \$772.68

Foreign/Extra Shipping \$171.85

Printing \$2,254.85

Total Expense \$3,743.38

Total Profit/loss -\$869.38

- n. Wire Mail (Steve Kreuser) No Report
- o. Webmaster (Lori Sargent)
- Slowing adding things to the website.
- p. Legislative Liaison (Jodi Quesnell)
- <http://www.cgstatetrack.com/tehis/statetrack/insession/viewrpt/main.html?event=49bfaef9bd>
- AKC is tracking over 1500 pieces of legislation in various stages throughout the United States (Incl. Puerto Rico) that could potentially affect breeders/exhibitors/owners
 - The only state without dog-related legislation is South Dakota
 - New York had the most pending legislation that would affect dogs—277!
 - 27 pieces of Federal legislation that could impact dog owners/breeders/exhibitors

5. Directors Reports

- a. West – Dr. Cindy Heiller
- Sea-Tac—2 specialties on Aug.
 - Central Oregon—FT scheduled for Aug. 19
 - Oregon—HT scheduled Aug. 3
 - N. Cal—Will have FT Nov. 12-15 at Kistler Ranch
 - S. Cal
 - Rocky Mtn Club
- b. Midwest – William Bastian
- E. Nebraska

- Wisconsin
 - Twin Cities
 - Illinois—HT Sept. 26-27
 - GWP club of Iowa
- c. East – Angie Johnson
- Sun Coast
 - Fort Detroit—Has Agility Trials Jul 25-26
 - Del Val Club—Nothing planned until October

6. Old Business

- a. Reminder: The German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America will hold its 2015 annual meeting Saturday Evening, October 10, 2015 at the Fort Robinson State Park, 3200 US Hwy 20, Crawford, NE 69339. Please forward agenda items to Jodi Quesnell at gwpcmail@gmail.com. All agenda items must be received by September 11, 2015.
- b. Standard Review Committee
- a. A motion is made that the Board will inform the committee that the Board wants the committee to clarify our current breed standard with two potential results— to disqualify black or to allow black. Once the final wording for the description of color options are received and approved by the board, the suggested changes will be sent to the membership for a vote. Jodi made the motion; Bob seconded. All Approved. Jodi will draft the email to be sent to the committee.
- c. ROM
- a. A motion is made to approve the Final draft of the ROM to go into effect January 2016. All approved.
- d. National Events Manual
- a. Judy working on revision??
- e. DNA requirement for Nationals
- a. A motion is made to require DNA for all dogs competing at nationals beginning 2016. 5 votes for; 2 against. Motion passed.
- b. A motion is made to remove the DNA requirement for all dogs; 3 votes for; 4 against. Motion failed.
- f. 2014 Nationals
- a. Suspension Hearing
- i. Letter mailed to Rhonda
 - ii. Date has been set
 - iii. Hearing Committee: Ray Calkins, Cindy Heiller, Bob Perry, Erika Brown, Laura Reeves
- g. 2015 Nationals
- a. Fort Robinson Planning
- i. Ray acting Nat'l events Coordinator
 - ii. Nat'ls brochure posted on social media and ready to be sent with Summer Wirenews
 - iii. Deposits have been received. I will send Erika an updated spreadsheet
- b. Field Trial
- i. Secretary Sue Mueller

- ii. Becky Smith will help with Hospitality & set-up Purina dinner
 - iii. Committee has met and has begun planning; is working on getting birds.
 - Derby is out and back
 - AGD will be a loop; call backs for retrieve
 - Nat'l Championship will be out and back; call backs for retrieve
 - Committee will send invoices to Erika and she will mail checks.
 - Bruce will bring grills for meals
 - iv. Field Trial Chair Mark Smith
 - v. Lodge Rooms and Horse Stalls reserved for judges at Fort Robinson.
 - c. Hunt Test
 - i. Chair Leo Bowman
 - ii. Hunt Test Secretary Chris Gross
 - d. Specialty Show Events
 - i. Chair (Laura Myles)
 - ii. Photographer needed
 - iii. Judges are all in place; 4-6 mos. Puppy has been moved to Sunday.
 - iv. Judges rooms have all been reserved
 - e. Obedience Chair—Ann Kostishak
 - i. Obedience rings & equipment will be rented for no \$\$ from the Central Wyoming KC
 - f. Show Photographer lined up
 - g. Trophy Chair Sue Degraw
 - i. A great response from members—lots of trophy donations!
 - h. Hospitality/Banquet (Miranda Wagoner/Jodi Quesnell, Hospitality Co-Chairs)
 - i. Fort Robinson Liquor license is only for their restaurant. They won't provide a cash bar. Attendees will need to bring their own alcoholic beverages if they want to have drinks
- h. 2016 Nationals
 - a. Oregon—Update!
 - i. Hotel hosted in either Condon or The Dalles, OR
 - ii. Field Trial at Buckhorn Ranch
 - b. Dates—Oct. 20-23 (shows) & Oct 24-conclusion (Field)
 - c. Show chair to contact judges for availability and to get contract signed
 - d. Bob to check on All-breed agility group.
- i. 2017 Nationals
 - a. Wisconsin/Portage
 - b. FT Grounds are being improved and expanded. FT grounds managers are in full support.
 - i. Vizsla club will be holding a Grand Open Field Trial Stake as a test for a 1-hour stake
 - c. Hunt Test grounds are close to the host motel; water test can be held at the host motel
 - d. Host Motel has been selected—Olympia Resort.
 - e. Dates—end of September or possibly sometime in October
- j. 2018 Nationals

- a. E. Coast members have formed a committee to prepare a bid for 2018 Nat'ls
- b. Two proposals received
 - i. Virginia
 - ii. Mingo, OH and shows in PA

FEAC and SEAC are both recommending the Mingo location. A motion is made to have the 2018 National Field Championship in Mingo, OH and the shows in PA. All Approved.

- k. Election to Membership

Jana and Russell Bronson from Littleton, CO
Daine Gausman from Germantown, MD

All approved

- l. New Business

- a. Should 4-6 month old puppies receive championship points in the show ring
 - i. The board is opposed to this program. Both the awarding of points and awarding a title. A letter will be drafted and sent to Pat Laurans to present to the AKC.
- b. AKC Eukanuba Meet the Breeds & "Parent Club Medallion" trophy Sponsorship (Due Aug. 1)
 - i. The suncoast club will host the Meet the Breeds. A motion is made to approve up to \$250 if needed. Approved. Jodi will send Angie's name as a contact to AKC
 - ii. As in previous years, the board agreed not to fund the Parent Club Medallion

- m. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 6

- n. Adjournment