

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 20, 2014

8:30 p.m. EST

Meeting called to Order at 8:37 PM EST (all members present)

1. Approval of minutes of October Meeting. *Minutes approved unanimously*
2. Report of President
 - a. National events ran well; everyone worked very hard to make them a success.
3. Report of Secretary
 - a. Send AKC a note updating the Nationals date for 2015
 - b. Board Election results
 - i. Need to send list of board members to AKC
 - ii. Add results to Wiremail
 - c. Sent approval for TCGWP January 2015 specialty in St. Paul, MN
 - d. Parent Club Health information sent to AKC
 - i. Recommended testing is CHIC testing
 - ii. Requested to have note that GWPs are basically a healthy breed
4. Report of Treasurer
 - a. Reviewing expenses from Nationals for each event
 - b. In the future for board run nationals, we need a policy for how money is received and checks are distributed
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Bylaws (Chuck Casanova)
 - Members have been hunting, so have just begun work
 - Would be beneficial to put official method for electronic balloting which includes 3rd party oversight, and has options for non-electronic submission.
 - May use conference call for committee meetings.
 - b. CHIC (Robin Nelson)
 - CHIC program continues to gain support. We currently list 97 German Wirehaired Pointers - who have completed their CHIC Requirement health clearances.
 - Our BLOAT grant has nearly completed enrollment and sample collection from control dogs and Great Danes that have not experienced gastric dilatation volvulus. The study group expressed appreciation for the enthusiasm of clubs, owners and breeders supporting this study. It is currently finishing gastric motility testing in Great Danes and beginning sample collection for Weimaraners. The study group plans to attend several breed events to assist in case recruitment.
 - c. AKC Delegate (Pat Laurans) no report

- d. FEAC (Liz Dixon)
 - Compiling names for 2015 and will get the minutes and the new judges' list off to the FEAC members in the next couple of weeks. Our goal is to have judges lined up early in January.
- e. JEC (Judy Cheshire)
 - No formal seminar was held at Nationals due to lack of response. However, there was ringside mentoring done.
- f. SEAC (Judy Cheshire)
 - Received e-mails concerning the RLB Challenge trophy that is supposed to be offered at Nationals. The concern is the trophy has not yet been won by anyone (it was to be won three times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog) and it is not being offered at Nationals.
 - The SEAC had a brief meeting at Nationals. The following were the recommendations to the BOD:
 - i. Plan Nationals on a more strategic basis so that the judges selection process could be fully implemented. Judges that are voted on need to be asked to judge in a more timely fashion so that we are able to get the judges that we have voted on. This requires knowledge of dates and places far more than one year in advance. I think that this is already being addressed by the BOD as it was later announced that there are plans in process to return to a rotation of Nationals. If the Board could give us the dates for 2015 and 2016, it would help in both the invitation of judges and the contract process.
 - ii. The contract process needs to be cleaned up and judges should be asked not to judge our breed at least six months in advance of Nationals. For 2015, the Nationals judge is from the UK.....an AKC standard should be provided to her as well as resources for education of the AKC judging process.
 - 1. Can we offer the UK judge a flat fee of \$800 rather than leaving the contract open at expenses?
 - iii. If Nationals is to be Board run, it's suggested to have a judges hospitality person. Besides a contract, judges need to be contacted well prior to Nationals to provide assistance/suggestions for travel, lodging, etc. They also need attention once they get to the show site so that they are welcomed, meal arrangements can be made, etc.
- g. NEC (Ray Calkins, acting)
- h. Rescue (vacant)
- i. ROM (Courtney Bastian)
 - at a standstill with our suggestions vs. the boards, unfortunately
- j. Standards Review (Garnett Persinger)
 - waiting for board approval on the 2 names I submitted to Ray to replace 2 people that resigned
- k. Versatility (Greg Dubois) nothing to report
- l. Wire News (Diane Turner/Angie Johnson)
 - Record breaking advertisements in this issue—41 ads!
- m. Wire Mail (Steve Kreuser/Angie Johnson) no report
- n. Webmaster (Angie Johnson)
 - Website is being updated with Nationals results

- o. Legislative Liaison (Jodi Quesnell)
 - Updates on AKC website
- 6. Directors Reports
 - a. West – Dr. Cindy Heiller
 - Oregon club had a successful fun day
 - N. Cal club had a field trial—over 100 entries!
 - b. Midwest – Chuck Casanova
 - Twin Cities will have their annual awards banquet and specialty in January
 - Funds earmarked from E. Neb GWP club raffle at 2013 Nationals for a belt buckle for AKC Gun Dog Championship for top GWP?
 - c. East – Angie Johnson
 - Fort Detroit had a successful agility trial and will be hosting a Christmas party
 - Del Val had a hunt test after Nationals
 - Sun Coast Club doesn't have anything planned
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Disaster Trailer donation of \$1000 o.k. to go to Florida.
 - b. AKC Rescue Email List
 - c. Proper ways to contact the BOD
 - a. Add to Wiremail. If someone wants the board to act on something they need to send something to the board in writing.
 - d. Standard Review Committee
 - a. Ray will make some calls and we will discuss next week.
 - e. Rescue
 - a. Possible Rescue Coordinator: have her send an application with her experience and ideas to Cindy, who is the director of GWP rescue.
 - b. Rescue treasurer also needed
 - i. Cindy will ask Amy to send treasurer's records
 - c. Lori Patterson is updating the website with rescues.
- 8. 2014 Nationals
 - a. Field Trial Committee hearing is in limbo. Committee will use AKC conference call line.
- 9. 2015 Nationals
 - a. Fort Robinson Planning
 - i. Ray acting Nat'l events Coordinator
 - b. Field Trial Secretary Sue Mueller
 - i. Becky Smith will help with Hospitality
 - ii. Ray will be on FT Committee
 - c. Field Trial Chair Mark Smith
 - d. Hunt Test Chair
 - e. Hunt Test Secretary
 - f. Show Chair (Laura Myles)

- g. Show Secretary: waiting for proposal from Susan Gordon
- h. Obedience Chair:
- i. Trophy Chair Sue Degraw
- j. Jodi's Report of Fort Robinson
 - i. GWPCA will cover Jodi's fuel costs for Trips to Fort Rob (all approved)
- k. Rocky Mtn GWP Club would like to host BBQ and Fun Match
- l. Go with same schedule of events as 2014 Nationals

10. 2016 Nationals

- a. Oregon
 - i. Host Motel in Maupin or The Dalles
 - ii. Or all breed shows in conjunction with Vancouver KC and host motel in Portland, OR
 - iii. Field Trial at Tyge Valley
- b. Dates?

11. 2017 Nationals

- a. Wisconsin?
- b. FT Grounds are being improved and expanded
- c. Dates?

12. 2018 Nationals

- a. Proposals?

13. Election to Membership

- Mary Jean Darling PO Box 211 14137 Webster RD Bath MI
- Thea Robinson PO Box 304, Scappoose OR
- Amanda Atkinson 129 Silica RD, Yanderra NSW 2574
- Sherry Holt PO BOX 247, Hudson CO
- Rob Robertson 606 Sylvan Reserve Cove, Sanford FL
- Peter Shea 30 High Street, New Boston NH
- Randal Piette W10191 Hemlock Rd, Fremont WI
- Richard Peterson 2535 E. Park Ave, Gilbert AZ
- Sheri Ray 9207 Hazelhurst Dr, Austin TX
- Jacque Petersen & Janet Phillips 12001 Middlewood Ter, Midlothian VA
- Robert Lewis & Debbie Lewis PO BOX 375, Elmira CA
- Justin Coble 932 Smith Grove, Oakboro NC

All individuals and families listed above are approved as members. *(all approved)*

14. New Business

- a. Response to AKC proposal for low-entry breeds
 - i. The GWPCA BOD does not see a positive benefit to the proposed changes to the point schedule for low-entry breeds, taking into consideration regional differences within breeds.
- b. Feedback for new AKC Judges approval process?

- i. GWPCA BOD will send the following statement to AKC:
 - 1. While we applaud the AKC for looking to improve the judges approval process, we do not agree with the changes currently being proposed by the AKC. We believe the Reps are valuable in their current roles, and would like to see them continue either in their current roles, or even in an expanded role. *All in favor*
- c. RLB Trophy
 - i. BOD will review the rules published in the Wirenews and will determine if the trophy has been retired, or if it needs to be returned.
- d. Master Agility Award
 - i. We will review the proposal and discuss this next meeting
- e. Suggested revisions to field futurity rules
 - i. Proposal would add provisions for late nominations.
 - ii. Board accepts the proposed revisions to field futurity rules. *All in favor*

15. Next Meeting. Thursday, December 11

16. Adjournment