

GWPCA Board of Directors Meeting

February 27, 2014

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:42 p.m. EST by Vice President Robert Perry

Members present: Cindy Heiller, Bob Perry, Chuck Casanova, Erika Brown, Angie Johnson, Kay Gunnarson, Ray Calkins

Bob moved to accept amended minutes, Angie seconded, motion carried.

President's Report – Working with AKC on membership roster to confirm that the GWPCA has a March 1st closing for the final roster and we will update AKC at that time.

Secretary's Report – Received Parent Club approvals for upcoming events.

1. GWPC of Northern CA, Walking Field Trial, May 17-18, Hastings Island Hunting Preserve, CA
2. GWPC of Nebraska, Field Trial, March 10-12, Luke Weaver, Jackson, GA
3. GWPC of Central IA, Field Trial, March 13-16 Luke Weaver, Jackson, GA
4. GWP of Wisconsin, Field Trial, April 26-27, Ottawa Field Trial Grounds, WI

Cindy made a motion to accept event requests, Chuck seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Erika reports the following balances:

1. General Fund - \$26,785.73
2. 2014 Nationals- \$1,440.00
3. FT Supplemental Trophy Fund- \$2,300.00
4. All Star- \$1,801.55
5. Emergency Rescue- \$4,568.24
6. Maturity- \$1,015.01

Kay made a motion to accept Treasurer's report, Angie seconded, motion carried.

Report of Committees

Bylaws – Need Committee Head will announce in Wire Mail and Wire News.

CHIC – Robin Nelson – Robin wants to thank the board for approving our GWPCA sponsorship of the Bloat Initiative. She is proud to report the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America is actually listed in print as a sponsor of the 01937-B grant Evaluating the Complex Genetic Basis of Bloat. I look forward to reporting any progress they make in better understanding this devastating disease.

AKC Delegate – Patricia Laurans – nothing to report. Will be in St. Louis for dog show.

FEAC – Elizabeth Dixon – no report

JEC – Judy Cheshire - Will be working with Angie Johnson to get more JE materials on the GWPCA website. Judy states it will most likely take a few months to make the time to work on it.

SEAC –Judy Cheshire - Ballot for 2016 GWPCA Nationals judge has been submitted to the Wire~News. Names of judges for voting will be in the magazine.....bios will be put on the GWPCA website in order to save pages in the Wire~News.

NEC – Laura Reeves – no further updates

Rescue – Heidi Baumbarger – Currently have 7 in foster homes, 1 more coming in this weekend, and have adopted out 5 since the last meeting. Still have 2 in long term foster care. National Rescue telephone conference is scheduled for March 13, 2014.

ROM – Courtney Bastian - Seeking outside advice from GWPCA Members on a couple items that the committee is having difficulty deciding on best way to approach. Hopefully resolve these issues and have ROM changes ready for approval at GWPCA meeting in March.

Standards Review – Garnett Persinger – under review.

Versatility – Greg DuBois – nothing to report

Wire-News – Diane Turner – no report

Wire-Mail – Steve Kreuser – nothing to report

Web Master – Angie Johnson – under construction

Director's Reports

Midwest – Chuck – There will be field trials in GA held by the GWPC of Central IA and GWPC of NE in March. The WI Club states the booth at Pheasant Fest and was a success as they received applications for membership for local and national club. Wi club will be holding a field trial April 26, 27th. Trial will include Amateur Walking Puppy. This will be their first trial in over 10 years. The GWPC of Illinois would like to hold a field trial and Al Brady is asking help in making the trial a success.

Western – Cindy – There is a need to update the Current Board members of the regional clubs to the National club's website. Cindy will make contact with the Washington, Colorado and Oregon clubs to find out what events will be happening.

Eastern – Angie - DelVal club will be holding a Hunt Test in May. Ft. Detroit will be holding their banquet and annual meeting on March 15. They will be holding an Agility and Field Trial in April. Suncoast has their paperwork submitted to the AKC. Angie has emailed members in her region that have not renewed their 2014 National membership encouraging them to renew.

Unfinished Business –

DNA testing requirements – There was a request to review the DNA testing requirements previously approved by the BOD two years ago requiring that any dog over 2 years of age must have DNA registration on record to participate in GWPCA Nationals when competing for a National title.

Ray presented the following points: The AKC DNA program started in 1998. To date they have recorded over 600,000 profiles. The “program is designed to directly increase the integrity of the AKC Registry by insuring that DNA profiles are available on those dogs with the greatest impact on the stud books”. DNA profiles are currently required by the AKC for sires of all fresh chilled and frozen semen breedings as well as frequently used sires (FUS), dogs that are bred three times in a calendar year or seven times in their lifetimes. The AKC notes that 45% of all litters are produced by frequently used sires (FUS). During kennel inspections, DNA samples are taken. In 1998 the AKC found that 89% of the litters were registered with the correct parents. That means 11% were registered with the wrong sire. Since then the accuracy has increased to 95% of the litters registered with the correct parents. DNA profiles make it possible to register dual sired litters.

What are the other pointing breeds requiring to be eligible to participate in their national events? The parent clubs that require DNA profiles to participate in both their national specialty show and field championships are the GSPCA, the ABC, the Vizsla Club of America and the Gordon Setter Club of America. The English Setter Association of America and the Irish Setter Club of America require DNA and microchips for the field championships. Only the Weimaraner Club of America and the Pointer Club of America do not require DNA certification for either show or field. For the American Field, a DNA profile is required to run at their National Championship on the Ames Plantation.

I believe DNA is important. I have been indirectly involved with two incidences where DNA was used to clarify registrations. The popular sire (FUS) presents a problem when too many girls are scheduled to breed. Also when the agreed upon sire is unavailable, headed to a major event or subfertile, a half brother or son could (has) been used instead. Accidental breedings and cross breedings can and have occurred. DNA is an available tool to protect the integrity of the AKC stud books.

Angie presented the following points: 1) The premise to stop someone from "cheating" at Nationals is a negative way to look at Nationals and the GWPCA members that participant.

2) If cheating is the main reason for the requirement there are easy ways to get around the system and will not deter a dishonest person.

3) If we feel we have many breeders that are breeding non-purebred GWP's or dogs have incorrect sires then requiring it at Nationals is just hitting a tiny portion of the GWP's and GWPCA members in our organization. Only a small number of members attend Nationals, so we are putting the burden on a small dedicated bunch.

4) The AKC already has a "Customer-driven DNA complaint policy" today if someone questions the recorded parentage of a dog or litter. Requiring DNA at Nationals is not needed to file a complaint. http://www.akc.org/dna/complaint_policy.cfm

5) AKC DNA number is not verified on your entry form. The AKC does not verify numbers unless a complaint is filed.

6) AKC DNA only tells you who the parents are **if they are DNA'd** it does not tell you if the breed is German Wirehaired Pointer. I could enter a registered GWP that's sire is GWP (and DNA'd) and dam is a pointer but I say it is another GWP (and neither DAM is DNA'd) and could get an AKC DNA number.

7) It has no other uses other than to tell you parentage. It cannot be used for health benefits or to help identify markers in diseases.

8) Price. Yes when you look at the price of DNA it may be only the price of an entry but AKC has already raised it's price by \$5.00 from 2013 to \$45 and why is it so much more expensive than OFA DNA which is only \$5.00 and has the possibility of benefiting the breed in health issues.

After much discussion, Angie made a motion that the DNA requirement for GWPCA Nationals be eliminated. Hearing no second, the motion failed.

Bob made a motion to amend the DNA requirement to allow a grace period for the 2014 GWPCA Nationals for those that plan to participate that have a dog over 2 year's of age, and had not had the opportunity to have their dog DNA'd, that they can be DNA'd at the 2014 Nationals and be allowed to participate. Cindy seconded the motion, Angie abstained; the motion passes.

WireNews Profitability – Erika states publisher will make changes to insure insert address is on paper inside the wrapping so the labels will not fall off during delivery. Angie will taking over collecting of ads and money.

Kay made a motion to accept the following deadline dates:
 Winter issue content deadline Nov. 1, ad deadline Nov. 15.
 Summer issue content deadline May 1, ad deadline May 15.
 Fall issue content deadline Aug. 1, ad deadline Aug. 15.
 Angie seconded. Motion passes.

Approval for funds for Pheasant Fest booth – Chuck made a motion that the GWPCA provide \$200.00 to the GWPC of WI to be used towards the Pheasant Fest booth rental. Ray seconded. Motion passes.

Election to Membership – Erika presented following membership requests:

Joann	Randall	Jason	Randall	990 Allendale RD	Woodstock	IL	60098
Dennis	Guldan			563 17th Avenue NW	New Brighton	MN	55112
Elizabeth	Reifschneider			9363 S. Nicholson Rd	Oak Creek	WI	53154
Randall	Berry			7758 Hastings Island Rd	Rio Vista	CA	94571

Kay made a motion to accept new members. Chuck seconded. Motion passes.

New Business

5 year Parent Club Approvals – have not received clarification from AKC; waiting for confirmation. Will send notice to club that requested 5 year approval that confirmation will be coming.

Next meeting – Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:30 p.m. EST

Adjournment – Bob made a motion to adjourn. Angie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m EST.

Respectfully submitted – Kay Gunnarson GWPCA Secretary.