

GWPCA Board meeting
February 7, 2012
Minutes

Present on telephone conference call: Garnett Persinger, Liz Dixon, Erika Brown, Chuck Casanova, Ray Calkins, Bob Perry, Lori Sargent

President Calkins called the meeting to order at 8:41pm EST

Approval of minutes from January meeting: Garnett moved to accept, Bob seconded, minutes approved unanimously

President's Report

Ray talked to Laura Reeves about volunteering for the National Events Coordinator position or the Wire News editor position. She prefers to be the Nationals Events Coordinator. Ray also talked to Sue DeGraw and she agreed to be in charge of national trophies/awards. Both have been doing these jobs already. We still need a newsletter editor and a GWP University chair. Tonight we need to vote on CHIC recommendations that Robin Nelson submitted. We also need to discuss the AKC health requirements for Breeder of Merit program. AKC says they include whatever parent clubs have in their Code of Ethics. The BOD and the CHIC Committee will need to discuss this issue. Budgets from the 2011 Nationals have been received & will need to be approved.

Secretary's Report

- Several specialty shows and field trials have been approved
- The Senior Judges' Association sent e-mail about directory with photos online.

Treasurer's Report – E-mail with attachments

GWPCA 2012- February

Account- \$31,161.31

Rescue Emergency Fund- \$3,528.24

All Star- \$1,207.73

Maturity- \$527.21

Field Trial Supplemental Trophy Fund- \$1,770.00

Delegate Fund- \$6,016.69

General Fund \$18,111.44

- End of year report on funds
 - registers of mini accounts
- received check for rescue emergency fund.
 - Over \$1000 donated with memberships to rescue.
- Checks from field trial raffle were deposited.
- General fund \$18,000 - all memberships received plus Nationals money.
- Received general accounting of 2011 Nationals funds. \$2,000 earmarked for 2012 Nationals.
- Garnett moved we accept 2011 financial report submitted by FDGWPC & note we have received check of \$6,646.25, of which \$2,000 to CA for 2012 Nationals for seed money (has to be paid back). Bob seconded. Unanimously approved.

- Bob moved that we accept annual treasurer's report submitted by Erika, Garnett seconded, unanimously approved.
- Garnett asked if we need to do an audit of the financial records. Erika said her tax accountant does GWPCA taxes and has looked at all the records for free. Garnett suggested we send a thank you to the accountant. Agreed.

Committee Reports:

SEAC Report – Judy Cheshire sent report

Recommendation: National Sweepstakes classes be limited to GWPs 6-18 months of age and classes divided (for dogs and bitches) as follows: 6-9 mo., 9-12 mo., 12-15 mo. and 15-18 mo.

Recommendation: The Show Futurity and Maturity each be run by committee.

Laura Myles submitted report

- SEAC doesn't have authority over Show Futurity
- SEAC was supposed to suggest judges for National Specialty, excluding Futurity
- Audrey Meinke coordinates the Maturity
 - Maturity not official until 2013

Garnett: Money from Futurity, Maturity has to have some accountability – BOD should see account; monthly reports & bank statements, pay-outs. The Futurity and Maturity accounts need to send the BOD a monthly accounting of money.

Ray gave financial report annually when he ran the field futurity; haven't seen report recently

- We need to do this on every event

Recommendation: Annual Awards be instituted for top Novice, Advanced and Excellent Rally dogs.

Table all these recommendations until next meeting so that we all have time to read them.

Liz asked about the list of SEAC members.

- We haven't received list recently.
- Ray said we should see a list.
- Should there be someone from every club? FEAC does, even though they may not all be active.
- Ray: we need to revisit this issue. He will ask Judy about a list.

Ray disappointed that he didn't get financial reports from many events in 2011. CA club will need to be ready to do this. Provide them with a spreadsheet?

JEC Report – Judy Cheshire

- JEC – An article on Judging the GWP, along with two additional articles on GWP history and Living with a GWP, were published in the January 2012 issue of Show Sights magazine.

- Two educational seminars are planned thus far for 2012 – one in March in Connecticut in conjunction with the New England Sporting Dog Association shows and the AKC Advanced Sporting Institute, in conjunction with the Harrisburg, PA shows.

FEAC Report – Liz Dixon

- Received final bios on National field trial judges so they can get a vote.
- Goal is to have have judges settled by first week in March.
- Contracts are detailed with food preferences, rides, lodging, expenses, fees, etc.

Directors' reports:

Midwest – nothing to report

West – nothing to report

East – FDGWPC posted list of events on Facebook; Should send list to Angie.

Rescue – Diane Turner

- this year so far have placed 15 dogs into new homes, 17 dogs in foster – 1 has broken leg, 1 id heartworm positive;
- Balance \$8,892 as of 2/7/12, \$1,000 to deposit + more from recently adopted dogs;
- In 2011 rescue placed 25 dogs.

Bylaws – Chuck & Ray on committee

- Ray is wondering if the statement about providing means to be on the BOD means that the GWPCA would need to purchase computers, internet access, etc.
- Garnett: AKC has recommendations on communication methods
- Ray: we shouldn't have to provide technology to member of BOD
- nothing to approve at this time

Old Business:

Wire News

- no volunteers yet
- there are services that will do newsletters for you but we still need someone to coordinate with the service.
- Ray: form a committee to seek out someone? E-mail everyone requesting volunteer?
- Editor that does all tasks can be compensated.
- Erika: give them free membership, free ad, etc. to entice someone to be editor.

2011 Nationals – Revised financial report approval (see Treasurer's Report)

2012 Nationals - nothing to report

2013 Nationals -

- Letter to be written to Cornhusker KC to hold Nationals & Regional Specialty show with their cluster
- Judge is in place with contract signed
- Need report next month

2014 Nationals

- Judging ballot in next Wire News

- Contact all clubs in Eastern Region for interest in holding
- Send e-mail to secretaries
- Suncoast not recognized by AKC yet

Open positions:

- National Events Coordinator – Garnett moved that Laura Reeves is confirmed & Sue DeGraw is confirmed as Trophies & Awards Chair. Bob seconded; unanimously approved
- Still need a GWP-U Coordinator

New Business:

Yearbook

- 3 years since last one (2005-2008)
- need to start planning for 2013 or 2014
- Garnett: we need one, last one had many errors
- need editor; Jodi did last one & was compensated
- topic tabled until next meeting

Discussion of ROM requirements

- Chuck made motion to include NAVHDA testing, Garnett seconded, unanimously approved
- we support the concept of including NAVHDA , but need to consult Sean since the Rules state only that AKC events are allowed
- Chuck: ROM requirements don't include PennHip – ROM committee needs to discuss

CHIC Requirements –

- recommendations from Robin Nelson
- Effective date – April 1, 2012
- How should we inform the membership?

Recommended Breed Requirements:

Hip Dysplasia

OFA Evaluation (min 24 months) OR PennHIP Evaluation (min 12 months)

Elbow Dysplasia

OFA Evaluation (min 24 months)

Autoimmune thyroiditis

OFA Evaluation- minimum of 2 years of age

Eye Clearance

CERF Evaluation- recommended yearly if in a breeding program starting at 1 year

Congenital Cardiac Database

OFA Evaluation by cardiologist (min 24 months)

von Willebrand's Disease (Optional)

OFA Evaluation from VetGen or Clear by Parentage (1st generation only)

Garnett moved that we approve recommendations. Liz seconded. Unanimously approved.

Online discussion February 22, 2012: Erika moved that the BOD offer Angie the newsletter editorship with the compensation of one color page ad in each issue. Also for this year she may have the judges issue cover but must pay the differences between a single page and the cover.

- Chuck seconded motion; motion passed unanimously via e-mail voting.

Erika moved to amend the vote on ROM to " we support the concept of including NAVHDA , but need to consult Sean since the Rules state only that AKC events are allowed ".

- Chuck seconded motion; motion passed unanimously via e-mail voting.

Date of next Board meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 8:30pm EST

Adjourn 10:41 pm EST
Respectfully submitted,
Lori Sargent, Secretary