

GWPCA Board meeting
November 12, 2012
Minutes

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

President Calkins called the meeting to order at 8:37 pm EST.

Approval of minutes from October meeting: Garnett motioned the minutes be approved; Bob seconded; minutes were approved unanimously

President's Report – The 2012 Nationals are now in the books. All seemed to run smoothly. Thanks to the Northern California Club for a great job! No club in the eastern region has agreed to host the 2014 National events. According to the By-Laws Article VI the BOD can appoint a committee to proceed to organize and run the 2014 Nationals. The survey to the membership had 116 responses. The majority wanted to keep the show and field together. Our By-laws Article III Sec. I states our annual meeting "shall be held in conjunction with the combined National Events". A 2014 National Committee needs to be formed and a site selected ASAP.

Canine Health Foundation grants – what type of research do we want donations to fund?
Robin Nelson & Ray will discuss

We have a gift certificate to give to whomever we want from the Meet the Breeds group in NY; Garnett moved it should go to the woman who worked at it. Liz seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Who was it? Lori contacted Pat Laurans and left message. No response yet.

Secretary's Report – nothing to report

Treasurer's Report –

GeneralFund--\$19,595.20

Emergency Rescue Fund--\$3,708.24

All--Star--\$2,060.54

Maturity--\$656.29

Field Trial Supplemental Trophy Fund---\$1,770.00

- I have received the \$2000 seed money back from Southern California Club
- waiting for a few items from Nationals before completing final report;
- A membership application will be in the Wire News. Angie is working on arranging online payments for membership;
- The domain registration fee for the GWPCA.com domain is up for its annual renewal, the cost is \$9.99. This is a separate fee from the web hosting which Angie still provides she'd like to start billing for. The bill for the domain registration still comes to Angie & she'd like to update those records so it goes to the treasurer, automatically. I suspect when I do that they will want to transfer it to a new billing account, but I can try changing that part of the administrative records & see what happens. The hosting fee is \$60/year;
- Garnett moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Bob seconded, motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

SEAC Report

- SEAC Recommendations: The SEAC understands that the FEAC has made several recommendations to the Board. Since some of them concern us all, the SEAC would like to make the following recommendations for Board consideration:

Topic: DNA Profiling as a requirement for National Events

Discussion: There was general discussion regarding the pros and cons of DNA profiling as a requirement to enter National Events. The main things talked about were

- a) Can the DNA database be used for genetic health studies/research?
- b) Will DNA testing enhance the purity of AKC registered German Wirehaired Pointers?
- c) Will requiring a DNA profile to enter National Events negatively impact entries for the Nationals?

After researching how AKC DNA profiling worked, we came to the following conclusions based on their literature and a FAQ that sums up what the DNA profile actually does.....

DNA Frequently Asked Questions

1. What information does the DNA testing provide?

AKC DNA Profiling is for parentage verification and genetic identity purposes only. It does not provide information regarding genetic health, conformation, performance ability, coat color, etc. AKC DNA is not a breed identification test beyond confirming parentage if the sire and dam also have DNA on file.

The conclusions were that DNA profiling as a requirement for entry at a National Event would NOT contribute to a database that could be used for genetic health studies/research; that it might enhance the purity of AKC registered German Wirehaired Pointers, but could not make the registry 100% "pure" unless EVERY GWP registered was DNA'd; and that it might very well have a negative impact on entries for the National Specialty secondary to the increased cost an exhibitor would bear to have the DNA profiling done.

Recommendation from the SEAC is to NOT require a DNA profile for eligibility to enter Conformation or Companion Events offered at GWPCA Nationals. This has no bearing on Performance Events, if the FEAC chooses to require DNA profiles for the field events. The SEAC would be happy to look at this again in the future if the database proves to be more useful to genetic health.

Topic: Centralizing vs Rotating Sites for National Events

Discussion: Overwhelmingly, the majority of the Committee preferred rotating the Events to different venues. Realizing that going to completely different sites each year may be cumbersome; perhaps finding a good site in each region might be the most beneficial. Obviously the Board will make the decision, but we felt that you should have the opinion of the SEAC.

Recommendation from the SEAC is to continue the current system of rotating National Events.

Will it will impact Nationals entries?

- two years old minimum perhaps;
- Bob moved we table discussion for now, Chuck seconded; motion approved unanimously

JEC Report – No report

FEAC Report – annual meeting held during Nationals;

- Three issues were discussed:
- support central location with Board run nationals, unanimously approved
- Support DNA profiling at Nationals, unanimously approved
- closing dates of Nationals field events be Monday prior to event (would not get field events into catalog), majority approved

Directors' reports:

Midwest - nothing new

West - nothing new

East -

- nothing heard from Suncoast or Del Val;
- Walt Whitmore is ill; Pete Paduch has new MH;
- Steve Kreuser got placements in Field trial on his puppy;

Rescue - nothing new

Bylaws – no report

Old Business:

2013 Nationals

- Sylvia's request for funds for raffle items;
- Garnett moved for approval, Chuck seconded; motion approved unanimously

2014 Nationals

- Motion to make GWPCA-run event for membership by Garnett; Bob seconded; motion approved unimously
- Time of year needs to be considered (i.e. temps, driving conditions, etc.); will need to check proposed locations for availability within first part of October
- Options presented
 - Eureka KS
 - Nashville TN
 - Rend Lake/Pinckneyville IL
 - Ionia MI
 - Garnett moved we table until we have more information, wrap it up within 2 weeks; Bob seconded; motion approved unianmously

Central Location Committee – ask for volunteers from each region?

- Committee to make recommendations on locations
- Submit suggestions for members for consideration to Bob Perry
- Notice to go into next Wire News & e-news

Open positions:

- GWP-U Coordinator
- ROM Coordinator

New Business:

AKC cancellation of award at 2012 Nationals –

- E-mail conversation & Angie's proposed wording for Wire News was approved by BOD via e-mail – motion made by Bob to approve, Garnett seconded; motion approved unanimously

Proposal for combined Futurity award

- Laura Myles and Tom Lococo sent proposal for an award combining the show & field futurities.
 - Tom suggested 5-6% prize money, 2.5% or so to come from each futurity. While not a huge sum of money, its something that may increase even more interest.
 - A quickie explanation to who competes “when” is that the Senior Show Futurity dogs in general will compete the same year as they do in the Field, while the Junior and Intermediate Show Futurity dogs will compete in the following years Field Futurity. Competition is only allowed once in either the show or the field futurity.
 - Dogs must also receive a placement to be in eligibility consideration for the “Dual Award”.
 - The calculating numbers we believe accurately reflects the weight that should be given to a field win.
 - Nothing has changed in the nominating process for either the show or the field futurity.
 - We had thought to begin this in 2013, but with a dog able to be selected in 2012, it allows for all the 2012 & 13 show futurity dogs to have had opportunity to compete in the 2013 or 14 Field Futurity and not exclude anyone who had a properly nominated dog.
 - Thanks should go to my ever patient husband Jack Myles for doing all the math possibilities/weighting & calculating birthdate cutoffs + the double checking for mistakes for me, along with Laura Reeves for her help in brainstorming the simplified points calculation (my original versions had too many numbers-simple is good).
 - At the moment Tom and I think that we’ll fund the money annually (with no rollover similar to a Lotto) and if there is no winner the money just stays in each futurity payout. We might change this thought, but for the moment, it seemed to be the easier way to distribute total funds.
- Garnett moved we ask Laura & Tom write up a formal proposal for the BOD to vote on; Bob seconded; motion approved unanimously
- Lori will contact Laura & Tom – how it will work, how awards will be determined

Garnett moved that \$2000 seed money be sent to the Nebraska Club for next year’s Nationals; Chuck seconded; motion approved unanimously

Membership meeting minutes in Wire News, website, send out to BOD

Next meeting – Dec. 10 *Add time on agenda*

Garnett moved we adjourn, Bob seconded; motion approved unanimously

Adjourned at 10:44 pm EST.

Respectively submitted,
Lori Sargent, Secretary