

GWPCA Board meeting
November 6, 2013
Minutes

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

President Calkins called the meeting to order at 8:42pm EST.

Approval of minutes from October meeting: Garnett moved to accept minutes as written, Bob seconded, motion approved unanimously

President's Report: Nationals went very well and we made a profit. It was obvious that the Nebraska Club worked very hard. Thanks to everyone that worked and made it a success. Everyone received information about the rescue trailers from Pat Laurans via e-mail. She reports that the first trailer to come out was the one with the GWPCA logo on it. The Club donated \$1000, Pat donated \$1000, Board of Directors members pledged \$1000. Club members also donated individually. I visited Fort Robinson, the location for the 2015 Nationals, on way home. It's a very nice place. I talked to people there and toured it a bit. The grounds are interesting. Overall, it's a gorgeous area. Rooms at the lodge are fairly Spartan. Its an older building built in 1912. The place has a lot of history.

Secretary's Report - none

Treasurer Report - The current balance is \$21,182.62. Details were sent in e-mail.

- \$1500 was received for last year's Purina donations - send to Northern California club.
- It would be easier to keep track of funds if checks for different things are written for each, instead of several items included on the same check. We need to have separate categories for different funds.
- Fees for PayPal aren't getting added to things. Should we add \$3 to fees? Bill people? Will try to work out solution with Angie.
- Reminders about PayPal fees & membership dues to be sent out in e-mail that Steve sends.

Committee Reports:

SEAC Report – Judy Cheshire

- met at Nationals on October 3, 2013. Three items were discussed.
- The possibility of changing the payouts for the Sweepstakes. This was discussed and decided to leave it as it is.
- How to increase club members' knowledge about the Maturity. After discussion, Audrey Meinke will do a write up for the Wire-News and will also personally contact those owners who had entries in the Futurity in 2013.
- How to increase National Specialty entries. Discussion included the impact of the overall economy, the increasing difficulty of flying dogs and other barriers that discourage potential exhibitors from entering.
 1. Rotation vs Centralization of the Nationals site came up and unanimously the SEAC members asked that the BOD revisit the new policy to centralize the events. It was felt that the vast majority of exhibitors enjoy rotating the Nationals to different areas of the country. If at least three sites were chosen, there would be no reason to re-invent the wheel each year. The sites for both show and field, hotels, resources, etc. would be known.
 2. The SEAC also recommends that the new policy to DNA dogs entered in the National Events also be revisited. If doing this could be used to build a database for health issues, people would be more likely to agree with it. However, it cannot be used for that, it can only be used to identify a dog's parentage and only if its sire and dam have also been DNA'd. The general feeling is that breeders do not falsify pedigrees or introduce other breeds in order to breed a more "typey" or sounder GWP.
 3. The SEAC would like to ask two questions when this issue is revisited: What is the reason it is being done? (Other than to say "other clubs are doing it") and will the

Superintendent or show secretary of the National Specialty and the Field Trial Secretary be responsible for confirming the validity of the DNA numbers?

- Discussion of National event locations will continue as more information on locations is gathered. Ray will clarify DNA issue with Judy. We will table these items for more discussion and thought. DNA will be reconsidered & discussed.

JEC Report – Judy Cheshire

- I'm hoping to attend a seminar in December about revitalizing Parent Club JE programs. The cost will be \$25. Does the BOD agree with this? Garnett moved we provide \$25; Bob seconded, motion approved unanimously.
- I've also been asked to do a JE presentation at the American Canine Education Foundation in Louisville, KY in March that will include all Sporting breeds. As it's about an 8-9 hr. drive, I'll have to stay for two nights, one of which I will pay for. Is the GWPCA willing to pay one night's lodging and gas expenses? Thank you for your consideration of both requests. Garnett moved we cover 1 night lodging & gas expenses to Louisville – what amount? Bob will clarify amount with Judy
 - Garnett made a motion via e-mail November 8, 2013 that the GWPCA fund Judy's expenses for the JE in Louisville, KY in March, 2014 in the amount of \$250. Bob seconded; motion approved unanimously November 8, 2013.

FEAC Report – from Laura Reeves:

- We need a motion from the BOD to accept the FEAC recommendation to move the trial date ahead of the show date for the 2014 National, due to a conflict of events on the grounds, and to hold the NFC before the NAFC for this year only. Bob moved we accept these recommendations; Chuck seconded; motion approved unanimously
- Will Hunt Test held on Monday after other events limit entry? Could open it to other breeds;
- As per Liz: Liz has been reinstated as FEAC chair. Lori Rezzardi & Tony McGrane are going to co-chair FT next year. Judges will be voted on by Feb. 1, 2014.
- If dog has American Field DNA, we should accept it.

Directors' reports:

Midwest - Chuck: sent e-mail out to all clubs; Twin Cities responded – have their winter specialty coming up
West - Bob has heard some comments on the Fort Robinson location. Unfortunately, most were hearsay and none were made directly to the Western Director.

East – Garnett:

- Fort Detroit having 3 day agility trial, supporting GWP entry at Novi shows in January;
- Del Val specialty in June;
- Suncoast confirmed as an AKC club;

Rescue - none

Wire News – from Diane Turner & Adam Cunningham

- The Club has lost money on the production of the WireNews on all three issues this year. The Spring issue was our first one and we have learned since then. We did better on the Summer issue and then we lost more money on the Autumn issue due to the changes made. We would like some direction from the BOD on where they would like to see the WireNews financially so we can set goals and put systems in place to meet these goals.
 - Our goal would be to break even or make small profit; at least cover printing costs
- What are the plans to send the Wire~News Fall Issue to the judges? Does the GWPCA want to open a temporary account as was suggested? Does the GWPCA want to explore other email companies?
 - Discuss solutions with Angie. BOD members have no expertise or knowledge on this topic. Ray will contact Angie.

Old Business:

- 2013 Nationals - Complete expense report was provided by Jan Erbe. Trophy donations exceeded trophy costs. Retain extra for next year.
- 2014 Nationals - none

2015 Nationals - ongoing discussion on location

Standard Review Committee - none

ROM Update - none

From Angie Johnson: 1) What are the plans for the AKC/Eukanuba Meet The Breed Booth? Has the GWPCA completed the necessary paperwork and was the GWPCA going to ask the Suncoast Club to run the booth again this year? If so will any funds and supplied be contributed by the parent club?

- We decided at a previous meeting to provide up to \$200 for meet the breeds type activities.
- Lori did not receive letter or notification from AKC on this event
- Lori will contact Eukanuba and make sure we have a booth. Lori will contact Angie & request Suncoast to manage booth.

New memberships

Mark	Bielefeld	Gerr	Bielefeld	2921 Harlan-Carroll Rd	Waynesville	OH	45068
Wade	Lariviere			5277 Eagle Lake Drive	Palm Beach Gardens	FL	33418
Christian	Fisher			4024 420th Street	Alton	IA	51003
Nikki	Redtenbacher			P.O. Box 11784	Erasmuskloof	Pretoria	GP, 0048South Africa

Lori moved to accept, Garnett seconded; motion approved unanimously

New Business: none

Meeting ended at 10:47pm EST

Next meeting: December 10, 2013 8:30pm EST

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Sargent, Secretary