

GWPCA Board meeting
July 10, 2013
Minutes

8:51 pm EDT

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

Approval of minutes from June meeting – Garnett moved to accept, Liz seconded, motion unanimously approved

President's Report – Health conference taking place August 9-11 in St. Louis, MO; there's a Meet the Breeds event in New York Dec. 14-15

Secretary's Report - none

Treasurer's Report – Balance: \$34,796.42

- I have not received any payments for the Winter Wire~News and I contacted Adam. He mentioned that I should have received them and that he would hunt them down. I was concerned because I had not been notified as to if they had been located.
- Garnett moved to accept, Chuck seconded, motion unanimously approved

Committee Reports:

SEAC Report - nothing new

JEC Report – Judy Cheshire

- need projector for judges' education at Nationals or will be cancelled
- what are the possibilities of renting or buying one? They're expensive.
- Will check into either option.

FEAC Report – none

ROM – Courtney Bastian

- ROM committee has been formed and we are currently discussing several changes to be voted upon.

Centralizing Committee – Laura Reeves

As a group, we have examined most if not all of the available, suitable locations to hold our national events, with a primary focus on field trial grounds which will accommodate the one-hour stake, provide a class championship, offer some facilities and are *somewhat* centrally located. Rhonda, God bless her, has spent hours on the phone trying to get us as much information as possible. We have attempted to search out grounds which are not regular weekend trial grounds with limited success as to timing and availability. We have reached some consensus (by default) that one single location is not something we as a committee or conceivably our membership as whole are prepared to support at this time.

We currently are scheduled for Lincoln this year, Southern Illinois next year and are very much in need of choosing a location for '15 so we can begin planning those events as well.

With all of these items in mind, I propose, after lengthy discussions with most of the committee members and a few other random folks, this committee recommends Fort Robinson, NE for the 2015 site.

There are several reasons for this proposition:

1. If the membership will support this site, it actually meets all of our needs for eventually creating a single "central" location.... But we really have to test-drive it before we commit to it!
2. With Lincoln, Pinckneyville & Fort Robinson, we have a credible 3-site rotation which largely serves the most number of people – i.e. totally central, slightly east, slightly west; varied trial grounds to showcase different running styles and offer the opportunity to see how dogs perform in unfamiliar terrain; sites that serve each of our constituencies -- in other words, the show folks mostly love Rend Lake, the trial folks mostly love Fort Robinson and everyone can meet in the middle in Lincoln.
3. After 2015 in Fort Robinson, the next rotation would be simple to return to Lincoln for 2016. Meanwhile, we will be able to gather tremendous input from our membership via surveys at each of these 3 events in order to make a final recommendation for '17 and forward.

In support of the concept of hosting '15 at Fort Robinson, there are 3 all-breed shows in Rapid City, SD, approximately 2 hours from the grounds on the 3rd weekend in October. Liz suggested and Laura & I discussed some changing up of schedules to maximize this availability.... Basically, start the second Saturday in October with the derby and potentially the oft-discussed amateur walking stake as a limited entry event, continue Sunday and Monday with the Amateur championship. Tuesday run the puppy classic in the am, while also holding obedience. Start Futurity and National Specialty show judging in the late morning. Wednesday run the field futurity in the a.m., and maturity, sweeps and a regional specialty starting in the late morning. Thursday start the championship and hold a hunt test. The show folks can run the hunt test and still have time to drive to Rapid City for the all-breed shows, which the GWPCA could support with upgraded ribbons. Friday could be another hunt test and finishing off the championship.... This obviously is all brain-storming, but at least gives us an idea how we could make the dates, available timeframe and space work.

Below are a couple links for anybody who isn't familiar with the site. There is a picnic shelter with electricity which, w/o seeing it, is a potential location for the show ring.

http://www.stateparks.com/fort_robinson.html

http://outdoornebraska.ne.gov/parks/guides/parksearch/showpark.asp?Area_No=77

- Stand alone specialty
- All breed shows 3 hours away in Rapid City, SD
- Oct. 10-17, 2015
- Chuck moved that we accept the recommendation; Garnett seconded; motion unanimously approved

Directors' reports:

Midwest – nothing significant to report

West – Bob not present

East – Del Val has new president & officers; Fort Detroit just had specialty in conjunction with Michigan Sporting Dog Association; good entry

Rescue – Heidi Baumbarger

- We currently have 9 dogs in foster care, 3 in long term foster and have adopted out 19 so far this year. We have 2 waiting for foster and a couple more pending our approval.
- Northern CA Rescue currently has 7 in foster care and has adopted out 4. They are picking up another, which may stay with them or come to us, depending on the evaluation.
- Balance: \$2,685.41

Old Business:

2013 Nationals - things are moving along nicely

2014 Nationals – nothing new

2015 Nationals – location decided – see above

New memberships - none

New Business:

Meet the Breeds in FL – contact the Suncoast Club to do it

Garnett moved to form a Standards Committee to review the standard & to clarify wording; Lori seconded; motion unanimously approved

- Chuck – should have one of the Judges' ed committee people
- Erika – make sure we have people on both sides of color issue
- Liz moved Garnett be chair of committee; Chuck seconded
- Erika commented that members should be approved by BOD

Next meeting – August 7, 2013, 8:30 pm EDT

Garnett moved we adjourn; Erika seconded; motion unanimously approved

Meeting ended 10:31 pm EDT