

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2014

8:30 p.m. EST

Meeting called to order at 5:38 PST. All Board members present.

1. Approval of minutes of August Meeting. All approved.
2. Report of President
 - a. Ray sent an email to AKC re: the AKC interview re: electronic collars on Fox.
 - b. Ray discussed the AKC stance on E-Collars with Pat Laurans, AKC Delegate, and she said she would forward any comments to the appropriate parties.
 - c. Ray visited the proposed grounds in OR for 2015.
 - d. Nat'l's participants who have dogs over 2 years old who did not get DNA numbers for their dogs yet, can see Ray at the Nationals prior to competing.
3. Report of Secretary
 - a. Update Board Officers to AKC
 - b. Vote on AKC Lifetime Achievement awards
 - c. Sent Board comments to ROM committee
 - d. Annual Meeting Agenda and 2013 Annual Meeting minutes
 - i. Print 2013 minutes for meeting? How Many?
 - ii. Print 2014 Agenda? How Many?
4. Report of Treasurer
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Bylaws (vacant)
 - b. CHIC (Robin Nelson)
 - c. AKC Delegate (Pat Laurans)
 - I attended the September Delegates 3 days of meetings. I was a speaker at the Forum re: The Pet Disaster Trailer program. After the committee elections the Parent Club Committee met and once again, by a unanimous vote I was elected to Chair the Parent Club Committee.
 - Ray and I have been in contact re: the Fox and Friends segment on E Collars. I have spoken with the AKC President and CEO, Dennis Sprung regarding this unfortunate presentation, and how it affects our breed and club members.
 - I have requested info re: our Rescue Chair, and hope one will be in place soon
 - Sorry that I will not be able to join you all at Rend Lake.
 - d. FEAC (Liz Dixon) No Report
 - e. JEC (Judy Cheshire)

- There are four articles for the "Show Sights" piece. Only one needed minor updating and AJ is current on all. The clarification of the standard piece that I'm working on for the GWPCA website can be added when complete.
 - There are only a few inquiries for the seminar at Nationals. Although I've spoken to a few people about attending, judges are becoming more and more frugal about the expense of attending seminars on "low entry breeds" if there is only one educational opportunity and not additional opportunities for multiple breeds. There is definitely interest in ringside mentoring for Friday at this point.
- f. SEAC (Judy Cheshire)
 - The focus group put in place to look at the possibility of a Master Agility annual award assures me that there will be a recommendation by October. Hopefully, it will be ready for review by Nationals.
 - g. NEC (Laura Reeves)
 - h. Rescue (vacant)
 - i. ROM (Courtney Bastian) No Report
 - j. Standards Review (Garnett Persinger) No Report
 - k. Versatility (Greg Dubois) nothing to report
 - l. Wire News (Diane Turner/Angie Johnson) No Report
 - m. Wire Mail (Steve Kreuser/Angie Johnson) No Report
 - n. Webmaster (Angie Johnson) No Report
 - o. Legislative Liaison (Jodi Quesnell)
 - Updates on AKC website
6. Directors Reports
 - a. West – Dr. Cindy Heiller
 - Petition against Centralization is being circulated among west cost members.
 - b. Midwest – Chuck Casanova
 - Chuck will not be at Nationals.
 - WI club will be having a barn hunt demo at Nationals
 - c. East – Angie Johnson
7. Old Business
 - a. 501©3 status
 - b. Disaster Trailer
 - a. AKC sent request for funding of a Maryland Disaster Trailer
 - b. Possibly wait for something that is closer to the west coast, since GWPCA has already funded a trailer in North Carolina.
 - c. AKC Rescue Email List
8. 2014 Nationals
 - a. We will meet on Friday, time TBD based on show schedule. Bob will dial-in.
9. 2015 Nationals

- a. Discussion of Fort Robinson vs Oregon
 - i. 2015 Fort Robinson (4 to stay in Fort Robinson, 3 opposed)
 - ii. Approach West coast Members to have 2016 in Oregon and talk to WI club for 2017 Nationals. (All in favor. Motion passes)

The board will also send a new survey re: centralization within 3 months. (all in favor; motion passes.)

10. 2016 Nationals

- a. Check with OR/WA to have in Oregon (see discussion above)

11. 2017 Nationals

- a. Check with WI to see if they will resubmit proposal for Nationals. (see discussion above)

12. Election to Membership

- a. Jeff Matz, WI
- b. Sam Pearson, GA

All in favor. All accepted

13. New Business

- a. Facebook/Proper channels to contact the BOD
 - i. Angie will generate a draft for how the membership can contact the BOD.
- b. GWPCA Response to AKC interview on Fox re: E-collars
- c. Chuck will be the chairman of the Bylaws committee, and Rick Donohue has volunteered to be on the committee. One other additional person for the committee needed. All in favor. Motion passes.

14. Next Meeting. At Nationals on 10/10. Time TBD.

15. Adjournment