

# German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Aug 6, 2015

8:30 p.m. EST

Meeting called to Order: Ray, Cindy, William, Jodi Angie present. Bob and Erika Absent.

Approval of minutes.

1. Report of President

- Thanks the 2015 Field Trial Committee, the Disciplinary committee, and Rhonda for their cooperation in this matter.

2. Report of the Treasurer

none

3. Report of Secretary

- Sent parent club approval for:
  - i. Wisconsin GWP Club Field Trial Aug 29-30
  - ii. Twin Cities GWP Club Field Trial Sept. 18-20
- Received CGC materials for the advanced level of CGC test—the AKC Community Canine
- I received an offer for a volunteer at Nationals—Thank-you Beth Schmidt!
- I have received the first ballot for the 2017 Nat'l Specialty judge
- Mailed results of Suspension Hearing to Rhonda Haukoos.
  - i. Will mail duplicate letter to Field Trial Committee next week
- Sent GWPCA Position statement on expansion of 4-6 mos puppy competition to Pat Laurans to give to AKC, and share with other parent clubs.
- Completed note (which Ray forwarded) to Standard Review Committee
- Sent Meet the Breeds application to AKC with Angie as Meet the Breed Chairman
- Board Minutes are now up to date on the GWPCA website
- AKC updates sent to Wirenews and Wiremail to be sent to membership

4. Committee Reports

a. Bylaws (Chuck Casanova) No Report

b. CHIC (Robin Nelson)

- Submitted request for CHIC funds for Eye study (*in new business*)

c. AKC Delegate (Pat Laurans) no report

d. FEAC (Liz Dixon)

- I will send out an email soon to get agenda items for the upcoming meeting we will have at the nationals. The field trial committee will be having a meeting next week discussing the nationals.

e. Field Futurity (Tom Lococco) No Report

- f. JEC (Judy Cheshire)
- Article for the judges issue of the Wire~News completed and submitted.
  - JE seminar in Texas (October 2015) will be done by Betsy Watkins. I will supply her with the materials.
  - JE seminar in Missouri (September 2015) - Sounds like this will cost more than initially thought and for too few people. They have, at the most, five people who will be attending. It will cost over \$250 for airfare, I would have to rent a car and stay in a motel for several days. I have also been contacted to do a seminar in Florida in conjunction with the shows prior to Eukanuba in December. This is traditionally very well attended. We can do this by just paying my airfare. Because Doug will be there, I can stay with him and not incur any additional fees. So, that is the plan. If the Board would rather that I go to the seminar in Missouri and is willing to pay the expenses, please let me know.
- g. SEAC (Michelle Boyd)
- 2017 Nat'l Judges Ballots ready to be sent in Wiremail and Wirenews
  - 2016 Nat'l Judges balloting results reviewed and Show Chair to send letters. Judge with most 1<sup>st</sup> place ballots to judge Nat'l Specialty; judge with most overall votes to be asked to judge Regional specialty.
- h. Rescue (Suzanne Oslander)
- 4 dogs placed since July 1st. 5 in rescue currently, 2 are undergoing HW treatment. 1 dog waiting on foster.
- i. ROM (Courtney Bastian) no report
- Courtney to send the updates to Lori for the Website, Steve for the Wiremail and to the Wirenews editors for inclusion in the next Wirenews.
- j. Show Futurity (Laura Myles) no report
- k. Standards Review (Garnett Persinger) No Report
- l. Versatility (Greg Dubois) nothing to report
- m. Wire News (Taylor Marshall/Gabrielle Litterman) /Wirenews Advertising (Kelly Mitchell)
- Taylor, Gabe, and Kelly have been working closely to determine the best route to help increase profits for the WireNews, our ultimate goal is to have a small profit each issue. We believe the best route to reach this goal is not by increasing GWPCA member advertising rates, rather to solicit outside advertising at a higher rate. We hope to implement these changes with the beginning of the New Year.
  - We have attached our advertising proposal to hear thoughts and ideas from the board as well as a sample contract we envision to be used with business advertising as well as members who commit to one year (4 issues) to receive priority placement as well as a small discount.
  - The Fall issue is currently being edited and compiled - we hope to have it in mailboxes mid-September.
- n. Wire Mail (Steve Kreuser)
- Lisa and I have been trying to get the unsubscribed members back in. We are slowly getting it done. Problem exists because if a member has asked to be removed from the list we are unable to re-subscribe them without their permission.
  - Potentially have 3 Wire-Mails schedule for Aug,
    - One for the National premiums, need electronic versions of all premiums. Have HT and FT

- One for events, merchandise and general information
    - One for 2018 Judges ballot and bios. Coordinating with Michelle Boyd of SEAC.
  - o. Webmaster (Lori Sargent)
    - I've published several items on the website. I can only post things once or twice a week.
  - p. Legislative Liaison (Jodi Quesnell)
    - <http://www.cgstatetrack.com/texis/statetrack/insession/viewrpt/main.html?event=49bfaef9bd>
    - Check AKC website for updates
    - Anti debark and declawing legislation in Oregon died in committee.
5. Directors Reports
- a. West – Dr. Cindy Heiller
    - Sea-Tac—specialties will be Aug. 22-23
    - Central Oregon
    - Oregon-successful hunt test
    - N. Cal—Field Trials planed for Nov. at Kistler ranch
    - S. Cal—no events until January
    - Rocky Mtn Club
  - b. Midwest – William Bastian
    - E. Nebraska
    - Wisconsin—FT Aug 29-30
    - Twin Cities—FT Sept 28-30
    - Illinois
    - GWP club of Iowa
  - c. East – Angie Johnson
    - Sun Coast
    - Fort Detroit—have a fun day, including training and potluck
    - Del Val Club
6. Old Business
- a. Standard Review Committee
    - a. Ray sent Email sent to committee with example wording
  - b. National Events Manual
    - a. Judy working on revision??
  - c. 2014 Nationals
    - a. Suspension Hearing
      - i. Notified by email from Hearing Committee and received letter with decision mailed to Rhonda.
      - ii. Copy of letter and results to be sent to Field Trial Committee
        - Should it be posted on Website (near Minutes) or Wirenews, or both?
        - Include original field trial committee decision
  - d. 2015 Nationals
    - a. Fort Robinson Planning
      - i. Ray acting Nat'l events Coordinator

- b. Field Trial
    - i. Secretary Sue Mueller
    - ii. Becky Smith will help with Hospitality & set-up Purina dinner
    - iii. Committee has met and has begun planning; is working on getting birds.
      - Derby and futurity is out and back
      - AGD will be a loop; call backs for retrieve
      - Nat'l Championship will be out and back; call backs for retrieve
      - Committee will send invoices to Erika and she will mail checks.
      - Bruce will bring grills for meals
    - iv. Field Trial Chair Mark Smith
    - v. Lodge Rooms and Horse Stalls reserved for judges at Fort Robinson.
  - c. Hunt Test
    - i. Chair Leo Bowman
    - ii. Hunt Test Secretary Chris Gross
    - iii. We will need some direction on ordering ribbons and if there were any leftover from previous year. I need to clarify with the FT guys on bird orders. When the supplier needs final numbers etc. I'll also have to map out a course/ area if one hasn't been identified already.
    - iv. Equipment is secured, judges and horses are lined up, and the premium has started circulation. I'll do some more promotion to the clubs and HT groups in the coming weeks. Always need volunteers to gun, plant birds, and marshal for a few braces!
  - d. Specialty Show Events
    - i. Chair (Laura Myles)
    - ii. Judges are all in place; 4-6 mos. Puppy has been moved to Sunday.
    - iii. Judges rooms have all been reserved
  - e. Obedience Chair—Ann Kostishak
    - i. Obedience rings & equipment will be rented for no \$\$ from the Central Wyoming KC
  - f. Show Photographer lined up
    - i. Room has been reserved at the Lodge for him Fri-Sun Night. And, we will cover his meals. Motion to approve payment of lodging and meals for photographer. All approved.
  - g. Trophy Chair Sue Degraw
    - i. A great response from members—lots of trophy donations!
  - h. Hospitality/Banquet (Miranda Wagoner/Jodi Quesnell, Hospitality Co-Chairs)
    - i. Fort Robinson Liquor license is only for their restaurant. They won't provide a cash bar. Attendees will need to bring their own alcoholic beverages if they want to have drinks
- e. 2016 Nationals
- a. Oregon—Update!
    - i. Show in Condon or Hood River
    - ii. Field Trial at Buckhorn Ranch
  - b. Dates—Oct. 20-23 (shows) & Oct 24-conclusion (Field)
  - c. Show chair to contact judges for availability and to get contract signed

- f. 2017 Nationals
  - a. Wisconsin/Portage
  - b. FT Grounds are being improved and expanded. FT grounds managers are in full support.
    - i. Vizsla club will be holding a Grand Open Field Trial Stake as a test for a 1-hour stake
  - c. Hunt Test grounds are close to the host motel; water test can be held at the host motel
  - d. Host Motel has been selected—Olympia Resort.
  - e. Nat's are on the schedule for the trial grounds
  - f. Dates—end of September or possibly sometime in October
  
- g. 2018 Nationals
  - a. E. Coast members have formed a committee to prepare a bid for 2018 Nat'ls
  - b. Two proposals received
    - i. Virginia
    - ii. Mingo, OH and shows in PA

FEAC and SEAC are both recommending the Mingo location. A motion is made to have the 2018 National Field Championship in Mingo, OH and the shows in PA. All Approved.
  
- h. Election to Membership  
none
  
- i. New Business
  - a. The judge for 2016 Nat'l
    - i. Motion was made to follow the SEAC recommendation to switch the National Specialty judge judge, so that Mary Ann Alston will judge the National Specialty, and Kathy Rust to judge the Regional, due to the fact that Kathy Rust does not meet the club requirements for our Nat'l Specialty Judge. All approved.
  - b. Wirenews advertising changes
    - i. A motion is made to accept the proposals of the Wirenews editors to increase advertising. All approved.
  - c. Lisa Krueser has volunteered to be the Nat'l Events Coordinator
    - i. Motion to appoint Lisa as Nat'l Events Coordinator. All Approved
  - d. DNA
    - i. Board members who voted to approve DNA requirements for all dogs didn't realize the vote was to require DNA for ALL dogs who are competing at Nationals.
      - This will be put on the agenda for the National meeting. If there is a quorum at Nat'ls this can be voted by members. If not, then the board can take feedback from members for a vote.
  - e. Robin Nelson (CHIC Coordinator) has requested the GWPCA contribute \$1500.00 from our Donor Advised Fund to the Corneal Endothelial Dystrophy study. Their statistical data shows GWP's are 10.5 times more likely than the hospital population to suffer from this painful, blinding disorder. Our \$1500 donation would be matched by the UC Davis Center for Companion Animal Health. This research specifically involves German Wirehaired Pointers

- i. According to the AKC CHF, our Donor Advised Fund balance is \$2292.01. Dr. Thomasy is hoping for a two year commitment-all funds being matched by the Center for Companion Animal Health, but any support is much appreciated.
- ii. I am making arrangements to collect DNA for research purposes at Nationals. The banking fee will be \$10.00 per dog. I would love to collect from multiple generation "families" of GWP's for research purposes. I would also appreciate the Board's support with this project.
  - Motion made to approve Robin's proposal to donate CHF funds to this study. All approved.

j. Next Meeting: TBD

k. Adjournment