

# German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 27, 2017

Meeting called to order at 8:42 EST; Bob Perry and Erika Brown were absent; Mike Braddock arrived late.

### Approval of March Minutes

1. Report of President
  - a. Our contract with Purina is good until 2018;
2. Report of the Treasurer
3. Report of Secretary
  - a. Received a thank-you from the Isom family for the flowers we bought for Jim's memorial.
  - b. I spoke with AKC about the process for Standard Revisions, and she said that the club could vote on different sections of the breed standard rather than approve all of the changes with one vote, but all of the voting must be on one ballot.
  - c. I have started editing a new GWP yearbook (2012-2016.) Info will be in the Wirenews and on my website: <http://idawire.com/yearbooks>
  - d. Event Approvals
    - GWP Club of E. Neb—May 4-5 & May 6-7
    - Twin Cities GWP Club Field Trial—May 15-16
    - No. Cal GWP Walking Field Trial—May 20-21, 2017 (includes water test)
    - Del Val GWP Club Specialty—June 3, 2017
    - Oregon GWP Club Walking Field Trial—June 3-4, 2017
    - Northern California GWP Club Specialty—June 10, 2017
    - Wisconsin GWP Club Specialty—June 17, 2017
    - Fort Detroit GWP Club Specialty—July 7, 2017
    - So Cal GWP Club Specialty—July 8, 2017
    - Seatac GWP Club Specialties (1 & 2)—Aug 18
    - Central Oregon GWP Field Trial—Sept 16-17, 2017
    - Wisconsin GWP Club Specialty—Oct 6, 2017
    - Northern California Hunt Test—November 1-2, 2017
    - Sun Coast GWP Hunt Test—Nov 4-5, 2017
    - Northern California GWP Field Trial—November 16-19, 2017
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Bylaws (Chuck Casanova and Ray Calkins) no report
  - b. DNA (Ray Calkins) no report
  - c. CHIC (Robin Nelson)
    - Cindy and I are working on a thyroid clinic for Nationals. We will need to have numbers of dogs and paperwork from interested members prior to meeting in Solon Springs. I will make sure information is available for the upcoming Wire~News and the Wire~Mail publications as we get closer to Nationals.
    - I would also like to remind the Board the biennial Canine Health Conference will be held Friday August 11-August 13, 2017 in St Louis, MO. In the past, our club has sponsored a

member's attendance. The early bird registration (prior to June 1) is \$50 per person. After June 1 the price increases to \$100. Conference registration no longer includes hotel accommodations which will be \$144 per night plus taxes. I have had the privilege of attending this meeting in the past and I would like to suggest the Board support Cindy H if she's interested.

- d. AKC Delegate (Pat Laurans) no report
- e. FEAC (Liz Dixon)
  - I got the final judge for the '17 National field trial.
  - Can we get approval for: Eldon Hongo, Laura Miller, Tony McGrane and Mark Johnson. Eldon Hongo is the only one right now that we know where he will judge. He indicated that he would like to judge early so he can go to the GSP Nationals. So he will judge the NAFC and derby. I just send out a letter to the FEAC to have them decide how the rest of the panel will look.
  - Everything else is moving along. The event has been applied for, once I get approval of the judges I should be able to finish the online work. And also get the premium ready for the packet for the nationals.
- f. Field Futurity (Tom Lococco) no report
- g. National Events Manual (Judy Cheshire) no report
- h. JEC (Judy Cheshire)
  - March JE seminar went well with a large audience. Nothing else new on the JEC.
- i. SEAC (Michelle Boyd)
  - Information for voting on 2019 judges ballot has been sent to the wire-news, Lori Sargent for the website and to Steve Kreuser for next wirenews e-mail.
  - We will be working shortly on a revised schedule for nominating judges and voting on judges.
- j. Rescue (Suzanne Oslander) no report
- k. Awards Committee (Lisa Krueser) no report
- l. ROM (Courtney Bastian) no report
- m. Show Futurity (Laura Myles) no report
- n. Merchandise (??)
- o. Standards Review (Bernee Brawn) Nothing to report
- p. Versatility (Lori Sargent) no report
- q. Wire News (Taylor Marshall/Angie Johnson) no report
- r. Wire Mail (Steve Kreuser) no report
- s. Webmaster (Lori Sargent) no report
- t. Legislative Liaison (Joan Payton)
  - **WHY ALL CALIFORNIANS NEED TO WORRY ABOUT AB 485:**

As recent history has shown, many anti-breeder animal rights extremists continuously advocate for incremental breeding and sales restrictions that they hope will eventually lead to outright bans on all animal breeding and ownership. They collectively consider all breeders and pet stores as substandard and inherently not interested in practicing or promoting animal welfare. These politically-aware extremists recognize that most purebred dog fanciers and enthusiasts do not think of themselves as similar to, or aligned with, pet stores or professional breeders. As a result, they employ a "divide-and-conquer" governmental strategy to further split the political strength of breeder groups. This is the strategic foundation that AB 485 is built upon.

Over the past few years, a multitude of local jurisdictions have considered proposals to ban the sale of pets at pet stores. As the proposals move from one jurisdiction to another, the template stays largely the same. Proponents make inflammatory allegations about abuses by breeders (whom they collectively call "puppy mills") or unsubstantiated or uneducated claims of animal population issues, and offer a solution that urges the sales or adoption of animals obtained from shelters and rescues. Animal rights groups count on the idea that the

philosophical division between breeder groups will prevent them from uniting against their incremental, yet no less radical, agenda.

Sponsored by the same group that attempted to institute mandatory spay/neuter in California in 2007, AB 485 seeks to ban the sale of pets from known, regulated and inspected sources (including breeders and handlers subject to federal licensing), and allow pet shops to only sell pets from unregulated and uninspected sources (i.e., shelters, rescues, and other similar organizations) that are not subject to state consumer protection laws or other guarantees. In essence, retail pet store bans, including AB 485, remove available consumer protections for new pet owners, limit the ability of pet owners to obtain the appropriate pet for their lifestyle, and potentially increase public health risks for the entire community. Furthermore, AB 485 will dramatically reduce every Californian's access and ability to choose a pet with the predictable type, mandated care, and substantiated health backgrounds that come with purebred pets from regulated sources.

## 5. Directors Reports

### a. West – Dr. Cindy Heiller

- Sea-Tac—Specialty date has moved to weekend with Rainier Sporting dog show and Enumclaw all-breed shows. 5 shows total! Lots of majors!
- Central Oregon—Having a field trial this weekend.
- Oregon—May 13 club meeting and training day to prepare for Walking trial on June 3-4.
- N. Cal— Hunt Test was cancelled due to flooding; specialty scheduled in June in conjunction with Woofstock. Field trial at Kistler Ranch in November.
- S. Cal—Looking for trophy donations for July specialty.

### b. Midwest – William Bastian

- Eastern Nebraska Club—no report
- Wisconsin Club—129 entries for field trial this weekend
- Twin Cities Club— Upcoming field trial May 15 & 16
- Iowa club—no report
- Illinois Club—Cancelled Chukkar Hunt

### c. East – Mike Braddock

- Sun Coast—has approval for a field trial; working on getting a chairman and secretary for a FT
- Fort Detroit—Had FT and HT in April; walking trial coming up May 27; specialty will be on July 7 at Monroe Co. Fairgrounds with Sporting dog show.
- Del Val Club—Specialty scheduled in June.

## 6. Old Business

### a. National Event's Treasurer

- Cindy will check to see if Lynn Sandor would be willing to do this job.

### b. Standard Review Committee

- Standard Review committee was informed of the vote by the board's previous board meeting and they protested—they want to suggest changes other aspects of the breed standard, in addition to the proposed changes to color.
  - Last meeting: *Motion to limit the changes to the standard only to the description of color. Seconded. Motion approved AND Motion to send the standard that allows black to the AKC for review. Seconded. Motion approved.*

## 7. 2017 Nationals—Wisconsin

- Wisconsin Specialty Oct 6, National Oct 7, regional Oct 8. Field Events begin Oct. 9
- Things are moving forward as planned. One small set back with the sweeps judge, Kim Byrd working on a replacement.
- Online auction to begin soon
- Event brochure in progress will be included in the next Wire News.
- Sylvia Miller has been collecting a lot of high-end items for the on-site auction. Miranda Wagoner will be listing on the facebook page.
- Tentative working schedule- Thurs 10/5, set-up/welcome hospitality.
- Fri 10/6, WI specialty/GWPU-Dr JoAnn Randall/handling clinic/health clinic/WI hospitality and gun dog sweeps.
- Sat 10/7. National show and Ob/Rally/All-Star/Awards banquet
- Sun 10/8, Regional show and Ob/Rally/Annual meeting
- Mon 10/9, HT/WT/FT, Purina dinner
- Tues 10/10, FT until the conclusion.
- GWPU- Dr. Randall is a veterinarian and has a specialization in reproduction. Dr. Heiller and her are working on a specific topic to cover.
- HT-Secretary has been identified. Lori Sargent is waiting on one judge. She will provide names and bios of the prospective judges to the BOD asap.
- FT-Liz Dixon is keeping the event together and everything is proceeding as planned.
- Other-The club has been asked to allow a local PBS station to film the FT. The show, which is a popular show in the area,<http://www.milwaukeepbs.org/local-programs/programs/outdoor-wisconsin>. I have contacted the AKC to find out what is involved with allowing filming at the event. I will follow up with AKC and keep the BOD involved with any movement in this area. This is something that initially sounds great, but could create issues with the dogs running and being distracted if they were allowed to be on the grounds. However, we may be able to work something out in a more "staged" atmosphere and then allow them to film call-backs at the actual event. Just thoughts. However, once the AKC gives us their stamp of approval, it would then be up to the FEAC and the BOD for final approval. Here is a link to the AKC guidelines, <http://www.akc.org/rules/policy-manual/dog-show-policies/>
- GWPCSC has agreed to sponsor one night of hospitality. Would really like to get some more clubs donate.
- We are starting to get checks in for trophies, etc. Will we be getting the deposit only debit cards? We need to have some resolution on the subject.

## 8. 2018 Nationals

- East coast. Sept 28-Oct 9, 2018
- FT- Mingo Sportsman club, Oct 1-9  
Judges working to finalize contracts. Site visits to begin soon
- A site has been identified for the show, waiting on approval of a permit from the township. More information to follow.

## 9. 2019 Nationals

- a. Investigating 3 possible locations:
  - Kisler Ranch/Sonora, CA (with 2 all-breed shows 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Oct.)

- Richardson Ranch/Boise, ID (with 4 all-breed shows 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Oct.)
- California City/Riverside, CA (with 2 all-breed shows last weekend in Oct.)

10. National Events

- a. Need clarification on DNA requirements

11. Election to Membership

Don	Erlandson	Kelly	Erlandson	2842 275th Street	St. Croix Falls	WI
Susan	Anderson			191 Stroupe Road	Ilion	NY
Schneider	Alwin			604 S Hammonds Ferry RD	Linthicum	MD
Joe	Martin			70 Nixon RD	Chadron	NE

All Approved

12. New Business

- a. National Field Trial Judges
  - Motion to approve the judges recommended by the FEAC for the Nat'l field trial. All approved.
- b. AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards.
- c. Website payments for membership.
  - We need this page revamped soon. I am not receiving all the information needed when people are renewing or becoming members online.
- d. GWPCA Merchandise Sales
  - A motion made to form a merchandise committee. All Approved.
- e. Wirenews costing too much?

13. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 25

14. Adjournment