

# German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm. Jim, Lee, Mike, Linda, Cindy and Stacy present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes. Linda made a motion and Lee seconded to approve the minutes as sent. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Report of President
2. Report of the Treasurer

### GWPCA Treasurer's Report April 6, 2020

Fund	Total	Note
General Fund	42,240	
Membership 2020		See Membership report (included in above)
Wire new (4850)	2000	This account has not been activated
Purina Partnership (4847)	3750	Limited to education and health research
Maturity (1350)	1680	Includes donations and nominations

Items Paid March 9 – April 6, 2020:

Amount \$	Notes
20.00	Constant Contact – monthly fee (\$20)
Wire news:	
1705	Johnson Press

PP –PayPal. All other Items are paid by check.

Please note that I have several checks to be deposited. They are currently in quarantine and have not been opened. I'll take care of these in mid-April.

- There is a correction to the Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance is \$42,240.00 the General Fund includes \$1065.00 in emergency funds. Also, the Wire News account is now active per Angie's report.
  - Insurance – Lee sending an email to the AKC to see if we are insured through them as a member club as she has not been able to find any information on who our policy carrier is.
3. Report of Secretary
    - Event Approvals
      - Twin Cities GWP Specialty June 23, Cambridge, MN

#### 4. Committee Reports

- a. Bylaws (Ray Calkins)
  - Jodi has the changes, needs to write them up, and get them to Lee.
- b. CHIC (Karen Potter) no report
- c. AKC Delegate (Pat Laurans) no report
  
- d. FEAC (Liz Dixon)
  - The FEAC has finished balloting for the 2020 nationals. Of the top 4 judges chosen, 3 have accepted. I am now going down the list trying to get a 4th judge. It took me forever to get an answer (negative) from one judge, so have finally been able to move on. Still no word from the next guy via email - and I don't have a phone number for him. I believe I can get his number though, so I will try that if I don't hear back from him today via email.
  - If the Board wants to approve the 3 that I have, I can then send out letters with the questionnaire of charges, needs, etc. The three gentlemen that have agreed are Jon Small, Howard Burbach and Tony McGrane.
    - Motion was made by Mike and seconded by Stacy to approve the three judges at this time. Motion carried unanimously.
  - As the co-chair for the event, I spoke with Tom Lococo last week and he has ordered birds for the event. The person is not close to Lincoln, but will deliver them for a small fee, which I told Tom would-be best-case scenario anyway as we don't have the manpower to go get them. Branched Oaks has a nice quail/chukar pen, so no problem for housing once they get there. He ordered quail and chukar for the hunt test and the field trial. I haven't made contact yet with the woman in charge of meals at the clubhouse, I will try to do that today.
  
- e. Field Futurity (Tom Lococco) no report
- f. JEC (Judy Cheshire)
  - JEC report - The weekend shows at the Louisville cluster were cancelled due to Covid 19. Therefore, no further filming was done for Canine College. Hopefully, more planning can resume when this crisis is over, and everyone's life can return to normalcy.
  
- g. SEAC (Michelle Boyd)
- h. Rescue (Suzanne Oslander) no report
- i. Awards Committee (Lisa Krueser) no report
- j. ROM no report
  - Stacy will send an email to Angie (WireNews) and Steve (WireMail) to send out a notice that we are looking for someone to fill the position.
  
- k. Show Futurity (Laura Myles) no report
- l. Maturity (Audrey Meinke/Jennifer Jacobs) no report
- m. Merchandise (Kristen Wehking) no report
- n. Versatility (Ariel Wolf)
  - We have developed a new versatility award point schedule. We will be sending the proposed new schedule to the board in the next few weeks.
  
- o. Nominating Committee (Jodi Quesnell) no report
- p. Wire News (Angie Johnson/Ariel Wolf/Taylor Hickman/Erin Yanish)
  - 2020 Spring Wire News 52 Pages Uploaded to Publisher on 3/10/2020. 349 Copies Mailed 3/17/2020
    - Deadline was Feb. 1st., our goals for 2020 is to have the issue uploaded to publisher 30 days after the deadline, we were 10 days over goal.

**Profit/Loss for 2020 Spring Wire News****Revenue**

Ads & Business Cards	\$1,775.00
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**Expense**

Printing	\$1,818.55
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Graphic Designer	\$416.00
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Mass Mailing	\$736.58
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Priority & Foreign Mailing	\$114.58
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,085.71</b>
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<b>Profit or Loss</b>	<b>(\$1,310.71)</b>
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**Budget for 2020 Spring Wire News**

Ad Revenue	\$1,775.00
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Membership Contrib	\$1,227.00
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<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$3,002.00</b>
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,085.71</b>
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<b>Over Budget</b>	<b>(\$83.71)</b>
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Budget - We are allocating 30% of Membership Dues to go towards Wire News.

Membership Dues	\$16,365.00
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30%	\$4,910.00
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Divide by 4 issues	\$1,227.00
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**Deadline for 2020 Summer Wire News is May 1st.**

- q. WireMail (Steve Kreuser) no report
- r. Webmaster (Taylor Hickman) no report
- s. Legislative Liaison (Joan Payton)
  - MA: extends consideration period to impose mandatory annual inspections of all kennels, regulatory oversight over all kennels consumer protection laws
  - Edgewood, KY: proposed do breed bans
  - NC info: wildlife resources committee proposes amendments to dog training & field trials

For more information go to AKC.org clubs & delegates then legislation

## 5. Membership Coordinator (Angie Johnson)

- **2020 Membership Financials**
  - Membership Fee - \$16,365.00
  - Rescue Emergency Fund - \$1,065.00
  - Breeder Listing - \$2,050.00
  - Stud Dog Directory - \$270.00
  - New Member Fees/PP Fee - \$288.86
- **2020 Membership**
  - 505 Members
  - 345 Households
- **2019 Membership**
  - 559 Members
  - 370 Households

- 54 less members in 2020 as of 04/06/2020
- 99 Members did not renew from 2019 to 2020
- I sent a list of members that have not renewed to the regional directors and asked them to also reach out to the people in their area. I heard back from Linda Eidemiller with follow-up but not the Western and Eastern Director. Attached is an updated list of 2019 members that did not renew.
- I sent a list of 2020 Members and their emails to the Wire News and Wire Mail teams so they can refresh their emails.

#### 6. Directors Reports

- a. West – Dr. Cindy Heiller
  - Sea-Tac—no report
  - Central Oregon—no report
  - Oregon— no report
  - N. Cal—all events cancelled thru May
  - S. Cal— all events cancelled thru May
  
- b. Midwest – Linda Eidemiller
  - Eastern Nebraska Club—no report
  - Wisconsin Club—no report
  - Twin Cities Club— Twin Cities Club voted to cancel their May Hunt Test.
  - Iowa club—no report
  
- c. East – Mike Braddock
  - Sun Coast—no report
  - Fort Detroit—They still have a Field Trial on books for the end of May.
  - Del Val Club—no report

#### 7. Old Business

- a. Top Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Awards
  - Lori feels the existing way of calculating these awards is highly biased by NAVHDA points.
    - I have attached Lori’s proposal.
      - The Board read the proposal and has tabled it for further discussion possibly at the next meeting. Stacy will email Lori and let her know of the decision.
  
- b. Embark Testing –
  - Lee sent an email to Destiny Slone about the program but has not heard back from her yet.

2020-Lincoln, NE

October 2-4

- Action Item: Show Sweepstakes Judge approval: Kari Anderson Loken. AKC judge approved for Cairn and Blue Terriers and Jrs. Wanting to add GWPs to her resume.
  - Motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Mike to approve the Show Sweepstakes judge at this time. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Show site is reserved for GWPCA on Friday, for our use of the Lincoln Room.
  - Robin Nelson and Linda Handevitd are working with the local caterers for food. Caught up in the current shut down.
  - Contract received, signed off and sent back to Onofrio.
  - Photographer contacted for show on Friday,
  - Working concept on doing our own catalog for ads, soliciting bids. Will reach out to membership once again.
  - Obedience/Rally Chair - Linda Smith-Eidemiller, has been worked out with local club. They will host we will be a supporting club for the Friday event.

- Spoke with the other clubs' chair about the finances, her intention is to create a separate check box on the premium to denote GWPCA, which will allow the club to collect proceeds from the event fee.
- Michelle Boyd - Show Chair - Event schedule is completed as much as can be done without knowing entries.
- Trophy Chair - donations are at a standstill right now. Main reason is pandemic and not wanting to beg for money during such an unsettling time. There still have been some donations, but way down compared to other years.
- Website, new website up and running.
- Friends group donating \$1000 to host an OFA/DNA collection. Robin Nelson, DVM is providing oversight and guidance. With the goal to collect as many GWPs as possible to increase the health testing database and hopefully get a generational line established. Also, going to hold a collection at the FT site to increase the breed numbers. Collections will be Saturday after showing and Monday at the FT grounds.
- All-Star Invitational - Deanna Donohue has agreed to lead the group. From what I saw the members are: Joanna Knox and Jeff Brown. They want to hold an event this year, time slot arranged for Sat early evening.
- Thursday welcome will be at the Staybridge hotel Hosted by Miranda Wagoner.
- GWPU

#### FT-Branched Oak Oct 5-12<sup>th</sup>

- Liz Dixon (FEAC chair) has had the committee vote on judges and is working on getting the last selected judge secure. She will send the list of judges to the BOD for next month for BOD approval
- Tom Lococo and Liz Dixon- Chairs have wrangler, birds lined up, working on daily meals with local caterer and has committee together.
- FT Secretary - Stacy Risler
- Hunt Test - Joe Martin is working on judges and HT committee.
- Hunt Test Secretary - Beth Schmidt

#### 8. 2021-Kalamazoo, MI and Ionia Rec Area

##### Show - Oct 1-3rd 2021

- Location, Kalamazoo Kennel Club Training Facility- <https://www.kalamazookennelclub.com/>
- Ft. Detroit will most likely do an local specialty on Thursday or Friday.
- Hosting an All-Breed Ob trial on Friday.
- Facility deposit made
- Host Hotel - Comfort Inn - Plainwell, MI. Currently the hotel is closed during the lock down, they have been contacted and awaiting room block information
- Banquet facility - negotiating pricing. AGAIN.

##### Field Events - Oct 4-10th, 2021

Grounds are reserved at Ionia Rec Area.

#### 9. 2022-West Coast

Laura Myles and Ray Calkins presented a plan at FEAC meeting to go back to Buckhorn Ranch. It appears the only acceptable west coast location for the FT will be Buckhorn.

## 10. Election to Membership

- Andrea Desmond - Phoenix, AZ
- Scott Ferguson - Monroe, NC
- Clinton Joesting - Monticello, IL
- Trent Kleppen - Plentywood, MT
- Denise Sigler - Chicago, IL

- Motion was made by Linda and seconded by Mike to approve the above people to membership. Motion carried unanimously.

## 11. New Business

- Purina Contract Renewal
  - Jim will contact Purina to check on this.
- Joan wanted the following included:

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/summary-of-federal-cares-act/>

Dear AKC Club Officers and Delegates,

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we recognize that many of your clubs have had to make significant sacrifices, including cancelling the shows and events that you rely on for your viability. We want to assist you in every way possible.

We have received a number of inquiries about whether clubs can obtain federal relief to help offset losses.

The attached document, provided by our federal advocate, Michael Williams provides a [summary overview of the recently-passed federal CARES \(Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security\)](#) Paycheck Protection Program. *The majority of relief programs for non-profit organizations are aimed at those registered as federal tax-exempt 501 (c) 3 charities.*

Some other assistance may be available in the form of tax relief and [Small Business Administration Loans](#) to as-yet-undefined "private non-profit" organizations. Details and guidance are still being ironed out by administrators.

For reference, we have also included a chart of [common organizational structures](#) of AKC Clubs, prepared originally for the AKC Political Action Committee.

Congress is currently working on a phase 4 COVID-19 relief package that may provide more clarity and assistance for other types of non-profit organizations.

Please be assured we will continue to investigate, communicate, and advocate for you, the future of our clubs, and the future of our wonderful purebred dogs.

## 12. Next Meeting: May 14, 2020

## 13. Meeting Adjourned at 7:58pm

- Motion to adjourn meeting by Stacy and seconded by Linda. Motion passed unanimously.