

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Thursday September 24, 2020

Meeting to order: 7:02 pm

Approval of August Meeting Minutes Motion by Linda, 2nd by Mike all in favor motion carried.

1. **Report of President** – Don't know that this really qualifies as a report, but the Thank You notes are done, and I sent an email to Ray – waiting to hear from him.

2. **Report of the Treasurer No Treasurers Report this month**

Fund	Total	Note
General Fund	50,468*	Includes memberships and Wire News funds
Membership 2020		See Membership Report
Wire News		See Wire News report
Purina Partnership	4369	Limited to education & health research
Maturity	1790	Includes donations & nominations

*Includes Emergency Funds of \$1065

Items Paid

Amount \$	Notes
20.00	Constant Contact PP
Wire News	
416	KMK Design ck#1111
850	Johnson Press Postage prepay ck#1112

Please note not all checks may have cleared

3. **Report of Secretary**

- Re-approved SeaTac Specialty in November.

4. **Committee Reports**

- Bylaws** (Ray Calkins) Started working on the bylaws again-It's been a strange summer.Jim received a updated email from Ray right at meeting time that he forwarded to the board. Because no one had time to go over this prior to the meeting it was tabled until next month.
- CHIC** (Karen Potter) No Report
- AKC Delegate** (Pat Laurans) No Report
- FEAC** (Liz Dixon) Nothing new to report.
- Field Futurity** (Tom Lococco) No Report
- JEC** (Judy Cheshire) Things are pretty quiet right now. May eventually do an online JE for AKC, but we'll have to see how it fits with other things that I'm doing.
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- m. **Awards** (Lisa Krueser)
- n. **ROM** (Hadley Ramirez) No Report
- o. **Show Futurity** (Laura Myles) Show Futurity is receiving nominations for 2021.
- p. **Maturity** (Jennifer Jacobs) No Report
- q. **Merchandise** (Kristen Wehking) No Report
- r. **Versatility** (Ariel Wolf) see attached. The board reviewed the proposed changes to the program and have made some amendments that we will be sending back to the committee.
- s. **Nominating Committee** (Jodi Quesnell) No Report
- t. **Wire News** (Angie Johnson/Ariel Wolf/Taylor Hickman/Erin Yanish)

2020 Fall Wire News.

- Issue mass mailing will be completed once postage check is received as of 09/21/2020 the extra copies and priority mailing issues have been sent.
- Financials not complete, Publisher will not release bills until issue mailed.
- Ad Revenue \$1940.00
- Donation by Eva Wiseman \$100.00
- Donation by Robin Nelson and Chuck Casanova \$175.00
- Total Revenue \$2,215.00

Winter Issue

- Deadline is October 15, 2020.

2021 Wire News Editors

- Walter and Julie Trussell have expressed interest in working on two issues as part of a team. They are meeting with Taylor to get a handle of work load.

u. **Membership** Report (Angie Johnson)

555 Members
 388 Households
 4 Foreign Members

- **September and October Birthdays**
- (B-Day Card Sent with Gift Card) (6-18 yrs old)
 - Maisy Zimmer
 - Paulina Olivares
 - Jace Hellbusch
 - Hadley Ramirez
 - Allison Chism
 - Hadley Brown
 - Gracilynn Ward
- **Finances**
- Membership - \$18,335.00
- Emergency Rescue \$1,100.00
- Breeder Listing – \$2,150.00
- Stud Dog - \$300.00
- New Application Fees/PP Fees - \$411.46

- **Lifetime Members**

- Waiting to hear about approval submitted in July Report – Bob will send thanks to Angie for her input and will add them to the list that is under consideration.

- **General**

- This is my last report as Membership Chair, Thank you Board I have enjoyed the position. Thank you to the Directors for reaching out to new members and to Lee for always reimbursing me so quickly when I had expenses. I will turn over all the paperwork on October 1, 2020. Erin Yanish has expressed interest in the position. Reminder... please change the paypal password after Oct 1st.

v. **Wire Mail** (Steve Kreuser) No Report Jim will be reaching out to Steve and see where we are at with the mailings the club has asked Steve to do recently.

w. **Wire Web** (Taylor Hickman) No Report

x. **Legislative Liaison** (Joan Payton)

- Kittery, Maine - Animal ordinance proceeding beach access work group to be formed.
- Georgia - Governor signs act providing protection for covid-19 related torts claims.
- Election Day 2020 is Tuesday, November 3. This year, the U.S. President, all 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives, 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate, 13 governorships, and countless other state and local elections will be contested.

- To preserve the future of purebred dogs, it's important to identify dog-friendly candidates and use your vote to elect those who will protect the rights of responsible dog owners, exhibitors and breeders. Here are four steps that every dog owner should take during the 2020 election cycle.
- Make sure your voter registration is up-to-date, and consider hosting a voter registration drive among your club members or as part of a virtual or live event.
- Find out where, when, and how to vote — including absentee and early voting options. Also check on current requirements for proof of identity.
- Become an educated voter – *identify and support* those candidates who respect your rights as a responsible dog owner.
- Mark your calendar for the upcoming elections, then get out and vote!
- Here are some ways to determine if a candidate will work to protect your rights as a dog owner: Lee will be sending to Taylor the below information from Joan for the website:
- **Research Incumbent Voting Records**
- If candidates are incumbents, research their voting records on issues that impact dog owners. For federal and state office holders, you can find information about their actions during their most recent terms by visiting the AKC GR's [2020 Legislation Tracking page](#). Click on your state and on "US Fed" (federal) to review the canine legislation issues AKC tracked this year. Click on individual bills to see who sponsored a measure and to view the votes that were cast in committees and on the floor of the legislature.
- Click on AKC GR's [Legislative Alerts](#) to view analysis and commentary on selected issues. Click on the drop-down box to view alerts from prior months and years. You can also visit your state's legislative web site to research information on current and past bills. Most state web sites allow you to search for bills introduced in the past 3-5 years. Some county and city web sites provide current and archived meeting minutes that record the votes on local measures. If they do not, contact the city or county clerk's office to request the vote record for an issue of interest. These records are available to the public. You may also wish to [reach out to your state's federation](#) to ask them who was particularly helpful to them during the legislative session.
- **Research Candidate Endorsements**
- Another good way to learn about candidates is to research their endorsements. It can be helpful to see which special interest groups have endorsed or "rated" a candidate on animal issues. Check organizations that you agree with as well as those with whom you don't agree. Some candidates may also be endorsed by public officials. Consider whether these officials are dog-friendly. Many candidates publish endorsements on their personal or campaign web pages.
- **Ask the Candidates**
- An effective way to find out a candidate's views is to ask him or her directly. This not only

helps reveal candidates' opinions and attitudes on canine issues, but it also lets them know that these issues are important to you, the voter. Attend virtual or in-person town hall meetings, public forums, debates, and other public events that allow voters to ask the candidates questions about issues important to them. You can find upcoming opportunities on websites hosted by the candidate's political party, if applicable, and on the candidate's website. Look for lists or calendars of upcoming events.

- Here are some suggested questions:
- Do you support the right to breed dogs, as long as it is done in a responsible and safe manner?
- Do you support the right to keep dogs that are not spayed or neutered?
- Do you support the right to own the breed or mixed breed dog of one's choice?
- Do you support limiting the number of animals someone can own?
- Do you believe there is a pet overpopulation problem? If so, what do you believe is the cause of the problem and how would you resolve it?
- Do not ask candidates their opinions about specific organizations, as they may not be aware of where various groups stand on dog issues. Rather, by asking them policy questions, you will get a much better idea of their positions. We also recommend that you do not engage in a public debate. Instead, follow up with their campaign office and ask if you can meet with the candidate or their staff to discuss canine legislation issues. ***Make sure to let them know that the candidate's positions on these issues will impact how you vote!***
- If candidates are not familiar with the issues, evade your questions, or have not voted how you want in the past, view it as an opportunity to educate. [Click here](#) for tips on communicating effectively with elected officials. Visit the [AKC Government Relations Toolbox](#) for resources you can give candidates to help educate them about canine issues and the importance of supporting responsible dog ownership. Invite candidates to your next club meeting or dog show to talk about canine legislation issues.
- **Volunteer**
- Get involved in campaigns that are important to you. Let your candidates know why you support them, and volunteer! Even if you have only limited time, taking a few hours to stuff envelopes, answer phones, or put up signs is a great way for candidates to see that responsible dog owners care about legislation and will support those who will protect our rights. Helping on the campaign is a wonderful way to establish a relationship with elected officials for when canine legislative issues arise. For some ideas on some creative ways you can help on campaigns during the COVID-19 pandemic, check out our blog "[Supporting Dog-Friendly Candidates in These Uncertain Times](#)".
- **Go Local**
- Candidates for federal and state offices often get the most press, but don't forget your city and county elections. Local measures often have the greatest and most immediate impact on dog owners. Problematic ordinances such as breed restrictions, pet limits, mandatory spay/neuter, and other overreaching laws are often introduced and passed at county and city levels. Not only are these measures of immediate concern to responsible dog owners, but your local commissioner may someday run for state or federal office. Take time to learn their positions, educate them about yours, and serve as a reliable resource for accurate and sensible information about dog care, events, and breeding.
- Are you a member of a political party? Does your party maintain a local office, hold scheduled meetings, host speakers, or organize community events? If so, attend meetings and get involved! This offers an excellent opportunity to get to know community leaders and policy makers outside the legislative arena.
- **Spread the Word**
- Electing lawmakers who respect the rights of animal owners helps ensure that the concerns of dog owners are heard and understood when canine legislation is considered. If you identify a dog-friendly candidate for office, spread the word to other animal owners, your club's Legislative Liaison, and the AKC GR team.

5. Directors Reports

West – Cindy Heiller

- Sea-Tac – moved their Specialty to November 13th.
- Central Oregon
- Oregon
- N. Cal
- S. Cal

East – Mike Braddock

- Sun Coast
- Fort Detroit
- Del Val Club

Midwest – Linda Smith-Eidemiller

- Eastern Nebraska Club – Had a nice trial the last weekend of August. Hunt Test at Branched Oaks Oct 3rd and 4th.
- Wisconsin Club
- Twin Cities Club
- Iowa Club

6. Old Business

2020- Lincoln, NE

October Oct 2-12

2021-Kalamazoo, MI and Ionia Rec Area

- On schedule

New Business

- Gooddog.com – From Laura Reeves...This is something the BOD might want to consider.... \$2000 for the club to spend on say, for example, the national... and lots of other goodies... I'm an advisor to this platform and can vouch for it... Lisa George is as well. The Good Dog Club partnership program offers cash and/or in kind support... I think I sent you the flyer, but can add more info. No catch. They simply want to help support clubs & responsible breeders. Seems like something we could use for our national events. I think they ask, like Purina does, to use their logo as a sponsor of the event or similar. I can get more details or arrange for a representative to join the bod meeting if that is something folks are interested in doing. Lee is going to talk with Laura and let her know that we are going to look at the website.
- **Election to Membership** – Motion by Stacy and 2nd by Cindy to accept the following new members:
 - Jerry Wright – Clayton, GA
 - Crystal & Bob Parker – Sellersville, PA
 - Rachel Vitorelo – Willits, CA

7. Adjournment:

Motion made by Stacy and 2nd by Bob to adjourn meeting at 8:20pm. Next meeting is October 29, 2020 @ 7pm CST

