

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday January 26, 2021

Meeting to order: 7:04pm

Approval of December Meeting Minutes: Bob motion, Mike 2nd, motion passed

- 1. Report of President – *No Report, just sent an email to all the committee chairs introducing myself.***
- 2. Report of the Treasurer -**

Fund	Total	Note
General Fund	52,360*	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	1850	Includes donations & nominations

*Includes Emergency Funds of \$1065

Items Paid December 15 - January 24, 2021

Amount \$	Notes
20.00	Constant Contact PP 11/13 & 12/13
23.25	Reimburse Angie Johnson Wire News Mailings

Payments Received (other than memberships, Wire News or Nationals)

Amount \$	Notes

Please note not all checks may have cleared

- 3. Report of Secretary – Events Approved:**

- TCGWPC Specialty June 26, 2021
- GWPC of Northern California Specialty June 12, 2021
- SeaTac GWPC Field Trial March 5-7, 2021

4. Committee Reports

A) Bylaws (Ray Calkins) No Report

B) CHIC (Karen Potter) No Report

C) AKC Delegate (Pat Laurans) No Report

D) FEAC (Liz Dixon) No Report

E) Field Futurity (Tom Lococco) No Report

G) SEAC (Laura Reeves) No Report

H) Rescue (Suzanne Oslander) No Report

I) Field Futurity (Tom Lococco) No Report

J) JEC (Judy Cheshire) Trying to get some articles together on short notice for a magazine and continue to work with AKC Canine College.

K) SEAC (Laura Reeves) As discussed, the SEAC, at our meeting Thursday:

- We recommended that the 2020 national Sweeps, regular and non-regular classes and junior showmanship be held Thursday, 9/30/21.
- We discussed the SEAC recommendation that the 2020 Futurity/Maturity events be held Wednesday evening 9/29/21. According to our conversation today, that is logistically difficult, if not impossible. So we agreed that Friday morning, 10/1, prior to starting the Fort Detroit specialty would be an agreeable alternative.
- We also acknowledged Kay Braddock's agreement that the 2020 National Obedience be designated Saturday, 10/2, of the GWP-only obedience competition.
- We discussed briefly the challenge of naming the 2020 sweepstakes and ways to break down the 18 - 30 month old dogs in sensible classes. We agreed that holding to the typical sweeps breakdown+12 months made sense: ie 18-21 mos, 21-24 mos, 24-30 mos
- We then discussed the location of the '22 national, including the SEAC recommendation that the schedule be as follows: '22 west, '23 midwest, '24 east. You noted that the previous BOD direction had been that '22 be held midwest and that you are hoping to hear from the Branched Oak FT grounds committee following their meeting on 1/19. Final recommendation for '22 location to follow the results of that decision.
- Finally, we discussed the '22 National Specialty judge. You noted that Pluis Davern is currently still under contract. She was contracted as the '20 Regional judge. We agreed to the fairness that, since Claire Wisch, the judge selected by the membership to judge 2020, is filling that slate at the '20 national in '21, that Pluis, also already selected by the membership, fill the position of the '22 National Specialty judge.
- We followed that with the suggestion that the third highest vote recipient from '20 or '21 fill the slot for the '22 regional judge based on availability. Those judges are respectively Linda Robey ('20) and Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine ('21).
- This enables the best chance of timely hiring for '22 and allows the committee's name submissions, currently due Feb. 1, to apply to the '23 national.
- A final note, I'd suggest whichever judge is not selected as regional judge for '22 be added to the final list of names for membership voting in '23.

The BOD ok'd this and informed the SEAC they could move forward.

L) Rescue (Suzanne Oslander) No Report

M) Awards (Lisa Krueser) No Report

N) ROM (Hadley Ramirez) No Report

O) Show Futurity (Laura Myles) No Report

P) Maturity (Jennifer Jacobs) No Report

Q) Merchandise (Kristen Wehking) No Report

R) Versatility (Ariel Wolf) The versatility committee has been talking back and forth for several months now and we've come up with a list of comments and questions for the board regarding the changes you sent to us.

-If water test is to continue to be required for JH, it should be required for NA and JHR as well. The water test includes a 20 yard bird retrieve, whereas in NA it is often bumpers and just far enough to see the dog swim, but nowhere near 20 yards. Comparable retrieves are already done in JHR, but for continuity's sake, especially since water tests can now be submitted virtually, it makes sense to require it to earn the 2 field points for the versatility program.

-PennHIP no longer states if results place a dog within the tightest 50% of the breed. PennHIP's recommendation is to breed a dog that is equal or lower than the breed DI. So when using PennHIP rather than OFA in award application, hips should be equal to or tighter than the GWP average DI. On the PennHIP paperwork it will say what the breed DI is at the time of the dog's testing.

-Master Hunter Retriever does not appear in the 10 point field area as an option and should be included for continuity as JHR and SHR are included.

-Should Preferred Obedience be scored lesser than regular obedience classes when in Preferred Open and Preferred Utility? The only difference from regular obedience is the option for lowered jump height. The same can be said of Preferred Agility classes.

-Should RACH be worth less points for a versatility award than all other prefix performance titles? Rally is to obedience as scent work is to tracking; they have similarities at the start but diverge quite a bit as the levels progress. Champion Tracker (CT) and suffix title Scent Work Detective (SWD) are different but 10 points in respective categories on difficulty. OTCH is competitive and requires wins over other exhibitors. RACH, like the MACH is not competitive, but requires a certain number of points earned in specific classes and qualifying scores in multiple classes. The MACH requires 20 QQs in the Excellent B classes. The RACH requires 20 QQQs in the Advanced B, Excellent B, and Master classes.

-Is Therapy Dog titles not a form of versatility given that it requires both training and certification to become a therapy dog? If it is deemed a form of versatility, the titles should remain in an ancillary category.

Addition of Disc Dog in the ancillary category with the following point designations:

1 point: Disc Dog Bronze (DDB)

2 points: Disc Dog Bronze Elite (DDBE), Disc Dog Silver (DDS)

3 points: Disc Dog Silver Elite (DDSE), Disc Dog Gold (DDG)

4 points: Disc Dog Gold Elite (DDGE), Disc Dog Platinum (DDP)

5 points: Disc Dog Platinum Elite (DDPE), Disc Dog Unobtainium (DDU), Disc Dog Unobtainium Elite (DDUE)

The ancillary dock diving category presently is as follows. AKC has recently added additional title options that I've included in bold. I propose those changes get made to the dock diving area.

Dock Novice OR Dock Junior OR Dock Senior OR Dock Master OR Dock Elite OR Air Retrieve Novice OR Air Retrieve Junior OR Air Retrieve Senior OR Air Retrieve Master OR Air Retrieve Elite OR **Hydro Dash Novice OR Hydro Dash Junior OR Hydro Dash Senior OR Hydro Dash Master OR Hydro Dash Elite** (1 point)

Dock Novice Advanced OR Dock Junior Advanced OR Dock Senior Advanced OR Dock Master Advanced OR Dock Elite Advanced OR Air Retrieve Novice Advanced OR Air Retrieve Junior Advanced OR Air Retrieve Senior Advanced OR Air Retrieve Master Advanced OR Air Retrieve Elite Advanced OR **Hydro Dash Novice Advanced OR Hydro Dash Junior Advanced OR Hydro Dash Senior Advanced OR Hydro Dash Master Advanced OR Hydro Dash Elite Advanced** (3 points)

Dock Novice Excellent OR Dock Junior Excellent OR Dock Senior Excellent OR Dock

Master Excellent OR Dock Elite Excellent OR Air Retrieve Novice Excellent OR Air Retrieve Junior Excellent OR Air Retrieve Senior Excellent OR Air Retrieve Master Excellent OR Air Retrieve Elite Excellent OR **Hydro Dash Novice Excellent OR Hydro Dash Junior Excellent OR Hydro Dash Senior Excellent OR Hydro Dash Master Excellent OR Hydro Dash Elite Excellent** (5 points)

This was tabled until the February meeting for Liz to come up to speed.

S) Nominating Committee (Jodi Quesnell) No Report

T) Wire News (Joey Smith) No Report

U) Membership Report (Erin Yanish) No Report

V) Wire Mail (Steve Kreuser) No Report

W) Wire Web (Taylor Hickman) No Report

X) Legislative Liaison (Joan Payton)

- NJ: AB3231-seeks to establish animal trunk fighting as animal cruelty offense scheduled for hearing on one-27 supported by AKC
- VA: seeking to expand board of agriculture and consumer services by adding an at-large member expert in companion animal welfare who is employed by a releasing agency in the common wealth. Potential for bias
- NH: hearing scheduled on Bill's regarding statewide animal records database on January 27th. AKC encourages residents to contact committee with concerns.
- HB532 this is pretty lengthy it's a way to watch animal owners
- Maryland: support bill providing liability protections for covid exposure
- WY: this alert was held on January 21st. two bills being considered the address animal seizure which could cause someone to permanently lose their animals even if not guilty. I am trying to find an update but haven't been successful. I have contacted to find out where to get it
- TX: mission protects ineffective regulatory program harmful legislation filed licensed breeder program remains

5. Directors Reports

West –

- Sea-Tac
- Central Oregon
- Oregon
- N. Cal
- S. Cal

East – Mike Braddock

- Sun Coast
- Fort Detroit – April Field Trial and a Walking Trial in May
- Del Val Club

Midwest – Linda Smith-Eidemiller

- Eastern Nebraska Club
- Wisconsin Club
- Twin Cities Club
- Iowa Club

6. Old Business

2021-Kalamazoo, MI and Ionia Rec Area

2021-Oct 1-3 and Field events 4-10, Kalamazoo Mi, and Ionia Mi.

Ft Detroit GWP will be holding a specialty on Friday.

Additionally, Friday there will be all-breed obedience in the second ring.

Sat-National Specialty, Jrs, Rally, and Obedience.

Sun-Regional Specialty, Jrs, Rally, and Obedience.

2022-Make up Midwest

Potential show site located working with field trial association on potential dates.
Storefront - The merchandise chair and I are working on a selection of items for a November opening.

There was a motion made by Linda and 2nd by Mike that there will be no make-up midwest nationals, thus maintaining the current rotation. 2022 will go west and 2023 in the midwest. All in favor, motion passed.

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

This is to be priority 1 at the March meeting.

Kelton Hatton – FB page.

Stacy talked with Kelton about what his plan would be for the FB page and he has a lot of good ideas. The BOD would like Kelton to join the meeting and share these with the entire board at the next meeting.

Appointment of Western Director.

The BOD received bios form both Laura Myles and Ray Calkins. Motion made by Linda and 2nd by Lee for Ray Calkins fill the remainder of the term held by Cindy Heiller. Votes as follows: Liz – abstain, Bob – abstain, Lee – Ray, Mike – Ray, Stacy – Ray. Ray Calkins will fill the remainder of the term.

Election to Membership –

Adjournment: 8:30pm

