

**German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Wednesday February 24, 2021**

Meeting to order: 7:06pm

Approval of January Meeting Minutes: Linda motion, Mike 2nd, all in favor – motion passed.

1. Report of President – Welcome Ray.

2. Report of the Treasurer –

Fund	Total	Note
General Fund	57,360*	Includes memberships and Wire News Funds
Membership 2020		See Membership Report
Wire News		See Wire News Report
Purina Partnership	4370	Limited to education and health research
Maturity	1850	Includes donations and nominations

*Includes Emergency funds of \$1065

Items Paid January 24 – February 23, 2021

\$ Amount	Notes
20.00	Constant Contact PP 1/13 + 2/13
50.00	GWP Rescue (See Below)

Items Received

\$ Amount	Notes
50.00	Donation to GWP Rescue from Animal Clinic Suburban in memory of Robin Nelson's Outlaw . This was transferred to GWP Rescue (see above)

Please note not all checks may have cleared.

3. Report of Secretary –

4. Committee Reports

A) Bylaws (Ray Calkins) I have made the changes but have two questions for tomorrow, email from AKC: We are glad to inform you that AKC's Board of Directors, at its February 2021 Board meeting, ratified the new Sample Constitution and Bylaws for Local Clubs; Sample Constitution and Bylaws for Parent Specialty Clubs; Sample Constitution and Bylaws Checklist (Required Provisions); and Tips and Best Practices for Effective Club Bylaws. This information will soon be announced to all clubs and made available through AKC's website.

Bylaws changes will be put on hold until we hear from the AKC.

B) CHIC (Karen Potter) No Report

C) AKC Delegate (Pat Laurans) No Report

D) FEAC (Liz Dixon) January: Getting ready to send out ballot to committee. Have 3 new names, need one bio to be complete. Will send out once I get the last bio. 3 of the 4 judges from last year are available for MI in October – Jon Small, Tony McGrane and Howard Burbach. So the committee only needs to find one judge.

February: Still don't have the last bio, so sent out ballot without the bio, name only. We should have names for the BOD to approve by the March meeting.

There has been some pushback about holding a 2020 national championship since the word came out that we are going to make up the 2020 show. I have sent out an email to the committee to see if there would be interest in trying to put on a championship – we would need a commitment of 13 dogs minimum to even think about trying to pull it off. So far, there are only 10 dogs that have expressed an interest. At this time, I'm not sure that there is anything we can do. My impression from some of the trialers was that it probably isn't going to happen.

E) Field Futurity (Tom Lococco) Balance \$2092.18

F) JEC (Judy Cheshire) I got a request for articles about the breed from Show Sights magazine. It was very short notice and they asked for specific topics - Coat, Temperament and Color. I asked Laura Reeves if she'd do one and she chose Coat. Bernee volunteered for Temperament. I started to write an updated article on Color, but when I contacted them again, they thought they'd only need two articles, so it was covered! I'm starting to get inquiries about JE at Nationals. If the Board plans to discuss the Specialty at the meeting, please let me know if there's a place at the show site where I can do the presentation. Will need an out of the way area for the judges seminar where I can set up the power point presentation (about 90 minutes) and will also need a ring for about 20 minutes

G) SEAC (Laura Reeves) The SEAC report is that we have developed a list of names for the membership vote for '23 national judges and they will be submitted to the WN for publication. I know I copied you on the last email that was to Lisa and included details of both the committee meeting and my direct communication with Lisa. I assume that was provided at the last BOD meeting, but if not, that has the additional detail.

H) Rescue (Suzanne Oslander) Rescue has been very busy in the past month. We always have a surge in dogs every January and February

Adopted in January-3

Currently in our rescue program-6

Waiting on foster homes-2

Adoptions pending transport-3

I) Awards (Lisa Krueser) No Report

J) ROM (Hadley Ramirez) I have recieved the following complete ROM's

Superior ROM-

CH. Backwoods DK Fyrst

Owned by Elizabeth Barrett-Dixon & Greg Dixon

Superior ROM-

Ripsnorter's Makin' Drama at Darnelle NA III

Owned by Lisa George

ROM-

CH Reece Woodwynd Daisy's Something To Talk About

Owned by- Rick and Deanna Donohue, Angela Johnson & Mary-Lynn Jensen

K) Show Futurity (Laura Myles) No Report

L) Maturity (Jennifer Jacobs) No Report

M) Merchandise (Kristen Wehking) No Report

N) 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)

Lee will be going back to the committee asking if we could adopt more of the GSPCA format used in their program. We are feeling like our members have to read 40 charts to know where they are in the getting their award – there is a lot going on here.

Lee made the motion to use the GSPCA Versatility as a guide. Stacy 2nd, all in favor – motion carried.

O) Nominating Committee (Jodi Quesnell) No Report

P) Wire News (Joey Smith) No Report

Q) Membership Report (Erin Yanish) No Report

R) Wire Mail (Steve Kreuser) No Report

S) Wire Web (Taylor Hickman) updates still needed as they are approved for the 2020/2021 National Events. I have yet to receive anything formal from the board - all my info on the website has come secondhand through Facebook. I'd much prefer to post official information than assuming things are correct. Sylvia has been referring companies who donate items to me to have their logo posted online and will continue to do so. Will the GWPCA site be the primary place for the National this year or will there be a second website like last year?

Liz will talk to Lisa about Trophies and Donations and ask her to share that information with Taylor for the website. Lee will talk to Bernee about the donation page.

T) Legislative Liaison (Joan Payton)

- Because of the time sensitive nature of most of these alerts, I was wondering if it would be better if I email them to the regional directors as they come up. Maybe it would be possible to get the info out so people can contact their representatives. Let me know & if you agree let me know if your email is different than what's in the roster.

The BOD would like Joan will start emailing the Regional Directors with the time sensitive alerts.

- California & New Jersey have major bills going right now. Very important to contact your representatives ASAP. AKC & NAIA both have talking points.
- AB 702: Horrendous New Anti-Breeder Bill Introduced in California - Among its numerous provisions, this bill mandates that any Californian with an intact dog must obtain a breeders permit if they plan to breed their dog, a feat requiring them to present a business license, and a tax ID number in order to qualify as well as meeting numerous other mandates. If the permit seeker is successful, they are qualified to have ONE litter per household per year.

5. Directors Reports

West – Ray Calkins - I need the contact info. for the western clubs.

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

East – Mike Braddock

- Sun Coast
- Fort Detroit
- 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 Recreation Area

- Things coming together, contingency plans are also being considered. Currently MI is still only allowing 20 people in a building at a time.

Event parking position has been filled.

Field events hospitality is being coordinated by Nick Schmidt.

More to come

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

Kelton Hatton – FB page. Will be calling in tonight at 8:15 cst.

New Business

I received a letter from Meg Eden regarding the Top Sire/Dam awards that are calculated each year. Apparently, there has been controversy regarding how the titles are calculated. She sent a letter to Cindy Heiller in February of 2020, and I couldn't find in the minutes where this was addressed. I told Meg that I would add this to the agenda and see if the BOD could get this figured out. I have attached Meg's original letter to Cindy, plus the attachments. It is a lot to scroll thru, but it is pretty clear that in 2015 the BOD agreed to have the Top Sire/Dam awards be based on the ROM calculations.

Liz will thank Lori for her service in doing the Top Sire and Dam awards. Moving forward the Top Sire and Dam award will be calculated by Meg Eden. Liz will contact both parties to make them aware.

Election to Membership –

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 est by Stacy, Ray 2nd all in favor – motion carried.

Next meeting: March 24, 2021