

**German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America  
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday March 30, 2021**

**Meeting to order:** 7:03pm

**Approval of February Meeting Minutes:** Linda made a motion to accept the minutes as typed. Mike seconded. Motion carried

**2. Report of the Treasurer –**

Fund	Total	Note
General Fund	57,224*	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	1915	Includes donations and nominations

\*Includes Emergency funds of \$1065

Items Paid January 24 – February 23,2021

\$ Amount	Notes
20.00	Constant Contact PP 3/16
280.00	AKC Annual Field Reports Ck#1119
280.00	AKC Companion Reports Ck#1120
300.00	Word Press (website)

Items Received

\$ Amount	Notes

Please note not all checks may have cleared.

**3. Report of Secretary – Event Approvals:**

Fort Detroit GWP Field Trial April 2021 and May 2021

Fort Detroit GWP Specialty October 2021

GWP Northern California Field Trial May 2021

GWP Club of WI Specialty June 2021

**4. Committee Reports**

**A) Bylaws** (Ray Calkins) Earlier I sent the Board info from the AKC on Parent club By-laws revision. I have been adapting the revision that I sent to the Board just before the start of this year to comply with AKC's requirements. This week I will start the process of introducing the wording into the required format.

Included in the info I forwarded from the AKC is an article on " Treasurer Responsibilities ". I think we should evaluate the recommendations.

- Duties: The Treasurer shall collect and record all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board, in the name of the club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the board and a report shall be given at every meeting on the condition of the club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount, as the board of directors shall determine.
- Suggested Financial Practices:
  1. General
    1. Ensure that the Club's treasurer is adequately bonded.
    2. Perform a periodic audit of the Treasurer's records to:
      - Ensure proper invoices (or other documentation) adequately support any payments.
      - Verify that bank reconciliations are performed accurately and timely.
    3. If possible, it is preferable to have a person approving invoices different than the individual preparing and/or signing checks. Similarly, it is desirable to have an individual reconciling the bank accounts who is different from the person preparing and/or signing checks. Segregation of these duties provides a more desirable level of internal control.
    4. Consider establishing an audit committee of club members not involved in preparing or signing checks. Their role would be to annually review the details of all cash receipts and disbursements.
    5. The treasurer should prepare a quarterly balance sheet and an income statement. This should include an itemized listing of all cash receipts and disbursements during the quarter.
    6. Ensure that all annual membership dues are collected on a timely basis.
  2. Cash Management
    1. All cash receipts should be deposited timely.
    2. Bank accounts should be formally reconciled each month on a timely basis.
    3. Follow-up on any checks outstanding for more than 3 – 6 months.
    4. Consider having a second authorized signer for all checks over a prescribed dollar amount.
    5. Consider investing excess funds in an interest bearing account or certificate of deposit.

Lifetime membership – Currently our bylaws do not allow for Lifetime Membership.

**Ray will continue on with the changes in the bylaws and will continue to keep us updated.**

**B) CHIC** (Karen Potter) No Report

**C) AKC Delegate** (Pat Laurans) No Report

**D) FEAC** (Liz Dixon) We are still finalizing our last judge for the 2021 event. Once we have 4 judges, Liz will submit the names to the BOD for approval.

Liz is sending a letter to the BOD with a proposal to hold the 2020 make up national championship to be held the week before the 2021 event in Ionia, MI. Most of the components are in place, need BOD approval to move forward with planning. John Schoonover has agreed to chair a 2020 event, Jodi Quesnell has agreed to be the secretary. John is looking into judges and putting together a committee.

**E) Field Futurity** (Tom Lococco) No Report

**F) JEC** (Judy Cheshire) Lots of stuff this month! First of all, I need to order the JE packets. Meant to do it earlier but the printer was closed, and I forgot about it. #2, I'll be doing two JE seminars this year one at Nationals and one in conjunction with the Windy City Cluster in Illinois in June. Was also asked by AKC to do an online JE but my internet isn't consistent enough for that. Shared that with AKC. Canine College is a work in progress!

**G) SEAC** ( ) No Report

**H) Rescue** (Suzanne Oslander) No Report

**I) Awards** (Lisa Krueser) No Report

**J) ROM** (Hadley Ramirez) Also, I had received a couple questions from someone on information for the points. GCH does not receive points for the Bench section, why is this? Does the virtual CD title (CD-V) still count as the CD title listed on the point schedule? And why, if for any reason, do rally titles not receive points?

This person also mentioned that they believe some of the titles are outdated and with new titles the requirements should also be updated. I believe with this person they're referring to titles such as CGC, TKN, and other titles that have been earned more recently due to Covid and online submissions. If you have any answers for me that would be great, I simply didn't want to reply to someone with the wrong information. Also see New Business

**K) Show Futurity** (Laura Myles) No Report

**L) Maturity** (Jennifer Jacobs) No Report

**M) Merchandise** (Kristen Wehking) No Report

**N) Versatility** (Ariel Wolf)

**O) Nominating Committee** (Jodi Quesnell) HI Stacy, I don't have anything to report, but the following Board members will be up for election this year, and so let them know that at the next meeting I will need to know who intends to "run" for their position, and who intends to step down at the end of their term.

Vice President: Bob Perry

Secretary: Stacy Risler (this is the "normal" election cycle for you; after this you won't be up for election again for 2 years.)

Eastern Director: Mike Braddock

Western Director: Cindy Heiller (did I hear correctly that Cindy has already stepped down, and Ray Calkins is in this position? Either way, this position is up for election this year. If it is Ray, then it works out good that if he wants to stay on the board, this election will be for a full-term.)

If any of these individuals are going to step down from their position at the end of their term, then I will put together a new nominating committee for those positions. If everyone intends to run again, then you can move forward with the announcement for nominations from the general membership. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**P) Wire News** (Joey Smith) No Report

**No one has heard anything. Liz will attempt to contact Joey to see what is going on.**

**Q) Membership Report** (Erin Yanish) 409 Members, 276 Households, 3 Foreign Members.

March Birthdays

(Birthday Card & Gift Card)

Tate Joyce

**R) Wire Mail** (Steve Kreuser) No Report

**S) Wire Web** (Taylor Hickman) No Report

**T) Legislative Liaison** (Joan Payton) I have been forwarding alerts directly to the regional directors. Hoping this expedites notifying membership. Please let me know how its working.

The 2 big items are CA where our ability to own & or breed is at risk. It will take the welfare of our dogs out of hands. Limits each household to 1 litter per year. Also places the decision of whether a dog is breeding quality into the hands of vets, many of whom are under the influence of animal rights extremists. Its urgent that everyone send your letters ASAP.AB 702

The other biggie is in Georgia. Overreaching laws pertaining to housing of breeding dogs, like they can't be kept in your home

CO passed Initiative 16. It will criminalize animal husbandry practices & decimate ranching. The effects will spread

Is there anywhere in the bylaws that gives boundaries for each regional director?

**U) GWPCA FB Page** (Kelton Hatton) I looked at the Facebook page. It's more for anyone to like and come and see but what I've created is a members only GROUP to add value to being a member. There will be breed education, grooming, all the things.... less education on the page and more just community all around.

Basically we need a way to get people invited over to the GWPCA group. I've spoken with Erin Yanish and she said that as of March 31st we should know who's a member. I know that not everyone is on Facebook but this is for the people who are.

Additionally I'd like to say we could have our GWPCA.com website set up that there would be a pay wall. Once you're a member you have access to similar info that we would have on the Facebook group.

Also... we should have all of our forms set up as Google forms that are able to be filled out and submitted online as well as the options of snail mail. As well as payment attached this way. It will actually save everyone that has paid onto a spreadsheet and be much easier to manage. Let's be able to take people's form and money on one swoop without delay. Membership and programs should grow because of this

**The BOD decided that the Kelton and Taylor should work together on the sharing of the forms. As far as having a pay wall on the page there needs to be more research done on that before a decision is made. Liz will also email Joan and have her include Kelton with the emails that go to the directors to put on the Facebook page.**

## **5. Directors Reports**

### **West – Ray Calkins**

- Sea-Tac - SeaTac GWPC held their annual trial the first weekend in March kicking off the trial season in the PNW. We had one of the largest entries in years with 56 dogs entered for 86 entries. Weather cooperated with no fog to cast off on time each morning and a variety of Spring weather during the weekend. A great turnout of club members made the trial run smoothly.

- Central Oregon FT April 24 and 25

- Oregon Rattle snake clinic

- N. Cal

- S. Cal

### **East – Mike Braddock**

- Sun Coast

- Fort Detroit FT in both April and May

- Del Val Club

### **Midwest – Linda Smith-Eidemiller**

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

## Nationals

### 2021 - MI

- Lori Sargent is working to semi-finalized the events line up. Of course, everything is tentative at this point.
- Show Site - Cannot move in Wednesday. RVs must be in place before 7pm or after 930pm
- Event Center set up on Wednesday is in place
- Added 2020 Futurity and Maturity, waiting on judges from the chairs
- Website up and running began soliciting trophy donations.
- Trophy chair reorganized the pricing structure to the trophy selection to make it more transparent of what the donation is paying for. Hopefully, we will get people to sponsor the class ribbons.
- Planning All Star event. Two possible time slots, waiting to finalize with the team

Show - Sept 30 - Oct 3rd 2021

Location, Kalamazoo Kennel Club Training Facility.

- 2020 National, Jrs., either sweeps or futurity/maturity on Thursday
- 2020 either sweeps or futurity/maturity on Friday followed by Ft Detroit.
- All breed obedience trial on Friday
- National Specialty and Sweeps on Sat
- Regional Specialty on Sun
- National and Regional will include Obedience and Rally, Jr handler

Ft. Detroit Specialty on Friday in separate ring

Sweeps and conformation specialty

Ft Detroit Judges are secured

Show secretary - Erie K9 Events

Show Chair - Lori Sargent, GWPCA and Ft Detroit.

Hospitality Chair - Gabrielle Literman, meals are being planned, collecting club sponsorship.

Lunches at show site - Moose's BBQ, Nick Schmidt

Obedience/Rally Chair - Kay Braddock

Lining up volunteers for event

Several members have volunteered for helper positions throughout the event

Host Hotel - Comfort Inn - Plainwell. About 10 minutes for show site.

Room block secured

Event space will host nightly dinners, meetings, auction and activities

Field Events - Oct 4-10th, 2021

Grounds are reserved at Ionia Rec Area.

Field Trial Chair - Liz Dixon

Field Trial Secretary - Stacy Risler

Hunt Test Chair - Working to finalize judges and lining up committee

Bird order being secured for the event

Judges from 2020 being contacted to do 2021. Need to check with FEAC about finalization

Contingency plan in place for field futurity, running two events one for those qualified for 2020 and one for those qualified 2021.

Nick Schmidt has volunteered to do catering, to meet all Covid needs

Nick Schmidt has contacted various people in Ionia that could potentially help the club with beverages and meals, such as the local Boy Scouts. He has been very proactive in securing all necessary licensing needed to meet MI state guidelines. Additional email will be sent to clubs/field trial community to solicit donations for meals.

2022 - West

West coast director may be more up to speed than myself.

Two potential venues/locations are being considered. Dates have not been decided.

I have been in contact with the show judges to secure contracts per Laura Reeves and SEAC discussions. Of the top voted judges, one could potential fill the slot depending on the date, one has obligations for the three potential weekends, and the third is fine with all three potential weekends.

Once the BOD agrees on the final submitted plan from Laura Reeves, Laura Myles and Ray Calkins and it has been approved, please let me know the decision on the date so that I can secure the judges.

\*\*\*MI Make up for 2020 Field Trial

FEAC chair is leading this topic with input from the FEAC and myself.

As long as the dates are secured with the site all should be good to go for a successful event. Thanks to the generosity of the field trial community almost all of the trophy expenses have been covered for the added event. Entry fees will cover birds and course fees with some left over. It was agreed upon that a separate online auction of donations from the some of the FEAC members would be conducted to gain additional funding for judge's costs with multiple members offering items.

**6. Old 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.

### **New Business**

2020 National Championships – See attached letter

ROM/Top sire & Dam - have a standing ROM committee to keep up with changes. Hadley, Alexis, Meg Eden (she has volunteered) Should this include Versatility? Then add Ariel. We would have to probably add Lori Sargent.

GWP WI Judges Ed - The GWP of WI is trying to do something special by putting together not only the 3 Specialties, but 2 Sweepstakes, the Judges Education, and offering a Breeders seminar. Judy has agreed to come and do all that she can for us to help us have success during these very difficult times. She has only asked that her expenses be covered for the trip and plans on taking no payment from our club. The Windy City cluster is a 10 day show and is now going to be one of 3 of the largest judges education sites in the country

She had mentioned that there was some sort of a fund that the GWPCA has for this sort of thing and I'm reaching out to you today requesting the BOD's help in supporting our club to have success by covering her expenses.

Judy looked at flights and guesstimated that her expenses may be around \$300 for a flight and around \$400 for hotel while she's here.

**Linda made a motion to cover 500.00 of expenses for Judy from the education fund. Stacy 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried. Judy will send receipts to Lee for reimbursement up to \$500.00**

Election to Membership –

Quinn Ahern Savage, MN  
Andy Anderson St.Cloud, MN  
Adam Baldwin Childwold, NY  
Deena Barber Rosharon, TX  
Charles Calbeck Addison, IL  
Janine Frizzo Niles, MI  
Barbara Halligan Zell, SD  
Michael Holmgren Tremonton, UT  
Stuart Kerzner Port Republic, NJ  
Jodi Klocek Austin, TX



Christopher Lee Chicago, IL  
Ryan McIntosh Nocona, TX  
Lynn Neff Nine Mile Falls, WA  
John Patton Cody, WY  
Rebecca Ramage Pittsburg, CA  
Kimberly Schultz River Falls, WI  
Mary Wymer Stanford, KY

**Ray made a motion to accept the new members. Lee 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.**

Next meeting: April 19