

**German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Wednesday May 19, 2021**

Meeting to order:

Approval of Amended April Meeting Minutes: Linda motion, Ray 2nd – all in favor. Motion passed

1. Presidents Report: All my information will be addressed further down.

2. Report of the Treasurer –

Fund	Total	Note
General Fund	58,608*	Includes memberships & Wirenews funds
Membership 2020		See membership report
Wire news		See WN report
Purina Partnership	4370	Limited to education and health research
Maturity	1915	Includes donations and nominations

* Includes Emergency Fund of \$1065

Items Paid March 27,2021 –May 17

Amount \$	Notes
40.00	Constant Contact PP (April and May 16)
600	Equisure Club Insurance
457	Reimburse nationals AKC fee
Wire news:	

Payments received (other than Memberships, Nationals, or Wirenews):

Amount \$	Notes
None	

3. Report of Secretary – Event Approvals:

Del Val Specialty July 31, 2021

4. Committee Reports

A) Bylaws (Ray Calkins) See attached a copy with all the corrections accepted so you can read it more easily than the marked up version. Getting closer!!!

B) CHIC (Karen Potter) No Report

C) AKC Delegate (Pat Laurans) No Report

D) FEAC (Liz Dixon) Sent out letters to all of the judges – 2020 NAFC is Jim Cipponeri & Blake Rizzo; NFC is Jim Yates and Bill Darr. 2021 NAFC is Ed Hart and Tony McGrane; NFC Jon Small and Howard Burbach. They will send back their questionnaires with approximate expenses.

Had an email from Kim Thornborrow – artist that does the stones. She is very happy to do our judges gifts again, so will get after that.

John is working on birds and hay.

Liz will make up both premiums, entries for both trials will go to Stacy. Liz, Stacy, Sue & Bruce will do the drawing for both.

E) Field Futurity (Tom Lococco) Field Futurity Report-Account Balance \$2,612.18. For 2021 Futurity 7 Individual nominations and one litter nomination. Field Futurity 2022 has 2 Litters nominated and 5 Individual nominations.

F) JEC (Judy Cheshire) Helen Witt will shortly be retiring from her position on the J been prohibitive. I now may have someone who will fund some of the cost. Hopefully, by next month I'll have more information on this.

G) SEAC (Deanna Donahue) Only 30 members voted for the 2023 Judges. Because there is no Wire News right now is it possible for a mass email to go out thus extending the voting until June 1, 2021?

Ray motion, Stacy 2nd all in favor. Motion carried. Voting for the 2023 Specialty Judge will be extended until June 15, 2023. Stacy will email the membership.

H) Rescue (Suzanne Oslander) No Report

I) Awards (Lisa Krueser) No Report

J) ROM (Hadley Ramirez) No Report

K) Show Futurity (Laura Myles) I'd like to ask that the BOD will move that 2021 national events be held in Memory of Betty Stroh. She passed away this weekend

Stacy motion, Ray 2nd all in favor. Motion carried. 2021 National Events will be held in Memory of Betty Stroh.

L) Maturity (Jennifer Jacobs) No Report

M) Merchandise (Kristen Wehking) No Report

N) Versatility (Ariel Wolf) Here is the latest version of the Versatility Program. Hopefully this is more visually easy to follow. Changes have been made to the general wording to clarify the number of points that must come out of primary areas at the different levels. Changes also come to the Field Trial category to include Derby Pointed and Field Major as the current system does not include any point options in the field area below FC or AFC. It has been valued at three points as unlike JH, JHR or NAVDHA NA (2 points), it is competitive and requires a first place performance and almost always an exhibition of skills more advanced than that required for JH/NA.

The hope in including all of these different sports is to encourage GWP owners to get out and try new things with their dog. The word "versatile" is in the breed standard. It refers to the versatile hunting dog, but we all know our GWPs are capable of being versatile in so many more areas. At present, typically about 5-8 applications are sent in for a versatility award annually. Most are level up applications (VX or VS). 2-4 V applications seems low for the amount of GWPs actively competing and titling in sports deserving of recognition.

The versatility committee overall tends to hold a similar attitude, which is that the first level, V, should be attainable by just about any person and GWP willing to show a modest investment of time and money in working with their dog in multiple venues. The VX and VS levels are much more esteemed and require a significantly greater investment of time, money, and skill to obtain. For this reason, not all GWPs (or owners) will have what it takes to earn a more esteemed award.

The BOD responded with changes they would like to see. Lee will contact Ariel with them.

O) Nominating Committee (Jodi Quesnell) Once the BOD has selected someone for the Western Director position, then that individual would need to run in the upcoming election. And, if Ray wants to remain on the BOD, then the nominating committee wouldn't have any additional vacancies to fill, and the slate of board members up for election would be as follows:

Vice President: Ray Calkins **Lee made a motion and Stacy 2nd, all in favor. Motion carried. Ray will fill the VP vacancy left by Bob's resignation.**

Secretary: Stacy Risler

Eastern Director: Mike Braddock

Western Director: (whoever the BOD selects to fill the position)

P) Wire News (Joey Smith) No Report

Liz will contact Steve and have him run a want ad again looking for a Western Director and a Wire News editor.

Q) Membership Report (Erin Yanish)

448 Members
303 Households
4 Foreign Members

May Birthdays

(Birthday Card & Gift Card 3+ yr olds)

Burke Bastian
Aiden Ramierz
Makayla & Madelyn Martin
Gabe Yanish
Eliouse Wimsatt

Finances

Membership - \$14,245.00
Emergency Rescue \$180.00
Breeder Listing – \$1350.00
Stud Dog - \$300.00
New Application Fees/PP Fees - \$323.10

Lifetime Members

Waiting to hear about approval submitted in July Report by Angie Johnson.

Currently our bylaws do not allow for Lifetime Membership.

R) Wire Mail (Steve Kreuser) No Report

S) Wire Web (Taylor Hickman) Waiting on the BOD to provide information for 2020/2021 national events to be posted to website.

Liz will email Taylor and ask her to work with Lisa on getting current information.

T) Legislative Liaison (Joan Payton) Hope the directors have been getting their regions legislative alerts & passes them on to club members. For some reason, the east has been inundated. Sorry Mike.

Good news in CA. The fancy stepped up & got AB 702 pulled for the year. It's possible for it to return next year but they historically do not. It just proves that when we work together we CAN defeat the animal rights agenda. Thanks to you all

U) GWPCA FB Page (Kelton Hatton) There needs to be a plan in place to get people over to a members only Facebook group OR create a members section of the GWPCA that members have access to after their dues are paid.... as in a pay wall section that you log in to and have access to once dues are paid. This could be duplicated on a Facebook group but everyone has access to the internet but might not be on Facebook.

Right now there is a Facebook page with multiple admins and lots of content. NOT a “group” for members only to add value to membership.

Liz will reach out to Kelton to get more details.

5. Directors Reports

West – Ray Calkins

- Sea-Tac - Aug. specialty in Ennumacla Wash.
- Central Oregon - Held a field trial in Madras Or. on April24-25. Nothing new planed
- Oregon - Hunt test on May 30th - Rattlesnake aversion clinic June 12
- 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

Nationals

2020/2021 Nationals

All events are at AKC.

2020 FT - Chair John Schoonover

Secretary - Jodi Quesnell

Per Jodi, the premium will be written by Liz Dixon. Discussion on entry submission on going. Make sense for the competitor to send all entries to one location versus multiple.

Show site, all is in order. Meals have been planned and prices heavily negotiated. RSVPs/meal order forms forthcoming and will be posted on website.

FT meals will be soliciting donations

Several local clubs have contributed towards meals already. Waiting additional clubs' participation which will hopefully be after the summer specialties.

Judges for approval:

Judge change for 2020 sweepstakes, to Lisa Durand

2020 Futurity - Robert Rein

2021 Futurity - Leslie Puppo

2020 Maturity - Linda Blanchard

2021 Maturity - Leslie Puppo

Stacy motion and Lee 2nd, all in favor. Motion carried to accept the changes to the 2020/2021 Judging Slate.

HT - Laura Myles

Camille Rice

FT - to be submitted by FEAC

Trophies donations still very slow

Working an early summer online auction, items have been gathered. More info to follow

2022 - WEST

Judges have been contacted need dates to secure the contracts and availability

2023 - ????? Not sure of which sector the BOD is looking for the event.

Old Business

Gooddog.com – 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.

The club is not interested at this time.

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. **Liz will reach out to Hadley and ask her to form committee.**

Election to Membership –

Next meeting: June 16, 2021 7pm cst

Motion to adjourn by Stacy and 2nd by Ray.