

**German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday November 29, 2023**

**Meeting to order: 7:11pm**

**Approval of September & Annual Meeting Minutes:** *Rocky made the motion to accept the minutes with Rick seconding. All in favor, motion carried.*

**1. Report of President –** *Various items in the agenda.*

**2. Report of the Treasurer -**

Fund	Total	Note
General Fund	74813.56	October Statement
	74600.06	As of 11/29/2023

**Expenditures as of meeting date**

\$ Amount	Ck#/Visa	Notes
1,880.00	1051	SGR Gallery-Trophies/Ribbons
527.80	1052	Laura Myles - Judge
523.30	1053	Laura Reeves-Judge
100.00	1054	Mark Howard - HT Judge
100.00	1055	Ken Loth - HT Judge
75.00	1056	Don Bergmeyer - FT Judge
233.20	1057	Kim Thornborrow -FT Judge Gifts
2,370.00	1058	Mike Cammack - Birds
190.50	1059	AKC - FT Recording Fee
100.00	1060	Bruce Bryant - FT Judge
150.00	1061	Brian Wagner - FT Judge
3,750.00	1063	Ziggy - Wrangler Fee
1,120.00	1064	Mike Hemphill- FT judge
545.30	1065	Joan Payton - Air Fare
2,874.88	1066	Moose's BBQ
300.00	1067	Joe Proulx-Refund FT Entry

292.04	Visa	Misty's
103.91	Visa	Lincoln Country Inn
816.00	Visa	Johnson Press
312.00	Visa	Lancaster Event Center

### Monies Received

\$ Amount	Via	Notes

\*Please note not all checks may have cleared.

### 3. Report of Secretary – Nothing to share.

### 4. Committee Reports

#### A) Bylaws/VP (Ray Calkins)

#### B) CHIC (Karen Potter)

**C) AKC Delegate** (Joan Payton) I will be heading to my 1st delegates meeting on Dec 13. I'll be able to share a room with Laura M this time. The packet I received says there is no hotel shuttle & taxi service is \$50 each way, not sure if rideshare services are cheaper. Do we have any members in the Orlando area that might be able to pick me , at least 1 way?

I think the Newark meetings will be a little cheaper as I will be able to start watching flight fares 3 months out & that hotel has a shuttle. Plus it looks like I can leave Tues after 3:00. Hopefully I can find a roommate after a couple meetings. It's a little uncomfortable rooming with a stranger but it'll get figured out.

I've already found there is a lot that goes into being a delegate. I'll be voting at this meeting apparently so I've been reading through the proposals. It will be easier when I can get rule books. Here are a couple things that pertain to us.

If passed, catalogs will no longer contain the entire address of exhibitors & judges. It will be limited to city, state & email.

The other one would make it possible for any breed club , national or local, to award a 3 pt major to reserve winners at a specialty. There are a few stipulations that I hope to get a little more clarity on during the discussion period.

I will keep the board posted on changes & anything I need your input on.

Everyone be careful of this respiratory infection. It's serious & seems to be spreading fast

**D) FEAC** (Liz Dixon) Not much going on for the FEAC. I will type up the minutes from our meeting held at the nationals and send them to the members for approval. Will start working on new judges names next month and think about '24 in Michigan!

**E) Field Futurity** (Tom Lococco)

**F) JEC** (Judy Cheshire) Nothing really new in either the Maturity except that Lisa has sent me the amount that on a Frio took out of our entries so that will allow me to get the payout checks out within probably a week. The judges Ed seminar in Orlando is looking very positive with a good attendance and I will let you know how it goes once we're done. Hope everybody had a nice Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a merry Christmas!

**G) SEAC** (Garnett Pershinger)

**H) Rescue** (Suzanne Oslander)

**I) Awards** (Lisa Krueser) The awards committee will be reviewing the current list of annual awards and updating as needed to meet the current AKC events. Hopefully the committee will have something prepared by the December BOD meeting.

**J) ROM** (Hadley Ramirez)

**K) Show Futurity** (Laura Myles)

**L) Maturity** (Judy Cheshire)

**M) Merchandise** (Kristen Wehking)

**N) Versatility** (Ariel Wolf)

**O) Nominating Committee** (Jodi Quesnell)

**P) Wire News** (Gabriella R)

**Q) Membership Report** (Josh Danso)

**As of November 27, 2023, there are 406 Members and 277 Households on the 2023 roster.**

**Financial Info:**

Year-to-date totals through 11/27/2023:

Membership - \$12,515  
Breeder Listing – \$1,450  
Stud Listings - \$285  
New Application Fees/PP Fees - \$350.56

**R) Wire Mail** (Steve Kreuser)

**S) Wire Web** (Taylor Hickman)

**T) Legislative Liaison** (Joan Payton)

**U) Facebook Page** (Kelton Hatton)

**V) Auction & Raffle** (Sylvia Miller)

**W) Miller Scholarship** (K Potter & L Fenter) We would like to ask the board to approve \$1,000.00 start up money for this award. From there we will fundraise to keep the scholarship and junior support alive. Please see the guidelines/requirements at the end of the minutes.

*Rocky made the motion to give up to 1000.00 for start up of the scholarship with Stacy seconding. All in favor, motion carried.*

## **5. Directors Reports**

### **West – Rocky Gilleard**

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

### **East – Mike Braddock**

- Sun Coast
- Fort Detroit
- Del Val

### **Midwest – Riley Mars**

- Nebraska
- Wisconsin

- Twin Cities

## 6. Old Business

### Nationals

2024 - Michigan Oct 11-13, 2024 followed by Field Events

2025 - West

## 7. New Business

**Bird Dog Hall of Fame - Ray** Over the last year a few of the club's field trialers have been discussing the fact that the GWPCA does not have a presence in The National Bird Dog Museum. This past ten days I have polled 15 of the club's field trialers for their thoughts. All felt that the club should have a presence in The National Bird Dog Museum. There is only a small space still available.

I would like for the BOD to discuss the GWPCA joining the Museum. *The BOD recommends the GWPCA pursues membership in the National Bird Dog Museum. Ray will get a committee together and will update the BOD at the next meeting.*

**National Events Coordinator – Liz** *The BOD has asked Laura Myles to assist us(BOD) with some of the National planning for 2024.*

**Color Committee – Liz** *Five people have reached out to Liz to be on the committee. She will reach out to them and let them know they can get themselves organized.*

### New members to vote on:

Joshua & Erin Ransom – Unadilla, Ga

Richard Uhnavey - Greenville, MI

Gabriella Ravelo – Rockingham, NC Gabriella was offered a free membership as compensation for her Wire News work.

*Rocky made the motion to accept the new members, with Riley seconding. All in favor, motion carried.*

Next meeting: *Wednesday December 20, 2023 7pm cst*

Adjournment: *8:25pm*

Miller Scholarship

**Purpose:**

To aid in supporting junior members of German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America by helping financially for travel and expenses to participate in Westminster Kennel Club's Junior Showmanship Competition with their German Wirehaired Pointer.

**Eligibility:**

Must be a junior member of the GWPCA for two or more years and in good standing.

Must be entering Westminster Kennel Club Junior Showmanship with a German Wirehaired Pointer.

**Application:**

Please write a response to the following question (minimum 250 words 500 words maximum) What is the most important lesson you have learned from exhibiting in Junior Showmanship?

Please provide an anticipated budget for your trip to the Westminster Kennel Club dog show.

Amount available: Up to \$1000.00 to be determined by the committee.

**Post Award Requirement:**

Prepare an article to be published in the Wire News about your experience at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.