

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 29, 2010

On motion the meeting was called to order at 7:45pm.

Members present: Laura Reeves, Bob Perry, Liz Dixon, Sue Mueller, Garnett Persinger, Ray Calkins

Erika Brown and Chuck Casonova were present as guests in preparation for their tenure on the board.

Approval of minutes from November meeting: On motion the minutes from the board were approved.

President's Report : Laura Reeves reported that she has truly appreciated serving as president of the club and Ray Calkins will do a great job taking over as president of the GWPCA. Laura Reeves reported on the breeder of merit program that has been implemented by the AKC.

Treasurer's report: Sue Mueller : Total amount in checking: \$5,600.47 rescue fund- Checking account-\$13129.54. There was a 2,530.60 loss for 2010 National which doesn't include the bill for 2010 National Trophies.

Secretaries report: We received a request for money from the judges institute. On motion the board will not be making charitable donations this year from the general fund due to our financial status and our responsibility to the membership. This does not affect rescue or Canine Health Foundation since they are separate accounts.

Committee Reports

By-laws: No report.

CHIC No report.

GWPU: Joy Brewster reported the following: I was planning a broad educational program expanding on what was started this year with How your dog Learning "Verbal" Obedience can Benefit You in Conformation in Time and Money ! Or such. Sylvia Miller had offered to help with this project along with Ann Kostishak. Ann regretfully has "resigned" due to work pressures. I would be glad to assist in any way I can or someone can pick another topic. My purpose was to try to gain interest in individuals doing both as well as Field work.

Judge's Education: Judy Cheshire reported the following: Thus far three JE presentations planned for 2011 -January in Washington, March in Texas and October in Michigan. JE materials are currently being re-printed.

FEAC report: Liz Dixon reported the following: I have sent out an e-mail requesting any new names for judges for 2011. Next week Liz will send out names she has for the board to vote on. A new expert at large will need to be appointed to replace Aloysia Hard.

SEAC report: Judy Cheshire reported the following: I'm forwarding the outline of the Maturity that Audrey has sent. And also attaching what may become part of the Maturity rules.....this piece is not set in stone, but may give the Board a clearer picture of the Maturity. Also for the SEAC report - a recommendation to increase the entry fee for the National Specialty (only) to \$30 for the first entry. A break for both puppy classes (6-9 and 9-12) and BBE is also recommended. The consensus was also not to raise BOB competition above \$40. Possible ways to decrease costs for the National Specialty - 1) put a cap on trophy expenses; 2) offer rosettes only for first place in each class and above (flat ribbons for class placements 2-4); 3) consider offering trophies for first place in the classes, rather than 1-4 for the next few years, until the event becomes more solvent; 4) keep Rally entries at the same fee level as Obedience and Conformation classes; 5) consider the possibility of doing the National Specialty with all-breed shows in order to avoid expensive grounds fees - this is not necessarily an ideal situation and certainly takes advance planning, but it's just a way of lowering costs on a temporary basis until the event is more viable.

Judges for 2011 - All judges are in place for 2011 - Regular classes (Dr. Elliot More, VT); Sweeps/Jr. Showmanship (Debra Davis, MI); Futurity (Katrin Tazza, CT - contract letter is pending and will be forwarded shortly). As a point of information, Katie Tazza has long been involved with GSPs and has shown GWPs. She has finished multiple Dual Champion GSPs, and won the AKC Gun Dog Championship with a home bred DC. She judges both Hunt Tests and Field Trials, if you'd like to utilize her for anything else to help out expenses.

Judges for 2012 - Thus far I've received no definitive information of dates, etc. and, as discussed previously, have been unable to go ahead with putting judges in place for 2012. 10/5,6, 7. My understanding, as per the October 2010 Board meeting and your correspondence to me, is that the composition of the SEAC will be changed as of January 1, 2011. If there is any information that you need regarding the present SEAC that I can provide, please let me know.

NEAC Report: Bernee Brawn reported the following: I am going to have to resign my position as National Events Coordinator. My husband is having medical issues that are probably going to keep me from spending the time necessary to do things and I don't want to keep the club hung up with my issues. I would like to thank the board for allowing me the opportunity to work on that project and I will do all I can to help in the future... I just really don't know at this time what things are going to look like in the coming year.

On motion effective January 1, Laura Reeves will act as interim National Events Coordinator until a permanent coordinator is appointed.

Old Business:

2010 National: No report.

Proposal for breeder of the year award: Still waiting to hear from Nickol Litwin.

Futurity and webmaster position: These positions will be advertised in the Wire News e-letter.

Cost-cutting measures: Several ideas were given to help curb costs for the club:
Donations: curtailing donations for a year; reducing trophy expenses.
online wire news for judges issue; Since we are paying \$107 every two months for NAVHDA and we are not getting any substantial return the following motion was made. On motion the board will only run one ad in the puppy issue of NAVHDA due to our financial status.

New business:

Proposal for field trials from Jim West:

On motion the board will present this proposal to the FEAC with the understanding that the GWPCA Board will vote favorably on this when brought to the board. The board asks that the FEAC turn this around quickly.

On motion the board adjourned at 9:12pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Boyd
GWPCA Secretary

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On motion an emergency board meeting of the 2011 Board was called to order at 9:15pm.

Members present: Ray Calkins, Bob Perry, Garnett Persinger, Erika Brown, Chuck Casanova, Michelle Boyd

Nominations were made for vice-president: Liz Dixon was nominated as vice-president.

On motion Liz Dixon was elected as vice-president.

The date for next months meeting was set: Tuesday, January 25, 2011

On motion the meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Boyd