

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America Board Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2011

On motion the meeting started at 7:41pm.

Members present: Ray Calkins, Bob Perry, Chuck Casanova, Erika Schroeder Brown, Liz Dixon, Michelle Boyd.

Approval of minutes from February meeting: On motion the minutes were approved with the addition of the hunt and water test entry fees for 2011.

President's Report : Ray Calkins reported the following: he has submitted a brief letter for the President's report for the wire-news discussing the economy and the board being conscious of how we spend money. He also mentioned that we will be making changes for more items sent via e-mail and will be trying to get more advertising for the wire-news. He has sent an e-mail to Doug Ljungren to see if we need to do anything regarding the open championship change. He has now had conversations with all chair people regarding committees.

Treasurer's report: Erika Schroeder Brown reported the following regarding bank accounts: All-Star Fund: \$1109.08; Maturity Fund-\$1355.00 Delegate's Fund-\$6784.98; Rescue Fund-\$12825.72. (Rescue Funds have not been transferred yet). General Fund- \$ 7029.18. Erika noted that we spent \$20,000.00 on the wire-news last year and she is concerned about being able to pay for next issue with the funds we currently have in the bank. 242 memberships have been renewed. She will be sending out 110 renewal notices this week.

On motion the board voted that all approved minutes be published in the wire-news email to save cost and for members to receive the minutes faster. Minutes will no longer be published in the wire-news printed publication.

On motion the board approves paying Dan Staber the amount needed to set up the website to be able to use credit cards. It will cost around \$50.00 a year plus \$2 a month for a total of \$74.00 for the dedicated ip and the ssl certificate needed.

On motion the board voted that Angie Johnson can upload the new website she has created to replace the existing website.

Michelle Boyd will send Dan Staber a thank you note for his work.

On motion the board approves the addition of a stud dog page to the website and the prices that were suggested: \$20 for up to two stud dogs; additional stud dog listing is 10.00.

On motion the board approves putting ads published in the wire-news publication on the website for free.

Membership dates: On motion the board voted that new members (those who have never been a member of the club) who join in October- December (fourth quarter)

will have their membership applied to the following year. This grace period will not extend to lapsed members.

Secretary's report: Michelle Boyd reported that she sent the approval for Bernee Brawn to take care of the stud dog registry. She will begin filling out applications for the National obedience and conformation events as soon as we have information regarding whether there will be a Regional Specialty in 2011.

By-laws: Mark Sargent reported the following: Ray left me a message the other day and I have not had a chance to get back with him. I know he wants to discuss the by-law committee. I know that I have been slow in keeping this moving forward for numerous reasons, but will try to get this moving again. I went through all my old correspondence from last year, and I could not find a position description for the secretary and treasurer that I thought that you and Sue had worked on. Did I lose something on my end or did you guys not provide this information. As I look over my notes position descriptions for the treasurer, secretary and the correspondence secretary are the next key items to move the by-laws forward.

Michelle Boyd reported that she resent the information she had previously sent regarding the secretary position. Ray Calkins has spoken to Mark in the meantime and explained several of the changes we feel are needed to the by-laws.

CHIC: Robin Nelson reported the following I continue to work with the CHIC committee regarding our current guidelines. Several of our membership have recently voiced increasing concern regarding cardiac disease in our GWP's. I'm currently asking for input from several long term breeders regarding this possibility. I will share my findings as they become available. I have also wondered if we should poll our members again regarding overall health concerns. I appreciate any suggestions the Board may have. She also reported that two more dogs have their CHIC numbers: Inverness Odin owned by Laura Myles and Liz Dixon's dog Backwoods DK Fyrst have completed all the CHIC requirements and are dogs #25 and #26.

GWPU: On motion the GWPU job description will be forwarded to Angie Johnson for inclusion in the wire-news e-mail.

Judge's Education: Judy Cheshire reported the following: I also need an answer to the question last time about sharing ideas with other clubs. On motion the board voted to share our mentoring techniques and guidelines. As far as JE is concerned, Betsy Watkins is doing a seminar this month in Texas. She has the material, but to date, I haven't heard anything about how it went. Bob Perry reported that the seminar has not been presented yet.

FEAC report: Liz Dixon reported the following: FEAC voting was in and finalized last week for judges. They approved Diane Vater by FEAC as one of Michigan's choices as was Mark McKinley. Also agreed that Jim Yates could judge derby. Mark Johnson will be judging one of the events. Mark McKinley and Diane Vater are available to judge. Chris Ryder and Robbie Creaney are not available. A new

ballot will be submitted for another judge. On motion the board approved the three judges.

SEAC report: Judy Cheshire reported the following: I've attached the ballot for the 2013 judges that will be in the Wire News. And a quick Maturity explanation that will be there, too. I still need exact dates for 2012 so that I can get judges. Ray Calkins will call Cindy Heiller tonight after the meeting and try to get firm dates and more information about the 2012 National Events.

NEAC Report: No report

Old Business:

2011 National: There will not be a Regional Specialty at the 2011 National.

New Business

AKC Restricted Registration: Liz Dixon reported that she had received the following from the chair of the Vizsla FEAC : The Vizsla Club of America would like to know how the GWP club feels about having a dog with an AKC Restricted registration running at your National Championships.

The Board cannot comment on this since we do not have require DNA testing and do not have this issue at our National Championship.

Date for next month's meeting: April 19, 2011

On motion the meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Boyd  
GWPCA Secretary