

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

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

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

President's Report : Ray Calkins reported that he has corresponded with several people and most information will come up in new business.

Treasurer's report: Erika Brown reported the following: 6,000 in general fund after paying for this issue of the wire-news. The cost was \$ 3,100.07 with \$ 1730.00 revenue in ads Loss of \$1377.00. Mailing this issue accounts for \$1000.00 of charge. Rescue is now insured and they have policy for a year that covers them or anyone in contact with their dogs. Purina Partnership resulted in a check to the GWPCA for 843.78 which will be sent to the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Memberships: We have 317 current members 5 or 6 are brand new. 50% return rate of members renewing from reminders that Erika mailed out to those who hadn't renewed yet.

On motion the board voted to give Aloysia Hard a lifetime membership in honor of her years of service to the GWPCA.

Secretaries report: Michelle Boyd reported that she has completed the applications for rally, obedience and conformation online. On motion the board voted to offer beginner novice in obedience.

Committee Reports

By-laws: No report.

CHIC : Robin Nelson reported the following: I have a little bit to present to the board for possible feedback regarding our CHIC requirements. The CHIC committee, as I've said before is split... two for changing the requirements and two for leaving them as listed. Several GWPCA members have emailed me wondering if the vWD test will continue to be required. Testing for von Willebrand's Disease is expensive and to the best of my knowledge, all dogs have tested CLEAR. Apparently, other countries also do DNA testing and technically, vWD could/should be eliminated as a problem in GWP's. The Suncoast Club is offering discount testing presently. I have recently corresponded with several GWPCA members regarding other health concerns. I'd like to repeat our health poll from 2007- 2008 to get an idea of how our responding members feel. I believe it will help us determine whether or not the CHIC requirements should change. Unfortunately, I am computer-challenged so would need assistance making the poll available to our membership on-line and in the Wire~News. I would do everything I could to complete the project, I just don't know how to get it "started." On motion the board voted to have another survey done online and ask that people only vote once. Erika will contact Robin and discuss this with her.

Discussion ensued regarding people being able to serve on a committee if they are not a member of the National club. On motion if a person wants to serve on a committee for the National Club, he/she must be a current member of the GWPCA.

GWPU: No report. Joy Brewster will be happy to work with the new chairperson during the transition once we have a chairperson.

Judge's Education: - Judy Cheshire reported the following: Apparently Lynn Calkins was contacted regarding an article for Dogs in Review. She sent that on to both myself and Laura Reeves. I've contacted the person coordinating the article to see how we can help. However, her time frame is pretty short to get this done. We'll work on it!

FEAC report: Liz Dixon reported the following. On the second vote for the final judge Joe Fingerlin was elected. He is available but will be coming from another championship and won't be able to get there until Wednesday or Thursday. Since Jim Yates can judge futurity, Joe Fingerlin will be able to come and judge. On motion the board approved the rest of the slate. Liz reported her poll of the FEAC regarding the Weimaraner proposal for water tests (see vote below). The majority felt that the water test should be able to be done by an amateur or professional and count.

SEAC report: Judy Cheshire reported the following: I will pursue the Board's question regarding holding a regional with the Nationals each year as a May project for the SEAC. Hopefully can gather responses by your May meeting. As far as judges for 2012 - I did get exact dates for California. However, the dates don't coincide with the Board's new policy of holding the Nationals first, Regional second and local specialty third. I did respond to Laura's e-mail by asking for clarification on that (cc'ing both you and Ray). I haven't received anything yet, so assume you'd like to pass it by the entire Board. If I don't hear anything, I'll just go ahead and work on the dates that Laura gave me. Since the motion was made after the planning of 2012, the first year that the National will have to hold the first day will be 2013.

Ballot for 2013 judges is in the Wire News. As you know, the entire SEAC is asked for names and bios of potential judges. There have been suggestions to include both foreign judges, as well as breeder judges. This ballot includes both as well as other Sporting Dog judges who have some involvement with our breed. As per the Judges Selection process, if any judge is financially not within our reach and has been selected by the membership, the Board has the right to use the next judge on the list. I hope that alleviates the Board's concern regarding some of the judges on the ballot.

NEAC Report: No report

Old Business:

Hunt Test Advisory Position: If it is not too late, I would like to throw my hat in for the hunt test national advisory position. My qualifications are:

1. I am currently filling in Aloysia Hard's hunt test national advisory position.
2. I am a licensed AKC hunt test judge (# 73829).
3. I have owner trained and handled 4 Master Hunters and 2 Junior Hunters over the last 10 years.
4. I have served as field trial chairman, hunt test chairman, and hunt test secretary for our local club.
5. I have competed in two National sponsored hunt tests for masters.
6. I have attended all the west coast Nationals over the last 10 years and do plan on attending other region Nationals in the future.
7. I competed in the 2010 National Field Championships and Amateur National Championships.
8. I have knowledge of what is necessary to conduct a National event as I have served on several committees, most recently the 2010 raffle and auction committee.
9. I will be retiring in a few years and will be able to devote even more time to the National event.

Thank you and please contact me if you need more information. Regard, Meg Eden

The board table this discussion until the next meeting.

New Business

Water test email from Doug Ljungren regarding amateur handling as proposed by the Weimaraner Club: On motion the board voted to approve that GWPCA support the Weimaraner clubs decision that the water test can be done by an amateur or professional and count for both.

Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference request for representative for conference to be held in St Louis Aug 12-14, 2011: On motion the board voted to ask Robin Nelson if she would like to attend the AKCCHF. The club will pay for the registration fee. If she cannot, the board will ask Ray Calkins.

AKC meet the breeds on November 19/20. The board will asked Angie to put the information in the next wire-news e-letter and Ray Calkins will send her the information to be included.

Rescue: Garnett Persinger reported that we need people to foster dogs. Garnett will send information to the wire-news e-letter regarding this and we will give Diane Turner the opportunity to put information in each wire-news e-letter regarding rescue.

Date for next month's meeting: Monday, May 16.

On motion the meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Boyd

GWPCA Secretary