

Minutes
GWPCA Board meeting
December 6, 2011

Call to Order: The regular meeting of German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America Board of Directors was called to order via conference call at 5:40 PST by Ray. In addition to Ray, Board members present were Chuck Casanova, Bob Perry, Erika Brown, Liz Barrett-Dixon, Garnett Persinger, and Mary Hanson. Incoming Secretary Lori Sargent was present as well.

Finalize Agenda: The agenda was finalized as presented.

Approval of minutes from October meeting: Garnett moved and Bob seconded to approve the minutes from the October meeting as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

President's Report: No Report.

Secretary's Report: Mary reported that she had issued Parent Club Approval for the GWP Club of So.Cal field trial in 2012. She also asked for the Board's thinking on parent club blanket approvals for more than one year. AKC has notified the GWPCA of this option. There was some discussion and points made for issuing multi-year approvals for specialty shows, while other members could see no benefit. Mary moved to table the discussion for now until input from clubs was sought; Bob seconded and the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Mary informed the Board of an offer from April Dickerson of American Reprographics offering their printing services to the GWPCA for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 12/14-12/18 in Florida. Garnet indicated the Florida GWP was hosting the GWP booth and she doesn't think we need the services offered. Mary will send note to April saying no thank you.

An email was received from A.J. Arapovic (AJ) of Showsight Magazine indicating they planned to feature the GWP in their January issue and asked for parent club input on content. Bob indicated he had pointed AJ to Judy who will coordinate for the Club.

AKC sent a letter on the topic of parent club electronic reports. Lori and Bernee are contacts for New Titles and Stud book, respectively. Lori agreed to continue as contact for New Titles. Mary will check with Bernee to see if she wants to continue as contact for the stud book.

Treasurer's Report: Erika referred Board members to the Treasurer's report she had emailed previously. Maturity fund is in good shape; general fund less so, but renewals should be coming in. Election costs were very reasonable - \$119. Election results were announced. In the contested positions Lori received the most votes for Secretary, and Garnet was re-elected Eastern Director. Nationals' accounts are not finished as yet, but Ray indicated the club did not lose money. There was some discussion on costs associated with production of the WireNews and ways to reduce it, but no decisions were made at this time. Garnett moved accept the treasurers report, Liz seconded, and the motion passed on a unanimous vote.

A notice from Equisure for Directors and Officers Insurance was received.
Discussion was moved to Committee Reports

2012 Member Club Dues Notice from AKC was sent to Mary and will be sent on to Erika for payment.

Committee Reports:

SEAC Report: no report

FEAC Report: Liz reported they are just starting to gather judges name; she has sent out emails to committee members for judges for 2012. She will send minutes out when get them.

Directors' Reports:

Midwest: Chuck made a special point to meet as many Midwest people at Nationals and had good conversations with them.

West: Bob reported the No. Cal GWP Club is continuing with plans for Nationals next fall. He asked for guidance on how to send out the premium packet consistent with AKC and how to offer options to the membership for receiving the packet (snail mail, via Web site, etc.). Ray advised Bob to go ahead and let Rob Rein (Show Secretary) contact the membership and advise them of options available.

East: Garnett reported the Florida GWP Club will have its first A match, Feb 18, 2012, with Jane Meyers as judge. Del Val GWP Club sent out an announcement for a Judge's seminar sponsored by GSPCO of Western NY.

Rescue: Garnett pointed out the need to have a link on the GWPCA website to the new Rescue Foundation. Ray emailed Angie, but she is very busy with the WireNews and will get to it after the magazine comes out. Garnett reported 10 dogs in rescue and 4 new foster care providers. One VDD dog has been placed. The DVD made by Jimmy Jo Isom for National Rescue made money which will be split between the National and the Mary Murry group. The raffle also made money. A permanent board for the Rescue Foundation has been elected. Garnett is still trying to locate microchips belonging to the Rescue Program. Ray will assist in the search.

Bylaws: Ray will get in touch with Mark after hunting season.

Old Business:

Liability Insurance coverage for Directors and Officers: Chuck's recommendation after looking at what we had with Equisure was to stick with Equisure since he couldn't find anything much less expensive, assuming the limits are similar to others he checked out. Ray concurred. Erika will check with Equisure on limits and let Chuck know results.

2011 Nationals: Ray reported that AKC has put the Club on probation for 2 years as a result of irregularities in conducting the field trial. The Club was not fined, and Ray has talked to Randy Berry (2012 Field Trial Chairman) about paying attention to details in 2012. Liz reported there are 4 chairs (from Purina) left over from Nationals and asked the Board what she should do with them. The chairs were donated by Purina, but not listed in the premium as trophies. Liz will talk to Terry (Purina field rep) and get his opinion. Decision was tabled until the next meeting.

2012 Nationals: Mary was contacted by Sylvia Miller (AKC) regarding a contact for 2012 Nationals dates which are needed to inform Purina's Arnie Belotti. Mary gave her

Laura Reeves name. The corresponding date is Mon, Oct. 1, 2012. Mary has also been receiving paperwork for 2012 Nationals events from AKC and asked who she should send them to. Diane Marsh or Cindy Heiler were named as contacts.

2013 Nationals: Chuck has nothing new since last time. He asked Liz if she had anything as co-host club. Liz will get in touch with Rhonda and discuss co-chairs.

Eliminating Top Ten in WireNews: Lori reported that after next month awards will no longer be published in Gazette. She can do breed placements from information online, but not the performance placements. Ray will call Lyn Sandor and discuss with her what options are available. The topic was tabled until he talks to Lyn.

Wire~News – leaflet insert for membership application: Erika reported that Angie is doing it in the most economical way, stuffed into the Wire~News.

New Business:

Open positions: Open position include National Events Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Trophy& Awards Chair, and GWP U Chair. Ray thought the list of open positions would be published in the Wire~News; Liz has sent FEAC changes to Angie (Meg and Laura M.). Decisions are expected before end of year.

Requests for Donations: Ray reported requests for donations from the AKC Humane Fund, and AKC Gun Dog Championships. After a brief discussion, Garnette moved to not donate at this time to either organization due to the Club's financial condition; Bob seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous vote.

Vote New Member Applications: Erika presented the following names of new applicants for Board approval: Catherine Ryan - NSW Australia; Doug Parkinson & Kevin Bechtel – Zoar, Ohio; Susan Utterback – Newberg, OR; James and Bab Hanna – Franklin, PA; and John Rabidou – Hondo, TX. Garnett moved to accept the applications; Mary seconded and the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Liz received an email request to purchase merchandise using a debit card. Erica explained that the Club doesn't have a PayPal account. Lori offered the use of her PayPal account. Liz will forward the debit information to Lori, and ship the merchandise when she hears back from Lori. Garnett announced she still has rescue calendars for sale.

Next Board Meeting: January 10, 2012, Tuesday, 8:30 pm EST, 5:30 pm, PST.

Adjournment: Garnett move to adjourn, Bob seconded, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm PST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Hanson
GWPCA Secretary