

GWPCA meeting minutes, June 7, 2011. Present: Ray Calkins, Garnett Persinger, Chuck Casanova, Bob Perry, Erika Brown, Liz Barrett-Dixon (taking notes). Meeting brought to order at 7:46 PM CST.

Presidents report: Most of report is under old and new business, but in a nutshell May was quite hectic. 2011 Nationals dilemma needs to be finalized (secretary, etc.) vote on the newest version. We need a temporary Secretary. Bi-laws need to be changed, and look into a corresponding Secretary. Greg Dubois from the Versatility Committee would like to reconvene said committee and look at some changes. Q registration – what it is and how it affects our club. Eukanuba in 2012 at Orlando.

Treasurers report: Money for the saddle raffle going on will be held in a reserve fund, called “supplemental field trial trophy fund” so there isn’t confusion about where this money is intended to go. It is for the National Field Trial Trophies. The idea is to try to have something big (like a saddle) to raffle every year to keep the quality of trophies high, without costing the club. There is \$1290.00 in the Supplemental Field Trial Trophy Fund. The delegate fund has \$6,602.76. Pat Laurans will be using this for multiple things; \$700 to CHIC, and also food for the Maturity being held at the 2011 National event. The Maturity has \$135.15. The All Star has \$1109.08. Rescue fund has been transferred to it’s own account, but they left some money (\$2000) for the national club. As a non-profit they can’t have too much money in their account. General fund has \$12,451.13. Erika is wondering who will coordinate receipts for the 2011 Nationals. She has created forms to be filled out to keep track of expenditures.

Committee reports: FEAC: Nothing new to report. Liz will send out an email to the members to try to get more names of judges, preferably from the West for the 2012 nationals.

Nominating Committee: Liz will not be able to coordinate the nominating committee, as she is the current vice-president and that position is on the slate for this fall. Erika will step in. Names were suggested for her to contact for her committee. Board members will email Erika names that they think might be able to serve on the committee. Needs to be received by June 31<sup>st</sup>, and after approval it can be published. Motion was made to have Erika head nominating committee. Seconded and passed.

CHIC Committee: Robin Nelson will attend the CHF meeting. Robin and Erika are working on a survey for members about the health of GWPs. It will be an anonymous survey on our website. They will compile the numbers in the survey and then poll the GWPCA about possibly changing the CHIC requirements. Then any potential test can be added to the CHIC requirements, for example cardiac is now optional, but some members have expressed concerns about it turning into a problem. There will be 2 surveys – one looking for diseases and the second survey tests recommended.

SEAC: No report

Old Business: Lifetime membership – per Laura Reeves, if someone was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award, that person then becomes a Lifetime member. Bob Perry thought that Betty Stroh received a Lifetime Achievement Award. Erika will email Michelle Boyd to see if she has a record of that.

Wirenews: per Ellen Herminghaus – if people aren’t receiving their Wirenews, they should contact Erika.

Judges' issue of the Wirenews – should it be mailed to all judges as has been done in the past? Could we email the issue? Mailing the Wirenews to all judges doubles the cost of that issue. Suncoast GWP uses a program that could be used to email the issue to all judges. AKC probably has an email list that we could use to send an enewsletter to the judges. A lot of clubs have gone to electronic newsletters. Club members can pay an additional cost for a hard copy. They can have the option of either version, the hard copy would cost more. A poll of dog clubs said that more than 50% of clubs have gone to electronic newsletter because the cost is killing them. Motion was made and seconded to have the judges for the Judges' issue of the WN be sent electronically. Motion carried. Pat Laurans might be able to come up with a list of AKC judges' email addresses.

2011 GWPCA National Secretary: At the last meeting it was voted that we would have a coop of secretaries – Arden Shaw and Rob Rein. Fort Detroit was not happy with that, so the newest version is that Arden Shaw will be the Secretary, being assisted by Lori Sargent. All events will close on September 14, 2011, even the Fort Detroit specialty. All parties seem content. A motion was made and seconded to have Arden Shaw secretary the GWPCA National event, with Lori Sargent assisting. Motion carried. Fort Detroit will send the correct dates to AKC.

Membership tool – Ray will email Pat Laurans that we are seeing the potential benefit and utilize the monthly reports from AKC.

Need a permanent National Events Coordinator to replace Bernee.

2012 Nationals: GWP Club of N. California made \$1000 at a fund raiser to put towards the event. There is another fund raiser in the works and they feel it should make the same amount of money. Still need the dates. Ray will contact Judy regarding the 2012 judges. Find out whether or not she has contacted Jim Reynolds to get an idea of cost.

New Business: AKC Eukanuba will be December 17 & 18 in Orlando. AKC wants to know if we are going to have a meet the breeds booth, and if we want to donate 3 medallions at the cost of \$25 each. The Suncoast GWP club would like to host the meet the breeds booth per Erika. Erika will organize it. Ray will scan the letter from AKC and send it to Erika. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the Suncoast GWP club would host a meet the breeds booth at the Eukanuba show in December and the GWPCA would not donate the money for the medallions. Motion carried.

Q Registration – this is something that the AKC passed without parent club input in July of 2010. Dogs with unknown parentage (Questionable Registration) can compete in field trials. The clubs need to be aware of this. Dogs can be bred, and after 3 generations can get full registration privileges. On motion the Board will make a comment to the AKC via a letter saying that we're opposed to Q Registration. Motion was seconded and passed.

ROM – Sean Ferraro sent a letter regarding some wording for ROM. She would like it clarified, some of the wording is confusing. Ray will contact Gail Richardson as she wrote the original guidelines to get clarification and get back to the Board.

Rescue: Diane Turner sent a letter stating that we now a 501c3 non profit rescue, to be called National GWP Rescue. They are in dire need of foster homes.

Temporary Secretary – Ray will contact Mary Hanson to see if she would be interested on a short term basis. If Mary doesn't want to do it, Courtney Vogel-Bastian will be contacted.

Next meeting: July 12, 2011 7:30 PM CST. Motion made to adjourn, seconded and meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM, CST.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Barrett-Dixon