Called to order at 8:10 pm, ET by President Rhonda Dalton


A quorum is present

Notification that the meeting is being recorded

Approval of previous Meeting Minutes

Motion 202002.06.01 Hearing no objections, the January 5, 2020 minutes are approved.

President’s Report:
I would like to thank the GPCA Board of Directors for ALL stepping up to secure our National Specialty and World Conference in ONE week. Apparently, we had approximately 660 emails within 5 days (thanks for counting, Vinnie!). Way to go TEAM! Everything has fallen into place and final arrangements are being made so we will have a spectacular show!

I am sad to report that our Vote Tabulator Kim Foster has passed away. Since we had a board election ballot going in the mail, we needed to replace her ASAP. I was lucky to find Megan Scheffler through the Papillon Club of America who is now our new Tabulator. The PCA Does their voting like we do and highly recommended her. She also Tabulates for the Shih Tzu Club of America and attends National Specialties as a Parliamentarian. Welcome Megan!

Vice President’s Report:
1. Filed Regional Specialty paperwork for Mile High and Garden State
2. Finalized with AKC all other paperwork through the completion of the National Specialty week events.

Treasurer’s Report:
No report

Secretary’s Report:
1. Contacted by member offering to become National Specialty Site Coordinator.
2. Contacted by member of Facebook committee in response to a BOD email.
3. A big thank you to Stephanie Whitney for getting the BOD election ballots and nominee bios/questionnaires printed and to the members before the Bylaw deadline of February 5th.
4. Thank you note sent to GSGPC for creating and manning the Meet the Breeds booth at the January 25-26th AKC Meet the Breeds event at the Javits Center in New York City.
5. A reminder that any member or BOD may send agenda items 7 days before a scheduled meeting for it to be included in that meeting’s agenda and is encouraged to do so. Meeting dates are: March 5th, April 2nd, April 16th, April 26th and April 27th.
6. Ellie will ask Joe Bruns to post “how to write a motion” and form (as provided by Parliamentarian in 2019) on the website. Flo Laicher and Val Seeley have agreed to help members at the 2020 Annual Meeting, too.

Unfinished Business:
1. 2020 GPCA National Specialty and Great Pyrenees World Conference:
    Whit reported that the emails among the BOD for the National and World Conference are well over 660 now. There are 5 things that are being finalized: vendors, videographer &
photographer contracts (Dave is organizing), beta testing online registration, proofing the premium list once we get it back from BaRay, and processing registrations as they come in.

Grooming plans discussed

2. Code of Ethics Committee:
Rhonda was unaware that the BOD needed to approve members of the committee due to the April 15-16, 2019 being distributed by Amy in July, and after Rhonda already convened a committee.

Motion 20200206.02 by Rhonda to accept the committee slate as she provided to the BOD.

Discussion. Maker withdrew motion.

Motion 20200206.03 by Greg that the Code of Ethics Committee member slate, as provided by Rhonda, and as amended by the BOD be approved. Discussion.

Motion 20200206.04 by Marcy to call the vote on Motion 20200206.03. Roll call vote:
Marcy- yes, Vince- no, Whitney- no, Rhonda- yes, Dave- yes, Greg- yes, Ellie- abstain, Jo- no, Amy- yes. Motion passed.

5. Motion 20200206.05 by Amy to accept the Judge's Education Committee Drop Box Document 12JED “Guidelines, Procedures & Policies” as edited by Ellie. Passed unanimously.

6. Marcy reported that the Chicago club is looking into hotels for the 2021 National Specialty. They have narrowed it down to 3 possible locations. Motion 20160915.03 changed the National Specialty region rotations from a “123123” rotation to a “23123” rotation. Mary is all set with merchandise for the Kick-off Party. The AKC's Best Bred-by competition information has been passed on to the Chicago club.

7. Drop Box document 1POL000 “GPCA Policies” has not changed since Amy sent it December 17, 2019. Discussion regarding changing a bullet point “.05” to correspond with the Bylaws. Amy will make the correction and have for BOD approval in March.

8. Ellie thanked Gene Milgram, the member that has doggedly tracked down the club’s Registered Agent information. It is law firm in MD. The lawyer, firm, and pertinent information has been uploaded to Drop Box.

Motion 20200206.06 by Whitney to ask the lawyer, Mr. Boswell, to send the club a copy of all of the paperwork he has, and if he would continue as our Resident Agent. If not, if someone else in his firm would be willing to become the Agent. If not, if Mr. Boswell could recommend someone. Passed unanimously. Ellie will send a letter to Mr. Boswell.

9. Rhonda sent each Committee the Annual Committee Reports, edited so each report will include all the committee members. She will check the status of additional Disaster Preparedness members once she receives their completed report.

10. Service Dog Award Committee still needs Versatility to look over the committee’s proposed guidelines. Laurie will work from current guidelines for this year’s National Specialty. Rhonda will pass a 2-week deadline on to those involved, with status for next month’s BOD meeting.

11. The Financial Manager contract is signed. Rhonda will upload to Drop Box.


13. Bylaw Review to be discussed after all other business.

New Business:

1. Motion 20200206.07 to accept Megan Scheffler as our new Tabulator. Passed unanimously.

Rhonda will upload her contract to Drop Box.

2. Rhonda received a proposal from Pam Tobin for the 2022 National Specialty. Rhonda will email the
proposal to the rest of the BOD for review.

3. Ellie recommends that she create guidelines for the Email Communication Committee for the March meeting and will include the results of a past survey that Bret Zacher compiled. Until the guidelines are approved, she will continue to get BOD approval for each requested email blast. **Motion 20200206.08 by Rhonda to send an email blast for the Sportsmanship Committee.**

   Passed unanimously.

Executive Session started at 9:33 pm, ET, regarding Facebook complaint and National Specialty Site Coordinator position.  
*Whitney signed off call at 10:01 pm.*

Executive Session ended at 10:14 pm, ET.

Bylaw review-(from Unfinished Business)- Discussion regarding if the Bylaw Review can continue without the completed Code of Ethics Committee’s proposed changes. Bylaws supersede COE guidelines. March meeting will need to include scheduling of a special BOD meeting from March 8-March 20, 2020 to discuss Bylaws.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm, ET by President Rhonda Dalton.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Schultz, GPCA Secretary