Great Pyrenees Club of America  
Board of Directors Minutes April 23, 2020  
Conference Call

Called to order at 8:01 pm, ET by President Rhonda Dalton

Roll Call: Marcy Bankus, Vince Chianese, Whitney Coombs, Rhonda Dalton, Dave Daugherty, Greg Mills, Ellie Schultz, Jo Stubbs, Amy Zacher present. There is a quorum.

Notification that the meeting is being recorded

Motion 20200423.01 Hearing no objections, the Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2020 are approved as amended.

President's Report: no report

Vice President's Report:
1. The PFNE Specialty results are on the GPCA website.
2. The Chicago Regional Specialty has been cancelled and the cancellation added to the website.

Treasurer’s Report: no report

Secretary’s Report:
1. Received 2020-2021 Board of Director Election report and sealed, cast ballots from Tabulator.
2. Received contact information from all nominees to send them info about the BOD meeting taking place immediately after the Annual Meeting as well as committee reports and outstanding BOD business
3. Received letter of resignation from Vince Chianese from the Judges’ Education Committee, effective at 3 pm on May 1, 2020
4. Received letter of resignation from Jean Pero from the Judges’ Education Committee, effective April 30, 2020

Old Business:
1. We have a signed addendum to contract with the Founder’s Inn that rolls everything from the previous contract with the new dates for next year. Some room nights were rearranged for a spread over more days. Vince will get a copy to Marcy for her records.
2. We have secured an agreement that the lawyer that has been the GPCA Resident Agent will continue in that capacity. The lawyer also sent the Articles of Revision he submitted on behalf of the club quite a few years ago. Those documents and his Resident Agent consent have been added to the club’s Drop Box files.
3. Amy made the final corrections for the Bylaws Revision that the BOD found over the last week and sent the final document to the BOD.

Motion 20200423.02 by Greg that the Board approves the revised Constitution and Bylaws and to send it to the AKC for their review. Passed unanimously. Ellie will send to the AKC tomorrow.

4. Whit reported that he has not received a response from either of his 2 emails to Alain Valli, requesting that Mr. Valli judge Futurity at next year’s event on Monday, April 5, 2021 due to the postponement of the event from this year. Janet Ingram will be asked to try to reach him. Vince reported that he is still awaiting a response from one superintendent regarding the matting, but the club may have to use plastic sheeting. Whit reported that he and Judy Skorup have been in contact regarding the scheduling needs of Draft Dog at next year’s National Specialty event. Judy requested a break between the rescheduled 2020 testing and the 2021 testing. The 2020 testing will be held on Saturday afternoon and the 2021 testing will be held on Sunday morning. The CGC/TDI testing will be under the covered tent building and will not interfere with the hotel’s set-up needs inside.
5. Policies as to what needs to go into each National Specialty Bulletin as well as regarding Regional and National Specialty Bulletin advertising were discussed. Amy reported that there is a policy from Motion 20160915.02 that there is no restriction in advertising in the National Specialty issue. Amy and Jo reported that the guidelines for the Bulletin were very confusing, with multiple versions with multiple policies that were never merged or uploaded. Amy will get these things on a working document.
6. Great Pyrenees Achievement and Hero Award Committee document has been corrected and uploaded to Drop Box, document 3GRE100.
7. No report for the 2022 National Specialty.
8. Vince will contact Pam Tobin and get the AKC’s Dog Show Manual to her that outlines the requirements for minimum ring size for a National for the 2023 National.
9. Email Communications Committee responsibilities and procedures deferred until Sunday’s meeting.
10. Secretary guidelines deferred until Sunday’s meeting.
11. Health committee did release requested additional funds for dwarfism study.
12. The National Specialty guidelines with handwritten notes throughout are being worked on by Amy and Peggy Watson.
13. Ellie has been contacting Committee Chairs regarding their reports and items the Board would like clarified.
14. Ellie uploaded to Drop Box the information regarding a formal complaint against a member.
15. Whit sent the list of Judge Education Mentors to the Board on April 2nd.

New Business:
1. Policy for exiting Committee Chairs to be discussed via email in the next few days.
2. The AKC has changed their Meet the Breeds dates and venues. Ellie will get the specifics for the next meeting.
3. Agenda for Annual Meeting and flow discussed. Board approved an email blast to be sent to members next Thursday reminding them of the Annual Meeting teleconference call the following day. Ellie requested the Reports of the Officers prior to the meeting. As soon as Rhonda announces the newly elected members of the Board, Ellie will either text or email those new members with the call-in information for the BOD meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting. Reports of committees not included in the Annual Meeting will be included in the National Specialty Bulletin issue.
4. Linda Whisenhunt requested a line item added to the dues notice for the Disaster Preparedness Committee. This item is already included on the notice.
5. Determined to skip the BOD meeting on Saturday, but keep the Sunday, April 26, 2020 meeting at 8 pm, ET.

Executive Session started at 9:35 pm, ET and concluded at 10:04 pm, ET regarding Committee Reports. Adjournment at 10:04 pm, ET by President Rhonda Dalton.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Schultz, GPCA Secretary