

MINUTES * April 25 & 26, 2016,

GPCA BOARD MEETING, MATAMORAS, PENNSYLVANIA

7:18 PM Meeting called to order by President Valerie Seeley. All Board members present except Laurie Gottschalk, who was still in route.

Appointment of Sergeant at Arms – Kevin Brown and Bret Zacher were appointed.

Minute Review – Amy Zacher and Janet Ingram were appointed.

Reports of President, VP, Secretary & Treasurer were deferred until the 4-26-16 meeting when all members would be present, but Mary Lou Mayer did report that the treasury is not making as much money as in the past as expenses keep increasing.

Kathy Lee asked why Ways & Means was eliminated. The discussion that followed included the suggestion that perhaps it should be revived and Kathy Lee may know of a source who would be willing to accept the responsibility. “Go Fund Me” resources were also suggested for Rescue funding.

Whitney requested that the Financial Manager provide quarterly budget reports which could compare current year with the prior year.

Committee Reports – Top Twenty, Non Regional Judges Selection, AKC Sportsmanship and Judges Education Committee Reports will be held for the next meeting so all can be present. Valerie Seeley reported that this was the highest rate of return for Committee Reports and thanked Carrie S. Parks for assembling and printing the booklets.

Awards & Trophies – Whitney Coombs suggested that the Committee provide a list of all trophies on hand and also provide sunset dates for any applicable trophies.

*Overall impression from the Board is that the Policy & Guidelines should be streamlined and updated so that only the current ones are listed.

*It was also suggested that we ask Bret Zacher to present a tutorial on “Dropbox” for the BOD.

*It was also suggested that a copy of each Committee Guideline be printed and sent to each Committee Chair and ask each one to make the necessary changes to their guidelines and return them for Board approval.

Disaster Preparedness – Kathy Lee asked the question as to whether there is continued need for this committee with the multiple social media outlets; word spreads much more quickly throughout the country. Bob Brown disagreed and stated that he feels the committee is still needed for the regional representation it provides. The Board determined that the committee is needed and the Board should be the committee.

Livestock Guardian Dog – The Board will provide a Blast email requesting all LGD persons to provide information so that we can identify LGD breeders and LGD members.

Membership – Linda McInturff reported that membership declined from last year. The drop in membership is due to the transition of associate members to full membership and those who chose not

to go through the process to become full members. It is now 597 full members, 2 lifetime members, 1 Junior, and 1 honorary member: 601 Total.

Performance & Companion – Suggestion is to provide all of the different event members or sub-committees and the titles of the various categories, as well as the number of dogs in these categories.

Titleholders – the question was asked why we do not provide the titleholders books digitally. It was the general consensus that the titleholders and the Bulletin should still remain as hard copies.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING RESUMED APRIL 26, 2016

9:17 AM Meeting called to order by President Valerie Seeley. All Board members were present: Kathy Lee, Linda McInturff, Mary Lou Mayer, Bob Brown, Deanna Knighten, Kathy Liles, Laurie Gottschalk, and Whitney Coombs.

Report from Mary Ann Feller and Stud Dog Committee was received.

Carrie Stuart Parks has agreed to be the GPCA AKC Gazette columnist.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

- Kathy Liles moved that the Board accept the guidelines as presented. Motion was seconded by Whitney Coombs and passed unanimously. It was suggested that there be two administrators, Sue Cole possibly.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

- Since there is only one Junior member, the Board of Directors discussed that the committee needs more exposure to create more interest.

AKC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

- The Board of Directors feels that there are probably too many members on this committee and discussion followed.

NON REGULAR JUDGES SELECTION

- Deanna Knighten, the Chair for this committee, submitted the new guidelines for the committee.
- Kathy Lee moved that the Board approve the guidelines as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
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Bob Brown moved that the Board establish a two year turnover policy for all committee members. The motion was approved unanimously.

VERSATILITY COMMITTEE

- The report was discussed at length. The Board of Directors requests information and numbers of participants in each of the various Versatility events. Suggestions were discussed.

TOP TWENTY/PUPPY INVITATIONAL

- Laurie Gottschalk moved that the following phrase be removed from the entry Guidelines: "... All entrants must also be entered in a regular class at the National Specialty." And replaced with: "...All dogs qualifying can be exhibited, including any dog owned by current

year's National Specialty Judges, but cannot be handled by the Judges or their household members." The motion was approved.

BREED MENTOR

- Bob Brown stated that he was making a recommendation to put Breed Mentor under Judges Education

Valerie Seeley moved that Whitney Coombs be appointed as the GPCA official AKC representative for the Mason-Dixon Judges Study Group parent club sanctioned presentation. The motion was approved.

Bob Brown made the motion that GPCA donate \$50 to AKC PAC. The motion did not pass.

The Board of Directors discussed the suggestions to the problem of rural folk who are interested in becoming members of GPCA but do not know any members who might sponsor them. It is felt that Membership Growth Committee is the best committee to handle this situation and to assist these individuals in finding members willing to get to know them and sponsor them. Valerie Seeley offered to discuss the issue with the chairs of the committee.

Valerie Seeley made the motion by asking the Board if they felt Lynn Gomm is qualified to judge the Great Pyrenees National Specialty because her name was submitted for the preliminary ballot. The motion was unanimously approved.

Whitney Coombs made the motion that GPCA policy be to only permit AKC approved judges to judge the National Specialty and Regional Specialty effective as of the 2020 preliminary ballot. The motion passed with 6 members voting yes, Valerie Seeley abstained and Deanna Knighten and Laurie Gottschalk voted no.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Kathy Lee moved to accept the Treasurer's report and proposed budget. Motion passed unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Kathy Lee presented the Affiliated Clubs report.
- Kathy Lee moved that the Florida Great Pyrenees Club be placed on suspension effective 4-29-16 if the required report and fees have not been received by the Annual Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kathy Lee moved to ratify the previously approved email motions. The motion was approved.

Laurie Gottschalk advised the Board that next year's Chicago sweepstakes judge is a foreign judge coming from Japan.

Laurie Gottschalk presented a motion to purchase a set of Rally Obedience equipment (at a cost of \$300 for a complete set) to be used at all National Specialties. It is easy to borrow obedience equipment, but not easy to borrow rally signs, cones, sign holders, etc. from other clubs if superintendent does not provide. Jo Stubbs would be willing to house the equipment and ensure it gets to all National Specialties. Motion was unanimously approved.

Bob Brown presented the Judges Education Exploratory Committee's report. The Board of Directors received the report and on motion by Mary Lou Mayer the Board voted unanimously that it be forwarded to the Judges Education Committee Co-Chairs with special consideration of the proposed slide revisions. A response is requested by or before the September Board Conference Call.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY COMMITTEE

After much discussion it was agreed that a National Specialty Committee is not necessary at this time. The Directory will be changed to reflect the new National Specialty component committees:

Vice President – National Specialty Liaison

Site Coordinator

Non Regular Judge Selection

Judge Selection

National Specialty Treasurer

Kathy Lee advised the Board of Directors that all committees and committee chairmen must work closely with and agree with the National Specialty Chair. Scheduling is a huge job for an endeavor of this magnitude and cooperation is absolutely necessary.

Regional clubs wishing to have 2 Regional Specialties during a National Specialty event may not be able to find enough time to provide for two separate shows and special handling may be required such as having back-to-back shows on one day, foregoing puppy/veteran sweepstakes, along with other innovative solutions.

Deanna Knighten moved that GPCA donate \$100 to the ADSJ on the years when the Great Pyrenees breed is presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

5:15 PM Whitney Coombs moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McInturff,
Secretary