

GPCA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1st QUARTER
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
Tuesday, March 1, 2016
8:00 PM ET

President Valerie Seeley called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM ET. The Board members present were: Kathy Lee, Linda McInturff, Mary Lou Mayer, Bob Brown, Laurie Gottschalk, Kathy Liles, Deanna Knighten, and Whitney Coombs.

Ratification of Motions and Votes by Email-

A motion was made by Kathy Lee that the Board ratify motions previously made and approved by email; Whitney Coombs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The motions are:

- 20160110 Laurie Gottschalk moved to approve the purchase of the GPCA pins as proposed by Nancy Wood Taber. The motion passed.
- 20160113 Mary Lou Mayer moved to support Jean Pero's travel expense up to \$300 to provide the Judge's Education Seminar in Houston. The motion was approved.
- 20160209 Laurie Gottschalk moved that the Board approve GPCA Awards Committee having a new mold created of the original GPCA Great Pyrenees head that is used on the Annual Awards & National Specialty Trophies. The mold will be retained by the GPCA. 200 Pewter heads would be made to replenish stock which would cover at least 6 years. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 20160222 Laurie Gottschalk moved that the Health Committee Proposal to support the two proposed Canine Health Foundation studies be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Valerie Seeley reported that Garden State Great Pyrenees Club spent only \$215 to present the Meet the Breed presentation at Westminster Kennel Club even though the Board of Directors had authorized reimbursement of up to \$600 if necessary.

Valerie also reported that of the former Associate Members who were moving to Full Membership within GPCA, 23 were sent Code of Ethics and requested to sign their willingness to abide by them, and those listed as breeders were requested to provide copies of their contract and proof that hip clearances had been satisfied. At this time all but 4 of the 23 have complied with the requests. It was determined by the Board of Directors that these documents should be forwarded to the Membership Chair for storage along with the original applications.

Vice-President's Report: Kathy Lee advised that one of the affiliated clubs has volunteered to go under suspension while they try to re-group and elect officers and an affiliated representative.

Secretary's Report: Linda McInturff reported that the Annual Reports were obtained from AKC and that these reports are used for determining our Annual Awards.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Lou Mayer reported the pins had been ordered: 290 bronze, 29 with stones: \$2704; \$4000 was sent to Canine Health Foundation; \$1745 was sent to Great Pyrenees Rescue Nebraska. As of the end of the year, there was \$12,130 in the Rescue Fund (in past years we have kept \$10,000 in reserve for Rescue). At the time of the conference call, Judy Brown reported that we had 28 All In One Order sheets received so far.

Agenda Items:

Valerie Seeley will be meeting with Jim Delaney at the National Specialty to discuss the Great Pyrenees Statistics website.

Individual rescue donations which were printed in the Bulletin were discussed and will not be printed in the Bulletin in the future.

Laurie Gottschalk moved that the Awards Committee requests approval to remove the entire description of the Best In Show Annual Award and simply rephrase as: A polished metal engraved award worthy of presenting for the Best In Show Winners. Whitney Coombs seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Brown presented a comprehensive report on the Judges Education Exploratory Committee comprised of Bob Brown, Vince Chianese, Whitney Coombs, and Jean Pero. Dr. Brown's report emphasized items that required Board involvement and perhaps approval to start moving forward. This program was compiled in order to parallel the new requirements that AKC is putting into the judging practices and education requirements. One of the attachments listed the proposed slide show changes and will require that the Board members have discs of the approved slide show photos. Bob will have his disc copied and will forward to each Board member so they can be viewed before the National Specialty meeting. Additional new photos will be solicited in the future to exemplify certain features of pyrs that can be added to the Judges Education slide show. Another attachment was a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions and answers that many of the presenters of Judges Education have found to be repeated again and again.

Bob Brown moved that the Judges Education Seminar be changed to Friday instead of Saturday since the requirement is for a 90 minute seminar and then an additional 1 hour workshop/study group following the seminar. Scheduling changes must be approved by the Show Chair so the decision on the motion is delayed slightly.

Whitney Coombs moved that the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) be approved for use in Jean Pero's upcoming presentation. Linda McInturff seconded the motion. The motion passed with Deanna Knighten and Laurie Gottschalk abstaining.

Kathy Lee moved that Charles Hull be approved to post the blank applications for Handler of the Year and Jr. Handler Hall of Fame on the GPCA website. Valerie Seeley seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Kathy Lee moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 PM ET.