

Great Pyrenees Club of America
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2019
Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL

Call to order: 1:09 p.m. by President Rhonda Dalton

Roll call

The Secretary called roll and declared that a quorum present.

Message from the President

Rhonda delivered a message conveying her observations and feelings over the last year and hopes for the future of the GPCA.

Meeting Rules

- Motion 20190419.01 by Joanne Krausman, Second by Jean Pero: On behalf of the Rules Committee, that the following set of rules be adopted for this Annual Meeting.
 1. The time limit for debate on any given issue shall be 20 minutes in total.
 2. The time limit for each voting member shall be 3 minutes on any given issue and they shall not be allowed to speak again until every person wishing to speak has had an opportunity or until the 20-minute time limit is reached.
 3. The speaker must be recognized by the chair before being allowed to speak.
 4. Speakers must speak from a microphone.
 5. All motions and amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

Motion passed

- Mel Ciociola asked if there was a person to assist other members with writing motions. Rhonda said Flo Laicher is at a motion-making table in the back of the room to help.
- The President designated Lisa Connor as timekeeper for the 20 minute and Jo Stubbs as timekeeper for the 3 minute time limits.

Introduction of currently serving board officers and members

Rhonda Dalton, President

Karen Justin, Treasurer

Amy Zacher, Secretary

Directors: Bob Brown, Vince Chianese, Whit Coombs, Jo Stubbs

Parliamentarian, Kevin Tebedo

Approval of the minutes from 2018 Annual meeting

Motion 20190419.02 by Amy Zacher, Second Valerie Seeley: Approve the GPCA Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting as published in the Bulletin. Motion passed

Officer reports:

• **President**

Rhonda acknowledge her gratitude for all the participation and support over the past few weeks as the Board was in transition.

- **Vice President**

No report at this time. Information will be discussed during the Affiliated Clubs committee report.

- **Secretary**

Amy reported that the GPCA currently has 548 members, and 543 voting members. 54 members would be a quorum and there are 98 voting members present.

- **Treasurer**

1. Karen noted that the Annual Treasurer's Report and the Designated Funds Report were placed on the chairs before the meeting. Judy Brown has retired as the Financial Manager and Karen took over as the Financial Manager. Karen did not do a first quarter report because the numbers are very deceiving since they show a negative and the figures do not go into a positive until the dues come in. Karen will send quarterly reports to the Board and anyone is welcome to see these reports.
2. We got a tablet for the GPCA which will make it a lot easier to process credit cards at the National Specialty and other events.

Results of the election of new Board of Directors:

- Three year terms: Marcy Bankus, Jo Stubbs and Amy Zacher
- Filling the one year vacancy: Dave Daugherty

There are still two vacancies. After this meeting the new Board will meet and fill those vacancies. The minutes with the appointees should be posted tomorrow.

Reports of committees

- Affiliated Clubs- Rhonda Dalton reported all 22 clubs reported. Some clubs were late. The clubs are all doing activities. The club membership has gone down overall, although some did go up. At the Affiliated Clubs meeting there was discussion about ways to increase membership and public education events for next year. AKC Delegate- Bob Brown described the AKC Membership Growth pilot project and the GPCA involvement
- AKC Sportsmanship Award - deferred
- Awards & Trophies- no report
- Bulletin- Lisa Conner thanked everyone for their support and submissions and asked everyone to please continue to submit items. Lisa noted she is enjoying working with Kim Kentopp.
- Disaster Response - no report
- Email Communications- no report
- Financial Manager- covered under Treasurer Report
- Bylaw Review- Flo Laicher distributed the Bylaw Review Committee report. She explained that the Bylaws need to be significantly updated. They are referencing language found in several other breeds' AKC approved Bylaws, in hopes that this speeds up the process when our revised Bylaws are sent to the AKC. Flo also noted the process for approval being first the Committee, then the Board, then AKC and finally our membership.
- Futurity- no report
- Gazette- no report
- GPCA Cares- no report
- Great Pyr Service Awards- Amy Zacher reported that nothing was submitted this year. Please submit your stories.
- Hall of Fame- Judy Cooper asked that we please come to the meeting ½ hour after this meeting. Please come to see who received awards.
- Health- no report
- Historic Preservation-

1. Joan Ziehl let us know that there was a substantial donation of items from Whit and Nancy Coombs. There are some items on the HP table in the show room.
 2. The AKC Museum auction was less of an issue than we expected. We secured four lots. Anything not of historic significance will be offered at auction online in the May/June time frame on 32auction.com Joan thanked Jo Stubbs for picking items up from Museum, wrapping the items and delivering them to Joan.
 3. We have purchased the original Fath Medallion mold.
- AKC Sportsmanship- The 2018 Award goes to Dr. John and Mrs. Joan Hanover. Bret Zacher read the letter supporting their selection.
 - Judges' Education-
 1. Whit Coombs noted that there were two committees with the name Mentors in them and explained the purpose of each. The Board has separated the names by changing the Breed Mentor Committee to General Breed Information Committee.
 2. 96 people are qualified to be a Judges' Education Mentor. Each was contacted this year to find out if they were interested. They held a meeting for the Mentors at this National.
 3. The Committee held the second Parts seminar this week.
 4. There are six judge candidates going through the judge study group.
 5. The Committee has put together a Breed Information movie. It has been posted on the GPCA website by Joe Bruns for everyone to view.
 - Junior Showmanship- Casey apologized for not attending to this committee during the course of the year. Casey has no objection to being replaced as the committee chair, since her personal obligations are preventing her participation.
 - Legislative- no report
 - Livestock Guardian Dog- no report
 - Membership- no report
 - Membership Growth- Judy Cooper noted that Bob Brown has taken over the committee. There is a technical issue on the application form regarding Juniors which is being addressed. She would like to see each Breeder sponsor at least one person each year. Rhonda Dalton commented that there is a pool of people that go under-involved, at least on the affiliated club level for pets and performance and that we can pull them in and get them involved.
 - National Specialty Coordinator- Bret Zacher advised that the 2020 National Specialty will be in Virginia Beach, at the Founders Inn, April 27-May 1 in conjunction with the World Conference. 2021 is in Region 2, central region. There are a couple of locations in consideration. 2022 will be on the west coast and hosted by the Sierra-Pacific club and will be in the Sacramento area, in Fulson, CA. 2023 will be on the East Coast. Send any ideas to Bret.
 - National Specialty Judge Selection- Joanne Krausman reported that they are working on 2022 now. Preliminary ballots are due April 15. We had 46 nomination ballots, which was better than in the past. Clubs can submit 5 names. Out of the 22 clubs, she only received nominations from 5 clubs. We will see all names, approx. 70, on the preliminary ballot. Members will get the preliminary ballot with their dues notice. You can put x's next to as many names as you want, then it gets sent to the tabulator, Kim Foster. If you don't follow the directions on your ballot, it is invalid. There were 10 invalid ballots last time due to no return address. Please follow the balloting rules so your ballots count.
 - Non-Regular Judge Selection- no report
 - Top Twenty & Puppy Invitational- Laurie Gottschalk thanked everyone who came this year and Terri who co-chaired. If anyone wants to see their own score sheets get in touch with Terri. Next year's Co-Chair will be Linda Foiles.
 - Nominating- no report

- Performance/Companion Events- no report
- Rescue- no report
- Social Media – Rhonda Dalton thanked Peggy Watson and Sue Cole for being administrators. The Board has also added Greg Mills to the administrators of Facebook
- Studbook Data- no report
- Titleholders- no report
- Versatility- no report
- Webmaster & Website Design- Joe Bruns reported that we are modernizing our website. The Board has authorized setting up a membership section where we will be able to vote and renew dues. The membership recognized and thanked Joe for all his work and responsiveness. Joe also noted that next year's National registration will hopefully be on one page.

2021 National Specialty Confirmation Judge is Tami Green

Old business

During the year, the Board reversed motion AM20180504.03 in error as they did not have the authority to do so. Motion AM20180504.03, that all top 20 qualifiers can participate, even if they participated in the previous year." stands as failed from last year's Annual meeting.

Sargent at Arms:

Bret Zacher, Ray Bettie, Steve Bramwell, Dave Smith, and Beth Smith

Minute Review:

Jan Waitz and Ellie Schultz

New Business

Motion AM20190419.03 by Ellie Schultz, second by Jean Pero: "The Board shall create a committee this week, consisting of two Board of Directors (BOD) and three general members, to create a proposed policy for how the information in the database/membership directory is used by any one committee or individual member, and that the committee shall provide the proposed policy to the BOD within the next 60 days, with the BODs' decision on the proposed policy published for the general membership via email blast within the next 180 days." Ellie Schultz explained why she made this motion. There was additional discussion. Motion passed.

Motion AM20190419.04 by Pam Tobin, second by Joan Ziehl: "The GPCA appoint an ad hoc committee to develop a policy and implementation to include activities within the GPCA to encourage participation for members who own and love their rescue dogs, and to assist Affiliated Clubs who have rescue chapters to encourage those adopters to join GPCA, and for GPCA to offer activities at the GPCA shows, both National and Regional and to offer activities to encourage rescue adopters to become involved. The timeframe should be within the year 2019." Discussion.

Motion AM20190419.05 by Pam Tobin, second by Nancy Coombs: Call the question. Motion passed.

Motion 20190419.04 Motion passed.

Motion AM20190419.05 by Sandy Dymont, second by Christine Palmer-Persen: "One of the Regional Specialties is held on Sunday after the National." Discussion. Motion failed.

Motion AM20190419.06 by Cassandra Gottschalk second by Pam Tobin: “The membership is provided with a copy of the Agenda at least 24 hours prior to the Annual Meeting and that copies are made available at the Annual Meeting.” Motion passed.

Motion AM20190419.07 by Pam Tobin, second by Amy Zacher: “GPCA remove the certificate of proof of rabies requirement to enter the Parade of Rescue dog at the National show.” Pam explained the intent of the motion. Discussion.

Motion AM20190419.08 by Amy Zacher, second by Bret Zacher: Amend the motion by adding “The entry form be changed to require attestation to having up to date rabies vaccination.”

The President called a 10 minute recess at 3:40 pm.

Meeting was called to order at 3:50 pm.

Motion AM20190419.08 failed.

Motion AM20190419.07 failed.

Motion 20190419.09 by Lisa Connor second Debra Goldstein: “The Board of Directors appoint an oversight committee that works to improve or create filtrations used by the current Social Media committee for all postings or communications on GPCA forums.” The President noted that we discussed this during the Board meeting on April 17th. The Secretary read the three Board motions that were passed during the Board meeting related to this topic. The Secretary stated that the oversite had already been created. The maker withdrew the motion.

Motion 20190419.10 by Dan Hodel second Cassandra Gottschalk: “In an effort to reduce costs and maximize show profits the parliamentarian must be local to avoid air fares and hotel costs.” Discussion. Motion failed.

Motion 20190419.11 by Rick Fitzgerald second Jean Pero: “The GPCA request the AKC to recognize the Temperament Title.” Motion passed.

Recognition of:

Retiring Board Members- Bob Brown and Karen Justin were recognized

Members who have helped with rescue

Past National Specialty Show Chairs

Past Presidents

Past members of the Board of Directors

2019 GPCA National Specialty Committee

Continuous Membership- The names of Members receiving awards. Pins available after the meeting.

Other

Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED)– Bob Brown provided information regarding AEDs. Bret Zacher will inquire of each National Specialty site if they have AED(s) on site.

Announcements

- The Membership voted to grant Lifetime Membership to Betty Wade-Warmack.
- We will need new chairmen for the following committees: Gazette, Futurity, Jr. Showmanship, Livestock Guardian Dog and Service Dog. We need a Webmaster/Web Design apprentice to work with Joe Bruns.
- We have formed a Code of Ethics Disciplinary committee that is chaired by Rhonda Dalton. See Rhonda if you are interested in working on the committee

- The new Board will meet directly after this meeting.
- Reminder Kick-off meeting at 7 pm in the Hospitality room.
- Annual Awards are here in ½ hour.

Adjourned 4:33 pm