

GPCA

Board Meeting Minutes April 11, 2017

Holiday Inn Roberts Centre, Wilmington, OH

Called to order at: 9:12am by President, Valerie Seeley

Roll Call

Present: Valerie Seeley, Bob Brown, Whitney Coombs, Laurie Gottschalk, Karen Justin, Deanna Knighten, Kathy Lee, Kathy Liles, Amy Zacher

Absent:

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present: Vince Chianese

Ratification of Votes by Email

Approved

20170401	e	Revise the Non-Reg Judges Guidelines to add "Committee members will be replaced in a rotating pattern such that an individual from region 1 is replaced one year; one from Region 2 the next, etc."
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Defeated

None

President's Report:

1. Appointment of Sergeant at Arms (2) for Annual Meeting
Kevin Brown & Bret Zacher
2. Appointment of Minute Review Committee(2) for Annual Meeting
Donna Coffman & Joanne Krausman

VP's Report:

Affiliated Clubs-

Kathy briefed the Board on the report she will give at the Annual meeting.

1. **Affiliation for Research Triangle Park Great Pyrenees Club (RTPGPC)**
 - o **Motion** 20170411.01 by Klee. GPCA approve RTPGPC as an affiliated club. Passed
2. **Affiliation Great Pyrenees Fanciers of Florida (GPFF)**
 - o **Motion** 20170411.02 by Klee. GPCA approve GPFF as an affiliated club. Passed

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of January & March teleconference were approved by email. Both have been submitted to the Bulletin and are posted on the website.

Decision was made to use Executive Session when appropriate and use audio recording for full minutes. The Bulletin will have abbreviated minutes. Defeated and withdrawn motions will not be recorded.

Treasurer's Report:

Karen reported that she had sent out Judy Brown's reports.

- o **Motion** 20170411.03 by Val. Treasurer's report be approved as submitted. Passed.

Old Business:

1. **Approve the Board, Officer and Financial Manager Guidelines**

Amy offered to revamp the Guidelines and create procedures for each role.

Guidelines have been updated. Changes were reviewed.

- o **Motion** 20170411.04 by Val. The GPCA updated BOD Guidelines be approved. Passed

- **Motion** 20170411.05 by Whit. The President will send out current copies of the committee guidelines to each committee chair shortly after the Annual Meeting. Passed.
 - **Motion** 20170411.06 by Whit. The GPCA updated President Guidelines be approved. Passed.
 - **Motion** 20170411.07 by Whit. The GPCA updated Vice President Guidelines be approved. Passed.
 - **Motion** 20170411.08 by Kathy Lee. The GPCA updated Secretary Guidelines be approved. Passed.
 - **Motion** 20170411.09 by Whit. Defer review of the Treasurers Guidelines. Passed.
 - **Motion** 20170411.10 by Whit. Defer review of the Financial Manager Guidelines. Passed.
- There is no official GPCA stationary Karen will check for a clear logo. She will also ask AKC. Next meeting will discuss paying to have the Logo cleaned up if needed.

2. Late Committee reports

a. AKC Sportsmanship

Discussion of updating Committee Guideline regarding rotation and distribution across the regions of the committee membership. Val will ask Bret.

b. Communications

Discussion about Deanna not having access to act as Bret's back-up on blast emails. Bret to cc: Deanna on his email responses. Deanna will speak to him regarding both items.

c. Historic Preservation & Film Exchange

Need to get anticipated expenses for 2017. Val will discuss expense budget and trailer with Joan.

d. Legislative

No comments

e. Membership Growth

Judy Cooper offered several ideas. We also have discussed this regarding info from AKC. There is a new Membership position at AKC and Bob will contact them asking if we can get AKC new Great Pyrenees registrations contact information.

f. National Specialty Judge Selection

Clarified the year timeframe on the judging eligibility requirement. The requirement is that a judge must have judged Great Pyrenees entries 10 times in the 10 years preceding the year of the preparation of the judges list.

g. Performance/Companion – still missing

h. Juniors – still missing

3. Finance Manager Replacement

Discussion about Bookkeeper vs Financial Manager and possible stipend. We need more information. Val will discuss with Judy Brown.

4. National Specialty Digital Premium Lists only

- **Motion** 20170411.11 by Val. GPCA only issue digital premium lists for the National Specialty. Approved
- Kathy Lee will notify 2018 National Specialty Chair.

5. Select candidates for AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards

We have no nominations.

6. Statistics are available for other areas in National Owner Handler – BIS, Group Placements, etc

We are currently only giving to #1. We will continue just issuing to the #1. Clarification that the award goes to the dog not the handler.

7. Versatility Award

The Awards Committee has not approved the proposal. The Board sent this back to the Committee to request that the proposal fit current Awards Guidelines.

8. Sponsorship for Junior Members

Our By Laws state Juniors have to have two sponsors.

- **Motion** 20170411.12 by Val: The Board will be the sponsors for new junior members. Upon reaching age 18 any junior member must apply for full membership with two sponsors. Approved

9. Contract for NS Judging Description of Experience

Guidelines ask candidates for a description of their experience in judging Pyrs. Currently this is not being followed.

- **Motion** 20170411.13 by Whit. Remove from the NS Judging contract guidelines the request for description of their experience in judging Pyrs. Passed.

10. Draft Dog Test at the National Specialty

- **Motion** 20170411.14 by Whit. The Draft Dog test is authorized as part of the National Specialty events. All approved except Laurie abstained. Passed

11. Judges Education

There has been a request for photos in the Bulletin. Some photos have been received by the committee and they will be reviewing this week. Val read the report of the committee from August 2016. Bob asked Vince about the things that the Committee report committed to do. Vince did not know of any actions being taken. Whit said that our presentation is weak compared to other breeds. We request that the Committee report to us before the Annual Meeting. Val will print the JEC criteria for JEC Position for the Board members to review this week so we can discuss further.

12. Other

a. Studbook Subscription

It is free. No discussion

b. AKC Humane Fund

Kathy Liles reported and no action was taken.

c. AKC Market Place

Kathy Liles followed up with AKC and they said they would make the changes. Kathy Liles will follow up to make sure they do.

d. Junior Committee

There was no activity this year. Laurie reported that the Junior Committee is having a pizza party this week. Val will talk with Lauren. We will see if there is any activity over the next year.

New Business:

1. Membership price and 1st class Bulletin

- **Motion** 20170411.15 by Whit. The Treasurer will make a motion at the annual meeting to raise the dues \$5 so everyone receive the Bulletin first class and there is no additional postage fee for US members. Passed. Laurie absent.

2. Rescue issue

Big Fluffy Dogs (BFD) currently has 23 dogs.

- **Motion** 20170411.16 by Kathy Liles. The GPCA donate \$2000 to BFD for support of her Great Pyrenees rescue efforts. Passed

3. Affiliated Club & Rescue Guidelines

- **Motion** 20170411.17 by Val. Accept the modifications to Affiliated Club Policies and accept the new Affiliated Rescue Organization Policies. Passed Karen. not present.

4. The GPCMM has not paid their dues.

They owe \$50 by the annual meeting or the club will be suspended and would have a year to correct.

5. Affiliated Club reports being late

The Board advised this should be addressed by the VP at the Regional Rep meeting.

6. The AKC mid-Atlantic Legislative Conference

Interest in this conference was discussed.

7. Guidelines for the National Specialty Photographer's Contracts

Discussion regarding Show Photographer contracts. No official guidelines will be written.

8. Debra Goldstein and candid photography

Val will speak with Debra explaining that we discussed this extensively.

Adjournment at: 4:40

Submitted by: Amy Zacher