

GPCA
Board Meeting Minutes August 16, 2018
Conference Call

Called to order at: 8:02 p.m. EDT by President, Kathy Lee

Roll Call

Present: Bob Brown, Vince Chianese, Whitney Coombs, Rhonda Dalton, Janet Ingram, Karen Justin, Kathy Lee, Jo Stubbs, Amy Zacher

Absent: none.

Quorum present? yes

Others Present: Bret Zacher joined at 7:14 to discuss 2019 National Specialty. Bret left the meeting at 7:30.

Notification that the meeting is being recorded.

Approval of previous Meeting Minutes

Motion 20180816.01 by Amy: Approve Board Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2018.
Passed unanimously

President's Report:

1. Membership Growth Chair Judy Cooper was advised that the suggestions the committee made are covered under the Bylaws and the suggestions must be submitted to the Bylaw Revision Committee.
2. The Bylaws Revision Committee now has a group email address, bylawsrevision@gpcaonline.org. The Committee will take suggestion until Dec. 1st, 2018. Thank you Joe Bruns for setting this up.
3. Associate Membership, which was eliminated in 2014, was never updated on the website. That has been fixed. Thank you Judy Brown for finding this.
4. Top Twenty/Puppy Invitational (TT/PI). Kathy looked through the minutes since the Ohio National Specialty Board meetings through 2017 and found no action was taken regarding the event being free.
5. Trick Dog- Judy Skorup said there is no cost to the GPCA or Versatility Committee at all. The participants are responsible for their own equipment.
6. Bulletin is due to be out around Aug 24. Our layout person at LeaderHerald had an injury and it has delayed the publishing a little.
7. Benched Show Committee – Kathy went through all catalogs since 2011 and none have the Bench Show Committee listed. She did not have the premiums to check. In the BOD Guidelines states “Benched Show Committees for all independent National Specialties will be comprised of all of the Officers and Directors of the GPCA”(1982).

VP's Report:

2019 National Specialty will be in St. Charles

Secretary's Report:

1. Correspondence of Note

Evolution of Dog Sports

Breeders Almanac

Japanese Chin Club of America's request for Officer term limits. Amy provided them.

2. Publishing

Bob's report on Educational Seminar- will be published in Bulletin

ACE award information- will be published in Bulletin

3. Operations Manual

Amy & Kathy have started review of two documents.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Financial Audit

Completed with no discrepancies.

2. Bonding

Now that the audit is complete we can look into bonding.

Old Business:

1. National Specialties

Bret Zacher provided some background regarding the 2019 National Specialty show site issues. Kathy noted that in past years, Bret would provide a spreadsheet of 3-4 options for the Board to select from. Locations in 2018, 2019 & 2020 were all determined by the Regional Club supporting the show so Bret did not submit anything. Currently for 2021 there is no central region Club willing to support the Specialty, so Bret can provide some options. Bret does try to make sure that you can fly into the area pretty directly, temperature, and preferably after April 15 and Easter. For 2022 the plan is to work with Pam Tobin. Bret receives hotel suggestions, contacts the hotel for basic information and maintains a database of information.

2. Bulletin Letters to the Editor (LOE) Disclaimer

Jo drafted some language for a disclaimer. There was discussion including a word limit for each LOE, limits on the number of pages in a Bulletin and the LOE guidelines.

Motion 20180816.02 by Bob: Limit Letter to the Editor's to 300 words. Failed. In favor, Bob, Whit, Vince. Opposed, Jo, Janet, Kathy, Karen, Rhonda, Amy.

Jo will chair a sub-committee to review the disclaimer and guidelines and bring a proposal back to the BOD in September.

3. GPCA Bulletin Address

Motion 20180814.03 by Kathy: Rescind motion 20180710.09, regarding a letter being sent to the individual who has used the GPCA Bulletin email address. Should use of the address continue, the matter will be addressed at that time. Passed unanimously.

4. Top Twenty & Puppy Invitational

We received suggestions from the Committee. Some of the BOD did not receive these from Kathy so she will resend. Tabled until September.

5. Rescue of 18 from Iowa

10 bitches, 8 males. (Central) Wisconsin Rescue took 4 males, **NEPR** took 5 bitches, "National" took 3 bitches. GPCA Rescue is financially supporting Wisconsin & **PFNE**. The remainder are still in Iowa.

6. **Korean Dogs**

Janet advised that rescuing Pyrs from Korea is being supported privately. Pam Tobin has done this in the past and most recently worked with Janet to bring in one male.

7. **AKC Marketplace Health Statement**

It has been changed so the NDG is not required but strongly recommended

8. **Judges' Education Mentors list**

Karen compiled the list of everyone who met the requirements and forwarded it to the committee but there are several people that have not been confirmed. Whitney suggested that we send a letter to the people they have not been able to confirm.

9. **Trick Tests at National Specialties**

Motion 20180814.04 by Kathy: Approve the proposal submitted by Versatility Committee. Passed unanimously

10. **Membership Applicants with No Sponsor**

The guidelines need to be updated to provide instructions on what to do with these inquiries. Kathy will work with Illene Agosto.

11. **Bulletin Subscription**

There was a short discussion about creating a Bulletin Subscription at a cost less than membership. The BOD felt that this was not a good idea at this time.

New Business:

1. **Nominating Committee**

Bob reported on the status of this year's nominations. The Ballot and the BOD Bio forms need to be updated to account for the 1 year term.

2. **Disaster Guidelines**

Amy gave an update of the Disaster Relief Guidelines. There is one conflict that Amy will work with Linda to resolve and bring back to the BOD for approval.

3. **National Specialty Judge Selection Guidelines**

Rhonda advised that the Committee is working on the Guidelines. They have requested changes but the BOD is not clear on the request. Joanne Krausman will rework the guidelines so the BOD can approve them before November.

4. **Open Board Meetings**

The concept of allowing the membership listen into the BOD conference calls was discussed. Vince will register and listen to a BOD meeting of the Portuguese Water Dog club. Vince will report in October.

5. **Stipends for Volunteers**

Discussion regarding IRS taxability of stipends and gifts. Payments less than \$500 are not required to be reported.

6. **Financial Manager Contract**

Discussion of the proposed contract. Kathy will send this back to Judy Brown and ask that she revise it so it is more specific about what the financial manager responsibilities are.

7. **Activities for non-conformation at National Specialties**

Postponed to next meeting.

8. Blast Emails

There was discussion about what the purpose of our blast emails. All requests for sending out a blast email should go to the President for approval and then they will be sent to Bret Zacher for distribution.

9. On Line Membership Directory

Vince reported that the Portuguese Water Dog Club (PWDC) directory is available on-line and they do not print it. This saves the club money. Amy noted that PWDC has a secured sign-in for members. We can not do this until we have security. We feel that this is an issue for the entire membership. Kathy will contact Joe Bruns to get a cost for a secure portal for members.

10. AKC Public Education Webinar, K-9 Ambassador program & Reading Program

Vince suggested that there be a competition between regional clubs for the most K-9 Ambassadors. K-9 Ambassadors and the Reading Program would fall under the Versatility committee. Vince will reach out to Judy Skorup about including these in our Versatility program and writing an article for the Bulletin about these programs.

11. Showsite Magazine article

Janet will send the 2017 general breed article, and Bob will send the 2017 judging article, updated as needed, to Showsite by Aug 25.

The next meeting is Sep. 13, 2018, 8 pm EDT

Adjournment at: 10:20 pm EDT

Submitted by: Amy Zacher