

GPCA

Board Meeting Minutes Jan 19, 2017

Conference Call

Called to order at: 8:06 p.m. EST by President, Valerie Seeley

Roll Call

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

Absent: Bob Brown

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: none

Ratification of Votes by Email

Approved

20160916	New rotation pattern of the National Specialty to start in 2020 in region 1.
20161006	Add a box to check to the GPCA membership application stating that the applicant has read the Constitution and Bylaws.
20161019	Beginning in 2017, GPCA issue a certificate at the Annual Awards ceremony to the calendar year's Top NOH as determined from the Canine Chronicle statistics
20161024	GPCA provide AKC blanket specialty approval one year at a time in order that each specialty approval may be determined on a case by case basis.
20161030	Allow Bulletin to print a photo with people to congratulate Lauren Hill
20161206.01	Make a donation to the AKC Humane Fund
20161206.02	Make a donation to the Take the Lead
20161206.03	Participation in the listings for MTB @ \$95
20161207	Donate \$100 to the AKC Humane Fund if motion 20161206ea passes and \$100 to Take the Lead if motion 20161206eb passes
20161221	Do not send Take the Lead an additional \$100 since we already sent them \$100 in May 2016.

Defeated

20161122	Approve Proposal for the Annual Outstanding Versatility Award
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President's Report:

Would like to go through all the Committee reports on the March 30th teleconference so we don't have to meet Monday night at the National. There was agreement this is a good idea.

VP's Report:

- Report forms sent out to all the affiliated clubs Jan 4. Three have been returned to date.
- Received Research Triangle Park Great Pyrenees Club affiliation application
- 2017 National Specialty update- Frustrated with AKC. We still do not have approval of Futurity. Klee is working with AKC to get everything straightened out. Possibly our AKC delegate should contact AKC regarding all the issues. Klee will forward all the emails to Bob as an FYI. (Note: Futurity and Sweeps approvals were received on Friday, the day after this call.)

Secretary's Report:

- Correspondence received

- Board Nominations- missing third candidate info. No nominations from the floor. There seems to be some date conflicts between a couple of documents. Kathy Lee and Laurie will look into this. There is an issue with the timing of the nominations and the Bulletin schedule. The Nominating Committee Guidelines & the Constitution also do not match.

Treasurer's Report:

- Q4- accepted
- Annual- accepted

Old Business:

- Committee Guidelines - Valerie
 - + Action needed on: Hall of Fame, Legislative, All Board officers, Guidelines
 - + There was some discussion regarding the Membership Growth Committee and new member applications. This topic was tabled
- Judges Education Committee – Valerie - Jean Pero requested photos for the slide show. The committee was supposed to report what photos were to be replaced by Sep 1. Now the committee says they will pick pictures in April. Tabled due to Bob's absence.
- Affiliated Club Policies clarification – Klee
 - **Motion** 20170119.01 by Kathy Lee. The Affiliated Club Policies, Application for Affiliation be restated to read "If approved, affiliation will begin at the next National Specialty Annual Meeting." Passed.
- Affiliation application for NEPR – Kathy Liles
 - **Motion** 20170119.02 by Kathy Liles, Whit second. We approved NEPR as an affiliated club to be affective at the 2017 Annual meeting. Passed.
- There was additional discussion regarding a potential rescue effort in Region 1
- Versatility Award –The proposal does not follow the guidelines. The proposal is not clear about the award being a lifetime award. If approved later it would start no sooner than 2018. At the Board meeting in April we will review what has been submitted and try to resolve this open item.
- Finance Manager replacement – Valerie will put an "ad" in the Bulletin looking for anyone who may be interested in doing this.

New Business:

- Support for American Rottweiler Club Working Group objection – Whit. The AKC groups will probably be divided up but there are no proposals yet. It is premature. We will ignore at the moment. There was agreement.
- Bulletin in general, mailing dates, first class mail, content, etc. – Valerie Bulletin for 4th quarter had several items missing and several deadlines would have been missed. Should we consider shipping all via 1st class mail? We may need to change the publishing scheduling to work better with our deadlines. There was discussion about publishing it on the Website also. Klee voiced that this should be a topic at the Annual Meeting since it may involve raising dues. Val will talk with Maria & Lisa about timing and if they have a list of contacts designating who is responsible for what Bulletin inputs.
- Committee Chair notification of Board actions – Amy brought up the issue that Board actions are not being uploaded to the Guidelines nor is the Committee being notified. Val will continue to notify Committee Chairs of changes until we can discuss this further. We need to discuss how guidelines get updated, Committee Chairs get notified and splitting some of the secretary duties. We will discuss this in April. Karen asked why the Committee Chairs are not responsible to read the minutes so they are aware of changes.
- National Owner Handler Series (NOHS) regulation changes: Do we want to post on Website? They were submitted to the Bulletin.
- Owner Handler Awards- Val received a question about why we do not have awards for the top dog and top bitch and BISs & Group 1s for owner handlers (OH). There was discussion. We will be awarding the top OH at this year's Specialty. Canine Chronical has statistics for #1 OH and

we award a certificate for this. If someone wants to keep the statistics then we will consider it. Because the statistics for dog, bitch, Group 1 & BIS are not readily available this is currently un-actionable request. Since the award is given to the handler and not the dog, 1 award is sufficient.

- **Motion** 20170119.03 by Val: Certificates for #1 dog & #1 bitch, BIS & group 1 winners. Defeated.
- Addition of donation section to the website (Bret) & add HP merchandise to the HP page (Joan Z) - Valerie There was consensus that a donation section would be good but Val did not have the specific wording at the moment. We will defer this to an email vote with specific wording of a motion.
 - **Motion** 20170119.04 by Val: The HP merchandise can be put in the web store and a link can be put on the HP page. Passed
- LGD Committee exhibit at 2017 National Specialty – LGD will have a booth at the 2017 NS.
- AKC Humane Fund grants- Kathy Liles will look into the how and what to get money for our rescue organizations.
- Facebook page modification request from Peggy Watson similar to what has been done in Great Britain. Laurie thinks that these changes will dilute the page. The board agreed that these changes are ok. Laurie does not think that the FB administrators should have to approve postings by the National Specialty committee. Laurie did note that since adding Sue Cole things are running more smoothly.
- Photo's at future National Specialties- General consensus is that we need to negotiate allowance for Debra's candids into the photographer's contract moving forward. It will be requested that National Specialty chairs negotiate with the Professional photographer to allow for photos taken by Debra Goldstein in their contract. There was consensus that any vendor selling merchandise at the NS show should be paying a vendor fee.

Adjournment at: 10:13 pm EST

Submitted by: Amy Zacher, Secretary GPCA