

## GPCA

### Board Meeting Minutes Jan 9, 2018 8 pm EST

#### Conference Call

**Called to order at:** 8:02 p.m. by President, Valerie Seeley

#### **Roll Call**

*Present:* Bob Brown, Vince Chianese, Whitney Coombs, Karen Justin, Deanna Knighten, Kathy Lee, Kathy Liles, Valerie Seeley, Amy Zacher

*Absent:* none

*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:* none

#### **Votes by Email**

Approved

20171011.01	Approve minutes from Board meeting of Oct 10, 2017
20171012.01	Modify the President's Guidelines to modify the statement "Since the President also serves as Public Relations Chair, the President will be responsible for answering general inquiries regarding Great Pyrenees; inquiries regarding Breeders in general; and where appropriate, complaints about individuals listed on the Breeder's List. Breeders will be informed when there is a formal complaint, but the identity of the complainant will not be disclosed. with "Since the President also serves as Public Relations Chair, the President will be responsible for answering general inquiries regarding Great Pyrenees; inquiries regarding Breeders in general; and where appropriate, complaints about GPCA members. Complaints received in a formal written manner will be communicated to the identified GPCA member."
20171017.01	Approve awarding a Service Dog plaque, versus standard certificate, for SD Gunner
20171018.01	Publish the following on the GPCA Facebook page: "This is a Great Pyrenees Club of America (GPCA) members-only group and is open only to GPCA members in good standing. It has been created in order to share information about the club and facilitate communication between GPCA members. No posting of litters, dogs, or other items for sale, or personal fundraising will be allowed. The space will be a safe place to share open dialog and information about Great Pyrenees and related activities. We encourage differing opinions that are communicated in a positive manner. Overly negative posts and discussions that include name-calling, insults, or other negative comments directed toward, or making implication to, a select group or an individual will be removed."
20171024.01	Modify Board of Director Guidelines, Board Policies Applying to This Position: Board appointed committees: 3. to read "Committee chairs will be provided with a copy of the GPCA logo to be used for official committee correspondence"
20171028.01	Send NAIA Trust \$100 in the name of the GPCA towards lobbying for new legislation to stop the import of sick and diseased dogs into the US."
20171106.01	In recognition of her many years of service to the GPCA, the BOD approves a one year subscription to the Bulletin, and a certificate (plaque?) recognizing Catherine de la Cruz for her dedication to the breed and the GPCA.

20171107.01	In the Great Pyrenees Club of America Draft Test regulations, replace "The Great Pyrenees Club of America Draft Test is a series of exercises designed to develop and demonstrate the natural and inherent abilities of purebred Great Pyrenees in a working capacity involving hauling. The Great Pyrenees has functioned historically as both a livestock guardian and draft dog. Performance of these exercises is intended to demonstrate both the inherent ability and training, which are applicable to realistic work situations. Efficiency in accomplishment of tasks is essential. In addition to teamwork with the handler, the dog should also exhibit willingness and enjoyment of his work." with "The Great Pyrenees has functioned historically as a livestock guardian. While not its historic function, the versatility of the Great Pyrenees to accomplish added tasks like drafting builds teamwork for today's owners and their dogs. The Great Pyrenees Club of America Draft Test is a series of exercises designed to develop a working capacity involving hauling."
20171113.01	The GPCA spend \$95 to participate in the AKC Meet & Compete show guide.
20171115.01	Update the Board Policies Applying to the BOD Guidelines to remove "Board meeting minutes shall record all votes on motions." and insert "Board of Directors meeting minutes shall record all votes including Board member name and their vote"
20171120.01	Set the fee paid to the Independent Tabulator to a base of \$100 for each ballot process, and .25 cents per ballot
20171202.01	spend \$560 annually to receive Conformation and Junior results, and Companion Events including, Rally, Agility and Obedience results quarterly from the AKC

#### Defeated

20171017.02	Make a donation to the AKC Humane fund
20171024.02	Update the Board Policies Applying to the BOD Guidelines to remove "Board meeting minutes shall record all votes on motions." and insert "Board of Directors meeting minutes shall record all votes, since the last meeting minutes, regardless of the method of voting, (e.g. in person, email, or teleconference) and will include the names of each Board member and their vote."

#### **President's Report:**

- Meet the Breeds in NY will be hosted by Garden State club. An individual has requested their involvement in a personal special event.

#### **VP's Report:**

- Affiliated Report went to the clubs Dec. 31, 2017 They are due back Feb 15.
- The clubs need to be reminded that the specialty results must be sent to the VP. We need the Sweepstakes winners, so the winners can receive an invitation to the Puppy Invitational at the National. GPCMM is still outstanding from 2017.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

- No additional Board of Director nominations from the floor so far.
- Val will forward all the club guidelines, so Amy can reformat them.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Karen will start writing checks Feb 1. She will have all the responsibilities, including the financials, by the National Specialty.

#### **Old Business:**

- 2019 National Specialty Site – Bret advised that while the hotel has not updated in years, the site is acceptable for a dog show. There is a concern since the hotel is for sale. Bret is keeping an eye on this and also looking at an alternative, contingency site.

- Director to post summary of AKC notices for the Bulletin – At the Board meeting in April this part of the Secretary's role was to be taken over by another Board member. This does not seem practical, so it will remain a responsibility of the Secretary.

***New Business:***

- Committee membership – We have received some comments regarding having additional people or alternate people be on committees. Val suggested that we add “Are there other people you would like on your committee or do you need additional help with your committee?” to the Committee report. Val suggested we appoint a Board Director serve as a point person to collect names of people who have indicated they want to be on a committee. Kathy Lee noted that for years there has been a question on the Affiliated Club Report asking if there are any members who want to be on a committee. Kathy made a point of having the Club Reps ask their members if they would like to serve. Whit mentioned that the membership dues renewal form used to have a line for people to indicate what committees they would like to participate in. Val will ask Stephanie to add this to the renewal form. Val said we used to have a sign-up sheet at the Nationals. She also noted that this year no one came forward to volunteer to be on the Board.
- Disaster Preparedness Committee – Postponed until the new board can assign a Director to Chair the committee and then revise the guidelines. The committee works together with Rescue. Linda Whisenhut has volunteered to be on this committee. Possibly we should add this back as a line on the membership dues renewal form or modify the Rescue line to be Rescue/Disaster Preparedness.
- Publishing of AKC registration reports- Amy will forward the one page with the Pyr stats to Bulletin for publication.
- Out dated verbiage in Constitution & Bylaws – Amy noted that there is some language around “mail” that is outdated. In the past we have always waited until there is an accumulated amount of changes since the process to change the Constitution & Bylaws is so involved. The Board will review the whole Constitution & Bylaws to see what needs to be updated.
- Control of GPCA Facebook posts – The moderator has the authority to take things down immediately without having to ask the Board. Val will reinforce this with Peggy.
- Approval of funds to purchase Judges Ed thumb drives. Committee is looking at 4 gigabyte drives that are partitioned.
  - **Motion 20170109.01** by Val: Approve funds to purchase Judges Ed thumb drives. Amy requested we add the value. Val accepted the addition of “not to exceed \$600”. Passed unanimously
- Advertising Editor – Joanne Bergen wants to retire. Maria Davis said she will take over.
  - **Motion 20170109.02** by Val: Appoint Maria Davis as the Advertising Editor. Passed unanimously
  - **Motion 20170109.03** by Val: Provide a plaque for Joanne in honor of service as Advertising Editor. Passed unanimously
- Draft Dog regulations – Received comments from the Draft Dog Committee regarding the changes to the regulations submitted by the Board. There was discussion. There was also comments that if the committee can provide information that Pyrs historically were bred to do draft work they can apply to the AKC to be able to compete in AKC Draft competitions. The Board feels that the language that was approved under motion 20171107.01 is appropriate. Val will communicate this to the committee.
- Committees – Val reminded us that this Board passed a motion that there would be a 2-year terms to any appointment to a committee. We will add to the Committee Report form a note that all members are appointed for a 2-year term. We also reviewed the Constitution & Bylaws regarding the Boards authority regarding committee members.
- Board response to slander and liable of information published in the Bulletin- Kathy Liles has written a response regarding the Letter to the Editor regarding the Nomination Committee. Kathy Liles stated that no names were submitted to her. Any names that were submitted to another committee member and forwarded to Kathy were put on the list. The committee then voted on the entire list. The individuals with the largest number of votes became the candidates.

- Letters to the Editor- Amy stated that she thought Letters to the Editor should be formatted consistently. There was discussion. Val will ask the Bulletin editors to contact Leader Herald regarding industry standard for printing of letters to the editor.
- Judges Education Committee- Bob stated that based on what Carrie Stuart Parks wrote and the tenor of her Letter to the Editor that she cannot work with the Committee. Kathy Liles stated that she thought it was important that the Board appoint someone to file this vacancy. There was discussion as to whether the committee members need to be licensed judges. The Bylaws were reviewed regarding termination and the appointment of successors.  
**Motion 20170109.04** by Bob: Remove Carrie Stuart Parks from the Judges Education Committee. In favor- Bob, Whit, Vince, Amy, Kathy Liles, Opposed- Karen, Deanna, Val, Abstained- Kathy Lee. Passed
- Nominations for the Judges Education Committee. Three names were put forward by the Board, Judy Cooper, Tami Green and Karen Justin. Each Board member cast one vote. Karen Justin received 5 votes, Tami Green received 4 votes and Judy Cooper received 0 votes.  
**Motion 20170109.04** by Amy: Appoint Karen Justin as the new Judges Education committee member. Passed unanimously

**Adjournment at:** 9:56 EST

**Submitted by:** Amy Zacher, Secretary

Next meeting Tuesday March 27, 2018 to review annual committee reports