

## **GPCA**

### **Special Board Meeting Minutes March 30, 2017 8 pm EDT**

#### *Conference Call*

**Called to order at:** 8:07 p.m. 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:* none

*Quorum present?* yes

*Others Present:* none

#### **Review of the 2017 Annual Committee Reports**

##### AKC Delegate

- o **Motion** 20170330.01 by Whit. The AKC Delegate guidelines be modified to delete "the entire membership, not just" from the guidelines statement "The Delegate should consult the entire membership, not just the Board, regarding decisions that have an effect on our members." So the new sentence will read, "The Delegate should consult the Board regarding decisions that have an effect on our members." Passed.

##### AKC Sportsmanship - **no report**

Awards and Trophies - no comments

##### Breed Mentor

In past years all the Breed mentors names were listed in the directory. This year they were not. Val will follow up to make sure they are all included next year. Bob asked if there was any mention on the report of consolidating with Breeder Judges' Education. Val indicated we will need to address this when we work on the Breeder Judges' Education committee guidelines. Kathy Lee mentioned that this committee does get questions for the other committee and refers them on.

Bulletin Advisor - no comments

##### Bulletin Editor

+The Board agreed with the committee suggestion to use a single email address so both editors get all information. Amy suggested that a google group may work better than a single email address. We will also request that they use this address for outgoing emails.

+The Board will send the editors a list of time sensitive items that are to be published in the Bulletin, and when they may be due in the member's hands. The Board will request that with this information the editors present a revised schedule of submission and printing dates.

+The Editors need to reference the prior year financial report so they can provide anticipated income & expenses in their annual report.

+Val will communicate all these items to the editors.

##### Continuous Membership

Continuous Membership & Membership have been combined. Val noted that the 15 year certificate has already been replaced with a pin and the guidelines have been updated.

##### Disaster Preparedness

The Board agreed the guidelines should be updated to include "The committee should be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors."

Futurity - no comment

##### AKC Gazette Columnist

Board agreed to the chair's request to use photos from Judges Education in the AKC Gazette Column.

##### GPCA Cares

Board agreed to add "The committee should be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors." to the guidelines.

## Hall of Fame

Per the chair's request, Val will change the words "ceremony" and "banquet" in the guidelines to "presentation". The website has been updated to indicate Hall of Fame entrants through 2015.

## Health

The Committee needs a representative for 2017. Bob indicated that Flo said she would be interested.

- o **Motion** 20170330.02 by Kathy Lee and amended by Whit "The GPCA will send Flo (Laicher) to the AKC Purina Parent Club Health Conference and cover transportation costs." Passed.

## Historic Preservation - **no report**

Judges Education – Deferred to the April Board meetings

## Junior Recognition – **no report**

Val stated that we need to discuss this committee further during the April meetings.

## Legislative – **no report**

### Livestock Guardian

- o **Motion** 20170330.03 by Whit modified by Bob "The Board approves Mary McGuire to spend up to \$500 for advertisements in Livestock Guardian publications and Mary must send a copy of each ad to the Board." Passed

Bob suggested that Mary get together with other Livestock Guardian breeds to work on something collectively to try and provide good information and support to LSGD owners

### Membership - No comment

### Non-Regular Judges Selection

There was discussion about the rotation of members of the committee. Issue was deferred for discussion by the new Board.

### Performance and Companion Events – **no report**

### Rescue

Bob mentioned the information on AKC Marketplace under Rescue is not current. Kathy Liles will write AKC to get the information updated.

### Service Award

- o **Motion** 20170330.04 by Kathy Lee seconded by Val "The Service Award Committee guidelines should be amended to include 'At the discretion of the committee, a certificate may be awarded to a Great Pyrenees that performs a service even though that service does not meet the current guidelines'". Passed

It was suggested that the committee can put an ad in the Bulletin each quarter with some of the requirements. The affiliates can copy the ads to put it in their newsletters. Possibly the requirements could be posted on the website.

### Social Media - Deferred to the April Board meetings

### Stud Book

Board questioned what value we get from this. Bob will ask AKC if this information is available on an occasion by occasion basis instead of a continuous subscription. Val will find out how much we are currently paying.

### Title Holders – no comments

### Top Twenty

Whit asked where the money from Top Twenty goes. We believe it goes to the National Specialty fund. Karen indicated that it went into the National Specialty fund last year. Val will ask Judy Brown to confirm and request that the Top Twenty be a separate line item/accounting.

### Versatility

+The Board's consensus was that providing materials, dogs, people etc... for the test is the responsibility of the committee and tester.

+Kathy Lee made a motion regarding rosettes and withdrew the motion. We tabled discussion on ordering rosettes for the draft test along with the National Specialty rosettes until the April meetings.

Webmaster

- +Discussion about posting National Specialty results to the website and photos.
- o **Motion** 20170330.04 by Val second by Bob "Eliminate reference to specific websites in the Webmaster guidelines." Passed
- +Whit noted that he did not think we need a password for the AIO and it is cumbersome. Amy indicated that it is security so other people cannot change your order and reservation and there is payment involved.

### **Review of 2017 Coordinators & Special Committee Reports**

Code of Ethics

Kathy indicated that our CoE is not bad compared to other breeds and the committee needs to continue.

Database Manager - no comments

Lifetime Achievement - no comments

### **Other**

- Whit requested that the committee report form be modified to indicate the chair's name and then the committee members below that.
- Kathy Liles suggested that we put in show photographer's contract when we need the pictures by to help with the printing of the National Specialty Bulletin issue.
- There was discussion regarding access to, and instructions for, uploading information to LeaderHerald. The consensus was to have everyone just send things to the editors and allow them to upload information. The Secretary will continue to upload directly.
- Discussion about getting everyone up to date on Drop Box. Val will schedule a tutorial with Bret during our meetings in April. Amy will work on cleaning up the email addresses in our Drop Box and our Google Group.
- Whit asked how the chair of GPCA Cares gets notified. Laurie indicated that generally the Board notifies her but if she finds out through another source, in a timely manner, she will also send out a card.
- Whit asked Bob to ask AKC will they will send us names and addresses of all persons registering Great Pyrenees so we can invite them to join GPCA.
- Bob said that on the AKC Marketplace, where puppies are for sale, is information that is not correct or incomplete. We are not sure what, if anything, we can do. Val asked if there is someone who said they were going to monitor these types of sites. Laurie said she has contacted AKC about this and they have not responded. Bob said he would contact AKC and get back to the Board.
- There was some discussion regarding the Top Twenty this year. Winners will be announced that night and tickets will be available at the door.
- Laurie will bring a copy of a photographer's contract to the April meetings for review.

### **Continuous membership**

Claire Leishman will be a member of the GPCA 55 years. There was discussion on how we should commemorate this achievement. Whit suggested that we include a "Celebration" page in the front catalog listing everyone that has achieved 55 years. It is too late for this year but maybe going forward. Bob & Whit both indicated that they think we should have a 55 year pin. The board came to a consensus on how we would honor Claire.

- o **Motion** by Bob "We spend up to \$150 to honor Claire." Passed.

### **Next Board Meeting**

Val indicated some of the topics we will cover during the April meetings. Meetings start Tuesday April 11 in the room behind the elevators at 9 am.

**Adjournment at: 9:36**

**Submitted by: Amy Zacher**