

Meeting Minutes January 23-24, 2014

Attendees:

Terry Chandler
Renee Lara
Dean Browning
Cynthia Boysen (absent)
Lynn Pettinato
Dean Goodding
Liz Jennings
Gene Moseley
Christy Douglas-Featherston
Sharon Fitzpatrick
Debbie King (absent at the start, arrived 5:46pm)
Diane Prohaska

Meeting called to order 5:10pm EST

12/8/13 BOD Teleconference minutes. Minor correction to one typo. Motion made to accept the corrected minutes by Gene Moseley(GM)/Second: Christy Douglas-Featherston(CF). Approved unanimously.

Presidents Report. Terry discussed the events attended and the interface he's had in the last 6 months with members, AKC and other National Clubs via email and phone calls. President's report moved to be accepted by CF, second Diane Prohaska (DP). Approved unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Specialties continue to be approved. Motion made to accept the corresponding secretary's report by GM/Second Sharon Fitzpatrick (SF). Approved unanimously.

Recording Secretary's Report: Due to the resignation of Beverly Quarles, there is no Recording Secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: Deferred his report until Debbie King (DK) could be present. 5:22pm

AKC Delegate Report: No delegate report was received. Motion by DP, Second by Dean Goodding (DG) to have Terry Chandler contact Ken Marden on his delegates report. Approved unanimously.

NSS Futurity: Holly Faught's report was submitted to the board outlining forfeits received so far. Holly also mentioned looking into options for online credit card payments for forfeits. Motion made to accept Holly's report by CF, Second Renee Lara (RL). Approved unanimously.

NAGDC Executive Committee: Report submitted by Chuck Parietti. Discussion on whether this event will make money as money has been lost in subsequent years. As per Chuck's report, he realizes that, but feels he has the correct format to make this event successful. Chuck will submit a budget to Dean Browning by 2/1/14. Merchandise is key to the success of this event. Holly is working with Chuck to get the right selection of items. Discussion on changing the criteria for entrants with regards to qualification for the NAGDC, so that we might be able to have more entries. Dean Browning (DB) made a motion, Second CF that the NAGDC Committee look at an increase in the entry fee for this event. Approved unanimously. GM made a motion, Second DG, to have TC ask the AKC about changing the name of our event to a Walking Gun Dog Championship. Approved unanimously. DG made a motion, Second CF to have the NAGDC committee take a look at the AKC qualifications for their National Walking Field Trial Championship. Approved unanimously. **ACTION: DG to do an email blast to GSP member clubs to advertise in the NAGDC catalog.** DP made a motion, Second GM, to accept the NAGDC Executive Committee Report. Approved unanimously.

National Field Trial: Field Trial Report submitted by Mike Aldrich. He felt the event was very successful. He noted that there were no items for the Delegates meeting, so there was a roll call and the meeting was quickly adjourned. Due to the time constraints with the event, there was not an executive meeting. They are working on a time and date to have that. Mike noted that merchandise was the surprise hit of the Nationals. \$14,000 in merchandise was sold for a profit of \$5,000 for the merchandise. Mike also noted that a younger influx of people were needed to help assume responsibilities for upcoming events. Discussion about sending a final P & L to Mike Aldrich. Motion made by DP and seconded by DB. Approved unanimously.

NFT Futurity: Report submitted by Terry Bomer. Noted were the number of futurity forfeits received so far. Noted in action items by Terry was the need for the forfeit forms to be available on the website and easier to locate. A new liaison (DP) has been assigned to coordinate with the webmaster to correct Terry's concerns on futurity with the assistance of GM. Motion made by DP to accept the report, Second CF. Motion passed unanimously.

NSS Executive Committee Report: Report sent in by Jane Handschumaker. Discussion of ideas that Jane has for the upcoming Nationals in May. Discussion on starting the process sooner for the Eukanuba specialty show. Jane has requested two new recorders for the National Specialty Show as we had so much malfunction with last year's recorder. Motion made by CF, Second, SF to approve the purchase of two new recorders. Approved unanimously. Jane has asked the board if they would like to continue to have the NSS EC be in charge of the specialty in association with Eukanuba. Motion made by DG, Second, DK to continue the specialty prior to Eukanuba. Discussion on the judges selection. They must be made from the panel that Eukanuba provides to the specialty club. Sweeps suggestions will be accepted. Renee would also like to offer medallions for every first class placement at this specialty. Motion approved unanimously. Motion made by DP, second CF, to accept the NSS EC Report. Approved unanimously.

Break for dinner 7:00pm, Return from dinner 7:45pm

Versatility Report: Submitted by David Nauer. Dave lists the number of VC, VCA and VCX awards handed out last year. He has a dilemma with whether to create a 7th branch of the versatility chart to accommodate the Therapy Dog title. Motion made by LP to put the THD with companion events for versatility computation purposes, second DG. No votes by GM, CF, DB, DK, LJ abstain. The motion did not pass. Revised motion made by SF, Second DB, Have David use his expertise and knowledge to determine the appropriate place for the THD with board approval. Approved unanimously. Motion made by RL, Second DP, to accept the Versatility Report.

Field Trial Date Coordinator: Report submitted by Jan Erbe. Jan listed the number and event locations for the upcoming year, approved so far. Sharon Fitzpatrick brought forth the request for two regional field trials. All requirements for write ups have been completed, and will be completed for 2014. Motion made by DB, Second SF, to approve the two regional field trial requests. Motion made by RL, Second DP, to accept the report. Approved unanimously.

Obedience/Rally Report: Brief report by Eleanor Campbell noting that she will co-chair the NSS obedience trials with Karen Combs. Motion made by DB, Second DG, to accept the Obedience Report. Approved unanimously.

Agility Report: Submitted by Jeri Fishack. Jeri would like for the GSPCA to provide medallions at Eukanuba for event. Jeri has contacted Lynn Pettinato to add to the calendar for follow up in May. This goes along with the NSS EC request for medallions. Pictures sent of the neck ribbons for NSS and the t-shirt design made by Stacy Moss with proceeds to GSP Rescue. Motion by LP, Second DP, to accept the Agility Report. Approved unanimously.

Membership Report: Submitted by Cynthia McCracken. New list of members submitted to the board for approval. Motion by DP, Second, RL, to accept all new members. Passed unanimously. Lengthy discussion on accessibility of members to membership lists via the Members Only section. Motion made by DP, Second RL, that members can opt in to make info public to club membership on a voluntary basis. Name, address, city, state, phone, email with disclaimers. Motion failed. Motion made by RL, Second SF, No data be available to the public, to non members, as per membership information. Approved unanimously. **ACTION: DP to discuss further refinement of what system capabilities and limits there are to address privacy concerns with Cynthia M. Such as: What data is exportable from the membership list? What format is exportable in? Can members opt in, or can it be done at renewal time?** Cynthia M also brought to the attention of the board confusion on Honorary Life Membership. Motion made by RL, Second CF, spouses of honorary life members be listed as secondary family members waiving their dues for the life of their spouse. Once the honorary life member is deceased, the spouse would then return to either merit or individual membership resuming dues payment. Exception: the spouse has been added by vote of the Board of Directors to the honorary life membership roles. Approved unanimously.

Juniors Report: Submitted by Yvonne Hassler-Deterding and Valerie Nunes-Atkinson. The report noted that membership for juniors is down for 2013. Request by Yvonne and Valerie to continue with the AKC tabulation report for Juniors. Also submitted was a letter and picture

from Mattie Harris, scholarship winner. The information sent was shared with Liz Jennings for submitted to the Shorthair Journal. Motion made by CF, Second DP, to renew the AKC reports requested. Approved unanimously. Motion made by SF, Second LP, to accept the juniors report. Approved unanimously.

Judge's Education Report: Presented by Christy Douglas-Featherston. Request by Judges Education to approve proposed budget (\$1000). It would reimburse expenditures for printing, mailed, postage, travel expenses for seminars when necessary. Motion made by LP, Second DP, to accept the proposed budget. Approved unanimously with CF abstaining. Motion by RL, Second DP, to accept the judges education report. Approved unanimously with CF abstaining.

Breed Education Report and Meet the Breeds: Submitted by Patte Titus. With reference to Breed Education, what items Patte has handled with the public in the arena of general education. With reference to Breed Education at Meet the Breeds, general discussion on the success of events at the Javits Center and Eukanuba. The New York Meet the Breeds looked fabulous according to Ken Marden and was awarded a Group One. Request made to continue with proposed budget for both locations, \$1000 for Javits, \$1200 for Orlando. Motion made by RL, Second DP to accept the proposed budget. Approved unanimously. Motion made by CF, Second, DP, to accept the report of Breed Education and Meet the Breeds. Approved unanimously.

Breeder Referral Report: Submitted by Melissa Campbell. Melissa has revamped the breeder referral system from the old system, bringing it up to date. Melissa has some recommended changes to the Liability section of the GSPCA website breeder referral page. The GSPCA Breeder Listing Service is provided as a courtesy to its members and potential buyers. The GSPCA or its Officers do not recommend, guarantee, endorse, nor rate breeders, their kennels, or their stock. We also do not examine individual dogs. Buyers beware in all instances. A disclaimer/liability section noted below:

The GSPCA accepts listings from GSPCA members for their establishments in good faith. Buyers should be certain to check all matters relating to registration, health claims, awards or certificates, GSP quality (adult, puppy or otherwise), stud/puppy agreements with the breeders, sellers or stud owners before making any decision.

The GSPCA and its officers, assume no responsibility for the quality, health, or temperament of any dog, nor the warranty, guarantee, integrity, honesty or reliability, either expressed or implied, by any person whose name appears on this list. All such warranties, guarantees and promises are between buyer(s) and seller(s) as individuals. The GSPCA promotes and expects fairness in all buyer-seller relationships. We reserve the right to refuse or withdraw any listing without notice of any Breeder that operates using practices which are in violation of our code of ethics or not in good standing with the GSPCA. Listings are only accepted from GSPCA members who have been members for a minimum of 3 years and are in good standing.

Motion made by DP, Second RL, to add the liability changes to website and journal. Melissa requested changes made to fiscal calendar for breeders, but a one year rolling calendar from first application. Motion by CF, Second RL to go to a rolling fiscal calendar from time of first application. Approved unanimously. On the breeder referral page, discussion on the addition of a FAQ's section with reference to recommended health clearances. On the individual page of

each breeder though, there will be a space to list health clearances done and what the dogs are used for, ie, hunt, performance, show, etc. Motion made by DP, Second DB, to include in the January 2014 minutes this motion that was not formally voted on but discussed in length. The GSPCA focuses breeder referral on education for puppy buyers and therefore will incorporate a full set of questions/information to assist buyers. In addition, we move to request listed breeders to add their breeding interests (field, conformation, etc) and which health clearances they conduct, versus requiring these items as part of the breeder guidelines. Approved unanimously. New option request by Melissa to include a whelping box/stud dog listing. Motion by DP, Second by RL, to approve the whelping box/stud dog listing, but proposed cost to be provided by Dean Browning. Approved with a majority, with Liz Jennings voting no. Motion made by RL/Second SF, to accept the Breeder Referral Report. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned for the evening at 9:39pm EST.

Meeting reconvened at 8:10am

Health and Welfare Report: Submitted by Karen Rooks-Nauer. Karen reviewed the past 6 months with reference to the LD issue. There has not been a final report from Dr. Casal as had been promised. Guidelines for new tests for the breed in the future has been worked up by the committee. The H & W committee is requesting changes to the CHIC requirements to mandate an OFA elbow exam. Motion made by GM, Second DK, to accept the H&W committee's recommendations for CHIC. Also to relook at the GSPCA CHIC statement. Approved unanimously. Motion made by LJ, Second DK, accept the H & W committee's guidelines for testing. Approved unanimously. Motion made by CF, Second DP, to accept the Health and Welfare Committee's report. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (from 1/23 tabling at 8:45am): Report submitted by Dean Browning. Detailed each events profits, losses, expenses and income. Motion made by LP, Second GM, to accept the treasurer's report.

Rescue Report: Submitted by Missy Neal. Action from the rescue report was to look at the guidelines that the Rescue Committee has set forth and see if the Board agrees with them. The motion was made by RL, Second CF, to accept the recommendations of the rescue committee with additions and clarifications, and accept their report. Approved unanimously.

Hall of Fame nominations: Report submitted by Inge Clody. In Inge's report, she mentions Monthly AKC awards. **ACTION: LP needs to clarify with Inge as to what she means.** Inge requests that the committee bring the HOF requirements up to date. **ACTION: LP to find out what Inge means by this section as well. According to the Board, we are up to date.** Inge would like to add the Obedience HOF requirements to the GSPCA website. The Board would like Inge to relay that information to Missy Neal so that she can post it. **ACTION: LP to advise Inge to send to the yearbook/website/Shorthair Journal/Gene Moseley for plaque to be made all dogs voted into the Hall of Fame for continuity purposes.** Dog nomination to the Hall of Fame, Ch. Robin Crest Silver Spirit, JH, ROMX. Motion made by CF, Second SF, to accept Spirit into the Hall of Fame. Approved unanimously. Motion made to accept the Hall of Fame Report by DP, Second SF. Approved unanimously.

Break 10:10am

Back in Session 10:20am

GSP Bronze for National Bird Dog Museum: Report presented by Gene Moseley. Gene discussed the project and how it is moving along. Gene submitted a proposed budget for 2014 to help raise funds for the final project. Motion made to by RL, Second DP, to accept Gene's proposal and report. Approved unanimously.

Yearbook Report: Report submitted by Debra Broad, presented by Gene Moseley. Gene talked about the ad program with local clubs to increase revenue for the yearbook. A lot more clubs took advantage of the 2 year special. The price was lowered this year to \$40. Deb's requested action items were to pay for an annual service that provides data to her at the cost of \$80-200. Additionally, she would like a Photoshop type program to edit photos for people submitting ads. Motion by RL, Second DP, to have Deb select the program that she needs for photo editing and advise Dean Browning of the cost and to accept her report. Approved unanimously.

Historians Report: Submitted by Patte Titus. Patte advised on the progress she has made sorting the historical data. No actions submitted at this time. Motion by DB, Second RL, to accept the Historian report. Approved unanimously.

Illustrated Standard Report: Report presented by Diane Prohaska, submitted by Patte Titus. Diane indicates the project is on target and drawings have been submitted according to the timeline. The Board is pleased with the progress and is positive that the drawings will be completed in one year. Motion by CF, Second RL, to accept the report on the Illustrated Standard. Approved unanimously.

ROM Report: The report was presented by Gene Moseley. Brief report discussing each of the ROM's, C-ROM, F-ROM, P-ROM and H-ROM. All ROM's are placed in the yearbooks. At the June 2013 meeting, suggestions had been made by the board about combining the ROM's. The ROM committee is awaiting suggestions. Motion by LP, Second LJ to accept the ROM report. Approved unanimously.

Database Report: Report presented by Gene Moseley. Still working towards an All Time Producers report. Deb Longtin is keeping the database up to date. Gene hoping to work with Beverly Quarles to get the database in a workable format for the data he's looking to extract. Motion by CF, Second RL, to accept the Database report. Approved unanimously.

Annual Awards: Report presented by Gene Moseley. Gene covered the costs of annual awards. Gene also is pleased to have Michael McCracken on board to assist him with the awards list. Discussion on the Specialty Banquet agenda. **ACTION: TC to call Cynthia M about getting the template agenda for the National Awards Banquet (sequence of events, etc)**
ACTION: RL to contact Ann King Wallace about the photo slides for the awards banquet. Dean Browning has agreed to be in charge of the specialty show awards dinner slide show. Motion by LP, Second DP, to accept the Annual Awards report. Approved unanimously.

Webmaster's Report: Report submitted by Missy Neal. Missy outlined her tasks and the amount of time these are taking to complete. Missy outlined items that are in queue to

updated on the website. Missy recommends that each committee choose a member to communicate section updates with the webmaster. The Board discussed and agrees with that recommendation that all web revisions are the responsibility of that committee. Liaison to communicate with each committee that they are in charge of web updates. Missy has also requested an increase in stipend. That has not been addressed in a number of years. **ACTION: DP to discuss the increase with Missy.** The board is looking for direction. Motion by RL, Second SF, to accept the Webmaster report. Approved unanimously.

Break for lunch 12:18pm

Return from lunch 1:00pm

Shorthair Journal Report: Report submitted by April Leonetti, presented and supplemented by Liz Jennings. Discussed were the costs of running the journal, advantages/disadvantages of taking the Shorthair Journal electronic. E Copy discussions were tabled until the Board identifies its mission and what they would like the Journal to do for the club. The board needs to work towards editors for each section, ie show, field, performance to provide content. Currently many people don't even read the Journal. Content needs to be addressed. Action requested by April as to who should be given priority to put things in the Shorthair Journal. Currently, many people contact April with things they want submitted. The Board indicates the priority is items submitted by the Board of Director and Officers, Committee Chairs and Editors. Content needs to be improved in the Journal. Motion by DB, Second DP, that Specialty show results and Field Trial Results should be included in the Shorthair Journal. Approved unanimously. Motion by RL, Second GM to accept the Shorthair Journal report. Approved unanimously.

Legislation Report: There is no legislation report. The board needed to vote and finalize a person to fill Connie James' shoes. Connie has recommended that Terry Brumbaugh from Pennsylvania be appointed the legislative chair, with Alexandra Silvera from California to be assistant chairperson. Motion made by SF, Second DP, to accept Connie's recommendations of Terry and Alexandra. Approved unanimously. Motion by CF, Second SF, to give a plaque of appreciation to Connie James for her years of service as the Legislative Chair. Approved unanimously.

Water Test Committee Report: Report submitted by Joe Wolak, presented by Dean Goodding. The report was reviewed by the board. Motion by GM, Second CF, to have Dean G review the report with Joe and his action items, and to accept the Water Test Report. Approved unanimously.

Merchandise Report: Submitted by Holly Faught. Holly outlined her 2013 year of merchandise and her very successful events this year. Motion by RL, Second CF to accept the Merchandise Report. Approved unanimously.

Bird Dog Hall of Fame: Report given by Terry Chandler. TC is talking with Mike Aldridge, Tom Killiam. The GSP exhibit is going to be huge. Theme is being worked on. Haley Killiam is coordinating the items going in the GSP section. Motion by CF, Second DP, to accept the Bird Dog Hall of Fame Report. Approved unanimously.

Volunteer of the Year: Motion by DB, Second DG, that at the January board meeting of each year a volunteer of the year be identified for the GSPCA. Approved unanimously. Motion by DB, Second CF, that Holly Faught be recognized as the 2013 Volunteer of the Year. Approved unanimously.

New Action Items/Agenda Items:

Approving Regional Specialties: Item brought up by Diane Prohaska for the NE Region and Cathy Iacopelli. Discussion on how many regions there are to host Regional Specialties. It was decided that the specialties can be by each region, NW, SW, SC, NC, EC, NE and SE. The question was asked if Eukanuba can be considered a separate event rather than a Regional Specialty for that area. Renee Lara advised that the Eukanuba event would be a separate event rather than a Southeast Regional Specialty. The question needs to be asked of the AKC and the NSS Executive Committee. **ACTION: NSS EC to provide GSPCA Medallions for each regional specialty.**

Top 25: Item brought up by Diane Prohaska for the NE Region and Cathy Iacopelli. Cathy would like to discuss the order of the Top 25 and the order dogs enter the ring. **ACTION: Renee Lara to advise the Top 25 Committee to go back to drawing the running order of dogs out of a hat.**

Membership: Item brought up by Diane Prohaska and the NE Region and Cathy Iacopelli. They would like access to membership lists via member clicks. This was discussed in the Membership section of the meeting. Diane to relay the findings to Cathy.

Sportmanship: Discussion on the improvement of breed sportmanship. Considering sportmanship merchandise. **ACTION: Renee to provide articles sited in discussion to Liz Jennings for publication in the Shorthair Journal.**

Communication between BOD and liaisons: Presented by Liz Jennings for the Southwest Region. It was communicated that there be a proposed timeline for Board liaisons and committees to communicate action items, and concerns. Hopefully prior to the minutes being published.

Email motions and approval for the minutes: Motions done via email, outside of conference calls and board meetings to be read into the minutes. Motion to accept the resignation of Beverly Quarles from the position of recording secretary. Motion made by CF, Second DP. Motion passed by majority. The Board asks Cynthia Boysen (Nomination Committee choice for the position of Recording Secretary) to fill in for Beverly Quarles as the Recording Secretary until election and assume her duties. Motion made by GM, Second DB, for Cynthia Boysen to fill in, in the interim. Motion passed by majority. The Board of Directors direct the NSS EC chair to respond to Mr. Deppen and tell him he is categorized as a breeder judge, currently does not qualify under the minimum requirements as a breeder judge and that his name cannot and will not be put on the current GSPCA NSS approved judges list. Motion made by CF, Second, BQ. Motion passed by majority. Motion made by CF, Second DP, to accept the email motions. Approved unanimously.

Field Trial Trip: Report from Christy Featherston. Next field trial attendee will be Sharon Fitzpatrick. Motion made by DP, Second DB, for Sharon to attend the National Field Trial. Approved unanimously.

NSS Field Event, helping local clubs stay strong: Sharon discussed the idea of a Walking Field Trial on the days prior to the National Specialty Show in Wisconsin. **ACTION: Renee to discuss with the NSS EC and let Sharon know.**

HOF Communications (pictures etc) to the Webmaster: Discussed in the Hall of Fame Report Section

Renewal of AKC Reports for the 2014 year: The 2014 report expense has been approved and paid for.

Response to letter from Jim Deppen: Letters were received from Mr. Deppen and the NSS EC Chairperson. They were discussed.

Pointing Dog Retrieving Letter: Terry provided the draft letter that he would like to send. Motion by LP, Second RL, to send the letter to member club presidents as well as the pointing breed club presidents. Approved unanimously.

Assignment of liaisons: New liaisons: Diane Prohaska for Webmaster, Liz Jennings for Versatility, and Lynn Pettinato for Membership. Diane to complete the membership action items from this meeting with Cynthia M.

Dual Champion Trophies: Terry Chandler would like all new Dual Champions recognized and be given a bronze for accomplishing this task. Terry believes that the Dual Champion is the lynch pin in our breed that keeps field and show together. Terry advised the cost for the DC trophy to be no more than \$150.00 each. Motion by DB, Second DG to give each new dual champion going forward a bronze. Motion passed with GM opposing, CF absent for vote.

Discussion on a lady looking for a dog for a returning veteran

Next location/date of board meeting: June 13th and 14th, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA. The Friday early session of the meeting will be a facilitated session to discuss the mission and strategy of the board.

Meeting adjourned 4:45pm