

AWPGA Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2019, 6:00 pm CST, Meeting called to order by Mary Zullo

Members in Attendance: President Mary Zullo, Vice President Cathy West, Treasurer Billy Appel, Western Representative Karen Pelzer, Central Representative Philippe Roca, Eastern Representative Marcia Hoff.

Treasurer's Report: Billy Appel reports that the 2019 National Specialty net income is \$10,832.43. The only outstanding item is payment for the shotgun that was auctioned. Ruth Vogel moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Karen Pelzer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Membership renewals and applications: To date there are 107 renewals and 17 new applications, including three juniors. Billy Appel moved to approve the new members. Cathy West seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AKC Delegate Report: Kate DeSanto joined the call at 6:15 pm. New AKC initiatives include the AKC Bred with Heart program which ties in with the AKC Purposefully Bred Dogs program. Another new program is a Temperament Test Certification that will soon be available. Discussion on whether this test could be held during the 2020 National Specialty. Kate DeSanto left the call.

2020 National Specialty: Amy Fluck joined the call for a progress report. Linda Reece was discussed as a possible Sweepstakes Judge. Discussion on format or template for judging contracts. Amy will check with Hatboro Kennel Club on contracts.

Budget for 2020 was included with the specialty bid. Adjustments will be needed for additional cost of ribbons and cost of annual awards.

The Hatboro Kennel Club has eliminated obedience and rally from their event due to low entries and associated expenses. The possibility of AWPGA offering obedience and rally was discussed. Decision was that self-hosting obedience and rally is not a viable option. Discussion on other options for added value.

Amy Fluck left the call.

Old Business: Website review committee – tabled. Health & Genetics Committee is fully functional. Juniors Committee will have their first meeting in January. There are now five junior members of the AWPGA. The committee will ask for activity for juniors at the Fort Worth Regional Specialty. \$110.00 has been received designated for the Juniors program.

Korthals Committee – Ruth Vogel moved to have the Korthals Committee as a separate entity from the Field Committee with Philippe Roca as the chair/liaison. Cathy seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Field Committee Chair position is still open. What are the expectations for the Field Committee; for the Field Committee Chair? Billy Appel volunteered to develop terms of reference for the Field Committee. Billy also suggested that the people who indicated an interest in volunteering for the field events be contacted.

The AWPGA website is seeking photos for rotation. Ruth Vogel will send out the requests and will receive the photos via email to be forwarded to the webmaster.

Judges Education Committee – Cathy West volunteered to write a synopsis of the five or six most important things for judges to know about the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon. Further business was tabled until December.

Philippe Roca gave a report on the French Korthals Cup event which he recently attended.

Royal Canin – Lonnie Carroll and Cathy West will present medallions at the Advanced Judges Institute which occurs once every three years.

Amy Caswell has merchandise left from past specialties. They will be offered at sale prices at 2020 National Specialty with proceeds designated for the Juniors Program.

Regional Representative terms expire in 2020. A nominating committee needs to be formed in accordance with the by-laws. Discuss further in December with idea for committee members.

Project Upland is interested in collaboration with the AWPGA with a shared link. They also would like an article on the breed history of the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon. Consider who within the AWPGA could write article. Philippe Roca expressed concerns on copyrights and contracts. Cathy West will contact A. J. Rosa, the contact person at Project Upland, to clarify terms.

Joshua Stratton has a bronze that he wants to donate as a trophy. Need to define Joshua's intentions on how the trophy is to be used. Philippe as his Regional Representative will contact Joshua.

Cathy West asked for approval to join the Texas Combined Specialty Association, dues of \$40.00. Karen Pelzer moved to join TCSA. Billy Appel seconded. National carried unanimously.

There is a new member application from Sue Hanson in England. The Board will sponsor her membership. Cathy West moved to approve Sue Hanson as a new member. Philippe Roca seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Karen Pelzer moved to adjourn. Cathy West seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm CST.