

## **AWPGA Board Meeting Minutes**

January 15, 2020, 6 pm CST, Meeting called to order by Mary Zullo

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Billy Appel moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 board meeting. Philippe Roca seconded. Karen Pelzer abstained, not having attended that meeting. Ruth Vogel absent. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Financial** – Karen Pelzer moved to approve the financial report. Cathy West seconded. Ruth Vogel absent. Motion carried.

Billy Appel inquired if an audit of the financial records has been required in the past. Not that anyone was aware of.

New Members – Billy gave report on current status of renewals and new member applications. Billy will prepare a list of members who have not yet renewed. Karen Pelzer moved to approve new membership applications as read. Cathy West seconded. Ruth Vogel absent. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Ruth Vogel joined the call at 6:25 pm CST

Illustrated Breed Standard: Gerri Auchincloss and Mary Kiblan joined the call at 6:30 pm CST. Discussion on the progress of the Illustrated Breed Standard ensued. The commentary on the standard is complete and waiting for board approval. Gerri and Mary left the call at 7:17 pm CST. Marcia Hoff moved for preliminary approval of the commentary and to have the committee move forward with putting illustrations with the commentary; the board reserving the right to ask for changes in the commentary if appropriate. Ruth Vogel seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion on member owing money to AWPGA and submitting renewal application. If the debt is paid the member would need to reapply for membership. Bill will return the funds submitted for renewal along with a demand letter asking for payment of money owed to the AWPGA before the membership can be considered.

Bred by Exhibitor Trophy: Discussion on whether to retire existing trophy and to replace. Ruth will talk with welders to determine feasibility of repair.

Committees: Breeder Committee. Discussion on name change to Breed Education Committee. Consider persons for committee members and what would be the committee's focus and direction.

Western Regional Special Update: Cathy West. They have added a fun event – a shed hunt. Plans for hunt events and conformation shows are coming together.

Although all paperwork was submitted in a timely manner according to the guidelines, the Eastern Regional supported entry in York, PA at the March Celtic Cluster was overlooked for earlier board approval. Billy Appel moved to approve the eastern regional supported entry. Cathy West seconded. The motion carried.

**New Business:** Application has been submitted by the Western Region for supported entries in Greeley, CO August 15 and 16, 2020. Billy Appel moved to approve. Cathy West seconded. The motion carried.

SRMA study; Has the AWPGA had any report on the status of the study? Mary Zullo will inquire.

AKC Gazette: The AWPGA has the option to have a WPG breed column in the Gazette Quarterly and would need a writer for those columns. One member has expressed an interest in writing some WPG article and might be interested in writing for the Gazette.

A Powerpoint presentation is being compiled by some members for the 2020 National Specialty 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, showcasing past specialty winners.

Facebook: Ruth Vogel will prepare a statement for the AWPGA Facebook page stating policy for membership on the page; or questions to be answered by those requesting membership.

Philippe Roca notified the board that he had not given permission for a copyrighted photograph of his work to be used in the Judges Breed Priority flyer. The photograph has been removed from all possible versions and replaced with another photo.

AWPGA Rescue Committee has learned of a hoarder situation in Ohio. The receiving shelter has worked with AWPGA in the past with Griff rescue situations. Is it possible for AWPGA to make a donation to the shelter even though none of the rescue dogs is a WPG? Cathy West will contact AKC regarding by-laws regarding the use of rescue funds.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm CST.