

## AWPGA Board Meeting Minutes

December 18, 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, Central Representative Philippe Roca, Eastern Representative Marcia Hoff and Secretary Ruth Vogel.

**Treasurer's Report:** Financials – Ruth Vogel moved to approve the financial report. Phillippe Roca seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- New Members: Billy reported on the progress of renewals of existing members and listed new applicants. Cathy West moved to approve all new applicants. Marcia Hoff Seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Budget review and approval. Discussion on current expenses with the Griffonnier being one of the larger regular expenses. A bid for a new published might cut costs. Agreement was to use the budget as a guide and to revisit the budget quarterly.
- The grace period for membership renewal presently is the end of January. Should the grace period be extended? Tabled until January meeting.
- Reimbursement policy for member expenditures. Tabled until January meeting.

**Closed Session:** Ruth Vogel moved that the board go to a closed session. Billy Appel seconded. Carried.

**Open Session:** Mary Zullo moved to open the meeting. Billy Appel seconded. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Cathy West moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 board meeting. Billy Appel seconded. Motion carried.

Billy Appel moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2019 special board meeting. Marcia Hoff seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:** Website review committee. Is there any concern about the security of the AWPGA website? Specialist that Cathy West consulted stated that the website is secure.

- Database maintenance. Billy Appel has received an invoice for database maintenance. Discussion on what can be done to make the database more user friendly.
  - Judges Education. Cathy West has compiled a list of breed priorities from the judges education program. Discussion on how to best distribute that information to all approved and provisional WPG judges. Cathy West will inquire about AKC providing an email list of judges for AWPGA to send the information or possibility of having AKC include those points in their regular judges blog.
  - Nominating committee needed for regional representative positions that will be expiring in 2020. Discussion on potential committee members.
  - Bred by Exhibitor trophy still needs to be repaired, revised, or replaced. Philippe Roca will contact the original artist about how that can be done.
- Mary Zullo gave a report on the Royal Canin show that she recently attended.

**New Business:** Should AWPGA provide funds for field events: Billy Appel moved to fund all AWPGA sanctioned field events at a maximum of \$250.00 per event going forward. The board shall have the right to review annually. Marcia Hoff seconded. The motion carried.

- Jan Resler has submitted a hunt test application for Wisconsin in March. Mary Zullo will talk with Jan to clarify what club is hosting which event.
- Karen Spiess has submitted a supported entry application for Ann Arbor, Michigan July 4-5, 2020. Cathy West moved to approve the application. Billy Appel seconded. The motion carried.
- Breeder Committee duties to be addressed in January.

**Adjournment:** Ruth Vogel moved to adjourn. Cathy West seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm CST