

## **WIREHAIRD VIZSLA CLUB OF AMERICA**

Board of Directors Meeting

May 22, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Ken Hanlen at 8:05PM CT.

In attendance: Cathy Johnson, Peg Roginski, Janis McManigal, Nancy Edmunds, Mark Goodwein, Jennifer Metcalf and Jean Schroeder

This teleconference was recorded.

**Minutes:**, April 24, 2018 minutes approved with the following corrections: Under Judges Education Committee; correction to spelling of judges name to read Joyce Vanek. Treasurer report total cash assests \$7778.67. Motion by Peg Roginski to accept minutes with noted corrections, second Cathy Johnson. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** by Peg Roginski. \$7778.67 beginning balance. Expenses: \$75.00 to AKC 2018 Educational Summit attendance for member Lynn Tobey. Ending Balance \$7703.67. Cash assets: \$5.00 savings, \$122.37 PayPal for total \$7831.04.

**Secretary Report:** No highlights for membership. Cathy Johnson asked for clarification on new ruling for Junior Showmanship winners now eligible to compete NOHS while working for Professional Handlers.

**Judges Education:** by Mark Goodwein. Teleconference committee meeting was held 05/15/18. Mark Goodwein, Nancy Edmunds in attendance. Absent: Carol Brown. Committee continues to work on guidelines for mentoring and presenting. Preliminary form submitted waiting for Board comments before finalizing. Continue to create a flow for submission, review and acceptance. Carol Brown has considered resigning from the committee due to other responsibilities. Mark Goodwein to call and discuss her status. Carol Brown is not able to give the JEC seminar/mentoring at the 2018-supported entry in September. The committee is working on a presenter for the supported entry weekend in September to handle the judge's education activities. With the discussion of hiring intern to help with the social media presence could that person help with update the format of the current presentation material? When it is decided the scope of work that person would do we might want to consider that. If not, the committee may reach out to others in the club that may be interested help processing this into a form we can work with, change easily and put into a format we can put on the website for addition of pages there for judges education.

**ByLaws:** no report

**Field:** by Leone Dieter. Committee members in attendance: Emery Mersich and Deb Wall. Water test: Recommend the club have the membership vote on requiring a passing score to earn a Senior and Master Hunt Test title and Field Trial titles. If the membership votes to require the Water Test, the Board will work with AKC to change the WVCA hunting title requirements.

### **Short-term goals:**

After September 2018 hunt/water tests, determine a course of action for future events by:

- Query of participants on what they would like to see for field events in 2019 (i.e. all hunt test levels).
- Query conformation and performance participants to assess the level of interest in hunt/water tests.
- For the 2018 Supported entry conduct short clinics teaching specific skills (i.e. recalls, hold conditioning, long distance retrieves, etc).

For members that are not interested in competitive events determine if there is interest in hunting events (non-competitive) where WVCA members get together to hunt and work their dogs. See if any members would be interested in hosting such an event.

For instance, Emery Mersich, has a owner and guide contact at a private hunting club in South Dakota. He could be asked about possibly holding a hunting event there. The event would be hunting, training and socializing.

### **Long-term Goals:**

Explore the possibility of conducting all hunt test levels beginning at the 2019 or 2020 Supported entry.

- Would there be enough volunteers?
- Would there be enough entries for all levels of tests?

Survey membership regarding interest in European testing events, such as:

- Fox-in-a-Box – simulates a fox getting into a sheep pen. Mini sheep pen built with logs and a dead fox or raccoon (at least 7 lbs) is put in the pen. The dog must jump into the pen and retrieve the dead animal.
- Blood tracking,
- Duck water search.

See Hungarian AV, VAV, VMV and OTV tests for complete set of events.  
General Falconry aptitude testing.

Since the report was a late submission Ken Hanlen asked the board to review and any questions we have he can discuss with the committee.

**Show Report:** No report. Ken Hanlen spoke with Deb Wall asking if she would like to Chair the 2018 supported entry. She accepted. Ken will also be submitting to the committee a consolidated budget prior to next months meeting for board approval.

**Membership:** by Mark Goodwein. Committee continues to receive renewals and new membership applications. Currently the club has 20 family, 24 single memberships for a total of 64 members. New member applications received for Alison Schaper and Tarah Strachan. After discussion of new members the board voted to recommend the committee reach out to Alison Schaper to get information needed to finalize her application. Tarah Strachan was voted in as a new member. The board discussed the member application approval process; how it has been done in the past, what information is typically asked when the applicant is not known by anyone on the board. Prior interview would help facilitate the approval process. Mark Goodwein, acting as a temporary liaison for the new committee, will ask for input regarding this and other committee matters.

**Sunshine:** by Jennifer L. Metcalf. No inquires or information received. No action taken.

**Health:** No report.

**Rescue:** No report.

#### **Public Education: No**

**AKC:** by Nancy Edmunds. No report. Ken Hanlen asked if a meeting would be required with Lynn Toby prior to her attendance at the upcoming AKC Education Summit in June. More information regarding the focus of the summit would be helpful to determine if that would be necessary. AKC will be contacted for that information and confirmation that her reservation was received.

#### **Old Business**

**Audit:** No report. Jean Schroeder is hopeful that Dick will be able to get things put together this week and should be wrapped up prior to next months meeting.

**Club Logo:** by Peg Roginski. Brief update included seeking permission by owner of an image she would like to incorporate in the design. After which the designing could continue.

**Incorporation:** by Peg Roginski. The \$325.00 applied to the IRS 941 form sent September 30, 2009 instead of the Not For Profit resulting in an overpayment that cannot be refunded to club due exceeding the statute of limitations. Per IRS the club needs to file a 1024 application of recognition of exemption.

Accompanying the form the following documentation is required:

- Original Articles of Incorporation from the state of Texas
- Copy of the page with a seal of approval from the state of Texas
- Copy of the current bylaws with date of adoption,
- Breakdown of income/expenses for the tax years 2014-2017.
- A balance sheet for 2017
- Form 8718 along with a check for \$600.00.

Once all have been received it will take up to 6 months for recognition after which the IRS will review our circumstances and determine if we have to file the form 1120 Corporate tax returns for the tax years 2009-2014. The only information that has been received from the past treasurer was bank statements except for 2017. Peg Roginski has not received any records showing what checks were written for or where any income came from.

A registered agent in the state of Texas has been hired for a \$99.00 yearly fee to represent the club. They have written the state and showed proof the club has an agent there. A reinstatement form will need to be filed. Peg Roginski will contact Deb Wall to help locate the binder that should contain the required documents needed for the incorporation.

Peg Roginski asked Jean Schroeder to check with Dick if there were any records received for the audit with check and income information. Jean Schroeder indicated that Beth Strickland, due to a job change, no longer has access to the computer where copies of the information needed are stored. Janis McManigal has supplied minutes for the years 2014-2017 for review. Older minutes are in possession of the prior Secretary.

**AKC Standard correction:** No information at this time. Nancy Edmunds will get in touch with the AKC.

**Social Media – volunteer response:** by Jennifer L. Metcalf. Checking to see if there has been interest/response received for the position by the board. She will move forward putting an ad together for the position for board approval.

## **New Business**

**Judges Education Guidelines** – see judges education reporting. Discussion did expand into other assigned committees to start working on their respective proposed structure & guidelines to submit at the June board meeting. Ken Hanlen would like to have board member liaisons for each committee to provide a conduit from the committee to the board. Cathy Johnson volunteered for the Public Education Committee, Ken Hanlen Field Committee, Janis McManigal Bylaws and Show Committees. Peg Roginski for the Historian/Stats/Awards.

**Membership fee reduction** – Jennifer Metcalf asked to revisit this. Discussion followed regarding fees and what they represented in other clubs, fee comparisons and what the bylaws stated. Tabled to September or October.

**Classified section/community involvement on website** – Jennifer Metcalf. Consider placing a Craigslist type on website for member communication for buying/selling, meet-ups, etc. Thoughts included listing upcoming events from other clubs, i.e. hunt test/field trials. Concerns were raised about the inclusion of classified type ads. The use of the clubs FaceBook page was thought to be the best place for reaching members. Ken Hanlen thought an announcement on the member's page could offer a link to the FaceBook page also having links to the committees on the website with the committees being responsible to provide the content. A suggestion was made to involve the Historian/Awards committee in content of general interest for the website. Janis McManigal will follow up with the committee on that. The Board will suggest ideas for web/newsletter content.

Motion by to adjourn by Jennifer Metcalf, second by Peg Roginski. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:32PM CT

Next meeting June 26, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by  
Janis McManigal  
Secretary  
Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America