

President Jarmie advised that the Board voted to continue the listing of the Top Ten Show Dogs and print the explanation of the Phillips System as we use it.

The president then explained the necessity for our Insurance Blanket Liability change. Insurance coverage is now available to the independent clubs only directly with the agent, not through WCA. At present the charges are \$75.00 annually to cover all events of the Club activities.

The president reviewed the Jr. Showmanship action taken by the old Board. He explained that Paul Nigro scored the Juniors and would continue to do this for our breed if we so desired. Mark Rafter was the 1969 winner and it was decided to award a perpetual trophy to him, with a small trophy to keep, at the Southland Weimaraner banquet in May. If the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois agrees, the Sardar Memorial Trophy will be the perpetual Jr. Showmanship Trophy.

President Jarmie advised that the Board recognizes that hip dysplasia is a fact within our breed, and that a committee of three—Don Button, chairman, Dr. Danforth and Ted Jarmie would present their recommendations to the New Board. Don Button asked that anyone having constructive comments on the subject to please present them to the committee. A brief question and answer period followed on the hip dysplasia subject.

The president reviewed the Reilly Translation quote for publishing the magazine and stated that the Board appreciated his offer but felt no reason to change.

The president advised that the Board voted to reinstate a permanent trophy to the owner of the sire of the Field Futurity winner. This action would be retroactive to the time this policy was terminated several years ago.

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The president then called for unfinished business.

Orman Marquardt suggested that the clubs work a year in advance for dates of events. Bob Bryl advised that to make this program successful, the clubs should set their calendars ahead 18 months now and next year they could continue on a 12 month basis.

Herbert Heller reported on various possibilities for the 1970 National trial.

A 10-minute recess was called at 10:15 a.m.

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When the meeting was resumed at 10:30 a.m., president Jarmie thanked the Tellers' Committee, Joe Vavra, chairman, Dorothy Driggott and Marie Seidelman, and asked the chairman to give his report.

The results were:—Officers unopposed

Bob Snyder	711	T. Tadin	563
Dr. Danforth	699	R. Rance	547
Car. Collins	668	W. Thomson	541
Phyllis Mason	642	W. Fulks	458
Herbert Heller	607	J. Bartell	438
E. Burmeister	604	N. Murphy	372

The referendum ballot was 588 to work with AKC to revise the existing

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standard disqualifying blue and black coats, while 442 voted to leave the standard as is.

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President Jarmie thanked the membership on behalf of the officers and told them the officers appreciated their confidence in them. He said they would do their best to continue the financial progress made and work for the stability of membership, stability in the club, and work to get ahead on such matters as scheduling of events.

Bill Thomson moved to accept the election results as given. Warren Fulks seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Blue Dog

President Jarmie said that the standard would stay as it presently is worded since there were not sufficient votes to constitute two-thirds of the membership voting.

A lengthy discussion followed with regard to "for and against" articles published in the magazine. John Bartell led those speaking for the blues.

President Jarmie made the following points: that Mrs. Barnett was very kind in sending him a copy of her magazine articles at the same time she sent the copy to the national office for publication. He stated that upon several occasions he had pointed out untruths in her articles to her, and although she did correct one statement, there were still falsehoods contained in the information published. For instance, in the March issue, in Aliyah von Nussbaumer's letter she says the color the Germans call mouse gray in America is registered as blue. Stating that the 20-year-old argument was now settled beyond argument, president Jarmie explained that recently a gray dog was sent to Germany for other reasons, and then returned to the United States. While the dog was there we got a statement from the German Breed Warden on the color of that dog, and he stated, "he is a living document of a color that here in Germany is called mouse gray." The dog is gray and is AKC registered as gray. In the last paragraph of Aliyah von Nussbaumer's letter she states that she is a member of the German Weimaraner Club. President Jarmie said that names, Von Nussbaumer, and others through her maiden name were checked with the German Club and they do not show her as a member now or ever having received a life membership. He explained that Mrs. Herber is the only honorary life membership in the German Weimaraner Club.

President Jarmie referred to Baroness Marianne v. Watzdorf's letter as published in the March magazine and questioned the accuracy of her testimony.

Warren Fulks was given the floor. He stated that the whole interest of the membership as he saw it was: first to keep the local clubs together because the members are loyal first to their own clubs and then to WCA. He said he knew Mrs. Barnett personally, and Ted Jarmie was a good friend. He knew that Mrs. Barnett would not knowingly commit fraud. He advised the new Board to progress very carefully in all matters regarding either the breed or local clubs directly.

Mrs. Jannas suggested sending a blue dog over to Germany for their clarification of color. Mrs. Schulze stated that Germany would not recognize the blue but she would be very happy to contact the German Club regarding it if the membership wished.

Mr. Marquardt suggested starting at the bottom of the color project with the breeding program and that breeders should adhere to the standard we have adopted, and that judges should be made aware of the standard and judges accordingly. President Jarmie advised that judges could have different interpretations of what is written, but we should instruct them accordingly.

Mr. Fulkes said the weakness in the standard could be corrected by having an artist define the color to determine whether the terms "silver-gray," "mouse-gray," etc., are really useful terms, or if other terms are more complete.

After a brief discussion on the number of blue dogs and owners involved, the breeding program as it should be set up in conjunction with our existing standard, instructing judges to adhere to existing standards, etc., the meeting adjourned for lunch.

At 2:30 p.m. the meeting was again called to order.

The rating and retrieving tests were discussed briefly so Warren Fulks would have some knowledge of the membership's interest in the proposed retrieving event.

Dave Brezina asked if the meeting date could be changed from March, and he was answered quickly that our Constitution states the annual membership meeting be held in March.

Tony Tadin asked who would assume the responsibility of the Sardar Memorial Trophy should the WCA use it for the Jr. Showmanship award. President Jarmie advised that WCA assumes complete care of the perpetual trophies approved by them.

When no further business was brought up, president Jarmie publicly thanked the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois for their hospitality, reminded the members of the 8:00 p.m. banquet and the New Board meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. in the Executive Suite next morning. Eleanor Burmeister moved that the meeting be adjourned, with Nels Murphy seconding the motion and it was carried.

NEW BOARD MEETING

The following Board members were in attendance when president Jarmie called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.: President Ted Jarmie, Don Button, Whit Overholzer, Phyllis Mason, Eleanor Burmeister, Tony Tadin, Bob Snyder, Dr. Harold Danforth, Helen Schulze, Herbert Heller and Viola Thomack.

Mr. Heller moved we accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded and carried.

Unfinished Business

It was unanimously agreed to publish the Top Ten Field Dogs in the magazine identical to the GSP Club and that we would have both All-Age and Derby dogs listed.

It was agreed to publish the financial statement as it is now printed with the notation that it has not been audited as yet.

In answer to the re-ordering of arm patches, Viola Thomack was instructed to order 100 of the present arm patches to tide us over while Phyllis Mason works on a sketch to improve the existing patch.

Hip Dysplasia

Don Button read a resolution which his committee came up with and suggested that it be published in the magazine independent from the minutes to gather more attention. Mr. Heller moved we adopt the committee's report. Eleanor Burmeister seconded the motion and it was carried.

Committees

The next item on the agenda was filling the various committees. Discussion followed with regard to questionnaires in the magazine on continuing the national retrieving championship trial and the national obedience championship. No action was taken.

(The various committees will be listed in the next issue after the individual members have accepted their nomination.)

Futurities

Eleanor Burmeister moved that we enforce the existing schedule to hold the Bench Futurities in July and August. The motion was seconded and carried. Eleanor Burmeister and Mary Kopus are co-chairmen of the Central Futurity and are to start work on a show immediately.

Tony Tadin will advise if their club approves the Sardar Memorial Trophy for the Junior Showmanship winner.

Herbert Heller reported his findings for the 1970 Field Futurity. Bob Snyder moved we accept the October 19-22 dates at Assunpink, New Jersey, hosted by the Hudson Valley Weimaraner Club. Phyllis Mason seconded the motion and it was carried.

It was decided to hold the next Eastern Championship in the spring of 1971.

Bob Snyder advised that his club would handle the Mid-America if no one else hosts it.

AKC Delegate

Bob Snyder moved that we appoint Herbert Heller as our AKC delegate again this year. Tony Tadin seconded the motion and it was carried.

Liaison to Europe

Whit Overholzer moved we appoint Helen Schulze as our liaison to Europe. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Executive Secretary

Eleanor Burmeister moved that we have Viola Thomack continue as Executive Secretary for another year. Tony Tadin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Blue Action

Following a short discussion period on setting up a policy toward which the Board will act, Dr. Danforth moved that the Board work toward disqualification of the blue and state that this is the present Board policy. Herbert Heller seconded the motion and the vote was 7 for and 2 against.

Don Button moved that with AKC approval we mail to all judges licensed to judge the Weimaraner breed instructions and comments on judging and

interpretation of rules. Bob Snyder seconded the motion and it was carried.

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At this point several members had to leave to catch their planes, leaving the Board without a quorum.

The subject about what to do about Letters to the Editor, ads, etc., regarding the blue situation were discussed. The Board members remaining voted to have a moratorium on the blue color subject for an indefinite period of months in view of:

- 1) the activity on the subject these recent months, and to have a cooling off period;
- 2) the fact that a petition is presently being circulated by the blues;
- 3) completely false information was published in the magazine at the request of several blue fanciers, and until a way is found to prevent publishing false or misleading material nothing on the subject will be printed in the magazine, pro, con or neutral, except in the minutes of the Board of Directors.

Viola Thomack was instructed to contact by telephone sufficient Board members for their vote to get the quorum required, and to publish the moratorium article in the earliest magazine possible.

Tony Tadin moved the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Don Button seconded the motion and it was carried.

HIP DYSPLASIA

Be it resolved that:

1. The Board of Directors of the Weimaraner Club of America recognize hip dysplasia as a presently existing and potentially increasing serious problem within the breed.
2. The data presently available is continually changing as additional knowledge is gained. WCA will continue to attempt to keep its membership informed.
3. The WCA Board of Directors charges its Breeders' Committee with continuing interest in this area.
4. The Executive Secretary is instructed to maintain a list of Weimaraners certified free of dysplasia by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc. (O.F.A.) or any member of the American Board of Veterinary Radiologists on receipt of a copy of the clearing letter or certificate. This list will not be published but is available to WCA members only upon request at a nominal charge as established from time to time (at present the price is \$1.00).
5. WCA recommends to its members that all Weimaraners be X-rayed for hip dysplasia.

ANNUAL REPORT—WEIMARANER CLUB OF AMERICA MARCH 1, 1969 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1970 RECONCILIATION OF CASH FUNDS—WEIMARANER CLUB OF AMERICA

March 1, 1969 to February 28, 1970

Cash Funds Balance March 1, 1969	\$ 6,199.59
Cash Received	\$20,305.62
Less Cash Disbursed	20,460.41
Decrease in Cash Funds for year	154.79
Add cash due Viola Thomack	51.37
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Cash Funds Balance February 28, 1970	\$ 6,096.17
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Field and Bench Futurities	\$ 4,593.03
General Funds	1,503.14
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Total Cash Funds	\$ 6,096.17

SUMMARY

CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS—WEIMARANER CLUB OF AMERICA March 1, 1969 to February 28, 1970

CASH RECEIPTS

Income from dues	\$12,035.89
Income from Futurity	5,635.00
Income from other Sources	2,634.73
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$20,305.62

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

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CASH RECEIPTS

Income from dues:	
Renewed memberships	\$ 8,742.86
New memberships	3,293.03
	\$12,035.89

Income from Futurity Receipts:

Field 1969	\$ 725.00
Bench 1969	775.00
Field 1970	880.00
Bench 1970	2,870.00
Field 1971	230.00
Bench 1971	155.00
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	\$ 5,635.00

Income from Other Sources:

Advertising	\$ 1,720.80
Insurance reimbursements	314.00
Natl. Ch. and Field Futurity	250.14
Miscellaneous Income	349.79
	2,634.73

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$20,305.62
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CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Expenses:

AKC Dues	\$ 25.00
Advertising	338.00
Dues	439.23
Executive Secretary Travel	76.65