

Minutes of the December 5, 1969 Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Weimaraner Club of America held a meeting on December 5, 1969, at the Apple Valley Motel. The meeting began at 9:00 p.m. Present were: T. W. Jarmie, President; Don Button, Vice President; Whitcomb Overholzer, Secretary-Treasurer; W. Thomson, Dr. H. Danforth, R. H. Snyder, T. Tadin and Mrs. H. Schulze.

The minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting was approved by a motion from R. Snyder and a second from Don Button, and a unanimous vote.

The Executive Secretary, Mrs. Viola Thomack, was not present at the request of the President as an economy measure. Notes of the meeting were taken by Mrs. L. Jarmie in her absence.

The essence of the Treasurer's report had already been published in the magazine via a report by the President of the Club's finances.

Mr. Don Button suggested that the Rules Committee take steps to provide each of the Committee Chairmen appointed by the WCA with information pertaining to the management, performance and responsibilities of those individual committees. It was decided that the Rules Committee report on the progress of initiating and furthering this responsibility at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Button announced that the National 1970 Specialty will be held by the Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois, in conjunction with the Wheaton Show. It was suggested at this time that Pittsburgh be given first consideration for holding the National Specialty Show in 1971. The site of the Western Bench Futurity will be the Ventura Show; the Eastern and Mid-Western sites have not as yet been selected.

At this time, some consideration and discussion was given to the possibilities of enhancing Weimaraner interest in other parts of the country where as yet bench activities such as Futurities and especially National Specialties have not been held.

A member of the Southland Weimaraner Club, Mr. J. Bartell, had asked permission to speak to the Board of Directors concerning the Blue Weimaraner. Permission was granted, and Mr. Bartell was asked to contain his talk to approximately 15 minutes.

Ted Jarmie stated that he had received letters, telephone calls and telegrams pertaining to the Blue Weimaraner requesting action be taken to accept, reject, or change the Standard; or to allow the Blue Weimaraner to become a separate variety.

Mr. Bartell requested that the entire membership be allowed to vote on the subject of the Blue, whether to: 1) have no color fault; 2) create a new variety; 3) disqualify.

Mr. Bartell asked also that it be noted that the committee previously appointed to study the Blue Weimaraner question did not have a member who owned a Blue, and that this be corrected. He completed his presentation, was asked a few pertinent questions by the Directors, and left the meeting.

The Board then discussed the matter fully. It was stated that in the 5-year period between 1952-1957—150 Blue Weimaraners were registered. It was pointed out that normal registration for the Weimaraner **per month** is approximately 450 to 600. Don Button felt that the Bench Committee and the Board consider the problem of the Blue together.

A motion was made by W. Thomson on the subject of the Blue Weimaraner. The motion is as follows:

1. The Weimaraner breed has been faced with the following problem for a number of years and the problem has not resolved itself; therefore, action should be taken soon for the betterment of the breed.

2. The Blue Weimaraner has been recognized by the AKC as a Weimaraner with a **very serious fault**.
3. The continuous breeding of such Blue Weimaraners is detrimental to the breed.
4. The Board of Directors regards the blue color as serious enough to warrant an outright disqualification.
5. The Executive Secretary is directed to obtain a formal membership vote prior to April 30 on the following question:
"The Weimaraner Standard should be changed to disqualify the Blue color."

This motion was seconded by Mr. T. Tadin. A vote was taken then by the Board. Five votes were in favor, with one against the motion (Mr. Button). Mr. Button asked that it be noted that he approves of disqualification of the Blue, but voted No because of a matter of procedure.

Pertaining to the Western Crampship, the Williamette Weimaraner Club (Oregon), will be offered the first choice of hosting the 1970 Championship Trial. Dr. Danforth made this motion, and D. Button seconded same. The motion was carried unanimously. If the Williamette Club does not desire this trial, the Southland Weimaraner Club or the Valley of the Sun Weimaraner Club will be invited to host the Western. Mr. Overholtzer put this in the form of a motion, and R. Snyder seconded that motion.

The National Meeting will be held in March of 1970. The President, Ted Jarmie, appointed Mr. Tony Tadin to obtain a qualified site and a supporting club.

The question arose as to whether or not an ILP dog will be permitted to participate in WCA events. It was decided that this question should be looked into by the Rules Committee.

The question of whether to support the Pembroke Welsh Corgi proposal to change the AKC registration procedure was considered. The President was instructed to advise the Pembroke Welsh Corgi organization that it does not appear to warrant support at this time.

A discussion followed as to how to make the Sectional Championships more successful particularly in view of all-age entries. The Board felt that steps should be taken to insure more successful championships with regard to election of judges, grounds and other matters.

Mr. Tadin made a motion that any Club not recognized by AKC not have results advertised or publicized in the Weimaraner Club of America magazine. A discussion followed, and the motion was dropped for lack of a second.

Mr. Tadin asked what could be done to continue the National Obedience Championship Trials in the future. It was pointed out that there was a lack of other than local attendance at the first such trial held by the WCA, and that it would be more fitting that the winner should be a Utility Dog if he is to be named a Champion.

Mr. Tadin also inquired as to whether the National Club could support the National Specialty financially in a greater capacity than has been the practice heretofore. It was stated that the National Club was not in a position financially to do more than it has been doing in this area.

Mr. Button reported that action in the BROM system to date has been very slow with only three members submitting reports.

A suggestion was made that a Trophy be awarded the sire of the Field Futurity Winner. This trophy will be given at Mrs. H. Schulze's request. The motion was made by R. Snyder and seconded by W. Thomson that this trophy begin with the 1970 Futurity. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Thomson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Dr. Danforth at 2:00 a.m.