

*January 11, 2003*

*Montana German Shorthaired Pointer Club meeting*

Present in Billings at the home of Jean Graham: Jean Graham, Nancy Lane, Carol Nelson, Rod Abercrombie and Fenway

Present in via speaker phone Helena at the home of John Kurtz: John Kurtz, Leanne Smith, Jim Whiitila

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Lane at 12:35 PM.

***MOTION:*** Nancy Lane made a motion to accept the minutes of the October minutes as corrected. The correction was Allan to Alan. Leanne Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Nancy Lane's President's report:** Nancy sent a letter to AKC Dec. 9, 2002 moving up the specialty club status. She will call on the status at the end of the month.

Nancy received a letter and e-mail from GSPCA requesting nominations for the 2004 national specialty judges by Jan. 15, 2003.

***MOTION:*** Nancy Lane made a motion that Carol Nelson and she get together and submit their suggestions for judges for the 2004 national specialty show. Leanne Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Leanne Smith's Secretary's report:** The newsletter is being produced in a new format and distributed via e-mail as well as regular mail. Eleven members do not have e-mail. There were several positive comments made by members regarding delivery and format. The savings will be approximately \$100 per year.

Leanne asked for articles, editorials and photos from members for publication in the newsletter and on the website. Members Donna Cook will write an editorial and Chris Eckhoff will write a couple of articles and submit photos.

**Carol Nelson's Treasurer's report:** The balance in the checking account is \$814.08.

The following bills were submitted for payment: \$35 for website update; \$120 for GSPCA parent club dues and \$15 for renewal of Montana non-profit status.

***MOTION:*** Rod Abercrombie made a motion to accept the bills as presented and that they be paid. Fenway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Old Business:
  - Website  
Leanne Smith will assume the duties of webmaster for the club. The site is [www.montanagspca.org](http://www.montanagspca.org). The site is registered in Carol Nelson's name. The passwords

to the program and site will have to be re-issued. Carol was given information on how to facilitate the change.

The site expires March 2003 and will be moved to a less expensive server as soon as the paperwork has been completed.

- Fund-raiser

***MOTION:*** Nancy Lane made a motion for Leanne to contact Roland Cheek and establish a date for a fundraiser in Billings that will coincide with one of his book signings. Fenway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Leanne and Nancy will work on the details.

***MOTION:*** Nancy Lane made a motion that Leanne and she conduct a telephone poll of members once an actual date has been established and present them with a couple of ideas for their approval. Fenway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Hunt Test

Jim Whiitila reported that a NASTRA Hunt test will not be able to take place this spring. He is working with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to put on a joint hunt test, fun match and educational event in the Helena/Three Forks area.

Nancy Lane reported that people in Colorado and Washington have expressed interest in attending an event in Montana.

Nancy Lane pointed out that we will require a minimum of 90 day lead time to prepare for such an event and to announce it through AKC.

Nancy Lane and Jim Whiitila will work together to determine the break even point on an event and establish a budget.

Jim will work with the Mother's Day weekend dates of May 10 and 11. He will also work on securing grounds for the event.

Nancy Lane will work on obtaining birds and judges.

Rod Abercrombie expressed interest in holding a hunt test in the Buffalo, Wyoming area. He will check on dates and locations.

- New Business

- Carol Nelson requested a decision be made on producing more membership cards.

***MOTION:*** Leanne made a motion to suspend the production of membership cards. Jean Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

***MOTION:*** Nancy Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jean Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by President Nancy Lane at 1:07 PM.