

November 1, 2003

Meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m at the home of Carol Nelson and Rod Abercrombie, Billings, Montana

Attendance: Rod Abercrombie, Carol Nelson, Phinwe Hamilton , Nancy Lane, and Chris Eckhoff and Jim Wittala by phone.

The minutes from the last meeting were unanimously approved with Carol making the motion and Jim seconding.

Nancy reported that rescue is going nuts with lots of adoptions but even more owner turn ins. The dog show in Rapid City was well attended with 28 GSP and 32 Weimaraners in competition. She also recommended all club members visit our web site often to catch our news between meetings and just to enjoy all the effort Leanne puts into it to make it the site it is.

Secretary report was given by Nancy as Leanne was in ID with her father for his heart surgery. Leanne sent out dues notices, election ballots to all members and the newsletter as well to those not having e-mail. We tried sending postage paid envelopes to all in the hopes of getting a better response back. Nancy reported the letters received from AKC about our September FT process and about a sanctioned match. She also contacted AKC webmaster and asked that our MTGSP club be listed as the breeder referral for GSP in MT in addition to the all breed clubs. AKC has complied. We are also now listed on the "Bird Dog and Retriever News" web site.

Carol gave the treasurers report. We have not had any recent expenses and the dues have not yet been added in.

Unfinished Business included more info about holding an AKC sanctioned fun match in Billings in June. AKC requires that the only dogs that can enter are GSP. We had hoped to expand to all sporting dogs but that will not be allowed. We can hold a puppy class for 3-6 month olds as well as the regular classes. Carol will let Nancy know who the show chairman is so we can get the club to give us written approval to hold the event after BIS on the middle day of the 2004 Copper Circuit.

The quilt raffle continues to raise money for rescue. Pictures are now up on the web site, tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. We appreciate your support.

Committee reports; Jim reported on possible dates for a Hunt test this spring. Carol asked that it not be on a major holiday especially Mother's Day so she can attend. Jim will get a date lined out so grounds can be

reserved and judges can be contacted early.

FT, Chris and Joy traveled to Bainville to check out potential FT grounds at the Montana River Inn. There is a nice area that would work for a field trial. The owners sent Nancy a proposal on what could be provided and the prices. We decided to flesh out a few more details and go with the plan as outlined at the meeting. We want this all in place early this year.

New Business: Carol opened the sealed ballots and made an official count in the presence of the attendees. The results were, the current officers stand for another year and the board members are Chris Eckhoff, Judy Merwin and John Nunnes.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Nancy