

GREAT LAKES CHAPTER OF VDD-GNA

Meeting Minutes

February 24th 2024

The Great Lakes Chapter of VDD-GNA was called to order at 5:04 pm on 2/24/2024 in Delaware, Ohio by Kathleen Gannon.

Present

Kathleen Gannon-Chair

Ivan Birkenstock-Vice Chair

Dan Carlisle-Business Manager

Jim Smith-Director of Testing

Scott Lover-Breed Warden

Lyndon Roeller-Assistant to the Board

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The BOD accepted a motion to wave the reading of the minutes.

Motion to accept: Max Lenhard

2nd to accept: Joe Beiter

Old Business

The Financial Report was given by Dan Carlisle

Beginning Balance:		\$7053.34
2/17/23 VJP Pins	\$244.00	\$6809.34
4/6/23 Lyndon (website income)	+\$1,000.00	\$7,809.34
4/27/23 Judges Shirts	-\$286.89	\$7522.45
7/10/23 Judges Shirts	-\$195.03	\$7327.42
8/18/23 Armbruster Prize Table	-\$500.00	\$6827.42
8/18/23 Armbruster Program Add	-\$150.00	\$6677.42
9/19/23 Lease test grounds (HILLSDALE)	-\$250.00	\$6427.42
9/22/23 Judge Handler Lunches	-\$92.67	\$6334.66
10/1/23 Judges shirts	-192.08	\$6142.58

Membership is at 129 members

Motion to Accept the financial report: Joe Beiter

2nd the motion: Stephen Rogers

GLC Website & Email Report given by Lyndon Roeller

Website:

3,000 visitors to the site

Total of 22 orders last year

Total gross sales of \$1000.00

Sales were down 80% from 2022 (we stopped selling furs)

Site cost us \$468 last year in fees (we pay \$39 each month)

This year I am going to switch to yearly billing which will save \$120

Hoping that we can switch to using the national website to do online sales in 2025

Email

We have 262 subscribers to our email list

We sent out a total of ten emails last year

We have an average open rate of 60-70% (which is very good)

I hope to send out twelve emails this year. Would be good to average one per month.

If anyone has things to announce, please contact me

Testing: Jim Smith

2023 VJP's

Pleasantville, Ohio 10 dogs tested- 10 passed

Plymouth, Indiana 10 dogs were tested- 10 passed

Marysville, Ohio 10 dogs were tested- 10 passed

2023 HZP'S

Hastings, Michigan 9 dogs tested-7 passed

Hillsdale, Michigan 8 dogs tested -6 passed

2024 BTR

Highlandtown, Ohio 8 dogs tested – 5 passed

The GLC has one new Performance judge: Bill Witmer

And two apprentices': Will Good and Stephen Rogers

Testing grounds are getting harder to find so if anyone has access to a property where a test could be held contact Jim Smith for details. We are in need of grounds for a VGP test.

Motion to accept testing report: Max Lenhard

2nd to accept: Stephen Rogers

Breed Warden: Scott Lover

49 puppies born in the GLC last year.

Blood draws are no longer required for new litters

Kennel Regulations are still in place for new kennels

Kennel inspections will be conducted by Tattoo administrators

There is currently one kennel submission in the GLC

Motion to accept Breed Warden report: Levi Ohman

2nd to accept Alan Hogan

NEW BUSINESS

Kathleen announced GLC awards

Exemplary award: Todd Wilbright for work on Drahtfest

Terry Adkins for many years of service

Matt Vantillburgh for many years of service

Distinguished Awards:

Silver Hegewald Needle: A merit award for special services to the VDD.

Marty Ryan

Dan Crusey

25yr member: Frank Vandresser

VDD GNA Executive Committee election year

Chairman: Mike Seckar

Vice Chair: Lee Root

Breed Warden: Mike Fortner

**Deputy Breed Warden: Rhonda Feazel

Business Manager: Faith Wood

Treasurer: Tyler Seegar

Communications Manager (Newsletter Editor): Lona Kluck

Mike Fortner candidate for GNA Breed Warden was present and introduced himself to the GLC membership fielding various questions from the group.

the executive committee candidates are running unopposed at this time and the GLC election supports those candidates. Kathleen will support the GLC vote at the National Meeting.

A motion was made to accept the election: Lyndon Roeller

A 2nd to accept: Joe Beiter

Open Discussion:

Ivan: During training days keep your eyes open for possible testing grounds.

Levi: Do we need a certain amount of acreage to have a test?

Jim: Explained what is needed for each test. Call Jim and he will have a judge check the grounds for suitability.

Ivan: Scott and Marina Lover, Alan and Nicole Hogan have done a great job putting on the 2024 annual meeting. Thank you to everyone donating and supporting the auction.

Kathleen: Looking forward we would like to have a proposal to host the Armbuster at next years annual meeting.

Alan: We need to have training days that include our families.

Dan Crusey: Offered grounds for family camping and training a weekend in July. Lyndon will notify the membership through email when dates are set.

Max: Joe Beiter will carry the Suchensieger award to both of the spring VJP'S to hand out to the high scoring dog in the GLC.

The Annual Meeting, Banquet and Chukar Challenge

Total income \$11358.00

Expenses - \$4284.58

Net Profit \$7073.42

6:02pm The meeting adjourned

Motion to adjourn: Joe Beiter

2nd the motion: Jim Smith

Minutes submitted by: Dan Carlisle

Approved by:

