

## Minutes of the Greater Charleston Weimaraner Club Meeting

September 14, 2010

In attendance were: Bobby Reeder, Mike Farrell, Linda Garrett, Bill Hall, Mary Ann Hall, Rhett Myers, Jeannette Myers, Megan Lamberson, Barbara Glover, Elena Lamberson, Pam Mahaffey, and David Mahaffey. New members present were Billie and Richard Nagorniak.

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Glover. Secretary Pam Mahaffey reported on mail she had received from AKC involving updating officers, membership lists, etc. She will be sending these documents to AKC.

Treasurer Rhett Myers reported that there is \$9,530.45 in the treasury. A \$1000 donation was made by Robin Paris Clow. Dues are due and are \$20 single and \$25 family.

### Committee Reports:

1 Rescue -Elena Lamberson gave the Rescue Report: We have placed 52 rescued Weimaraners this year already. We need foster homes for the dogs. She will send out a flyer for club members to put in a clear sheet cover and post in various public locations. Also, we greatly appreciate the \$1000 donation from Robin Paris Clow which will allow us to do heartworm treatment on some rescue dogs. The club will mail a card of appreciation to Robin.

2 Hunting Tests - Mary Ann Hall gave the Hunting Tests Report: The Hunting Tests will be December 11 and 12 and January 15 and 16. The judges so far are Ross Adams and Larry Evans. We are looking at new property near Allendale, SC where there may be access to 1200 acres for possibly holding the January tests.

3 Ratings -Linda Garrett is the new Ratings Chair (replacing Pam Cherry) and gave a report that Retrieving Ratings are October 31. The test will offer Novice Retrieving Dog (NRD) and Retrieving Dog (ND) only. It will be held at Silversmith Farm.

4 Novice Field Day - Novice Field Day is October 30. Elena said she has entry forms for club members to take to dog events because the NFD is for all pointing breeds. We will have a supper and party at the Lambersons home on Saturday evening.

### Old Business,

1 Elena said that the bird pen is in the process of being built for a cost of \$2800. It will be ready in two weeks so that Linda Garrett can bring over a load of pigeons for Retrieving practice.

### New Business

1 Elena wants to investigate having the club's Weimaraner Rescue name to encompass more of South Carolina, since we do all of the Weim rescue for the state. She would like it to include a broader scope in its name. Perhaps, "Weimaraner Rescue of SC". It was agreed to look into what would be needed to

set this up, as it may have to be a separate entity. It was suggested that possibly we could simply use the new name as a DBA (doing business as) under our club name to eliminate having to form a separate 501c3 entity, incorporating, etc which is fairly expensive.

2 Mary Ann Hall made an appeal to members to contact Virginia Alexander [17301 Germantown Rd, Germantown, MD 20874 ]about whether the Standards committee should remove a non docked tail as a "very serious fault" and either add undocked tail as being acceptable or be silent on the issue. (Should it be an "either-or" situation). Many states have animal rights groups against tail docking and may get laws changed to ban it in their states. California is one which has a lot of this activity. With our current standard, an undocked tail could become a problem when a person wants to show a dog. Long-haired Weimaraners and their inclusion was also recommended. It was stated that the US is the only country in the world that does not recognize the Longhair Weimaraner [it was recognized by Germany and Austria in 1935]

3 PayPal for Rescue - the club would like to investigate an easier way for people to make donations to the club's Rescue Program; maybe institute a pay system like Pay Pal. Rhett Myers said we needed a club email and that if we have that, he can proceed to find a way to use PayPal for Rescue donations by inserting a PayPal button on the Club's rescue website. Elena said she will get a club email.

4 A Rescue Incident was discussed as follows:

On July 26, 2010 a GCWC club member, Ms.Pam Cherry, a Rescue Committee member, who was fostering a rescue Weimaraner "Dakota" was given valid information that a ride for this dog to Greenville, SC could be arranged with another club member, Ms. Mary Ann Hall, so that Dakota could go to a new foster home with Ms. Katie Malone in Tryon, NC. Ms. Cherry however, for reasons unknown, failed to coordinate these travel arrangements with Ms. Hall. Consequently, on July 29, Ms. Cherry made the decision to turn Dakota over to Charleston Animal Society (CAS) as a "stray" . Furthermore, Ms. Cherry kept the documentation on "Dakota" so that the CAS was put in the position of having to possibly euthanizing her. On July 30, after searching for paperwork, other club members were able to find Dakota's history as being from the Bamberg shelter, and had the Bamberg shelter fax the documents to CAS - this took 4 hours plus a pull fee of \$45. Club members were able to find another ride to Greenville for Dakota on July 31 where she was picked up by Ms. Katie Malone, her new foster home in Tryon, NC.

At tonight's meeting, the club members unanimously decided to remove Pam Cherry from any committees in our club.

Wins and Brags

There were many wins and brags, which brought out many dollars as donations for Rescue.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, at Jason's Deli, West Ashley.

Pam Mahaffey, Secretar