**MINUTES OF THE GVC MEETING HELD**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Joyce Jackson. Location of the

meeting was Rib City in Des Peres, MO. 15 members were present.

The minutes of the December 2019 meeting was sent to members on January 13, 2020.

A motion to approve the December 2019 minutes was made. Motion carried.

**President report:** No report this month.

**Secretary report:** It is time for our annual renewal of membership for the 2020 year. All

members need to complete a membership renewal application and pay their dues to

remain a member in good standing. Members will have until January 31, 2020 to mail in

their application and dues to the secretary. Currently, we have 37 members that have

renewed and we are waiting to hear back from 23 members. GVC taxes will be filed with

the IRS at the end of January. Announcement of an AKC Performance Event Scholarship

that is available to young people who have an interest in AKC Performance Sports. The

deadline to file is March 6, 2020. If anyone knows someone who may be interested,

contact Mary Martin for information.

**Treasurer’s report:** A summary financial statement was submitted which included the

December 2019 income and expenses and a copy of the checks written on our bank

account. There were three expenses. Expenses were for postage stamps, our website

maintenance and an Amazon gift card for rescue. There was no income in December.

The club is solvent.

**COMMITTEES**

**Field Trial:** The field trial will be held on October 3-4, 2020 at Middlefork State Fish

and Wildlife Area in Oakwood, IL. There may be a change in who will chair the event,

due to a scheduling conflict. We are not having a Field Practice Day this year.

**Hunt Test**: The Hunt Test will be held on March 21-22 at MO Gun and Quail. A double

hunt test will be held. All paperwork has been submitted to AKC and the premium was

emailed to all GVC members and former participants. One of our judges will be having

surgery and may not be able to judge. We need workers to run the Hunt Test. Those

who wish to help with the Hunt Test should contact the Hunt Test Secretaries, Debbie

Baker and Donna Yakel or Hunt Test Chairman, Val Smith.

**Youth and Women’s Hunt Test (not a GVC event):** This is not a GVC event;

however, we have provided a partial cost of the food for the event in the past. A motion

was approved in January 2020 that we would pay for one-half of the cost of the food

for these hunts. By doing this, GVC meets a public community service and outreach

requirement of the AKC. Questions about the Hunt Tests can be directed to Ed

Rosenbaum.

**Specialty:** The Specialty will be held on Friday, February 28 at the Purina Event

Center in Gray Summit, MO. The premium is out and was mailed to prior participants

by our superintendent, Foy Trent. It is also posted to their website. Deadline for entries

is February 12. Trophy sponsorship sign-up sheets were available at the January 2020

meeting. Only seven trophies still need to be sponsored. A Sign-Up Genius email was

sent to members for those trophies which are not yet sponsored. If anyone wants to

put an ad in the catalog, we need those before the show closes. We need members to

bring items for the raffle baskets to the meeting in February. Members need to tell

interested parties about the specialty and encourage them to enter the shows.

**Rescue**: All dogs we have taken in during 2019 have been happily placed. The dogs

were neutered and spayed. This year, we placed a lot of young dogs. Val Smith is

selling the book “The Vizsla” by B.C. Boggs for $ 10 per book to raise money for

rescue. Contact her if you are interested in obtaining a copy.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Members were reminded to bring pictures to the monthly meetings of prior GVC events

for the 40-year celebration memory book.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Combined Specialty Committee**: GVC is the chair this year for this committee, which

puts on the combined specialty shows the weekend of the GVC specialty. The

committee prepares the list of judges they want to hire for the shows. GVC then hires

our judges from the group of judges selected by the combined specialty committee.

GVC saves thousands of dollars by sharing judges with the other dog clubs holding

events those weekends. Meetings are held on Tuesday. We need a volunteer to fill our

position on the committee. Since we are the chair this year, it will be several years

before we will again chair the committee.

**AKC MARKETPLACE**

**AKC Marketplace**: A member of a Colorado dog club contacted GVC and other

regional dog clubs in the U.S. He is concerned about potential dog buyers purchasing

a dog from a production kennel or puppy mill. He wants to promote education to the

public and provide responsible breeding contacts from each regional club, which will be

posted to the AKC Marketplace website. The process for each regional club is to place

an ad on the website at a cost of $ 99 per year. This ad would provide education about

the breed and list the name of a contact person (preferably a breeder of merit) who

could provide names of responsible breeders. (The AKC takes no responsibility for the

listings posted to the website by high volume/production breeders). Discussion of the

potential risks to the individual listed as the contact person. A motion was made that

GVC does not post an ad on the AKC Marketplace. Motion carried.

**GVC Website:** Discussion about making our website more attractive and user-friendly

to the public. One website design company in the St. Louis area we could possibly use

offers both an annual or monthly service fee. They also do training for members to

learn how to do our own web design. It was decided that we would get more

information about companies that could potentially do the website design. Discussion

about what features and content we want on the GVC website. It was determined that

further investigation into potential costs is needed. A motion was made that we

investigate what features we want on the website redesign and the cost to have each

feature put on the website. Motion carried.

Boasts and Brags were mentioned at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Rib City, Des Peres, MO.

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesdays of the month, however in February, it

will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, since the Westminster Dog Show will be

held on the second Tuesday of February.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Martin, GVC Secretary