

# German Longhaired Pointer Club of North America, Inc.

## **Bylaws** As of July 29, 2010

### **Section 1. Name, Location, and Fiscal Year.**

- 1) The club goes by the name, "German Longhaired Pointer Club of North America" and is hereafter referred to as "GLPCNA".
- 2) The club is currently headquartered where the GLPCNA Agent lives, which at the present time is 1342 Inwood Road, Rochester, MI 48306.
- 3) The GLPCNA is currently seeking recognition by the Federation Cynologique Internationale as the parent club for the German Longhaired Pointer Club in the United States and Canada.
- 4) The fiscal year is the calendar year.

### **Section 2. Purpose of the Club.**

1) The purpose of this organization is to develop a German Longhaired Pointer for North American hunting conditions. The objectives of the organization will be to establish a sound breeding program based on field testing, adherence to the FCI breed standard based on the German standard for type, coat, conformation and the elimination of physical defects. Strong emphasis will be placed on nose, pointing, water work, cooperation, and temperament.

A) Motto: Performance first. In the field, in the water, after the shot.

2) The club solely and directly pursues non-profit objectives as defined in the section of the tax code on "tax privileged" activities.

A) The club engages in altruistic activities. It does not engage primarily in for-profit activities. The resources of the club may only be used for purposes that conform to the bylaws.

B) Members do not receive shares of any earnings, nor do they receive any other gains from the club's resources in their capacity as members. Furthermore, no person may benefit from disbursements that are contrary to the legal purpose of the club, or from disproportionately high reimbursement. All holders of the club offices serve in an honorary capacity.

### **Section 3. GLPCNA Membership.**

1) Any person who commits to the ideals of the GLPCNA with the intention of adhering to the GLPCNA bylaws and regulations may apply to become a member. Prospective members need to complete the GLPCNA Membership Application form and send the appropriate membership fee to the treasurer or committee/departmental member (as noted on membership form) to join the club. After the GLPCNA treasurer or departmental/committee member receives the membership application form and the membership fee, he/she will notify the GLPCNA secretary or membership personell with the new member's contact information. The GLPCNA secretary or membership personell will then mail a welcome packet to the new member. The welcome packet will contain a

membership directory, a copy of the club's bylaws, a copy of the most recent GLPCNA newsletter, and a GLPCNA decal.

2) **Non-discrimination.** The qualification for membership or for holding office or appointed position will be without regard to age, sex, religion, national origin or other factors prohibited by law.

3) **Membership Renewal.** Membership is renewed on an annual basis. Members can be found to be ineligible for membership renewal if they are found in conflict with GLPCNA bylaws or regulations. If a member is suspected of misconduct, their name must be submitted to the GLPCNA President either prior to the annual business meeting or during the current fiscal year. The member in question's name will be added to the meeting agenda or a phone conference held with the board of directors and the membership will vote on whether to allow membership or not. A majority vote wins.

4) **Membership is to be paid once yearly.** Membership is effective upon the treasurer's or committee/departmental personell receipt of the membership application and membership fee and is valid for that fiscal year. The treasurer or membership personell will send out reminders (either electronically or through the mail) to members to renew their memberships. Once a membership expires, that member will no longer receive any materials from the GLPCNA.

5) There shall be three types of membership open to interested applicants:

A) **Junior Membership.** This membership is for one individual under the age of 18 years of age. They will receive one copy of each of the materials in the welcome packet, as well as one copy of each GLPCNA newsletter and will be eligible for entering GLPCNA events.

B) **Single Membership.** This membership is for one individual of any age. Single members are eligible to have 1 vote in GLPCNA affairs and able to run for office. They will receive one copy of each of the materials in the welcome packet, as well as one copy of each GLPCNA newsletter. The membership fee for one single membership for one year is \$30.00.

C) **Family Membership.** This membership is available for any household in which multiple family members wish to be members of the GLPCNA. Every person living in the household (including children under the age of 18) and eligible for entering GLPCNA events or running for GLPCNA offices. However, each family membership is only eligible to have 2 votes in GLPCNA affairs. Each family membership household will receive one copy of each of the materials in the welcome packet with the addition of one GLPCNA decal. Family membership households will receive one copy of each GLPCNA newsletter. Family memberships are strongly recommended if you have more than one member of the household that is interested in entering a GLPCNA breed show or participating in club meetings. The membership fee for one family membership for one year is \$40.00.

C) **Membership Renewal/New membership.** Membership renewals are due once a year. New members joining from October 1 through December 31 are paid through through December 31 of the following calendar year. Dues are not prorated and are non-refundable. The membership renewal fee remains the same as the initial membership fees (Free for junior renewal, \$30.00 for single renewal and \$40.00 for family renewal).

## Section 4. GLPCNA Board of Directors.

1) All Board members shall be members in good standing who are residents of North America and Foreign Countries. The Board of Directors will consist of a President, Vice-President of Foreign Affairs and of Operations, Secretary and Treasurer. Each of these offices shall be elected for a four (4) year term and shall serve until their successors are elected. The President may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms. An outgoing President may not run for President without a 4 year lapse in board service.

2) **Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors will carry out the policies set forth by the Board. All Board members are to receive all meeting agendas and minutes. Decisions of the Board of Directors require the participation of at least three of its members, among who must number the president or vice president, and the member of the Board whose specialty is involved. No person shall hold more than one position on the board. Decisions of the Board are passed with a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the president casts the deciding vote. Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.

b) **Vice President of Foreign Affairs and of Operations.** The Vice Presidents shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the GLPCNA and of the Board and of all votes taken by mail, and of all matters which a record shall be ordered by the club. The Secretary shall furnish copies of the minutes of all the meetings to each member of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be in charge of all official correspondence, including distribution of welcome packets and notification of club meetings and events. Finally, the Secretary shall keep a membership directory (roll of the current members of the club with their mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers), and will carry out any other official duties as are prescribed in these by laws.

d) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. The Treasurer shall deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the club. The Treasurer shall disperse all payments approved by the Board. The President and two board members shall have authority to sign all checks in the case of absence, illness and death of the Treasurer (3 per signature card). The Treasurer's books shall at all times, be open to inspection of the Board and the Treasurer shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the Annual Meeting, the Treasurer shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year.

3) Any vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors during the year shall be filled at the next annual election by a majority vote of all GLPCNA members, except that a vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-Presidents, and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board. In the event an officer(s) should resign prior to their serving term, the President shall appoint interim members to serve until the next annual election.

## Section 5. Committees and Departments.

1) **Appointment.** The Board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the GLPCNA or special committees or departments for particular projects. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board.

2) **Termination.** Any committee/departamental appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those person whose service has been terminated.

A) **Registrar.** The Registrar shall be responsible for processing registration information for German Longhaired Pointer puppies and adult dogs and submitting pedigrees to owners. He/she will keep a database of every German Longhair Pointer registered through the GLPCNA. The Registrar shall also certify qualified dogs for breeding. The Registrar will check to ensure that each dog submitted fro breeding certification has fulfilled all of the requirements to be considered eligible for breeding. The Registrar will notify the owner of his/her decision to certify/not certify the dog for breeding. The Registrar also receives and validates requests from kennels/breeders who wish to be approved the GLPCNA. The registrar shall forward a back-up disk to the President on a quarterly bases.

B) **Web Editor.** The Web Editor shall maintain and update the GLPCNA website as necessary. The Webmaster will receive a list of all GLPCNA approved breeders from the Registrar as each breeder or kennel is listed. He/she is responsible for posting that kennel's information on the website as soon as possible. The Web Editor shall also post all litter announcements and stud listings on request. He/she will check with the registrar to ensure that all litters/studs are owned by GLPCNA approved breeders/kennels. The web editor shall forward back-up of files, copy of passwords, web hosting, etc. information to the President and Treasurer. Web Editor shall register any club related purchases as GLPCNA Agent.

C.) **Public Relations Chair.** The Public Relations Chair's primary responsibility is to develop promotional ideas to inform and educate the public about the German Longhair Pointer and the GLPCNA. The Public Relations Chair shall create marketing strategies to increase the membership of the GLPCNA and increase public awareness of this rare breed. The Public Relations Chair will also serve ass the official spokesperson of the GLPCNA.

A) The Longhair News: A bi-annual/quarterly newsletter publication that informs members about GLP news, GLP health, events, etc...

B) GLPCNA Update: A publication that informs members about club events, litters, about hunting experiences etc... every one to two months depending on membership participation.

D) **Breeding Committee.** The Breeding Committee is to be appointed by the Board of Directors based on pre-requisites. The Breeding Committee consists of three qualified members in good standing that are knowledgable in conformation evaluation, genetics, and reproduction of dogs. The Breed Committee is to approve of each litter produced within the club. Breeders are required to submit their planned breeding to the Breeding Committee for approval before actually performing the breeding. Breedings unapproved by the Breed Committee are ineligible for registration by the GLPCNA. The Breeding Committee is also responsible for considering exceptions to the breeding requirements. Owners may appeal to the Breeding Committee if they think that their longhair should be

certified for breeding even if it has not completed the breeding requirements as outlined in Section 9 of these bylaws.

## **Section 6. Voting, Nominations, and Elections.**

1) **Voting.** At the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting of the Club, voting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting. The election of the Board of Directors will be decided by written ballot cast by mail from all members in good standing. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail.

2) **Elections.** The election of the Board of Directors, as well as other matter deemed important shall be conducted by secret ballot. To be valid, ballots must be postmarked by June 25<sup>th</sup> (of the election year). Ballots shall be counted by three (3) inspectors of election who are members in good standing and neither members of the current Board nor candidates on the ballot will count the ballots. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie vote, the members present at the meeting (or via conference call), shall by vote decide between those tied. If any nominee, at the time of the meeting (in person or conference call), is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Section 4.3.

3. **Nominations and Ballots.** No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these bylaws.

A) No person shall be a candidate for more than two positions on the Board of Directors.

B) Any member in good standing can nominate a candidate by written petition - postmarked on or before March 1 (of the election year) addressed to the Secretary. The written petition shall be accompanied by the written acceptance of the candidate with an optional resume or a letter describing qualifications.

C) Any person wishing to nominate themselves can do so by written petition accompanied by a letter or resume describing your qualifications and postmarked on or before March 15 (of the current election year) addressed to the Secretary.

D) If one or more valid additional nominations postmarked on or before March 15 (of the the election year) are received by the Secretary; the Secretary shall, on or before April 1 (of the election year) mail to each eligible member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year, a ballot listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, together with an optional resume with the states in which they reside, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking their ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which in turn shall be placed the second envelope addressed to the Secretary and post marked no later than May 1 (of the election year). The inspectors of election shall check the returns against the list of members eligible to vote whose dues are paid for the current year -- prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank

envelopes, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting which shall be announced by mail or email at the annual club meeting (usually held summer or fall of each year).

E) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided above with the exception of Board members who are unable to complete their terms or serve when elected. In these situations, a new Board member will be elected as stated in Section 4.3.

## **Section 7. Order of Business and Parliamentary Authority.**

1) **Annual Meetings.** At meeting of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit; shall be as follows:

- a) Roll Call
- b) Minutes of the Last Meeting
- c) Report of President
- d) Report of Vice President of Operations
- e) Report of Vice President of Foreign Affairs
- f) Report of Committees and Departments (if applicable)
- g) Election of Board of Directors (if applicable)
- h) Unfinished Business
- i) New Business
- j) Adjournment

2) **Board Meetings.** At meeting of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- a) Minutes of the Last Meeting
- b) Report of Secretary
- c) Report of Treasurer
- d) Report of committees/Departments (if applicable)
- e) Unfinished Business
- f) New Business
- g) Adjournment

## **Section 8. Registration and Breeder/Kennel Approval.**

1) The GLPCNA will act as a international registry for American and Canadian German Longhaired Pointers. German Longhaired Pointers can be registered two ways. Each will require a copy of at least a three-generation pedigree from an FCI or other recognized pure-breed dog organization, a completed GLPCNA registration form, and the appropriate registration fee. A German Longhaired Pointer only has to be registered one time (either as a single registration or part of a litter registration).

A) **Single Registration.** Single registration forms may be filled out for individual longhairs. These registrations are usually filled out by owners of adult longhairs that were not registered as puppies. The single registration fee shall be \$20.00 (fees are subject to change).

B) **Litter Registration.** Litter registration forms may be filled out to register an

entire litter of German Longhaired Pointer puppies all at once. Litter registration forms are filled out by the breeder of the litter. All GLPCNA approved kennels/breeders MUST register their litters with the GLPCNA. The litter registration fee shall be \$5.00 per puppy (e.g. a litter of 8 puppies would have a litter registration fee of \$40.00)(fee subject to change). At this time the breeder/kennel may have the option to purchase a 1 year membership to the GLPCNA for each new puppy buyer at a fee of \$10.00 each (Fee subject to change).

C) **Ownership Transfer.** To transfer ownership of a GLPCNA-registered longhair from a previous owner to a new owner, members can fill out a Transfer of Ownership form. The new owner will then be issued new registration papers. The fee for a Transfer of Ownership shall be \$20.00 (fee subject to change).

2) Although the GLPCNA does not require German Longhaired Pointer kennels/breeders to register their kennel names, only approved kennels/breeders will be supported by the GLPCNA. For approval a breeder must request approval by the Registrar. The Registrar will send the breeder a copy of the GLPCNA Bylaws which the breeder must read, sign and date, and return to the Registrar. The Registrar will approve the kennel once he/she receives this document. This is a one-time process and breeders/kennels will remain approved unless complaints are filed by other GLPCNA members stating that the kennel is not adhering to the GLPCNA Bylaws or the breeding restrictions. There is no fee to register your kennel or as a breeder.

3) Permanent Identification is required on all longhairs registries with the GLPCNA. This requirement may be fulfilled by either microchipping or tattooing the puppy/dog. The Registrar will keep a record of all permanent identification on all GLPCNA longhairs.

## **Section 9. Breeding Rules and Test Regulations.**

### **Hunt Testing Requirements**

The GLPCNA requires all German Longhaired Pointers to pass one natural ability hunting test and an advanced level test before they can be bred. If a German Longhaired Pointer missed its puppy test it is required to test in an advanced level test and then complete the advanced testing PE in order to be considered for breeding. Each German Longhaired Pointer will have 2 chances to pass each test. To be certified for breeding, a longhair must receive at least "good" scores in the categories of nose, pointing, and search. There are 3 testing organizations in which a longhair can fulfill its hunt testing requirement: the Versatile Hunting Dog Federation (VHDF), North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA), or the Verein Deutsch Drahthaar Group North America (VDD-GNA).

a) **VHDF.** All longhairs must pass the Hunting Aptitude Evaluation (HAE) by 18 months of age and must pass the Advanced Hunting Aptitude Evaluation (AHAE) by 30 months of age. The VHDF tests also use a 12-point scale for scoring each category to qualify for breeding, a longhair must score a 6 or above in nose, pointing, and search in HAE and the AHAE. A longhair must also score at least "fair" (3 or above) in all other categories.

b) **NAVHDA.** All longhairs must pass the Natural Ability Test (NA) by 18 months of age. All longhairs must also pass either a Utility Preparatory Test (UPT) or a Utility Test (UT). NAVHDA uses a 4-point scale to score their tests. To qualify for breeding under this system, a longhair must score all 3's in nose, pointing, and search in the NA, UPT, and UT.

c) **VDD-GNA.** Longhairs must pass the VJP (puppy test) by 18 months of age and

complete the HZP (fall breeding test) by 24 months of age. The tests are scored on a 12–point scale. To qualify for breeding, a longhair needs to score a 9, 10, 11, or 12 in nose, pointing, and search in the VJP and HZP.

d) **Advanced Testing.** Acceptable advanced test include, but are not limited to the Advanced Hunting Aptitude Evaluation or the Performance Evaluation (VHDF), the Utility Preparatory Test or Utility Test (NAVHDA), and the HZP or VGP (JGHV/VDD–GNA).

### **Breed Show Requirements**

Before any German Longhaired Pointer can be certified for breeding, it must first be evaluated at one breed show. Breed shows are offered every year during the annual meeting. Longhairs must be at least 12 months old to participate in a breed show. If the owner chooses, a longhair may be entered in up to 2 breed shows. Only the most recent breed show results will be valid. At the breed show, longhairs will have their type, conformation, and coat evaluated. In each category, a longhair can earn a poor, good, very good or excellent rating. Only longhairs who earn at least a good in each category can be considered for breeding. The judges at the breed show will also measure the height of longhairs entered to ensure that all dogs are within the FCI standard.

a) Each breed show will be judged by a panel of three judges. The senior judge and one other judge will be members in good standing with the GLPCNA. Both will have completed the required training and have been certified as a breed show judge. A third judge will be invited each year from the AKC, CKC or from a different European country. The GLPCNA wished to have this foreign input to ensure that our dogs exemplify the FCI Standard.

### **Temperament Requirements**

To ensure each German Longhaired Pointer maintains the calm, cooperative temperament that the breed is known for, each longhair being considered for breeding must have its temperament evaluated. Temperament evaluations take place at the annual breed show and club meeting. Each dog will receive a temperament rating. The rating system is as follows:

- a) Category 1: Dog is shy and/or afraid of people and/or other dogs
- b) Category 2: Dog is very calm and laid back
- c) Category 3: Dog is very even–tempered/balanced; is friendly but not exuberant
- d) Category 4: Dog is very outgoing and excited; may whine or bark a little
- e) Category 5: Dog is overly excitable and/or hyper; excessive barking and whining
- f) Category 6: Dog is aggressive; may growl or bark at people and/or other dogs

German Longhaired Pointers that are classified as either Category 2, 3, or 4 are eligible for breeding. Longhairs that have their temperament classified as Category 1, 5, or 6 are ineligible for breeding and none of their offspring can be registered.

### **Hip Evaluations**

German Longhaired Pointers being considered by breeding must have their hips x–rayed in an effort to keep incidences of Hip Dysplasia in the breed low. Hips must be evaluated and rated very high (excellent or good) through the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) or evaluated and rated very high (A or B) through Berlin Hips (in Germany) or evaluated and rated high through the Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program (PennHip). A high PennHip score shall be defined as a distraction index between 0 and 0.49. Hip scores of 0.50 or more are indicative of hip dysplasia or DJD will not be

accepted. Exceptions on a case-by-case basis: cavitated hip (air bubble) can increase laxticity. (See summary of breeding requirements)

### **Breeding Restrictions**

At this time, the GLPCNA does not impose any breeding restrictions on the number of breedings that a longhair can be used for. There are also no breeding age restrictions at this time.

### **Use of Artificial Insemination**

The use of artificial insemination (by means of fresh, chilled, or frozen semen) is allowed but only on dogs that have previously been bred naturally.

### **Summary of Breeding Requirements**

To qualify for breeding certification, German Longhaired Pointers must complete at least one natural ability/puppy hunting test with very good scores in nose, pointing, and search and passed an advanced hunting test. To be eligible for breeding, longhairs must also have received at least a good rating for their type, conformation and coat, as well as a temperament rating of Category 2, 3 or 4. Finally, a longhair that is getting certified for breeding must have a good hip evaluation rating through OFA, Berlin, or PennHIP. The GLPCNA Breeding Committee may grant exceptions to these breeding requirements on a case-by-case basis. Members may submit their case one time to the breeding committee for consideration. If any GLPCNA member breeds a longhair that has not fulfilled the breeding requirements, that litter of longhairs will not be registerable with the GLPCNA and that member is likely to be expelled from the club.

### **Breeding Certification and Approval**

Before any longhair can be bred, it must be certified for breeding by the registrar. The owner shall send the registrar a completed breeding certification application form, a copy of the dog's pedigree, a copy of the dog's test score sheet(s), a copy of the dog's breed show evaluation sheet, and a copy of the dog's hip x-ray evaluation. Once the registrar certifies the dog, he/she will mail the owner a new pedigree with a breed certified stamp. The owner may then fill out a breeding approval form and mail it to the GLPCNA Breeding Committee to obtain approval for an upcoming breeding.

## **Section 10. Amendments.**

1) **Proposing Amendments.** Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary. Written petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and will be added to the agenda to vote on the next GLPCNA board or annual meeting.

2) **Voting on Proposed Amendments.** The bylaws may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed to the Secreatry prior to the GLPCNA business/annual meeting. The membership attending the annual meeting shall vote on the amendment. A 2/3 majority vote is required for the amendment to pass. If the amendment is deemed especially important by the Board of Directors, the voting can occur via section 10. 3.

3) **By Board Resolution.** The bylaws may be amended at anytime via Board Resolution at a meeting of the Board of the Directors or annual meeting. A majority vote is required for resolution to pass.

## **Section 11. Dissolution.**

1) The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members. In the event of dissolution of the Club other than for the purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.