

# Florida Gulf Coast Weimaraner Club, Inc.



## December 2004 Newsletter

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Established in 1975

The November meeting was held at the Mad Fish Grill restaurant on Thursday, November 11, 2004, starting at 8:40 p.m. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September meeting as published in the October Newsletter.

### President's Report:

Thanks to all the Weimaraners and their owners for making 2004 a great year.

### Secretary's Report:

A newsletter was received from the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs (FAKC). They reported on their annual meeting on 8/8/04. The cost of the Breeder's Directory has been raised to \$14 (including mailing), effective with August 2005, edition. More information was provided relating to the 2005/2006 directory; Barbara is following up on the breeder's directory so please contact her if you'd like to be included. Any members wishing to be included in the directory must be current on dues.



The FAKC cautioned that clubs should check new members to ensure that they have not been suspended from the AKC; this is against the by-laws of most clubs. They also stated that there are at least 23 dog registry entities, many doing competition events. Clubs need to emphasize that we are AKC affiliated and inform the public of the AKC and its advantages.

The FAKC also referred to the new Florida "Friends of Animal's" license plate. The proceeds of these

plates go to the Humane Society of the US. Unfortunately, the HSUS is not the same as the local Humane Societies. They only operate one spay/neuter clinic (in Texas) and most of the money that they raise is used for propaganda. We need to discourage people from buying these new plates as the proceeds will be used against the dog fancy.

Also, the next session of the Florida legislature will see several anti dog owner bills, including the Animal Facilities Inspection Act that was defeated a few years ago. This bill is supported by the Florida Department of Agriculture, by the HSUS, the animal control organizations etc. Check the FAKC website [www.fack.org](http://www.fack.org) for more information.

Diane Albers & the FAKC was praised by the AKC for their assistance with transferring many dogs, rendered homeless by the hurricanes, to shelters in other states. "The FAKC has shown extraordinary perseverance and unwavering dedication to the animals in Florida and elsewhere that were affected by the hurricanes," said Dennis B. Sprung, AKC President and CEO. (I did work with Diane on a Weimaraner that was affected by the hurricane – MML)

A newsletter was received from NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance). "Working for the people who look after America's animals". This organization works to educate people about legislation that is not in the best interest of animals & about extremist organizations, such as PETA & HSUS. Membership is \$35 for an individual and includes the NAIA News and periodic updates. For more information on NAIA, you can contact Patti Strand 503.761.1139 or [naia@naiaonline.org](mailto:naia@naiaonline.org) or <http://www.naiaonline.org>

## Committees

### Nominations:

The nominations for the Officers & Board for Fiscal Year 2005 were presented at the meeting. Cindy Thor has not paid her dues and was not present at the meeting, so she was replaced on the slate of officers with Jenny Askew. The slate was voted for unanimously by the members present. The Officers & Board for fiscal year 2005 is as follows:

President: Phil Chiochio  
Vice President: Art Askew  
Secretary: Margaret Lewis  
Treasurer: Toni Werner

### Board:

Jenny Askew  
Barbara Cook  
Abbey Harms  
Dave Lampman  
Paula Lampman

Margaret will send this information to the WCA and the AKC.

### Membership:

2nd readings were held for:

Scott & Chris Herbold of North Port and Valerie Riggs of Crestview. They were unanimously voted into the

club. Welcome.

#### Rescue

Judy still has several dogs in rescue at her place which have been there for some time. Margaret has a steady stream of dogs coming in, being treated if necessary, and placed. There is always a waiting list; foster homes are needed.

#### Unfinished Business:

The lunch at the January Specialty (01/14/05) will be catered by Chick-Fil-A.

We are still looking for trophy donations. If you would like to pledge a trophy donation, please contact Barbara Cook.

Don't forget about the Parade of Rescues, which will be sponsored by the club and held at the January Specialty, following the show. Entries must be received by 12/23/04; no late entries will be accepted. You can register by sending an application, with the \$5 fee to MB-F Inc, Superintendent, PO Box 575, Brooksville, FL 34605-0575 or overnighted to 24444 Kiwi Lane, Brooksville, FL 34601. Checks made payable to MB-F.

Plans are proceeding for the "Meet the Breed" booth at the 2005 Eukanuba Classic at the St Pete Time Forum in Tampa, Saturday, 01/15 & Sunday 01/16. Art & Phil discussed the ideas for our displays, consisting of a collage from the Weimaraner pictures that we have collected over the years. There will be three posters, representing three aspects of Weimaraners: Performance, Best Friend & Conformation. Barbara is asking for volunteers for the booth. There are four timeslots, Sat am, Sat pm, Sun am & Sun pm. Contact Barbara if you are able to attend.

Chip Taylor of Washington State, who is helping with the website, sent an e-mail, showing the items that need to be done to switch the website over. Margaret will contact Bob Buchhofer to discuss these.

Barbara has had plaques made up for the veterinarians in Sarasota & Palatka who have helped us with rescue. The plaques will be ready next week.

#### New Business:

None

#### Braggs:

Toni Werner – Kayla has a no-bark collar. However, she has figured out that she can give little woofs when the collar is on and can bark in earnest when the collar has been taken off.

Phil Chiochio – Fuschia has wiped out 10 % of his tomato & marigold crop.

Paula Lampman – Jeager just adores her 90 year old mother-in-law

Stu Westcott – Smoky, who will be 10 month old next week, made a perfect point recently; he looked just like a statue.

Alice & Jim Speith – Boris finished his championship at the show in Orlando on 12/12/04 by going "Winners Dog" over 12 entries (A 4 point major). He is very proud of himself, but just wants another biscuit.

Joan Mulford , Driftwood Weimaraners announces “THE DYNAMIC DUO”

“Twister” Driftwood’s Water Spout (CH Colsidex The Farm Top Of The Mark X CH Starbuck’s Greta Garbo, NRD) won “BOB Puppy” at the Breeders Showcase Sweepstakes in Orlando, FL on December 11th. Twister also won “BOB” from the Bred-By Class for a point in Miami and “BOS” from the Bred-By Class for a point in No. Ft. Myers, FL. Twister at just 6 months old is off to a great start in the dog show world. Joan Mulford (formerly of NC now residing in Wellington, FL) is the owner/breeder of Twister. “Ripley” Driftwood’s Riptide (brother of Twister) won BOW/BOS from the 6-9 Month Class at the Winston-Salem, NC shows both days for single points. Ripley is owned by Carolyn Buie of NC.

*Next Meeting:*

Fun day at the Lewis’ in December, perhaps 12/11/04. Date and time to be finalized later.

We may have a meeting on the night before the Specialty, but that is not definite.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Lewis