

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.
April Board Meeting
April 24, 2010

Marriott Renaissance

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Officers	Present: Tish Walker, Laura Gilbert, Ginny Altman, and Nadine Grady. Absent: Lanalee Jorgensen Law.
Class of 2010 Directors	Present: Bart Bartley, LaMar Frederick, Helen Gleason, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Tom Mesdag, Nancy Nellis, Pam O'Dell.
Class of 2002 Directors	Present: Zoe Backman, Carmen Battaglia, Bill Burggraaf, Ken Downing, Dorothy Linn, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie.
Committee Chairpersons	Present: Carol Moore, Futurity Chair, Susan Casey, GSD Review Editor.
Members	Present: Ted Beckhardt, Elizabeth Abrams, Yong (Mimi) Neal, Melanie Fuellgraf, Bob Grady.
Call to Order	The GSDCA Membership meeting was called to order at 8:04 am on Saturday, April 24, 2010 by Tish Walker, President.
I. Approval of Minutes	
	The January 2010 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed by email.
II. Report of Recording Secretary - Ginny Altman	
	Committee Chairs, Members and Guests were requested to sign the attendance record.
III. Report of Corresponding Secretary - Laura Gilbert	
	Laura reported on the Request for Proposal to various election services. She reported that while she did not hear from 3 she did hear from Election Trust and Honest Ballot. The details of the previous services and costs were discussed. Ken Downing moved and it was seconded that we select Honest Ballot to conduct the election for an estimated \$17, 995. Motion carried unanimously.
IV. Report of the Executive Committee - Tish Walker	
	Tish Walker, President reported on the following actions of the Executive committee: February 2, 2010 – Approved a change of date for the NE Futurity due to a conflict with an all breed club. February 17, 2010 Conference call discussion of our lawyer’s advice and a good faith clarifying letter to be sent by our lawyer in response to the lawsuit demands for settlement. February 18, 2010 – Approved that the Centennial Committee could run an ad in the Review for its slogan contest. Helen Gleason moved to ratify the actions of the Executive Committee. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
V. Report of the President - Tish Walker	
	Tish reported that the GSDCA will receive contributions from Purina for litters nominated before they are whelped and only champions from those litters that have been nominated within the deadline will be recognized in the monetary contribution to GSDCA, Inc. She noted that the funding from Purina to the GSDCA, Inc. is reduced overall. In talking to Purina, Tish learned that the funding for the streaming video which cost \$5000 was not in addition to funds which had already been allocated. The funding for the Futurity Trophies (\$10,000) also came out of the funds which had already been allocated. We received \$15,000 for the National, which could have been used for National expenses but instead was used for the other expenses. Getting a better response to Purina’s willingness to award us funds for futurity nominations should make a difference by 2011. Tish emphasized that information regarding the litter nomination process and the Purina program needs to be disseminated to the Membership by multiple communication methods.

	<p>Tish Walker announced that she received notice from the AKC President, that the very first German Shepherd Dog to achieve a Dual Champion Title is DC New Challenge Aviator HSCS HXCS owned by Jon Scarr and co-owned and bred by Janet Pearson. This is a historic event. Congratulations to Jon and Janet for this distinct honor.</p>
	<p>The Dual Awards Committee has an assistant, Amber Turley, appointed by Tish Walker to assist Chairman, Jane Jeter. Amber has helped to work out some of the issues confronting the committee which has enabled Jane to get the awards turned in faster.</p> <p>Tish reported that she visited the AKC - CHF in April with members of the American GSD Charitable Foundation Board. The GSDCA, Inc. has a balance of \$42,666 in the donor advised funds held at the AKC CHF and which is earmarked for research which we designate.</p> <p>New this year is an offer to clubs to hold a Club Membership offered by AKC CHF.</p> <p>The Mid-West Futurity will be held at Purina Farms in May –Purina will give a tour of the new facilities on Saturday after the show.</p> <p>Tish reported that she attended the GSDCA-WDA meeting in April. They showed enthusiasm about the 2013 WUSV World Trial being hosted by the GSDCA, Inc. and have pledged their support</p>
	<p>The AKC inquired of Parent Clubs their opinion regarding deaf dogs in performance activities. Tish sent a letter in response to this which did not support a change in the current limitation.</p> <p>Tish noted that action will be needed later in this meeting on the 2011 April board meeting date as Easter falls on our ordinary weekend.</p>
<p>VI. Report of the Treasurer - Nadine Grady</p>	
Audit / July	<p>Nadine reported that the GSDCA, Inc. cash balance continues to get smaller. She urged that we examine our operating expenses to reduce costs. Nadine reported that the 2008 audit has been completed. Copies were distributed and the board members are urged to review it for discussion in July. She reported that there are losses of approximately \$17000. The 2009 books, while not complete, are showing a \$22,000 loss. First Quarter 2010 is closed, expense and renewals are in and we won't see much in income from membership for the balance of the year. The GSDCA Equity position is \$507,000. We are spending more money than is coming in, as the current expenses exceed revenue.</p>
	<p>Nadine reported that the 2009 Audit process is beginning. She hopes to have it for the July Board Meeting.</p>
<p>VII. Report of the AKC Delegate – Carmen Battaglia</p>	
	<p>Carmen reported that he was copied with a letter addressed to the Breed Recognition Chair for the American White Shepherd Association by Jim Crowley of the AKC informing them that establishing a distinct breed would be problematic without the concurrence of the GSDCA, Inc. He noted that without that the AKC would not be in a position to make a specific commitment.</p>
	<p>Carmen noted that breed clubs can apply for Club Membership in the AKC CHF for an annual \$200 donation and urged the board to consider that. Carmen elaborated on the AKC Canine Partners program which was announced earlier by the AKC. Clubs can apply to have mixed breeds classes at their events starting April 1. A new Grand Champion conformation title is now being offered for dogs that have completed their championship.</p>
	<p>Helen Gleason noted that AKC has announced a \$50 fee for each recognized foreign title to be added to a dog's pedigree. She suggested a fee modification to be applied per request instead of per title for addition by the AKC to a dog's pedigree. Carmen Battaglia will take this under advisement.</p>
	<p>The deadline for the club to submit four nominees for the Lifetime Achievement Outstanding Sportsman is May 6. Without objection this will be taken up at the Sunday session of this meeting.</p>
<p>VIII. Standing Business for April Meeting</p>	
Judges for 2011	<p>Laura Gilbert distributed ballots which listed those individuals nominated and submitted by board members.</p>

	There was discussion of the number of obedience candidates that the Board should submit for the Ballot. Dean Wylie moved that the Board accept all of the candidates for obedience that have been nominated. In favor LaMar Frederick, Tom Mesdag, Carmen Battaglia, Pam ODell, Nadine Grady, Ken Downing, Gary Szymczak, Bart Bartley, Dean Wylie, Bart Bartley, Opposed: Zoe Backman, Dorothy Linn, Helen Gleason, Laura Gilbert, Nancy Nellis, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Ginny Altman. Motion carried.
Recess	The Board was in recess for ten minutes.
	Following additional discussion, Ginny Altman moved and it was seconded that the motion just adopted, be amended to say that the Board approve only those board member nominated candidates who qualify to judge both obedience and rally. Motion carried unanimously.
Candidates for Ballot	The following candidates were nominated and submitted for the Ballot which will go out to the membership for their election of judges for conformation, obedience/rally, and herding. Conformation: (alphabetically) Ed Barritt, Michael Cheeks, Bob Kish, Barbara Lopez, Rita Sandell, and Karin Wagner. Obedience/Rally: Fred Buroff, Tony Cherubini, Chris Cornell, Sharon Crossman, Patricia Hess, Patricia Krause, Stephen Picciuolo and Nancy Withers. Agility: Robert Jeffers. Members can submit additional nominees for the ballot by petition. The deadline is August 15, 2010.
IX. Committee Reports	
Budget and Finance - Ken Downing	
	Ken Downing reviewed the Budget and Audit process and that the Budget and Finance Committee is learning, through this process about some of the expenses incurred in previous years and how it impacts the balance sheet in 2010. He noted that the GSDCA, Inc. has a reduction of membership which impacts our revenue. He challenged the Board to identify the core business of the GSDCA, Inc. and examine ways to achieve new revenue while at the same time reducing expenses for the Board meetings and our National.
	Ken elaborated on our equity position and emphasized the principle that a non-profit organization should have equity to cover one and one-half years of expenses. He noted that we are now spending our equity and that we must develop a plan to reduce expenses.
	Ken Downing estimates that we could have substantial losses in 2010. A discussion of a strategy for cost savings was addressed and questions posed by members were answered.
National Specialty - Bill Burggraaf	
	Bill announced that the Advance Brochure will soon be sent to the printer for the 2010 National. There will be a Tuesday "Welcome Night" for members and exhibitors. The Victory Dinner will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn. The Marriott Courtyard is the Headquarters hotel. The conformation ring will be set up in a similar fashion to last year with the vendor areas and Parent Club, Foundation and Rescue tables will be on ground floor adjacent to the ring.
Agility Invitational	Bill asked Helen Gleason to elaborate on the Agility events. She announced that the Agility Invitational will be held on Wednesday evening and all members will be urged to attend. Bill urged that there be advance publicity to invite spectators from the general public to this event.
Herding	Dorothy Linn moved that the Herding Committee be approved as requested by Chairman, Theresa Royer. Without objection Debbie Humble, Sharon White, Virginia Bailey, Sandy Moore and Dorothy Linn were approved. Dorothy moved that the premium list be incorporated into the regular GSDCA National Premium List. Motion seconded and carried unanimously. Dorothy moved that the checklist and criteria to select herding site for the each year's national as distributed to the board be approved and placed in the Policy and Procedures Manual. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

	Dorothy announced that the Herding Committee has determined that the C course cannot be offered for this year's national as there is not a suitable site. Dorothy informed the board that approval is needed to cover the herding judge fees. Ginny Altman moved that \$200 be approved as the fee for the Herding Judge for this year. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Obedience	Bill informed the board that the Obedience ring arrangements are being organized with Dalene McIntire's advice and input.
Tracking	Tracking is offered again this year and the tracking fields are off site about 50 miles away.
Video	Bart Bartley informed the board that John Gibbons has expenses that exceed his revenue and he is unable to do our National under the current terms. Bart informed the board that Bob Lindsey advised him that he has invested in equipment that will enable him to edit the tape that he currently does. The GSDCA, Inc. has, in the past, offered tapes to the owners of the GV, GVX, WD and WB. Bart expressed that this promotes the breed. Bart Bartley moved that Bob Lindsey be selected as the video-grapher for the 2010 National.
Motion to Postpone	There was discussion about the end product as it pertains to the historical discs that would be provided to the club. Ginny Altman moved and it was seconded that the vote on the historical discs be postponed until after the terms of the contract are reviewed. LaMar Frederick had a number of questions that impact the contract. Without objection, Tish Walker stated that the vote would be taken after Carmen Battaglia, Bart Bartley, and LaMar Frederick meet to clarify the contract terms.
Tuesday Specialty	Bill Burggraaf explained the terms of the Tuesday specialty. The question was raised as to whether the board had approved a Specialty preceding the National. Carmen Battaglia moved that the board approve the plans for a Tuesday Specialty. Motion was seconded and carried with all in favor except for Zoe Backman and Ginny Altman voting in opposition.
	Bill Burggraaf is working with LaMar Frederick regarding contract the superintendent for the show. There was inquiry and discussion of the general terms of the agreement.
Streaming Video	Bill Burggraaf informed the Board regarding his investigation of the streaming video options. Ken Downing stated that streaming video can be an opportunity for additional income for the club. He noted that a sponsor can purchase advertising on the streaming video and, in addition, we can sell the viewing to members. The vendor for 2009 was DV Auction with whom Bill Burggraaf is continuing to work. There was additional discussion about the advertising, fee for viewing, and the need for a contract.
Motion Postponed to July	Ken Downing moved that we charge a nominal fee for accessing the streaming video and that the GSDCA, Inc. sell sponsorships for advertising. Nancy Nellis moved to amend that we charge \$40 for streaming video and \$25 for Saturday only. Ginny Altman moved that we postpone consideration of the question until a contract is available for review and approval in July. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
National Show Sites - Bill Burggraaf	
	Bill Burggraaf discussed the terms of various Show sites and the costs associated. The GSDCA, Inc. has a deposit of \$500 for 2011 in Lexington but no signed contract. Costs are potentially \$20,000 and the Fort Collins site is about \$19,000 not including sod. 2012 has a contract that is not yet firm with a deposit in the amount of \$1000. Topeka has a site that is less money and even more advantageous if we do a two year contract. The Purina site is available the first week in October for about \$11,000.
	Bill reported that he was working with Ken and asked Ken Downing to report on his findings. Ken discussed his visit to the Topeka, Kansas show site. Ken reviewed the detail using site maps and describing the covered features for performance, the stalls and RV parking. There was discussion about herding, air travel and various costs. Carmen Battaglia reported that he had knowledge of other clubs and the successful experience they had holding a large National there as well as the Doberman Club holding its Centennial Event there. It was noted that there is some significant financial advantage to the GSDCA, Inc. to use this site.
Recess	The Board recessed at 12:01 until 12:55

Show Sites	Discussion continued regarding the show sites. Tish Walker outlined the strategy for selection of the 2013 Centennial Event, National and WUSV World Trial. Dean Wylie described the Dream Park and the Stadium facility in the Philadelphia area. Georgia International Horse Park, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney reported, has a facility that might be an option for 2013. Bill Burggraaf described a facility in the Chicago area south of the Midway Airport that might be feasible for 2013 as well.
	Tom Mesdag described the significance of the World Trial and moved that we limit our selection for the 2013 Centennial Event, National and WUSV World Trial from one of these three sites, Chicago, Philadelphia and Atlanta. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Because it is essential to the success of the WUSV World Trial, Ken Downing emphasized that the site requirements must have the equivalent of a soccer field and thousands of acres for tracking is paramount. Following additional discussion the motion carried unanimously.
	Without objection, Tish Walker appointed a committee, Bill Burggraaf, Dean Wylie, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney and Ginny Altman to make the site visits if necessary, to collect data and assess the sites ability to meet the criteria and make a recommendation to the Board by early June.
	Carmen Battaglia moved that we have the 2011 National in Topeka, Kansas and moved to call for the question. The vote for the previous question: For: Tom Mesdag, Carmen Battaglia, Pam ODell, Helen Gleason, Nancy Nellis, Gary Szymaszak,, Bill Burggraaf, Nadine Grady, Laura Gilbert. Opposed: all others. Because the call for the question requires a 2/3 vote the call failed.
	Following discussion of the pro and cons, the current deposit on the Lexington site, the letters to the judges and the financial impact the vote on the motion to have the 2011 National in Topeka was taken. All voting were in favor except for Ginny Altman who was opposed.
	There was a further recommendation made that we contract for two years, but not consecutive years, because of the considerable financial incentives offered for a two year agreement.
Board Meeting Sites - Bill Burggraaf	
	Bill Burggraaf stated his recommendation that the Board Meeting site be decided when we decide the 2013 site. Carmen Battaglia moved that we have the Board Meeting in the location of the 2013 National in order to facilitate a site visit. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Guest	Ted Beckhardt asked to address the Board and was recognized to give his greetings and comments.
Futurity - Carol Moore	
	Carol Moore reported that the assistance of superintendent, Margaret Bleakney, worked out very well. Working with her was economical and efficient. Carol has plans for streamlining the entries for 2011 and is asking Regional Secretaries for their ideas as well.
	Carol presented criteria for entering two futurities and showing in one. There was discussion regarding penalties that would apply for failure to comply. Carol would be responsible to report any violations to the Board which would be in compliance with the bylaws. The question of compliance with the AKC rules was also discussed. Ginny Altman moved that Carol modify the criteria with assistance from LaMar Frederick and bring it back to the Board for approval on Sunday. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
	On Sunday Carol presented the following Rules to enter two futurities. Ginny Altman moved approval of her recommendation. The motion was seconded and carried with all in favor except for Dean Wylie who was opposed.
	FUTURITY/MATURITY ENTRY Rules 1. An Exhibitor may enter a dog in two different regions; however that dog may be exhibited in ONE region only. 2.If an exhibitor chooses to enter a dog in two different regions, both of the entries must be made at

	<p>the same time, and on two separate forms. There must be an entry form filled out for the dog for each region that the dog is entered in, and the box on the entry form that is marked – Additional Region Entered – must be filled in with the name of the other region entered. If it is discovered that an entry was not marked as a double entry, the animal’s awards may be disallowed, even if shown in only one region.</p> <p>3. There will be an extra \$5.00 charge on each entry for the costs of the paperwork of checking entrees. I.e. the charge for a double entered dog is \$25 per region. One entry goes to each region.</p> <p>4. When a regional chairman receives an entry that is marked as a double entry, she will send a copy to the National Chairman.</p> <p>5. The National Chairman will keep a spreadsheet of all double entered dogs and their respective regions. After each show she will check this spreadsheet against each marked catalogue as she receives the catalogues.</p> <p>6. No Regional Chairman will be expected to police their Futurity to try to stop any dog from double showing. Each exhibitor will be responsible for compliance with the rule that permits the dog to be exhibited in one region only.</p> <p>7. Any owner, handler or agent who chooses to double enter a dog must make sure the dog is shown only one time. Penalties are severe and will be enforced.</p> <p>8. If the dog is shown in more than one Futurity/Maturity, any and all awards given to that dog will be disallowed.</p> <p>9. Violation of the Futurity Rules regarding this double entry of a dog or dogs in the GSDCA, Inc. Futurity/Maturity Shows shall be referred to the Board of Directors by the Chairperson of the Futurity Committee, pursuant to Article VII of the Bylaws, for investigation. The Penalty for violation of such Futurity / Maturity Rules could be prohibition for the owner, co-owner, and/or handler to enter, show or handle a dog or dogs in the Futurity/ Maturities for up to one year from the date of the decision of the Board of Directors regarding such violation.</p>
	<p>Carol reported that she contacted Kathy Potter who with a committee, including Carol , Ann Schultz, Sam Colvin, Jennifer Root and Peggy Kurz plan to discuss ideas which come from members and exhibitors at the regional futurities to bring recommendations to the July meeting. Carol asked for approval for that and for committee members, Ken Cunningham and Margaret Bleakney. Ken Downing moved that her committee members be approved. Motion carried without objection.</p>
	<p>The current Futurity entry fees were discussed. Carol will incorporate any recommendations as suggested by her committee for her July report. Carmen Battaglia suggested that the Budget and Finance Committee look at any other fees that are being considered for change and that any new fees be submitted all at the same time in July.</p> <p>Carol gave a summary of nomination fees, late fees and entry fees income in the amount of approximately \$30,000. She summarized the number of litter nominations from historical data compared with 2010. Carol is exploring the commercial advertising options for 2011.</p>
	<p>Carol reported to the Board that Futurity Nominations need to be encouraged. She has Diane Strasser to assist her in this effort and that has promoted the process. Carol noted that we need to encourage members to nominate litters for participation in the Purina Program which will enhance the GSDCA, Inc. revenue for the Futurity program. The Purina Nomination process was clarified for the board and documented as follows.</p>
	<p>FUTURITY NOMINATION -- Changes in Litter Nomination Process</p> <p>The GSDCA, Inc. has an agreement with Purina by which Purina will donate \$10 for every litter nominated to the Futurity Program. In order to qualify to receive these funds it is necessary to get the litter information to Purina as soon as the litter is born. Therefore, we need the information on your litter BEFORE it is born. Consequently we have had to make the following changes to the nominating process.</p> <p>A. In order for the nomination of a litter to be FREE, litters must be nominated before they are born. This is because of the time constraints involved in getting litter information to Purina.</p> <p>B. As soon as your litter is bred, please request a nomination form from Diane Strasser or simply go online to gsdca.org and nominate the litter.</p> <p>C. Any litter nominations received after the birth of the litter will require a \$25 fee.</p> <p>D. You can begin nominating your litters before birth now—but– this will become a REQUIREMENT for free nominations beginning October 1, 2010.</p>

	<p>Carol distributed the list of Clubs that submitted bids for the 2012 Futurities. The recommendations made by the chair were selected based upon the year that club last held a futurity. Helen Gleason moved to accept the recommendations of the chair provided that the conflicts in dates are resolved. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.</p> <p>The following clubs to host the 2012 Futurities, with a consideration to the length of time since a club had last hosted a futurity. Dates will be published when confirmed.</p> <p>Northeast–GSDC Rochester MidAtlantic–GSDC East Virginia Southeast–GSDC Jackson Great Lakes–GSDC Central Indiana Midwest–GSDC Wisconsin Southwest–GSDC San Antonio Northwest–GSDC Pacific Northwest MidPacific–GSDC Reno South Pacific–GSDC San Diego County</p>
Recess	The Board was in recess for 15 minutes.
Review Editor -Susan Casey	
	Susan distributed sample copies of the GSD Review which represented an exploration of cost savings. She provided an outline of the various savings options and cost savings associated with each options.
	Susan brought to the board’s attention that the design and layout costs are now less than is in the contract. Susan offered a recommendation to change the terms of the contract to pay for the actual cost which would be a cost savings to the club.
Motion Amendment	<p>Carmen Battaglia moved that we accept the recommendations of the editor to 1) drop the paper weight to 60 lb., 2) to eliminate the poly bag for mailing, and 3) to eliminate UV coating on covers. Motion seconded and discussion ensued. The details of the savings and the impact on the membership were discussed. Nadine Grady summarized the cost savings in relation to the overall needs to preserve the financial viability of the club.</p> <p>Ken Downing moved to amend the motion to include the recommendation to combine the November and December issues. The amendment was seconded. For the amendment: LaMar Frederick, Zoe Backman, Tom Mesdag, Dorothy Linn, Pam ODell. Helen Gleason, Laura Gilbert, Ginny Altman, Nadine Grady, Ken Downing, Nancy Nellis, Gary Szymczak, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Bill Burggraaf, Dean Wylie, Bart Bartley. Opposed: Carmen Battaglia. The main motion to accept the recommendations of the editor including combining the November and December issues was adopted with all voting for the motion except for Carmen Battaglia, Dorothy Linn, and Tom Mesdag, who were opposed.</p>
Motion Postponed	Zoe moved to adjust the costs of foreign postage. The motion was seconded. Discussion of the foreign membership fees which do not currently cover the mailing costs ensued. Without objection this was postponed to the July meeting.
Standing Committee Reports Continued - Awards	
AOE	In her written report, Helen Franklin pointed out that the AKC is offering a Judge’s Award of Merit / Award of Excellence (AKC JAM/AOE) and Select awards applying to the Grand Champion title. She asked the board to consider advertising guidelines to differentiate the awards. There was discussion regarding the new AKC AOE award which has been confused with the GSDCA, Inc. AOE. No action was taken. Carmen was asked to bring more information back to the Board.
Thirteen Club	Tish reported that Carolyn Putnam wishes to inform the Board that she does not need the 4 generation pedigree and the AKC registration because they are now available on line. Dorothy Linn moved that we accept the recommendation of the committee chair. Motion seconded and carried unanimously. Helen Gleason moved that the Thirteen Club application be placed on the website. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

	In her request, Carolyn asked how much of the information gathered can be released to the public. Ginny Altman moved that Carolyn be asked to add a “release of information” to the form that is placed on the website, that the Thirteen Club data be sent to Paulette McGuirt for analysis, and inform her that identified individual data cannot be placed on the website. For the Motion: Helen Gleason, Laura Gilbert, Ken Downing, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Bill Burggraaf, Dean Wylie, Bart Bartley, Nadine Grady, Ginny Altman. Opposed: Zoe Backman, Tom Mesdag, Nancy Nellis, Gary Szymczak, Carmen Battaglia. Motion carried.
ATAA	In her written report, Nikki Hood informed the board that thirteen new herding titles have been requested for AHBA, additional agility venue titles for USDAA and NADAC and in addition the UKC and Canadian titles. Nikki proposed that participants be allowed to obtain points from all performance events of any venue counted for the year 2009 but not further back than that. The points would be Level I - Novice 5 points, Level II - Open /Advanced 15 points, Level 3 - Master / Excellent 20 points, Championships 30 points. Participants will still be required to meet the following: a. No disqualifying faults, Conformation ribbon or letter from the judge etc., Proof of title earned and Sire and Dam owners must be GSDCA, Inc members or have applied. Ginny Altman moved that we accept the recommendations of the chair to adopt this proposal. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Education	Helen Gleason, chair announced that at this years National in Utah at the Judges Education event the main presenters will be Barbara Amidon, Cappy Pottle and Gloira Birch, in addition to herself. Members are invited to attend. If it is to count for qualification to judge a Futurity, a fee must be paid for the Seminar and they must register with Diane Mehra.
Health and Genetics	Ginny Altman informed the board that there is a study supported by the AKC CHF, Grant #1265 that proposes to study the mechanisms involved in Canine Autoimmune and Inflammatory Disorders at the University of Wollongong in Australia. Since GSDs are affected by conditions that are known to be autoimmune or inflammatory, the GSD would benefit from what could be learned in this study. Ginny moved that we approve, from funds that are already in the restricted Donor Advised Funds at the AKC CHF, a \$2500 sponsorship for this grant. All were in favor except Nancy Harper-Mulvaney who was opposed.
	Ginny informed the board that Barbara Williams, who had been approved as committee member in January, has, for personal reasons, submitted her written resignation.
	There has been a request for permission to have a blood draw at National. There was no objection.
Legal Affairs	LaMar Frederick reported that he has completed the application, through use of local counsel, for the renewal of the GSDCA, Inc. trademark. A final draft of the Review Editor Agreement was completed and forwarded to the executive committee and budget and finance committee. The language of the document was acceptable to Susan Casey. LaMar indicated that he did not participate in negotiation of the compensation package which is Exhibit B to the agreement.
	LaMar received a few calls from persons complaining about dog contracts but these calls involved other than members of the GSDCA. He advised the callers that they should secure local counsel if they wished to pursue contract breach.
Membership	Membership chair, Dania Karloff asked if the agreement for membership can include an agreement not to sue the GSDCA, Inc. as a condition of membership using the web page or on membership application or renewal form. A further question was to add to the code of conduct or to the membership card.
Membership agreement	Laura Gilbert moved that the words “that a member cannot sue the club” be placed on the membership application and renewal form. LaMar Frederick informed the Board that an agreement does not guarantee that we will not get sued but is a deterrent. Without objection the matter was postponed to Sunday so that the language for the agreement could be clearly defined.

	<p>On Sunday the Board adopted language for settling disputes to be incorporated into the membership and renewal agreements which will go into effect this year for new memberships and be incorporated into the 2011 renewal process as follows.</p> <p>AGREEMENT: As a condition of membership in the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc. (hereinafter "GSDCA"), the undersigned member(s) agrees that for any cause of action, controversy or claim arising out of or related to membership in the GSDCA, or any action, controversy or claim arising out of or related to the entry, exhibition or attendance, including but not limited to the qualifications of the particular entry at an event sponsored or held by the GSDCA, or at to the construction, interpretation or effect of this Agreement, or any other action, controversy or claim arising out of the administration of the rules, regulations, procedures, guidelines of the GSDCA or the bylaws of the GSDCA, shall, unless otherwise prohibited by law, be settled by binding arbitration in Albany, New York pursuant to the rules and regulations of the American Arbitration Association then in effect. Notwithstanding the preceding, prior to arbitration of the cause of action, controversy or claim, all published rules, regulations, procedures and guidelines, including those set forth in the bylaws of the GSDCA relating to disciplinary action, shall first be followed. A party may enter the decision of the arbitrators in a court of competent jurisdiction for purposes of enforcement of the decision of the arbitrators.</p> <p>Discussion ensued. LaMar Frederick affirmed that if we want something that is effective, he is recommending this language.</p> <p>Carmen Battaglia moved that we adopt this language. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.</p>
Parent Club	<p>Laura Gilbert reported that the P&P manual assigns the "receiver of service" to the Parent Club Office. Ken Downing moved that the receiver of service be assigned to the Corresponding Secretary. After discussion the motion was amended to say that the receiver of service be a Board appointed member attorney. Motion as amended carried unanimously.</p>
Policy & Procedure	<p>Chair Zoe Backman reported that she will be asking for approval for updates to the P&P manual in July.</p>
Products	<p>Bob Moore submitted a written report summarizing the transactions of his committee through March 31. He has sent the detail to the treasurer and is still awaiting invoices.</p>
Public Relations	<p>Rita submitted a written report. A number of clubs including GSDC of San Diego County and Topline participated in Meet the Breeds events.</p> <p>Lillian Kline reported on a planned event Our K9 Heroes. The ceremony is planned for Saturday June 5, 2010 at Veteran's Field on Chews Landing Road in Gloucester Twp, New Jersey. Meet the Breed will take place from noon on. Breeders and owners of GSDs are invited to participate in the Meet the Breed. The MC for the program this year is Tom Matthews who is a well known DJ from a popular radio station in the area. Contact Lillian Kline for more information.</p>
	<p>Lillian notes that "We will be having a permanent plaque this year for our 'Wall of Honor', names of those dogs who have already been honored in years past but are now either retired or deceased. The plaque hangs in the Gloucester Twp. Municipal Bldg. during the year. We would like a picture of the plaque to be included on the club's website if possible." The board approved this request without objection.</p>
	<p>Nancy Harper-Mulvaney informed the board that the Centennial Committee will address the issue of having a promotional DVD.</p>
Purina Alliance	<p>Ellie Carson, Chair of this committee, submitted a written report. As addressed by the Futurity Committee and at Purina's request the GSDCA, Inc. needs to promote litter registration before the litter is whelped. There are considerable financial incentives for the GSDCA, Inc. In addition to an allocation for litters nominated before whelped, there is an allocation for championships awarded to dogs that were nominated. Purina will send out puppy kits to litter owners to distribute to their puppy buyers. Diane Strasser is facilitating the nomination process with Purina.</p>

	Laura Gilbert moved that the fee structure be changed to meet Purina's needs effective October 1. Carol Moore asked that the information be disseminated quickly using the Constant Contact and other communication vehicles. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Adjourned	The Saturday session adjourned at 5:45 PM
Reconvened	The Board convened in closed session at 8:06 AM. Following a Recess for 5 minutes the Open session resumed at 8:42 am.
X. Ad Hoc Committees	
2013 Centennial Event - Nancy Harper-Mulvaney	
	Nancy reported on the site visit in Pennsylvania. Access to stadium is from a direct ramp from the highway. The plans for the stadium include a park area. Dream Park is the site that is being explored for the National. The Renaissance Hotel is being explored as host hotel but can accommodate only 450 for a sit down dinner.
	Nancy noted that advertising and promotion of the event is one of the objectives for the Centennial. Exploration of a Charitable Foundation is being done but this would be a major undertaking. Ken Downing explained that corporations can donate funds as a business expense. The 501(c)(3) is to allow individuals to contribute and claim a tax deduction. The IRS is being very discriminating at this time. Nancy Harper-Mulvaney stated that the committee is in contact with a tax attorney who has set this up for hundreds of dog clubs. She would like to have this undertaken to be able to raise funds. There was discussion of the formation of another independent corporation within the GSDCA, Inc. and the control or lack of control of this organization by the sitting Board. Carmen Battaglia gave examples using the AKC. When the purpose of the charitable organization is completed it would be dissolved and the funds would be donated to a charity. Nadine Grady expressed concern that the profits would ultimately not benefit the GSDCA, Inc. Nancy will be reporting back to the Board in July on this investigation.
	Nancy asked for approval for committee members Tom Brown to act as Historian, and Dr. Morton Goldfarb to be added to the Centennial Committee. Dorothy Linn moved that these committee members be approved. It was seconded and carried unanimously.
X. Unfinished Business	
	Helen Gleason read the following language as drafted by the Legal Affairs Committee to be included in the membership application and the renewal of membership forms. The action taken on Sunday is reported in the committee report for continuity and full understanding of the context of the minutes.
	LaMar Frederick recommended that the points from the agreement with Purina be sent out to the membership. These points noted are under the Futurity report and the Purina Alliance report in these minutes
XI. Liaisons to the Board	
Rescue	In the written report made by Linda Kury, the recommendation was made for specific information and qualifications of conditions regarding Rescue assistance to be placed on the GSDCA website in that members who become incapacitated and the dogs meet the qualifications they can contact
	Rescue for assistance in dog placement. Sharon Todoroff is willing to be in charge of the program. Bart Bartley moved that the board approve the implementation of this recommendation. Following discussion, Ginny Altman moved to amend the motion to say that the board authorize the placement of a link to Rescue for assistance in dog placement on the GSDCA, Inc. website. Amendment seconded and carried unanimously. Main motion as amended approved unanimously.

WDA	Tom Mesdag reported on his attendance at the GSDCA-WDA Board Meeting.
	The GSDCA-WDA has expressed a willingness to assist the GSDCA, Inc. in putting on the 2013 WUSV Trial. Tom noted that the qualifying trial will be held in the Chicago area on May 8. Tom Mesdag moved to make a decision on the site for 2013. Ginny Altman raised a point of order that the site decision process was determined by the Board on Saturday. Discussion ensued. Tish informed the Board that she will inform them within a suitable time frame for a conference call in early June.
	David Landau, who had been GSDCA-WDA General Director, has been appointed Director of Judges. Tom Mesdag has been nominated by President Tish Walker as General Director, subject to GSDCA-WDA Board approval.
	Tish announced that she appointed Helen Gleason to be liaison to the AKC endorsement program.
	Tish provided copies of the Agreement between the GSDCA, Inc. and the GSDCA.-WDA Inc. prior to the Board meeting. The agreement approved by the 2009 Board was not acceptable to the GSDCA-WDA Board and the Agreement has been modified for review.
	Carmen Battaglia brought to the Board's attention the differences between the agreements. There was discussion of the impact of the points on the agreement that were objectionable to the GSDCA- WDA Board. The items of the original agreement are dated June 3, 2009.
	Nancy Harper-Mulvaney was excused at 10:32
	Ken Downing made the point that the GSDCA, Inc. is the voting member of the World Union. The purpose of the organizations and the wish to cooperate in joint objectives was reaffirmed. The suggestion was made that representatives of each organization meet to discuss our relationships. LaMar Frederick moved that the president be authorized to appoint a committee of 3-4 and establish conference call communication with representatives of the GSDCA- WDA to discuss these concerns. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
2013 WUSV	Without objection, Tish Walker appointed additional committee members, Ken Downing, Carlos Rohas, and Ginny Altman, to the 2013 WUSV World Trial Committee.
SV/WUSV	David Landau provided a detailed written report. The Sieger Show is September 3-5 in Nurnberg.
COAPA	David Landau, in his written report, noted that the COAPA Sieger Show is November 26-28 in Guadalajara, Mexico.
Legislative	Stormy Hope provided a summary of the activities of this committee in a detailed written report.
Unfinished Business Continued	
Review	Without objection, Lee Smith has been appointed by Tish Walker as the Ad Hoc Review Advisor.
	Rules to enter two futurities from Saturday was approved and is documented under the committee report for continuity and understanding.
AKC Awards	Ginny Altman moved that the AKC Good Sportsmanship go to the same recipient as the Don Cliff Award and that it be handled by the Awards Committee. Seconded and adopted without objection.
	The following Lifetime Achievement Award Nominees will be submitted to the AKC. Jimmy Moses for Conformation Laurie Nickeson for Companion Events Charlie Mazaros for Performance Events. Laura Gilbert will submit the information as provided to her by Carmen Battaglia and Dorothy Linn.

White Shepherd Club	Melanie Fuellgraf asked the Board to explore the possibilities of the white shepherd as a separate breed status with the AKC. The breed is recognized internationally. Several lifetime members have signed the petition with in excess of 300 signatures. Melanie is asking the Board to consider this at the July Board meeting. FCI has sent a letter acknowledging that the breed was recognized in Switzerland. Helen Gleason recommended to Melanie to have the FCI contact the SV for a response regarding their view on this matter. DNA may be the obstacle in the Foundation Stock Service process with the AKC as the white dog is likely to be DNA identified as a GSD. Without objection, Melanie was invited to address the Board on Friday night at the July Board meeting.
2011	Ginny Altman moved that the 2011 April Board meeting be April 30-May 1, 2011 because of the Easter Holiday conflict. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
	Tish informed the Board that Helen Miller Fisher has asked the Board to consider the reprint and sale of the copyrighted information on breeding which was written by well known GSD breeders. The matter was referred to the Education Committee without objection.
Dog Fancy	Tish informed the board that the Dog Fancy magazine is featuring the GSD. The club was invited to participate by advertising in that issue. The matter was referred to the Public Relations committee without objection. The committee was instructed that any advertising was to be within budget.
	Gary Sczymczak was excused at 11:33am.
XII. Announcements	
	Helen Gleason urged the board members to provide education to various regional clubs and events.
	Carmen Battaglia informed the board that he has been working with the AKC Archivist to collect historical information on the GSD. Ken Downing suggested that we provide information to the membership providing direction to give historical information to the GSDCA, Inc. for the AKC Archivist.
	It was noted that Barbara Lopez has a set of bound Historical Reviews. Discussion of other information of which individuals have and which would be of interest historically. The suggestion was made that if members have historical items they can be given to Nancy Harper- Mulvaney for the 2013 Centennial as well.
XIII. Adjournment	
	The meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.
	Ginny Altman, Recording Secretary
	May 18, 2010