

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.
Conference Call Meeting
August 11, 2010

Officers	Present: Tish Walker, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert, Ginny Altman, and Nadine Grady.
Class of 2010 Directors	Present: Bart Bartley, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Helen Gleason, Pam O'Dell. Absent: Tom Mesdag, Nancy Nellis, LaMar Frederick
Class of 2011 Directors	Present: Zoe Backman, Bill Burggraaf, Ken Downing, Dorothy Linn, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie. Carmen Battaglia, arrived at 8:35pm EDT.
Conference Call	Tish called the meeting to order at 8:07 pm EDT.
Roll Call	All Officers and Board members were present except for Tom Mesdag, Nancy Nellis, and LaMar Frederick who were absent.
Agenda	The announced subject of the conference call was the site and date of the 2014 National Specialty in Topeka and the date.

National Show Chair - Bill Burggraaf

	Bill reported that he was in contact with the Topeka facility and they are holding the dates October 20- 26, 2014. Bill recommended that we take that date and confirm that to the facility.
	Lana spoke in favor of those dates. Ginny and Laura are in favor of that date recommended by Bill. Nadine is Ok with that but likes the September date. Bart spoke in favor of the weather during the last week in October or the first week in November and it is far enough away from the Canadian National.
	Helen asked about ground level hotel facilities. She asked about the Regional Specialties in that area. Dean stated that Jersey Shore conflicts in the last week of October. Tish secured a calendar and stated that there are several regional shows that conflict earlier in October but not for the week of the 20th.
	Bill stated that the Club would have an additional \$5 rebate for every hotel room night as income. In response to questions about the financial advantage of contracting for a second year, Ken, who was copied with the letter to Bill, read from the letter that the City gives us \$2000 for a one year contract and for a two year contract they will give us \$3000 each year in addition to the \$5 rebate per room night in 2011 and \$10 per room night in 2014.
	Nancy expressed concern about the National site rotation sequence and the Kansas City Airport for dogs. 2011 is in Topeka, 2012 is in Denver, 2013 is in Philadelphia and Midwest would be next in line for the customary rotation.
	Bill Burggraaf informed the Board that the CVB in multiple locations are willing to work out arrangements for the benefit of the Club.
	Pam noted that it is harder to get a 500 crate on an airline these days. She noted that it was an expensive flight. Driving too late in the year places the west coast driver at risk for snow in the mountains. She is concerned about a multilevel hotel. Bill stated that there are 3 hotels that would offer the \$10 rebate for the 2 year arrangement. Banners, Badges, Tours are also being offered.
	Ken expressed concern about many of the same things that others are concerned about and would prefer to not see it later than those dates suggested. Dorothy was very favorable to the Topeka facility, especially the Herding. Gary noted that his concerns were addressed and he is agreement with the dates but wondered about the site. He noted that we will be visiting Purina next year. Dean noted that there are no open dates available for the East coast. He expressed concern about multilevel hotels.

Motion to Postpone	Dean moved that we postpone the vote on returning to Topeka until the Board meeting after the Topeka National in 2011.
	In favor of the Motion to postpone: All except Ginny Altman, who did not vote and Ken Downing who abstained for conflict of interest. Motion to postpone was adopted.
	It was suggested that we communicate this to the membership by Constant Contact.
	Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm EDT.
	Ginny Altman, Recording Secretary
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