

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

Embassy Suites

Kansas City, Missouri

Officers	Present: Tish Walker, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert, and Ginny Altman. Absent: Nadine Grady.
Class of 2010 Directors	Present: Bart Bartley, LaMar Frederick, Helen Gleason, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Tom Mesdag, Nanci Nellis, Pam O'Dell.
Class of 2011 Directors	Present: Zoe Backman, Carmen Battaglia, Bill Burggraaf, Ken Downing, Dorothy Linn, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie.
Committee Chairpersons	Present: Carol Moore, Bob Moore, Susan Casey.
Members and Guests	Present: Ken Cunningham, Shirley Petersen, Ken Petersen, Susie Long, Bill Long, Fred Migliore, Didier Ardoin II, Joe Beccia, Frank J. Fasano, Kris Fasano, Melanie Fuellgraf, Lew Bunch, Nicky Bunch, Nadine D. Paglia, Giget Fasano.
Call to Order	Tish Walker, President, called the GSDCA Membership meeting to order at 8:04 am on Saturday, July 24, 2010.
I. Approval of Minutes	
	Dean Wylie moved that the April 2010 Board meeting minutes and the June Board Conference Call minutes be approved as distributed. The reading of the minutes were waived and minutes were approved by general consent.
II. Report of Recording Secretary - Ginny Altman	
	No report other than two electronic distributions of Board minutes prior to the meeting.
III. Report of Corresponding Secretary - Laura Gilbert	
	Laura reported that she has received AKC approval for our participation in the Morris and Essex Kennel Club Show to be held October 10, 2010, the closing date is September 22 2010. She noted that the finalists for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards are: Conformation: Jean Fournier, Walter F Goodman, Keke Kahn Companion Events: James Ham, Shirley Indelicato, Jill Jones Performance: Jo Ann Frier-Murza, Leida Jones, Linda Stilwell. Laura will send the final recommendation from the Board to the AKC. She received a listing from the International Kennel Club of Chicago, and invitation for their next event for February 26 & 27, 2011 noting that the GSDCA did not participate in 2010. Laura received an email from AKC confirming that Susan Casey receives the New Titles of Record reports and noted that she receives the Electronic Stud Book. Also the 2009 registration statistics showed 14,850 litters - 246 fewer than 2008. There were 29 more dogs registered in 2009 than in 2008. The GSDCA has received a request to sponsor the 2010 Parent Club Medallion Awards at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. Cost is \$215.00 for Conformation (\$125), Obedience (\$45) and Agility (\$45).
Motion	Nancy Harper-Mulvaney moved that the GSDCA accept the invitation for the supported entry at the International Kennel Club in Chicago. There was discussion regarding the requirements and costs of approximately \$150. It was noted that Meet the Breeds is usually part of this benched show. The motion carried with no one voting in opposition to the motion.
IV. Report of the Vice-President - Lana Jorgensen Law	
	Carmen noted that the vice-president has the responsibility of maintaining the archives of the club and the AKC has offered to store the archives including the National videos.

	Tish noted that she had archives that were sent to her while she was Vice president, which she will be sending to the AKC as well.
V. Report of the Executive Committee - Tish Walker	
	<p>The Executive Committee met via conference call May 19, 2010. The committee discussed the possibility of committing to go to the Topeka site for two Nationals – possibly 2011 and 2012 or 2011 and 2014. It was decided the decision should be made at the July 2010 Board meeting. Official Corporate records were discussed. The Committee decided that emails between individual board members are not corporate records. Official communications from the Club to the membership via Constant Contact would be considered official corporate records.</p> <p>The Executive committee met June 30, 2010 to discuss the implementation date for the Review contract. Motion by Bill to review this at the July board meeting and have the Board set a time for implementation. It was moved and seconded to approve the actions of the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
VI. Report of President - Tish Walker	
	<p>Tish reported that there was an Amended Complaint filed by the plaintiff in May which meant that the motion for dismissal was not heard. A new motion for dismissal has been filed but no court hearing date has been set at this time. A letter of Reservation of Rights was received from the insurance company.</p> <p>Following the Board conference call, Bart Bartley was appointed to chair the Ad-Hoc Peggy Douglas Award Committee with Gloria Birch and Elizabeth Knight as members.</p> <p>Tish reported that she appointed Helen Gleason and Ken Downing to the Committee to discuss the Agreement with the GSDCA-WDA. The Committee met with representatives from the GSDCA-WDA in June via conference call.</p> <p>Tish represented the GSDCA at the Our K-9 Heroes Award Ceremony in New Jersey in June. Lillian Kline organizes this noteworthy ceremony.</p> <p>Danny Spreitler, the President of the GSDCA-WDA unexpectedly resigned his position as President the beginning of July. A letter on GSDCA letterhead was sent to him expressing our regrets and wishing him well. An official letter was sent to the SV informing the SV of this resignation and stating our intention to continue to support and work collaboratively with the GSDCA-WDA. As President of the GSDCA, Tish had a conversation with Cindy Petersen, the new President of the GSDCA-WDA, expressing the support of the GSDCA and our willingness to continue to work together.</p>
	<p>Carmen raised the question regarding comment in the letter of resignation regarding the reported membership to the SV. Tish affirmed that the practice has been consistent over time. The method of determining the numbers reported to the SV was explained as the number of individuals engaged in aspects of GSDCA events by virtue of the membership in the GSDCA, Inc. and membership of regional clubs that are associated with the GSDCA, Inc. The historical reporting rationale of member organizations to the SV was reviewed.</p>
VII. Report of the Treasurer - Nadine Grady	
Motion	<p>Tish noted that Nadine has provided a written report. LaMar Frederick commented on the 2008 audit of \$45,000 of losses and the current status which reports approximately \$100,000 loss in net assets. Ken reported that the audit for 2009 should be completed in about 10 day's time. 2007 audit data was not received until November of 2009. Our running total of expenses from prior years which is now being reported and accounted for which were not budgeted. It is hard to manage this until we have a current accounting of our status. Carmen stated that he has had some conversation with Nadine Grady about a CD of about \$100,000 having been moved into checking under the authority of the previous president. Carmen moved that none of the Clubs savings, i.e. CD's, Money Market Instruments and other savings can be cashed or moved to the GSDCA, Inc. checking account without authorization by the Board and must be reported in the minutes. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.</p>
	<p>Ken acknowledged that, while he was not involved, prior to this year there was not a responsibility for oversight on the expenses but affirmed that he is providing this oversight now. Helen Gleason confirmed, as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, that there is currently strict management of expenses according to budget. There was discussion of the reports provided at the Board meeting.</p>

Motion	Without objection, going forward from 2008 the Board requested to see the quarterly check register and also a comparison of budget and actual expenses from year to year, also from 2008, will be requested of the Treasurer.
	In her written report, Nadine requested that, in her absence, her letter become part of the minutes. There was no objection. Letter is as follows: As you know, I will not be at this board meeting, as my work requires me to work the weekend of the meeting. I have been thinking about the board meeting and specifically about the lawsuit we are in the midst of. I have several observations/statements I must make. 1. This lawsuit and all our actions should be transparent, everything the board does. All decisions made should be posted behind the wall on the website. 2. The board members who are separately named in this suit shouldn't be allowed to Vote for accepting any offers to settle. This is a conflict of interest and doesn't serve our membership well. 3. As far as this lawsuit is concerned, any discussions, decisions made should be in open session – no longer should we be hiding our comments/decisions etc. We are here to serving the membership – not our selves and we should be acting that way. Nadine Grady Treasurer GSDCA
	Nancy Harper-Mulvaney asked to clarify that there is \$20,000 is budgeted for the World Trial. Tish confirmed that the funds are place in a fund restricted to the World Trial.
Recess	9:05 am to 9:15 am
VIII. Report of the AKC Delegate - Carmen Battaglia	
Judges fees	Dean Wylie moved that the Board direct the AKC Delegate to oppose any action of the AKC to impose a Judges Fee. Motion carried.
CHIC Motion	Carmen raised the issue of CHIC requirements. Carmen expressed concern that other breeds have more dogs participating in the CHIC program than the number of GSD. Carmen moved that the CHIC requirements for GSD be Hips, Elbows and the Temperament Test and that Thyroid and Cardiac tests be moved from mandatory to recommend. Ginny Altman, Chair of the Health Committee informed the Board that, while the Health Committee does not object to moving these two tests from mandatory status to recommended status there are other tests that should be included in CHIC and moved that the consideration of this motion be postponed until the report of the Health and Genetics Committee. The motion to postpone was defeated.
	Ginny informed the Board that she had polled the Health Committee and the consensus was that it was insufficient for the GSDCA to support the assigning of a CHIC number to animals that did not contribute to testing for significant health issues in the breed. That the only two health tests that would remain if the Board adopted Carmen's recommendation were hips and elbows and the Health Committee did not support that minimal criteria. While temperament testing is a critical item in our CHIC criteria, it does not represent our health issues. Ginny informed the Board that there are breeds that have a blood DNA banking requirement that provides for storage of DNA. This would provide GSD blood samples for future research, which would contribute to the health of the GSD by facilitating the study of genetic diseases. The Health Committee felt that DM is a significant health issue and there are currently two tests that test for alternative markers in that disease complex. The Health Committee has a current survey underway to identify prevalent diseases which the Committee may recommend for the CHIC program. There is a study for genetic diseases being conducted at Texas A&M and the results are not yet available but would be fairly soon. This may also represent recommendations for testing.
	These actions that are underway may influence the recommendation of the Health Committee for the CHIC criteria. Ginny Altman moved on behalf of the Health and Genetics Committee that the motion be amended to include blood based DNA banking and DM. Carmen said that he did not want his motion amended and that Ginny should take these issues up under the Health Committee Report. There was no second to the motion to amend.
Vote	The Main Motion carried with all voting for the motion except LaMar Frederick, Zoe Backman, and Ken Downing who abstained and Helen Gleason and Ginny Altman who were opposed.

AKC term limits Motion	Carmen brought for discussion the AKC term limits for Delegates for the purpose of Board turnover. LaMar Frederick moved that we direct the AKC delegate to vote against the current term limit provision and support a provision that a term of service is limited to eight years and not subject to re-election. Motion seconded. Ken Downing moved to amend by adding the words 'until four years have lapsed'. Amendment adopted unanimously. Motion as amended carried unanimously.
	Ken brought to the Board's attention an article on the GSD in "Dogs in Review" May 2010 issue. The title of the article is under the British Connection and is entitled 'German Shepherds in Trouble'.
	Ken highlighted the July 16, 2010 editorial in Dog News regarding the AKC and the commercial pet industry.
IX. Committee Reports	
Budget and Finance - Ken Downing	
	Ken reported that in 2008 and 2009 the report has shown some financial losses. Insurance has gone from \$4800 to \$28,000 and we had \$14,000 of income tax. Audit expenses were \$23,000. Ken did some research and these numbers are correct. 2010 Budget was planned on previous year's averages. The 2008 audit shows the additional expenses that have occurred at the National. We did not get futurity litter nominations in on time to take advantage of income Purina was offering us for that program. The GSDCA counted on more income than came in under the program and therefore did not make budget. Current expenses at the Board meeting are greater than the average budgeted. The Review has costs and expenses exceed revenue by \$14,000. Ken urged that we attempt to eliminate the frills in all areas in order to reduce our expenses. Lanalee Jorgensen Law suggested that Bylaws chair, LaMar Frederick consider bringing to the Board a proposal to amend the bylaws to reduce the number of directors on the Board.
Motion	Carmen brought up the subject of credit cards / debit cards. The GSDCA currently has a debit card in use. There was discussion regarding whether the club needed a debit or credit card. It was noted that the convenience of having a credit card does facilitate doing business. Bill Burggraaf said that there are times when a transaction can only take place if a credit card is available to secure the payment. Nanci Nellis informed the Board that there are boxes that are sent by UPS and that has always been done with a credit card. Ken Downing moved that we have a credit card, not a debit card, for use by the treasurer and president only. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
	LaMar recommended that the recording secretary place the motion in the form of a resolution and provide it to the president and the treasurer for their use in securing such credit card.
	Ken Downing informed the Board that the action to place cash in Morgan Stanley CD instruments which have staggered due dates as was previously recommended by the Board is now in place. Helen Gleason addressed the income from membership and the no-fee membership that was extended to members with excess of 40 years of membership which reduces membership income. Review expenses vs. ads were discussed.
Recess	10:55am to 11:11am
	National Specialty - Bill Burggraaf
	Bill reported that there was an error on AKC website for the GSDCA 2010 National because of their having transposed an AKC Judge's number. This error has now been corrected. Nancy Harper made note of some of the Midwest Nationals that suffer a lack of income. She also cautioned the Board to be aware of those sites that cannot draw from the West Coast because of the inability to transport 500 crates. Bart Bartley urged the Board to consider coming back to locations as the members will get familiar with transportation issues and get a familiarity of the site, hotels, and other accommodations such as in Canada. He urged that the date not conflict with the Canadian National as well. Bill reported that the streaming video contract has been negotiated.

Motion	Zoe suggested that we cover performance events as well. Lana moved and it was seconded that we cover performance with streaming video. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion from April	Tish recalled for the Board that there was a motion by Nanci Nellis, which was postponed from the April meeting to charge \$40 for the entire National and \$25 for Saturday. There was extensive discussion of a membership fee vs. a non-member fee. The question was raised regarding the mechanism of payment being able to distinguish between members and non-members. Zoe explained that it can be done through our website.
Amendment	Ken Downing moved that the motion be amended to include a non-member fee as follows: That the fee be established at \$40 for non-members for the entire National or \$25 for Saturday and \$30 for members for the entire National or \$15 for Saturday. Amendment was carried unanimously. Motion, made by Nanci Nellis in April, as amended, carried unanimously.
Motion	Helen Gleason moved that Gary Szymczak be named as chair for obtaining sponsorships for streaming video for 2010. Motion seconded and carried unanimously. Pam O'Dell and Susan Casey suggested that to encourage trophy donations, the streaming video carry the name of the trophy donors for the class as the award is presented.
Board Sites	Bill Burggraaf moved that the Board approve the following Board meeting sites: January meeting in Los Angeles, Philadelphia in April and St. Louis in July. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Motion	LaMar Frederick moved that the Board authorize advance advertising in the GSD Review with a half page ad of the fact that streaming video is available for a fee. Ken Downing amended to include that notice be given to the secretaries of all the regional clubs. Amendment adopted. Motion as amended adopted unanimously.
Lunch	12:05pm to 1:10pm
Herding	Bill Burggraaf reported that Dorothy Linn visited the Herding Site for the 2011 National. Dorothy reported that the facilities will accommodate all of the courses and it is only 20 minutes from the show site. Herding Instinct is planned to be on site. Dorothy believes that it will be a profitable herding event.
National Show Sites	Bill Burggraaf reviewed the National Show Sites. The 2011 National will be in Topeka and the 2012 National will be in Denver, October 9-14.
2013	Requirements for the World Union trial are very specific and the facilities in Philadelphia do meet the requirements. Bill distributed aerial photos of the site and described the accommodations. Dean Wylie noted that the demographics of the area lend itself to drawing spectators, vendors and sponsors. The Chamber of Commerce is in support and will help with the promotion. Publicity for the event will draw visitors from the area for our Centennial Event. The World Trial coupled with this will bring spectators from all over the world.
	Bill distributed a budget projection which he discussed using various entry, gate and streaming video subscription options. Bill projects that we will generate revenue that could be as great as \$400,000. The deposit of \$25,000 will be due now. LaMar Frederick noted that this is a considerable financial investment. Dean explained that there will be sponsorships and some of the expenses will be taken from the revenue and the balance will then be due to the GSDCA, Inc. Nancy Harper explained that some of the expenses are adjusted and fluctuate depending upon the gate entry. Ken noted that there will be a separate chart of accounts for this event.
Dates	The contract specifies that the World Trial is reserved at the Stadium from Monday, October 14 to October 20, 2013. The National Specialty is reserved at the Dream Park from Tuesday October 7 to Saturday October 13, 2013. Ken noted that the teams coming in will be here a week before the trial to acclimate and practice. This will influence the number of hotel nights that are planned for this event.
Motion	Carmen Battaglia moved that we approve the site and the budget for 2013. Motion seconded. All in favor except LaMar Frederick who was opposed and Ken Downing who abstained.

	LaMar Frederick cautioned the Board that there are not contracts in place and the plans are as yet incomplete. Tom Mesdag reported that he was in attendance at the WDA Board meeting last week and that there are sponsorships ready to be had depending upon what we do here today. The WDA members stand ready to work with the GSDCA to make this a success. Dean assured the members that there are five Regional clubs that are available to help as well.																																							
Motion Postponed	There was discussion of the financial incentives to have a second scheduled National in Topeka. Dorothy Linn moved and it was seconded that we have the National in Topeka in 2014. The dates that would be available were explored. It was agreed by general consent to postpone the decision until Bill has the available dates to consider.																																							
Recess	2:30 pm to 2:43 pm																																							
WDA	Without objection, Tom Mesdag was asked to present the WDA report, usually reporting under Liaison, at this time in order that member guests could benefit from the information presented. Tom reported on his attendance at the recent GSDCA-WDA Inc. Board meeting. Cindy Peterson is now President. The WDA Board elected Carl Smith as vice-president. Tom Mesdag reviewed some history of the AKC regarding the Working Dog Sport (WDS) concept and ultimate decision not to continue to offer the WDS as an AKC event. When changes were made in the way the WDA processed their paperwork to the SV, the SV requested that the GSDCA, Inc. have an agreement with the WDA describing that process. That agreement is in place until Dec. 31, 2012. Ken Downing reviewed the formation of the GSDCA-WDA, Inc. by Bill Collins and others when the AKC prohibited AKC member clubs from holding Schutzhund Trials. The membership in the World Union is and always has been held by the GSDCA, Inc. as a founding member of the World Union. The AKC, subsequent to dropping the WDS, asked the GSDCA, Inc. and the other breed parent clubs that recognize titles from events that offer other than AKC titles, to endorse a club to carry out the performance event of Schutzhund. The endorsed club would conduct trials and the AKC would recognize the titles. The GSDCA, Inc. endorsed the WDA as the organization that would conduct those trials. The balance of the report follows the Centennial reports.																																							
Futurity	Carol reviewed the GSDCA Futurity nomination agreement with Purina. Through the Purina Futurity Alliance Program, the GSDCA is able to offer our parent club members free nomination of their futurity litters, as long as it is done before the litter is born. Beginning Oct 1, 2010, litters nominated after their official AKC registration birth date will need to pay the \$25.00 nomination fee. Late fees remain the same. Any member can easily nominate a litter online at gsdca.org or E-mail all the information to Diane Strasser at kmgraphic2@aol.com .																																							
	Carol proposed that potential Futurity judges from other countries who have bred five (5) champions in their country and meet the other GSDCA requirements to judge a Futurity, be permitted to judge those futurities to which they are invited. Carol was asked to put her proposal in writing and bring it back to the next Board meeting.																																							
Judges	Lana moved that we approve the proposed list of judges in rank order as presented by Carol Moore. Motion seconded and carried unanimously. Gary abstained for conflict of interest.																																							
Clubs and Dates	Helen moved that the clubs and dates as presented for 2011 and distributed to the Board be approved. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.																																							
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Trophies	Carol Moore, Futurity chair displayed the sample plaques illustrating some ideas for graduated sizes and trophy design for the futurities and distributed the associated costs for the various examples and options.
Bids	Carol reported that since the contract for doing the Futurity Plaques has expired, solicitations for bids for the Futurity Trophies are being accepted. Any one desiring to bid on doing Futurity Trophies should contact Bob Moore at GSDCOWBOY@aol.com for a specifications bid sheet. All bids will need to be in by Sept 30, 2010. Carol and her committee will evaluate the bids and come back to the Board with a recommendation at the Oct Meeting. Members would be invited via the Board-O-Gram to call for any information: 830-980-4260.
Amateur	The Amateur Futurity has had mixed results. Carol stated that the Futurity Committee supports the concept and recognizes that there is mixed interest depending upon the region.
Motion	Dorothy Linn moved that we require each region to host the amateur futurity beginning in 2013. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
	Dorothy Linn moved that the owner(s) of the winner of the amateur futurities be eligible to compete with those same dogs in the regular futurity finals beginning at the 2013 National. Ken Downing moved to amend that the dog does not necessarily have to be handled by the amateur handler. For the amendment: Nanci Nellis, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Ken Downing, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Dorothy Linn, Ginny Altman, and Laura Gilbert. Opposed: Bart Bartley, Dean Wylie, Bill Burggraaf, Gary Szymczak, LaMar Frederick, Zoe Backman, Tom Mesdag, Helen Gleason, Carmen Battaglia, and Pam O'Dell. Amendment failed. In favor of motion: Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Ken Downing, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert, Dorothy Linn, Carmen Battaglia, Ginny Altman. Opposed: Bart Bartley, Dean Wylie, Bill Burggraaf, Gary Szymczak, Nanci Nellis, Zoe Backman, Tom Mesdag, and Pam O'Dell. Motion failed.
	There was discussion regarding the check that is given to the GSDCA from Purina and who has copies of the agreement. The trophies for those futurities that have been approved by the Board are approved including the cost of trophies being covered by the GSDCA. Tish said she will review the terms of the agreement with Purina for clarification of the designation of funds.
GSD Review	<p>Susan reported to the Board regarding the last mailing which was without poly bags. She presented the idea of offering optional poly bags. In discussion it was recommended that the option be offered with the membership renewal form for members to be given a choice of paying to have a poly bag if they wish. Bart Bartley moved that we authorize the Review Editor to generate another mailing list to the printer for those who wish to receive their Review in a poly bag beginning January 1. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Susan has had some complaints about the labels covering the photograph of the dog on the Review. She noted that the back page seldom is sold to advertising and suggested that part of the back be designated for the addressing. This would reduce the available advertising space but it is rarely sold and would not impact the Review revenue.</p>

Motion	Ginny Altman moved to authorize Susan to change the layout of the back cover to accept inkjet addressing and to adjust the cost of the back page with attractive pricing in an attempt to sell it for advertising. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Recess	4:35 pm to 4:50 pm
Legal Affairs Review	LaMar Frederick reported that the Review Editor's contract has language, which has been agreed upon with the Editor. LaMar noted that there is a provision for the club to pay monthly fees of \$125 for DSL phone and \$125 for computer hardware and software. He informed the Board that, ordinarily, expenses paid to an independent contractor places that individual closer to being defined by the IRS as if employee status. It was explained that independent contractors who work for just one organization can also bring the risk that the IRS will define an individual as an employee.
Motion	Laura Gilbert moved that we pay Susan Casey the amount currently owed her as the previous contract stipulated and as was agreed and as is verified by the treasurer. Motion seconded and carried unanimously. Ken Downing noted that he had abstained by reason of conflict of interest.
Motion	Bart Bartley suggested that we adjust the contract to pay the independent contractor a fee to cover amount in the previous contract. Gary Szymczak moved that the fee be established at \$4250. Motion carried unanimously. La Mar recommended that this contract begin August 1, 2010. Carmen Battaglia moved that the contract be approved effective August 1, 2010. Motion approved without objection. Ken noted a conflict of interest and did not vote.
Motion	Gary Szymczak moved that the Review Editor be reimbursed for her travel to this board meeting. Motion seconded and carried. All in favor except Helen Gleason and Ken Downing who, as members of the Budget and Finance Committee, abstained.
Video Motion	LaMar informed the Board that the video services agreement has been negotiated by Carmen and Bart with Bob Lindsey, for one year, to produce the two discs of the GSDCA, Inc. National show. LaMar Frederick moved that the agreement be approved. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Motion	Bart Bartley moved that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$400 to provide a graphic insert on the discs at the front end and back end of each National disc for identification and copyright. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Lawsuit	Helen Gleason asked to be excused. She was absent during the discussion of the Lawsuit.
Agreement	Carmen Battaglia informed the current Board that a previous Board entered into an agreement with an individual and referenced page 3 of that document in which the Board agreed that an inquiry would be conducted and that the Board would participate in a training course on responsibilities of a board member, also one on defamation and communicate a policy to members on internet media.
	Carmen provided copies to the Board, of a letter dated July 9, 2010, from a member to James Crowley at the AKC, which included a number of documents and provided the AKC with a copy of the Amended Agreement of the Lawsuit. The letter requests AKC intervention. Carmen noted from the pages of the Amended Agreement of the Lawsuit dated May 3, 2010 in which the individual, with which the previous Board had an agreement, is named 61 times. Kris Fasano informed the current Board that the agreement on behalf of the individual named, was to be kept confidential.
	Following Carmen Battaglia's review of the previous agreement made and the documents provided to the AKC in the July letter, Carmen Battaglia asked that we adopt and communicate to Club members an internet policy designed to ensure against the use, by Club members, of email, chat rooms and websites to engage in inappropriate behavior such as libel, antitrust, violations of intellectual property rights, violation of privacy laws, and general activities inconsistent with the operations and rules of the Club. Ken Downing suggested that we have an ongoing education regarding the duties and responsibilities of Board members and the conduct of club activities in accordance with rules of procedural due process.

	Tish asked the Policy and Procedures chair, Zoe Backman, to draft an internet policy for the Board to review at the next meeting.
Amended Complaint	LaMar Frederick asked the Board for direction regarding the Amended Complaint, the letter of reservation and agreement. The Amended Complaint was addressed in discussion in open session. Without recognition, guest member Frank Fasano addressed the Board opposing having the Amended Complaint appear on the Club website. LaMar noted that discussing the Amended Complaint in open session assures transparency to the members. The Amended Complaint is available to anyone who wishes to read it on a public website and the availability of it is not dependent upon the Board action. Bart Bartley, spoke in opposition to considering placing the Amended Agreement on the GSDCA website.
	Laura Gilbert suggested that, as an alternative, our attorney provide a document of chronological events, not naming names, regarding the lawsuit for members of the GSDCA, Inc. Tish and LaMar will explore this option.
Motion	Carmen moved to provide a secured area on the website called "Administration" that is password protected. This area will be used to keep copies of all-important Club documents for the benefit of board members who may need to review them. Typical documents include, but are not limited to: Club Contracts, Insurance Policies, Agreements and Law Suits. When a board member leaves the board their password will be discontinued. All current board members will be issued a unique password. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Adjourned	The Saturday session of the meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.
Convened	On Sunday at 8:05am the Board meeting was called to order.
	The Board convened in closed session to review the Awards to be given at the National.
Call to Order	The open Sunday session was called to order at 8:20 am.
AOE Motion Motion	Tish relayed that the original AOE Award was a Crystal Diamond shaped Trophy Award and in recent time a plaque has been substituted for that award. The chair, Helen Franklin, had recommended that we discontinue the plaque in favor of the trophy award style. Gary Szymczak moved that we return the AOE Award to the original crystal award from EDCO. Motion seconded and carried unanimously. There was discussion of the budget impact. There is no recipient for 2010. Ginny moved that if there is a recipient for 2010 that we award the original crystal award from EDCO. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Thirteen Club	Tish reported for Carolyn Putnam that she had data that is in a spreadsheet and is asking the Board to notify her if there is proprietary information, which the Board does not want, released. Ken expressed that the information that is on the form is available for analysis and research. Carmen noted that this is a longevity program. Helen Gleason reviewed the Thirteen Club application form for the Board and believes that there is no information that is collected that an owner would object to sharing. Zoe clarified for the board that she helped to develop the form and the purpose of having it on a database is for administrative purposes so that the information is not lost with a change of chairman.
Motion	Zoe moved that the Thirteen Club be authorized to have the data go to a database in a secured area accessible by chairs of the Thirteen Club and the Health and Genetics Committee. Conversion the present Excel database for inclusion into the database could cost approximately \$500 to \$750. Discussion of the cost and that this amount has not been budgeted. Ginny moved that she be authorized to inform Carolyn that the database was approved but that the cost will need to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee at the January 2011 meeting for 2011 approval of the funds to implement placing the information into this database. Approved without objection.

Education	<p>Helen Gleason reported on the activities of the education committee in providing eight judges seminars in various locations such as Washington, Florida and Georgia. The Education Committee welcomes any who are willing to present a seminar. All presenters who request materials are given Standard Brochures, DVD's and general information packets to be distributed at the seminar/presentations. Helen noted that there articles submitted by members on the GSD in the Quarterly and the Gazette.</p> <p>Judge's Education Seminar-held at the GSDCA National in Utah has ten applications submitted to date from people planning to apply for the Breed and one GSDCA member (free) to audit. The speakers this year are Gloria Birch and Cappy Pottle and Intersex judge, Barbara Amidon. This will take place at the show grounds on Thursday beginning at 12 noon. Further information and contact: Diane Mehra dmehra@aol.com</p>
Motion	<p>Helen asked for authorization to use the logo on the back of the t-shirts for the top 20 German Shepherd Dog Agility Invitational for Wednesday evening at the National. She urges the Board members to be there to support this event. Nancy Harper Mulvaney moved that the GSDCA grant a one-time license to use the GSDCA logo on the back of the t-shirt to promote the Agility event. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.</p>
Health and Genetics	<p>When the CHIC program was implemented in 2005 it had the same criteria as the existing Health Award of Merit Program and the two programs were joined and the dogs obtaining a CHIC number received the GSDCA Health Award of Merit. The action taken to remove two of the four issues places the requirements below that recommended by the committee for the Health Award of Merit. To benefit the health of the breed Ginny moved that blood DNA banking be included as part of the CHIC requirements. Motion was seconded.</p> <p>Ginny informed the Board that the Committee looked at what other breeds were doing in their CHIC programs and while Golden Retrievers and Labs have many dogs participating in the CHIC program those breeds have more requirements than the GSD requirements. Many breeds have heart and eye tests in addition to hips and elbows. Most of the breeds have identified issues other than just hips and elbows that are important health issues in their breed.</p> <p>There are breeds that are encouraging participation in DNA banking by making it a part of the CHIC requirements which has the added benefit of having blood available to genetic health research studies as well as having blood on deposit so that when new DNA tests become available the dog has blood readily available for that testing. Carmen stated that if we had the draw at the National owners would not have to pay. Ginny explained that the objective was more about identifying the CHIC dogs that had blood on deposit and in this way, would not be limited to those dogs attending the National. Motion failed with Ginny in favor, and those not opposed, abstained.</p>
	<p>Ginny reported that the Health and Genetics Committee has been working with the Thirteen Club to collect the data and to get the old Futurity forms so that they can be sent to a member on the Health Committee that has expertise in data analysis and can generate useful information by the analysis of those forms. The committee has not been successful in locating the old Futurity forms but the chair of the Thirteen Club will be forwarding forms when she has extracted the data that she needs from those forms.</p> <p>The Health Survey is underway and has had about 23% participation to date. This is a good response and the Health Committee anticipates having the analysis complete by the National. The results could influence additional Health and Genetics recommendations for the CHIC criteria.</p>
Obedience	<p>In her written report, Dalene McIntire states: I would like to propose again, as I did last year, that the obedience chairman be allowed to check out possible National show sites in order to be assured of a suitable location for the obedience and rally classes. This will be considered if submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee in January 2011.</p>
Products	<p>Bob Moore reported that there has not been much activity in recent weeks. Bob displayed photos of black and red leashes which will be available on the website. He is working on the idea of a GSDCA, Inc. belt buckle to add to the product list. He will be getting about \$1000 worth of additional product for the National. Bob asked that the back cover of the GSD Review be available to advertise products.</p>

Motion	Ginny Altman moved that when the back cover has not been sold that products be among the options for the Editor to use to fill the back cover. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
Regional Clubs	Gloria Sinclair, Regional Club Challenge Chair in her written report states: The annual Regional Club Challenge club year runs from August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010. The Guidelines and Form have been corrected to reflect points for this year and a new category "Legislation Activity Within Your Club" has been added in Miscellaneous. The guidelines and form are listed in the gsdca.org web site. Awards will be given at the GSDCA National.
Public Relations	Rita Sandell, Public Relations chair, in her written report noted that she had written to the Regional Clubs asking them to get involved with the local All-Breed Clubs in an effort to sponsor "Meet the Breeds" at those events with a goal to benefitting our breed when dealing with dog legislation and dog ownership issues.
	Rita reported that since the discontinuation of the Hero Dog Committee, she has a program of honoring Hero dogs and their owners at local regional clubs with a presentation by a local member and a certificate from the GSDCA when these dogs are brought to the attention of the Public Relations committee. A number of dogs have attracted media attention this year and dogs have been recognized in Colorado, Alaska, and Kentucky. These dogs, owners and stories will be featured in the GSD Review as they come to the attention of the Committee.
Temperament	Jim, in his written report, informed the Board that 190 dogs have been tested so far this year.
	Volunteers are needed to assist with the Temperament Testing at the National.
Recess	9:45 am to 10:00 am
VIII. Liaisons	
WDA	Tom Mesdag's written report notes that the WDA Board meeting was held in Portland, Oregon last weekend. Danny Spreitler has resigned and Cindy Peterson has filled the vacancy of the Office of the President and Carl Smith was elected as the new Vice-President.
	The 2011 North American Sieger Show will be on the 2 nd or 3 rd weekend of October depending upon the GSDCA Nationals.
Agreement	Tom Mesdag reported that at the Board meeting there was no consensus of the proposed agreement that had been negotiated in a joint WDA and GSDCA committee. There is an agreement requested by the SV and dated signed in October of 2009 which is acceptable to the WDA Board. This agreement specifies that it is in place until 2012. Tish explained to the Board that the 2009 agreement is regarding paperwork and the process by which records are sent to the SV.
Motion	Tom Mesdag moved and following amendment the motion is: That the agreement currently in the hands of the SV, is the agreement between the GSDCA, Inc. and the GSDCA-WDA Inc. until December 31, 2015. Following discussion of the current contract and the reasons for a joint committee work on another agreement, Ginny pointed out that the adoption of the motion which amends the termination date of the current contract will cause work on all other draft agreements to cease. The motion, as amended without objection, carried unanimously.
2013	WUSV World Trial

	Tish Walker, chair of the 2013 World Trial, reported that she and Tom Mesdag, as a Board member of the WDA, with consultation in the leadership of the WDA, have explored the work that needs to be done with WDA to accomplish a successful world trial.
	Tom stated that he has knowledge of the individuals in WDA who can and are willing to be responsible for various aspects of the Trial. WDA is concerned that the GSDCA is not ready to move forward and are waiting to see who they can work with to carry out this World Trial. They are specifically agreeable to working with Tish who is chair.
Motion	Ginny Altman moved that Tish Walker and Tom Mesdag be the chairmen of the WUSV World Trial 2013. The motion was seconded. Ginny said that Carl Rojas pointed out that there needs to be oversight of some 10 to 15 detail oriented committees which need key people from WDA to carry out the work of the committee. There are a number of sub-committees that will need key WDA sub-committee chairmen. Carmen spoke against the concept of a dual chairmanship. Tom informed the Board that at the WDA Board meeting, the members informed Tom that they would be very willing to work with him, he has their trust and key individuals would be ready to act under his direction. Following discussion the vote was taken and the motion was adopted. For: LaMar Frederick, Zoe Backman, Tom Mesdag, Pam O'Dell, Dorothy Linn, Ken Downing, Nanci Nellis, and Ginny Altman. Opposed Carmen Battaglia, Helen Gleason, Laura Gilbert, Gary Szymczak, Bill Burggraaf, Dean Wylie, and Bart Bartley.
Motion	Carmen Battaglia moved that Dean Wylie be an executive assistant to the chairmen, Tish Walker and Tom Mesdag. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
	Tom explained that the joint chairmanship represents both organizations. The intent is not to do this event without assistance from WDA. The purpose of the dual chairmanship is to represent both organizations and for the chairmen to put together a team that can work together harmoniously to put on a World Class Event. Tom offered to withdraw, his offer was refused and the entire Board of Directors reaffirmed the value of his expertise.
Futurity	Follow-up from Saturday
Trophies	Carol will send the Futurity trophies out for bid with a request for proposal (RFP) and come back to the Board with a recommendation.
Contract	Ken Downing updated the Board on the research done with Nadine Grady by phone last night regarding the Purina Agreements. There was one document in 2006 that specifies money for the Futurity Trophies and the other documents from Purina that are in Nadine's possession do not have specific reference to funds for the Futurity Trophies but do specify funds for the National. Carol stated that she has a copy in hand of an agreement with Purina 2006. It is a Sponsorship agreement which specifies \$15,000 for Trophies, Hospitality and the National. Copies will be made available to those who need a copy.
2013	Centennial Event
	Nancy Harper-Mulvaney has contacted Tom Brown to begin letter writing with Club stationary using the Club logo and designed by Laura Gilbert so that he may begin make official contacts representing the GSDCA.
	Nancy is working on establishing a VIP list and options for the Centennial Dinner. She outlined her plans for publicizing the Centennial.

	Ken Downing recognized Nancy Harper-Mulvaney for her work in pulling the plans for the Centennial together. Nancy recognized Bill Burggraaf and Dean Wylie for the work they did that has contributed to the current success of the plans.
Topeka	Bill Burggraaf stated that he does not have the available dates for 2014, the postponed motion cannot be considered at this time.
White Shepherd	Melanie Fuellgraf reported on her work with the AKC in the White Shepherd Club seeking entry into the Foundation Stock Service Program. Entry into the program would include DNA profile for those animals entered into the program.
	A letter was sent to the SV inquiring as to their opinion regarding the interest of the White Club in seeking breed separation.
	There was discussion but no certain information was available regarding the possibility of DNA being able to determine that the White Shepherd as a breed apart and different from the German Shepherd Dog DNA.
Award	Laura Gilbert will report the results of the Board selection for the candidates for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award to the AKC as follows: Conformation: Jean Fournier, Companion: Shirley Indelicato, Performance: Leida Jones.
Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned without objection at 11:42 am.
	Ginny Altman, Recording Secretary
	August 22, 2010