

**The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.**  
**Conference Call Meeting**  
**December 5, 2011**

Officers	Present: Tish Walker, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Ginny Altman, and Nadine Grady. Absent: Laura Gilbert
Class of 2011 Directors	Present: Zoe Backman, Carmen Battaglia, Bill Burggraaf, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie. Absent: Dorothy Linn and Ken Downing.
Class of 2012 Directors	Present: Bart Bartley, Frank Fasano, Fred Migliore, Carol Moore, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Pam O'Dell. Absent: James Moses, who arrived at 8:09pm.
Conference Call	Tish called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm, CST.
Motion	Dean Wylie moved and Gary Szymczak seconded to allow Sam Israel to join the conference call. Motion carried unanimously. Legal committee chair LaMar Frederick and chair nominee Sam Israel, and Lisa Cicero, Attorney at Law representing our insurance, were present for the closed session.
Roll Call	All Officers and Board members were present except for Laura Gilbert, Ken Downing and Dorothy Linn, who were absent. Jim Moses arrived at 8:09pm.
Agenda	Notice of the Conference Call meeting was sent on November 25 and the announced subject of the conference call was and update on the lawsuit to be conducted in closed session and the approval of 2012 Committee Chairs and discussion of the Futurity nomination fee.
Closed Session	The meeting was conducted in closed session from 8:02 to 8:54 pm at which time the closed session was ended.
Open Session	Open session was convened at 8:55 pm. 2012 Board members Morton Goldfarb and Lew Bunch joined to audit the conference call.
Committee Chairs to begin to serve January 1, 2012	
	Frank Fasano asked that the Board approve the committee chairs that had previously served in 2011 with the exception of the following chairs who are nominated to begin serving on January 1. The motion made by Carmen Battaglia and seconded by Bill Burggraaf was approved. All in favor except Fred Migliore who was opposed. Contracts and Procurement: Chair, Dick Jones, members Joe Beccia and Sam Israel Marketing, Lew Bunch, Public Relations Co-Chairs Ken & Kathy Tank; Meet the Breed.Chair, Julie Degan; Review Marketing, Diane Silver- Strasser; Health and Genetics: Co- Chairs, Jean Dodds DVM, & Barbara Williams; Legal Affairs; Chair Sam Israel. members Martha Simonett & Linda Selmon. By-laws, Sam Israel; Purina Alliance- Futurity Kelly Knight; Ad Hoc 2013 World Trial Co-Chairs Daniel Yee and Dean Wylie; WDA Liaison Mary Gattone; Veterinary Liaison, Jean Tuttle, DVM.
Committee Chairs who have served in 2011 and will continue to serve in 2012	
	AKC Delegate, Carmen Battaglia; Budget and Finance, Carmen Battaglia; National Show Sites, Bill Burggraaf; Board Meeting Sites, Bill Burggraaf; National Show Chair, Bill Burggraaf with Obedience, Dalene McIntire; Agility, Dan Weiss; Herding, Theresa Royer and Dorothy Linn, co- chair, Tracking, to be named; Futurities, Carol Moore; Review Editorial, Lee Smith; Review Management, Peggy Kurz; AOE, Helen Franklin, Dual Awards, Amber Turley; ROM Dams, Cappy Pottle and Gloria Birch; ROM Sires, Christine Carter;

	<p>Thirteen Club, Sherry Kenachu; Title Pins and Certificates, Laura Gilbert; ATAA, Nicki Hood; PAM, Lori Nickeson; Select Excellent, Patty Szymczak; Awards Committee, Pam O'Dell; Board O Gram, Ginny Altman; Breeders Code, Kathy Salvucci; Education, Helen Gleason; Ethics, Dan Dwier; Insurance, Dan Smith; Internet, John Ayotte; Judges Education, Helen Gleason; Juniors, Nancy Godek McDonald; Legal Affairs, LaMar Frederick; Membership, Dania Karloff;; Obedience, Dalene McIntire; Orientation, Zoe Backman; Parent Club Office, Laura Gilbert; Policy and Procedures Manual, Zoe Backman; Products, Bob Moore; Red Book, Liz Leschhorn; Regional Clubs, Dean Wylie with sub committees Regional Club Challenge, Gloria Sinclair, Regional Club Website, Betty Johnson, Regional Club Newsletter, Susan Sacco; Strategic Planning, Carmen Battaglia; Temperament, Jim York; Video, Bart Bartley; Video Archivist, Carmen Battaglia; Volunteer Coordinator, Nancy Nellis.</p>
<p>Liaisons and Ad Hoc Committee Chairs</p>	<p>The following are Liaisons to the Board: American GSD Charitable Foundation, Debbie Hokkanen; American GSD Rescue Association, Linda Kury; Canadian Liaison, Bob Stevenson; COAPA, David Landau; Legislative Liaison to AKC, Stormy Hope; Search and Rescue, Barbara Balyeat; SV/WUSV, David Landau; Veterinary Reports Joellen Gregory and Catherine Morton (also a member of Health and Genetics)</p> <p>The following are Ad-Hoc Committees: Illustrated Standard, Lanalee Jorgensen Law; Centennial Committee, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney; GSDCA/GSDCA-WDA Agreement Committee, Tish Walker, with members LaMar Fredrick, Pam O'Dell, Carmen Battaglia.</p>
<p><b>Futurity</b></p>	
	<p>Carol Moore, Futurity Chair discussed some of the issues that the Futurity Committee is encountering with the change in the litter nomination fee of \$15 prior to the whelping of the litter. There was considerable discussion including the two-year rule and the inability to return a fee if there is no litter. The vote was taken and the information was disseminated in Constant Contact. The minutes have been submitted to the GSD Review following the National. Gary Szymczak moved that this be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee to be considered in January. The motion was seconded. Carol Moore moved to amend that imposing the fee be postponed until after the January meeting. The amendment was seconded.</p> <p>All in favor of the amendment except Dean Wylie, Carmen Battaglia, and Pam O'Dell who were opposed.</p> <p>The motion to refer this matter to the the Budget and Finance Committee carried unanimously.</p>
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	
	<p>Zoe moved and it was seconded to adjourn at 9:26pm. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Ginny Altman, Recording Secretary</p>	<p>December 5, 2011</p>