

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

**April 25, 2011**

Officers	Present: Tish Walker, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert, Ginny Altman, and Nadine Grady.
Class of 2011 Directors	Present: Zoe Backman, Carmen Battaglia, Bill Burggraaf, Ken Downing, Dorothy Linn, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie.
Class of 2012 Directors	Present: Bart Bartley, Frank Fasano, Fred Migliore, Carol Moore, James Moses, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Pam O'Dell.
Members	David Landau and LaMar Frederick were invited to participate in the conference call.
Call to Order	Tish called the Conference Call meeting to order at 8:20 pm, CDT.
Roll Call	All Officers and Board members were present.
Agenda	Notice of the Conference Call meeting was sent on April 4 and the announced subject of the conference call was the Agreement with the GSDCA-WDA.
<b>Negotiation Committee Members: Tish Walker, Carmen Battaglia, LaMar Frederick, Pam O'Dell.</b>	
	Carmen summarized the action of the negotiating team in the communication of the GSDCA Agreement Committee with the committee from the GSDCA-WDA. Carmen cited the points that the committee included in the written summary which was distributed to the board members before the conference call meeting convened. He informed the board that he has explored the request regarding the long coated German Shepherd Dog participation with the AKC inasmuch as the SV has given the long coated shepherd variety status. He noted that the AKC is agreeable to continue dialogue but has not given variety status to any breed in many years and that is not likely to be considered.
	Board members as they were called upon expressed the important points of the agreement and the general agreement was that the Board considers it very important for the GSDCA to retain member status and vote status with the WUSV. At the same time, they recognized that there would be value to having an ability for the delegates to understand the position of the GSDCA-WDA on matters of importance that come up at the WUSV meeting.
	Several members noted that the agreement in place until 2012 has served us well and that the agreement negotiations are time consuming and detract from the real work of planning the 2013 World Trial that requires cooperation between the GSDCA and the GSDCA-WDA . Several members spoke in support of extending the agreement that is currently in place until 2014-2015 so that the two boards can focus on the success of the World Trial and following the World Trial in the Fall of 2013 there will be sufficient time to work out other details that have been documented in the agreement as areas of great importance. There was support for a number of the points that were in the GSDCA-WDA document recognizing the validity of some of the things that they considered important.
	The consensus of the board was that the committee should meet following this conference call and that a response be drafted that outlines the position of the GSDCA. There was an expression that the response demonstrate a good will intent to work with the GSDCA-WDA for a successful World Trial and a willingness to reopen talks about the agreement following the World Trial. David Landau was invited to be a participant in the drafting of this response.
Adjourn	Adjourned at 9:37 CDT.
	Ginny Altman, Recording Secretary <span style="float: right;">April 25, 2011</span>