

The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.
Conference Call Meeting
March 10, 2011

Officers	Present: Tish Walker, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert, Ginny Altman, and Nadine Grady.
Class of 2012 Directors	Present: Bart Bartley, Frank Fasano, Fred Migliore, Carol Moore, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Jim Moses, Pam O'Dell.
Class of 2011 Directors	Present: Zoe Backman, Carmen Battaglia, Bill Burggraaf, Dorothy Linn, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie, Ken Downing
Committee	LaMar Frederick, Legal Advisor; Dalene McIntire, Obedience.
Conference Call	Tish called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm.
Roll Call	All Officers and Board members were present for roll call except for Ken Downing, who was absent until 9:44pm but was present for all votes.
	Frank Fasano moved that some of the items be decided by the Executive Committee. Seconded by Gary Szymczak. Ginny Altman raised a Point of Order that items on the agenda for the Board cannot be decided by the Executive Committee. LaMar Frederick was consulted and confirmed that items on the agenda are for Board action cannot be decided by the Executive Committee.
Agenda	Announced subject of the conference call included: 2012 National Site; Obedience Trophy requests; Policy on official communication; Nominating Committee, Heartland and alternate for East; Committee member approval for ROM, Public Relations, Awards, Education; Board member Email address; Futurity Plaque payment; Budget.
National Show Chair - Bill Burggraaf	
Motion	Bill reported that he sent an email with details to the Board. He summarized that he has had further conversation with Loveland, Colorado and they have offered a sum of money to offset the pricing. He noted that some costly items were eliminated. The difference between Purina and Loveland was covered with the grant. Bill moved that the GSDCA rescind the motion adopted in January and have the National in Loveland, Colorado in 2012. The motion was seconded.
Discussion	There was discussion including comments from Dalene regarding the unfavorable performance situation at the Purina site in St. Louis and that tents are not acceptable. The Loveland site was very profitable last time. She anticipates that we will not get a performance entry at Purina. Laura reported that she has received petitions and in excess of 30 letters from members who expressed their opinions on the show sites. The point was made that this should be a financial decision and that the Board has new and better financial information. Dorothy stated that Herding will have income but the herding site will not have rental fees except for the instinct test which Bill estimated at about \$500 for the arena on site. The consideration of the rotation policy which should bring us back to Colorado and in the future guide the rotation of sites per the survey of membership results was noted by Ginny. Bill noted that the cost at Purina is greater than what was originally stated because of the need to tent the grooming area and to provide electrical outlets. It was re-emphasized that the changes in the financial outcome of the 2012 National are the important guiding factor in this decision. LaMar noted that petitions that were from the members must be taken under consideration at the Board meeting.
	Vote: All members were present and all were in favor of the motion to have the 2012 National in Colorado except Dean Wylie and Carmen Battaglia, who abstained.

Obedience - Dalene McIntire	
Motion	<p>Dalene was asked to address the Board and comment on the Trophies that she wanted to eliminate. This was taken under consideration at the January Board meeting but the Board felt that it did not have enough information to act on the recommendation. Dalene explained that when the trophies were originated, the trophies were won by individuals who had not previously won trophies. They are now being won by individuals who have already won one or two trophies during the same National. The trophies cost \$30 each and it would be a cost savings to eliminate them.</p> <p>Zoe moved that the recommendation of the chair to eliminate the trophies be adopted. Highest Scoring Dog with a Herding Title, Highest Scoring Dog with a Tracking Title, Highest Scoring Dog with Agility, Highest Scoring Dog handled by a Senior, Highest Scoring Dog handled by a Junior. Motion seconded.</p>
Vote	<p>For the motion: Bill Burggraaf, Dean Wylie, Dorothy Linn, Frank Fasano, Gary Szymczak, Ken Downing, Pam Odell, Zoe Backman, Ginny Altman. Opposed to the motion: Bart Bartley, Carol Moore, Fred Migliore, Jim Moses, Nadine Grady, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Lanalee Jorgensen-Law, Laura Gilbert, Carmen Battaglia. Tish Walker voted to break the tie, voting in favor of the motion. Motion was adopted.</p>
Nominating Committee - Laura Gilbert	
	Julie Degen was elected as the alternate from the Eastern Region
	Clara Dean Hope was elected to serve as the Nominating Committee member from the Heartland Region with Bob Braue as the alternate.
Committee Member approval - Tish Walker	
	ROM Committee: The Board approved Christine Carter to assist with ROM Sires and Bill Petterson to assist with ROM Sires and Dams.
	<p>Public Relations: Rita Sandell requested that her committee: Lillian Kline, Sheila Metz, Sheryl Brockett and Molly Schneider be approved.</p> <p>Frank Fasano moved that the vote be taken by individual. The motion was seconded and adopted without objection.</p> <p>Lillian Kline, Sheila Metz, and Sheryl Brockett were approved.</p> <p>On a roll call vote those opposed to Molly Schneider being approved were: Bart Bartley, Bill Burggraaf, Carmen Battaglia, Dean Wylie, Frank Fasano, Fred Migliore, Gary Szymczak, Jim Moses, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Lanalee Jorgensen-Law, and Laura Gilbert, which was a majority. Carol Moore, Dorothy Linn, Nadine Grady, Ken Downing, Pam Odell, Zoe Backman, and Ginny Altman abstained.</p> <p>Awards Committee: Chair, Pam Odell requested Dorothy Linn and Gary Szymczak, who were approved.</p> <p>Education: Helen Gleason, chair of the committee requested approval of Diane Mehra, Pam Stoesser, Linda Bankhead, Ed Barritt, Ann & Steve Barbash, and Ileana Noguera. They were approved.</p>
Board Email	
	Laura reported that there was a recommendation that one email address be provided behind the membership wall to access the entire Board. No action was taken. There was discussion that the last time this was implemented the Board was subjected to considerable spamming.
Budget - Carmen Battaglia	
	Carmen reported that if the budget were to be adopted as recommended it would yield a small positive balance. Frank moved to adopt the budget. Seconded by Gary.

GSD Review	
	<p>It was recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee that the GSD Review option be the current size but bi-monthly with color.</p> <p>The discussion was mixed and it was stated that we do not have enough information to make a reasonable decision. There were three options for change and the fourth option was to leave the Review as it currently is.</p>
Motion	<p>Ginny moved that we separate the vote on the GSD Review from the vote on the Budget. It was seconded and the motion was adopted. For: Bart Bartley, Bill Burggraaf, Carol Moore, Dean Wylie, Dorothy Linn, Fred Migliore, Gary Szymczak, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Lanalee Jorgensen-Law, Laura Gilbert, Ken Downing, Zoe Backman, Ginny Altman. Opposed: Jim Moses, Nadine Grady, Pam Odell. Frank Fasano was not present for the vote and Carmen Battaglia abstained.</p>
Budget	<p>There was discussion of the inability to balance the budget without consideration of the format of the Review</p>
Postpone	<p>Dean moved to postpone the decision on the budget until the April meeting. Zoe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Adjourned	<p>Gary Szymczak moved to adjourn at 10:16 pm and that the first item of business on the next conference call be the policy on the official communication passed at the January Board meeting. There were no objections.</p>
	<p>Ginny Altman, Recording Secretary March 11, 2011</p>