

**The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.**  
**April Board Meeting**  
**April 27-28, 2013**

**Hilton St Louis Airport**

**St Louis, Missouri**

Officers	Present: Frank Fasano, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert, Ginny Altman, and Bill Pfeiffer.
Class of 2014 Directors	Present: Zoe Backman, Carol Moore, James Moses, Pam O'Dell, Patti Korsch, Bart Bartley, Fred Migliore.
Class of 2013 Directors	Present: Carmen Battaglia, Lew Bunch, Bill Burggraaf, Dorothy Linn, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie Morton Goldfarb.
Committee Chairpersons	Present: Sheree Moses, Gail Stiefferman, Gene Gray. Phone: Pam Stoesser, Patti Szymczak, Diane Strasser, Nancy Harper.
Members	Present: Elaine Bisbing, Nicky Bunch, Shirley Petersen, Ken Petersen, Karen Hynek, Pat Malinowski, Rose Ingram, Dianne Petrone. Guest: Dwight Erickson, RTT Dog Treats, Clearwater, Florida.
Call to Order	The GSDCA Membership meeting was called to order at 8:03 am on Saturday, April 27, 2013 by Frank Fasano, President.
Guest Address to Board	Frank asked Lew Bunch to introduce Dwight Erickson, president of Belleair Trading Company who addressed the Board. Dwight explored the history of Rin Tin Tin and how this might fit into the interests of the GSDCA, Inc. He has branded Rin Tin Tin grain-free dog treat products and connected that to cause marketing opportunities with a goal to offer this through super markets and to be in thirty percent of the market within the next year. Dwight suggested some opportunities where he could support some activities in conjunction with the Centennial Event of the GSDCA, Inc. Dwight will continue to work with the marketing committee to explore his ideas.
<b>I. Approval of Minutes</b>	
	Dean Wylie moved that the January 2013 minutes be approved as distributed electronically by secretary pro-tem Dania Karloff. Second by Gary Szymczak. The reading of the minutes were waived and minutes were approved by general consent.
<b>II. Report of Recording Secretary - Ginny Altman</b>	
	Ginny asked that committee chairs and members register with Ken Peterson who will be assisting her with the attendance roster.
<b>III. Report of Corresponding Secretary - Laura Gilbert</b>	
	Laura reported that she talked with AKC about permitting the GSDCA to conduct Electronic Voting. Members need to be offered the option to elect to vote either electronically or by paper ballot. Electronic balloting must be done to assure secrecy of the ballot. Laura also talked with Honest Ballot who assured her that they can comply with secrecy. They also recommended that we eliminate the weighted ballot. The weighted ballots cost extra and it does not have significant favor with the members. Laura described a paper ballot which would also reduce the cost of return postage. She informed the board that she has canvassed members for ideas on voting for judges for the National. An idea surfaced that a judge specify eligibility for dogs or bitches before being eligible to do intersex. This idea was briefly discussed by the board.
Electronic voting	Carmen Battaglia moved that the board place the decision of conducting electronic voting for judges, for the board and electronic voting for bylaws changes on the 2013 ballot for the membership to consider. Adopted unanimously.

Member Rights	There was discussion as to whether or not the issues on voting had to be brought to the membership. Ginny Altman explained that the right to determine the method of voting for judges was a right reserved for the membership and that the board is not authorized to make the determination in lieu of sending the issues to the membership on the ballot. Any attempt of the board to rule on the method of voting for judges in lieu of sending it to the membership would be null and void.
Weighted ballot	Discussion of the Laura Gilbert moved that the board authorize to place on the 2013 ballot before the membership the decision to go to abolish the weighted ballot for judges as of the ballot sent in 2014. Second by Fred Migliore. The discussion included the interpretation that if the weighted ballot was abolished, each member would have three votes to cast for the three judges to judge the national beginning in 2015. All in favor except for Bart Bartley who was opposed and Pam O'Dell who abstained. The intent of the date indicated on the ballot is to waive the two-year rule and implement that method of voting in 2014 if that is adopted by a majority of the membership.
Judge	Laura Gilbert moved and Carol Moore seconded that the 2013 ballot include a vote by the membership that the judge be allowed to opt to judge either dogs, bitches or intersex and the vote is conducted for those specific areas. Carol Moore, Lana Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert in favor, all others opposed. Motion failed.
Board members	Laura Gilbert moved that sitting board members not be allowed to judge the national. Following discussion of the time constraints for board members needing to work at ringside and serve in other capacities at the national no further action was taken. No vote was taken for lack of a second.
Regional Clubs	Laura Gilbert noted that she does not get compliance with submitting the membership roster and change of officer from some of the Regional Clubs. Laura suggested penalties for non compliance. Carmen Battaglia noted that the AKC has specified the criteria for show giving eligibility for regional clubs and that determines whether or not the AKC would approve regional clubs having an AKC event. The Budget and Finance committee was directed to provide a sliding scale of dues for the Regional Clubs to the Corresponding Secretary for implementation in 2012. The the Budget and Finance Committee was reminded of this directive and asked to comply. Following lunch the motion was made that the Regional clubs with 11 or less members pay \$36 in annual dues; those clubs with 12 to 30 members pay \$60 and those with 31 or more members pay the current \$80 in Regional Club annual dues. Dean Wylie moved, Gary Szymczak seconded that we adopt the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee. Laura suggested that clubs that are financially sound might be willing to pay the regular dues of \$80 voluntarily. There was discussion of the adjustment and information that there is some support available from Royal Canine. The Motion for dues adjustment carried without objection.
GSDCA, Inc. Regional Shows	Laura Gilbert moved that the Regional Clubs hosting a Parent Club Regional specialty be awarded a bronze medal for that event at no cost beginning in January 2014. Adopted unanimously.
<b>IV. Report of the Vice-President - Lana Jorgensen Law</b>	
	no report
<b>V. Report of the Executive Committee - Frank Fasano</b>	
2013 Pre-show	Gail Stiefferman has recommended that there be a pre-show prior to the Centennial. Carmen Battaglia moved, Gary Szymczak seconded that this be approved. Following discussion the motion was adopted unanimously. Jamie Walker would be the person on the ladder system but she has done this recently and while the National has a limited eligibility of every three years the question of whether or not this would apply to the pre-show has not been addressed in the policy and procedures and would likely be sent to membership.
Dues for 2013	There was some uncertainty as to whether the \$36 new member dues is in effect for the balance of 2013. The Executive committee recommends that it continue throughout the Centennial year. The Board ratified the recommendation of the Executive Committee unanimously.

Jack's Travel Ratify Motion	The Executive Committee has asked that the GSDCA, Inc. use Jack's Travel. There were examples shared by board members and considerable discussion regarding the imposition of having to use Jack's Travel to attend the Board meeting when it might be less expensive to obtain airfare on one's own. Dorothy Linn moved, Bart Bartley seconded that the Board ratify the action of the Executive Committee. All in favor except for Zoe Backman, Fred Migliore who were opposed. James Moses moved that if a board member does not use Jack's Travel 30 days in advance of the board meeting, the maximum reimbursement to the board member will be the 30 day advance economy pricing from their home city. Ginny Altman seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.
Review Editorial Committee	The Executive Committee has asked the Board to ratify the decision to utilize the Review Editorial Committee. Dean moved and Morton seconded that the Review Editor be instructed to utilize the Review Editorial Committee to review any articles of question submitted to the Review Editor for publication. Following discussion the motion was adopted unanimously.
	Discussion also included the need for expanding the topics offered in articles in the Review. Gary Szymczak noted that there have been articles that were submitted that were not printed. It was suggested that a committee assist the editor with obtaining articles. Frank suggested that this be taken up under new business.
VI. Report of President - Frank Fasano	
Purina	Frank reported that the GSDCA has received a check from Purina from the Parent Club Partnership program where 916 Pro Club members submitted weight circles in 2012. The amount earned was \$21,987 and the amount \$10,993 has been deposited with the CHF for our donor advised fund as well as a check in the amount of \$10,993 in designated funds for the purpose of funding education, health or rescue.
Announcement	Frank Fasano announced that the estate of Jane Jeter has been settled and there are no funds to be remitted to the club even though the GSDCA, Inc. was named in her will.
Regional Club Letter	Frank asked that he be authorized to send a postal mailed letter to members of Regional Clubs who are not members of the GSDCA, Inc. describing the benefits of membership. Authorized unanimously.
AKC blue slip flyer	Frank asked that he be authorized to change the AKC flyer second side to have the application for membership for new members at \$36 and to eliminate the need for two sponsors on that blue slip mailing. Laura Gilbert asked that she be included in the design so that she will have the information as to who would like additional information. Without objection Frank was authorized to do this.
Membership discount	Frank asked that the board authorize a 10% discount on merchandise and apparel for GSDCA, Inc. members. Following discussion, the discount was authorized unanimously.
Online Review	Frank asked that the board authorize him to offer a select number of individuals to receive the online Review when it is set up to receive a one year subscription of the Review as a membership building outreach. Without objection Frank was authorized to do this.
Committee Member Approval	
Regional Club Website Competition	Chris Kimmer and Betty Johnson , Co-Chairman Lanalee Jorgensen-Law moved Lew Bunch seconded. Unanimously approved.
Purina Alliance	Ann Akeril and Jennifer Root, Co-Chairs Lanalee Jorgensen-Law moved, Carmen Battaglia seconded. Unanimously approved.
Temperament	Laura Gilbert, Joanna Rand, and Jim York were elected by ballot as committee members of the temperament committee. Gene Gray, Chairman submitted names and following discussion the Board elected the above members by secret ballot.

Review Marketing	Diane Silver Strasser and Paulette McGuirt, Co-Chairs
Red Book	Chair; Liz Leshorn Members; Kim McNamara, Lori Nickeson, Cynthia VanDer Berge, Carol Schultz, Zoe Rockenstein
Obedience	Co-chairs; Julia Priest and Dawn Van Dyken Member; Regina Steiner
Centennial	Chair; Nancy Harper Members; Allan Schaeffer, Paulette Foreman
Motion	Bart Bartley moved, Dean Wylie seconded that the four committee chairs, co-chairs and members of Review Marketing, Red Book, Obedience and Centennial be approved. Unanimously approved.
Futurity	Co-chairs; Kathy Potter and Joan Intersimone Members: Dorothy Linn, Dean Wylie, Peggy Kurz, Margaret Bleakly, Lea Rugerri, Michelle Graham, Ann Schultz. Unanimously approved.
Health	Co- chairs: Dr Jean Dodds and Carolyn Gerganoff Member: Barbara Williams. Unanimously approved.
Ethics	Co-chairs; Dan Dwire and Mike Cressman. Unanimously approved.
AOE	Chair: Helen Franklin and Member: Laura Gilbert. Unanimously approved.
Education	Co-Chairs: Morton Goldfarb and Sheree Moses. Members: Kathy Tank, Diane Mehra, MaryEllen Kish, DD Ardoin, Sharon White, Carol Moore. Unanimously approved.
The Budget and Finance	Co-Chairs: Carmen Battaglia and Gary Szymczak. Members: Bill Pfeiffer, Fred Migliore, Jim Moses, Gail Stiefferman, and Pam O'Dell. Unanimously approved.
Select Excellent	Chair: Patty Szymczak Member: Gary Szymczak Unanimously approved.
ROM Dams	Co-chairs: Cappy Pottle, Barb Olson Member: Kim McNamara Unanimously approved
Tracking	Chair: Marietta Patterson Unanimously approved.
Procurement	Chair: Dick Jones Members: Joe Beccia and Sam Israel Unanimously approved.
Juniors	Co-chairs Nancy Godek-McDonald and Liz Stiefferman Members: Christie Heiman and Trevor Golden. Unanimously approved.
Newsletter	Chair: Sue Sacco Members: Bev Melchner and Janey Lucine. Unanimously approved.
Motion Previously Adopted	
GSDCA, Inc. Awards	The motion previously adopted specified that all registered GSD be eligible for GSDCA, Inc. Performance awards. Dorothy Linn stated that there are two awards that were created to give incentive to conformation dogs to compete in performance events to be eligible to win the Herding Victor/Victrix and Obedience Victor/Victrix and those committees specified the criteria. Dorothy said that should the criteria be denied or changed by the Board, that these committees were in opposition to that action and awards would no longer be offered.

Amendment to Motion previously adopted	Following discussion, James Moses explained his intent and moved to amend the motion previously adopted to say that all registered GSD eligible to win the GSDCA, Inc. awards for Obedience and Herding Victor and Victrix with the exception of PAL dogs which would not be eligible for obedience and herding but would be eligible for any of the other GSDCA Performance Awards of Victor/Victrix. There was additional discussion. Carmen Battaglia suggested that the eligible dogs be those listed in the stud book. There was additional discussion regarding registration and the breed standard. The motion was postponed until after lunch.
Recess	The meeting was in recess from 10:06 to 10:20 am.
Lunch	Following business on Officers Reports, noted above in the minutes under the report of the Corresponding Secretary and additional items under the President's report, the meeting was in recess for lunch from 12:10 pm to 1: 37 pm.
Vote on Amend Previously Adopted	Discussion resumed on the GSDCA, Inc. awards of Obedience and Herding Victor/Victrix. Carmen Battaglia stated that there is a complaint system in place now so that someone who objected could lodge a complaint after the fact and the AKC would remove the award. The vote is as follows for Amending the Motion Previously Adopted to say "all registered GSD, with the exception of PAL dogs, be eligible to win the GSDCA, Inc. awards for Obedience and Herding Victor and Victrix". For the amendment: (10) Dean Wylie, Bart Bartley, Pam O'Dell, Dorothy Linn, Carol Moore, Laura Gilbert, Zoe Backman, Bill Burggraaf , James Moses, Ginny Altman. Against: (8) Carmen Battaglia, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Fred Migliore, Bill Pfeiffer, Patti Korsch, Gary Szymczak, Morton Goldfarb, Lew Bunch. The motion to amend something previously adopted takes two-thirds vote. Motion defeated.
VII. Treasurer's Report – Bill Pfeiffer	
Summary	Total assets in Checking and Savings \$576,867 Bill reported that the audit is still ongoing and will be completed in about 45 days. Inventory has been totaled but needs verification and is estimated at \$19,702 Bill will be asking for a quarterly inventory from those holding assets. Profit and Loss was distributed and is available in detail from Bill Pfeiffer. The auditor has recommended a number of adjustments to the 2012 Balance Sheet and p&l.
Audit	Some bills for 2011 were not paid until 2012. Some invoices for 2012 were paid twice. There is more work for Bill to do with the auditors to clean up the records for the audit completion. He affirmed that he has all of the records in his possession or they are with the auditor.
USPS	Bill Pfeiffer announced that he has set up an account for those individuals who have high postal costs. He is also working with the post office to correct our club information and Dania is now listed as the office of record.
Credit cards	Bill noted that we are paying about 6% on our discount rates. He completed research options to reset the structure which he expects to be 3.3% which will save us a few thousand dollars estimated to be about \$9000.
Southerland	Bill is netting 2% on our rates with Southerland Press to get the invoices paid within 30 days. The amount, about \$1300, gets credited back to the Review account.
GSDCA, Inc. Credit card	Bill reported that the card has been issued in his name and the benefits accrue back to benefit the club. Gary Szymczak and Frank Fasano will be overseeing the credit card charges. Bill offered to answer questions by phone or email.
VIII. Committee Reports	
Budget and Finance committee – Carmen Battaglia	
Summary	Carmen Battaglia reported in his written summary that the committee will provide a review of our financial health and a projection of income and expenses for three budgets for 2013. The three are parent club budget, Centennial budget and WUSV 2013 Trial. The b/f fact sheet is part of the quarterly report. It serves as background information about the club and its approximate 60 committees. It should be considered a working document of on-going club activities.

	<p>Carmen noted that the 2012 budget had a short-fall of \$45,597 which was met by the cancellation of the in-person board meeting in April and other expenses reducing expenses and by balancing the budget with Purina funds. 2013 Projected Revenue with Expenses of \$455,000 which leave a deficit of \$36,500. Carmen plans to contact Purina to see if the funds from them can cover this. AKC has been consulted to explore the tax attorney's advice on funds from the Trust covering the cost of the Centennial. Carmen believes we are making progress in reducing the short-fall.</p>
	<p>Gary Szymczak reported that there is approximately \$20,000 short-fall in the Review Budget. He commended the committee for their work on the budget and is confident that progress is being made. Gary reminded the board that any expense over \$700 must be prior approved. Gary Szymczak moved that the limit be amended to \$500 expense must be approved. Seconded by Zoe Backman. The amendment was approved unanimously.</p>
Fact sheet	<p>Carmen Battaglia distributed a fact sheet summary. He listed benefits of membership and reported that 479 members did not renew in 2013. There are 2588 total membership currently. Regional clubs vary in membership from 5 to 220. Red Book inventory some in years show an excess of 100 in a year inventory. Committee reports, for example Newsletter-- of the 100 clubs there are 9 that participated in the newsletter competition. Breeders Code 2012 395 members or about 10% are signers of the breeders code. Thirteen club data is now coming.</p>
WDA fact sheet	<p>Carmen Battaglia distributed a fact sheet packet and brought to the attention of the Board the key chair persons for the World Trial and are WDA members. The budget for hospitality including some income is about \$12,000. This includes some ticket sales, estimating 1000 person attendance each day for 4 days as the budgeted number the Budget and Finance committee has projected. Detailed estimates of income and expenses was outlined by Carmen with an approximate short-fall of \$63,000 which he expects to reduce considerably as the budget unfolds. The expenses are still a work in progress.</p>
	<p>Frank Fasano informed the board that even though there is a projected loss, the WDA would like a good faith agreement that if there is any profit that comes from the World Trial that the GSDCA, Inc. and the WDA would split the profits 50/50.</p>
	<p>There was considerable discussion regarding the initial costs and the contributions by individual members in working the show. Bill Pfeiffer noted that there are expenses that are already incurred that he has identified as a World Trial Expense. The gate fees are collected by the stadium and we have put into place some checks and balances. Pam O'Dell moved, Morton Goldfarb seconded that if there any profits that the GSDCA, Inc. will share the net profits with the WDA, 50/50 and that Carmen Battaglia write a letter that documents this as the agreement. The motion was carried unanimously with Fred Migliore abstaining.</p>
	<p>The board was in recess from 3:19pm to 3: 30pm</p>
National	<p>Gail Stiefferman</p>
Trophies	<p>Gail reported for Peggy Kurz, trophy chair, that she recommends that the 2013 trophies be crystal and porcelain. The cost is not impacted. Bill Burggraaf moved and Jim Moses seconded, to adopt the recommendation for one time in 2013 and it was adopted unanimously.</p>
Contract language	<p>Julia Priest offered the recommendation that the language in the contract for obedience judge be modified. The discussion was to give Julie the information that this agreement is signed before they are elected and they must know the terms of the contract before they sign it. More detail in writing in advance is needed before this can be considered.</p>
Pre-show	<p>Gail reported that the pre-show will be an outdoor show. There will be a separate show secretary for that show. There will be a separate catalog as well.</p>
Miscellaneous	<p>Vendors have begun to sign up and those who have purchased are opting for a double space. All classes that have been offered in recent years will be offered in 2013. Gail is planning to keep the show on schedule. Gail asked if the Centennial logo should be placed on every ribbon – without objection it was agreed to do this. Board members will have badges to wear. Gail was given a round of applause in appreciation for her work on the show.</p>

Victory Dinner	Frank Fasano raised the question about the Victory Dinner. At this time it is scheduled for the Renaissance hotel. The option Frank wishes to explore is to have it at the Dream Park, catered by Di Paolo's who can get a mobile liquor license. James Moses moved, Gary Szymczak seconded to move the Victory Dinner on Saturday to the Dream Park Annex. Following considerable discussion, Lanalee Jorgensen Law moved that the vote be taken Sunday morning to allow Nancy to participate in the decision. Without objection it was agreed to postpone the vote.
Futurity 2015	Lana reported that there is a problem in that Great Lakes and Atlantic have a conflict and one of the Ohio shows has a conflict which will hurt the show for that club. The Board committed to that club on a previous occasion to avoid a conflict of this nature a second time. Lana recommended that the 2015 Futurity to go back to the Futurity Chair for a resolution of the dates with those clubs. The resolved dates and clubs are reported further down in the minutes.
Judges Slate 2014 – Laura Gilbert	
Conformation	Judges nominated: DD, Dieter, Ardoin, Michel Chaloux, Robert Drescher, Helen Franklin, Nancy Harper, Tony Monk and Bob Slay, to appear on the 2013 meeting notice and subsequent ballot for the 2014 Judges slate for the 2014 National. Laura Gilbert moved, Morton Goldfarb seconded that all names appear on the slate. Approved without objection.
Pre-show	James Moses moved that no judge be eligible to judge the pre-show more than once every three years. Second by Lanalee Jorgensen Law. Motion carried unanimously.
Obedience	Laura Gilbert moved, Ginny Altman seconded that the judges, Sharon Redmer and Rick Garvin be approved to appear on the slate. Motion carried unanimously.
Herding	Laura Gilbert moved that George Jeffers and Darlene Laurin be noticed as Herding Judges on the notice being mailed with the annual meeting notice. There were no objections.
Agility	Laura Gilbert moved that Agility Judge Jaqui O'Neill be placed on the meeting notice to go out to the members. There were no objections.
Annual meeting notice	Laura Gilbert moved that the annual meeting notice be printed in the Review and placed on the website as well as the mailing required by the bylaws. Second by Ginny Altman. Following discussion the motion was adopted without objection.
Streaming Video – Bill Burggraaf	
Pfizer / Zoetis Proposal	Bill Burggraaf explained a proposal from this company for providing streaming video that allows them to advertise on the streaming video and obtain other advertising options, including snail mail, for a price. There was discussion and Bill answered some questions posed by members. Bill noted that about 10% of our subscribers advertise. 40% of the members do not open the Constant Contact. Bill will pursue the option with this company and consult with our attorney regarding the ramifications.
Judges 2013	The same set of rules apply for the pre-show for 2013 as for the Specialty judges for 2013 and Jamie Walker is agreeable to judge.
Judges Eukanuba	Judges nominated: Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Sue Godek, Bob Slay, Carmen Battaglia, will be submitted to AKC as options for Eukanuba. Friday, December 13, 2013 is the day set for Specialty Shows in conjunction with AKC - Eukanuba Championship Event. The GSDCA, Inc. has been invited to participate. No action was taken to additionally offer a Parent Club Specialty in lieu of one of the Regional Clubs making the offer to participate at that event.. International KC in Chicago has invited the GSDCA, Inc. to have a specialty show at their event in February 2014. Gary Szymczak will investigate and come back with a recommendation.
Judges Morris & Essex	Laura Gilbert received an invitation from Morris & Essex to sponsor a Parent Club Regional Event and to submit names of judges who can do multiple breeds. Nominations: Kathleen Steen, Sue Godek, Carmen Battaglia, James Moses The names of the nominees will be submitted to Morris & Essex. The board approved with all in favor except Jim Moses, that the GSDCA sponsor a Regional Show.

Marketing – Lew Bunch	
Wine Car Rental Staples AnyART.com	<p>Lew Bunch reported that the Benefit wine program yielded an income of \$96 last quarter. Lew recapped the offer from Dwight Ericksen, who was introduced this morning.</p> <p>Enterprise Car Rental has offered a 10% discount for members using their service.</p> <p>Staples will offer a discount if we place their logo on our website. There are other companies that are willing to do something similar. Lew suggested a broader base with a branded website and explore some opportunities such as that.</p> <p>Bill Pfeiffer moved, Gary Szymczak seconded that we invest \$199 with AnyART for an opportunity for a 20% revenue from sales on that website. This company takes art work or photos and reproduces it in canvas for customers. They have this offer on their website. Adopted without objection.</p>
Calendar	There are 990 calendars left. Lew Bunch is exploring what to do with the balance of unsold calendars. 1900 calendars were purchased. 70 were sold at the National. \$13,150 cost. At about \$20 each we should have income of approximately \$18,000. Pam noted that it is all bundled into total products and was not isolated as a separate line item.
AKC Delegate – Carmen Battaglia	
	Carmen Battaglia noted that AKC has improved their social media and demonstrated it for the Board getting online during the Board meeting to allow all to view a couple of websites. The program has been in place for eight weeks now.
AKC Broadcast Email	Carmen related how the AKC put out on social media and online advertising invitation similar to Constant Contact for those local to Atlanta through the AKC program and it yielded a huge impact in the match attendance and match entries. Carmen is exploring this idea in preparation for our Centennial and the GSDCA, Inc. will be the pilot for the broadcast email program by the AKC to notify fanciers in the Philadelphia area of the Centennial.
Lifetime Awards	Laura Gilbert asked if we have any nominees for Lifetime achievement they would be submitted to the AKC. There were no nominations.
	The Saturday Session was adjourned at 6:12 pm.
Sunday Session	<p>President, Frank Fasano called the Sunday session to order at 8:05 am in closed session. Absent Carol Moore, Bill Burggraaf, Morton Goldfarb, Bill Pfeiffer.</p> <p>Open session began at 8:11am with no report.</p> <p>All board members in attendance at open session.</p>
Office Report – Laura Gilbert	
Award certificates	<p>Laura reported that she has received a complaint on the certificates for awards requesting that all titles be on the certificate. Laura described that the number of titles that the dog had would exceed the space available on the certificate and that she would have to create a new option at some cost. Laura proposed that if someone wants all of the titles on the certificate that the member pay a fee to be established by the board. Laura explained that she gets 25 into 100 or more dogs for which to make certificates.</p> <p>James Moses moved that the fee be established at \$20 adopted with 9 in favor.</p>
Education Committee – Morton Goldfarb	
	Morton reported on the activities to educate youth and the public and is requesting funds to support this education. Budget and Finance committee has allowed \$1000 but the needs exceed that amount.
	Morton Goldfarb moved that Juniors be permitted to audit the Judges Education Seminar at the National and that lunch be included for those in attendance. Approved without objection.
Juniors Seminar	Without objection, it was approved to offer an educational seminar for Juniors on Friday noon with lunch provided.



Juniors Scholarship	Diane Strasser inquired about the terms of the Juniors Scholarship. Morton will contact Evan Ginsburg to discuss the Juniors Scholarship as this award is under Evan's corporation. Morton will discuss with Evan some additional ideas for education and award.
DVD	Morton Goldfarb described a need for a new Judges Education DVD. The costs for the new educational DVD have not yet been determined. Sheree Moses inquired about the position of the club on what all breed judges do with the temperament evaluation when they judge GSD. Carmen clarified that the temperament evaluation is optional at all breed shows and that we are not permitted to tell judges what to do in the ring. Morton Goldfarb and Gary Szymczak were instructed to return to the board with a budget for the needs for the DVD and printed materials that are needed.
2014 AKC Breed Book	Morton read the proposed preface submitted by the Education Committee for the introduction to the 2014 AKC Breed Book. There was some discussion which Morton indicated would be considered by the committee.
Temperament – Gene Gray	
	Gene recommended that the \$35 fee that is being charged at the National for a dog to complete the Temperament Test be approved for Regional Club Temperament Test fees. Regional Clubs currently charge \$25 which after remitting the \$5 fee to the GSDCA may not cover the costs of doing a Temperament Test at the Regional level. The \$5 per registered dog covers the forms and certificates.
Motion	The Temperament committee recommendation is to allow a Regional Club to charge \$30 pre-registration and \$35 on site registration and that the Regional Club may assess additional fees to the registrant to cover additional expenses. Ginny Altman moved and Bart Bartley seconded that the recommendation of the Temperament Committee be approved. Recommendation approved without objection.
Evaluators	Gene reported to the Board that there are 7 evaluators and that he is in need of additional evaluators. If there are suggestions for individuals to be evaluators, members should inform Gene Gray of them and he will make the contacts to begin the process which is fairly lengthy.
Victory Dinner – Nancy Harper-Mulvaney	
Victory Dinner	Nancy outlined the plans that she has made with the Renaissance Hotel. The catering business is well respected. There is a 22% service charge is non negotiable as well as 28% tax. There is an additional fee if a second option is offered. The menu is now chicken. The room seats 500 people. The cost of chicken would be \$46 and prime rib would be \$60. Nancy outlined in detail the various options that she has explored. The alternative of a catered buffet dinner for \$38 at Dream Park in the annex which seats 450 as suggested by Frank. Nancy questioned the holding of our Centennial celebration with the Foreign dignitaries and other honorees present in an industrial atmosphere with overhead roll-up doors. She also questioned the possibilities of having a dinner there when there is no holding kitchen at Dream Park. Lana recalled the experience with Buffet dinners at the National and the number of times that the buffet was not what it was expected to be and the times where there was insufficient food. Dean questioned if the cost of the tables and chairs has been built into the Dream Park prices.
Friday Reception	Nancy reported that the Friday night event at the Holiday Inn has now exceeded capacity. She suggested that an audiovisual option to be screened to the cocktail area to allow others to see the ceremony real time.
Recess	Recess 9:43 am to 9:55 am
Centennial Victory Dinner	Lew Bunch noted that 30% of our membership are using motor homes at the National. It might be difficult for them to get to the dinner held at the Renaissance. Bart Bartley noted that there are some free activities that are being provided may take away from the dinner. Carol Moore, who will be in a motor home, expressed that she will find a way to go to the dinner, that this is a once in a life time event and she believes the Renaissance would get support.

	Morton Goldfarb noted that this is a very significant event. Pam stated that the Centennial Dinner is going to be a draw because of its significance. The motion made by Jim Moses on Saturday was to have the Victory Dinner moved to Dream Park. The motion was postponed until Sunday. Jim Moses requested permission to withdraw his motion. Permission to withdrawn the motion was granted.
Motion for Renaissance	Morton Goldfarb moved, Bill Pfeiffer seconded, that we proceed with the plans that the Centennial Chair has made to date. All in favor except Lew Bunch and Fred Migliore who were opposed.
Futurity – Joan Intersimone and Kathy Potter	
	Bill Pfeiffer complimented Mr. Bruce Gilbert on keeping the cost of the trophies in line.
2015 Dates and Clubs	The list of Clubs and dates for 2015 were approved without objection as submitted by Kathy Potter and Joannie Intersimone. Northeast: June 14, 2015 GSDC Southern New Hampshire Mid Atlantic: April 26, 2015 Northern New Jersey GSDC Southeast: Tentative May, 2015 GSDC No Georgia Great Lakess: May 1, 2015 GSDC Northern Ohio Midwest: June19, 2015 GSDC Minneapolis St Paul Southwest: April 19, 2015 GSDC Austin South Pacific: April 10, 2015 Grand Canyon GSDC Mid Pacific: May 15, 2015 Golden State GSDC Northwest: June 14, 2015 GSDC Pacific Northwest
Standard Committee – Bart Bartley	
	Bart Bartley, Chair. Members: Morton Goldfarb, James Moses, Carol Moore, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Bill Pfeiffer, Zoe Backman, Gail Stiefferman, Peggy Kurz, Susan Casey. Sub-committee for white: Rose Ingram
	Bart noted that the committee considered identifying coat standard and the white disqualification. The goal of the committee is to separate the two questions and consider the detail of the language that will be submitted as the proposal. Several possibilities were discussed based on the current reading of the standard. Specific language will be sent out to the membership for the membership to vote to approve the change or not. The longcoat has typically not been shown because all breed judges will not consider them for this minor fault. The goal of the language change would be to make it more understandable to the all breeders.
Longcoat	Carol Moore moved that we give the membership the opportunity to vote as to whether they would like to change the wording of the standard to have two lengths of coat. All in favor except for Fred Migliore and Ginny Altman who were opposed.
White	Bart noted that when considering the options for language change regarding white dogs, the committee considered what might be likely to be acceptable to the membership. Carmen Battaglia reminded the Board that the standard can only be changed once every five years.
Motion	Dean Wylie moved and Pam O’Dell seconded that this matter be returned to committee and that they return to the board with specific language by email for a conference call vote. All in favor.
4-6 class	It was noticed for information to the Board that the 4-6 class does not permit professional handlers by AKC rule, even if the professional handler owns the dog.
Herding	The committee; Theresa Royer, Chair and committee members Sandy Moore, Dorothy Linn, Diane Roberts, Virginia Bailey, Debbi Humble, and Sharon White were approved . The committee members are the same as last year. Motion carried unanimously.

C Course	Dorothy Linn outlined the issues surrounding the C course. The Herding Chair and the Performance Chair disagree on the C Course. Frank Fasano reported that the Executive Committee has approved the recommendation of Julie Degen, Performance Chair. Lew Bunch moved that the Board approve the action of the Executive Committee. Discussion was not permitted and the vote was taken. For ratification: (12) Lew Bunch, Morton Goldfarb, James Moses, Fred Migliore, Bill Pfeiffer, Gary Szymczak, Patti Korsch, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert, Carmen Battaglia, Bart Bartley, Dean Wylie. Opposed to ratification: (6) Zoe Backman, Bill Burggraaf, Ginny Altman, Carol Moore, Dorothy Linn, Pam O'Dell.
Breeders Code of Ethics	Laura reported that the chair has asked for a defined job description. Laura noted that she has a Budget \$100 for postage and paper and described her responsibilities as follows: That she would maintain list of signers of the breeders code and forward those names to the Membership Chair and the Corresponding Secretary. That she assure that the Board members and any candidates for the Board are signers of the breeders code. This would be her job description. Ginny moved, Zoe seconded that we approve the budget and job description as described by Laura. Motion carried unanimously.
Red Book	Laura Gilbert reported for Liz Leschhorn, Red Book Chair that she is recommending that we have a \$3 price increase. Printing costs have increased \$5 but the club would still make a profit by a partial cost increase. Dean Wylie moved, Lanalee Jorgensen Law seconded to increase the cost of the Red Book by \$3. Price for pre-sales \$28, at the National \$33 and Shipped would be \$38. Adopted Unanimously.
	Dorothy Linn departed at 11:06 am
AOE	Laura Gilbert reported for AOE chair, Helen Franklin that she is recommending that additional AOE pins be available for purchase at the cost of \$10 plus postage. They would be available for purchase by Award Recipients who are members of the GSDCA.
Motion	Laura moved and Bart Bartley seconded that the Board approve the additional AOE pins for purchase as recommended. Motion carried without objection.
Obedience	Frank informed the board that he received a report from Dawn Van Dyken. Laura moved that the Board approve Regina Steiner as an Obedience committee member. Laura reported that Dawn is asking for approval to hold a raffle. She is also asking that the Obedience committee be given permission to refund entry fees for bitches that come in heat in the amount paid less \$10 upon submission of a veterinarian's letter. All three of these requests were approved unanimously.
Awards	Frank Fasano noted that he has received an email from Dawn asking to clarify that all GSDCA special awards require that the individual be a member to be eligible to get awards
Review Marketing Constant Contact	Diane Strasser requested that the board that if something is submitted by the committee chair for publication for Constant Contact that it not be edited If the chair sends a written message – she would request that the Constant Contact use words submitted or if it is edited, that it is sent back to chair for approval before it goes out. James Moses moved and Gary Szymczak seconded that when a Committee Chair submits information for publication in Constant Contact that any editorial changes must be approved by the committee chair who submits the information prior to the Constant Contact being sent out to the membership. Approved without objection.
Futurity – Joan Intersimone and Kathy Potter	

Futurity Nomination Fees	<p>Joan asked that the Board approve the committee proposal to change the nomination fees. Eliminate the "nomination closing" and late fees. Anyone can nominate at any time. Nomination fees will be based on the age of the puppies as follows:</p> <p>Before birth           FREE  Up to 30 days old   \$30  31 to 60 days         \$60  61 to 90 days         \$90  91 to 120 days        \$120  121 days or more    \$150</p> <p>If approved, the new fee schedule would take effect on June 1, 2013.  James Moses moved, Pam O'Dell seconded that the Board approve the change in Futurity Nomination fees. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
Cash advance	<p>Joan asked that the GSDCA Inc. advance \$500.00 to each regional club for expenses by March 1st of the year of the show. This advance will be deducted from the Regional Club's net profit after the final show accounting is done. Each regional host club is responsible for advancing to its regional chairperson funds for operating expenses, which includes the judge's expenses.  Ginny Altman moved, Lana seconded, to adopt the recommendation of the Futurity Committee for advance funds beginning in 2013 if requested, and for all clubs in 2014.  Carried unanimously.</p>
Amateur	<p>Joan asked that under Definition of a Professional Handler, that, effective 2013, we eliminate the second bullet point: "No one shall handle in the Amateur classes, who are a member of the immediate household of a professional handler, conditioner, or trainer of other's dogs within the one year time frame." The recommendation of the Futurity committee was adopted without objection.</p>
New Business	
Two-Year Rule	<p>Carmen Battaglia noted that there are some inconsistencies in the Two-Year Rule.  Carmen Battaglia stated that he has some recommendations.  Gary Szymczak, James Moses second that Carmen Battaglia be authorized to bring a revision of the Two-Year Rule to the board. Adopted without objection.</p>
Motion Previously Adopted	<p>James Moses questioned if the motion from January 2012, discussed yesterday, was really understood. There was additional discussion as to the intent. His understanding is that the motion as it was made in 2012 stands. Ginny stated that the motion in 2012 was that any registered dog be eligible and Dorothy had shared with the Board a letter from the AKC that states that the PAL dogs are a "listing" not a "registration".</p>
	<p>There was considerable discussion of the interpretation of the motion which was adopted in 2012. Frank Fasano asked that this be deferred to the conference call which is going to be in a couple weeks.</p>
	<p>Lew Bunch moved that PAL dogs be permitted to win GSDCA, Inc. performance awards for 2013, and that the question of eligibility for awards be sent to the membership by ballot. Gary Szymczak seconded. Following considerable discussion and consideration of the fact that there were two issues being discussed, one for 2013 and the other for sending it to the membership, Lew suggested that the question be divided into a Part A for the year 2013 and Part B for sending the question to the membership. Without objection it was agreed to separate the question.</p>
PAL 2013	<p>After additional discussion, the vote was taken on part A, that PAL dogs be permitted to win GSDCA, Inc. performance awards for 2013.  For: (10) Lew Bunch, Morton Goldfarb, Gary Szymczak, Patti Korsch, James Moses, Bill Burggraaf, Bill Pfeiffer, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Carmen Battaglia, Carol Moore. Opposed: (4) Bart Bartley, Dean Wylie, Pam O'Dell, Ginny Altman, Abstain: Zoe Backman Motion Carried</p>

	<p>Lew Bunch moved that the question of which dogs are eligible to win the GSDCA awards of Performance Victor and Victrix. The detail would include the consideration of GSDCA membership, Purebred Registration and Disqualifying Faults and be sent to the membership on the ballot. Second by Gary Szymczak. There was discussion of the implications for sending this question to the membership. The opinion that the right of the membership to decide if it was sent to them for a ballot vote verses the right of the Board to have an opinion different from that of the membership after a ballot vote was taken was discussed. Without objection, President Frank Fasano noticed that the motion would be deferred to the agenda for the conference call.</p>
Adjourn	The April Board meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.
	<p>Ginny Altman, Recording Secretary <span style="float: right;">June 30, 2013</span></p>