

**The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.
October Board Meeting
October 13, 2013**

Holiday Inn Swedesboro, New Jersey

Swedesboro, NJ

Officers	Present: Frank Fasano, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert, Ginny Altman, and Bill Pfeiffer.
Class of 2014 Directors	Present: Zoe Backman, Bart Bartley, James Moses, Pam O'Dell, Patti Korsch. Absent: Fred Migliore, Carol Moore.
Class of 2013 Directors	Present:., Carmen Battaglia, Lew Bunch, Dorothy Linn, Dean Wylie, Morton Goldfarb. Absent: Gary Szymczak, Bill Burggraaf.
Committee Chairpersons	Present: Gail Stiefferman, Joanna Rand, Susan Casey, Helen Gleason, Dania Karloff, Julie Degen, Tom and Vivian Brown.
Members	Present: Diane Roberts, Ken Peterson.
Call to Order	The GSDCA Board meeting was called to order at 8:15 am on Sunday, October 13, 2013 by Frank Fasano, President.
I. Approval of Minutes	
	Ginny Altman moved Dean Wylie seconded that the July 2013 minutes be approved as distributed by secretary pro-tem Dania Karloff. The reading of the minutes were waived and minutes were approved by general consent.
II. Report of Recording Secretary - Ginny Altman	
	Ginny requested members and guests to sign in.
III. Report of Corresponding Secretary - Laura Gilbert	
	no report
IV. Report of the Vice-President - Lana Jorgensen Law	
	no report
V. Report of the President - Frank Fasano	
	Frank asked for feedback and suggestions for next year's National at Purina in St. Louis. Several suggestions were discussed regarding free nights as to when to have the hospitality. Other suggestions were regarding Parade of Greats and Award recognition. Frank noted that he would bring the suggestions offered back to the board at a future meeting. Bill Pfeiffer noted that he plans to streamline the money handling and credit card processes at future nationals.
	Gail Stiefferman, show chair, was recognized and given a standing ovation.
	There was informal discussion of a report that is due to the AKC regarding an event outside of a performance ring. Gail and Lana will complete the report and submit it to the AKC.
VI. New Business	

	Laura Gilbert moved that the unanimous vote made in closed session in July 2012 to approve Jerry Guzman for Parent Club endorsement to advance his status in the judge approval process be documented in these minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
	There was discussion regarding the eligibility of one of the performance judges for 2014. Morton Goldfarb moved that we seek AKC legal counsel. Ginny Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
	Lana moved to approve Stormy Hope to attend the AKC Government Relations Legislative Conference with a stipend from the GSDCA not to exceed \$500. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
Recognition	
	Tom and Vivian Brown were given a standing ovation for their work on the history of the breed and for doing the Historical Display that was made available to members at the show site during the Centennial National Specialty Show.
	Frank acknowledged the work of board members who will be completing their terms this year. He noted that Gary Szymczak, Bill Burggraaf, Morton Goldfarb, Carmen Battaglia and Ginny Altman have well served the GSDCA and will not be on the board in 2014. A round of applause was given to these members.
VII. Treasurer's Report - Bill Pfeiffer	
	The Board discussed the audit process and the reconciliation of the budget. Several individuals were identified that have worked with the board in the past and will be of assistance in going forward to complete this process. Bill informed the board members that he may be requesting documentation of expenses from them or their committees during this process.
	Bill is also in the process of completing a bank reconciliation. He expects to have the process completed prior to the board meeting early in 2014. Bill advised the board that he plans to get recommendations from Bill Hope, Van Dukeman and Sam Israel during this process.
Budget and Finance committee	Dean Wylie moved and it was seconded that the Budget and Finance Committee be approved to meet prior to January Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
VIII. Unfinished Business	
World Trial	
	Several board members will be in attendance at the World Trial. There was discussion of activities that will transpire this coming week.
	There was additional discussion of the finances and contracts with the stadium for the World Trial. Bill Pfeiffer will come in on Friday so that he can oversee the income and expense payments. Frank Fasano noted that he will be in attendance beginning Wednesday and will oversee the finances until Bill arrives.
	There will be income from admission fees and the sales of press passes.
2014 Board meeting	The January board meeting will be in St Louis on January 25 and 26 with board members arriving on Friday January 24. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet prior to the board meeting. Board members are reminded to book their flights with Jack's Travel.
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am.

	Ginny Altman, Recording Secretary
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