

**The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
October 10, 2013**

Renaissance Inn

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia,

Officers	Present: Frank Fasano, Lanalee Jorgensen Law, Laura Gilbert, Ginny Altman, and Bill Pfeiffer.
Class of 2014 Directors	Present: Present: Bart Bartley, Pam O'Dell, Absent: Fred Migliore, Carol Moore, James Moses, Bill Burggraaf, Patty Korsch
Class of 2013 Directors	Present: Carmen Battaglia, Lew Bunch, Morton Goldfarb, Dorothy Linn, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie, Zoe Backman.
Committee Chairpersons	Present: Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Carolyn Gerganoff, Cappy Pottle, Gloria Birch, Amber Turley, Julie Degen, Sue Sacco, Tom and Vivian Brown, Chris Carter, Cheryl Olson, Gloria Sinclair, Helen Franklin.
Members	Present:
Call to Order	The GSDCA Membership meeting was called to order at 8:08 pm on Thursday, October 10, 2013 by Frank Fasano, President.
I. Approval of Minutes	
	Without objection the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the GSD Review. The reading of the minutes was waived and minutes were approved by general consent.
II. Report of Recording Secretary - Ginny Altman	
	The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting will be submitted to the January Board Meeting for approval to print them and they will be sent to the GSD Review for publication at that time.
III. Report of Corresponding Secretary - Laura Gilbert	
	Ballots results were received and will be announced later before adjournment.
IV. Report of the Vice-President - Lana Jorgensen Law	
	Reports of Officers and Committees were not read but were on the distribution table.
V. Report of the Treasurer - Bill Pfeiffer	
	Bill provided a written summary status report as of September 30, 2013 as follows: Bank of America Checking \$190,538.48 Bank of America Money Market 576.78 Bank of America World Trial 4,660.00 Wells Fargo Checking 27,375.85 Morgan Stanley Investment 367,650.41 Total \$576,867.13
VI. Report of President - Frank Fasano	

Audit	Frank read the main points in the Audit printed report letter which was available in print for those present. He noted that this new auditor has encountered difficulties with incomplete accounting for 2012 resulting in delays audit report. The auditor is currently unable to anticipate audit completion date. Bill Pfeiffer stated that he is unable to go back to the accounting records which are in the hands of the accounting firm until the audit is complete. He has provided a profit and loss statement and account balances through September 30, 2013 as above. The problem has been documented and it will take some time to fix this as this is a different auditor and Bill does not have the other records which are now in the hands of the current auditor. Frank assured the membership that the problem will get resolved in time.
Meet the Breeds	Frank recognized Carolyn Gerganoff who has chaired the AKC Meet the Breeds for the third year in a row. Frank noted that her display booth has won the competition each of these three years. Carolyn was given a round of applause and a standing ovation by members present.
Centennial Event	Frank reminded the membership that the Friday night event has been very well planned and everyone is invited to be in attendance.
AKC Delegate - Carmen Battaglia	
	Carmen Battaglia outlined the coming week events with the schedule for the World Trial with 30 countries coming. He urged members to come to this Philadelphia event.
Historical Display	Carmen noted that there is a Historical Display assembled by Tom and Vivian Brown, which he urged members to visit. He brought attention to an AKC letter on display dated May 27, 1918 and read some of it which referenced a suggestion to eliminate word German from the name of the breed. This was during World War I and the question also referenced the inadvisability of the inclusion of the word "German" in the name of the Club. Tom and Vivian Brown were given a standing ovation with applause.
Awards - Pam O'Dell	
Lloyd Bracket Award	Pam announced that the Lloyd Bracket Award for 2013 has been awarded to Sandy Anderson who has been breeding under the kennel name Woodside GSD.
Connie Beckhardt	Pam announced that Didier Ardoin has been named as the recipient of the Connie Beckhardt Award.
Performance Award of Merit – Lori Nickeson	
	In the absence of Lori Nickeson, Chair, Julie Degen made the announcements of those that earned the PAM title.

	<p style="text-align: center;">PAM RECIPIENTS FOR 2013</p> <p>PAM Feeby Vom Mika-Ashmead VCD1, SchH3, UD,TD,RAE,NJP,OAP,CGC Owner: Kathleen Cook</p> <p>PAM Hallmark's Wynnter Moon for Neil UD, HSAs,NAP Owner: Amanda Phillips</p> <p>PAM Ch Oak Haven Xena of Black Forest MXP,CD,HT,RAE, AXP,TC Owner: Julie Swinland</p> <p>PAM Winterstorm Warning Von Hunn VCD1, SchH111, TD,CD, OA,OAJ,OF,NFP Owner: Sister Sue Verbiscus,SC</p> <p>PAM Guardyan's Gavin VCD2, CDX, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, RE, TD, CGC Owner: Shyne Brothers</p> <p>PAM Gilly von Hartwin AXJ, AX, RN, PT Owner: Connie White</p> <p>PAM Alkarah's Kaiser Von Duff VCD2,UD,AXP,AJP,TD, RAE, OFP Owner: Carol Courduff</p> <p>PAM CH MACH5 Kaleef's Divine V Kenlyn CD,HT,RE,MGJ2.MXS2,TDI,CGC Owner: Deborah Stern</p> <p>PAM Lyric Vom Kleinen Teich AXJ, CD, PT, BH TC,CGC Owner: Linda Evangelisti</p> <p>PAM Rin Tin Tins Lord Solomon VCD2, AXJ AX,CDX,TD,GN,RAE, NF Owner: Debra Hnath</p> <p>PAM Winningways Northern Sunrise VCD1, CD, TD,RE,AX,AXJ Owner: September Kish</p> <p>PAM BIS,BISS,SEL Am Can GCH Kaleef's Katarina V Kenlyn MX.MXJ,RN,HT Owner: Deborah Stern</p> <p>PAM Sel Can Ch BOM Am CH Kaleef's Cochise V Kenlyn AJP, AXP, HSAs ,CD,RAE,HT,PT,TDI Owner:Deborah Stern</p> <p>PAM Guardian Mathias' Diamond Aus Dem Traumblick MX,AXJ, CD,PT,RAE,BN,XF,FM Owner: Suzanne Metz</p> <p>PAM Nocturne's Nikita UD,NAP,TR1, BH Owner: Joan T. Adler</p> <p>PAM HC DeBrut's Jonnie Be Good of BFF HXAsd, CD,TD,HSBs,HXBd, Owner: Sheryl Evans</p> <p>PAM MACH6 Felix Von Der Eisenkaute SchH3, CD, MXG3,MJC2,MXF,MFB,TQX, T2B Owner Elizabeth Sirna MD,</p> <p>PAM Cora Von Lotta UD, TD, HIAs Owner: Grace Bennett</p> <p>PAM Risky Vom Haus Miller SchH3, IPO3, CDX,TD,FH1,BH, AD,CGC, Owner: Dorothy Reneir</p> <p>PAM Bella Vom Kellnerhof UD,TDX,IPO3, BH,AD, Owner: Rosetta Barke</p> <p>PAM PucO Von Burkhardt Haus, VCD2.MXP,CDX,RA,TD,AJP,OFF,CGC Owner: Diana & Bruno Reich</p> <p>PAM Geyer's Windstorm of Sharrdan VCD1,MXP.AJP,AXP,TD,CD,RE,BN,TC, NFP Owner: Sharon & Joe Sheridan</p> <p>PAM Nocturne's Gabriel II UD,TD,NJP Owner: Timothy Muldowney</p>
Newsletter Competition – Sue Sacco	
	Sue Sacco announced the awards for the categories of the newsletter competition.
Category One Monthly	<p>Large Division: GSDCMSP Julie Swinland, Shep-O-Gram</p> <p>Intermediate First: GSDC Washington State, Dalene McIntyre, Shepherd News Second: Southern New Jersey, Gloria Sinclair, The Newsletter</p> <p>Medium First: GSDC of North Florida, Kelley Caton, Shepherd Tales Second: GSDC Atlanta, Carmen Battaglia, The Guardian</p>
Category Two	GSDC Central Ohio, Kathy Jo Zornes , Guidelines

Regional Club Challenge Chair – Gloria Sinclair; Regional Club Chair – Dean Wylie	
	Gloria Sinclair announced the winners of the Regional Challenge as follows:
Small Club	1. GSDC of Greater Eugene, Inc. 25 members, Coordinator, Tammy Paris-Smith 418 points
Medium Club	1. GSDC Atlanta, 54 members, Coordinator, Stacey Pollio 880 points 2. GSDC of Washington, Inc. 53 members, Coordinator, Amanda Hackbarth 870 points 3. GSDC of Rochester NY, Inc. 36 members, Coordinator, Mary Ann Hartley 585 points 4. GSDC of Greater Kansas City 50 members, Coordinator, Lew Bunch 525 points
Intermediate Club	1. Delaware Valley GSDC, Inc. 84 members, Coordinator Betty Abrams 1970 points 2. GSD Training Club of Chicago, Inc. 73 members, Coordinator, Patty Szymczak 1065 pts
Large Club	1. GSDC of Minneapolis St. Paul 163 members, Coordinator, Pamela Magadance 2235 points
Dual Titles – Amber Turley	
Dual Awards	Amber reported that there were thirty-three recipients of a Dual Award. Of these, seven completed their Champion title after having earned their performance titles. Six of the Champions acquired their Grand Championship, two acquired Grand Champion Bronze and one a Grand Champion Silver. The dogs earned titles in agility, herding, obedience and Rally. The titles ranged from beginner levels to Master Bronze Agility 2 and Utility Dog.
Dual Award Excellent	Amber reports the Dual Award Excellent has garnered additional interest within the fancy. The award, DAE, was presented to twenty-seven dogs during the August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013 award year. These dogs are examples of what so many members strive to achieve. A dog that has been judged to fit the standard, successfully working in the venues his owner chooses, certified by OFA as being of sound body with OFA certified Hips and Elbows and temperament tested as being sound of mind.
ROM	Gloria Birch, Cappy Pottle introduced new Chairas, Chris Carter and Cheryl Olson . The chairmen acknowledged the 2012 ROM Sires and Dams awards and their owners as printed in the 2013 July and August Review. The owners that were present were awarded an ROM pin and recognized by the members present with a round of applause.
Results of Election for Board	
	The sealed envelope was opened before the membership by Laura Gilbert and the results of the ballots were announced. The election of the members of the Board of Directors: Total Ballots received 1009. Total Void Ballots - 1(blank) Total tallied ballots – 1008. President Frank Fasano 823 Vice-president Lanalee Jorgensen Law 812 Recording Secretary Dania Karloff 836 Board Members – The four members receiving the most votes are elected Helen Gleason 610 Dorothy Linn 544 Lew Bunch 541 Dean Wylie 535 Gary Szymczak 516 Morton Goldfarb 473
By Law Vote	
	The sealed envelope was opened before the membership by Laura Gilbert and the results of the ballots were announced. Total ballots received 951. Total void - 2 (blank) Total ballots tallied 949.

<p>Article 5 Section 2</p> <p>Section 3</p>	<p>Electronic voting will be permitted, for those members who agree to do so by notifying the club in writing, in accordance with AKC's requirements (such requirements will also be posted on AKC's website). Those members who do not opt-in will continue to be mailed a paper ballot. All ballots will remain confidential.</p> <p>At the Annual Meeting for the election of Officers and Directors the vote shall be reported to the membership.</p> <p>For: 752 Against: 144</p>
<p>Voting for National Judges</p>	<p>The proposed change submitted to the membership to abolish the weighted ballot. The voting would be 1 vote is one point. Members would continue to vote for 3 judges for the National Judges.</p> <p>For: 706 Against: 184</p>
<p>A.</p>	<p>This vote addresses the eligibility of GSD which are ILP/PAL "listed" with the AKC to win the performance Victor/Victrix awards at the GSDCA national.</p> <p>1. All AKC recognized German Shepherd Dogs, both AKC registered (dogs with a known AKC pedigree) and AKC ILP/PAL "listed" dogs, are eligible to win Performance Victor/Victrix prizes at the GSDCA National.</p> <p>2. Only AKC registered German Shepherd Dogs with a known AKC pedigree (no ILP/PAL, "listed" dogs) are eligible to win the performance Victor/Victrix awards.</p> <p>In Favor of #1 287 In Favor of #2 641</p>
<p>B.</p>	<p>This vote addresses the eligibility of GSD with disqualifying conformation faults to win the performance Victor/Victrix awards at the GSDCA national.</p> <p>1. The performance Victor/ Victrix must be free of disqualifying faults as stated by the AKC GSD Standard and as verified by a GSD Breed judge at the National.</p> <p>2. The performance Victor/Victrix is judged solely on its performance and not by a conformation breed standard.</p> <p>In Favor of #1 533 In Favor of #2 395</p>
<p>New Business</p>	
<p>Historical Items</p>	<p>Tish Walker inquired as to the plan to preserve the Historical Display that has many valuable, original and unique items within the display.</p> <p>Dean Wylie moved that discuss at Board Meeting. The motion was seconded. Ginny Altman noted that there are members present that could provide information at this time and they might not be available Sunday morning to contribute to the discussion</p>
	<p>Following discussion of various storage options and the multiple clubs that have an interest in the items, Dean Wylie withdrew his motion without objection.</p> <p>Carmen Battaglia moved that the Historical Display reside with the AKC archives and be available to GSDCA, Inc. on demand. It was noted that the material would be in a protected and archival environment. Motion carried unanimously.</p>

Adjourn	The Annual meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:35pm
	Ginny Altman, Recording Secretary