

Minutes of the GSDCA October Board meeting held October 12, 2014.

Purina Farms,

President Frank Fasano called the meeting to order. Absent: Zoe Backman, Dorothy Linn and Fred Migliore. Visitors: Russell Westbrook, Joy Schultz, Mary Gattone, Melanie Fuelgraff, Diane Robert, Karen Schmaltz, Gail Rutter, Larry Rock and Gail Stiefferman.

There was a motion to approve the Annual meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.

President's Report: Frank wanted to initiate a dialogue of what went wrong and what went right at all the events. He specifically mentioned the short comings of the sound system stating that people could not understand what was being said. Lana said that she heard many positive responses regarding the facilities.

Treasurer's Report: Bill stated that we are waiting for a final audit report from 2012. He made some recommendations to help Gail close up the facilities after the show. He has set up two different accounts: one for Juniors and one for the WUSV Committee. Frank asked the board to consider Pam as Budget Chair. Pam requested that the same committee members remain (Van Dukeman, Bill Hope, Gail Steifferman, Gary Szymczak, Larry Rock and Pam O'Dell). Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Membership: Dania spoke of the large number of new members coming this year. Pam made a motion that we maintain the introductory fee membership. Dania seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Committee: Frank made a suggestion for the Review Committee to form a group that incorporates the working dog sport and new people into the breed. Frank appointed Joy Schultz to head this committee. Helen suggested that we have different sections in our magazine – something like chapters. Frank said he will talk to Susan about this. Helen said that she had submitted articles and they have not been published. Bart suggested that we encourage our members who breed to donate memberships to puppy buyers.

National Report: Gail reported that there were 288 tickets sold but we fed 320 people. It appears that quite a few people sneaked in at the Annual Dinner. There was talk about securing the dining facilities in the future. We need to have better control.

Frank said we need to address the security issue and perhaps hire staff to enforce rules. He plans to propose to host the Sieger show and the National during the same weekend next year. He further stated that Mary Gattone, Joy Schultz and many others worked tirelessly to put together this year Sieger show. Plans are being made to host the Sieger show and the National during the same weekend next year.

Gail stated that she will apply immediately for AKC approval for all events. She is asking for recommendations for days for agility and obedience. She stated that it may be an issue having three or five days. Helen asked that the Invitational for the Top 20th should be for GSDCA members only. Gail spoke in favor of this idea.

Gail asked that we develop new/different contracts for the pre-National show Specialty show. We need consistency on what we pay helpers, judges and others. As per Frank we will discuss this at the next January meeting on Friday night.

Looking ahead, Frank asked Gail to start looking for other show sites and be prepared for when our Purina contract is completed.

New Business:

The ATAA Chair has resigned. Helen Gleason proposed Melanie Fuelgraff as the new Chair. Motion passed with Laura Gilbert abstaining.

Morris and Essex is once again asking for support from GSDCA. After a brief discussion Dean was appointed Liaison for Morris and Essex. Dean made the recommendation that we use a DannyQuest GSD statue as a prize – there are some trophies left from this year's Sieger trophies. DannyQuest reduced our bill by 30% because of the quantity purchased.

AKC Lifetime Achievement Award nomination – The GSDCA submitted the following candidates:

Conformation : Ed E Biven

Companion: Susan B Bluford

Performance: Sandy Moore

Laura presented a letter from Gene Gray resigning from his position as Temperament Test Committee Chair. Gene recommended Laura Gilbert as the new Chair. Frank made this motion and it was approved by the board unanimously.

Lew Bunch and Jim Moses spoke about their proposed revised Futurity/Maturity Judges' Requirements. There was a discussion and the committee proposed to get further input and bring it for a vote to the January meeting.

Board Meeting Sites: There was a discussion about where to have the next board meeting. Lana presented a chart of costs for the following sites: St Louis, Atlanta, Orlando, Dallas/Fort Worth, Phoenix, Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

Lew moved that we have the January meeting in St Louis. Motion passed. Dean abstained. Frank asked Gail to start looking for other sites and be prepared for when our Purina contract is

completed. Frank said we will be intermingling the WUSV events with traditional GSDCA events.

Meeting adjourned.