

**Minutes of the GSDCA October Board meeting held October 18, 2015.**

**Purina Farms,**

President Frank Fasano called the meeting to order. Absent: Zoe Backman. Visitors: Laura Gilbert, Jen Proud, Karen Schmaltz, Gail Rutter, Diane Roberts, Butch Stiefferman, Carmen Battaglia, Russell Westbrook, Nicky Bunch, Sharon White, Susan Casey and Gail Stiefferman.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry Rock requested permission to fly to Raleigh to review and discard old Club paperwork stored in a rental storage facility. Motion by Dean Wylie passed unanimously. Larry requested permission to get a credit card from Bank of America. Motion by Dean Wylie passed unanimously.

**Report of the Membership:** Dania Karloff spoke of the large number of new members coming this year. We have now reached 3,000 memberships.

**SV-WUSV Program Office:** Joy Schultz requested approval for new fees for hip and elbow evaluations as well as fees for the newly offered OCD and Lumbar-Sacral Transitional Vertebrae evaluations offered through the SV.

**Futurity Program:** Futurity Chair requested approval for the 2017 Futurity Host Clubs and Dates not previously approved. After much discussion this item was tabled. Request of approval for the "Second Chance" program passed unanimously.

**Legislative Liaison:** Stormy Hope requested permission to widen the focus on the Facebook GSDCA Legislation Awareness Page to include certain ancillary information. Lew Bunch motioned and it passed unanimously.

Chair Jen Proud proposed job descriptions to be included in the P&P. Item deferred for further discussion

**Health & Genetics:** Carolyn Gerganoff reported that the revamping of the Health and Genetics Committee is moving slowly. Sue Condreras has accepted the committee on bloat and Carol Moore has accepted the committee on chagas. There are still other committee vacancies. Carolyn has a request from Clair R. Sharp, Tufts, who is looking at Gastric Dilation and Volvulus (GDV). She currently needs DNA of dogs who have had GDV. Please contact her for more information if you can help. Claire.Sharp@Tufts.Edu. 508-839-5302

**National Report:** Gail Stiefferman reported that she was still evaluating the Reno site. She said it was very similar to Topeka, great for conformation but flying is always an issue – few direct flights. Nice arena with boxes around the walkway with inside grooming areas. Fully covered and enclosed stalls are 225' from the main arena (\$25). RV parking is available with water and sewer 375' from the arena (\$45). Arena will need sod. Another building with dirt floor good for

agility and a third building available for obedience. Herding A, B and C courses will be available at Sandy Moore's facilities – one hour from show site. Tracking available. Many hotels and restaurants available. Dates September 30-October 7. The Reno Convention Center has agreed to pay for Gail's trip. Gail will bring further information at the January meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**GSDCA Code of Ethics:** Joy Schultz presented a draft of the proposed GSDCA Code of Ethics. Item was deferred until January meeting.

**New Business:**

Helen Gleason made a motion to add working dog titles to the GSDCA's special awards program and to advertise them.

**Board Meeting Sites:** There was a discussion about where to have the next board meeting. Frank moved to have the January meeting in St Louis. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.