

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2017
Purina Events Center
Gray Summit, Missouri

Saturday October 14, 2017

Call to order 7:59 AM

Board Members Present: President Carmen Battaglia, Vice President Helen Gleason, Recording Secretary Joy Schultz, Corresponding Secretary Gail Stiefferman, Directors John Bemont, Gloria Birch, Lew Bunch, Ken Cunningham, Mary Gattone, and Deborah Stern

Board Members Absent: Linda Bankhead and Ken Tank

Guests Present: Susan Casey, Cyndi Flautt, Erin Nellis, Pamela O'Dell, Bill Pfeiffer, Larry Rock, Gary Szymczak

Motion by Helen Gleason, second by Ken Cunningham to approve the minutes of the July 2017 BOD Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Gail Stiefferman

Gail Stiefferman asked the Board's approval to waive GSDC of Greater Miami dues for 2018 because of over payments in 2015 and 2016. The Board agreed. Gail get with Bill Pfeiffer to make the adjustment

Report of the President – Carmen Battaglia

- a. Approval of Budget and Finance Committee: Gary Szymczak, the newly-elected President, is requesting Erin Nellis (Chair), Gary Szymczak, Bill Pfeiffer, Pam O'Dell, Gail Stiefferman. Motion to approve by Lew Bunch, second by John Bemont. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Motion by Lew Bunch, second by John Bemont that the January Board Meeting be in California. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Royal Canin agreement for financial support of the SV/WUSV programs. Motion by Lew Bunch, second by Joy Schultz to authorize President Battaglia to sign the contract. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Gail Stiefferman is to contact Honest Ballot to audit and certify the results of the election in writing. Gail will then notify the Board. A Constant Contact will then go out to the Members announcing the final results of the audit.

Report of the Vice President – Helen Gleason

- a. Request from Zoe Bachman that the Board approve the recognition of the newest titles and classes offered by AKC for Rally. Notification to the members of the new AKC classes will go out in the next Constant Contact.
- b. Helen requested Board approval for recognition of the AKC Carting titles. Carmen Battaglia noted that GSDCA would have to send to the AKC notification of GSDCA's intentions to recognize the titles, and why we want to recognize the titles. Helen to come back to the board with more information in January.
- c. Helen reported information on the insurance company, Mauer and Foster for the IPO and conformation clubs that will offer reduced rates (if paid in advance annually). A single event rate is also available. Ken Cunningham has also talked to them, this will offer the clubs a real break in insurance. Ken is to notify the clubs that it is available. Joy Schultz is to send Ken the list of clubs and their contact information.
- d. Printing Committee - According to the bids that were received by Kathleen Riley, it is costing us approximately \$1,000 more per month to use the current printer. Gary Szymczak has been busy on this but needed to start from scratch. Current invoices were sent out with the bid packages. This is totally unprofessional and unethical. It was not Kathleen, it was a current board member. Gary is starting from scratch and has included four more printers as well as our present printer. Gary will report his findings to the board in January.
- e. Update on progress of lawsuit. We are waiting on discovery from WDA.
- f. Motion by Helen Gleason to approve the Recording Secretary to be responsible for sending out the Constant Contacts within 30 days of the quarterly meetings. Motion by Lew Bunch, second by Joy Schultz to table to the January meeting. Motion passed unanimous. Gail Stiefferman volunteered to do this meeting only.
- g. Mary Gattone reported on the IPO portion of the 2018 National IPO/FH Championship and Universal Sieger Show, we are not locked in on a contract. She will provide dates and location once it is signed. The same applies with the 2018 Qualification Trial, which is chronically the next event. The third event, which is the 2018 Sieger Show is locked in. It will be in Zion, Illinois September 27 through the 30th.
- h. The IRS now requires that not-for-profits must meet with their auditor and have their auditor send to IRS the findings of the audit as part of the tax return. Carmen Battaglia is going to call a special meeting with the auditor. Carmen will call the board into session between now and November 15th.

Report of the Treasurer (acting) – Bill Pfeiffer

- a. The accounting system, from a P&L point of view, has taken all monies that the club has brought in this year and taken it as earned income. Bill is going to take the monies on a monthly basis and set up stuff. He tried to get the accounting firm to make some of the changes this year and they said they would not. They will start January 1st.
- b. Numerous committee chairs came to Bill at the National and said "please get me information about my committee and what it is doing from a financial perspective." There is no real documentation of where the money was going, expenses or income. Bill is going to make some changes there.
- c. The tax return that Carmen was talking about, Bill had Carmen sign it and Bill mailed it on the 10th of this month to the IRS. We have certified all of the proper things on it. Bill worked with Tim DeVry to get it all done properly.
- d. Each year GSDCA gets from Purina weight circle money and another check. Their cover letter this year indicated they wanted the money to go to educational purposes. The parent club could spend the money for educational purposes, but because most of what we do is supported

by the Trust it would make sense to make a motion that each year we would not have to make a motion if the policy is that we will take that money and transfer it automatically to the trust. The Trust then will be bound to use it for educational purposes. Motion by Gloria Birch, second by Deborah Stern that we automatically transfer the money annually to the Trust. Motion passed unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Dual Award-Amber Turley

The board authorized the purchase of 100 Dual Award Excellent pins.

Education-Maryellen Kish

The recordings of the National seminars will be available in about 6 to 8 weeks. They will be placed on the website.

Futurity-Cyndi Flautt

Motion by Gloria Birch, second by Mary Gattone to approve Foy Trent Dog Shows as superintendent for 2018, and the increase of \$0.50 per entry for because of all the checking we ask the superintendent to do. Motion passed unanimous.

Motion by Gloria Birch, second by Lew Bunch to decrease the single page Futurity catalog ad from \$85 to \$60, and a decrease in the double spread from \$160 to \$120. Motion passed unanimous.

Motion by Joy Schultz, second by Deborah Stern to increase price of a catalog from \$5 to \$8. Opposed Lew Bunch, Mary Gattone, and Helen Gleason; Gloria Birch abstained; in favor of the motion John Bemont, Joy Schultz, Gail Stiefferman, Ken Cunningham, and Deborah Stern. Motion passed.

GSDCA Review – Kathleen Riley

Motion by Lew Bunch, second by Deborah Stern to use the AKC point system for the All-Breed Ranking and Specialty Breed Ranking and put both winners on the cover of the Review. Motion passed unanimous.

National Specialty – Rally

- a. Request that the Obedience Victor/Victrix award be changed to add the new RACH Master title to the requirements for this award. Lew Bunch moved to approve, second by Helen Gleason. Motion withdrawn. Rally committee to come back to the board with clear language so the board will understand the request.
- b. Motion by Helen Gleason, second by Gloria Birch to approve Gail Phillips to the Rally committee. Motion passed unanimous.

SV Programs – Joy Schultz

Motion by Joy Schultz, second by Helen Gleason to approve Steve House to Chair the GSDCA Helper Program. Motion passed unanimous.

Webmaster

Carmen reported that at the last meeting of the Board, the Board voted to continue the present webmaster indefinitely while the website is being designed offsite.

Unfinished Business

New Year Book - Gloria Birch is proposing a new bound book of the GSDCA year's events. It will be called the "GSDCA Year Book". Gloria will bring back her proposal by teleconference call sometime before the end of the year.

New Business

- a. Lew Bunch recommended that the ROM tabulation system be rewritten into electronic data entry files and do away with all manual data entry. Carmen Battaglia and Gary Szymczak to get together to work out the details.
- b. We have a Judges Contract that clearly states you cannot judge German Shepherd Dogs six (6) months prior to the GSDCA National assignment. Motion by Lew Bunch, second by Gail Stiefferman to withdraw the limitation currently in place to judge Intersex in Canada and replace with the 6-months rule. The 2015 motion is to be deleted. Delete the section in the P&P. For: John Bemont, Joy Schultz, Mary Gattone, Gloria Birch, Lew Bunch, Gail Stiefferman. Against: Deborah Stern and Ken Cunningham. Abstain: Helen Gleason. Lew is to craft new language for the new board to review and revisit in January.
- c. Lew received an email from Nick Hodge suggesting that some of the monies collected by the Juniors go to offsetting expenses for our top Juniors for the year to go to Westminster and the Eukanuba Championship to compete in those events with their German Shepherds. Gail Stiefferman noted that the Juniors have already discussed and recommends we take this to the Junior Committee to see what they have already discussed and then get back to the Board on our next phone call. Deborah Stern will work with Elizabeth Stiefferman and come back to the Board with what they would like the Board to act on.

Helen Gleason reported that one of our members was advised at check-in at the Holiday Inn that he will be charged a \$35 dog fee even though he did not have a dog. He cancelled his reservation and went to another hotel. Gail Stiefferman will check into the matter.

Motion by Mary Gattone to adjourn, second by Lew Bunch, motion passed unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 9:46 AM

Minutes approved
January 27, 2018