

GSDCA BOARD MEETING
Purina Farms
 Grey Summit, MO
October 21, 2018

8:00 am Sunday October 21, 2018 – Regular Board Meeting

Officers Present: Gary Szymczak, President, Helen Gleason, Vice-President, Joan Intersimone, Recording Secretary (via telephone), Gail Stiefferman, Corresponding Secretary, Bill Pfeiffer, Treasurer

Class of 2018: John Bemont, Deborah Stern
Class of 2019: John Ayotte, LaMar Frederick, Erin Nellis

Absent: Ken Cunningham, Joy Schultz, Mary Gattone

Visitors present: Cyndi Flautt, Vicki Bemont, Laura Gilbert, Teri Ayotte, Lew Bunch

- I. MINUTES**
 - *Approval of Minutes – July 28, 2018 Trust meeting - Approved*
 - *Approval of Minutes - Telephonic meeting September 5, 2018 – Approved*

- II. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY** Joan Intersimone
The minutes of the July 28 2018 BOD Meeting were approved by email on October 12, 2018. Copies will be sent to the REVIEW editor and posted in the member’s section of the website.

- III. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** Gail Stiefferman
 - *Received a letter from AKC to report the change in officers after the election.*
 - *Meet the breeds booth at Westminster. Motion by Helen, second by John A. Approved*

- IV. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** Gary Szymczak
 - *Approved \$1,200 for the SV website.*
 - *Determined there would be no deposit to Purina for 2023 national until after the election.*
 - *Approved the distribution of copies of the Red Book to the Juniors at the National.*
 - *The attorneys are working on a final offer regarding the WDA lawsuit. They appear close to reaching a settlement which could be as soon as the end of the month. Confidentiality will be a big part of the agreement.*
 - *Our insurance company has informed us they will not be renewing our liability insurance when it comes due on November 11th. Members of the committee are looking into new carriers for our Liability insurance. Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance is still available for renewal.*
 - *Made arrangements to have a video taken of the annual meeting. The video will be put up on the GSDCA website for the members to view.*
 - *Approved the additional question on the ballot regarding using social media as a means of official communication.*
 - *Agreed that Members can contribute to the Trust for the AKC Museum of the Dog Wall of Fame. Deductions would be tax deductible and earmarked for the wall. Deb has \$5,000 toward the funds needed to cover the cost of the plaque pledged and/or in her hands.*

Erin moved, second by John B. to approve all the actions of the Executive committee. Approved

- V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** Gary Szymczak
- *Problems with the review. Contacted Diane Strasser and Susan Casey that errors must be stopped. A committee was put together to help proof the Review before publication.*
 - *Futurity ad hoc committee chaired by Kathy Potter.*
 - *We should review all SV finance commitments before they are approved.*

- VI. REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT** Helen Gleason
- Archive committee: John A. and Travis are putting some information on the website. Zoe scanning paper to digital. Suggest members put into their wills that anything related to the club be given to the committee.*

- VII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER** William "Bill" Pfeiffer
- On the SV items: Commitments were made verbally. Receipts must be submitted in order to be reimbursed.
 - Cyndi Flautt and Bill discussed the money raised by the Chili cookoff at the national. They agreed that the funds will be allocated to the 2019 Futurity year.
 - Laura Gilbert and Bill went through memberships to clarify how the revenue is allocated to membership & review income including members with a digital review.
 - Wants formal approval to move the \$200K in Bank of America for regular expenses into a Money Market account that allows for transfer in and out to pay bills. This is known as a "Sweep" account.

Motion by John B, second by Helen. Approved.

Bill mentioned we have \$300K in Morgan Stanley making .01% interest. This money needs to be moved into an account with better interest. No action taken at this time.

- VIII. REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE – Report – Action Item**..... Carmen Battaglia
- "AKC Museum of the Dog Wall of Fame and the German Shepherd Dog listed as a breed"***
- There are several members who have contacted Carmen about their interest and willingness to financially support this item. Pictures of the GSD are etched into all the panes of glass at eye level. November 1, the press & others will be allowed in. The museum will be open to the public January 1st and during Westminster. Payments for a plaque on the wall can be made over 3 or 5 years.*

Task force: *European breeders have supplied working dogs for many years. We have 10,000 to 15,000 working dogs in the country and 15,000 out of the country. We need at least 6,000 dogs per year to replace dogs retired or lost. AKC has assigned 11 people to the project to recruit breeders/dogs. A meeting was held with the stake holders: FBI, CIA, TSA, etc. The government decided the AKC is the best to head this. Historically 13 breeds have been used. Criteria: standing ear dogs bite & protect; down ear dogs detect and support. GSD & Malinois most used by military. GSD has better brains, Malinois smaller and better for air drops. GSD will "out", Malinois not as easy to control. Committee of government and public to determine the standards for the task force. The task force will create a data base of working dogs best suited to be used.*

AKC wants to give a presentation to the board about the task force. Due to various conflicts the board was not able to schedule this presentation during 2018. It is hoped that it can be scheduled for the January 2019 Board meeting.

Questions to Carmen at the National:

Problems with move-ups. The AKC rule needs to be looked at. Based on the first day of our National event, move-ups were not allowed after the start of 6-9 puppies on Wednesday but before specials on Saturday.

Name changes: Dog's names cannot be changed without permission of the breeder. Dog's names cannot be changed after a dog has been entered in an AKC event or after being recorded as the sire or dam of a litter.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Budget and Finance – Report – Action Item**Erin Nellis
- Approve the 2018 budget as presented.*

Moved by Gail, second by Helen. Approved

Trophies: Regarding the spread sheet listing all the trophies and awards presented by the GSDCA. National trophies are not included. Futurity trophies are not included. We need guidelines for purchasing awards and the shipping costs.

Lee Ruggieri is not able take on the trophy project as suggested in July. Pam O'Dell is willing to head a committee to look at better purchasing criteria for all awards.

Motion by John A, second by John B – approved

2. By-Laws – Report – Action Items..... LaMar Frederick

We need to reformat the proposed By-Laws and send them out to the membership. This can be done without using an outside ballot company.

Additional changes/modifications to the proposed by-laws:

1. *Voting by electronic ballot wording changed. LaMar has talked to honest ballot and they think New York allows electronic ballot. (local unions in New York do electronic ballots through Honest Ballot). We need to verify with the state.*
2. *Discipline, add a section to allow the Board to institute.*

Motion by LaMar, second by Erin. Approved

LaMar presented a suggested form with places to vote on each section. There will also be a one-page cover letter with information explaining why the changes.

3. Archive Committee – Report..... Helen Gleason

See VP report

4. Awards:

Awards Committee – Report Diane Silver-Strasser

R.O.M. – Report..... Chris Carter/Candee Foss

Award of Excellence – Report..... Laura Gilbert

ATAA – Report – Cynthia Binder DVM

Performance Award of Merit – ReportLori Nickeson

5. Breeders Code of Ethics – No Report Sheila Williams-Metz

6. Education – Report Vicki Roye

7. Ethics – No Report Michelle Wallace

8. Futurity – Report - Action Items Cyndi Flautt

The Futurity Committee requests action on the following items:

1. *Approve a date change of the 2019 Northwest Futurity from Saturday May 11, 2019 to Sunday May 12, 2019.*
2. *Decrease plaque size to 7x9 @ \$9.50 each for first place and 6x8" @ \$7.50 each for second, third and fourth for 2019 only.*

Approved

Moved by Bill. Approved

3. *Change information on the plate to "German Shepherd Dog Club of America Regional Futurity/Maturity." Because the plate info is generic, Bruce Gilbert has agreed to ship the exact number of plaques needed when we receive the entry counts after each closing. If unused due to absenteeism, they can be recycled without any additional labor. Had we used the smaller plaques with generic info on the plates in 2018, there would have been an approximate savings of \$420 as compared the current procedure. This scenario would allow us to do away with the mail in requests for second, third and fourth as exhibitors do prefer to receive the plaque at the show. The procedure of plaques being requested by mail has saved money for the last two years, but may well cost money in the future due to a decrease supply of recycled plaques. New plaques of current size are \$15.75 each.*

Approved

4. *Instead of the flat metal logo on each plaque, medals similar to the GSDCA Best of Breed would be used. The medals are not included in the prices above, and would be purchased in bulk and paid for by the live streaming donations. Medals (medallions) cost about \$3 each.*

Approved

- 5. *Allow OPTIONAL GSDCA Conformation fun matches to be held by regional host clubs during their Futurity weekend which would be facilitated by the Futurity Committee. FYI: Per AKC rules, fun matches may be held by licensed clubs if entries are accepted from club members only. Thus, puppies must be owned or co-owned by GSDCA members to be eligible for these fun matches.*

Approved

- 9. **GSDC of Canada Liaison – No report**..... Jack Kilgore
- 10. **Health & Genetics – No Report** Carolyn Gerganoff
- 11. **Internet – No Report** John Ayotte
- 12. **Juniors – No Report**..... Nick Hodge, Nancy McDonald
- 13. **Legislative Liaison to the AKC – Report** Stormy Hope
- 14. **Marketing -No Report -** Jeff Pyle
- 15. **Membership – No Report** Laura Gilbert

16. **National Specialty – Report - Action Items** Gail Stiefferman

Information about the 2019 National

- 1. *Working on hotel rooms and the city of Loveland for special pricing. Almost a shortage of hotels so rooms must be booked months in advance.*
- 2. *None of us are getting younger. Gail's family cannot continue to shoulder the labor burden of setting up, tearing down, etc. Committees with items to sell should be helping with sales at the national.*
- 3. *In the past, the regional clubs assisted and should be doing so in the future, especially with rotation.*
- 4. *Requesting a grant from the City of Loveland to assist with expenses.*
- 5. *Sieger show hotel problems a few weeks ago. Nothing put out about plastic under crates and other requirements, deposits etc. Bath tub(s) full of hair, diarrhea in a room cleaned up with hotel towels, left in a corner.*
- 6. *Butch will not be driving trailer to Colorado. Someone else needs to be in charge of hauling the trailer.*
- 7. *Issues about the grass and guaranteed room nights, meals, etc. to get the grant from the city of Loveland.*

Agility - No Report Rhonda Meath/ Karen McKee-Bendtsen

C.A.T. – No Report Gail Stiefferman

Dock Diving – No Report Susan Condreas

Herding – Report – Action Item Tracy Parsiak/Julie Degen

Proposal to Amend the Multi-Performance Champion Award

We appreciate the addition of this new award, but feel very strongly that it falls short. It should be a Multi-Championship award, not "just" a multi-performance Championship award. It is rare to have a breed champion who is also a performance champion and this extraordinary accomplishment should be recognized along with the dogs who have admirably achieved championships in multiple performance events

Our breed needs to be brought TOGETHER, not further divided. Earning multiple championships in ANY of the venues is great accomplishment. The other performance chairs (other than Zoe Backman, who proposed the award) agree that we should celebrate and recognize all multiple championships. The argument that Zoe had against including breed champions was that they were already recognized in other awards (namely the dual award). A Dual Award is an accomplishment, but there is a huge difference between a CH who earns an HT or BN and a CH who earns an HC or OTCH. There is currently no GSDCA program that recognizes when breed champions also earn performance championships. This can be remedied by adding breed champions to this award.

We propose the board add conformation to the list of championships eligible for the award and change the name of this award to: GSDCA Multi-Championship Award in Memory of Phyllis Kraft.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Degen, Tracy Parsiak, Lori Nickeson, Kristin Brooks Jones

Motion by Deb, second by Joan - Approved

Obedience – No Report Kristin Brooks Jones

Rally – Report – Action Items Zoe Backman

1. Since the addition of a Class Higher than Excellent, we respectfully request that the Victor/Victrix award be changed to add the Master Class to the requirements for this award as follows:

A score of 97 or better in the Master Class and a score of 99 or better in both Advanced and Excellent for a total combined score of 295 out of 300. The RAE or present high combined remains unaffected and unchanged at the AKC

Moved by Helen, second by Deb – Approved.

2. We ask that the new title of AKC RACH be recognized by the GSDCA and added to other programs. This is a Title (not a class) similar to the OTCH, MACH etc.

The board would like clarification about adding the title to other programs.

Moved by Deb to approve the title only, second by Helen – Approved.

3. We ask that the Preferred Award for the year stats from 2018 onward now include the Master Class stats. At Present, we use only the ADVANCED B and EXCELLENT B to determine our High Scoring Rally Dog

Moved by Helen, second by Deb. Approved

4. The October 2017 minutes incorrectly state that I asked to change the Obedience V/VX and not the Rally V/VX According to Robert’s Rules they can be corrected. I request a motion to Amend the October 2017 minutes to change the word Obedience to Rally.

Moved by Helen, second by Joan. Approved

Tracking – No Report Gail Stiefferman

17. National Trophy Donations – Report Deborah Stern

18. National Site Selection – No Report Patty Korsch

19. Public Education Committee – No Report Kathy & Ken Tank

20. Parent Club Office – No Report Laura Gilbert

21. P & P Manual – No Report Myra Shear

22. Products – No Report Butch Stiefferman

23. Public Relations – No Report Kathy & Ken Tank

24. Red Book – Report Kim McNamara

25. Regional Clubs – No Report Lisa Correia

26. Review Marketing – Report Diane Silver-Strasser

27. SV-WUSV Liaison - No Report Frank Fasano

28. SV Office - No Report Joy Schultz

29. SV Programs - Report - Action Item Frank Fasano, Mary Gattone

Board needs to decide if the GSDCA will fund a Team to send to the SV/WUSV World Agility Trial in the fall of 2019. Cost will be between \$15,000 to \$30,000 depending on the number of team members. Planning needs to start ASAP in order to have tryouts in April/May 2019 to pick the team.

Tabled to January

30. Temperament - No Report Laura Gilbert

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Berger Blanc Swiss

Gary presented information from the AKC on the request of the Berger Blanc Swiss Club for approval.

It is up to us as a board to say yea or neigh to allow the BBS to apply. AKC will more than likely accept the breed down the road even if we do not approve it. There is a breed registry for the BBS and they will not allow dogs to be registered as BBS that do not go back to the closed registry.

Moved by Helen, second by Deb.

In favor: Helen, Deb, Joan

Opposed: Gail, John B, John A, LaMar, Erin, Bill

Not approved.

Gary will let Linda Greco know the Board's decision.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Question from Gail about the webmaster. Gary explained Pam is not being paid and has not been since April. She is helping to care for Jane Kerner

Paul Root Mentoring Award

I would like the BOD to consider the establishment of an annual award in honor of Paul Root, to be presented to a member who has exhibited outstanding mentoring qualities to a New member.

Submitted by Kevin Maxwell

Moved by Joan, second by Bill. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Tabled for review. LaMar volunteered to look at this and a number of other awards and bring recommendations to the January meeting.

Roberts Center agreement for the 2019 SV Program shows. Royal Canin provides some support. SV committee has to fulfill the contract requirements.

Approved for the two events there.

Location for the January Board meeting. Bring in B&F early. Erin suggests Orlando, FL. There is a Marriot with a shuttle, meeting rooms, etc. 2 miles from the Airport.

Orlando, FL approved for the January meeting.

Gail would like to go to Colorado to view the facilities. Many of her chairs will not be able to be in Colorado. January not good. Possibly Colorado in April, Conference call in July.

To be discussed in January.

Bill Pfeiffer is resigning December 31st. Larry Rock is willing to come back to finish Bill's term for 2019.

Moved by Erin, second by Deb. Approved.

XII. ADJOURNMENT 10:53 AM