



GSDCA BOARD MEETING
Los Angeles, CA
January 24-26, 2020

MINUTES

Call-in information for members to use for our board meeting - 1-605-313-5111 Access Code 743508#

I. MINUTES

Reading and Approval of October 2019 Minutes.

Due to a couple of clarifications and corrections necessary, the approval of the Oct and Nov minutes has been tabled. Pam will work with Joannie and see if we can get the recordings of the meetings to clarify several statements within the minutes.

MOTION By Gail Stiefferman, 2nd John Ayotte. Table the approval of the Oct and Nov minutes until the corrections can be made. **PASSED** Unanimously.

II. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY *Report*..... Pamela O'Dell
GSDCA BOARD MEETING January 2, 2020(By Conference Call)

In Attendance: Deb Stern, Patty Korsch, Pamela O'Dell, Gail Stiefferman, John Bemont, Laura Gilbert, Steve Bloom, Lew Bunch, Erin Nellis, John Ayotte, Frank Fasano, Morton Goldfarb

Purposes:

- 1) Deb Stern as President asked for a discussion around our vacant Treasurer position effective 12/31/19. She has had discussions with Sam Israel who was qualified and willing to accept the position. As a CPA and attorney, Sam would be an asset to the position and to the BOD.
 - a. Motion Made by Frank Fasano to accept Sam Israel as our Treasurer, 2nd by Lew Bunch. FOR: Gail Stiefferman, Pamela O'Dell, Frank Fasano, Lew Bunch, Morton Goldfarb, John Ayotte, Erin Nellis, Laura Gilbert, Steve Bloom. AGAINST: Patty Korsch, John Bemont.
 - b. NOTE: Due to questions regarding qualifications quoted at this BOD meeting, a Constant Contact was sent out to all members clarifying the qualifications for Sam Israel.
 - c. Constant Contact that went out stating the credentials of Sam Israel
- 2) At that meeting, **Sam Israel** was appointed by the Board to be GSDCA Treasurer, effective immediately and for the term ending December 31, 2021.
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- 4) There were no candidates for Treasurer on the 2019 ballot and, as Larry Rock's tenure as Treasurer ended on December 31, 2019, there was a vacancy as of January 1, 2020 that the new Board needed to fill.
- 5)
- 6) We would like to welcome Sam to the Board and I am sure that his experience and expertise, both as an attorney as well as in accounting, will serve the club extremely well.
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- 8) While I am sure that most of you know Sam, following are his qualifications to serve as GSDCA Treasurer:
- 9)
- 10) Studied and received a degree in accounting at SUNY Binghamton.
- 11)
- 12) Immediately following (above), went straight to law school and received a juris doctorate degree from UCLA School of Law. During law school, he took several tax law classes.
- 13)

- 14) Immediately following UCLA Law School, went to NYU School of Law solely to study tax law. After taking 12 tax courses during a one year period, (one of which was dedicated solely to Tax Exempt Organizations such as the GSDCA), received (in 1982) Masters degree in law, specializing in tax law.
- 15)
- 16) Following graduation from NYU, practiced only tax law in the most prestigious law firms in the country, representing large and small corporations and many wealthy individuals. Most of clients are CPAs who needed tax advice in order to conduct their practices. For approximately 40 years, has been advising CPAs and accountants concerning tax law issues.
- 17)
- 18) Has also been the managing partner of (his) law firm. Hence, has been the person responsible for keeping firm's books and records and preparing annual tax returns. Also serves as trustee of a very large trust and a conservator for a large conservatorship, both of which require him to keep impeccable books and records since he has to file biannual accountings with the court.

19) Deb asked for approval of her Executive Committee: Frank Fasano, Lew Bunch, Morton Goldfarb, Sam Israel. Motion made by Pamela O'Dell to accept/approve the committee as requested. 2nd Erin Nellis. Passed Unanimously.

20) **MOTION** made by Pamela O'Dell to approve the 1/2/2020 Minutes, 2nd Erin Nellis. **PASSED** Unanimously.

III. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Report, Action Items Gail Stiefferman

Gail presented a request from Gerard Penta in regards to the Dog Judges Educational Foundation. This is for the judges seminar and workshop scheduled for Friday, March 12 through March 15 in Louisville, KY. He had sent the request to Gail for money. Judges educational Group. The Institute is being held at the Kentucky State Fair & Exposition Center in Louisville, KY from March 12 through March 15, 2020. The German Shepherd Dog seminar and workshop is scheduled at this time for Friday morning, March 13th. Table for further information. *NOTE: B&F Approved a donation of \$100 to be sent from the Trust due to the timing of the event.*

IV. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Report Action Item..... Deborah Stern
Appointment of Mary Gattone as SV chairmen and Show Chairman. **Ratified Unanimously.**

Approved of Premier Planning Partners as the superintendent for the (4) SV Events. Universal in April , Combined Trial in June, Sieger Show Sept. Discussion around the cost for the Superintendent. Approximately \$5,000 for 4 events. Discussion around the dates for the events. **Ratified Unanimously.**

V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Report Action Items..... Deborah Stern

1. Our dates for the Universal Sieger show and IPO Trial had to be moved from May to April. This was due to hotel rooms not available for the original dates to accommodate our members at the Roberts Center for the event.

2. Royal Canin was not contacted in 2019 regarding financial support for 2020 and they have their budget complete for 2020. We are currently working with them this year for support in 2021 for our SV program.

3. All BOD members need to sign the Code of Ethics, disclosure statement and conflict of interest policy. 2016 version is the approved version. Return to Gail and Sam.

4. LOGO: Trade mark needs to be renewed. Lamar was working on the renewal.

MOTION: To allow Lamar Frederick to finish the task of renewing our Logo. Trademark with a cost of approximately \$1,200. **MOTION** made by John Belmont 2nd by Erin Nellis. **PASSED** Unanimously.

5. Merchandise- Products were taken off web store last year and sent to Gary. Marketing Chair last year purchased updated inventory to sell at the National. Gary sent email and boxes of merchandise to Deb. Most of the product is not dated, so can go for sale at events and on our store. With Lew as Marketing Chair. He will work with John Ayotte to coordinate where to have the product and how to organize the process for sale and use it for some of the events this year.

MOTION made by Gail Stiefferman to get an exact count of all inventory to Lew Bunch and allow the Marketing Committee to determine how to manage it and sale/use it. They will come back to the April meeting with a plan. 2nd by Morton Goldfarb. **PASSED** Unanimously.

6. Showdog Video Plus. We do not have a signed contract with him for this year or 2021 for the national. We need to work on this as his schedule is booking fast.

7. Committee Chairs. BOD Discussion in Closed Session Friday night. **MOTION** by Pamela O'Dell, 2nd by Patty Korsch to approve Committee Chairs as noted on the report (Attached). **PASSED** Unanimously.)See Attached Report)

VI. REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT *No Report*..... Patty Korsch

VII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER Report Action Items..... Larry Rock/Sam Israel

Larry is working closely with Sam during this transition.
 Frank wanted to recognize Larry Rock for his service and helping Sam during the transaction period and being available to help with other financial services. Larry will continue to serve on the Budget & Finance committee. We are looking at all of our contracts.

Treasurer’s REPORT for January 2020 board meeting

	Dec 31 2019 – unaudited	Dec 31 2018
Cash & equivalents	\$33,104	\$164,935
Investments – Merrill Lynch	\$461,796	\$0
Investments – Morgan Stanley	\$0	\$328,589
Total	\$494,900	\$493,524

Approval is requested for GSDCA to engage Ryun,Givens & Company, P.L.C. to perform 2019 audit and prepare and file tax returns. Fees to perform the audit are \$7,800 and \$1,600 for preparation of federal and state income tax returns. Total amount is \$9,400 – this is reduction of \$900 from 2018. We need to begin our 2019 audit process. **MOTION:** made by John Bemont to accept cost with Ryun Givens & Company and have Deb Stern sign the Engagement Letter with our CPA to complete our 2019 Audit, 2nd Lew Bunch. **PASSED** Unanimously.

An ASG proposal was obtained that automates our payment process and reduces the detail work performed by our Treasurer. The proposal further strengthens controls and smooths the payment processing. The fee in the proposal is \$1,375 per month vs the current rate of \$1,269. Approval of ASG’s proposal is sought at this time.

MOTION: Made by Frank Fasano to accept the increase for the additional services simplifying the processes for the Treasurer. 2nd Lew Bunch. **PASSED** Unanimously.

Day to day activities are in transition between Sam and Larry with an anticipated end date of Feb 29. Ongoing support will be provided as needed from Mar. The 2019 audit will be coordinated between Larry and Sam with assistance from Accounting Solutions Group.

Beginning January 1, 2020, the IRS mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.575 per mile, which is down a half cent from 2019. Please make sure any contracts that contain mileage reimbursement provisions are updated and sent to Deborah, President and Sam, Treasurer.

We are trying to close 2019 records. Please submit any items from 2019 immediately.

Larry will work with Pam to bring the financial process for the Trust in line with the updated process of the GSDCA.

Board of Directors:

Class of 2019

John Bemont, Laura Gilbert, Steve Bloom, Lew Bunch

Class of 2020

Erin Nellis, John Ayotte, Frank Fasano, Morton Goldfarb

VIII. Liaison GSDC Charitable Foundation...*No report*.....Debbie Hokkanen

Liaison GSDC of Canada... *No report*Jack Kilgore
Liaison AGSRA(Rescue)... *No report*Patty Szymczak
Liaison Veterinary.....*No Report*.....Dr. Theresa Hope

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ad Hoc/ Illustrated Standard...*Report*Jim Moses/MaryEllen Kish
REPORT: The illustrated Standard is well into the process and almost complete. MaryEllen Kish and Jim Moses are looking into what the final product will be regarding size, magazine or pamphlet. More details at the April BOD Meeting.

2. AKC Delegate...*Report Action Items*.....Carmen Battaglia
Carmen, Meet the Breed at the Jervis Center. Booth competition, GSD won the Herding Group. Achiever dogs titles: GSD's ranked 7th. 3 ribbons in any AKC event to become an "Achiever dog". This certainly could be used with our puppy buyers to get involved with our Regional clubs and having fun with their dogs.
AKC GSD Reports. Litters has increases, registrations have decreased. 33% of puppies are registered. Sustainability problem. Carmen suggested 3 ad hoc committees to strategize about how to get our breeders to register the puppies. (See Attached Report). BOD will discuss further as we get more information. 50% of all breeds (less than 3500 entries annually) are considered "Low entry" breeds. Report Attached.

3. AKC Dog Detection... *Report*Mark French, Wilhelm Lipp, Irina Suchko
REPORT by Carmen Battaglia. AKC Detection dog task Force. 140 breeders are currently signed up with 45 GSD Breeders. Mark French serves as ambassador. NC police dept. First 10 breeders will get huge recognition and Carmen is hoping our GSD breeders takes a couple of these spots.

4. Board-O-Gram/Contant Contact *No report*Pamela O'Dell

5. Budget and Finance – Report – Action Items.....Erin Nellis
B&F Committee met Thur and Fri. Pam, Frank, Larry, Sam and Deb. We have draft 2019 financials to work with and begun the process to complete the 2020 budget. Erin will be reaching out to our Chairmen soon as they need to be involved submitting committee budgets. The B&F Committee will present the proposed budgets at the April BOD and request for approval of the 2020 budget. (Both the GSDCA and GSDCA Charitable Trust budgets)
As we need to pay the approximate \$30,000 to the trust and we anticipate a decrease in income for the national going outside of approximately \$12,000, we will need to take a very close look at what we can cut to insure that the 2020 budget is in balance.

6. By-Laws – Report, Action Items.....Kris Fasano

NOTE: We currently do not have AKC approval for our By-Law changes, so this is on hold. As soon as we have approval, we will post the By-Laws back on the website. The prior bylaws are currently imbedded in the P&P.

Electronic Ballots -John Bemont went out to 3 companies to get bids for processing our electronic balloting. The first year will be more expensive as a paper ballot will need to be sent to all members giving them the option to vote electronically or by paper. If the member ops-out of electronic ballot, they will receive a paper ballot the following year. Most balloting companies only offer 100% electronic, so we are limited for companies that can offer both electronic and paper.

MOTION made by John Bemont to move forward with electronic Balloting and Create ad hoc committee to make a presentation at the April meeting in time to utilize for this year's ballot. 2nd Laura Gilbert.
PASSED Unanimously.

MOTION: made by Frank Fasano to insure that the State of NY allows electronic ballots by asking a NY Attorney just to insure that we are in compliance before proceeding forward. 2nd by Lew Bunch.
PASSED Unanimously. Ad hoc committee will be responsible to follow up on the need to clarify prior to the April BOD meeting presentation.

7. Awards:

Awards Committee *No report*..... Diane Silver-Strasser

R.O.M. – *No report*.....Dee Lauffer/Chris Carter

Award of Excellence – *No report*.....Laura Gilbert

ATAA – *No report*..... Cynthia Binder DVM

Dual Award...*No report*.....Amber Turley

Performance Award of Merit – *Report*..... Lori Nickeson

REPORT:

This will be my last report as Performance Award of Merit Chairman.

I am reporting to the Officers and Board Members that after 19 years I am handing that position into the capable hands of Julie Degen who will be taking over immediately.

Kristin Brooks Jones and I will stay on as committee members to help when needed. I've enjoyed my time in charge of this program and have seen it grow and accomplish what we intended.

And that was to encourage people to do more with their dogs and show the wonderful versatility of the German Shepherd dog. At this point we have awarded 269 Performance Award of Merit titles which include 31 Conformation Champions several being Grand Champions and Selects, 12 Master Agility Champions, 2 Preferred Agility Champions, 11 Herding Champions, 8 Tracking Champions, 7 Obedience Trial Champions, 5 Obedience Victor/Victrix, 2 Rally Victrix and 1 Rally Victrix. I look forward to seeing many more in future years.

Respectfully Submitted: Lori Nickeson

Select Excellence Award... *No report*Susan Casey

Health Award of Merit... *No report*Ginny Altman

Thirteen Club...*No Report*.....Sherry Kenachu

8. Education – Report Action Items..... Steve Bloom

REPORT: Steve Bloom shared a presentation he would like to use for the Judges Breed Seminar for AKC credit sponsored by the American Dog Show Judges Association This includes all the breeds in the HERDING GROUP. THE LOCATION IS Lexington Kentucky at the Kentuckiana Cluster. Requested approval of his committee. **MOTION:** made by Lew to accept and approve Committee(see attached Report) with the exception that an SV person needs to be added. 2nd by Morton Goldfarb. **PASSED** Unanimously. Frank will work with Steve to find an SV member to join the Education Committee.

9. Ethics and Breeders Code – No Report..... Michelle Wallis

10. Futurity – Report & Action Items..... Cyndi Flautt

REPORT

The Futurity Committee requests approval of the following action Items:

1. Approve the following as members of the 2020 Futurity Committee: John Ayotte, Linda Bankhead, Holly Bryan, Christine Grainger, Jeanne Hamilton, Patty Korsch, Christine Leeka-Snyder, Michael Metz, Karin Wagner, Candy Zumwalt.

2. Approve the following clubs and weekends for 2021 Futurity/Maturity shows.

NE GSDC of Southern New Hampshire April 16-18, 2021

MA Northern New Jersey GSDC May 7-9, 2021

SE GSDC of North Georgia April 23-25, 2021

GL GSDC of Detroit June 4-6, 2021

MW Shoreline GSDC June 18-20, 2021

SW GSDC of Houston May 14-16, 2021

SP GSDC of San Gabriel Valley April 23-25, 2021

MP Diablo Valley GSDC June 25-27, 2021

NW GSDC of Gtr Eugene OR July 16-18, 2021

MOTION Made by Lew Bunch to approve the Futurity Committee, 2nd Morton Goldfarb. **PASSED** Unanimously.

MOTION: John Ayotte to approve the 2021 Regional host clubs for the 2021 Futurity/Maturity . 2nd –Laura Gilbert. **PASSED** Unanimously.

Frank asked Cyndi reason behind allowing non members to show in regional futurities as this has been a benefit for Members in the past. It was decided to allow this for 2020, but to come back and analyze how many “non-members’ actually enter the Futurities this year. Pamela O’Dell asked if a non-member wins a Futurity/Maturity do we need to give them the “Sweepstakes Payout”. It is an AKC rule and we would need to give the money out.

11. Health & Genetics – No report..... Carolyn Gerganoff

12. Historical Preservation... No reportPatty Korsch/Travis Scarlett

13. Internet – report ACTION ITEM John Ayotte

John discussed some of the upgrades with the website. How we can sort and get information about the members to help give information. Also, utilizing the website for non-members to bring interest of our club and the GSDCA. Discussion around the issue that when you Google GSD, our club does not come up immediately. We need to work with search engines to have our GSDCA come up immediately. **MOTION:** made by Erin Nellis, 2nd by Laura Gilbert. Approve an expense of \$500 for the next 90 days for search engine enhancement. **PASSED** Unanimously.

14. Insurance...No Report.....Bob Drescher

15. Juniors – - No ReportNick Hodge/Nancy McDonald

16. Legislation No report..... Nancy Harper-Mulvany/Stormy Hope

17. Legal Affairs No reportSam Israel

18. Marketing, Review Marketing – Action Items.....Lew Bunch

REPORT

Committee has not been finalized, will ask for approval once confirmed. Looking to collect all the products and know what we have. Promote our club and our dog. Finding ways to promote through brochures. AKC EBlast, Ready Ring idea, Televising our National. Search engine marketing. John is working with Seth to complete this task.

Deb reached out to Ken and Kathy Tank regarding the official Public Relations FB Page. Zoa Rockenstien is going to be a part of this function. We have a Twitter account that will be going more active and a part of the Marketing Committee. We are trying to not only speak to our membership, but begin to speak to outside the membership. Offer a New Member table at the national.

19. Meet the Breed... No reportDiane Roberts/Carolyn Gerganoff

20. Membership – Report Action Items.....Laura Gilbert

Laura asked for approval of Kim King as the New Membership Chairman. **MOTION** made to Approve by Erin Nellis, 2nd John Bemont. **PASSED** Unanimously. Committee Chairmen List will be updated with contact information for Kim for the website.

REPORT:

Membership dues should be revisited for price. Budget and Finance is looking at the original prices set when the Online Only Membership became available in 2015 to see if the pricing are covering the operations of the club. An analysis will be completed within the Budget & Finance committee.

Suggestion: when a membership application comes in and they have indicated an interest in a certain program, forward the new member contact information with the performance/conformation chairmen for follow up to help get our new member involved.

John Ayotte is upgrading data base of our membership lists so we will be able to sort, making it easier to utilize for marketing and benefiting our members.

21. National Specialty – Report - Action Items Gail Stiefferman/Lori Payne
Assistant co-Chair Lori Payne, committee Tom Mesdag and Candee Foss also want to join the committee. **MOTION** to approve National Committee made by Erin Nellis, 2nd Laura. **PASSED Unanimously.**

Purina Farm, we have reserved the entire location.
PreShow and Futurity/Maturity outdoors.

To move forward, Gail needs to know if conformation will be outdoors or Indoors. We need to keep Great Hall. Total net income decreases by \$12,000 to have outside. No Video, we will need port-a-potty, few vendors will attend if outside, 1/2 the income in reserved seating as the space is limited under the tent.

MOTION made by Gail Stiefferman for the conformation classes be outside. 2nd, Frank. FOR Laura Gilbert, Gail Stiefferman, Morton Goldfarb, Lew Bunch, Frank Fasano, Patty Korsch, John Ayotte.
AGAINST: John Bemont, Erin Nellis, Pamela O'Dell, Sam Israel. Motion **PASSED**

Deb will notify the Videographer that we are outside so we will not be contracting for this year.

Lure Coursing. \$1,800 approx cost of a new machine. Will offer Luring if Gail can find a chair for these events. **MOTION:** made by Pamela O'Dell for the purchase of the Luring Machine if a Chairman can be found to run the event at the national. 2nd John Ayotte. **PASSED Unanimously.**

We have moved forward to offer only 1 Herding Catalog. All herding will be on site at Purina. Constant Contact will go out soliciting for an Obedience Chairman.

Looking at coming back to Purina in 2023, but not available until 3rd week of October. 10-20-28.
MOTION. Gail made motion to have Purina hold these dates for us. Laura 2nd. **PASSED Unanimously.**

Agility – Report Action Item Rhonda Meath/ Karen McKee-Bendtsen
See Attached Report. **MOTION** Made by Gail Stiefferman, 2nd Laura Gilbert to accept all of the Action Items noted in the report. **PASSED Unanimously.**

C.A.T. – No Report Gail Stiefferman
Dock Diving – No Report Susan Condreas
Herding – No Report Julie Dugan/Tracy Parciak
Obedience – No Report.....
Rally – No Report..... Ann Solt
Tracking – No Report..... Gail Stiefferman
Lure Coursing No Report.....(none)
Scent Work – Report Action Items.....Hallie McMullen
See Parent Club Report

22. National Trophy Donations – Report Ellen Phann
REPORT: We have a very generous membership. Goal is to fund by donations all trophies and rosettes for 2020. Requesting a move from 15 tiers of trophies to a 6 tiers in quality and prices for trophies. We are looking at ways to lower the cost of the trophies/rosettes/ribbons. Several options were presented, but not accepted. Further investigation into options will be looked into.
MOTION made by Gail Stiefferman to change the High scoring Rescue to High Scoring PAL/ILP. 2nd Pamela O'Dell **PASS** John Bemont, Laura Gilbert, John Ayotte, Lew Bunch, Patty Korsch, Pamela O'Dell, Gail Stiefferman, Sam Israel, Steve Bloom, Morton Goldfarb. Absent: Erin Nellis, Frank Fasano.

23. National Site Selection – Report Action Items Patty Korsch
We have been looking for a Eastern location for the 2022 National. After discussion of several locations, we brought the list to 3 locations to have further review.

Acala World Equestrian Center) Florida – 258 RV Spots, Areas, herding within 30 minutes (3 locations)\$150/nite for hotel room
Dream park in Philadelphia
Georgia State Fairgrounds.

Erin and Patty will go back to Ocala and see if we can get finalization on price for the facility. 2nd choice would be a location in GA. If we consider Florida, we could have everything outdoors.

MOTION: Made by Gail Steifferman, 2nd Patty Korsch to plan the April BOD Meeting in the Atlanta to visit the Georgia State Fairgrounds. **PASSED** Unanimously.

24. Nominating Committee – No reportMorton Goldfarb

25. Public Education Committee – No Report Kathy & Ken Tank
See "Marketing Report" for information regarding our Public Education opportunities.

26. Parent Club Office – Report – Action Items.....Laura Gilbert
REPORT: Scent Work Titles and pins. We would like to offer Multi class titles instead of pins and certificates for each title. Members need to complete entire level Novice Cert, Advance Bronze, Level Scent Handler Report from Laura Gilbert. See report. **MOTION** made by John Ayotte to accept Halle and Laura's request for when to send out certificates and pins. For: John Bemont, Laura Gilbert, John Ayotte, Lew Bunch, Patty Korsch, Pamela O'Dell, Gail Stiefferman, Sam Israel, Steve Bloom, Morton Goldfarb **PASSED** . Absent Erin Nellis and Frank Fasano.

27. P & P Manual – Report – Action Items..... Myra Shear
REPORT

Chairman's request: By-Laws (Action Item): At my request, last Fall the past prior Recording Secretary sent me the revised club By-Laws approved by the AKC in August 2019, copy of which is attached below to my report. Does the Board want me to replace the By-Laws currently in the P&P manual with the revised ones I got from the past prior Recording Secretary? Are there any other By-Law changes that need to be included in the manual as a result of the October membership ballot, or are those yet to be approved by the AKC and therefore to be included at a future time?

BOD Discussion: As of the time of this meeting the By-Laws are not AKC approved, table posting until approved by AKC. Still have not confirmed what our actual By-Laws are. The original were removed from the Website and a draft was placed in the P&P. We are trying to get a copy from the AKC.

New P&P changes (Action Item): I request that the Board remind all committee chairs of their need to reach out to me directly to notify me of any new P&P changes (deletions, revisions or additions) approved by the BOD concerning their specific committees' areas of focus. My having to rely almost exclusively on published Board minutes or Board O Grams to try and source this information is an imperfect process -- both slow as there is a significant delay in the minutes being disseminated and also subject to error as I try to interpret phrases and concepts from shorthand, bullet pointed language. I want to be as thorough as possible and seek to stay on top of current changes. This requires committee chairs to initiate contact with me timely and directly.

DISCUSSION NOTE: This BOD is committed to have the Minutes completed, submitted and approved per the By-Laws. This should allow the P&P to be updated in a timely fashion. P&P is only updated from the approved Minutes, not committee Chairmen.

GSDCA Board Members Orientation Guide (Non-Action Item): As required by P&P, I am emailing a copy of the "GSDCA Board Members Orientation Guide" to all six new Board members before the January Board meeting. I will be requesting each of these Board members reply to me by acknowledging receipt of the Guide.

Update to Names of Chairs and Contact Information (Non-action item): Once the chairs are approved by the Board and then published on the club website, or a list with this information is otherwise provided to me, I will update each corresponding section of the P&P manual with the names of any new chairs along with their contact information. *NOTE: All Committee have been approved at this meeting.*

- 28. Performance Stats... No report**Ellen Phann
- 29. Products – Report Action Items**.....Lew Bunch
Product will be a part of the Marketing Committee. This was discussed on the President’s Report.
- 30. Public Relations – No report** Kathy & Ken Tank
- 31. Red Book – Report**..... Kim McNamara
See Report, no discussion.
- 32. Regional Clubs – Report – Action Items**Mary Tripp
Regional club requested permission to use the GSDCA Logo. The answer to regional clubs and as noted on our website. Permission will not be given for Logo usage.
- Insurance is required from all regional clubs.
- 33. Review Management... No report**Travis Scarlett
- 34. Search & Rescue... No report**Barbara Balyeat
- 35. SV Office - Report**..... Joy Schultz
We accept the SV Hip/Elbow certification for our AOE. Request to approve acceptance for the CHIC also.
MOTION: made by Pamela O’Dell, 2nd Lew Bunch to accept the SV Hip/Elbow certification for the CHIC Certificate also. **PASSED** Unanimously.
- 36. SV Programs - Report - Action Items**.....Mary Gattone/Frank Fasano
Event Dates:
2020 National IGP3 Championship is April 10 thru the 12th, 2020. Location is the Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio

2020 Universal Sieger Show is April 12th, 2020. Location is the Roberts Centre.
- A block of rooms has been established. To make your reservation call 937-283-3200 select Option 3. The block is under GSDCA. Please do not reserve more rooms than you will personally need.
- Our judges for the Championship are:**
Russ Osburn–Tracking
Mike Karlov–Obedience
Raino Fluegge-Protection.
- Our Universal show judge is:**
Dr. Morton Goldfarb.
- Website:**
A website is currently being constructed for the four GSDCA SV Program events, National Championship, Universal Sieger Show, Qualification Trial and the Sieger Show. It will contain all the information about the events and the ability to enter and make payments. Please bear with us on this; all rules and regulations need to be reviewed and updated for 2020.
- 37. SV/WUSV Liaison... No report**Frank Fasano
- 38. WUSV Continental Director report**.....Morton Goldfarb
SV made a decision that no SV Judge can be approved for the USCa, but go through the GSDCA.
World Union has instituted standardized GSD Standard throughout all member clubs. Establish a data base combining SV and the AKC. 23 clubs filed law suits against FCI and SVWSV in violation of European trust law. We will communicate the outcome as we are notified.
- 39. Temperament – No Report –**Laura Gilbert.....

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Nominating Committee will be tabled for a couple of weeks until the BOD can follow up with names and have confirmed the member is available to serve on this committee.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

GSDCA Members only FB Myra Shear and Lisa Correia are the Admins. A place for the membership to share information.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: for Adjournment Sam Israel, 2nd Lew Bunch. **PASSED** Unanimously.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST. Inc.
GSDCA Charitable Trust Inc BOARD MEETING
Los Angeles, CA
January 24-26, 2020

MINUTES

I. MINUTES

Reading and Approval of October 2019 Minutes
No meeting in October so no minutes available.

II. REPORT OF SOLICITATION.....Lew Bunch

III. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Deborah Stern

IV. REPORT OF THE TREASURER *Report*..... Pamela O'Dell

Current balance of account \$68,305.67. Balance is higher than actual as several checks had not cleared as of 12/31/19. Also, this is a draft as there are still several 2019 entries between the GSDCA and GSDCA Charitable Trust not yet posted. 2019 YE Financials will be available at the April BOD Meeting.

2019 YE Donations \$13,240.92

2019 YE Expenses \$14,286.00

2019 YE Net Income -\$1,145.26

As there was not an approved budget for the Trust in 2019, any requests for disbursements required BOD or B&F approval prior to me submitting for payment. We received an adjustment net request from the GSDCA to cover expenses they paid and income they received at the national. Approved by B&F and submitted payment 12/30/19. \$3,914.47(see Attached)

All IRS Letters have been sent.

Will be working with Larry Rock and the Bookkeeping Company to update and simplify the financial Quickbooks GL File for the Trust beginning 2020.

TRUSTEES:

Class of 2019

John Bemont, Laura Gilbert, Steve Bloom, Lew Bunch

Class of 2020

Erin Nellis, John Ayotte, Frank Fasano, Morton Goldfarb

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

1. Juniors Robert Hamilton Award and Scholastic Award not yet paid to Phoenix Crow

MOTION: Made by Frank Fasano, 2nd Pamela O'Dell to place \$900 IN Deferred Expenses for past awards for the Scholastic award and the Hamilton Award not paid between 2014 and 2019. Funds would be paid on her 18th birthday as she is 17 now. **PASSED** Unanimously.

We need to confirm both the Robert Hamilton and the Scholastic Awards winners for 2019 so we can take care of them.

2. Purina Circle Funds for 2018-2019 from the GSDCA needs to be moved from the GSDCA to the GSDCA Charitable Trust due to Motion passed Oct 2017. Approximately \$30,000.

MOTION: By John Bemont, 2nd Sam Israel

The Purina Weight Circle money donations will be given to the general fund of the GSDCA going forward beginning in 2020. Check has been payable to the GSDCA.

FOR: Erin Nellis, Patty Korsch, John Ayotte, Laura Gilbert, Pamela O'Dell, John Bemont, Laura Gilbert, Patty Korsch, Morton Goldfarb.

AGAINST: Frank Fasano, Lew Bunch, Gail Stiefferman

ABSTAIN: Steve Bloom

MOTION PASSES

It was determined and discussion around the subject that the Trust was also not charged for pages in the GSDCA Review for the Trust, Juniors or Education as done in the past. Larry Rock as outgoing Treasurer offered to look at every issue of the 2018 & 2019 GSDCA Review and count the pages and invoice the Trust for the pages. Pamela O'Dell mentioned that we had charged the Trust and other committees at the rate of \$100/page and we would charge the same. Pamela O'Dell agreed to work with Larry and the Budget & Finance committee to finish both the Weight Circle money to the trust and the Review pages to the GSDCA so we could finalize the 2019 books.

Pamela O'Dell presented a bill for payment to Christy Heiman for Kaitlyn Heiman for qualifying and showing at the National Show. Expenses were approved up to \$1,000 for Junior Showmanship. **MOTION:** by Pamela O'Dell, 2nd Frank Fasano to send payment of \$1,000 to partially cover her travel expenses to the national Show. **PASSED** Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Lew Bunch to adjourn, 2nd by John Ayotte to adjourn. **PASSED** Unanimously.