



BOD Conference Meeting 4/6/2020

GSDCA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Via Telephone Conference April 6 5:00pm PST AGENDA

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

In Attendance:

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

Meeting brought to Order 5:05PST

1. *Discussion and determination regarding the postponement of the Midwest Futurity/Maturity, (scheduled to be held on Friday, May 8, 2020 / Close of entries on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.) Futurity and Regional Chairs to join us.*

Short discussion regarding the continuation of the Stay at Home Order and Park not available due to closure. MOTION made by Gail Stiefferman, 2nd by Lew Bunch to postpone the MW Futurity/Maturity Show. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
2. Cyndi Flautt presented the results of the survey completed on Facebook and requested approval to post in the Review. Discussion around percentage of membership that participated and validity of survey in regards to entire membership. MOTION made by Steve Bloom, 2nd Patty Korsch to approve posting the results in the Review. PASSED by majority Vote. Against: Pamela O'Dell, Lew Bunch, Frank Fasano, Morton Goldfarb.
3. ATAA.

Motion made by Pamela O'Dell 2nd by Lew Bunch to table this discussion until we are in Closed Session later in the evening. PASSED Unanimously.
4. *Insurance:*

Discussion with Bob Drescher regarding the insurance binder for Regional clubs showing the GSDCA as Additional Insured. It appears with the discussion and additional information from Gail Stiefferman and Myra Shear, we are currently requiring a copy of the binder at the time of approving the Regional shows. We did have a discussion about the cost to the Regional clubs. It is usually at no additional charge, but could be \$25-50 extra. The GSDCA should consider covering the premium for the Regional clubs if they were to incur an additional charge. No motion made.
5. *Approval of Ellen Pfann as Chair man for the Elite Award.*

Deb asked that we approve Ellen as the Chairman for the Elite Award. Motion made by Lew Bunch, 2nd John Bemont to approve Ellen Phann as Chair of the Elite Award. PASSED Unanimously.
6. *RFPs*

A discussion only regarding the "5" RFPs coming up by the end of this year. We may look at staggering them over the next several of years. No motion made.
7. *Approval of Board Minutes from October, 2019 through December, 2019.*

Larry made the motion to table until the next weekly meeting so all had time to review all the necessary changes. Pamela will resend out the Final copy to all BOD members. 2nd Lew Bunch. PASSED Unanimously.

8. *Ratification of Executive Committee's decision, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to extend the grace period for paying 2020 GSDCA dues from March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020.*

MOTION MADE BY Lew Bunch to Ratify Executive Committee decision to extend the grace period for membership renewals to 6/30/2020. 2nd John Bemont. PASSED Unanimously.

9. *Ratification of Executive Committee's decision that if one's membership lapses, that individual will be considered a new member upon reapplication.*

If a member allowed their membership to lapse, they would be considered a new member and would need to go through the process of having their name published in the Review and go through the vetting process. MOTION made by Morton Goldfarb, 2nd Lew Bunch to ratify this decision made by the Executive Committee. PASSED Unanimously.

10. *Ratification – The Executive Committee proposes raising \$5000 from the members of the Board of Directors and \$5,000 from the GSDCA treasury to assist members who have lost their income during the pandemic in buying food for their dogs. If ratified, Deborah Stern will ask Purina to match the \$10,000 raised by and within the GSDCA.*

All of BOD members agreed that we need to work together to help our members in need at this time and there is a sense of urgency. There were many questions on how it would be collected and how would we determine who receives the funds. Deb suggested that we send our checks to her and she would determine who receives the funds and keep it anonymous. Pamela suggested gift certificates from Chewy so the members use towards what they need. Larry questioned if the GSDCA could actually give as our bylaws are clear that we cannot give to individual members. He would check with Sam Israel for a legal decision regarding the funding from the GSDCA. Pamela also suggested that GoFundMe account be opened so it would be easy for us to donate and other members with the capacity to help could be invited. Deb stated that she would work with Linda Bankhead to open the GoFundMe account and Larry and Deb would connect with Sam the next day for a legal decision. MOTION By Frank Fasano, 2nd Lew Bunch: to revise Executive Committee decision: The GSDCA BOD would personally support \$5,000 to help the dogs for our members in need and match the \$5,000 from the GSDCA pending a legal decision regarding the donation. PASSED Unanimously.

11. *Ratification of Executive Committee's decision to discount July and August 2020 Review ads.*

Discussion around making the offer only 1 month and not 2. As we do not know when we will begin attending shows again and advertising may not start back up until Sept. Also as the Budget & Finance committee is trying to complete a 2020 budget with all the ongoing changes, it may be best to wait a month or two before finalizing this decision. MOTION made by Erin, 2nd Lew Bunch to table any decision until regular BOD meeting in May. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. The Board will then go into a closed session to discuss personnel issues and one other item. Deb thanked everyone on the call, asked for a 5 minute break and we would reconvene in Closed Session.

13. Motion to Adjourn Made by Lew Bunch, 2nd Patty Korsch...PASSED Unanimously.