



**GSDCA BOARD MEETING
Conference Call Regular Meeting
Saturday May 30, 2020**

Minutes

Meeting brought to Order by Deb Stern, President at 9:04CST. Roll call by Pamela O'Dell, Present: Deb Stern, Patty Korsch, Gail Stiefferman, Larry Rock, Pamela O'Dell, John Bemont, Laura Gilbert, Steve Bloom, Lew Bunch, John Ayotte, Frank Fasano, Lew Nunch. Absent: Erin Nellis.

Motion made by Pamela O'Dell to move to Closed Session. 2nd Frank Fasano. Deb asked what this was regarding. Pamela O'Dell stated it was regarding a personnel issue. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting brought back to Order by Patty Korsch VP at 8:42CST She noted that the Board took a Vote of No Confidence of our President Deborah Stern pending Legal guidance.

MINUTES

Reading and Approval of prior Minutes (See attached)

- 1/24-26/2020 GSDCA Regular Meeting Minutes (Approved 3/30/2020)
- 2/27/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- 3/8/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- 3/13/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- 3/30/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- 4/6/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- 4/13/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- 4/20/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- 4/28/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- 5/4/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- 5/13/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- 5/15/2020 GSDCA Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes(As Corrected)

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY Pamela O'Dell

Motion to Waive the reading of the Minutes made by Pamela O'Dell, 2nd Morton Goldfarb. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Motion made by Pamela O'Dell to approve the minutes as corrected. 2nd Lew Bunch. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Pamela O'Dell to adhere to the agenda as presented. 2nd by John Ayotte. Motion Passed Unanimously.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Deborah Stern

From the Roundtable Friday May 29, 2020 the following were assigned to look into the RFPs.

- RFPs. Internet –Pending
- SV Admin Office RFP Frank Fasano
- Review RFP Chairman Lew Bunch

Purina Weight Circles, President's report forwarded to the BOD Sat morning 5/30/2020 is attached as it was received too late to include with other reports. No discussion as President was absent.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.....Larry Rock
Treasurer’s Report Attached. Larry covered the highlights of the report.

P&P Updates requested by Treasurer were tabled due to number of sections of the P&P requesting changes.

Laura asked about the PPP SBA Loan. Larry confirmed that we applied for the loan in the amount of \$18,500 and we received proceeds in early May. We should qualify for forgiveness of approximately \$16,000 leaving an approximate balance of \$2,200 to be paid back over 18 months.

Conflict of Interest forms. When the forms were handed out at the January meeting, little discussion was made regarding conflicts. We covered a more detailed definition. A vendor of the GSDCA, a co-ownership with another BOD member could be a conflict and needs to be documented on the form. As a BOD member, if you have an undisclosed Conflict of Interest, please update the form and get to Gail and Larry by June 15th, 2020.

Financial Control Guidelines. Motion to approve the updates in the Financial Control Guidelines made by Pamela O’Dell, 2nd Lew Bunch. Laura Gilbert Abstain, Motion Passes.

Discussed efforts to obtain current copies of contracts. Listing provided in Treasurer’s report showed most would be from Gail Stiefferman and Mary Gattone. Please forward copies of all. 2020 contracts for National, Judges, Sieger show Event, etc. to Deb, Erin and Larry by June 15, 2020.

2019 audit is close to completion. Several records are still being requested. Still trying to get the Purina Letter that accompanied the National support check to finish Audit. Should be able to present Audit at the July Meeting.

Authorized depositors should show list by name and position rather than just list the positions
Membership Chair – Kim King
National Pre-sale Coordinator – Nancy Hubbell
SV Office Program Manager – Joy Schultz
Trophy Fund Raising Coordinator – Ellen Pfann
Review Editor – Carole Shultz

Larry made the motion that we have only (5) designated authorized depositors for the GSDCA. Membership Chairman, National Pre-sale Chairman, SV Office, National Trophy Coordinator, Review Editor. 2nd by John Bemont. Pass Unanimously.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ad Hoc/ Illustrated Standard.....Jim Moses/MaryEllen Kish
Steve Bloom commented that The Illustrated Standard is well into the process and almost complete. MaryEllen and Jim are looking into what the final product will be size, magazine or pamphlet. They are anticipating a presentation to the BOD at the July 2020 Meeting. They also will be presenting at our Educational Day at the National.

2. AKC Delegate.....Carmen Battaglia
Presentation by Carmen Battaglia. April Delegate Report April 2020. The sustainability of the Breed. The GSD as a breed ranked second for years until this year moved to #4. Due to the downward trend of registrations. Though the number of litters registered went up from 2008 from 15,000 to 19,000 in 2018, the number of dogs registered went down from 43% to 33%. Only 1 in 5 puppies are being registered. How does this impact the breed as a whole. 200 breeds received this report from the AKC.

Carmen proposes a Sustainability Committee with 3 main areas to see how we can reverse these negative trends. The Breed, the Membership, the Sport. Many other parent clubs have taken actions to this issues. Frank Fasano makes the motion to create a Sustainability committee, 2nd by Pamela O'Dell. Passes Unanimously. Adhoc committee to find the members.

3. AKC Dog Detection.....Mark French, Wilhelm Lipp, Irina Suchko
Report attached.

4. Budget and Finance – Erin Nellis
Larry presented the Budget in Erin’s absence. The budget presented includes the Purina Weight Circle funds being in the GSDCA. With the absence of these funds, the budget will be adjusted from the current loss noted to an anticipated loss of \$15,000. The budget assumes that all 9 Futurity Regions will have their shows; that we will have our fall Sieger show; and the National will occur outside as approved. It also includes an \$8,000 decrease in contract labor from the original contracts. It also includes a \$27,000 decrease in membership dues reflected from multiple year renewals from prior years as the income was counted for the year received. It also includes the SBA Payroll Protection loan of \$18,000 received in May which we should see a forgiveness of approximately \$16,000 leaving us a loan balance of \$2,200. Motion made by Larry Rock to approve the 2020 Budget, 2nd John Bemont. Passed Unanimously.

5. By-Laws –XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Received AKC approval of the Bylaw changes.

1. Electronic Ballots -John Bemont John got confirmation from NY attorney that we can move forward with an electronic balloting. We also received a memo from Michael Banks that we can go forward. We will give the membership the option.

Motion made by John Bemont to move forward with the Electronic Ballot in 2021 and give the membership an Opt in/out this year with the paper ballot. 2nd Larry Rock. Oppose::Frank Fasano, Lew Bunch. Passed by Majority.

2. Acceptance of Kris Fasano’s Resignation from Chairman. Appointment of a new Chairman was tabled.

6. Awards:
Awards Committee Diane Silver-Strasser
Awards Committee asked for 3 action items.

Add "OFA" to "OVC or SV "a" stamp hips and elbows" on the Connie Beckhardt Award.

Change "IPO" to IGP in the second criteria for the Peggy Douglas Award.

Consider a rewrite of the qualifications for the Lloyd Brackett Award; they need to be tightened and far more specific. There are a large number of people who used to be individual breeders but are now part of breeding "partnerships." We are receiving applications for the Lloyd Brackett Award from such partnerships; as "partners," some fulfill the requirements but, as individual breeders, they do not. The dogs listed as qualifiers are a combination of dogs bred by each individual plus those bred by the partnership. This also makes it impossible to verify the "on their property" clause. To allow these "team" applicants to be given the Lloyd Brackett Award is completely unfair to all the previous winners and undermines the original intent of the award. Therefore, the Awards committee would like to work on new phrasing for (qualifications section of) the Lloyd Brackett Award. Once complete, it would be submitted to the Board for approval.

MOTION made by Pamela O'Dell, 2nd Laura Gilbert to approve the first (2) items and table the 3rd regarding the Lloyd Bracket Award. Passed Unanimously.

R.O.M. –.....Dee Lauffer/Chris Carter
All data has been entered and notification letter have been sent to owners of the 2019 new ROM sires and dams. This year we have 7 new sires and 27 new dams.

Award of ExcellenceLaura Gilbert

From Award of Excellence, we have already 4 new AOE's among us! More are expected, so glad they came in early. We have:

AOE Sel Ex, CH Lindenhill's Cold Pac V Gracelyne, CD, BN, RE, CGCA, CGCU, TKP, TC, OFA H/E

AOE Select, CH She Rock's Girl on Fire Vonhornberger, RN, TC, OFA H/E

AOE Select GCHP Stuttgart's Don't Refuse Me of Masrock, CGC, TKN, RN, TC, OFA H/E

AOE BOF, BOM, Sel Exc CH Tindrock Gem-N-I Reagan, RN, TC, OFA H/E

Dual Award.....Amber Turley
Report Attached

- 7. Education** – Steve Bloom
Report Attached. Steve Bloom discussed 2 events planned, one to be the annual Judges seminar to be conducted by Jim Moses and Maryellen Kish hoping to have the Illustrated Standard is complete to distribute. 2nd educational program will be presented by Dr. Carmen Battaglia on how to choose a stud dog. The 3rd program will be presented by Dr. Joanne Randell on the timing of breeding a bitch using modern technology.

Action item would be the funding of these Educational seminars. This was tabled until the GSDCA Charitable Trust budget.

Steve Bloom made the motion to approve Linda Bankhead's efforts to preserve all of the historical videos to be placed on YouTube. 2nd Pamela O'Dell. John Ayotte noted a clarification that he is currently working with Linda to have these videos available on the GSDCA website. Passed Unanimously.

Steve Bloom moves to accept Irina Suchko to the Educational Committee 2nd John Ayotte. Passed Unanimously.

- 8. Futurity** – Cyndi Flautt
Cyndi Flautt joined the call to present her report. If the US/Canada border is closed as of June 17, 2020, exempt Canadian exhibitors from the requirement of a 2020 Futurity entry needed for a 2021 Maturity entry. Note: The first scheduled Futurity (Northwest) closes June 24, 2020. Motion made by Pamela O'Dell, 2nd by Lew Bunch Passed Unanimously.

If one or more regional Futurities are canceled, exempt all exhibitors from the requirement of a 2020 Futurity entry needed for a 2021 Maturity entry. Motion made by Lew Bunch, 2nd John Bemont to accept this request. Passed Unanimously.

Suspend for 2020, the rule that allows dogs owned by nonmembers and not co-owned by a member to be entered and shown in regional Futurity/Maturity shows. RATIONALE: The rule approved at the July 2019 board meeting allows nonmembers to enter regional shows. If a nonmember's dog wins Best/Best Opposite or Reserve in Futurity or Maturity, the owner must apply for membership prior to July 31st for that dog to compete in the National finals. Since eight of the nine regions are rescheduled to dates after July 31st, we feel the rule should be suspended for 2020. Relevant minutes from the July 2019 Board meeting are copied on page 2 of this report. Motion to approve this recommendation that any dog entered in a Futurity must be owned or co-owned by a member of the GSDCA for 2020 by Pamela O'Dell, 2nd John Bemont. Passed Unanimously.

Motion to Approve the following new alternate judges for the 2020 Futurity shows. a. Michael Metz- first alternate Northwest (signed contract received) b. Erin Nellis- first alternate Mid Pacific (signed contract received) c. Jean Whalen- second alternate Mid Pacific (pending receipt of signed contract) made by Morton Goldfarb 2nd Steve Bloom Passed Unanimously.

Cyndi noted the following reasons for changes:

- Doug Crane, original first alternate Northwest declined, and is replaced by Michael Metz.
- Cindy Bartley, original first choice judge for Mid Pacific and Linda Ciocci, original first alternate both declined to judge.
- Kathaleen Strong, original second alternate agreed to judge the Mid-Pacific. New first and second alternates are Erin Nellis and Jean Whalen

9. GSDCA Office.....Laura Gilbert
From the Office, with the new way we are recognizing the titles earned by members of the GSDCA our savings will be significant, I went from an average of 200+ pieces of mail to 53 last month. Our savings will be awesome! Thanks to the board for their support in helping to make these changes come about!

10. Historical Preservation.....Patty Korsch/Travis Scarlett
Patty noted that she is waiting for a response from the AKC regarding additional items. Her action items are really for the P&P discussion so will wait until we get to that Committee report.

11. Internet John Ayotte
Presentation by John Ayotte. The discussions with Jeff Alligood (Pace Communications) regarding the disposition of the Master DVDs of the videos that were previously sold through the GSDCA Web Store were successfully concluded. Jeff agreed to provide the GSDCA with all of the Master DVDs for a very reasonable cost, and Deb Stern stepped up to cover that cost. Here is a list of what will be included. There may be some additional items, and John will do an inventory after he receives the shipment from Jeff.

- Bundled groups of Nationals (sometimes referred to as 'Historical Series'). Detailed on his report.
- 25 Years of Great German Shepherds. This was created around the year 2000. It was actually all the selects from each of the shows from 1975 to 2002
- Nationals 2003 through 2012
- 1920's film called 'Working Dogs'
- Videos about Odin, Rex, Marie Leary, the '57 National, the 71 National, and the In Ring Temperament Test
- Carmen has informed John that he has a large video collection of his own, and they will be reviewing that for other titles to possibly include.

John may also be able to include many of the Bob Lindsey videos that he has released for sharing on the Internet. I will talk with Bob and Linda Bankhead, who has done a lot of hard work in converting many of Bob's videotapes to streaming video for sharing on the web already.

There are several action items related to this for the Board to consider:

- 1) Jeff has indicated that most of the original film and videotape copies that he converted to DVDs have deteriorated to the point that they are of no value. I have asked him to hold off on discarding them until the Board approves it. John recommended that we allow him to do this. Motion made by John Ayotte to dispose of the original video tapes as we now have quality copies to go up on our website. 2nd Lew Bunch Passed Unanimously.
- 2) Since there no longer seems to be a Video committee in charge of these issues, John felt that we should either create one, create a sub-committee under the Internet Committee, or simply include it as part of the Internet Committee. The co-ordination of future National videos does not need to be part of any of these committee options, but could be if so desired. He is unsure about the details of the contract with our current video supplier with regards to the club being able to share them once their commercial value has been exhausted, and he also thought that we need to do a better job of driving traffic from the educational area of our website to their site. Motion made by Lew Bunch, 2nd Steve Bloom to just include the Video under the Internet Committee. Passed Unanimously.
- 3) John Ayotte made a motion that the Bob Penny Temperament Test Video be shared on the website as a historical educational video. 2nd Lew Bunch. Laura spoke for the Temperament Committee and agreed it should be shared. Passed Unanimously.

12. Insurance.....Bob Drescher
P&P needs to be amended in the "Director's and Officer's" section. It currently states that the D&O policy has a one million dollar limit. It should be updated to state that we have a two million dollar limit. This will be discussed further in the P&P Report.

13. Legislation Nancy Harper-Mulvany/Stormy Hope
Report Attached

14. Legal AffairsSam Israel
Report Attached

15. Marketing, Review MarketingLew Bunch

Lew Bunch made the motion to approve the Marketing Committee. John Ayotte, Donna Calabrese Lisa Correia, Jody Duin, Myra Shear, Gary Szymczak. 2nd John Ayotte. Abstain: Laura Gilbert Motion Passes by Majority.

AKC has implemented an Eblast Program where they will send emails to all German Shepherd Dog Puppy owners who have recently registered their puppy. This is on hold due to COVID19.

As the Membership Committee is looking at sending out welcome letters to all new members, the Marketing committee would like to join in this endeavor and include a GSDCA sticker with the letter.

Lew Bunch made the motion to purchase 250 of both sizes of the GSDCA Member Stickers to be included with the new members welcome letter for a total of \$381. 2nd Steve Bloom. Passes Unanimously.

There is an inventory of products left over from last year's National. John already has all of these products added to the GSDCA Store but we cannot display it being for sale when we do not have possession of the product. He is trying to find a way to get it from Ft Worth to either his home or to John Ayotte.

Lew discussed the GSDCA Masks. The membership appeared to like them. The cost is \$1,000 for 250 masks and the company will match the same number be donated to first responders or charity. Lew Bunch Moved to order 250 reusable face masks with the GSDCA logo printed on the COVID19 mask. 2nd Laura Gilbert. Passes Unanimously.

Lew went on to discuss if he should be ordering the National specific products which would probably have the 2020 date on them. We could wait until at least July to order. We determined to table until our July regular meeting.

16. Membership –Kim King

Laura Gilbert noted Kim King is getting a grasp on membership and she think we are heading for smooth waters, Laura wanted to thank Kim for taking this committee, the chair must be very dedicated to the membership and Kim is going to be great!

17. National Specialty – Gail Stiefferman/Lori Payne

Gail has been in communication with Purina and they are opening up as of Sept 1st. We have added all-breed agility. We will have scent work.

COVID19 has caused many changes. Gail is looking into CGC and Trick Dog. Conformation classes, if distances stay in place, reserve seating does not make sense. Gail wanted to ask the BOD about putting a tent up on the other end of the ring. The bid came in for \$2,000. It is within the approved budget. Purina will have the food opened and allow the food trucks coming in addition. No buffet will be allowed so for the Gold Page Luncheon and the Victory Dinner it would be a plate serving. Refund on entry fee if the National had to be cancelled after the entries closed.

Motion make by Lew Bunch 2nd Morton Goldfarb to approve the refund of entry fees if the National had to be cancelled after the closing of the entries minus any superintendent or paypal fees. Passed Unanimously.

On the advanced brochure, it will be noted the items that we are not sure we can offer currently. Indoor grooming area might not be available as Purina will not allow any indoor blow drying. Gail suggested that we just put the Advanced Brochure up on the website as it is still very basic to be in the Jun/Jul Review. There will be some disclosures due to COVID19. COVID19 has caused some challenges with Contact tracking, reserve seating, grooming. Gail will contact Purina regarding some of the distancing rules. Performance events have started to open. Gail noted we should probably not have an hospitality event.

Gail Stiefferman made the motion to approve Kathleen Cook as the Obedience Chair and Luann Vuckson as the Rally chair. 2nd Steve Bloom. Passed Unanimously.

Gail made the motion to approve updated criteria to Rally Victor/Victrix , submitted by Luann Vuckson. 2nd Laura Gilbert. Passes Unanimously.

RALLY VICTOR/VICTRIX

Dannyquest Flying Trot Sculpture Case Trophy or an item of equal value and Special Black & Red Rosette offered by the GSDCA. This will be awarded to the dog with the Highest Combined score from the Advanced B, Excellent B, and Master classes.

The requirements are:

- 1) A combined score of not less than 297 points.
- 2) A score of not less than 98 in each class.
- 3) The dog or bitch must be AKC registered (no ILP or PAL) and free of disqualifying faults as described in the AKC Standard for the German Shepherd Dog as verified at the time the award is given, by an AKC licensed judge approved to judge German Shepherd Dogs.
- 4) Spayed or neutered dogs, which otherwise meet the Breed Standard, are acceptable.
- 5) At least one owner must be a GSDCA member in good standing.

The only changes are to add the Master class to the requirements, which changes the overall combined minimum score.

Hotels are going to be an issue due to all the weddings rescheduling. It is a good idea to book the room early as the hotels have reached out to Gail to release rooms.

18. National Trophy Donations – Ellen Pfann

Ellen Pfann joined the meeting to give some clarity of what she is asking for. She wants to order the Lucite trophies for the National. Due to COVID19, Lucite is currently being used by most businesses as a barrier so there is a backlog for ordering the Lucite. If we choose to go with the Lucite trophy on the wood base, we need to order as soon as possible to insure that we have the trophies by the National. Larry asked if the BOD had approved the change from the traditional Trophies. Ellen did not think BOD approval was needed to be approved and should be determined by the committee. Ellen did confirm that the Furniture store supplying the Lucite trophies does need to purchase additional equipment prior to filling our order and is requesting 50% down immediately. It was noted that the cost of the Silver bowls is getting prohibitive adding \$40 per class. Erin asked if we would consider offering the Silver bowl for just 1st and a nice Rosette for 2nd-4th.

Larry asked if we had reached out to other suppliers and why we choose Casino Furniture to supply us with the Lucite trophies. Did we request bids from other suppliers. John Ayotte noted that he had already been advised to add all the new trophy donations for the Lucite awards to the website and the task is complete. Patty asked if we have a contract for the proposed trophies, Ellen stated that she has only an invoice. Lew asked if we could get a bid from Edco. We tabled a final discussion until our follow up meeting.

19. National Site Selection – Patty Korsch

Patty reported she had sent out the budget comparisons for both the Dream Park in PA and the Ocala site in FL. Both are wonderful sites and want us. We have a contract with the WEC. If we sign and give a refundable down payment, they will hold our date until we can get down there and see it. The major difference between prices between the two is the grant and 2 days with no rental fee charge at WEC. The WEC appears to be approximately \$5,000 more in profit over the Dream Park. The World Equestrian Center also has on site hotels. This is 130,000sq ft so the contract was written up with all events inside in air conditioning. We should commit to visit for either the July 2020 or Jan 2021 BOD Meeting. Lew Bunch made the motion to sign the contract and put down the \$1,000 to move forward for the 2022 National at the WEC in Florida. 2nd Morton Goldfarb Against: Gail Stiefferman, Laura Gilbert. Passes by Majority.

Discussion around going back to Purina for 2023 & 2024. 2025 would be on the west coast. Gail noted she had just visited the Springfield IL site to review the site and really liked it. Arena, coliseum, and 2 other buildings. Price is below \$1,000 per day for all 3 buildings. Tracking and Herding could not be onsite, but we could bring in sod. Certainly another alternative for the Midwest rotation. Performance would have to be on packed dirt. Gail would like to go over the information with Patty and B&F. Patty suggested that they work together and should get a proposal from them for comparison so we can have an alternative to the 2 years in the Midwest. They would want us to come back so we need to talk to them as they want to work with us. The consensus was for Gail and Patty to go visit the site and bring a proposal to the BOD.

20. Nominating Committee –.....Morton Goldfarb

There was some confusion around the Nominating Committee. The Chairman was approved at the Jan BOD meeting. With the postponement of the April meeting to May, the committee was not approved by the BOD but with suggestions from several BOD, Morton assigned his committee with members who had been on the committee prior. The proposed committee included Clara Dean Hope, Diane Silver-Strasser, Susan Casey, Linda Selmon. Morton noted he was not aware that the committee needed to be nominated by the BOD. The Nominating Committee met and following all the policies and rules and submitted the following names for the BOD Slate: Carmen Battaglia, Steve Bloom, Cyndi Flautt, Lori Nickeson for Director. Laura Gilbert noted that this was not done correctly, all agreed. We did note that the committee did complete the task correctly and received all the proper paperwork from those nominated.

Motion made by Pamela O'Dell, 2nd Lew Bunch to ratify the Nominating Committee . Oppose: Gail Stiefferman, Abstain: Laura Gilbert. Passed by Majority.

Morton Goldfarb made the Motion to approve the slate as suggested by the Nominating Committee for BOD: : Carmen Battaglia, Steve Bloom, Cyndi Flautt, Lori Nickeson for Director. Gail Stiefferman for Corresponding Secretary, and Patty Korsch for Vice President. Lew Bunch 2nd. Abstain: Gail Stiefferman. Passes by Majority.

21. P & P Manual – Myra Shear

We considered tabling for a Special Meeting due to time. Myra Shear was invited to join the meeting. Myra requested that we approve the changes noted in her report and table the requests from other committees. Lew Bunch made the motion to approve the P&P changes noted in Myra's report. 2nd Morton Goldfarb. Abstain: Larry Rock. Passes by Majority.

Motion made by Pamela O'Dell to table the remaining P&P Change requests to a Special Meeting. 2nd Gail Stiefferman. Passes Unanimously.

22. Performance Stats.....Ellen Pfann

Reports Attached: Elite Obedience Awards, Obedience Dog of the Year. Motion Made by Gail Stiefferman, 2nd Morton Goldfarb to table until the P&P Special Meeting. Passed Unanimously.

23. Red Book –..... Kim McNamara

No Board action needed but an FYI - for many years the Red Book has been based on calendar year for Futurities and ROM, but for AKC Majors it has been Oct 1 through Sep 30. At one time the AKC data was probably less timely than now; however they now have the December data ready in January so beginning in the 2020 Red Book the plan to use Oct. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2020 and continue to use calendar year going forward. This will be in the annual report to the membership at the National.

24. Regional Clubs –Mary Tripp

Lew Bunch presented the Regional club report and action items. The Regional Club Committee would like to start a membership drive involving new members of the GSDCA. They shared a copy of the letter they will be sending out to all new members. The costs are within their approved budget so they can move forward.

They also requested support to utilize the Review to acknowledge the Regional Clubs that won the different categories of the "Club Challenge" by giving ½ a page to each of the winner in recognition. Lew made the motion to approve this request 2nd Steve Bloom. Passed Unanimously.

25. SV Programs -Mary Gattone/Frank Fasano

The SV event was originally scheduled for early June, it was postponed. The club tried to reschedule for July but the SV Committee advisement is to wait until August/Sept due to the "Transport" and the "Protection" parts of the trial run as participants are closer than 6 feet. Indiana has relaxed the rules, but federal still had the distance restrictions. Morton also shared a discussion directly with Germany, they are starting the trials back up, not the conformation shows. Joy will reach out to the member to inform them of the continued postponement of the SV events until at least August.

26. WUSV Continental DirectorMorton Goldfarb

P&P Update Requested was the item of discussion. Tabled to the P&P follow up meeting.

27. Temperament –Laura Gilbert

The Temperament Committee has met and they requested that collars used during the Temperament Test will only allow one collar on a dog being tested. The collar may be chain or nylon, or it may be a web collar not to exceed one and one half inches in width. Pinch, E-collars, or prong collars are never allowed. Motion made by Laura Gilbert to accept the Collar recommendations for the Temperament Test, 2nd Morton Goldfarb. Passed Unanimously.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

- Regarding the BOD nominated Judges for the 2021 National, Gail asked if we could table this item for the follow up meeting as she had not received all the original documents from the judges nominated at this time. Gail Stiefferman made the motion to table as she had not received many of the original documents back the judging that had been nominated. 2nd Laura Gilbert. Passed Unanimously.
- Select Judges for the AKC Royal Canin National Show. This was also tabled for the follow up meeting.
- Special Committee COVID19 Committee

Final Report

Laura discussed the time involved with the committee and it was very thorough. The AKC has sent a letter to Congress requesting that 501 non-profits not allowed to be sued. Lew asked about Contact Tracking and keeping the list of all attending an event. There are the 3 parts to the mitigation. Michael Banks was invited to the meeting to share the results of the report. A lot of considerations were put into the report. We discussed the signage and the wording that is to go into the premiums. Specifically to help the GSDCA mitigate as we move forward in opening back up with events. There are elements and procedures as a package of suggestions. There are still decision points in regards to federal, state and locate laws, AKC requirements. It is not a promise of safety, each person still needs to make a decision for themselves. They attendees by their entry agree to follow the policies.

Cyndi added that we should adopt the risk mitigation procedures and appendix A&B of the report. There was a discussion regarding litigation and the liability for the GSDCA with the regional clubs offering events. Motion made by Laura Gilbert, 2nd Gail Stiefferman to adopt the Risk Procedures and appendix A & B. Passed Unanimously.

Frank shared a survey regarding the COVID19 used by the US Appaloosa Club. Mike Metz looked at the survey and changed it up to relate to the GSDCA members. Frank recommended that we approve sending out the survey. Frank made the motion to send the survey to the members either by the review or constant contact to get as many members responding as possible. 2nd Morton Goldfarb. Steve Bloom asked that we wait until the next meeting as the BOD should see survey prior to voting. The Motion was amended to include pending BOD approval at the next meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion regarding Creating a Committee to take a deep study of our current Review Magazine. Lew is the Chairman and will submit the committee at the next regular meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT 6:40 CST

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