



## BOD Special Conference Call Meeting 6/15/2020

GSDCA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Via Telephone Conference June 15, 2020 5:00pm PST  
Call-in information for members to use for our board meeting – Deb Stern brought meeting to Order  
6:08PM PST

### In Attendance:

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

### **P&P updates**

We began going through the P&P updates tabled from the regular meeting. It became apparent that this was a more time consuming task than first thought and to really go through each requested change and understand the thought behind the updates, we needed to have the P&P Chairman in attendance. Also, we should have the committee chairman in the conversation as we are going through their specific changes.

Halli was invited to the call to help the BOD understand the training required for each scent-work title. Motion Made by Gail Stiefferman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Gilbert to table the remainder of the P&P Changes again until we could include our P&P Chairman and the chairmen of the committees for updates we were looking. This would insure we understood the changes going forward. Passed Unanimously.

### **AKC Delegate**

Carmen Battaglia joined the call to recap his presentation from the May 30 2020 regular meeting. The BOD approved the request to create a Sustainability ad hoc committee. Per the May 30th Meeting of the Board and the recommendations outlined in the Delegate Report, three subgroups of a Sustainability Ad hoc Committee were suggested by Carmen.

Because of the size and scope of the work, Carmen suggested that each Sub Group have at least 7 members and that at least 1 board member sit on each Sub Group of this committee. Need members - to look at number of registrations, membership and the sport. Carmen's recommendations to the board for Sub Group Committees were as follows:

1. 1. **Breed**
2. 2. **Club**
3. 3. **Sport**

Erin Nellis offered to work with Deb Stern and Carmen to create the sub committees and help define the purpose and objective for each sub-committee.

### **By-Laws**

Deb noted that she is working on a chairman for our By-Laws committee.

### **Awards – Lloyd Brackett Award.**

Diane Silver-Strasser was invited to explain the purpose behind this considered rewrite of the qualifications for the Lloyd Brackett Award. The Awards committee wants to tightened and make more specific. There are a large number of people who used to be individual breeders but are now part of breeding “partnerships.” The committee is receiving applications for the Lloyd Brackett Award from such partnerships; as “partners,” some fulfill the requirements combined, 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. Once complete, it would be submitted to the Board for approval. The BOD agreed with what the Awards committee was trying to do and it was suggested that Diane reach out to Dorothy Linn as she wrote the original award to work on the new phasing for the qualifications section of the award. Diane was glad to connect with Dorothy and would bring the final wording to the July Regular meeting.

### **National Trophies**

This was tabled in January for more information regarding the new Lucite awards presented for the National. The concern at the time was the quality as we did not have a sample to see. We were also concerned about whether they would be as prestigious as the traditional silver bowls. It was tabled again until the May regular meeting as the BOD wanted the required 3 bids. Ellen Pfann was invited to speak to the BOD regarding the trophies. Due to the shortage for Lucite as most businesses have ordered it for COVID19 barriers, we need to make a decision. The vender Ellen Pfann wants to use needs to order the Lucite immediately to insure we have our trophies by the National. He also requires 50% down to make the order. She supplied the BOD as requested a spread sheet with the costs from several different venders. Ellen and Deb assured the BOD that that Lucite awards are very nice. Frank asked if the vendor has the equipment to fill our order. Ellen confirmed that he needs to purchase additional equipment prior to making our Trophies. John Ayotte spoke up and stated that he was informed this had been approved so he had already uploaded all the Lucite trophies and prices to the website for Trophy Donations. Gail confirmed that we do have enough silver bowls left for some of the performance events.

Motion made by Gail Stiefferman, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Ayotte to accept the bid and move forward with the Lucite trophies for the 2020 National conformation classes. Against: Patty Korsch, Larry Rock, Lew Bunch, Frank Fasano, Morton Goldfarb, Abstain: Pamela O’Dell, Motion passes by Majority.

### **PR Committee**

The committee requested approval to add Barby Balyeat to the PR Committee. Motion made by Pamela O’Dell, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Bemont to accept the addition of Barby Balyeat to the PR Committee. Passed Unanimously.

### **Discussion regarding SV events coming up in July.**

Mary Gattone was invited to update the BOD on the SV events pending approval. The SV Committee has recommended that all SV events continue to be postponed due to lack of distancing during certain required procedures in a trial run. Tyler Boyler who is requesting approval to offer an event was invited to speak to the BOD. He stating that his location in is a COVID19 Stage 5 phase. He was willing to follow all procedures required by the GSDCA to obtain approval for the event. He noted that they would have washing stations and would require masks and gloves as that was required by the GSDCA. Mike Banks also joined the meeting to cover some of the procedures recommended by the COVID19 Committee and approved by the GSDCA.

Laura Gilbert made the motion to approve all SV events going forward pursuant that the clubs follow the GSDCA COVID19 Procedures. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Bemont. Passed Unanimously, Abstain: Larry Rock.

### **Marketing Committee-**

Lew Bunch took the floor. We had originally approved the purchase of 500 GSD masks. He contacted the vendor and decided to order only 100 for \$250. The BOD was fine with having him place the smaller order and see how they sell.

He also requested approval to order 100 of the GSDCA car magnets. The price is \$287. Motion by John Ayotte to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Bloom. Passed Unanimously.

Lew also discussed the depleted inventory he received from Deb Stern. He was asking if he can donate the dated material to a local church. Deb suggested that we take to the National and try to sale at a heavy discount. Lew asked for help to find people who would work the GSDCA Store booth to sale the items.

Lew did note that we need to check out the GSDCA Twitter and Instagram accounts as they really are being managed very well for us.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Review submitted names and vote to add to Judging Slate.

Gail stated that she has received 6 nominations for conformation judges for the 20201 National. Still had not received the original paperwork from one. Nominations received:

Carmen Battaglia

Joseph LaRosa

Lamar Frederick

Karen Wagner

Randy Hamm

Sharon Newcomb.

Motion made by Morton Goldfarb to approve all 6 to the Slate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patty Korsch. Passed Unanimously. Gail noted that she did not receive any nominations for the performance events.

Motion made by Gail Stiefferman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Bemont to postpone acceptance of Performance Judges for the slate until the July Regular meeting. Passed Unanimously.

- Nominate judges for AKC Royal Canin national show. Frank Fasano asked if we had received the letter requesting names to nominate. Deb Stern noted that we have not received the letter. This will be tabled until we received the letter requesting names.
- Nominating Committee  
There has been confusion around the Nominating Committee and clarification is needed regarding the motion passed at the 5/30/2020 regular meeting. Motion Approved:

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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Abstain: Gail Stiefferman. Passes by Majority.

There had been some comments since this approval regarding the Vice President position. The Committee is stating that they approved Laura Gilbert for VP, not Patty Korsch as Patty had originally stated that she was not going to run. As Morton had made the original motion, he made the motion to rescind this motion. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Ayotte Abstain: Laura Gilbert and Patty Korsch. Passed by majority.

Motion made by Morton Goldfarb to approve the corrected slate with Laura Gilbert as Vice President. 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Bloom. Abstain: Laura Gilbert Patty Korsch, Passed by Majority.

### **New Business**

Survey, Frank Fasano requested a survey be sent out to the membership, similar to what the Appaloosa Horse Club sent out to their members about shows. It was decided the board would see the survey before voting. Michael Metz had made some adjustments to have it pertain to the GSDCA and sent it to us to review. Michael was invited to join the meeting and walked the BOD through the survey. It really had some good questions around the impact of COVID19 and if people were going to attend events and the national. The survey was well received by the BOD and it should be sent and available to the GSD community, not just members. We could go over the results at the July meeting. Motion made by Frank Fasano to go forward with the survey, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Ayotte. Passed Unanimously.

Gail did add when discussing the National that she is in contact with Purina weekly and as soon as it is determined the final COVID19 guidelines, she will share with the BOD. They will be out prior to our premium being released.

Adjournment 8:15PM