

**BOD Conference Meeting 8/12/2020****GSDCA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Via Telephone Conference August 12, 2020, 4:00pm PST

Call-in information for members to use for our board meeting - 1-712-770-4010 Code 220853#

In Attendance:

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

Deb Stern brought the meeting to order at 4:05 PM

1. James Moses – Discussion of Illustrated Standard. Jim Moses and Maryellen Kish joined the meeting to give a history and time involved with this project. As Co-Chairmen of the committee, the committee consisted on many years of experience in our breed. Committee: Dave Rinke, Gloria Birch, Kent Boyles, Vicky Bemont, Barbara Lopez, Martha Simonette, Deborah Stern. Further discussion Jim Moses requested that the BOD approve paying for the work that had already been completed from the Illustrator and the Canine Chronicle in the amount between \$10,000-12,000 so the project can move forward to printing. The committee is hoping to have the finished product ready for the National. Frank Fasano asked if the BOD could see a couple of the illustrations, Jim agreed. Jim went on to remind the BOD of years and previous attempts to complete this project. MaryEllen added that the illustrations represent the standard, maybe not represent some of our top winning dogs today. MOTION by Lew Bunch 2<sup>nd</sup> Pamela O'Dell to approve the proposed budget of \$12,000 from the GSDCA Charitable Trust, Inc for purchasing the illustrations from the Illustrator and have Tom Grady format to have the project camera/print ready. Motion passed by Majority. Absent: Steve Bloom, Abstain: Frank Fasano
2. Futurity Update – Cyndi Flautt  
Cyndi Flautt gave an update regarding the Futurity Shows. The MP Futurity has been cancelled due to loosing location. She also updated the BOD that the NW Futurity is looking at another location and is trying to get it back on the schedule MOTION made by Pamela O'Dell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Gilbert. Motion to approve the NW Futurity if a local NW Club can find a location and date to hold the NW Futurity pending AKC approval. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Discussion: Approve signing of contract with Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL and approval of deposit for same. Deb and Erin both confirmed that the Contract is not ready to sign. It still has liability issues that need to be resolved.  
Deb went on to discuss the implications of the MOTION passed at the July BOD meeting made by John Ayotte. Deb asked Michael Banks and Carmen Battaglia to speak to the 7 requirements in the Passed

Motion.(See Below) There was some discussion regarding rescinding just the (7) requirements or the entire Motion. The issue of concern was implementing and documenting the Requirements. Deb advised the BOD to rescind the entire motion. MOTION made by John Ayotte to rescind his entire motion regarding the National made on July 25, 2020 at the Regular BOD Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Bemont. PASSED Unanimously.

*Continue the planning for holding the 2020 GSDCA National Specialty Show at the location and on the dates proposed by Gail Steifferman, (the National Show Chair), with the understanding that there are still factors beyond our control that could result in a last minute cancellation. This discussion will also include Carmen Battaglia, the GSDCA's AKC Delegate.*

*This approval includes the following requirements be met in a timely manner (deadlines to be determined by the BOD as soon as possible).*

- 1) Review and approval of acceptable contract and review of site by representatives of the BOD.*
- 2) Mandatory guidelines for participation (exhibitors, spectators and workers) be completed and distributed to the membership. Social distancing, masks, signed waiver, temp checks, etc.)*
- 3) A waiver of responsibility holding the GSDCA its officers and board members legally blameless for COVID-19 claims be written and a signed copy required for entry onto the show grounds and a wrist band or similar form of identification be issued and required for admission to and continued presence on the show grounds.*
- 4) A contingency plan be developed for dealing with the unlikely, but potentially disastrous, event that any legal action that would jeopardize the financial soundness or even the continued existence of the club be developed as soon as possible.*
- 5) A representative of the club be appointed to monitor the local, state and national governmental requirements that might affect our ability to hold these events and keep the BOD and membership updated on a regular basis. (Personal protection, social distancing, group sizes, travel restrictions, quarantines, etc.)*
- 6) A series of go/no go dates be implemented for board evaluation and decision making.*
- 7) A plan be put in place for the handling of refunds if we are forced to cancel prior to or after the event closing dates.*

Deb directed the conversation and continued through the requirements stating were we are on each.

- As for guidelines, we will follow our guidelines and those of the State, County and local municipalities at the time of the National. Deb confirmed there is no Contact Tracing required in IL.
- As the facility is a public facility, it will be difficult to monitor spectators with signed waivers and wristbands. This may not be feasible.
- The Insurance policy is in place, but limited. We really cannot plan for a lawsuit that would close down the GSDCA.
- Gail would assign someone or a committee to monitor the local, state and national governmental requirements that affect our ability to hold the event and the BOD would be updated on a regular basis.
- Go/no go dates will not going be established at this time.
- Discussion around refunds if we were cancelled by the municipalities. John Ayotte and Larry Rock brought up the Paypal and credit card charges which would be deducted from the refunds, but we will refund for the entries if cancelled.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting ended at 6:45PM