

**BOD Conference Meeting 9/11/2020****GSDCA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Via Telephone Conference Sept 11, 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, Steve Bloom, Lew Bunch, Frank Fasano, Laura Gilbert, Morton Goldfarb, Erin Nellis.

Deb brought the meeting to order at 4:05.

1. Review and Approve the National Contract.

Deb Stern updated the BOD regarding the Contract. Many have been involved and have worked hard to get this done for us. She mentioned Deb Norman, Michael Banks, Erin Nellis, Gail Stiefferman and herself. She went on to inform the BOD that the Illinois Dept of Health did not accept many of our requested changes. Deb read the following response to us:

Ms. Stern

Thank you. We have passed the Plans onto the Sangamon County Department of Public Health. Attached are slightly revised versions of the Space Rental Contract, Janitorial contract, and COVID addendum. Please note that many of the changes proposed by GSDCA were not incorporated, and per our prior emails, the Department does not find them acceptable. Additional addenda or exhibits about equipment or camping spaces or authorized personnel are unnecessary and references to such were removed. Also, the Department does not rent out restrooms specifically, so reference to that facility is unnecessary and omitted in the space rental contract.

Any questions you or GSDCA have about the contract language can be directed to me. After receipt of the signed space rental contract and covid addendum, the Department will sign and scan a copy back to you.

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Deb went on to inform the BOD that there will be several additional expenses as we need to double the bleaches to accommodate the membership of \$3,600. Janitorial Service was also added for \$1,200. There is also a small additional charge of \$50 for the Educational Seminar.

Deb asked for discussion and invited Michael Banks to join the call to help answer any specific questions from the BOD regarding the contract. Larry Rock asked specifically around the GSDCA being refunded if the National is cancelled. Michael noted that we would probably be refunded if the state closed us

down. If we (Members or attendees) violate the limitations or conditions causing us to be shut down, we probably will not be refunded. Deb Stern spoke up and offered to reimburse the GSDCA personally for the cost of the facility if we are shut down and not reimbursed. Pamela O'Dell noted that is kind, but unreasonable for us to expect. It is more important that we clearly communicate to the membership and those that will attend the limitations and specific requirements and responsibilities to insure we do not get shut down.

Lew Bunch asked about the seating as the Illinois Dept of Health approved us for 120 seats. He was concerned that the number will not be sufficient specifically for Saturday for Specials. Deb and Gail both stated that it will not be a problem as we historically have 110 reserved seats. Lew brought up that at Purina and Colorado, all of the bleachers, even the free side is full on Saturday. This might be an issue and we need to figure out how to communicate this to the membership.

John Bemont spoke up. He reiterated that every BOD member wants to have a National. This will be different than what we have had in the past. We may not be able to socialize, we may not be able to have a hospitality event or the Banquet or educational day. We will have a dog show. Many dedicated people have worked very hard to make this happen. It is the responsibility of this BOD to clearly communicate to our membership all the expectations. The Constant Contact needs to communicate specifics to our membership so there are no surprises.

Pamela O'Dell asked that the DRAFT Constant Contact that will be sent out to the membership be sent to the BOD to review prior to sending out insuring it is covering everything. Deb agreed and welcomed any suggestions. Patty Korsch asked that we also send out the COVID Limitations to the membership. Gail offered to send out in a separate Constant Contact.

Frank Fasano stated that the BOD has a fiduciary responsibility for the continuance of this organization and he was still concerned regarding the liability placed on the GSDCA with this event and the contract.

Deb Stern asked for the Motion to approve the Contract. Motion made by John Bemont, 2nd Gail Stiefferman. Frank Fasano Against. Passed by Majority.

2. Motion to Adjourn
Meeting ended at 6:35PM PDT