

**BOD Conference Meeting 12/7/2020****GSDCA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Via Telephone Conference December 7, 2020, 4:00pm PST

In Attendance:

Deb Stern, Patty Korsch, Pamela O'Dell, Gail Stiefferman, Ann Solt,

Class of 2019

Steve Bloom, Lew Bunch, Laura Gilbert

Class of 2020

Frank Fasano, Morton Goldfarb, John Ayotte,

Class of 2021

Cyndi Fluatt, Lenny Brown, Ileana Noguerras, Jeff Pyle

Absent: John Bemont, Erin Nellis

Deb Stern brought the meeting to order at 4:08PST

1. Discussion regarding the upcoming January 2021 Regular Board Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Incoming new Board members were invited to be included in this discussion. Deb did not want to presume that the incoming the BOD would want to travel. Cyndi Fluatt, Lenny Brown, and Jeff Pyle are comfortable traveling. Ileana Noguerras would take the meeting by teleconference. Deb then asked how the Class of 2020 is comfortable traveling. Frank Fasano, John Ayotte, Pamela O'Dell, Laura Gilbert, Gail Stiefferman are fine traveling. Ann Solt was hesitant but will attend in person.
Morton Goldfarb will probably attend by Teleconference.
Deb then asked to BOD to wait until closer to the end of the year before we make our reservations for the hotel. She also suggested that we wait to make the airfare arrangements through Jack's Travel until the first of the year. Gail was going to forward the contact information for Jack's Travel to everyone. Erin has found the Hotel with a good price with a conference room. We will call another Special Meeting closer to the end of the year to confirm we are going to Phoenix.
2. Discussion regarding the contract with Roberts Center in Ohio for the 2021 IPO National Championship/Universal Championship. Due to COVID we may not be able to bring in a German judge to offer the Breed Survey. Deb noted that she had been in contact with Angela at the Robert's Center as they are booking up quickly, she took it upon herself to reserve April 7-10 2021. They have reserved 35 rooms for us. Lew asked Deb if the committee chairs, committee and Event Chair have been involved and working with her in regards to these upcoming events. Deb stated that she was not aware of any communication with the chairs or committee. She went on to say that Committee chairs may stay the same or change next year. Lew reiterated that we are talking about the current chairs and asked if Deb had involved the committee chairs

while communicated with the Robert's Center. Deb stated that this has not been done and the Center had reached out to her to confirm the dates and room numbers. Frank asked that Mary Gattone be invited to speak. Mary confirmed that she had penciled in dates in May for events as the weather was terrible in the past couple of years having it in April. She stated that Angela from the Robert's Center had contacted her to confirm the May dates to move forward with the event. Mary asked Angela to reach out to Deb directly as she was not assured that she would be the Chairman going forward due to conversations with some on the committee. Mary stated it would be difficult to complete all the initial planning and then hand it off in January. Mary reiterated that the arrangements Deb made were the same as Mary had requested, but it appears Deb has changed the dates.

Pamela O'Dell asked if there is a possibility to change the dates back to the original May dates. Mary thought we could, but would need to check with the Roberts Center as they may have already given up our original reservation. Pamela noted that both Mary and Frank are still the Chairmen until the Jan Regular meeting and April/May will come very quickly. We should have the current chairs and committee move forward with organizing this event. Pamela O'Dell asked Mary if we will be able to bring German judges in for these events. Mary noted that we have confirmation from Germany they will waive the requirement and we can use our own judges, and the qualifiers can go to Germany to compete in the WUSV events. We currently only have 1 judge qualified and that is Morton Goldfarb. We would need confirmation from Germany if the waiver includes the Breed Survey.

Deb noted that the WUSV has moved their Universal event up to June and it would be better to have our events in April, not May so our participants had time to make their travel arrangements to Germany if they wanted to go. The World is June 24, 2021 next year. Frank noted that having our events in May to avoid the miserable weather we had the last couple of years offering the event in April would still give time for our qualifiers to attend the Universal in Germany.

Deb noted that she has the contract for the Robert's Center and nothing has changed from previous years.

Frank Fasano asked Deb if she had any problem having Mary move forward with being the chair of the event as we need to get this started. Deb stated that the Chairman may change in January so it may not be fair for Mary to initiate the event. Lew noted that Mary has run it successfully for numerous years. Pamela noted that whether it is in April or May, waiting until the last weekend in January to get started is too late. We need to start now.

Mary asked Deb if Roberts's Center had given our May dates away. Deb noted that she was not sure, that she had been told that the Apr dates would be better due to deadline for the German event. Deb asked Mary to join her for a conference with the Roberts Center to confirm everything. Mary asked Deb if she was going to continue to chair the event. Deb noted that she prefers to have someone else chair, but she cannot wait until the end of Jan to get started. Mary agreed. Deb asked Mary to chair until she could make the changes. Deb stated that it could be changed on Jan 1, 2021. Deb asked Mary to be gracious as she has chaired these events many times and asked for help getting the event started until a decision can be made on changes to committees in January.

Frank spoke up and asked Deb Stern why is the Event on the agenda but neither Chairmen of the committee were informed or asked for input to the conversation or help regarding the upcoming event. Deb stated there is a trust issue and she wanted the entire BOD involved with making the decision.

Deb stated that she appreciates what Mary Gattone has done for the club and is just asking Mary to join her in a conference with the Roberts Center in the morning as the contract need to be signed. Mary stated that the question is can we still have the May dates as the weather can be miserable in April. Deb did not know.

Gail asked how long have we known about this event and why hasn't the dates, Judges, and contract already been signed. Frank Fasano noted that historically, the dates are set for the next year after the event which was done. Due to COVID and not knowing the availability of German judges, it has caused delays in finalizing for next year. Mary noted that she had contacted Deb in October that the contract needed to be signed. Deb agreed that the contract does need to be signed as soon as possible.

Pamela O'Dell asked when did we get the waiver to use an American judges for the events and can we get one for the Breed Survey. Morton Goldfarb spoke up that it was received quite recently, but the Breed Survey was not included. It may be changed, but not as of today. As the only International WUSV Conformation Judge, he is the only one can do the Conformation judging.

Frank made the MOTION to assign Mary Gattone chair of the IPG Championship and the Universal Sieger Show events in May 2021. 2nd Lew Bunch. Deb noted that this can be changed at the January meeting. Against: Gail Stieffrman, PASSED by Majority.

Meeting Break: Moved to take a break to go into a GSDCA Charitable Trust Inc Meeting.

Meeting brought back to order by Deb Stern at 5:35

Deb noted that the Illustrated Standard has been gifted to the GSDCA by the GSDCA Charitable Trust.

John Ayotte requested that we charge everyone the same cost for simplicity. Steve Bloom made the MOTION to accept the \$5.00 plus postage for the Illustrated Standard to be sold on the GSDCA Website. 2nd Pamela O'Dell PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meet Adjourned at 5:40PM PST.

Pamela O'Dell, Recording Secretary
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