



BOD Conference Meeting 7/5/2021
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GSDCA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Special Board Meeting on Tuesday May 18, 2021 4:00pm Pacific Time.

In Attendance:

Deb Stern, Laura Gilbert, Gail Stiefferman, Ann Solt, Pamela O'Dell

Class of 2020,

Morton Goldfarb, John Ayotte, Erin Nellis, Candee Foss

Class of 2021

Cyndi Flautt, Lenny Brown, Ileana Noguerras, Jeff Pyle

Meeting brought to order by Deborah Stern at 4:05PM PDT. Roll call taken by Pamela O'Dell.

In attendance: Deb Stern, Laura Gilbert, Gail Stiefferman, Ann Solt, Pamela O'Dell, John Ayotte, Erin Nellis, Candee Foss, Cyndi Flautt, Lenny Brown, Jeff Pyle. Absent: Ileana Noguerras, Morton Goldfarb.

1. MBF Contract- attached. Deborah Stern spoke up to explain the matter. The GSDC of Greater Washington has requested and received permission to hold a GSDCA Regional Specialty after their own two Specialty shows. The GSDCA Regional will be held on August 22, 2021. All three of these shows are being held in conjunction with All Breeds in Cumberland, Maryland.

The superintendent for all of the above shows is MBF. MBF requires that the GSDCA sign a contract so that the GSDC of Greater Washington can hold the GSDCA Regional Specialty; we have never had to do this before. Erin was kind enough to ask Frank Fasano and Larry Rock if they had ever had to sign such a contract or if they were familiar with such a thing; they had not. Deb Stern also spoke with Fred Lyman, Executive VP and Treasurer of MBF; Mr. Lyman was not aware that we had ever signed such a contract in the past.

Gail sent the contract to Deb to review and sign. Deb Stern did sign, but was not entirely comfortable with having done so. Gail attached a copy of the contract to the notice received regarding this meeting so we have all had time to read it. MBF had informed Deb that she could cancel the contract but, by doing so, the GSDC of Greater Washington will NOT be allowed to hold the GSDCA Regional show. Deb Stern noted that she is not comfortable with responsibilities the GSDCA would have by letting the contract stand and, therefore, leave it to the Board to make the final decision.

Laura Gilbert spoke up and noted now that the AKC allows Regional clubs to offer 4 specialty shows, she is not sure why we still allow GSDCA Regional shows. Pamela O'Dell noted that the 4 AKC approved

shows must be on 2 consecutive days. If they are offering specialty shows over a 3 day period, they would still need to utilize the GSCA Regional show.

Gail Stiefferman noted that Deborah Stern had already signed the contract on June 21, 2021. Deb Stern noted that she could still cancel.

Pamela O'Dell made the Motion to Ratify Deborah Stern's decision to sign the contract with the Superintendant for the Washington DC Regional Club as the entries close in less than a month. 2nd by Larua Gilbert. Passed Unanimously. Absent: Morton Goldfarb, Ileana Nogueras

2. 2021 National Specialty (Agreement with Springfield Ill Fair Grounds 2021-2023 attached) Deborah Stern spoke to the subject. She wanted to reiterate a thank you all the work Gail Stiefferman does every year putting on the National. Several members had reached out to Deb with concerns, so she wanted to just share the information. We currently have a contract with Purina for the 2021 National. We also have a deposit with the State of Illinois for 2021 in case Purina was not available. We did not want to find ourselves without a location when Purina closed like last year. The deadline for Illinois to release the contract is July 15, 2021. If we contact them prior to the July 15, our deposit will be moved to 2023. The COVID Delta variance in MO increased this month and it is believed it will increase significantly by this fall. If Purina shuts down again like they did last year, we will find ourselves in the same situation as last year. Deborah Stern also noted that we will not longer make the \$6,000-8,000 from RV parking as Purina is assuming the reservations and profits from the RVs. Purina has the right to reduce vendors, grooming and go back to show and do if any of this were to happen.

Purina is a private concern and just closed down last year. Springfield is a Government run location. We worked with them last year and they would not close down. Deb Stern went on to say we need to make the decision this evening. Our concern should be our members. Deb Stern noted that she felt Purina broke our trust last year when they kept telling Gail Stiefferman we would be ok having the national there and 90 days prior to the National we were informed they were closed. Deb went on to say we need to be assured that we can have our National this year. If Gail Stiefferman feels strongly that Purina will be open to have our National, we may want it in writing.

Deb Stern asked Channing Sheets to speak to the BOD. Channing spoke up: Initially, they have seen some COVID Delta resistance. For the most part, they have seen those immunized with Pfizer or Moderna are showing a strong titer to the Delta. Those receiving the Johnson&Johnson 1 shot, it is showing less resistance. The transmittability is higher for the Delta variance. One of things they look at in public health. Our dog community has done a great job getting immunized, following protocol. Channing did note it is always better to have the event outside instead of inside, but we should be ok if a good majority of us have received our vaccinations.

The acceptance of the vaccine is different in different cultures across the country. This is a concern in regards to a public health concern.

Jeff Pyle spoke up, MO vaccination rate is at 38% and Il at 46%. Jeff noted the 2 locations are only a couple of hours apart, so there probably is really not much difference between Purina and Springfield

regarding this matter. They share 100+ miles of border. Jeff asked Gail if Purina has given a current report.

Gail Stiefferman addressed the BOD. She has spoke to Purina and they are completing open with no restrictions. We have already set the judges, vacations, arrangements. It is a late date to make changes.

Pamela O'Dell asked for the floor. She noted that Jeff Pyle told the BOD he had attended an event there recently. Ileana Nogueras is attending a National in a couple of weeks and told everything is open. Purina has communicated to Gail that everything is open. We have many members who have purchased flights, hotels, and transportation. They have their vacations set, the house/dog sitter scheduled. We are only 90 days from our National. To move this out a week due to a what if is not reasonable. Pamela O'Dell made the Motion to go to Purina for the 2021 National, Inform Springfield that we are releasing them for 2021 and move our deposit to the 2023 National Specialty. 2nd Candee Foss. No further discussion. Motion Passed Unanimously. Absent: Morton Goldfarb, Ileana Nogueras.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:38PM PDT.

Meeting brought to order at 4:00PM Pacific Time

Respectively,

Pamela O'Dell
Recording Secretary

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