

**BOD Conference Meeting 8/17/2021****The call-in number is 712-770-4010, Access Code 220853#.****GSDCA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Special Board Meeting on Tuesday August 17, 2021 5:00pm Pacific Time.

In Attendance:

Deb Stern, 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

Absent Laura Gilbert

Deborah Stern brought the meeting to order at 5:05PM Pacific

1) Discussion regarding the 2021 National Specialty.

Gail informed the BOD that Purina was placing strict restrictions due to COVID19 for our 2021 National Specialty. Questions were around the requirements Purina was demanding including but not limited to the fact that, if we were to use the Great Hall at Purina and hold all events at Purina, every single person would be required to show proof of vaccination in order to gain admittance to the grounds, and be masked at all times including handlers when in the ring.

There were still questions around whether Spectators would be limited as they require social distancing and whether forced air blowers could be used inside. Gail and Erin shared the bids and compared the costs of moving part of the National to the Lake St Louis Equestrian Center 40 minutes from Purina. After much discussion, it was determined for the benefit of our entire membership, both spectators and exhibitors, we need to move part of the National Specialty to the Equestrian Center.

Gail also confirmed that Purina would not require proof of vaccination for membership if we only left Herding, Barn hunt, Scent Work and Agility at Purina. They would require of everyone for the entire event if we had Conformation at Purina.

Jeff Pyle made the Motion to move all Conformation starting with the Preshow Tuesday Afternoon, Rally, Obedience and the Temperament Test to the Lake St Louis Equestrian Center with the additional requirement that Gail, Erin and Deb will review the Contract, receive B&F Committee Approval within 48 hours giving Deb Stern the authority to sign the Contract with the Equestrian Center. Herding, Agility, Barn hunt and scent work will remain at Purina.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela O'Dell. Pass Unanimously. Laura Gilbert Absent.

It was also noted that Missouri requires that Health Certifications for dogs are also required for events. Gail was going to check on and clarify "Certifications". We need to be able to inform the membership if this is just verification of vaccinations or an actual "Health Certificate". If it is indeed a Health Cert, she would confirm the timing as some members will be traveling and we want to ensure that the health Cert can remain in effect throughout the event.

2) 2022 Futurity.

Cyndi made the motion to Approve Lamar Frederick as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternant for the 2022 MW Futurity.

2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ayotte. Passed Unanimously. Absent Laura Gilbert.

Motion to Adjourn by John Ayotte at 5:50PM PDT

Respectively,  
Pamela O'Dell  
Recording Secretary

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