



GSDCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 28-30, 2022

Held in Person and Teleconference

HILTON GARDEN INN PHOENIX AIRPORT

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Note: Meeting began Friday, January 28, 2022 at 6pm

I. Minutes

- a. 10/5/2021 Special BOD Meeting Minutes
- b. 10/17/2021 Regular BOD Meeting Minutes
- c. 10/25/2021 Special BOD Meeting Minutes
- d. 11/5/2021 Special BOD Meeting Minutes
- e. 11/23/2021 Special BOD Meeting Minutes
- f. 1/10/2022 Special BOD Meeting Minutes

II. Report of the Recording Secretary – Candee Foss

Candee Foss made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes dated above. Jeff Pyle 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

Candee Foss made the motion to approve the minutes noted above. Ann Solt 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.

III. Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Gail Stiefferman

1. AKC pac and the Dog Judges Educational Foundation – both are asking for donations. Gail thinks we have made donations in the past. Gail read the correspondence received from them that pertaining to them requesting donations from other clubs. Ann Solt made a motion that we table this until we can get further information (Gail will get this for us). Ileana Nogueras 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. ** Gail came back to this and stated that in the 1/24-26/2020 we had donated \$100 from the trust to the Dog Judges Educational Foundation for the seminar. Lenny felt we had done things for them in the past as it's a large educational event. Pam stated we would address this when we discussed the Trust.
2. Gail shared that she is starting to receive applications to judge our national for next year. It states at the bottom of the judge's application form that the bio is limited to 100 words or less. Gail received several bios and pictures and all of the bio's have been over 100 words except for 1. She asked how should she handle

this. Ileana suggested that this is the responsibility of the person running and that they should make this correction. Laura made another suggestion in that send the applicate back their bio with a red mark indicating where “100” words, so that they can edit their bio. Laura also said do not edit or make spelling corrections.

IV. Report of the Executive Committee-*Pamela O’Dell*

Request Ratification of the following:

1/20/2022 Approve revised Contract with Premier Performance Events to create website for the (3) upcoming SV events for \$3,900.00 (this is down from the \$5,000.00 amount that they stated as she is not doing the Sieger show) The National Championship, the Universal Show in April 2022 and the Combined Trial with USCA in June 2022. Our current contract with Jorry expired 1/19/2022. Pam has received approval from the Executive Committee and she is just asking for permission to ratify.

Ann Solt made the motion to ratify. Ileana Noguerras 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Report of the President – *Pamela O’Dell*

1. Pam brought this up on an email last year and would like to offer a certificate from Crufts for anyone that went BOB, BOS, BBE and Select could have an automatic invitation to Crufts. Pam thinks this would be special to send out to the winners of last years national. Ileana also thought it would be a great recognition. Pam asked Ann if she had some nice parchment paper to print them on, which Ann does. Pam O’Dell asked for a motion. Ann Solt made a motion. Ileana Noguerras 2nd the motion. Passed unanimously.
2. Pam asked for someone from this board to answer emails. Gail said she has no problem doing it. Ileana stated that the emails shouldn’t be a resolution but to acknowledge that we have received an email from the person. Erin totally agrees that we should acknowledge receipt of the email so that the member is aware that we are working on it. She stated we need some kind of a tracking system so that it doesn’t fall through the cracks. It could be quarterly report. Pam stated if the email needs immediate response, she could take it to the executive committee. Erin was just concerned that we keep some kind of system that notes the emails are responded to in a timely matter. Julie stated that email is “correspondence” and that Gail is the correspondence secretary, thus she should be responsible for making sure these emails are addressed in a timely matter. Pam asked that Gail keep some kind of file or electronic folder so that all the board members can see the emails. Ileana gave a couple of suggestions for responses, but the emails should be sent to Gail and then disbursed to the proper section of the board. Candee asked that if Gail could up with a standard verbiage, so that the person that has sent the email knows its been received (like on your cell phone when you don’t take the call, it lets the person know you may be on another call.), that way Gail can get back to them in her spare time as she does have a full time job.

VI. Report of the Vice President – *Laura Gilbert*

No report

VII. Report of the Treasurer – *Ann Solt*

Ann Solt asked for a motion to use the same auditor from last year. She found them to be easy to work with and professional. She asked that we approve to use Michael LaBelle again for this year. Candee Foss 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Just as a reminder, the 2022 IRS mileage has gone up this year and is 58.5 cents per mile. Its up 2.5 cents from last year.

Ann asked the board members sign a conflict-of-interest statement for the auditors. Ann went over the financials and will forward them to Budget and Finance. She has been transparent in her reports and wants to make sure it's understandable.

Board of Directors:

Class of 2021

Cyndi Flautt, Ileana Noguerras, Jeff Pyle, Lenny Brown

Class of 2022

Erin Nellis, John Ayotte, Steven Bloom, Julie Degen

VIII. Committee Reports

1. *AKC Delegate – Carmen Battaglia*

Report Attached – Action item brought to the board in the past regarding frozen sperm stored and what happens to it once that person passes away. He's asking that we put together a committee. Michael Metz currently has a list of "frozen sperm on ice", and this is more for when the owner of the sperm dies, who gets it and should we start some kind of committee that can reach out to the family and see if the GSDCA should take responsibility. Ann stated she had talked to Carmen about this and it's not clear as to where the semen goes. Ileana stated that the facility that has the sperm would be in charge of it in the event of non-payment or if the owner hasn't made stipulation of where it should go.

Julie shared that her sister is on the Otter Club of American and that they have a semen bank and they are actively trying to collect semen from some of their dogs to retain the genetic/DNA aspect.

Lenny shared that he has a resource with ISBC and he will reach out to her and see if she would like to work on this committee.

Erin suggested that the committee could be an active advocate and track it, so that if someone passed away, we could contact the family and see if we can keep the semen from being destroyed. Ileana and Pam felt we should be a resource. Ann Solt made a motion that Julie Degen do some research on this and bring it to the next meeting. Candee Foss 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

2. *Budget and Finance – Erin Nellis*

Erin shared that that Budget and Finance had met over the past few days and complemented Ann on having all the financial information so available. B&F

was only off budget by \$3,000.00 last year! Ann shared they instituted a report to help keep track of spending last year but in the end it all worked out. Erin shared some of the profit amounts from past years, and the how the committee is working together so that budgets can stay on task. Ann wanted to thank the membership for their support. Erin is going to take on a “Review” analysis so that we can see how we can impact this is a positive way so that we can possibly adjust rates to reflect any cost savings for the club.

Jeff Pyle made a motion that the current lower advertising rates of the “Review” stay the same until March 2022. Ileana Nogueras 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership was up significantly. Laura and John sent out renewal notices and this seems to have had a positive effect in the membership revenue. Laura stated that for 18 months there were no notices, but now we renew monthly, so its really impacted the membership and the numbers of enrollment. Laura noted that we have a lot of SV members that are becoming members, so this is also impacting the rise in membership.

Erin highlighted that the Futurity Committee did an amazing job with catalog advertising. She is wondering if we could cross pollinate these ideas so that the other committees can be as financially successful. Cindy basically called and talked to people and asked them to donate. She also put it out on social media (Face Book) to support the Futurity System. Cyndi had several businesses (DDC, Thomas Labs), basically anyone that she contacted to see if they would support the system. If they had a Futurity winner from the past year, ask they to support the placement that they won. John said that having “color ad” in the catalog really helped too. Erin stated that Purina has usually put an ad in the catalog too, and feels that some relationship mending needs to be done. Pam is going to reach out to them and see what we can do to make everyone happy. They have been very good to us. The weight circles really help our club, so if membership can support this for the club, it would be helpful. Jeff suggested a portal to help in uploading the Purina weight circles.

Erin would like to see if John and Gail could get together and line up some products as members like to take home a momentum from the National. This could generate some income for the club, and we need someone to run it so its more streamlined. The more financially viable this club is the more we can help our membership.

- III. **Awards – Vicki Bemont** was approved as the chair. She asked that we approve her committee members:
- a. Bill Hope
 - b. Martha Simonett
 - c. Channing Sheets
 - d. Gary Szymczak
 - e. Sandy Anderson

Ileana Nogueras made a motion to accept the Awards committee members. Cyndi Flautt 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gail had a discussion regarding the awards and she thinks it is too much for her committee chairs. She would like the awards committee to help with the disbursement of the awards, make sure they are ordered and help facilitate in making sure the awards are taken track of. Pam thinks that Gail should find someone to help her do this as she is the “National Chairperson”. Laura brought up the “Obedience Elite” award and was involved in a conversation with Valerie Harrington. She ordered the awards. But if they want these at the national, it needs to be done in advance. Ileana felt that any person who is at the National should go home with their award. We need to figure it out so that our membership gets to take their award home.

Pam asked that Gail give us a list of awards that are awarded prior to the National so that we can get them handed out. The awards committee should get this information so that we can recognize these people in the review and national.

ATTA Committee Action Item – Report attached for proper submission on motion.

Wants AKC point schedule recognized for the ATTA Award (website and P&P) – You may also submit the AKC SAR-U1, AKC SAR-U2 or AKC SAR-W instead of the certification exam proof if desired. Julie Degen made a motion to accept as submitted. John Ayotte 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Dual Award – *Amber Conti Turley, Chairperson – Report Attached*

Amber reached out to us as she wants to use EDCO to purchase the plaque bars in bulk. Amber can order the plaques as needed. Ileana made a motion to have Amber get the bars in bulk. Jeff 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Cyndi Flautt made a motion that Amber can reach out to the recipient if they want a plaque or just another bar, or just recognition in the Review. It’s nice to know what dogs are receiving these awards. Julie Degen 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Phyllis Kraft Award – *Dr. Zoe M Backman – Report Attached*

The Board discussed the report submitted by Zoe and asked that it be Tabled to the next board meeting in April. This will allow Vicki and her committee to review and provide some more information to this proposal. Candee Foss made the motion to Table. Jeff Pyle 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Performance Award of Merit – *Julie Degen - Report Attached*

1. Approve committee members: Kristin Brooks Jones, Dawn van Dyken, Debra Hnath, Patricia Schneiderjohn. John Ayotte made a motion to accept the committee members. Ileana Nogueras 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve change of PAM qualifying period to align with the calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Candee Foss made the motion to accept the date change. Ann Solt 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve expanding the PAM program to adding 5 additional levels. The proposed program would include:
PAM – Performance Award of Merit
PAMB – Performance Award of Merit Bronze

PAMS – Performance Award of Merit Silver
 PAMG – Performance Award of Merit Gold
 PAMP – Performance Award of Merit Platinum
 PAMD – Performance Award of Merit Gold

Julie discussed the different levels and the challenge it takes for someone to obtain these titles. It gives incentive to the owner to continue training/working with the dog. She also noted that they have changed the level 1. She feels that in order for a dog to get a PAM level 1, the dog must be able to perform off leash.

Ileana suggested we marry the title award with the treasurer in that we need to recognize these awards.

John voiced that he thought it should be compressed into a couple of levels as opposed to 5 levels. Ann also voiced concern as to where does it stop in regards of the levels. Julie stated she worked with other members in determining the levels and difficulty to obtain them. She just feels that if someone does obtain this, they deserve recognition from the club, whether it be with a plaque, medal or in the review. She liked the thought of adding the brick to the plaque as they obtained additional levels (like the Dual Award, you get the initial large Plaque then afterwards a bar is added). Erin thought maybe give them a pin, like what Laura has provided for club members. Pam thought we could add this expense/award to the National trophy/awards.

Candee made the motion to accept item #3 to have the 5 levels for the PAM. Jeff 2nd the motion. Candee Foss then made the motion to “amend” the motion to have the 5 levels, but asked that Julie would have the opportunity to work with Budget and Finance on the actual awards given to the participant and then present it to the Board at the next meeting. Jeff Pyle 2nd the “amended” motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Education – Bob Drescher

Candace Brewer submitted a bio and asked to be a member of the GSDCA education committee. Candee Foss motioned to accept Candace as a committee member. Jeff Pyle 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Futurity – Cyndi Flautt

Cyndi motioned that we approve her members of the 2022 Futurity Committee: Patty Korsch, Assistant to Chair, John Ayotte, Linda Bankhead, Holly Bryan, Candee Foss, Christine Grainger, Jeanne Hamilton, Michael Metz and Karin Wagner. Ileana Nogueras 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Cyndi asked for approval of the clubs and weekends for the 2023 Futurity/Maturity shows.

Region	Club	Proposed Weekend	AKC weekend #
South Pacific	Grand Canyon GSDC	March 17-19, 2023	11
Southwest	GSDC of Austin	April 7-9, 2023	14
Southeast	GSDC of Atlanta	April 21-23, 2023	16
Mid Atlantic	GSDC of Western PA	May 5-7, 2023	18

Northwest GSDC of Washington State	May 12-14, 2023	19
Great Lakes GSDC of Gtr Cincinnati	May 26-29, 2023	21
Midwest GSDC of Gtr Kansas City	June 9-11, 2023	23
Northeast GSDC of Central Mass.	June 16-18, 2023	24
Mid Pacific GSD Fanciers of N. CA	June 23-25, 2023	25

Candee Foss 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Junior Program Report – Nancy Godek-McDonald

Nancy asked that the following items be approved by the Board.

- 2022 Budget of \$4,000.00 – this is for reimbursement of a \$1000.00 per event for 4 juniors to travel to Westminster and /or AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin
- \$200.00 to Robert Hamilton Award winner
- \$100.00 GPA award winner
- \$750.00 – Top 10 Ribbons
- 6 review pages to promote juniors/clinics during year
- 2 pages in Futurity Catalogs – Junior Program for “Hand’s on Clinic “at Futurities
- Seminar after judging Friday in the main ring
- Pizza Party following the hands-on portion of the Junior seminar of Friday outside of main ring at the completion of judging
- Presentation of the Top 10 Juniors Presentation based on AKC points. Ileana asked that we recognize any junior/under the age of 18 from other venue’s (SV or AKC juniors, 4 H). Nancy will bring this up to her committee in see if there is another way to recognize juniors for their achievements in the various venues of the dog sport- before the Top 20 dogs at the National

Ileana motioned that we accept Nancy’s requested items and budget. Cyndi 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

(All of the Junior funds come from the trust – this was also discussed and Confirmed in the Trust and was passed).

XI. Marketing Committee – Jeff Pyle

Jeff asked that the board approve the following as members of the 2022 Marketing Committee:

- Jeff Pyle - Chair
- Christine Grainger
- Jami Winstrom
- Kathaleen Strong
- Jody Duin
- Troy Simpson
- Lisa Correia
- Timothy Maddox
- Kara Baird
- Ariel Cassista
- Pam O’Dell’’’’

Cyndi Flautt made a motion that we approve the 2022 Marketing committee. Ileana Noguerras 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff shared a few updates on the AKC color insert. His committee will be meeting next week to work on the Gazette to hopefully send something for the March issue. His committee will also be working on Product to get to John for the GSDCA store.

XII. Nominating Committee – Steve Bloom
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XII. Membership Report – Laura Gilbert

Laura shared that at the 2019 Board meeting that if the membership forgot to renew their membership, there was an option to “bridge” their membership. Original joining date will be reinstated with a minimum number of years (10) prior to the lapse. The “bridge” can be up to 5 years. In order for reinstatement, the member must pay the on-line dues amount for each of the missing years. This was moved by Laura Gilbert, 2nd by Deborah Stern. Passed unanimously.

Laura is asking to complete the concept by adding:

- This can be done once during the duration of a membership
- Must have a minimum of 10-year membership history
- Can only be done for a maximum of 5 years
- Member can not run for the Board of Directors for 5 years
- Member can not run for Officer of the Board for 7 years.

This was not added in the P&P and she is asking the Board that these criteria be added. John made a motion that we add the criteria to the minutes and P&P. Ileana 2nd the motion. Jeff asked that we discuss if we could go back further with verification and the member pays for that time period. Laura again discussed the process of bridging the membership through the store. Basically, they only get the time, no review. John therefor rescinded the motion and asked that it be Tabled for further review till the next meeting.

Laura shared that SV clubs have been paying for their members – she has discontinued this process as the member should apply for membership, not the club on behalf of the member. Laura also shared with the Board that at the end of July she will step down from the Membership Committee. She is looking for someone to replace her and would have no problem mentoring that person. Laura has brought the Master database up to date. Her committee has been sending our renewal notices, enabling and disabling members at the website level. Laura’s commitment to this position is recognized by the board and we will be very sorry to lose her.

XIII. GSDCA Office – Laura Gilbert

Laura made a motion that she needs to order more Silver Medallions. She recommended that we contact the company that Cyndi is using in Canada for the medallions that are used for the ROM plaque. This will save us in cost to the club. She gave a description of the medallions currently being used. She asked to order 500 as she feels this will cover 4 years. Ann 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Cyndi will give Laura the contact information for Laura’s use.

Laura also made a motion that she’s asking to raise the cost of the bronze medallions from \$7.50 to \$10.00 on line - due to inflation costs. John Ayotte 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. National Specialty Report – Gail Stiefferman (Report not received)

Gail is working on a contract to have Dog Show Video Pros, Irv, do our National in Ocala. He will not charge the club. His cost is slightly higher for the members. He just recently videoed the Golden Retriever National. Gail will get that to Budget and Finance. She is working on the schedule for the various events. Tuesday – Pre show and Temperament. We have 3 days of obedience and rally – normally starts Wed – Fri -due to agility not being able to hold first Sat/Sun as there is an All-Breed agility club holding theirs and they will not move their date, she has her agility co-chair, Laura, who lives in Florida have decided that there will be 2 days of all breed agility on Monday and Tuesday and everything else will move up a couple of days. This puts the national agility on Wednesday and Thursday. We should still be able to make some money on this venue. Gail and Erin are still working on the contract schedule with Ocala. Going to move obedience/Rally forward to Thursday – Saturday. This should increase our attendance at the Victory dinner as they will still be there. The judges are ok with these days. Pam asked Gail where the temperament test was going to be held. We need to finalize this contract. Ileana suggested if we could get an arial map for the national events, it would help the members find the various events.

Gail Stiefferman asked for permission (motion) to apply for a regional obedience / rally trial. The N. Florida club has agreed to pay for the application fee, trophies and other costs incurred for this show. The club will chair these events. All the proceeds for this Thursday event will go to the N. Florida club GSDC. Ann Solt 2nd . Motion passed unanimously.

Gail asked for approval to have a local all-breed agility judge (Monday/Tuesday) and a National judge (Wednesday/Thursday). Erin Nellis 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tracking – she is working with Erin on the location on site. Erin is negotiating the contract and will see if she can get that included for a reasonable cost. Ileana brought up the fact that the judges were going to visit the site, per Gail’s conversation with them at the last meeting. Gail shared that they still haven’t gone there. Erin is just trying to button up the contract so tracking and the other items can be finalized for the agreement with Ocala. Erin has a working relationship with Ocala and is trying to finalize it.

Herding Report – Julie Degen

Julie asked that we

1. Please approve the following members to be on the 2022 National Herding Committee: Amanda Piala, Debbie Ekstrom, Susan Sullivan, Emily St. Hillaire, Janet Elle, Holly Whitney, Patti Rosati Harpster, Cathy Lester, Cynthia Curran, Cyndi Flautt, Sue Sacco, Sam Sacco Ann Solt made a motion to approve the committee. Ileana Noguerras 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Rusty Jeffers was elected as judge for the 2022 GSDCA National. No further arrangements can be made until the locations and dates are approved.

3. National schedule & location Proposal:

FRIDAY, 30Sept22: Herding Judge flies into either Boston (MA) or Hartford (CT)

SATURDAY, 1Oct22: C Course plus PT Boundary, Instinct Testing, Farm Dog Certification at Creepy Hollow Farm in Spencer, MA. The property is leased by the Blackstone Valley Herding Group Association and the BVHGA owns the sheep. The German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern New Hampshire sponsors most of the events at this site and there is a strong group (many members of the GSDCA) that is willing to work and help our trial be a success.

SUNDAY, 2Oct22: C Course plus PT Boundary, Instinct Testing, Farm Dog Certification in Spencer, MA

MONDAY, 3Oct22: TRAVEL DAY. Judge and competitors travel to next herding site in PA.

TUESDAY, 4Oct22: Courses A & B. Sheep, ducks, and potentially cattle can be offered at Scarlet's Mill in Birdsboro, PA. GSDs would have priority for entry, and we would offer special prizes for GSDs. Scarlet's Mill has German Shepherds (some of the handlers/owners are GSDCA members) actively training and trialing there. It is very well known on the East Coast for being the premier site for trialing. It is clean, well-organized, with fantastic livestock that are accustomed to being worked by a variety of upright dogs. It is the home site for Del Bay Herding Club and they can help organize the trials.

WEDNESDAY, 5Oct22: Courses A & B. Sheep, ducks, and potentially cattle can be offered.

Pam thought we were going to have herding in Ocala and not offer "C" course. Val Manning sent in a proposal regarding the herding event using two sites in the Ocala area. Lenny has had several people wanting to have everything in Ocala area. Erin asked that we come up with a "long term" solution for direction on handling the herding trials in the future.

Pam asked that we table item #3 as we just received the report and if we can get the judge in both locations. Julie will have a special meeting with her committee and revisit this with the board.

Ileana will propose a directive to Patty Korsch. Ileana asked that Julie be a part of this as she has herding experience. Pam stated that Patty work on this, and Patty can ask Julie to be on the committee with her to help in finding herding trial areas. Ileana Noguerras made a motion to table this for further discussion. John Ayotte 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

National Report, Cont...Gail Stiefferman

Pam asked that Gail have her committee people for the April meeting. It would be nice if we could utilize members in the Florida area and Gail stated that she will email the local clubs to see if they could help. Gail will also give us her committee (pre-show, vendors, reserved seating, trophies, ribbons and hospitality) and performance chairs prior to the April meeting. Erin will increase the number of hotel rooms we can have on hold at the discounted rate. Erin was wondering if there was a way, we could do a survey to see how many people are going to stay at the host hotel. Erin will look at increasing the number of rooms. Ileana Noguerras made a motion for Erin to move forward with this for the membership. Candee Foss 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Erin also notes that you can make reservations and they can be cancelled before 9/9/2022. There is no prepayment, just a credit card to hold.

Gail also stated that she and Laura had numbers from past hotel numbers and she will share these with us at the next meeting. Gail also stated that the trailer is at Brylee and will be fixed soon.

Cyndi also suggested that if the chair/person that is responsible for duties at the national, please have their co-chair there at the National to make sure the tasks are done so that Gail doesn't have to worry about this. If she could delegate the tasks this will make the National more efficient and be a help to Gail.

XV. P & P Manual – Ileana Noguerras - Report

Ileana made a motion to approve the following: She stated that in past years the application haven't been complete. She suggested the following

Editing the National nominating/judges' applications to include a checklist with:

- Due date
- Candidate approval and confirmation
- Required signatures confirmation
- Other requirements (member in good standing, length of membership, etc.)

Candee Foss made a motion to approve these changes. Gail Stiefferman 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gail mentioned that show applications have to be into Gail 24 weeks prior to close. Ileana she will review the P&P to show this and merge the two areas that goes back to show committee guidelines. Hopefully this will help avoid misunderstanding and places the responsibility of the completed application with the candidate and facilitates the process for the Corresponding Secretary. Ileana asked that when a change is made to the P&P that the date it was changed be added to the item that was changed.

Cyndi Flautt (Futurity Chair) did an overhaul in the Futurity section and made many updates to make that section easier to navigate for the members. Way to go Cyndi, that was a job and a half.

UPDATE NEEDED:

Regional clubs – AKC rules – Qualifications to host regional shows

Club must have and event committee consisting of 5 members, which must be PC members.

All updates must include posting dates to reflect latest changes and ease navigating the P&P.
(04/2021)

XVI. Performance Stats – Shelley McLaren – Report and Action Items

The Board wanted to thank Ellen Pfann for all her hard work last year! Shelley provided you with a status update on outcome from the Zoom mtg regarding performance stats. The proposed committee consists of the individuals listed below, along with the agreed upon assignments. We are happy to share that in addition to covering rally, we will pick back up on providing obedience stats and awards. In addition, we will investigate into the ability to provide statistics for agility and if successful, offer our proposal to the board for formal addition of the stats and associated awards.

Shelley asked that we approve her committee:

Chair – Shelley McLaren

Rally – Gail Phillips

Obedience – Shelley McLaren

Agility investigation – Cynthia Curran

Laura Gilbert made the motion to accept the committee. Ileana Noguerras 2nd the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Ann abstained as she was out of the room during the motion).

XVII. Red Book Committee – Kim McNamara

Action Item: Please approve my Committee of Ileana Noguerras, Chris Carter, Dee Lauffer, Lynn Goswick, Janeane Cappara and Toni Pals.

Background: I have been a member of the Red Book Committee since 1997, and solely responsible for it since late 2014. I've pretty much been a one-woman show and I'm not in any hurry to retire from it, however it is a good idea to begin to develop a transition plan. Lynn, Janeane and Toni have expressed an interest in helping with the Red Book this year and my hope is that with some experience and encouragement one or more may be able to take over as Chair in a couple of years. John Ayotte made the motion to accept the Red Book committee. Lenny Brown 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. SV Report – Pam O'Dell

Frank asked that we approve the location for and dates for the Universal, he just sent me the judges, but I didn't get the dates. Date in April for the National Combined Trial and Universal and the date for the Combined in June and the Sieger show in Ocala to correspond with our National. Here is the email that she received....

Here is the information for our proposed National Championship Trial and Universal Show coming up in April. We still need to have the European judges purchase airfare. Unfortunately, we also need to have the website created to take entries and documentation as our current website does not have the capacity to handle this. Expecting our new website will, going forward. We have the pending bids for the hotels. Will Lipp(Trial Secretary) wants to begin working with the supporting club to ensure they have all equipment, adequate tracking fields, etc. for the event.

We all recognize this should have been taken care of last year. I do not want to dwell on the past and just move us forward. I am nervous about waiting another 3 weeks to get started on all of this if we wait until the week after the Regular BOD Meeting.

QUESTION: If I take this to the Executive Committee to approve so work can begin, will this BOD ratify.

1. Approve National Championship Trial Location, date, and Chair. (Frank Fasano will confirm dates). Ileana as the SV liaison, will report to the board.
2. Approve Universal Show Location, Date and Chair.
3. Approve Contract with Premier Planning Partners, Inc. (Used previously for same cost. \$5,000) Attached.
4. Approve request from Event Chairs for budgets so we have for the Jan B&F planning meeting.

Championship:

Location: Northern Lebanon High School
345 School Drive
Fredericksburg, PA. 17026

Date: April 21, 22, 23 2022

Assisting GSDCA club: Atlantic Canine Consortium

Chair: Will Lipp

Judges have been contacted and are willing and able to officiate.

Universal Sieger Show & Breed Survey :

Location: Fredericksburg, PA. Either in the stadium or a nearby field.

Date: April 23 PM and April 24th, 2022

Assisting GSDCA club: Atlantic Canine Consortium and other GSDCA members.

Chair: Mary Gattone

The SV judge is a Kormeister and is willing and able to officiate. He is retired so does not worry about any quarantine upon return.

Hotels: We have approx. six hotels in the area of the event.

Pam asked Ileana to email Frank and get the location - as the dates may be the same as the board meeting.

Frank will confirm dates with the board. Ileana and Frank have a committee meeting Tuesday. Ileana will take it to the executive committee to approve the three dates.

It is at a high school, free of charge.

Pam would like to ask for approval of the Sieger show to be held on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of our National in Ocala, Florida on the dates of October 14, 15,16, 2022. Erin made mention of the site location and she is working on it for the SV site area.

Cyndi made mention that several members were concerned about the heat in Ocala. She asked Pam to ask the importance. Pam stated we are hearing the same concerns from members in conformation also, but it's nice to have both the events at the same area for the whole membership as it brings us all together. Having the support of the club as a unity so that the membership can benefit from all venues of this breed. Julie asked if there was someone on the SV committee who could work with Patty Korsch on future site selection. Pam thought that this was a great idea. She asks that Ileana put this on her list.

Julie Degan made the motion. Ileana Noguerras 2nd.. Ann, Laura and Gail voted against. Motion passed by majority.

XIX. SV Liaison – Ileana Noguerras

My goal is to provide information to the BOD to help better understand the comings and goings of the SV committee. This is a robust and very active committee, and I am looking forward to learning more about it.

The SV currently has 45 clubs in 20 states.

Upcoming events include:

- Bay Area Working Dog Club (1/21/22)
- San Metro Atlanta Schutzhund Club (1/22/22)
- OG Idaho (1/23/22)
- Evolution Working Dog Club (January 29-30/22)
- Twin Oaks Dog Club (March 11-13/2022)
- Wesconn Schaeferhund Verein (May 20-22/2022)

JUDGES

International Special Judge of Breeding: Morton Goldfarb

SV / Foreign Judge: Wendell Nope

GSDCA Performance Judges: Mike Karlov, Jeff Lund, Charlie Meszaros, Russ Osborn.

SV/WUSV Program Trial Judges cannot officiate at any other club that is not a recognized WUSV club. (8/15/21)

Pam stated that she had a couple of more things regarding the SV – Informational – Frank did talk to Vadeam about the qualifying so that we don't encounter the situation we did last year. He is not wanting to support using a judge from each, so if we can't find a judge from Germany, we will get one from Canada.

Pam asked that the following items be added to the minutes:

- SV office – any application to be new clubs needs to be vetted with the SV committee and brought to the board for approval. And the SV committee can approval regional events for our regional club.
- Pam asked that there be an educational program created so we can get more judges on the SV side, specific rules on how to become a conformation judge on the SV side. She would like contracts for their helpers so that there are very clear expectations on their duties and what they may be reimbursed for to help us with budgeting as we move forward. She would like the rules re-written so that we are all aware of the time lines and what is required to hold such an event
- If a regional club pays their regional dues on AKC site, they don't have to pay another club membership to do an SV, as they are a member of the GSDCA. Ileana has a breakdown of the regional clubs by state that she will send to Pam.

Pam asked for approval of the judges for the SV

Universal Sieger Show & Breed Survey – Torsten Kallenback

IGP National Championship

Lajos Foldvari – Obedience/Protection

Charlie Meszaros – Tracking

Ann Solt motioned to accept the judges. Erin Nellis 2nd the motion. Gail Stiefferman abstained. Motion passed by majority.

Ann asked that the German judges book their flights and Pam asked that she work with Ileana on this and their expenses.

XX. Temperament – Laura Gilbert

Laura discussed the ATTS test that is being offered by AKC. Pam stated that there was a video sent out. Laura stated that her committee has discussed this and that she will take it back to her committee to discuss again with regards to being able to use the AKC version for CHIC certifications as there are not many GSDCA temperament tests and can be hard to get to. Laura will share her committee's findings at the next meeting. Laura also stated that the committee is responsible for the decisions and has the knowledge as they do all the work, so it should always go to the committee in charge of that issue.

XXI – Unfinished Business and General Orders

- Review (closed session)
- Website (closed session)
- Committees (closed session)

Purpose of presentation – Berger Blanc Swiss –

The purpose is to ask for the GSDCA's permission to write a letter allowing the Berger Blanc Suisse/White Swiss Shepherd, BBS, WSSD, to enter the American Kennel Club, Foundation Stock Service, FSS, to begin the long process for full AKC recognition. Ileana spoke for the board after the BBS presenter gave her reasons/findings for the GSDCA to grant permission. It was discussed in great length that the DNA is the same as the GSCA and that this is a genetic mask that we don't allow in our breed. Until AKC recognizes this, we as a club will not allow the Berger Blanc Swiss to enter. Laura Gilbert made the motion to decline their request and until the DNA comes back from the AKC we don't discuss this again. Ann Solt 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Erin asked Pam to task her board members for fund raising – Pam has reached out to the membership to ask for volunteers. Jeff suggested to list the opportunities on FB, Review to let the members know there are vacancies available.

Nominating Committee – Closed Session

Breeders Code of Conduct – A draft was presented at the July 2021 BOD meeting. We asked for several revisions. Pam asked for a committee to work on this. It was noted that Candee had worked on this in the past. The previous committee, Shelia had done a lot of work in revising this, but we need to clarify this from the “Code of Ethics” so that there are two different and separate items.

Julie Degan and Jeff Pyle volunteered to work with Candee Foss. They will bring something back for review at the April meeting.

XXII – *New Business*

None

XXIII – *Adjournment*

Meeting adjourned at 6:09pm

Respectfully submitted by

Candee R Foss

Recording Secretary for the GSDCA