

**The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, Inc.**  
**April Board Meeting**  
**April 28, 2012 and May 17, 2012**

Phone	Conference Call
Officers	Present: Frank Fasano, Laura Gilbert, Ginny Altman. Lanalee Jorgensen Law arrived at 3:25 CDT and Nadine Grady arrived at 3:58pm.
Class of 2012 Directors	Present: Zoe Backman, Bart Bartley, Fred Migliore, Carol Moore, James Moses, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Pam O'Dell.
Class of 2013 Directors	Present: Carmen Battaglia, Lew Bunch, Bill Burggraaf, Dorothy Linn, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie. Morton Goldfarb.
Committee Chairpersons	Present: Pam Stoesser, Website; Dania Karloff, Membership; Peggy Kurz, Review Marketing; Joanie Intersimone, Futurity Committee; Tish Walker, Immediate Past President; Susan Casey, Review Editor; Helen Gleason, Education; Dalene Macintire, Obedience; Theresa Royer, Herding; Stormy Hope, Legislative Liaison.
Members	Liz Leschhorn, Paulette McGuirt, Diane Strasser, Jean Reeves, Molly Snider, John Waldrop, Didier Ardoin, Terry Chocran, Linda Sellman.
	The meeting was by conference call.
Call to Order	Frank Fasano, President, called the Regular GSDCA April Board meeting by Conference Call to order at 2:07 pm on Saturday, April 28, 2012.
<b>I. Approval of Minutes</b>	
	Zoe Backman moved that the January 2012 and the March Conference Call minutes be approved as distributed and corrected. Gary Szymczak seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
<b>II. Report of Recording Secretary - Ginny Altman</b>	
	Ginny asked the members to identify themselves before addressing the board.
<b>III. Report of Corresponding Secretary - Laura Gilbert</b>	
Petition	Laura Gilbert reported that she received a petition from 55 verified members asking that the GSDCA Board rescind the motion adopted in January to allow all AKC Registered GSD to compete for all GSDCA Performance Awards, specifically addressing the Victor/Victrix Awards. The Herding Committee and the Obedience Committee also made this request in their written reports. President, Frank Fasano noted that this will be handled under "Other Business".
Election Agent	Laura Gilbert reported that she received bids for conducting the election with favorable pricing from Honest Ballot. Dean Wylie moved, Bill Burggraaf seconded moved to approve Honest Ballot as the Election Agent. The motion was approved by general consent.
<b>IV. Report of the Vice-President - Lana Jorgensen Law</b>	
Streaming Video	Lanalee Jorgensen-Law reviewed the outstanding invoice for the streaming video service completed in October of 2011. The service for 2012 will be approximately \$10,000. Bill Burggraaf suggested that we hear the report but defer the vote until July. There was additional discussion as to the need to decide early enough in the year to take advantage of advertising opportunities. There was extensive discussion regarding streaming video and the service that it is to the club and that it will be a key service in 2013. Lana has plans to communicate the ability of members to advertise on the streaming video far enough ahead to have some income from advertising. She plans a Constant Contact communication and is planning to take advertising commitments earlier this year.

Motion	Bill Burggraaf moved, Dean Wylie seconded that we go forward with the streaming video. The motion carried with all voting in favor of the motion except for Gary Szymczak and Carmen Battaglia who were opposed and Nancy Harper-Mulvaney who abstained.
<b>V. Report of the Executive Committee - Frank Fasano</b>	
Audit	Frank Fasano reported that the audit is not yet ready. Carmen Battaglia, Frank Fasano and Nadine Grady have received a request for further information from the auditor.
<b>VI. Report of President - Frank Fasano</b>	
Wells Fargo Account	Carmen Battaglia, Dean Wylie, and Frank Fasano will be meeting with Dan Yee, President of WDA on the financial arrangements of the World Trial. The Wells Fargo account which has approximately \$20,000 in reserves has been set up as the World Trial Account and checks are being deposited in the account. Laura Gilbert inquired if we had more than one account and it was confirmed that the GSDCA has another account with Wells Fargo. Pam stated that the GSDCA has one account with Wells Fargo for the Charitable Trust and the purpose of that is to account for Tax deductible contributions for the World Trial. Nadine Grady must be notified of all deposits being made to either account and the purpose / designation of the deposit.
Size of Board Implementation	Frank Fasano asked the Board to approve a bylaws change Article IV to be submitted to the AKC reducing the number of directors from fourteen to eight. The question of how this would be implemented was raised and Frank Fasano explained the following: The implementation would be following a membership vote in 2012. The number of Board Members elected for a two year term in 2012 would be seven. In 2013 for the first phase of implementation four (4) directors would be elected instead of seven (7) for a Board of sixteen members, five officers and eleven directors. In 2014 the number of directors elected for a two-year term would be four (4), at which time the total number of Board of Directors would be thirteen (13), including five officers and eight (8) directors. The Board of Directors beginning January 1, 2015 would be five Officers and eight Directors. Four directors elected in alternating years.
Motion Amendment	Bart Bartley moved and Dorothy Linn seconded that we adopt the motion to submit the Article IV proposed amendment of the bylaws to the AKC and following the AKC approval to send it to the membership on the 2012 ballot. The motion was made and seconded to amend the motion to specify the terms of implementation as described to be included as part of what is sent to the AKC and to appear on the ballot as well.
Vote	For the Amendment: Unanimous. Lanalee Jorgensen-Law and Nadine Grady absent for the vote.  For the Motion: All were in favor except Dean Wylie who abstained and Lanalee Jorgensen-Law and Nadine Grady who were absent for the vote.
Board Meeting Costs	Frank Fasano suggested that the reimbursement be limited to \$500 per Board member per board meeting. There was extensive discussion pro and con. There was concern that we have capable members who will not be able to serve on the Board because of the cost to them and this would disenfranchise some from serving. There was discussion that there might be members who would not reach the amount of \$500 in expenses and others would have expenses that far exceed \$500.00 and that would not be a fair disbursement. It seemed that all agreed that there is a need to reduce the total cost of the Board meetings. In addition, it was recognized that the current elected Board understood the terms under which they would be reimbursed, were they elected to serve. There was support for cost reduction but concern for they way it is accomplished.
Committee appointed	Without objection, Frank Fasano appointed Bart Bartley to chair a committee with members Dean Wylie and Pam O'Dell to look into methods of accomplishing cost savings at Board meetings and report back in July.

	<p>Frank Fasano asked that the following committee members be approved for the following committees. Diana VanErem, Membership; Gail Steeferman, appointed to the newly formed National Conformation Committee, as requested by Carol Moore, Gail Steeferman, Futurity; and Dr Jean Tuttle, Health and Genetics.</p> <p>The additional members to the various Committees were approved without objection.</p>
<b>VII. Treasurers Report - Nadine Grady</b>	
	Nadine Grady submitted a written report to the Board including statements through March 31,2012 from Wells Fargo and Bank of America as well as a Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss.
<b>VIII. Report of AKC Delegate - Carmen Battaglia</b>	
	Carmen reported that the AKC has sent out the new point schedule which he has made available to the GSD Review.
<b>IX. Committee Reports</b>	
Futurity -Carol Moore	
	Carol Moore reported that she sent a report with recommendations for the 2014 Futurity Host Clubs. For those clubs where there were multiple bids submitted, Carol Moore recommends Cincinnati and Greater New Haven. Pam O'Dell moved that the recommendations of the Futurity Chair for 2014 Host Clubs be approved, Dean Wylie seconded. Motion was adopted without objection.
	The following Host Clubs were approved for 2014. Mid-Pacific- Golden State GSDC; North-East-Greater New Haven; Mid-Atlantic- Delaware Valley; Great Lakes - Cincinnati; North-West - GSDC Washington State; South-West - GSDC Dallas; Southern-Pacific - GSDC Long Beach; Mid-West - GSDC St. Louis; South-East - GSDC Northern Florida.
Nominating Committee Report	
Motion	Laura Gilbert reported that she has received nominations for twelve judges for conformation and seven for Obedience and two for Herding. She has not yet received any for Agility. Dorothy Linn moved, Zoe Backman seconded that the judges as submitted by nomination be approved to appear on the ballot for conformation and performance and that all others run by petition which is due August 12. Motion carried without objection.
	The conformation judges nominated to appear on the ballot are: Didier Ardoin, Gloria Birch, Sandra Card, Helen Franklin, Charlotte LaRosa, Barbara Lopez, Kathy Potter, Dave Rinke, Robert Slay, Kathy Steen, Karin Wagner and Jamie Walker. Obedience/Rally Judges nominated are: Gregory Feathers, Patricia Gannon, Mary Higdem, Jerry Iermiero, Harlowe Jahelka, Ronald Roberts, and Theresa Walker. Agility: Robert Jeffers. Herding: Barbara Lockard and Carol Wolfram.
National Show Sites - Bill Burggraaf	

July Board Meeting	Bill noted that the decision has been made to have a face-to-face Board Meeting in St Louis in July. He went on to explain that a number of show sites will need to be selected in the coming years. 2012 is going very well and the grant that has been awarded will nearly cover the cost of agility.
Future Sites	The future sites are being looked at and Dick Jones will be following up on a bidding process of five or six sites to be reported in July. The auditors suggested looking at a site to use multiple years to effectively reduce costs. There have been changes made at the Purina site which would allow us to have enough room for performance and conformation inside.
	Frank Fasano stated that part of the search will be presented as a blind search, not naming the site but outlining the costs, including airfare and flights available that will accommodate dogs.
Budget and Finance - Carmen Battaglia	
	The Budget and Finance committee continues to review all expenses and make recommendations for cost savings.
Obedience - Dalene Mcintire	
	Laura Gilbert reported that Dalene asked that the communication from the board action be conveyed to the committee chairs when they have had an action item in their reports. Ginny Altman outlined the minutes distribution process. Dalene was present and participated in the discussion.
Herding - Theresa Royer	
	In her written report Theresa states: This years Herding Events will take place hosted in three different locations to accommodate our herding enthusiasts! We will begin on Sunday, October 7th at Rancho Terra Norte' in Wellington, CO with our C-course, PT boundary and AKC tending style Herding Instinct testing events. We will move to Valdemar Farm in Ft Lupton on Monday, October 8th and
	Tuesday, October 9th for A Course sheep and ducks, B-Course sheep, HT/PT and our Non-Regular Ranch Course on sheep. We will wrap up our herding events for 2012 at The Ranch in Loveland, CO on Wednesday, October 10th with AKC round pen style Herding Instinct testing. We have taken action on membership feedback and this year we will have 2 AKC licensed Judges providing instinct testing so the AKC Instinct Certificate will be provided for those participants passing the test under both Judges.  Our 2012 Herding Judges will be Bob Dias and Carol Ann Hartnagle. Bob has been involved in herding and sheepdogs since 1993. He started training and competing in AKC and AHBA with German Shepherd Dogs. One of his German Shepherd Dogs was a two-time rescue and earned an HCH title on the "B" course against a class comprised solely of Border Collies. After earning an HCH title in less than 15 months, from the dog's first run in the HX class to his Herding Championship, Bob competed with the same German Shepherd Dog in sanctioned USBCHA trials at the pro-novice level. Carol Ann is the third of four Hartnagle generations to enjoy a lifetime association with working stock dogs. From the time she was a child, she saw and used Australian Shepherds in the environment for which they were originally intended. Her family's bloodline, Hartnagle's Las Rocosa Aussies was founded in 1955.  If you are interested in contributing towards our trophies, would like to assist with our herding events or have any questions, please contact me via email <a href="mailto:theresaroyer@hotmail.com">theresaroyer@hotmail.com</a> or call me at 650.224.6442. Look for more details in the upcoming GSDCA Advanced brochure.
Regional Club Challenge - Gloria Sinclair	
	Gloria in her written report noted that the This is an updated list that has board approval is currently listed on the Challenge Form on the parent club web site.

Health and Genetics - Barbara Williams	
	<p>In her written report Barbara states: I have been answering calls and emails, from private GSD Owners, for help... It is truly heartbreaking , to have so many who feel they are alone and can't understand what is happening to their Beloved GSD'S...</p> <p>We are, unfortunately, seeing more Epilepsy than we have seen in the past... One Lady had a litter of Six pups and all had Epilepsy. Another called and had purchased an 'expensive' GSD PUP, they LOVE!! He developed such severe Elbow Dysplasia they spent \$2500.00 on surgery to repair his elbows, only to find he has HD... However, I was able to see the Vet's report , they provided, and I think the Dog, has a possible chance to survive the HD, with Loving Care and ADVICE, , which I did my best to advise them, which they are delighted to provide. This Is "Their Baby!!"...</p>
Breeders Code - Kathy Salvucci	
	<p>In her written report to the Board Kathy states: The list of signers is current. We had 403 signers as of January 1, 2012, 2 new signers were added and 20 signers have been removed for non-renewal.</p>
<b>X. Other Business</b>	
American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation, Inc. - Tish Walker	
Motion	<p>Frank Fasano explained that there has been a request from the AGSD Charitable Foundation to use email list of the GSDCA. The Foundation wishes to communicate with the members regarding the activities of the Foundation and does not plan to use this communication to solicit donations.</p> <p>Dean Wylie moved Zoe Backman seconded that the American GSD Charitable Foundation be permitted to use the mailing list of the GSDCA.</p> <p>The motion carried without objection.</p>
	<p>Tish was present during the conference call and expressed to the Board the gratitude of the Foundation.</p>
Marketing Committee – Lew Bunch	
Credit Card	<p>Lew Bunch reported that he has explored the opportunity of the GSDCA to realize another source of income by virtue of applying to have a GSDCA Credit Card. This would be advertised to members and other GSD fanciers so that when an individual obtains a GSDCA credit card the Club will realize some income from those using the designated credit card.</p>
Motion	<p>Lew Bunch moved that he be authorized to enter into the agreement to obtain the GSDCA credit card and to send a communication out to membership inviting them to apply for the GSDCA credit card. Gary Szymczak seconded the motion.</p> <p>Adopted without objection.</p>

German Shepherd Book - Raising and Training Your German Shepherd Dog	
Book	<p>Laura Gilbert explained that Barbara Woefel Lopez is the author of this book and is going to update this book and dedicate the book to GSDCA and wishes to donate the book to the GSDCA if the GSDCA wishes to accept this donation.</p> <p>The donation was accepted with gratitude.</p>
Petition and Committee requests regarding January Motion	
Motion to RESCIND	<p>Dorothy Linn clarified that the AKC Awards and GSDCA Awards for performance have always been available for any of the dogs entered in the Herding Trials with the exception of Special Awards of Merit with criteria based on Mission Statements requiring dogs to be free of Breed Standard Disqualifying faults.. The Victor/Victrix awards and the Alan Sandell Elite Awards were created by the specific performance committees to encourage and reward the owners of conformation dogs that continued training to the highest levels of performance required to qualify for these Awards of Merit.</p> <p>Nancy Harper-Mulvaney moved, Nadine Grady seconded that the motion adopted in January that all registered GSD be eligible for GSDCA Awards be rescinded. Following discussion and review that a petition was received from 55 members and noting that there are action items requesting rescinding the January motion in the reports from Obedience and Herding Committees, the vote was taken: Those in favor of Rescinding the Motion: Nadine Grady, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, and Dorothy Linn.</p> <p>Opposed to Rescinding the Motion: Bart Bartley, Lew Bunch, Laura Gilbert, Lanalee Jorgensen-Law, Zoe Backman, Fred Migliore, Carol Moore, Bill Burggraaf, Carmen Battaglia, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie, and Morton Goldfarb. Abstain: Ginny Altman and Pam O'Dell. Absent for the vote: Jim Moses</p> <p>Frank Fasano declared that the Motion to Rescind failed.</p>
<b>XI. Liaisons to the GSDCA Board</b>	
Search and Rescue - Barbie Balyeat	
	<p>In her written report Barbie says : Once again, I would like to ask anyone who is interested in search and rescue work to please contact me.</p> <p>Search and rescue is a natural for a German Shepherd. They want to keep the herd together. Whenever I am on a search, or a training exercise and have a non-dog person as a back up, they always ask, "Why does your dog keep coming back to me?" My response is, "He wants to make sure the "herd" stays together!" Then I proceed to explain about herding and the fact that when someone is missing, the dog wants to bring that person back to the herd.</p> <p>Please think about encouraging a new puppy buyer to see if this dedication is right for him/her.</p>
SV WUSV Liaison - David Landau	

Calendar of Events	<p>Important events in 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SV Junior Championship (IPO, Agility, Breed Show) in Hockenheim from May 26-28.</li> <li>• WUSV Universalsieger competition in Nova Gorica, Slovenia from June 15-17.</li> <li>• SV FCI Qualification Trial in Marburg-Cappel from June 22-24.</li> <li>• SV Siegerschau in Ulm from Aug. 31-Sept.2; WUSV General Assembly Sept. 3.</li> <li>• SV Bundessiegerprüfung (IPO-3 Championship in conjunction with the Agility Championship) in Bayreuth from Sept. 14-16.</li> <li>• SV Bundesleistungshüten (HGH Championship) in Hüttenberg-Hörnsheim from Sept. 21-23.</li> <li>• WUSV Weltmeisterschaft in Steyr, Austria from Oct. 3-7, in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration of the SVÖ (Austrian German Shepherd Dog Club).</li> <li>• SV Bundesfährtenhundprüfung (Advanced Tracking Championship) in Lathan from Nov.3-4.</li> <li>• WUSV Agility Championship in Thalfang, Germany from Nov. 16-18.</li> </ul>
Legislative Liaison - Stormy Hope	
	<p>In her written report Stormy says: There is an increasing need to be inclusive with other animal organizations to combat the continual pressures of animal rights organizations. In the last year, I have intensified my participation in National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), Sportsmen and Animal Owners Voting Alliance (SAOVA) and others. Hopefully, more GSDCA members will join and support these organizations that encompass all animals.</p> <p>There will be a NAIA conference in Redondo Beach, CA, November 10-11, 2012. I encourage all to attend, as the programs are always exciting, informative and educational. California Responsible Pet Owners Coalition, (CaRPOC) an organization of which I am Vice-President is a sponsor of this Conference. Go to <a href="http://www.naiaonline.org">http://www.naiaonline.org</a> for more information. I hope to see you there.</p> <p>As your Legislation Liaison to AKC, I welcome suggestions on how I can be of more help to you. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:stormyhope@gmail.com">stormyhope@gmail.com</a> with any and all comments and suggestions. I am only one person and look forward to the time that the Legislation Committee is formed for a more comprehensive GSDCA legislation program</p>
Closed Session	The Board adjourned the Saturday, April 28, 2012 to meet in Closed Session at 4:35pm.
	The Board met in closed session to discuss a proposed settlement offer. The Board approved the terms of the settlement offer.
Adjourned	The Board adjourned at 5:15pm to reconvene at a weekday adjourned meeting in May as determined by the President..

	<b>Minutes of the Adjourned meeting of the April Board Meeting of the GSDCA Board.</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	The May 17, 2012 session was called to order at 7:30pm.
Present	All Officers and Board Members were present after Carol Moore and Carmen Battaglia arrived at 8:05pm.
<b>XII. Unfinished Business</b>	
ATAA	Frank Fasano reported that in Nicki Hood's written report she has requested no change in awards from what is currently described under the Annual Training Achievement Awards requirements. The Board spoke in favor of the recommendation of the chair.
Parade of Greats	Frank Fasano noted that he has had several requests to reduce the fee for participants in the Parade of Greats from \$75 for 2012.
Motion	Frank informed the Board that the cost quoted to us from the superintendent is about \$47.45 for ribbon and cost of the page in the catalog. Nadine Grady moved to reduce fee to \$50 for 2012, seconded by Jim Moses.
Vote	There was discussion that in 2006 an award was donated to the GSDCA to cover the cost of the Parade of Greats. The idea, at that time, was that each year someone would donate the cost. That has not been what has happened. The rosette is printed with the dog's name and the catalog is printed and when there was no fee, many entered for the ribbon and the page in the catalog and did not show their dog at the National.  Motion carried unanimously.

Dual Award Motion	Amber Turley noted that currently the dog must have two titles earned by the same owner but that there have been times when the dog has earned one title under one owner and a second title under a new owner. It is her recommendation that we allow Dual Awards even if the ownership has changed.
Amended	Morton Goldfarb moved and Dorothy Linn seconded that the Policy and Procedure Manual be changed to reflect that the requirements for Dual Award no longer require that the same member own the dog when both titles are put on the dog. The current award year is June 1, 2011 to June 1, 2012. Ginny Altman moved to amend the motion to say "effective June 1, 2011". Second by Gary Szymczak. Amendment adopted unanimously.
Vote	Motion carried unanimously.
Request for New Award	Amber asked that we consider Dual Award Excellent, which would require AKC Championship plus a performance title, plus normal hips and elbows and have passed the GSDCA temperament test. This has the support of the AOE committee as well. Following discussion, it was unclear to some if there were changes in the AKC that might affect this award as Carmen Battaglia noted that there are Companion events and Performance events offered by the AKC.
Postponed	Dean Wylie moved, Dorothy Linn seconded that this motion be postponed to July. Those in Favor: Lanalee Jorgensen-Law, Nadine Grady, Fred Migliore, Carol Moore, Jim Moses, Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Pam O'Dell, Carmen Battaglia, Lew Bunch, Bill Burggraaf, Dorothy Linn, Gary Szymczak, Dean Wylie, Morton Goldfarb. Those opposed: Laura Gilbert, Ginny Altman, Zoe Backman, Bart Bartley.
Red Book Motion	Frank Fasano, at the request of the Red Book Chair, asked that the Board approve an e-book for the Red Book at the cost of \$20.00 available on the GSDCA website for download as compared to the book format which is \$30.00 Discussion that the cost of putting the Red Book up on the website was an unknown factor. Carmen Battaglia moved, Morton Goldfarb seconded, that the decision be deferred to the Exec Committee when the costs have been verified. Motion carried unanimously.
Litter Nominations	There was discussion on the difficulty of getting the pedigree and the litter nomination numbers to the Red Book. Frank asked Laura and Carol work with Liz and Frank to look into this and come back in July with a recommendation for a solution.
Award CD	The GSDCA purchases an Award CD for approximately \$400. It is believed that this goes to the ROM chair. Nadine Grady will look into this and report back to the Board in July.
Trust	The meeting of the GSDCA Trust will follow the adjournment of the GSDCA Board Meeting.
Adjourned	The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.
	Ginny Altman, Recording Secretary

