



**GSDCA BOARD MEETING**  
**July 29-31, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

Roll call: Pam O'Dell, Candee Foss, Gail Stiefferman, Laura Gilbert, John Ayotte, Erin Nellis, Lenny Brown, Ann Solt, Julie Degen, Cyndi Flautt, Steve Bloom, Ileana Noguerras – Jeff Pyle joined after meeting started.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05am PST

**I. MINUTES**

4/23/2022  
6/14/2022  
6/20/2022

**II. REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY** ..... Candee Foss

*Candee Foss made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes dated 4/23/2022, 6/14/2022 and 6/20,2022. Steve Bloom 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*  
*Candee Foss made a motion to request approval of the minutes dated 4/23/2022, 6/14/2022 and 6/20/2022. Steve Bloom 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Julie Degen abstained. Motion passed.*

**III. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** .....Gail Stiefferman

*Gail Stiefferman made a motion to approve offering the gold medallions that are awarded at the national championship, so that she can get the order into Ann Solt. Ileana Noguerras 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Gail Stiefferman made a motion to accept Honest Ballet and send out the deposit. Candee Foss 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.* We are still at 50/50 electronic and mail out. There may be some additional cost for mailing as postage has gone up. Erin Nellis stated the cost would be about the same as last year. *Motion passed. (Erin abstained).* Gail Stiefferman asked if there was a list of members that have/have not opted in so that she can have them sign up at the national. Jeff Pyle suggested having an iPad to make it easier.

**IV. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** .....Pamela O'Dell

Ratify Executive Committee Requests dated 5/4/2022, 5/6/2022, 5/16/2022, 5/17/2022, 6/1/2022, 6/20/2022, 7/11/2022.

July 11, 2022

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Requesting approval for the Membership Committee Membership Committee Co-Chairs: Patricia Ray (currently serving on the Membership Committee) and Elizabeth Wilkerson (Long time member). Well versed on excel. Has worked for the Govt for 35 years and retiring at the end of summer.

Membership Committee Members: Current: Jen Proud, Kayla Summerville. Adding: Geo George

Having Co-Chairs and 3 committee members should give us strong backups and consistency for our members. Upon approval, will be scheduling training for the group with DC Web Design on our new automated Membership system. Passed Unanimously by email.

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June 20, 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Gail Stiefferman and Lori Payne have requested approval of Kadience Naomi Tayte as National Trophy Chairman. Passed Unanimously by Email

June 1, 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Requesting approval for Ileana to open a GOFUNDME account to promote and support our GSDCA Members who have qualified to represent us as part of the SV Teams going to Europe. Passed Unanimously by Email.

May 17,2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Colby Hernandez is ready to have the Sieger show website go live to get everything out to our members/non-members. She is asking for approval to create an GSDCA 2022 Sieger Show FB Page to keep everyone informed as we move forward. Requesting Approval for Colby to create our GSDCA SV 2022 Sieger Show page. Passed Unanimously by email.

May 16, 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Requesting Motion and approval as Cyndi Flautt is requesting the following for the 2023 Futurity. In January we approved the NE Futurity. Cyndi is requesting a change in the date 2023 NE Futurity. Requesting approval to change date from June 16-18, 2023, approved at the January 2022 meeting. The host club wants to hold on Monday, June 19, 2023, which is a federal holiday (Juneteenth). Please Approve this change. Approved Unanimously by Email.

May 6, 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (Entire BOD was invited)

Conference call meeting. Update with Frank Fasano and Ileana Noguerras regarding SV Events and committee Motion made by Ileana Noguerras to Approve Carl Smith as Trial Chairman for the GSDCA/USCA Combined Trial. Candee Foss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed Unanimously.

Motion Made by Ileana Noguerras to accept Mary Gattone's Letter of resignation from the SV Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> Candee Foss. Passed Unanimously.

Discussion around the SV Office Committee to take over the position. Cyndi Flautt requested a bio of the members that would serve as we are not familiar with all of them. Pam would follow up and get it out to the entire BOD.

May 4,2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The SV Committee has approved this application unanimously. Requesting APPROVAL for Pat Kuehn's Apprentice Judge Application. He meets all qualifications and criteria to become an SV Apprentice Judge. Approved Unanimously by Email

*John Ayotte made a motion to accept the ratification of the executive committee.*

*Gail Stiefferman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

- VI. **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**.....Laura Gilbert
- VII. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER** ..... Ann Solt  
Ann Solt went over the June accounting and balances for the various accounts. She turned the report over to Michael LaBelle, our CPA, audit manager, who walked us through the audit. Michael stated our books and information was for 2021 & 2020. Pam O’Dell placed the financials on the screen for the membership to see. *Ann Solt made a motion to accept the audit report as submitted. Erin Nellis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passes unanimously.*

**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. **Liaison GSDC Charitable Foundation**...*No Report*.....Debbie Hokkanen
- Liaison GSDC of Canada**... *No report* .....Bill Randall
- Liaison AGSRA(Rescue)**... *No report* .....Patty Szymczak
- Liaison** .....Dr. Theresa Coble

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. **AKC Delegate**.....Carmen Battaglia  
Carmen Battaglia went over a couple of items that AKC is proposing to publicly acknowledge and honor dogs that work for a government agency with 3 titles depending on the working skill of the dog. This new titling program is consistent with AKC’s mission of promoting purpose-bred dogs. Another proposal was to invite veterinary students to attend shows to educate them. Since the national is held near a veterinary school, he felt this would be an excellent opportunity to reach out to them. Erin Nellis’s sister is also a veterinarian, and she will see if she could also communicate with the students. *Carmen Battaglia suggested putting together an ad hoc committee(s) to work on this. Jeff Pyle made a motion to do this. John Ayotte 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
- 2. **AKC Gazette** .....Jeff Pyle(Under Marketing)
- 3. **AKC Dog Detection** ...*Report\**.....Mark French, Wilhelm Lipp, Irina Suchko  
  
\*\* see attachments
- 4. **AKC Canine Health Foundation- No Report**.....John Bemont
- 5. **Breeder’s Code of Conduct** .....Candee Foss, Jeff Pyle, Julie Degen  
Candee Foss stated that the committee was working on several drafts and that they should have something done for the October meeting.
- 6. **Budget and Finance** ..... Erin Nellis  
Erin Nellis stated that there has been a lot of “positive” change this year. She feels that we should reap the benefits in 2023. Erin stated we have hard working volunteers and wanted to highlight Lenny Brown and John Ayotte in their work on the website. Since we are transitioning to a volunteer format, we should be able to have items more up to date. The Review is also transitioning to a volunteer format. The SV is also streamlining their part; thus, all these changes will bring a new look to the GSDCA. 2023 looks exciting with all the up to date transitions the club is making. Erin Nellis stated we are looking for potential ways to help with the SV teams, as the costs are increasing.
- 7. **By-Laws** – .....XXXXXXXXXXXX

Gail Stiefferman spoke with AKC – we need to get our verbiage clearer so that we can make corrections in the P&P. Gail asked that our October board meeting verbiage be changed so that we can have the meeting on/at different times. She must work with AKC and the board for the overall verbiage. Pam mentioned that since the SV sieger show is this year, she will call a meeting to order on Sunday morning and immediately adjourned and have a follow-up meeting the following week. As the president, Pam O’Dell must be present for the SV Sieger show.

**8. Awards/Awards Committee Report- Action Item..... Vicki Bemont  
GSDCA Robert "Bob" Slay Award**

Tabled from July: Recipients of this award must be an AKC German Shepherd Dog judge and GSDCA Member for a minimum of 10 years. The recipient adheres to The AKC Code of Sportsmanship and is recognized for their outstanding breed knowledge, impartiality, and a commitment to integrity and ethical behavior. *Steve Bloom made a motion to accept this award as listed. Jeff Pyle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passes unanimously.*

**R.O.M. – Report.....** Dee Lauffer/Chris Carter  
John Ayotte stated the system is working great now and next year should require no manual entry.

**Award of Excellence – No Report .....**Laura Gilbert

**ATAA – No Report .....** Cynthia Binder DVM

**Dual Award...No Report.....**Amber Turley

**Performance Award of Merit – No report.....** Julie Degen

**Select Excellence Award... No report .....**XXXXXXXX

**Health Award of Merit... No Report .....**Ginny Altman

**Thirteen Club...No Report.....**Sherry Kenachu

**Regional Club Challenge No Report.....**Kathy Spilos

**Phyllis Kraft Award .....**Zoe Backman  
Zoe Backman was very ill and wasn’t able to get on the call. This was tabled to 8/16/2022.

**Herding Victor/Victrix Award –.....** Val Manning

Dorothy Linn asked that we include Course “D” in the title of Herding Victor/Victrix award as Course D is now approved. Dorothy Linn and the herding committee wrote the original Herding Victor/Victrix Award.

*Ileana Noguerras made a motion to add Course “D” to the title of herding victrix/victor. Candee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion was held with the board members and the different variables that are impacted by having this change. Ileana Noguerras RESCENDED her motion.*

Julie Degen and Val Manning both gave points of adding the course “D”. Val Manning joined the meeting to help discuss the scoring of the course “D”. Pam O’Dell felt that the scoring could be a “gray” area but feels that there are concerns regarding the scoring. Val explained that the judge interprets the scores and makes it work for the competition being held. Julie Degen went on to explain that they are still working on the overall scoring system for “D” course – she just doesn’t feel it should be compared at this time. *Candee made a motion to create an ad hoc committee working with Val Manning and Julie Degen and members to work out the concerns (pro’s and con’s) of this change and to table to the January meeting. Cyndi Flautt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passes unanimously.* Cyndi Flautt also suggested that other herding judges have input on this, and Pam O’Dell suggested we have the input of other breeds.

**9. Education – No Report, .....** Bob Drescher

**10. Ethics – No Report**.....Michelle Wallis

**11. Futurity – Report /Action Items** ..... Cyndi Flautt

*Cyndi Flautt made a motion to approve the Futurity/Maturity judges\*\* pending receipt of their signed contract. Candee Foss 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. (Jeff abstained as he is on the judges list) Erin Nellis also abstained. Motion passes. (\*\* See attached list of judges)*

Northeast	first choice judge	Joann (Corbin) Richards
Northeast	first alternate judge	Dr. Les Anderson
Northeast	second alternate judge	Cheryl Anderson
Mid Atlantic	first choice judge	Scott Yergin
Mid Atlantic	first alternate judge	Michael Sherman
Mid Atlantic	second alternate judge	Lenny Brown *
Southeast	first choice judge	Kenneth Tank *
Southeast	first alternate judge	Bill Basu
Southeast	second alternate judge	Cindy Bartley
Great Lakes	first choice judge	Sandy Anderson
Great Lakes	first alternate judge	Joan Fox
Great Lakes	second alternate judge	Vicki Bemont
Midwest	first choice judge	Jeffrey Pyle
Midwest	first alternate judge	Michael Sherman
Midwest	second alternate judge	Nancy Godek-McDonald
Southwest	first choice judge	Art Sinclair
Southwest	first alternate judge	Lenny Brown*
Southwest	second alternate judge	Bill Basu
South Pacific	first choice judge	Kathaleen Strong*
South Pacific	first alternate judge	Kenneth Cunningham
South Pacific	second alternate judge	Ben Bigornia*
Mid Pacific	first choice judge	Emily St. Hilaire
Mid Pacific	first alternate judge	Jack Kilgour
Mid Pacific	second alternate judge	Pat Ayers
Northwest	first choice judge	Erin Nellis
Northwest	first alternate judge	Pat Ayers
Northwest	second alternate judge	Michael Sherman
*approval pending receipt of signed contract		

*Cyndi Flautt asked that we keep the cost of the futurity/maturity pre-sold catalog to \$8.00 but raise them to \$10.00 for the ones sold on the day of the show. Jeff Pyle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Cyndi Flautt made a motion to discontinue to Amateur competition in 2023 at the regional level, but work on it at the national level starting in 2023. Due to consistent lack of support, the Futurity/Maturity committee asks that we discontinued this. Candee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The board discussed this and felt that maybe just have it at the national level. There would be logistics’ to figure out. Cyndi will take this back to her committee to discuss and get a recommendation on the classes/structure of this Amateur competition at the National level.*

*Candee Foss made a motion to reduce the Futurity/Maturity regions from 9 down to 7 regions (Cyndi Flautt provided supporting data and a map showing the new 7 regions. A list of states in each region was also provided). Erin Nellis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Jeff Pyle abstained. Motion passes. Puppies born 9/1/2022 and beyond would be nominated in the new 7 region alignment. Seven regional shows would begin in 2024. Cyndi Flautt provided supporting data and a map showing new 7 regions. A list of states in each region was also provided.*

**12. Health & Genetics – No Report** ..... Carolyn Gerganoff

**13. Historical Preservation**... No report.....Travis Scarlett

**14. Internet – Report** ..... John Ayotte

John Ayotte stated we have moved the website to new host with a couple of bumps in the road, but all is coming along. The designer is working on some issues that will be resolved. There are a couple of issues with the membership module. John Ayotte is having a meeting with the membership committee on Monday. John Ayotte has given access to a couple of his committee and as soon as they are comfortable with the progress, he will start letting other committee members have access. The store is not going to move until after the National. It will go live in November 2022. Your purchases will be recorded so that you can see past purchases. John Ayotte shared that the login will be more secure and other features will be easier to use and navigate. John Ayotte hopes that we will go live in August 2022!

**15. Insurance...No Report** .....Pamela O'Dell

**16. Juniors – - No Report** .....Nancy McDonald

**17. Legislation No Report** ..... Nancy Harper-Mulvany/Stormy Hope

**18. Legal Affairs No report** .....Sam Israel

**19. Marketing, Review Marketing – Report, Action Items**.....Jeff Pyle

Jeff Pyle gave his report. The AKC insert can't be printed in color and there is a lot of items to get approved to finalize.

Product Items – Jeff sent a spreadsheet and mockup items. The lunch bag items were removed as we already have some in the store. The Yeti tumbler is waiting on the GSDCA logo, and the other items are waiting on finalization of committee approval. The goal is to order a small amount of the items to sell at the National and then offer them at the store. Erin Nellis stated there is a budget for product items and if he is in this profit range, he is ok. *Jeff Pyle made a motion to accept the three items (Yeti Tumbler, GSDCA Beach/Grooming Table Towel and GSDCA Slip leads). Steve Bloom 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed. Ileana Nogueras abstained as she came back on the call late.*

*Jeff Pyle made a motion to add Melissa Sanders to the marketing committee as she will be taking over as lead on the GSDCA TicTock Account. John Ayotte 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

Review Management is waiting for the Print Co to respond. Just waiting for contract to finalize and Jeff will follow up with Larry this week.

*Jeff Pyle made a motion to approve new members to the Review Management Committee, Dawn Van Dyken, Kristin Brooks-Jones and Travis Praker. Ileana Nogueras 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**20. Meet the Breed... No report** .....Diane Roberts/Carolyn Gerganoff

**21. Membership – No Report** .....Laura Gilbert

**22. National Specialty – No Report**.....Gail Stiefferman/Lori Payne

2022 National Recap – Gail Stiefferman said the National is going great and is having a meeting with Rodney this week. The plan is to set up obedience, agility, rally, and conformation on Monday. So, all the rings will be in use for Tuesday morning, along with reserve seating, and general seating. On the outside of the building there are 20–50-amp hook ups so that owners and handlers can have generators. Price will be \$100 for the week and there are 18 spots (this can be found in the GSDCA store). This is only for day use. There will be indoor crating all night long and the GSDCA is responsible for any security, which she is in the process of looking for someone who can account for the coming and going of members who come in the building at night. Gail is going to check with the college to see if a vet tech may be interested in doing this.



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Premium list is almost done. Gail thanks Val Harrington and Lori Payne for all their assistance in this. Gail Stiefferman will have folders set up to find out what hotels they are staying at for documentation for the grant. Pam O'Dell asked how Kadience was doing with the trophy donations, and Gail Stiefferman will follow up with this. Gail will also add the verbiage to the constant contact regarding the Stud dog/Brood bitch class with regards to having how many animals present – she will also make sure these changes are reflected in the premium for the National.

<b>Agility – No Report</b> .....	Rhonda Meath/ Karen McKee-Bendtsen
<b>C.A.T. – No Report</b> .....	Gail Stiefferman
<b>Dock Diving – No Report</b> .....	Susan Condreas
<b>Herding – No Report</b> .....	Val Mannin/Julie Degen
<b>Obedience – No Report</b> .....	Kathleen Cook
<b>Rally – No Report</b> .....	Luann Vuckson
<b>Tracking – No Report</b> .....	Gail Stiefferman
<b>Lure Coursing No Report</b> .....	(none)
<b>Scent Work – No Report</b> .....	Hallie McMullen

**23.National Trophy Donations – No Report, .....**XXXXXXXXXX

**24.National Site Selection – Report .....** Patty Korsch

Patty Korsch sent in a detailed report for the National sites and the pros and cons with the rough estimates for the cost. Patty asked that we look at these to decide so that we can get contracts in place for future sites. Patty Korsch felt that the Reno site was favorable in that we could get a grant, herding was available and there is a club there willing to work and help. Hotels may be more expensive, less grass. The Utah site, we would have to bring in “C” course herding. Cheyenne site is a little less expensive, rougher fair grounds. The RVs are a little distance away and you would have to fly into Denver which is about 2 hours away. Weather could be an issue, but this also applies to all venues. Both Utah and Wyoming have a conflict with all breed agility. Again, there was a lot of discussion with the board members regarding the distance, availability to the membership. *Candee Foss made a motion to have the 2024 National in Reno Nevada site based on the authorization of the board working with Patty Korsch and Pam Odell. They will come back to the board for final site approval with the contract and budget. Gail Stiefferman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.* Erin Nellis recommended that we tweak the motion to reflect that we can negotiate the contract with Reno, get dates (tentative 9/21 & 22, 2024 for all breed agility and then National after that). Pam O’dell asked that she call a meeting in 2 weeks to finalize this so we can get the contracts in order (8/16/2022). *Steve Bloom opposed. Motion passed.* Discussion was held on the 2025 and 2026 National site. Purina isn’t available until early November, although this site again has everything the membership needs to have the National. Springfield Il was a nice location also, yet Gail pointed out that the cost of equipment supplies will be higher. The horse arena will have to be sodded and any meetings will be held offsite. Gail stated there are pros and cons for both sites. *Candee Foss made a motion to have the National at the Purina site in 2025 and 2026. Ileana Noguera 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Erin Nellis abstained. Motion passed.*

**25.Nominating Committee – Report.....**Steve Bloom

Steve Bloom gave his report on the committee and states that they have completed everything. They have found a new treasurer who is completing the paperwork and will be on the ballot in October.

**26.GSDCA Office- No Report.....**Laura Gilbert

**27.GSDCA Office:**

**28.Public Education Committee – Under Marketing ....**Jeff Pyle, GSDCA Interactive Michael Banks

**29.P & P Manual – No Report** –..... Zoe Backman

**30.Performance Stats... Report/Action Item** ..... Shelley McLaren

Shelly McLaren gave her report. Next year they are looking at adding another score to the stats, there is no additional expense for this report. She gets the report from AKC for \$18.00 which she pays for and will again in 2023. Cyndi Flautt stated that there are more members interested in scent work and it's a very popular sport. Julie Degen recommended Shelly add someone with detection level work, and she will get some names to Shelly for this. *Ileana Noguerras made a motion to add scent work to the performance statistics. Julie Degen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**31.Products – Under Marketing**.....Jeff Pyle

**32.Public Relations – Under Marketing** ..... Jeff Pyle

**33.Red Book – Report**..... Kim McNamara

**34.Regional Clubs –Report**.....Mary Tripp

**35.Review Management... Report – Action Items**.....Jeff Pyle(under Marketing)

**36.Search & Rescue... No report** .....Barbara Balyeat

**37.SV Office –No Report**.....Joy Schultz

**38.SV Programs – Report –Action Items** .....Ileana Noguerras, Frank Fasano  
The GSDCA SV Committee has had a very active year so far. Since the last board meeting, we've held the Combined Qualifier along with the USCA and earned 4 spots (out of 6) on the USA team competing in the World Trials in Denmark in October. This is a new record for the GSDCA!!

Also, the USA team won the Universal Sieger Show in Austria in June. Go team!

We proudly congratulate all the competitors.

Ileana Noguerras went on record and remind everyone that \$1500 does not even come close to be sufficient support for international competitors, be it SV, Agility or ANY venue. If we want to attract the kind of competitors that excel in competition and represent the GSDCA as the premier German Shepherd Dog organization in the US, we (as a club) need to do better supporting those competitors.

**Update from our WUSV Continental Director, Dr Morton Goldfarb:**

We are pleased to inform you that the 12th WUSV-World Championship UNIVERSAL 2023 shall be hosted by the Schweizerischer Schäferhunde Club (SC) in Switzerland in Sursee from July 13th to July 16th, 2023.

As soon as the event homepage is available, we will inform you accordingly and keep you updated at any time. Thank you for your attention.

(<https://www.wusv.org/veranstaltungen/universalsiegerwettbewerb>)

**Updates from the 2022 Sieger Chair, Colby Hernandez:**

- Judges are confirmed (Berne Weber (m) and Torsten Kallenbach (f)) and we have SV release
  - Show Chair: Dr Morton Goldfarb
  - Show Secretary: Mary Brito
  - Host Club: Twin Oaks Dog Club
  - Venue is set; horse arena/stadium at the back of the WEC
  - Helpers are confirmed: Pat Kuehn, Josh Scutt, Rory Kennedy & Mark Torrence
  - Marion County: Logo has been added to the event website
- (cont.)

- Entries are starting to come in



- Still waiting to hear on the outcome of the Grant
- Trophies: Colby is in talks with a vendor and working very hard to keep this expense as reasonable as possible. She has seen the sample trophies and likes them very much. She is waiting on a quote and if its not available by the time of the meeting I will make sure to forward to the Board as soon as we get it.
- There is a direct link on the GSDCA Website for the Sieger Show (WEC, Ocala FL, October 14-16, 2022)

“” The SV committee is looking for SV clubs to host the 2023 IGP National Championship and Universal Sieger show. Also, we need clubs to host the 2024 National Championship, Universal Sieger Show, GSDCA/USCA Combined Qualification Trial and the GSDCA Sieger show in the fall of 2024. The ideal location for these trials needs to be a football/soccer field with tracking closed by. The best location for the fall 2024 GSDCA Sieger show could be a park. Tracking is not needed for that show. Please complete the National Event bid form and send your bid package to Ileana””

No report from Joy (office)  
No report from Elena Ortiz (juniors)

**Action Items:**

- The creation of a GSDCA SV FB page. Admins will be Elena Ortiz, Colby Hernandez and Shabahz Khan. Thanks to Jeff Pyle for all the help. (Now live).
- The SV Chairs would like to request that an SV representative is included in the new Review Committee.
- The SV has 3 Review pages (P&P page 92) and we would like to use those pages in the September and Nov/Dec issues.
- We would like to re-instate the title pins. I am not aware when or why they were discontinued. Also, need to update the wording on these awards (P&P page 53).
- Please include IPG III (trained in the US only) in the entry for the Parade of Greats (P&P)
- **Would like to request the SV Silver Medals for 2022.**
- **Ileana made a motion to approve adding two new committee members: Colby Hernandez and Pat Kuehn. Candee Foss 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

- It was brought up to our attention that last AKC update for recognized SV titles was in 2016, so all the new title changes that have happened since are not included. We need to revise and update those. May be a good time to revise and update the titles in all the venues.

- Include SV judges on the ballot for 2023:  
GSDCA National IGP (vote for 3): Toine Jonkers, Jurgen Maibuchen, Wolfgang Rood, Wilford Tautz. Josef Vonerburg  
GSDCA Universal Sieger Show (vote for 2): Dirk Gabriel, Harold Hofmann, Robert Lang, Jurgen Maibuchen, Jochen Prall. Gail Stiefferman asked that these be sent to her.

**As of this writing I am talking with Angela Reagan to confirm dates for the Robert Centre for 2023 and 2024 and will forward contract info to Pam so we can get these dates locked in, asap. I am hoping to have this sorted out and will update.** Pam O'Dell will review this on Monday.

A GoFundMe page was created to raise funds for the international competitors. As of this writing we have collected \$3010, plus two donations (\$100 and \$500) and have another \$500 pledged. I submitted for a transfer of \$1600 that will go to our treasurer to give \$400 each to the 4 team members that attended the competitions in Austria. We will keep the GFM link open through the end of the year.

Link: <https://gofund.me/3dca0810>

Erin Nellis and Larry Rock are working on ways to find out if we could make donations available so that they can take a deduction. This will be reviewed

**40. WUSV Continental Director No Report**.....Morton Goldfarb

**41. Temperament – No Report** .....Laura Gilbert

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

- Review (closed Session)
- Website (Closed Session)
- Gail’s follow up with Mary on the form and if 5 members need to be in the club – Gail Stiefferman hadn’t gotten to this and will follow up with this with Mary Tripp.
- Breeders Code of Ethic’s Follow up

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- Approve site for future Nationals – see national notes.
- Approve Futurity/Maturity judges, show dates, and sites. See Futurity/Maturity report.
- Approve agent for counting election ballots. See National show notes.
- Special Awards that are awarded at National – Awards Committee (Closed session)
- *Julie made a motion that to participate in the Parade of Greats, the owner must be a member of the GSDCA in good standing. This will go into effect starting in 2023. Ileana Nogueras 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Gail Stiefferman thought that all GSDCA awards should be presented to members only, as these are designed for our club. The motion passes unanimously. \*\* Ileana Nogueras noted that this was in the P&P must be a parent club member. Page 41 of the P&P*
- The Performance Award of Merit – was readdressed as this was brought up in the April meeting. Some of the board members were not aware that we removed some of the lower-level Rally titles and wanted to revisit allowing those lower-level Rally scores into the PAM award. Julie read her report: The Enhanced Performance Award of Merit Program was presented and approved at the January Board Meeting. One of the changes to the program was to align the program with the calendar year. Instead of having the program run from August 1 to July 31, it will follow the calendar year of January 1 to December 31 like the Annual Training Achievement Awards.

In June, the PAM committee requested that we be allowed to announce the new program with a Constant Contact, on the GSDCA Members Only FB page, and publish it on the GSDCA website with an effective date of January 2022 as approved by the BOD at the January BOD meeting. We also requested that we grandfather in any applications submitted by 7/31/2022 under the old guidelines, allowing dogs to use and RN or BN to earn their PAM (until 7/31/2022).

This opened a discussion that some board members didn't understand that there were changes in the new Enhanced PAM program and that the RN and BN would not be accepted as beginning level titles under the Enhanced PAM program. Attached to this committee report is the program as it was presented and approved by the board in January.

Specifically, the PAM committee feels that the RN and BN should NOT be accepted as beginning level titles because there is no requirement to work off lead. The obedience experts on the committee feel that a dog earning even a "minimum" level title in the Obedience/Rally performance area should be capable of working off lead.

Discussion: The committee has discussed the program at length and unanimously supports the program as it was written and as it was approved by the board. We need to first start by recalling the purpose for this award. **The PAM stands for “Performance Award of Merit” and, as taken directly from the program description on the GSDCA website exists for the purpose of recognizing:**

*“Dogs and handlers that are competing and earning titles in multiple events, showing the incredible Versatility and Intelligence of the German Shepherd Dog in their ability to excel at high levels in all events.”*

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To earn a PAM, the dog must earn a “highest level” title in at least one performance AREA as well as titles in at least two additional performance AREAS. There are five performance areas from which to choose, and the highest level is indicated for each of them:

1. Obedience or Rally: UD
2. Herding: HX on any course (A, B, C, or D) with any livestock (sheep, ducks, cattle)
3. Agility: AX, AXJ, AXP, or AJP
4. Tracking or Scent Work: TDX, VST, FH2 or SWE
5. GSDCA-WDA Working Dog Titles (Sch, IPO, or IGP): IGP3

For each specific discipline, the PAM Committee has carefully evaluated the criteria for what will qualify as a “highest level” title and the “minimum level” title. Although comparing sports across disciplines is extremely difficult, the PAM Committee is comprised of GSDCA members who ALL actively participate in multiple sports and every discipline is represented within the PAM program by at least one person who has trained their dog to the highest level in each sport. Additionally, each sport is also represented by someone who is a “beginner” to that sport. Which is to say that the PAM Committee is extremely knowledgeable and experienced in all of these disciplines, and the decisions made by the PAM Committee are informed by the deep knowledge and experience of the members of the Committee.

The committee again requests that the board:

1. Announce the program with a Constant Contact, on the GSDCA Members Only FB page, and publish it on the GSDCA website with an effective date of January 2022 as approved by the BOD at the January BOD meeting.
2. Approve to grandfather in any applications submitted by 7/31/2022 under the original guidelines (allowing a BN or RN as one of the beginning level titles).

Pam O’Dell stated again that the BN and RN was accepted when we had 5 levels. Julie stated that at the time there was 1 person in charge, now there are 5 members and they felt that these levels should not be part of the program that are excelling at this. Pam again stress that we still want to promote that these titles be in the levels presented for the PAM. Ileana Noguerras pointed out again that we need welcome items that are available to amateur members to start training and trialing them. She feels its counter productive to remove these from the PAM as other levels are still required. Regardless of how the title is obtained, the work is still done, whether by video or by trialing.

*Candee Foss made a motion that RN, BN, RI, stay on level 1 for the PAM. Ileana 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Julie Degen opposed. Motion passed.*

Julie Degen asked that they be announced in a constant contact – pending these amendments above. John Ayotte asked that the Constant Contact will be posted to the Facebook page.

- Travis Prager, a new member of 5 years, wants to create new ways to generate interest in the club by promoting new members. Pam O’Dell felt that since he is on the Facebook Committee and Review Committee, that these would be great places to start with this. Ileana Noguerras suggested inviting local clubs to visit our National. Maybe with the new site, we can put a “welcome to the GSDC”. *John Ayotte made a motion to create a “ad hoc” committee with the potential to become a permanent committee, and have Travis Prager head up this effort, to investigate new ways to welcome new members into the club. Jeff Pyle 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passes unanimously.*
- *Gail Stiefferman made the motion to get 4 bronze medals per regional club each year to award how that regional club sees fit to award. Premium must be submitted to the GSDC*

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*office showing the award as being offered. John Ayotte 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passes unanimously.*

- Proposed GSD Breed Standard “Color Section” – Pam O’Dell asked Linda Bankhead and Jim Moses to look at this as this comes up often at Judges’ Seminar’s and ringside conversations. We are talking about “liver and Blue” as a serious fault which contradicts our breed standard’s disqualification of “dogs with noses not predominantly black, livers and blues should be disqualified”. We also wanted to discuss the amount of “white” would be allowed on a dog. Mary Ellen Kish was also involved in this conversation. Jim Moses reached out to Dana Cline as he has had experience with color disqualifications. Linda Bankhead and Jim Moses spoke numerous times, and Mary Ellen Kish was also consulted. We agree that the reference to color needs to be concise and not confusing. Some judges can misinterpret too many descriptions. I’ve included our recommendation below. We highly recommend that The Standard not have language that could be confusing by naming/calling out colors. Here is the suggestions Linda Bankhead gave us.
  - The German Shepherd varies in color. Strong, rich colors are preferred. Pale, washed-out colors are serious faults. A liver, blue, or white must be disqualified. You can combine both in an order that makes sense. "Color: Any Shepherd of otherwise high quality may have, but not required any of the following white markings, feet (not exceeding above pasterns) tip of tail, chest and blaze (confined to chest). Premature greying or greying due to age on the muzzle is not to be considered a fault or is a random white hair appearing on the body of the dog. Minimal allowance may be given to areas where white is permissible however white appearing on any other location on the dog is a disqualification."

Carmen Battaglia suggested that due to the importance of the “verbiage” involved in this for our standard and AKC, the GSDCA board decided to table this to the October board meeting to get it on the ballot.

Pam O’Dell noted that the following items be added to the minutes as they were voted on in closed session:

- Approval of SV Office Sub-Committee: Irina Sushko, Nelli Racsko, William Lipp, Rory Kennedy, Shanna Lesniski, Shahbaz Khan
- Approval for our regional clubs to apply for 1 or 2 GSDCA Regional Events.

Motion made by Jeff Pyle to adjourn. The meeting ended at 2:17pm