

GERMAN SHEPHERD



DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Member of American Kennel Club

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2016
Purina Farms, Gray Summit MO

Call to Order: 7:10 AM

Board Members Present: President Carmen Battaglia; Vice President Frank Fasano; Corresponding Secretary Joy Schultz; Treasurer Larry Rock; General Directors Linda Bankhead, Gloria Birch, Helen Gleason, Morton Goldfarb, Jim Moses, Pam O'Dell

Board Members Absent: Recording Secretary Dania Karloff; General Directors Zoe Backman, and Ken Tank

Guests Present: John Bemont, Susan Casey, Nancie Phelps, Margie Kofler, Ken Cunningham, Doug Crane, Joan Fox, Mary Gattone, Lew Bunch, Laura Gilbert, Gail Stiefferman, Deborah Stern, and Diane Roberts

Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The July 29-31, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes were made available to all Directors, but the revisions requested by three board members were not made. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the July minutes would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Dania Karloff - No Report

Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Joy Schultz – No Report

Report of the President – Carmen Battaglia

Executive Committee Report:

1. The Executive Committee approved sending contracts for two Obedience Judges for 2018 and two for 2019 putting GSDCA on track for 2018 and 2019. A motion was made and seconded. Motion passed with Pam O'Dell abstaining.
2. The Executive Committee approved having the Review Editor attend the 2016 National for the purpose of meeting the members, offering discounts to advertise, meeting with vendors about package deals and taking photos of all venues including the Sieger Show. Expenses would be charged against the Review budget, not the General Account. Discussion followed by Helen Gleason and Linda Bankhead. Pam O'Dell moved to approve, seconded by Larry Rock, motion passed with Helen Gleason and Linda Bankhead voting no.

Actions Requested by the President:

1. Approve Laura Gilbert to chair AOE program. Recommended by Helen Franklin who is retiring. There was a motion to approve. Motion passed unanimous
2. Approve an SV Rules Committee with Chair Fernando "Chico" Stanford; committee members Charlie Meszaros, Stefan Schaub, Jeff Lund, and Patricia Vargas. This committee was

recommended by the President Carmen Battaglia. No action was taken by the Board because the GSDCA will be following the SV and WUSV rules and regulations.

3. Approve Jeff Lund National Working Dog Training Director. A motion was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Approve Budget and Finance Committee to meet in January as we have in the past. President Carmen Battaglia recommended Larry Rock, Pam O'Dell, Frank Fasano, Gail Stiefferman, and one new board member. This committee was recommended by the President because experience is needed for this committee to function. Discussion followed. Some felt that these members would increase the costs of the committee meeting. Frank and Larry withdrew from consideration.

There was a motion to add Helen Gleason to the committee. Frank Fasano and Larry Rock voted no; Jim Moses abstained. Motion passed.

There was a motion to add Debra Stern to the committee. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion to add John Bemont to the committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Pam O'Dell will serve as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Members are: Gail Stiefferman, Helen Gleason, Debra Stern, and John Bemont.

5. With the new \$500 limit on board expenses, it was recommended by President Carmen Battaglia to move the board meetings to other locations to accommodate all directors. Kyle is to research locations of board members and come up with a reasonable place to meet. The board will vote on the January site when the data is available.
6. Treasurer duties for 2017. There will be no elected Treasurer in 2017 because no qualified member who meets the requirement was available. A two-step solution: 1) Expand duties of our accounting firm. In order to maintain independence and the audit requirements, Pam O'Dell has been designated as the person responsible for check writing, making deposits, and coding income and expenses using the GSDCA Chart of Accounts. Pam is familiar with the chart of accounts, understands the budgets of all committees and will attend the Nationals. This two-step solution was recommended by President Carmen Battaglia. A motion was made and passed unanimously.

Report of the Treasurer – Larry Rock

Two Bank of America accounts with Larry Rock as signatory will be closed. Motion by Gloria Birch, seconded by Helen Gleason close the Money Market and small checking account. Motion passed unanimously.

The Parent Club credit cards issued during Larry Rock's tenure should be closed based on recommendations provided by Bank of America Service Rep and reopened under new treasurer or person designated to pay bills. A Resolution was made and approved by the board to have Pam O'Dell open new credit cards.

A Resolution naming Pam O'Dell added as an authorized signer on Bank of America, Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo accounts was approved by the board.

A question about how the allocation of donations received for Futurity/Maturity was discussed. It was clarified by Helen and other board members that the donations are to be shared equally amongst the

Host Clubs. This matter and need for inclusion of awards given at Nationals as part of the expenses will be communicated to the co-chairs. The updated file is needed prior to disbursement of funds to the Host Clubs.

Education Committee – Maryellen Kish Chair

Based on a recommendation from the Education Committee, GSDCA will request that the AKC help develop a mandatory continuing judge's education program for only German Shepherd Specialty Judges and that attendance be at least once every five years. The request is to include that AKC use the AKC Canine College and distance learning to implement this request. Videos about the breed standard, movement, and the temperament test are to be included along with information about Junior Showmanship. There was a motion by Helen Gleason, seconded by Jim Moses to approve and that Debra Stern is added to the committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the AKC Delegate – Dr. Carmen Battaglia – No Report

New Business

Futurity – Cyndi Flautt & Joannie Intersimone – Action Required

Item 1. Change date of 2017 Midwest Futurity to May 14, 2017 – July board minutes state “Motion by Jim Moses, seconded by Linda Bankhead to allow the Mid-West Futurity and specialty show to change to May 13 and 14. Passed unanimously. No action necessary at this time.

Item 2. Change host club and date for 2017 SW futurity to GSDC of Houston on April 30, 2017 – Tabled due to BOD meeting conflicting same weekend.

Item 3. Approve Foy Trent Dog Shows as new secretary/superintendent for the 2017 Futurity/Maturity shows – Approved unanimously.

Item 4. Approve staggered closing dates – Approved unanimously

Item 5. Approve change to the Judge's Contract (Futurities, National) for the text of the language for the IN-RING temperament test. The breed standard only requires that the dog be approachable. With a recommendation by Linda Bankhead, the language to “touch or pet the dog” would be removed from the requirement. The current contract requires judges by contract to touch or pet the dog or the judge is subject to GSDCA discipline. This raised the question about GSDCA liability and insurance should a dog bite a judge. The GSD standard only requires that the dog be “approachable”. Motion to remove from the contract, and change the in-ring temperament test language. The language of touching or petting the dog would be removed. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jim to approve new board members – Approved unanimously.

Gloria Birch and Gail Stiefferman will work on new Stud Dog Progeny Class at the National and report in January.

GSDCA National in 2017. Current contract ends the show on Friday, not the usual Saturday because another club has Saturday under contract. The board tabled the question and the issue of hosting the 2017 show indoors or outdoors; to be discussed at the January meeting. Gail to bring a detailed written report with two or more options for the board to consider using the Purina site; to be discussed at the January meeting.

Motion by Helen Gleason to have Bob Slay chair a transparency committee of people not on the board and from different parts of the country. Bob would come back to the board with suggestions and recommendations. Tabled to January board meeting.

Motion by Jim Moses that no sitting Board Member or Officer can go on the election ballot to judge the National while they are serving on the board starting in 2018. Motion seconded and passed. Pam O'Dell, Joy Schultz, Frank Fasano, Jim Moses, Morton Goldfarb and Larry Rock voting for; Linda Bankhead, Gloria Birch, and Helen Gleason voting against the motion.

Motion to approve a Grant request from the DeHope fund in the amount of \$1200 to Front Range German Shepherd Rescue. Motion passed unanimously.

Temperament Committee

Motion to add Debra Stern to the committee. Motion passed unanimously.

The Temperament Committee requested new evaluator approval of Steve Dobbins. Motion by Linda Bankhead, seconded by Gloria Birch, passed unanimously.

The Temperament Committee requested a change in entry fees to \$35 for pre-entries and \$40 for day of entries. Motion by Jim Moses, second by Helen Gleason, passed unanimously.

Temperament Committee requested clarification that prong or pinch collars are not allowed in Temperament Tests. Motion to approve by Gloria Birch, seconded by Linda Bankhead passed unanimously.

Request approval to pay the GSDC St. Louis, co-host club at National, to receive \$5 per entry. They also requested the policy be reinstated when a Regional Club assists in hosting the Temperament Test at the National, they would receive \$5 per entry. Tabled to January for further research into past policy.

Laura Gilbert, GSDCA Office, receives hundreds of completed AKC "new puppy owner" brochures asking for more info. The Board suggested Laura send to the Marketing Committee, Jeff Pyle, for further communication. Carmen Battaglia, Frank Fasano and Laura Gilbert to work with Marketing to put together a process. Jeff will provide a written report at the January meeting.

Items for discussion at January Board meeting.

1. Prong and shock collars. Limited conditions of use.
2. All AKC clubs (including regional clubs) are required to have an Event Committee of 5 members. Three must be present on the day of the event.
3. Listing other hotels on our event info pages could result in a liability problem if there is an incident "in conjunction" with our event.
4. Gloria Birch will present brochures/info on possible National sites in Denver and Salt Lake. This will include site specifications, costs, and contracts from the providers.
5. Gail Stiefferman to craft a detailed comprehensive check list of the requirements for new sites to be considered. This will include facilities, parking, vendor space, video, streaming video, hotels, insurance, food, distance from show site to hotel and airport, etc.

Motion by Linda Bankhead to adjourn, seconded by Gloria Birch and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.