



HundeGram August 2009

The Board of Directors of the GSDCA-WDA held the July 2009 meeting in Chicago, IL on July, 10-11

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

The President (Dr. Danny Spreitler), Vice President (Cindy Petersen), Secretary (Daniel Yee), General Director (John Henkel), General Director (Tom Mesdag), General Director (Clay Meadows), Region 1 Director (Fernando Burgos), Region 3 Director (Miriam Barkus), Region 5 Director (Joe Barry), Region 6 Director (Russ Osburn), Region 7 Director (Alethea Caldwell Munsinger), Region 9 Director (Ray Blomberg), National Training Director (David Landau), were present.

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Treasurer (Claudia Behnke), Director of Trials and Judges (Mike West), Ex-Officio GSDCA President (Gail Hardcastle), Region 2 Director (Mike Andrell), Region 4 Director (Charlie Starr), Region 8 Director (Wendell Nope).

As this was the last Board Meeting called by the By-Laws the Board of Directors chose this opportunity to thank Miriam Barkus for her fourteen years of service as a Board Member.

GSDCA-WDA FINANCES

As of June 30, 2009 the organization's balance sheet showed:

Assets of	\$104,985.21
Liabilities of	\$6,785.15
Equity of	\$98,200.06
Cash on Hand	\$104,743.39
Gross Income for the period	\$83,274.24
Total Expenses for the period	\$78,474.46
Net Income (Jan-Jun)	\$ 4,799.78

The organization continues to weather the current economic crisis. Any member who would like a copy of the complete financials may email me. I will email you the .pdf files.

ELECTION 2009

2009 Slate of Nominations:

President Danny J. Spreitler
Vice President Cindy Jones Petersen
RD1 John Henkel, Fernando Burgos
RD 2 Mike Andrell, Beth Dorton
RD 3 Carl Smith
RD 4 Charlie Starr
RD 5 Joe Barry
RD 6 Russ Osburn
RD 7 Alethea Caldwell Munsinger
RD 8 None
RD 9 Ray Blomberg

2009 Election Dates:

On or before, July 10, 2009 - Slate of candidates, from Nominating Committee, submitted to the secretary.

On or before, August 8, 2009 - The Secretary shall mail the list to each member of the GSDCA-WDA.

On or before, September 8, 2009 - Additional nominations may be made by written petition and submitted to the Secretary.

On or before, October 8, 2009 - Ballot shall be mailed, by the Secretary, to each member in good standing.

On or before, October 30, 2009 - Ballots must be received by the agent appointed to count the ballots. The Board of Directors shall select the agent at the July 2009 Board Meeting.

November 6, 2009 - Results of election will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Members.

GSDCA AND GSDCA-WDA AGREEMENT

Historical Agreement Reached

There is much to be said for perseverance. In this case a great deal will be said as this historical moment has come to realization. The tireless efforts of Gail, Tom, Dan, Miriam, Joe, Cindy and David have brought us to this point. By unanimous vote, the agreement between GSDCA and GSDCA-WDA was approved. I was quite appreciative and humored by the number of GSDCA Board members who raised both hands. The agreement is valid through December 31, 2012. While a few may see this as an issue I can assure you that following that vote -Gail Hardcastle and I committed to develop a permanent agreement between our organizations that address the relationship outside of the WUSV. This commitment was met with the broad smiles of all the board members. Contrary to recent reports we have a wonderful relationship with the GSDCA Board of Directors. They are 19 strong!

BOARD ACTIONS

1. Disciplinary Procedures

- The Official Disciplinary Procedure of the GSDCA-WDA shall be as published in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition and as may be amended in the future.
- Anyone filing a complaint must be a member in good standing of the GSDCA-WDA.
- Any complaint filed must be accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee of US \$100 for each accused party named in the complaint
- The GSDCA-WDA Hearing Committee assigned to hear the complaint and/or the GSDCA-WDA Board may impose any penalty against the involved parties, which said Committee or Board determines in their sole discretion to be appropriate, including without limitation the requirement that the non-prevailing party (whether the complainant or the accused) reimburse the GSDCA-WDA for the reasonable costs of conducting the investigation and hearing.
- The burden of proof shall be on those that want to make the accusation and the fee will be \$100.

2. SchH1, SchH2 and FH shall be a permanent part of our National Schutzhund Championship.

3. The Adult Untitled Class has been eliminated from the North American Sieger Show but clubs may offer the class at Club and Regional shows. No show rating will be awarded, only a placement.

4. The 18-24 month classes at NASS 2009 have been moved to Sunday.

5. Top performers as recognized by the SV Körmeisters in the Protection Test at NASS will be recognized for outstanding performance in each the male and female classes.

6. NASS Rule Changes

- When entering a dog in a GSDCA-WDA sanctioned conformation show, the participant, including without limitation the dog's owner, the owner's representative and the exhibitor expressly grants permission to the GSDCA-WDA to take, examine and analyze samples of the dog's coat to determine whether the color or pigmentation of the dog's coat has been manipulated or altered. The sample may be taken by the judge or any person designated by either the judge or the GSDCA-WDA. Such samples shall be sent to the GSDCA-WDA Office for examination and analysis. If it is determined that the pigment of the dog's coat has been manipulated or altered in any manner, then the cost of the examination and analysis shall be borne by the owner and the show rating awarded to the dog at the show shall become null and void ab initio. A Disciplinary Complaint shall be lodged automatically against the responsible parties, including without limitation the dog's owner, the owner's representative and the exhibitor. If it is determined that the pigment of the dog's coat has not been manipulated, then the cost of the examination and analysis shall be borne by the GSDCA-WDA.

· No dog that has had any procedure performed upon it or any device that has been applied to it may be presented in any GSDCA-WDA conformation show, if such procedure or device misleads or deceives a judge about the true condition of a dog at a conformation show. If it is determined that any dog entered into a GSDCA-WDA sanctioned conformation show has been unacceptably altered, then (a) the show rating awarded to said dog shall become null and void ab initio and (b) a disciplinary complaint shall be lodged automatically against the parties who are responsible for the unacceptable alterations, including without limitation the dog's owner, the owner's representative and the exhibitor. In such an instance, (a) the dog shall be banned from all future GSDCA-WDA events and (b) the GSDCA-WDA membership of the parties responsible for such unacceptable alterations, including without limitation the owner, the owner's representative and the exhibitor, shall be terminated. For purposes of this provision, temporary ear forms applied to or used on a dog's ears shall not disqualify the dog from presentation in any GSDCA-WDA conformation show.

· Starting in 2010, all owners of all dogs, owner and co-owner(s), entering NASS must be GSDCA-WDA members. Foreign owners are exempt.

· The rule that to be eligible for VA a dog must have been shown during the twelve month period calendar year prior to the first day of NASS has been referred to the Standards Committee and is not in effect.

7. SV fees increases passed to us for hip and elbow evaluations, breed surveys, and judge releases will only go up a like amount to our members.

8. The three time zones, Eastern, Central and the combination of Mountain and Pacific were adopted for the rotation of National events.

2010 North American Sieger Show will be held October 15-17, 2010 at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Herr Reinhardt Meyer and Herr Rüdiger Mai have been invited to judge.

9. 2010 GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund Championship will be held May 7-9, 2010 in Peoria, IL. Mr. John Henkel is the Chairman of the event. The event will include SchH1, SchH2, SchH3 and FH National Championships.

10. GSDCA-WDA Judges must seek organizational approval before judging any non GSDCA-WDA event.

11. Approved National Training Director 3 year plan. The GSDCA-WDA will begin certifying tracklayers in 2009.

12. By-Law Revisions

i. Insert Article V, Section 4, F - No person shall be eligible for nomination as a Director or Officer if election or appointment to such office will occur prior to three (3) years of continuous membership in the Club immediately preceding such election (effective January 1, 2010)

ii. Replace Article V, Section 1 - The Club's fiscal and official years start January 1 and end December 31. The elected Officers and Directors shall take office on the January 1 following the Annual Meeting.

iii. Insert Article VII, (2) - Any member who is suspended from any of the privileges of the American Kennel Club or Verein fur Deutsche Schaferhunde shall automatically be suspended from all privileges of this Club for a like period.

iv. Insert Article VII (3) - Any person who is not in good standing with the organization due to outstanding disciplinary action may not participate in any GSDCA-WDA authorized event.

13. Adhoc Committee formed to determine the feasibility of hosting virtual meetings.

14. Adhoc Committee formed to develop policy regarding rule implementation.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Disciplinary complaints were filed against two members of the GSDCA-WDA.

The first complaint, which alleges one act of wrongdoing, was filed against Kathy Potocki. After investigation and completion of a hearing conducted in accordance with the GSDCA-WDA bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition, with Danny J. Spreitler, President, presiding as the hearing officer, the hearing committee found Ms. Potocki guilty of the single act of wrongdoing. As a result, Ms. Potocki's membership rights and privileges are suspended for a period of six months commencing June 18, 2009 and ending on December 17, 2009.

The second complaint, which alleged three separate acts of wrongdoing, was filed against Julie Martinez. After investigation and completion of a hearing conducted in accordance with the GSDCA-WDA bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition, with Danny J. Spreitler, President, presiding as the hearing officer, the hearing committee found Ms. Martinez guilty of two acts of wrongdoing. As a result, (a) Ms. Martinez's membership rights and privileges are suspended for a period of six months commencing July 12, 2009 and ending on January 11, 2010; (b) She is fined \$6,000.00, payable immediately to the GSDCA-WDA, (c) She is placed on probation for a period of three years commencing July 12, 2009 and ending on July 11, 2012, and (d) the violation by Ms. Martinez of any rules of the GSDCA-WDA during the period of probation shall result in her expulsion as a member of the GSDCA-WDA."

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

All applicants whose names are published below shall automatically obtain membership status on the fifteenth day of the month following the month of publication unless objection in writing is received from the membership.

Sandra Akoury, Dino Alvarado, Thomas Brown, Shirley Brown, Arlander Coleman, Susan Dannis DVM, Ryan Davies, Kathleen DiStaso, Edessa George, Joel Gross, Tamra Ince, Ravi Iyer, Vijay Iyer, Christina McKivison, Jennifer Morse, Barry O'Neill, Melissa O'Neill, Michael Osmundson, Venus Patterson, Tommy Pazos, Sebastian Piotrowski, Zyta Piotrowski, Kenneth Rall, Tammy Riley, Christopher Schwimer, Rita Schwimer, Randy Sherwood, Bridget Sherwood, Jack Smith, William Solymosi, Ronald Stokes Jr., Lukasz Trzebinski, Josh Zunis

November 6-8, 2009
GSDCA-WDA North American Sieger Show
<http://www.nass2009.org>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

The GSDCA-WDA is your organization- Get Involved!

Danny Spreitler
President
GSDCA-WDA