

GSDCA-WDA BOARD MEETING
April, 16-17, 2010 Philadelphia, PA
SUMMARY of ACTIONS TAKEN

Officers Present: Spreitler, Petersen, Kirkwood.

Directors Present: Rojas, Henkel, Munsinger, Andrel, Smith, Blomberg, Kalvaitis, Southern, Landau, *ex officio* Walker.

Directors Absent: Barry, Gattone, Osburn, Starr.

Guests Present: Dr. Thomas Mesdag, GSDCA/WDA Liaison, Yulia Matvyeyeva, Universal Program.

Motion: That the Board adopt a new policy requiring all reports to be submitted in writing. Motions arising from a report shall be formally submitted. *Passed.*

Motion: (Kirkwood). Reports, motions and supporting documents shall be forwarded to the Secretary at least 15 days prior to regularly scheduled Board Meetings. The Secretary shall compile the Agenda and supporting documents for distribution to the Board at least 10 days prior to regularly scheduled Board Meetings. *Passed.*

Motion: (Munsinger). To appoint an *ad hoc* committee to develop a Breeder Code of Ethics and Registration form for GSDCA-WDA Breeders. Such policy will apply to participation in WDA events and qualify the Breeder to advertise in WDA publications, both print and electronic media. *Referred to Performance Rules Committee.*

Motion: (Munsinger). Per WDA Breed Show Rules, to reimburse Deann Noland \$250 for testing of alleged coloring of puppy, December 2009 San Diego, CA show. Test results were negative. *Passed.*

Motion: (Munsinger). Resolve to allow Regional Universal Sieger & Siegerin winners to enter the World Universal Sieger Event in 2011. *Withdrawn.*

Motion: (Kirkwood). To appoint Cindy Petersen as Chair 2010 NASS. *Passed.*

Motion: (Smith) To approve the following helpers for the National Schutzhund Championship: Josh Markow, front half; Charles Purdham, back half; Darnaz Sloan, alternate and SchH 1/SchH 2. *Passed.*

Motion: To contract with BeachFleischman to conduct an Audit of GSDCA-WDA 2009 Financial Status, with a maximum cost to WDA of \$6,000 (fee includes filing of WDA 2009 Tax Returns). *Passed.*

Motion: (Petersen). To approve Dr. Wolfgang Lauber as the 2010 NASS Judge for all female classes. *Passed.*

Motion: (Landau). To approve Carlos Rojas as WUSV Team Captain. *Passed.*

Motion: That a press pass be requested for Julie Richards-Mostosky to photograph the German Sieger Show in Nuremberg, 2010. *Passed.*

Motion: (Spreitler). The WDA shall appoint the entire current GSDCA-WDA Board to the WUSV 2014 Liaison Committee to work with the GSDCA. The Committee term shall expire 12/31/2013. *Passed.*

Motion: To make Administrative Policy a standing committee. *Passed.*

Motion: To approve staggering of terms for Officers and Directors between even and odd years. (Requires 2/3 majority.) *Passed.*

Motion: That GSDCA-WDA Board Members shall be elected by rotation over even and odd years. The President, and Regions 2, 4, 6, 8 shall be elected in even years. The Vice-President, and Regions 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 shall be elected in odd years. (Requires 2/3 majority.) *Passed.*

Motion: (Spreitler). Bylaws. Article 4 section 2c. Amend the paragraph. "The Secretary shall be elected in accordance with Article V." (Requires 2/3 majority.) *Passed.*

Motion: (Spreitler). Article IV Section 2e. Strike "All future Training Directors shall be nominated by the President then in office and selected by a simple majority of the President and Regional Directors present and entitled to vote." Replace with "The National Training Director shall be elected in accordance with Article V." (Requires 2/3 majority.) *Passed.*

Motion: (Kirkwood). The Board of Directors shall bring these approved Bylaw changes to a vote by the membership, in accordance with the GSDCA-WDA Bylaws, subject to legal review, on 5/17/2010. *Passed.*

Motion: (Spreitler). Ballots for the above Bylaw Amendments shall be mailed by the Secretary the week of 5/17/2010, to be returned no later than July 1, 2010. *Passed.*

Motion: (Smith). To adopt a point value for Helpers participating in Helper Certification Seminars. (3 points for beginning applicants; 2 points for helpers with some practical experience; 1 point for experienced helpers who have already worked trials.) *Passed.*

Motion: To amend the current Helper Certification rules to allow one day Helper Certification Seminars if 12 points or fewer are expected. *Passed.*

Motion: Helpers who already have National Level status from another organization may obtain a National Level rating with the WDA by: 1) attending a WDA Helper Certification Seminar; 2) fulfilling the standard of National Level competence in the seminar; 3) having previously worked a Regional or National Schutzhund Trial; 4)

presenting a documented evaluation of “Very Good” or “Excellent” from a licensed SV Judge. *Passed.*

Motion: A helper may attend a WDA Helper Certification Seminar after applying for Membership in WDA. If the Membership has not met the 30 day requirement at the time of the Seminar, the Helper Applicant may still participate and receive a rating according to his/her skill level (without a Helper Book). The Helper Applicant will receive his/her official Helper Book, signed by the Seminar Instructor, only after all Membership requirements have been fulfilled. *Passed.*

Motion: The two motions immediately above shall be retroactive to July 2009. *Passed.*

Motion: (Landau). Strike duplicate second paragraph from Trial regulations regarding violation of trial rules by a judge. *Passed.*

Motion: (Southern). To enter a GSDCA-WDA trial, registered German Shepherd Dogs must have:

1. A GSDCA-WDA scorebook; or
2. A scorebook certified by GSDCA-WDA: A WUSV or other FCI recognized club issued scorebook that has been certified by the GSDCA-WDA office; or
3. A WUSV or other FCI recognized club issued scorebook along with:
 - a. Proof of ownership: i.e. Original registration/pedigree documentation (American Kennel Club, Canadian Kennel Club, or other FCI registry).
 - b. An original four generation pedigree. (Three-generation pedigrees for dogs born prior to January 1, 2005, will continue to be accepted).
 - c. Original tattoo or microchip certification (This may be on the foreign pedigree or may be certified on AKC pedigree by the GSDCA-WDA office to avoid providing this as a separate document).

AKC pedigrees that have been tattoo or microchip certified by USCA will be accepted at all GSDCA-WDA events provided they meet the 3 or 4 generation requirement above. For unregistered German Shepherd Dogs, other breeds and mix breeds, scorebooks are available through the GSDCA-WDA Office, or you may use a scorebook from a WUSV or other FCI recognized club. *Passed. Effective date: 5/17/2010.*

Motion: (Landau). To ratify documents as presented and amended by the Performance Rules Committee. *Passed.*

Motion: (Southern). All trial documents shall be located on the website for members to download. These forms will be secured and alleviate the need for the office to incur the expense and time of mailing these forms. Forms would also remain available to order from the office. The forms would be available in both fillable PDF Files and MS Excel Protected Files. The website would include instructions that all judges sheets be printed 2-sided; and all forms should be printed or copied with an ink that does not run when wet (not an ink jet printer). Any recent form changes would be noted on the website. *Passed.*

Motion: (Gattone). Only the Show Chair and the Show Secretary may not show dogs at the NASS. *Passed.*

Motion: (Henkel). Strike the language, “The owner and co-owner must be WDA members...). Restore old language, “either the owner or the co-owner of the dog must be a GSDCA-WDA member in good standing. *Requires 2/3 majority. Passed.*

Motion: (Petersen). To present a Kennel Group at the NASS, the kennel owner must be a GSDCA-WDA member in good standing. *Passed.*

Motion: (Kirkwood). Strike from the NASS and Breed Show Rules, “All dogs at or over 12 months of age shall be measured. A check mark shall be placed in the show catalog next to the dog’s entry to indicate that the dog was measured. The measurement, however, shall not be noted.” *Passed.*

Motion: (Petersen). No Judge (except trial judges who are otherwise governed by WDA trial rules) may judge in any WDA event if that Judge is a member of the club hosting the event. The Judge is not allowed to evaluate dogs that are shown by a person living in the same household with him. *Passed.*

Motion: (Petersen). No member of the WDA Board of Directors may serve as an officer, delegate or hold any position in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. *Withdrawn.*

Motion: (Henkel). To eliminate the 24+ month Without Title Class from all WDA Conformation Shows. *Failed.*

Motion: (Petersen). To accept an Official Show Letter from the WDA Office in lieu of original documents for entry into the 12-18 month and 18-24 month classes at conformation shows, any WDA trials or HGH events. *Passed.*

Motion: (Munsinger). To appoint an *ad hoc* web site committee. *Passed.*

Motion: (Payne). To consider a plan for funding the National Schutzhund Championship that would allow both the WDA and the Hosting Club to turn a profit, as well as limit financial risks to the WDA. *Referred to the Nationals Committee.*

Motion: (Petersen). To convert the *ad hoc* HGH Committee to a Standing Committee. *Passed.*

Motion: (Carolina German Shepherd Working Dog Club). To waive the \$2 fee to the GSDCA-WDA due to the financial hardship incurred during their March event. *Failed.*

Motion: (Henkel). To allow a dog to be entered into the WDA Nationals SchH 1 or SchH 2 if the Owner is a pending WDA member. *Passed.*

Motion: (Southern). That all Board members, Judges, Judge Applicants and Teaching Helpers must submit to a criminal background check. No convicted felon may serve in the above listed positions. *Passed. Effective date: 5/17/2010.*

Executive Session Summary:

- Ms. Munsinger was appointed to the office of Treasurer.
- Dr. Landau was appointed as the Director of Trials and Judges.
- Ms. Walker will nominate a new General Director to fill Dr. Landau's previous position, subject to ratification at the July Board Meeting.
- Two disciplinary matters were concluded.
- Apprentice Judges were discussed
- A fee increase was granted to the Magazine designer.

The July Meeting is set for July 16-18, 2010 in Portland, Oregon.