

GSDCA-WDA BOARD MEETING

July 16-17, 2010

Portland, OR

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Secretary's Note: President Danny Spreitler resigned on July 1, 2010. Cindy Jones-Petersen automatically assumed the President's Office, per GSDCA-WDA Bylaws. The services of Peggy J. Long, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, were secured for this meeting, to ensure proper procedures were followed during this time of transition.

Officers & Directors Present: Petersen, Kirkwood, Munsinger, Landau, Gattone, Kalvaitis, Southern, Henkel, Barry, Osburn, Blomberg. Dr. Mesdag was present following his appointment ratification. Dr. Landau left the meeting early on Saturday.

Directors Absent: Rojas, Walker, Andrel, Smith, Starr.

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Guests Present: Friday: Peggy Joan Long (Professional Registered Parliamentarian), Dr. Tom Mesdag, Daniel Yee. Saturday: Peggy Joan Long (Professional Registered Parliamentarian), Daniel Yee, Paul Schneider (WDA Apprentice Judge), Lucinda Schneider, Danlee Mitchell (President of the San Diego Schutzhund Club).

Motion (Walker): To ratify Dr. Tom Mesdag as a GSDCA-WDA General Director. *Passed.*

Motion (Kirkwood): To accept the April 2010 minutes as corrected. *Passed.*

Treasurer's Report:

1. **Motion** (Munsinger): To transfer all GSDCA-WDA funds to Southern Arizona Community Bank, Tucson, Arizona, effective August 1, 2010. *Passed.*
2. **Motion** (Munsinger): To close all current GSDCA-WDA accounts at Bank of America. *Passed.*
3. **Motion** (Munsinger): To establish a CD account of not more than \$20,000 and not less than \$15,000 in Southern Arizona Community Bank, effective August 15, 2010. The date of maturity on the GSDCA-WDA Certificate of Deposit shall be no greater than 2 years from the date of purchase. *Passed.*
4. **Motion** (Munsinger): Cindy Jones-Petersen, President, and Alethea Calwell-Munsinger, Treasurer, shall be the designated signatories on all GSDCA-WDA accounts to be opened at Southern Arizona Community Bank, Tucson, AZ, effective August 1, 2010. *Passed.*

Motion (Landau): All Apprentice Judge application materials shall be sent to the Secretary who shall forward copies to the Director of Trials and Judges and to the President. *Passed.*

Motion (Henkel): To approve Joe Tackett as a Teaching Helper. *Passed.*

2010 NASS: A completely revised draft of the NASS Rules (Kirkwood) was submitted for Board approval.

1. Motion (Henkel): Three helpers shall be chosen by the Helper Committee: one each for the front half males and females, and one for all courage tests. Each helper shall receive a \$1,000 stipend plus 4 hotel nights (single room), lunch & dinner for four days, as well as travel to and from NASS by the cheapest mode possible. *Passed.*
2. Motion (NASS Committee): To accept 2010 NASS entries from non-member USA residents for a supplemental entry fee of \$25 per dog. *Failed.*
3. Motion (Henkel): To allow a dog between the ages of 2-4 years to present a progeny group with a minimum of 4 dogs, effective at NASS 2010. *Passed.*
4. Motion (Landau): To adopt the editorial change, "The Judge will evaluate the grip work as described in the GSDCA-WDA Breed Survey Regulations". *Passed.*
5. Motion (Landau): To adopt the editorial change, "The sit or down may be reinforced, if necessary, as the handler approaches the dog and is within a distance of 10 feet from the dog." *Passed.*
6. Motion (Kirkwood): To approve the NASS rule changes as amended. *Passed.*

Executive Committee:

Executive Committee actions on Club events, Office Expenses, Expenses for WUSV Team T-shirts, Expenses for the Professional Registered Parliamentarian for this meeting, and an Apprentice Judge assignment for Mr. Mezaros in Germany were all ratified by the Board.

Summary of Executive Session Actions:

1. Dr. Tom Mesdag was elected to the Executive Committee.
2. Carl Smith was elected Vice-President.
3. A motion that would have required the public release of all Apprentice Judge application materials failed.
4. Motions for two separate disciplinary penalty mitigations failed.
5. One disciplinary matter was concluded.
6. The Board declined to ratify a disciplinary Investigative Committee appointed by the Executive Committee.
7. A motion to appoint a committee to review a past disciplinary matter failed.

Performance Rules:

1. Motion (Landau): To approve corrections for Sections II-VIII in the Performance Rules. *Passed.*
2. Motion (Landau): To post the Performance Rules on the GSDCA website in tabbed form. *Passed.*
3. Motion (Landau): To approve and adopt Bewertungsliste 3, effective 30 days from today (August 17, 2010). *Passed.*

4. Motion (Landau): To insert the following language everywhere that reference to scorebooks is made in the GSDCA-WDA Performance Rules: "Blue, SV scorecards are valid only for mixed-breed and unregistered dogs. These are not valid for entry of registered German Shepherd Dogs in GSDCA-WDA events. Owners of German Shepherds that are registered with the American Kennel Club, the Canadian Kennel Club or an FCI member organization should send such cards to the GSDCA-WDA Office along with a scorebook application. The title(s) on the blue scorecard will then be entered in the GSDCA-WDA scorebook. The blue scorecard will be returned to the SV as per their request." *Passed.*

Apprentice Judge Conflict of Interest: A two page proposed Conflict of Interest Statement was presented by the Committee (Gattone, Chair) for Board review. The final Board adopted version is as follows:

Motion (Southern): To adopt an official Apprentice Judge Conflict of Interest Statement that reads, "A conflict of interest is a situation in which a person in a position of trust, such as a judge, has competing professional or personal interests. Such interests, whether actual or not, can create an appearance of impropriety that is not acceptable and can undermine confidence in the person, profession, or sport. The judge has an obligation to score, rate or place a dog solely based on the merit of the dog. The judge should not allow any of his personal interests or business to affect his/her integrity or judging of dogs." *Passed.*

Bylaws:

The recent Bylaw changes (1. Secretary to be elected in accordance with Article V; 2. National Training Director to be elected in accordance with Article V; 3. Staggering Terms of Office) were overwhelmingly approved by the Membership. Final tally: Item 1: 200 FOR; 23 AGAINST. Item 2: 200 FOR; 14 AGAINST. Item 3: 201 FOR; 14 AGAINST.

Motion (Landau): Effective immediately, all proposed Bylaw amendments will require readings and positive votes at two different Board Meetings before they can be submitted to the membership for approval. *Passed.* (Secretary's Note: This motion is currently under Parliamentary review).

Sixteen further proposed Bylaw revisions were submitted to the Board by the Bylaw Committee Chair (Kirkwood) and were all individually approved. The changes fall into four categories:

1. Removal of outdated material (e.g. references to Initial Officers or Directors.)
2. Simple re-ordering of paragraphs for more logical clarity.
3. A global change in voting language to "a majority of the Board present and voting".
4. Significant changes as to how Officers and Directors of the Board shall be selected in the future and their Terms of Office.

The Membership will receive full details along with another Official Ballot.

National Schutzhund Championship

The 2010 National Schutzhund Championship resulted in a profit in excess of \$9,000. According to the Board agreement passed in Dallas, \$1,200 was given to the co-hosting local club.

1. Motion (Henkel): To allocate the 2010 National Schutzhund Championship profit as follows: a) an additional \$1,000 to the co-hosting local club; b) \$2,000 to the 2010 World Team; c) \$5,000+/- to be retained for use in future National events. *Passed.*
2. Motion (Henkel): That the Board adopt a permanent policy for the National Schutzhund Championship funding as follows: 60% of any net profit shall be retained by the WDA; 40% of any net profit shall be given to the co-hosting local club. *Passed.*
3. Motion (Henkel): The 2011 National Schutzhund Championship shall be held on May 6, 7, 8, 2011 with the following Judges: Tracking: Wendell Nope, Obedience: Heiko Christian Grube; Protection: Gunther Diegel. *Passed.*

Motion (Kirkwood): To approve Erich Boesl as judge for all male classes at the 2011 NASS. *Passed.*

Motion (Osburn): To postpone consideration of the GSDCA/GSDCA-WDA agreement until the next time the GSDCA-WDA Board meets. *Passed.*

Motion (Munsinger): To compensate the web master \$1,000 for development of the GSDCA-WDA website. *Passed.*

Motion (Henkel): To appoint Rhonda Southern as the chair of the *ad hoc* website committee. *Passed.*

Motion (Munsinger): To eliminate the WDA membership requirement for the August 2010 pilot Regional Universal Sieger Show. *Passed.*

Motion (Henkel): To allow Junior Helpers into the program at 14 years of age; to adopt a Junior Helper point system; to allow a biannual brief exhibition of Jr. Helper skills at both the National Schutzhund Championship and the North American Sieger Show. *Passed.*

Motion (Munsinger): To reimburse to Pete Medina for a 2009 NASS entry fee for a working class dog that failed to earn a SchH 1 title in advance of the show. *Failed.*

Motion (Gattone): To allow Dr. David Landau an opportunity to respond to the statements made concerning him in the resignation email published by Danny Spreitler to the general WDA membership; and that the WDA distribute Dr. Landau's response, if any, using the same manner of distribution used by WDA resources for the publication of Dr. Spreitler's announcement of his resignation. *Failed.*

Motion (Blomberg): That the only documentary requirements for entry into a WDA performance trial be a scorebook and an AKC blue registration certificate. *Referred to the Performance Rules Committee.*