



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA-
WORKING DOG ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

April 23, 2005

Board of Directors Meeting
Comfort Suites
Ogden, Utah

Call to Order

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm, President Wayne Davis presiding, and Joy Schultz, secretary.

Officers and Directors Present

Ken Downing, Tom Mesdag, Ginny Altman, Ellie Carson, Debra Hokkanen, Martylou Plinski

Guests and Committee Chairs Present

David Landau, Robert Penny, Lew Bunch, Helen Gleason

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Debbie Hokkanen, and seconded by Ellie Carson to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2005 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports

- Report of the Secretary – Joy Schultz
Joy read the email resignation of George Rowland, Region 2 Director. George has requested his resignation be effective May 1, 2005. Ginny Altman moved to accept George's resignation. Motion seconded by Martylou Plinski. Motion carried.
- Report of the Treasurer – Martylou Plinski
Martylou passed out the first quarter Treasurer's report.

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Executive Session

Formal complaint filed per Article V of the GSDCA-WDA bylaws.

Tom Mesdag was unable to return to the board meeting following the Executive Session.

The regular board meeting reconvened at 9:45 pm

Officer's Reports (continued)

- Report of the President – Wayne Davis
Wayne read the Executive Committee actions for board ratification:

Event Approvals

Working GSDC of EastConn, April 11 BH and AD
Working GSDC of EastConn, May 14-15 Trial
NE Georgia SchH Club, May 14-15 Helper Certification
Working Dog Association of TN, May 28 Trial
Deutscher Schaeferhunde Club, May 28-29 Show/Breed Survey
Working GSDC of EastConn, Jun 4-5 Regional Conformation Show
O.G. Hauptstadt, Jun 4-5 Trial
Delaware Valley Police & Working Dog Assoc., Jul 8-9 Trial
Virginia Beach SchH Club, Jul 8-10 Trial
Pacific Northwest SchH Club, Oct 8-9 Trial

Other Actions

Approved Trial Guidelines

Approved Roberts Accounting Corporation to do the 2004 audit and tax return
Approved new club - Seagoville Working Dog Club
Approved reinstatement of the Heartland SchH Club
Approved Heartland SchH Club name change to Northeast Iowa Schutzhund Club-WDA
Approved to uphold Steve Miller formal complaint
Set June 25 to hear Steve Miller complaint
2005 Helper Championship Policy & Procedure
Rescind January 1, 2005 GSDCA join date for National SchH3 Championship/Qualification Trial

Motion was made by Ginny Altman to approve the Executive Committee's actions as read. Motion seconded by Ellie Carson. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Debbie Hokkanen and seconded by Ellie Carson to move up the following agenda items: under Reports of Committees/National Events, North American Sieger Show and Universal Sieger Trial and Show; under National Working Events, GSDCA Working Dog Trial; and under New Business, a) Nominating Committee, b) July meeting date/place, and c) Annual meeting date/place. Motion carried.

Reports of Committees

- National Events

North American Sieger Show

Gayle Kirkwood, 2005 NASS Chairperson, provided the board with a report of the 2005 NASS via email dated April 5, 2005. Motion was made by Ginny Altman and seconded by Debbie Hokkanen instructing Wayne Davis meet with Gayle regarding show site and insurance compliance issues and to do a show site inspection. The Secretary is to give her notice of at least two weeks prior to that meeting and provide a list of the necessary documentation required so that she can bring the items into compliance if she has not yet done so. If she fails to comply the Secretary is to send her notice requesting compliance with a deadline. Failing compliance of all of the stipulations by the deadline, the Board has authority to discharge her duties as show chair and the Keystone-Buckeye Hundesport club's involvement. Motion carried. Wayne accepted. Ellie moved in the event of non-compliance the Sieger Show Committee will be tasked with presenting to the Executive Committee an alternative site that will go to the Board for approval. Motion seconded by Ken Downing. Motion carried.

Universal Sieger Trial and Show

The Wesley Chapel Total Dog Training Club has submitted a bid to host the 2005 Universal Sieger Trial and Show, December 1-4 in Lutz, Florida. First choice judge requested in SV Judge Peter Arth and second choice is SV Judge Ernst Rückert. Motion by Ken Downing and seconded by Debbie Hokkanen to approve the Wesley Chapel club's bid. Motion carried.

- National Working Events – Gottfried Dildei
No report

GSDCA-National Specialty Working Dog Trial, "North American National Cup"

Wayne Davis reported the trial is to take place at a stadium within walking distance from the GSDCA National show site in Concord, North Carolina. Tracking has been located, permission pending. The Carolina German Shepherd Working Dog Club will be providing the equipment. The dates of the trial are set for Wednesday and Thursday, November 2-3 with awards ceremonies in the National Specialty show ring Friday morning. There is a GSDCA hospitality event planned for Herr Henke following the awards ceremony.

- New Business

a) Nominating Committee

Motion by Martylou Plinski and seconded by Ken Downing to approve the nominating committee for the election of 2006/2007 officers and directors as follows: Tish Walker, alternate Brett Fulford; Lori Nickeson, alternate Wayne Curry; and Richard Agee, alternate Wayne Speaks; and Ellie Carson, Chair. Motion carried.

- b) July Meeting Date/Place
Motion by Joy Schultz and seconded by Ellie Carson to approve Friday, July 30 at 7:00 pm in Denver, Colorado for the next meeting of the Board of Directors pending availability of a meeting room. Debbie is to make the arrangements. Motion carried. Debbie will look into a buffet or box lunches.
- c) Annual Meeting Date/Place
Motion by Ken Downing and seconded by Debbie Hokkanen to approve the Annual Membership Meeting be held in conjunction with the North American Sieger Show. Motion carried.

Officer's Reports (continued)

- Report of the Recorder – Ellie Carson
12 trials, 1 show and 1 regional show have been recorded since January 1.
- Report of the National Training Director – Gottfried Dildei
No report
- Report of the Director of Trial Judges – Mike West
No report

The board requested David Landau to write up an approval process for previous judges from other organizations and also WPO judges.

Reports of Committees (continued)

- Budget & Finance - Martylou Plinski
Motion by Ken Downing to approve the 2005 budget report draft, as presented by Martylou, the motion was seconded by Ginny Altman. Motion carried.
- Insurance – Wayne Davis
No report. Ken Downing moved that GSDCA-WDA name the GSDCA as additional insured. Motion seconded by Ellie Carson. Motion carried.
- WUSV Championship
No report.
- Internet Webmaster – John McKinney
No report
- Bylaws – Joy Schultz
No report
- Sponsorship/Publicity – Debbie Hokkanen
No report
- Tattoo Certification – Cindy Petersen
Cindy emailed her compilation of tattoo program documents to the Executive Committee March 27, 2005. Martylou moved we keep in place the currently approved program but that we amend the program to allow SV German koermeisters to verify tattoos of German Shepherd Dogs. The koermeisters would be required to do verifications prior to the show. The completed tattoo verification form signed by the koermeister, an application for tattoo certification, the original AKC pedigree and the certification fee would then be given to the show secretary for submittal to the WDA office for processing along with the rest of the event paperwork. Motion seconded by Joy Schultz. Motion carried.

Joy reported 80 AKC pedigrees have been certified since January 1.

Debbie Hokkanen needed to leave the meeting at 11:00 pm and the quorum was lost.

- Helper Certification Program – David Landau
No report

- Performance Rules & Regulations – David Landau
No report
- Forms (German-English) – Heidi Landau
No report
- K-9 Program
No report
- Junior Program – Cindy Petersen
Cindy’s report was distributed to the board prior to the meeting.

Reports of Regional Directors

No reports

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

- HGH Trial
At David Landau’s request Helen Gleason has researched the possibility of GSDCA-WDA hosting a HGH trial in 2006, tentatively the last weekend in September at Ulf Kintzel’s farm in upper western New York. The trial would need to be limited to 10 entries. The cost of the event would be \$3000 to be paid in advance to Mr. Kintzel. Helen will review Ulf’s facilities in June or July of this year and report back to the board in July.

Announcements

David Landau announced that Dorothy Linn has several GSDCA Futurity plaques she would like to donate to WDA. Joy offered to contact Dorothy.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm

Secretary

Date of approval