

GSDCA-Working Dog Association, Inc.  
July 20-21, 2007  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Holiday Inn Airport West  
St. Louis, Missouri

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Downing at 7:07 PM

Officers Present

Ken Downing, David Landau, Ginny Altman, Martylou Plinski, Joy Schultz

Directors Present

Miriam Barkus, Russ Osburn, Richard Agee, Jim York, LaMar Frederick, Tom Mesdag, Joe Barry, Wayne Davis, Ex-officio Lew Bunch

Directors Absent

Hallie Mc Mullen, Rhonda Long

Committee Chairs

Mike West, Danny Spreitler, Clay Meadows

Guests

Leo G Plinski, Jr., Jeff Lund, L George Rowland, Heidi Landau, Jeannette Kempkes, Daniel Yee, Hong Yee, Alethea Caldwell Munsinger, Michael Kempkes, Debbie Davis, Cynthia Blanton, Bill Behr.

**Call to Order**

President Ken Downing called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm. He welcomed members and guests and requested that they sign in the register for the meeting.

**Point of Order**

Wayne Davis raised a Point of Order. He cited references in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) stating that pending the resolution of the charges filed against the President, the President's rights as a member are suspended and, as such, the President should be relieved of presiding over this meeting.

**Appeal**

Ginny Altman appealed the decision of the chair to relieve the President of the chairing this Board meeting, citing another rule within RONR. Debate ensued. Wayne Davis read an opinion of a parliamentarian that he consulted and cited as fact a finding on another case involving our bylaws as it related to Colorado Statutes. There was considerable debate as to whether or not that case could be applied in this circumstance. After lengthy debate the question was put to a vote. The question was: Shall the decision of the chair to relieve the President be sustained?

In Favor: Joe Barry, Wayne Davis, Jim York, Miriam Barkus, Joy Schultz, Martylou Plinski. Opposed: Russ Osburn, Ginny Altman, LaMar Frederick, and Richard Agee.

Abstaining: Lew Bunch, Tom Mesdag

LaMar Frederick, Ken Downing, Richard Agee, and Russ Osburn left the meeting after the decision of the Board.

**Agenda Adopted**

The meeting was re-convened at 8:01 pm with David Landau in the Chair. He distributed an agenda, which was adopted without objection.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the April Board meeting, taken by Joy Schultz, were approved unanimously as last distributed upon a motion by Ginny Altman followed by a second.

**Standing Rule for minutes**

Ginny Altman moved that the standing rules of the GSDCA-WDA reflect that this organization adopts a rule stipulating that the minutes of the Board meeting shall reflect a synopsis of the discussion on a matter as well as the vote but that the secretary need not otherwise adhere to the standard for publishing minutes to the public. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

## **Secretary's Report**

Ginny Altman noted that the Annual meeting notice was mailed to the members in compliance with the bylaws and that there was an error in the date requiring submission of petitions for offices and regional directors. The date in the notice was August 12. It was brought to the secretary's attention that the date should have been August 13. Joe Barry moved that correction to August 13 be noted on the website and send out by email to the membership. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Martylou Plinski distributed a financial compilation for April, May, and June of 2007 to the Board for their review.

## **Audit**

Treasurer, Martylou Plinski moved that the Roberts Accountancy Corporation be authorized to complete the Audit and prepare the Tax Return. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Martylou Plinski noted that team donations are behind in the amount that was donated at this time last year. She explained that in former years there was an insert in the GSDCA renewal notice, which included a request for the donation to the World Team. Lew Bunch, GSDCA President and ex-officio member of the GSDCA-WDA Board asked for clarification.

Lew Bunch requested that if Joy Schultz would prepare an insert and sends it to him, that he would see to it that the insert requesting donations for the Team would be included in the GSDCA renewal notice to all GSDCA members.

## **General Board Member**

Lew Bunch, as President of the GSDCA, according to the provisions in the Bylaws has nominated Danny Spreitler as a fourth General Director. The Nominee was elected unanimously by the Board of Directors of the GSDCA-WDA.

## **Executive Committee Actions**

The following are the actions of the Executive Committee as summarized by Vice-President and Chair David Landau.

Executive Committee approved the OG Agua Dulce breed surveys.

## **Discussion**

David Landau explained that the SV has published rules and unpublished rules. When calls are made to the SV the call may yield different information than only looking only at the published rules. The dog in question had hip survey, which was in process. Because of the time in process for the hip survey documentation, the SV will allow a dog to get a show rating. When a show card needs to be changed by either the judge or the SV.

Without objection the Executive Committee action was ratified unanimously.

## **Team Captain**

Russ Osburn was approved by the Executive Committee as the GSDCA WUSV Team Captain. Ginny Altman moved that the action of the Executive Committee to name Russ Osburn as Team Captain be ratified. All in favor except Miriam Barkus, who opposed.

## **NASS entertainment**

Wayne to ratify the deposit of \$100 for hiring entertainment (Complete Music) for the NASS. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The balance will be \$599.00.

## **NASS Website**

Wayne moved to ratify the payment made to Klaus Holder for the NASS website. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

## **NASS Hotel**

Lew Bunch moved that the Executive Committee decision to enter into an agreement for the Diamond Inn and the Six Flags Holiday Inn hotel be ratified.

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

## **Member Club events**

Jim York moved to ratify the Executive Committee action to approve the following eleven events.

June 8-10, 2007, Working Dog Association of Tennessee, Club Trial

June 15-17, 2007, O.G. Agua Dulce, Club Trial, SchH - IPO - BH - AD - FH

June 23-24, 2007, Chicago Schutzhund Verein, Helper Certification

July 28-29, 2007, Virginia Beach Schutzhund Club, Club Trial, SchH - IPO - BH

August 17-18, 2007, The Good Shepherd Schutzhund Club, Club Trial, SchH - IPO - BH - FH - TR - OB - DPO - WH

September 14-16, 2007, O.G. Agua Dulce, Club Show and Breed Survey

September 15-16, 2007, Fairfield County Working German Shepherd Dog Club, Northeastern Regional Show, Breed Survey - AD

September 21-23, 2007, Marysville Schutzhund Club, Club Trial, SchH - IPO - BH - AD - FH

November 10, 2007, Central Illinois Police & Working Dog Association, Police Dog Trial

November 25, 2007, Greater Chicago Schutzhund Club, Club Trial, SchH - IPO - BH - FH

December 1-2, 2007, Broward Schutzhund Club, 2240 Shotgun Rd., Davie FL, Club Show and Breed Survey, Club Trial, SchH - IPO - BH - AD - FH

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **“a” Stamp**

Mary Gattone reported that she has had a computer crash but that everything is going well with the “a” stamp program although the SV process does take some time.

### **Apprentice Judges**

Mike West reported that he has undertaken the process of revision of the program and that it is almost done.

Mike noted that the WDA Judges have gotten recognition as Working Dog Sport Judges by the AKC and that the SV will recognize the judges that hold AKC Judge status. Mike anticipates that there will be additional

individuals that will apply for Apprentice Judge Status as a result of the growth of the Working Dog Sport within AKC, the demand for judges and the status given by the AKC.

### **Budget and Finance**

Danny Spreitler distributed and verbally explained the NASS budget. There was an opportunity for questions, which were addressed by Danny.

Ginny Altman moved that the budget be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **Ultimate Sponsor Program**

Danny Spreitler explained that for a \$1000.00 donation, members would receive a gift of a leather jacket, which carries the club logo. The question was raised as to whether the members who made the donation intended it for WDA or specifically for NASS. The idea was conceived in conjunction with NASS. The accounting has been credited to the NASS account. 16 jackets were ordered.

Miriam Barkus moved that we clarify with the donors if they had intended their donation to be for NASS.

Ginny Altman moved to amend the motion to say “that Danny Spreitler be directed to contact the donors” Amendment was adopted unanimously.

There were further amendments so that the final motion read that “ Danny Spreitler be directed to poll the individuals who made donations to the Ultimate Sponsor Program to determine whether their donation was intended for the WDA, the NASS or if they wished to leave the designation of their donation to the determination of the Board of Directors.” The motion as finally stated was adopted unanimously.

### **Budget**

The Second quarter comparison was distributed by Martylou Plinski, Treasurer.

### **Breed Survey**

The GSDCA SV/WUSV Liaison Committee received word from the SV that two breed surveys at a GSDCA-WDA breed survey could not be processed because the schutzhund titles were earned under SV judges at trials sponsored by a non-GSDCA-WDA club and the judges had not been properly released by the SV. The SV was, therefore, not recognizing these schutzhund titles. Since the scorebooks had been properly completed and signed by SV judges at events that were not sponsored by GSDCA-WDA, there was no way that the GSDCA-WDA or the breed survey host member club could have known this in advance. The SV did not allow the breed survey for those affected dogs.

### **Bylaws**

LaMar Frederick has provided several drafts and the Bylaws revision is still in process.

Wayne speculated that the Board might, in the future, want to authorize a Colorado non-profit attorney to consult with LaMar for the Bylaws revision.

#### **GSDCA/GSDCA-WDA Club Liaison**

Jim York is the GSDCA/GSDCA-WDA Regional club liaison.

There are AKC clubs that want to become WDA clubs and vice versa. Lew Bunch cautioned the Board members to look at the AKC conflict of interest statement as the WDA and the GSDCA begins to help clubs diversify. There was a brief discussion about the evolution of The Working Dog Sport within the AKC sport of dogs.

#### **Helper Program**

Clay Meadows reported that there are 69 Club Helpers, 16 Regional Helpers, 12 National Helpers and 11 Teaching Level Helpers. He reported that the Chicago area has a Teaching Seminar, which is being offered. Jan Koxx is the instructor and he is a German Teaching Helper. This Seminar was approved at a previous time by the Board.

Clay Meadows explained that the goal for National Level Helper selection is to get the best helpers for the show or trial as the case may be. The Helper Program Committee would also like to see that helpers get a regular opportunity for working a National Event. Clay is requesting that the Board assist him in determining a fair selection process. There are no exclusions for committee members to serve as National Event Helpers.

During discussion Clay Meadows stated that he solicited the recommendations of the committee members as to whether the committee members themselves should be considered for National Events. Clay stated that the committee members had no objection if the Board chose to exclude Committee members from National Events.

#### **Committee Members**

It was moved and seconded to approve the following members of the Helper Program Committee: Mike West, Steve Beal, Carl Smith, Jimmy Dalton, David Landau, Miriam Barkus, and Joy Schultz. The committee was approved unanimously.

Rescind the motion made in April

Wayne Davis moved that the motion adopted at the April meeting to approve a Club Level helper to act as helper at a breed survey be rescinded.

Clay Meadows explained that the program was set up to have Regional Level Helpers and National Level Helpers trained to be Breed Survey Helpers. He said that a lot of effort was made to train the helpers for the breed survey. The program was set up to assure that the dogs in the breed surveys would not be injured. Club level helpers may not have the conditioning or the experience to safely and sufficiently catch 10 dogs in a row. Each Region now has a Regional Level Helper. A Club level helper may only have to work 2 consecutive dogs even if it is SchH3. Clay said that he has urged the clubs to provide training and certification to get Club level helpers to certify as Regional Level Helper.

The motion to rescind the motion made in April was adopted unanimously with Ginny Altman and Tom Mesdag abstaining.

Clay volunteered that he would, at no cost to the club, serve as Helper to any club with already approved Breed Survey that has difficulty getting a Regional helper to do their breed survey.

#### **Notice**

The Chairman, Vice-President David Landau, asked the board to review the written proposal to award Regional events before the Saturday meeting.

#### **Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 pm on Friday, July 20 to be reconvened on Saturday morning.

#### **Convened**

The Saturday session was called to order by Vice-President David Landau at 8:19 am. Directors present: Miriam Barkus, Russ Osburn, Jim York, Tom Mesdag, Joe Barry, Wane Davis, Danny Spreitler and Lew Bunch. Committee Chairs present: Mike West and Clay Meadows

David Landau cautioned the members to speak to others respectfully and to limit their remarks to the discussion.

#### **Insurance**

Martylou Plinski reported that the Directors and Officers insurance policy was renewed. The bond for the Treasurer was also renewed. The General Liability will come up for renewal in two months time.

### **Junior Program**

Danny Spreitler reported that there are 37 Juniors in the program but that he is having difficulty getting the paperwork from the show secretaries.

Martylou Plinski moved that the paperwork be submitted to Joy Schultz in the Office of WDA for the Juniors participating in a show along with the rest of the show paperwork. The motion was seconded. There was discussion that the office has no information ahead of time and would not know if a Junior is participating if the paperwork is not submitted. There is a need for the chairman to send information out to the show-giving clubs so that the clubs will understand the record keeping that is required for the Junior Program.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Joy Schultz informed the Board that the next issue of the WDA Newsletter would be devoted to Juniors Program.

### **Investment**

Martylou recommended that some of the money in checking be moved to a CD. Ginny Altman moved that \$30,000 be placed in a CD, at the best interest rate not to exceed 1 year. There was discussion of a Money Market account vs. CD.

Miriam Barkus moved that the words "or other FDIC insured vehicle" be inserted following CD. The amendment was adopted unanimously.

The main motion: "That \$30,000 be placed in a CD or other FDIC insured vehicle, at the best available interest rate not to exceed 1 year" was adopted unanimously.

### **K-9 Program**

Mike West reported that the K-9 event that was set with the National Championship was unable to be held at that time but is now scheduled for November 10-11, 2007 in Princeville. Wendell Nope is the Judge.

He noted that the event would offer the VSK similar to the event in Kansas City in 2005.

This is being offered to encourage more Police K-9 Officers to participate and possibly become interested in the sport of Schutzhund.

### **Nation SchH Championship**

David Landau announced that it is not too early to begin planning the National Schutzhund Championship for 2008. In 2007 this event was hosted by Central Illinois and Mike West is once again willing to organize this event.

Jim York moved that the Board approve a WDA standing committee for the National Schutzhund Championship chaired by Mike West, to plan the 2008 event and planning for future events and explore sites for those future events subject to Board approval.

Following discussion the motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Committee**

Mike West requested approval of committee members: Clay Meadows, Danny Spreitler, Joe Barry, Joy Schultz, Alethea Caldwell, Michael Kempkes, Daniel Yee, Wendell Nope, and David Landau.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the named committee members. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Upon a subsequent request by Mike West, Ginny Altman moved that Connie Miller be added to the committee. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **NASS**

In the absence of the chairman, Richard Agee, Danny Spreitler reported on the visit made to Purina on Friday and on the planning that has been done.

Danny Spreitler reported that the NASS event would be as successful as the Board will make it. Danny reported that the following items will need consideration:

Judges assignment

\$1000 expenditure to secure the Hotel agreement

Authorization for Funds expenditure

Catalog proposal

Committee, Grounds and Hospitality

Danny Spreitler reported that we have an agreement with Brock Fitzgerald at Purina. This is the same location at Purina but on Sunday the hotel has a grassy area, which the committee looked at and that is what is now planned to for use for the working classes.

David Landau reviewed for the Board the previously used custom and protocol for assignment of the judges. When there are two judges, custom provides that the judge with the longest tenure as a show judge would handle the show evaluation for males and

protection evaluation for the bitches.

Johann Mayer became an SV show judge in 1981. Ernst Seifert became a judge in 1990.

Both are SV Breed Survey Masters.

A motion setting policy for future year's judges' assignments was made and subsequently withdrawn following discussion and with the consent of the Board.

Miriam moved that we assign Johann Mayer to judge males. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Joy moved that Ernst Seifert judge the protection work for males and that Johann Mayer judge protection for females.

Ginny Altman moved that we authorize the Treasurer to issue a check (to Mike Dolan) in the amount of \$1000 to secure the agreement for 300 rooms at the Holiday Inn and Diamond Inn. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

David Landau noted that currently the treasurer is the individual in WDA who is authorized to expend funds.

Ginny Altman moved that Danny Spreitler also be authorized to expend funds on behalf of WDA. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. Martylou Plinski and Danny Spreitler abstained.

### **Catalog Vendor**

In February a proposal was received from Klaus Holder to do the catalog. Joy Schultz has also submitted a proposal. There was considerable discussion including entry process, cost and the specifications of the product. A motion was made that could not be considered at this time. Danny Spreitler moved that WDA Board of Directors accept formal written proposals for the production of a print ready catalog, the bid process would close on August 5 and that the Executive Committee be authorized to bind the agreement, which in their best judgment is the best proposal. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. Danny will send out the request for proposal.

### **NASS Committee**

Richard Agee is the chairman of the committee. The nominations for Committee members: Danny Spreitler, Heidi Landau, Alethea Caldwell, Dan Yee, Clay Meadows, Jeannette Kempkes, George Rowland, Jeff Lund, and John Henkel.

Committee was approved unanimously. Danny noted that he will not be showing and that committee assignments will be made so that the committee members will not have a conflict of interest.

There was some discussion of where classes would be judged and whether it was advisable to change locations during the course of a day. These concerns will be addressed by the committee.

### **Anniversary**

David Landau noted that this would be the GSDCA-WDA's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NASS. It was suggested that the Newsletter promote the 2007 NASS as the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. There will be other ways to highlight the Anniversary by soliciting pictures of the first NASS and displaying them at this 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event.

The matter of show cards was raised. Danny Spreitler asked that the details pertaining to the show that are within the budget that has been approved be submitted to the committee. An advertisement for the SV magazine has been budgeted and will be submitted this week.

### **WDA Office**

Joy Schultz reported that she has issued 82 scorebooks and 11 other breed scorebooks.

Joy reported that she has received a request from Rainer Voortman that his membership reflect a renewal without interruption.

Miriam explained that she misunderstood his inquiry and provided him erroneous information about renewal with credit card and inadvertently caused a delay in his renewal.

There was considerable discussion, including that there might be a perception of precedence being set. Danny Spreitler moved that we grant Rainer Voortman tenure that would allow his continued participation as a Teaching Helper.

Following recess and additional discussion, without objection, the motion was postponed for consideration until after lunch.

(See additional information in minutes following lunch break)

### **Recess**

A recess was called at 10:18 am. The meeting was reconvened at 10:32 am.

### **Data Back Up and Recovery**

David Landau asked the WDA Office independent contractor to explain her system of Back -Up in the event of the need for Data Disaster Recovery.

Joy Schultz explained that she uses her own personal computer and has an external hard drive back up on a daily basis. In addition there is a CD back up which is sent to Martylou Plinski monthly.

Various Board members discussed systems of online remote back up that requires DSL.

Ginny Altman moved that a Disaster Recovery committee chaired by Wayne Davis with Joe Barry and Joy Schultz, be formed to explore the computer and back up needs of WDA and be prepared to make recommendations at the next meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously except for Joe Barry and Wayne Davis who abstained.

### **Performance Rules Committee**

David Landau reported that the trial rules previously on the website were not editable. Since they could not be corrected, Joy Schultz has been working on a reproduction of the Trial Rules that David has reviewed. Some corrections have been made by him and when they have been again reviewed they will be sent out to the Board for their review and correction.

### **New SV Rule**

David reported that there is a new SV Handler handling prerequisite for 2008 that requires that the handler to have handled a dog to a BH before they are admitted to a Schutzhund level. Since the Scorebook goes with the dog and the handler is not listed on the scorebook we have no current method of identifying whether or not a handler has accomplished this. The WDA has stated that we follow the rules of the SV. This matter will need to be addressed if we do not wish to make an exception to this rule. If WDA wishes to follow the SV rule when it becomes effective in 2008, we may need to develop a way to track handlers that have previously handled a dog to BH before they can handle a dog to Schutzhund.

### **Motion**

Danny Spreitler moved that the Performance Rules Committee be charged to study this matter and at the January meeting be prepared to make recommendations. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Motion**

Danny Spreitler moved that the SV rule regarding the handler prerequisites not be implemented until such a time as the GSDCA-WDA has a plan for tracking the handlers is developed and that the WDA is prepared to implement the requirements. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Committee members**

David Landau asked and there was a motion made and seconded that his committee of Mike West, Tom Mesdag to serve on the Performance Rules Committee. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **BH / SchH1 Rule**

David reported that the SV has a rule that a handler may a dog to a BH and a SchH1 at the same trial but that the BH must be on the day prior to the SchH1. The Committee moved that this information be posted on website. The motion was adopted unanimously.

### **WUSV - GSDCA Team**

Russ Osburn reported that the rooms for the team have been booked and that the GSDCA has made the payment on the behalf of the Team, thereby making a \$4000 donation to the team.

Russ Osburn also reported that he has contacted the team members and has ordered the team uniforms from Mike Andrel. He is working with the USCA team as well as our team. The team members have their flights booked. Uniforms are the same as last year.

### **Team Support Jackets**

Martylou Plinski moved that she be authorized to place the order for the 13 team support jackets for which contributions have been made. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **T-shirts**

Joy Schultz reported that there are team support Tee shirts that have been offered for a donation. There was discussion regarding the design. Danny Spreitler moved that a committee consisting of Lew Bunch and Russ Osburn be established to approve the design of the Tee shirts and order those for the donations received. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously

### **Lunch Break**

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:42 am and reconvened at 12:40 pm.

Danny Spreitler requested to withdraw his motion regarding Rainer Voortman. Danny moved that, based on a director accepting responsibility for the lapse of membership due to an administrative error, the membership shall be deemed to have been continuous. All in favor except Wayne Davis who abstained.

### **Unfinished Business**

There is no new membership activity to act upon at this meeting.

### **New Business**

David Landau reported on the search for an agent to do the results of the election. In the past Honest Ballot company was engaged to send out the ballots at a significant cost. For example the GSDCA costs with Honest Ballot were of approximately \$11,000. There were two agents who would provide this service only if they were also engaged to send the ballots out. We have the name of Les Marsh, CPA to count ballots and tally the vote, certify the results and send them to two officers. The cost would be \$3.00 per ballot.

### **Counting Agent**

Danny Spreitler moved that the proposal outlined by Les Marsh, CPA be accepted by the Board and that the Executive Committee approve the contract not to exceed \$3.00 per dog and the contract terms in compliance with the bylaws including record retention. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Ballots**

Following discussion, Miriam moved that the secretary be authorized to engage either an agency in St Paul, MN or the one previously used in Florida to send the ballot out to the membership. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Membership privacy Policy**

It is reported by the WDA Office that there is an expressed agreement with the database being utilized by NASS that the information sent out is for that event only. There was considerable discussion of the uses of the mailing list for WDA events and the WDA renewal notice that includes a check off box authorizing dissemination of information.

Jim York moved that the Board adopt a privacy policy that prohibits use of the membership list except for those purposes authorized by the board. Second. Adopted unanimously.

### **Motion**

Danny Spreitler moved that the Disaster Recovery Committee (Wayne Davis and Joe Barry) be assigned the task of developing privacy policies under Safe Harbor Provisions and report back to the Board in January. All in favor except for Wayne Davis and Joe Barry, who abstained.

### **Corporation Registration**

Danny Spreitler offered the opinion that there are states that are "friendlier" to the non-profit corporation than is Colorado. The Board may want to explore this in the future.

### **GSDCA 2007 Working Dog Sport**

David Landau reported that on Sunday October 27 there would be a Working Dog Sport Trial. Nanci Nellis is the GSDCA National Specialty Chairman and is involved in all aspects of the arrangement of this event. Tim Crusier is the Event chairman, the event secretary is Lori Crusier assisted by Joy Schultz. Martylou Plinski, Russ Osburn and Wayne Davis are Event committee members. This is an AKC event and information is being disseminated from the GSDCA website. Our website can be linked to the information on the GSDCA website.

Mike West is the Judge. David Landau is "back-up judge." There will be a Working Dog Sport Seminar on Friday afternoon.

### **GSDCA-WDA Table at National**

Martylou Plinski asked for assistance in hosting the table. Danny moved to form a committee with Martylou Plinski serving as chair, Jim and Mary York, Clay Meadows, and Joy Schultz to host the GSDCA-WDA table at the 2007 National Specialty. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Patches**

David Landau reported that the treasurer has received a bid. Martylou Plinski informed the Board that the GSDCA-WDA patches estimate for 250 patches at \$5.61 each. Joy moved that 250 patches be authorized. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. Russ Osburn was absent for the vote.

### **Hunde-Gram**

Miriam moved that the Board authorize the publication of a Hunde-Gram that will be authored by Tom Mesdag, edited by Ginny

Altman and sent out by email to those members that have email and by presorted mail to the balance of the approximately 400 members. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Working Dog Sport**

Wayne announced that the AKC has asked him to work with them to assist the Giant Schnauzer Clubs to have a WDS Demonstration. This will be in Pennsylvania and he will be contacting WDA members in the area to assist him in this demonstration.

### **Recess**

The Board was in recess from 2:00 pm to 2:20 pm.

Danny Spreitler moved that the matter of a formal policy for handling monies in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Federal Standard Accounting Board (FSAB) within the WDA be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Puppy Book**

Martylou Plinski reported that the supply of puppy books is running out. Joy Schultz has received an estimate for printing from the printing company that does our Newsletter that is approximately \$1850 for 2000 Puppy books, which is a 4-6 year, supply.

There was discussion of the previous edition and recommendations from Martylou Plinski that it needs to be revised and updated.

### **Motion**

Miriam Barkus moved that Ginny Altman, Martylou Plinski, and Joy Schultz be authorized to revise the Puppy Booklet and that \$250 be authorized for design and layout.

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Motion**

Miriam moved that when the book is ready for printing, that 2000 copies be ordered at a cost of no more than \$2000.

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Regional Event Policies**

Joe Barry explained that there needs to be a fair process for the awarding of Regional Events. A proposal was distributed.

#### **Proposal for the Awarding of Regional Events**

1. Before the end of February a Regional meeting is called by the Regional Director. Clubs can send a representative physically or electronically. At this meeting the clubs in the Region can bid on the Regional Events for the following year. (The '08 Regional meeting bids on the '09 events)
2. Eligibility- The club must be in good standing to be eligible to bid on the Regional Event. A club must have held at least one club trial before being eligible to host the Regional Schutzhund Championship. Likewise, a club must have held at least one conformation show before being eligible to host the Regional Conformation Show.
3. If only one eligible club bids on a Regional Event, the Regional Director can award that club the Regional Event. The club must then reserve a tentative weekend for the Regional Event.
4. Draw Process- If more than one eligible club bids on the Regional Event, a draw process is instituted. The club that will host the prior years' particular Regional Event for which the draw is instituted is required to sit out. The draw is random and impartial with witnesses. For example, Region 5 cuts cards at the Regional Meeting. This can be very entertaining. It could be done at the January WDA Board meeting if the Region wants.
5. Forfeiture- The winning club must have the approved Regional Event on the books by the end of the calendar year or forfeit the Regional Event. If WDA Board action against the club that precludes them from holding the Regional Event exists at the end of the calendar year, the club must forfeit the Regional Event. In the event of a forfeiture, the Regional Director must go to the clubs that were in the draw for that Regional Event. If more than one club is eligible, then there must be another draw.

There was considerable discussion of the implementation of the proposal, which would not take place until after the election of Regional Directors in October of 2007. This would allow a new director to become familiar with the proposal before implementation.

### **Motion**

Joe Barry moved that the proposal 1-5 as presented be adopted as the process for awarding Regional events.

Those in favor: Lew Bunch, Jim York, Wayne Davis, Joe Barry, and Tom Mesdag. Those opposed: Miriam Barkus, Joy Schultz, and Danny Spreitler. Abstain: Ginny Altman, Russ Osburn, Martylou Plinski

## **Result of vote**

The majority of those voting are in favor, the motion carries and the proposal is adopted. The Regional meetings in 2008 will begin to use this process for 2009 events.

## **2008 S Pacific Regional**

Joy Schultz reported that the Regional Director contacted the clubs in the South Pacific to submit their bids if they wished to be considered for the Regional Show and Trial.

OG Agua Dulce offered a proposal for the Regional Show and Regional Trial in conjunction with SW Diamondback and the Deutscher Schaeferhund club to hold this event in the north Los Angeles area.

El Cajon Schutzhund Club Regional Trial offered a proposal hold at the same site that was used it this year in conjunction with San Diego and Aztec Schutzhund Club Show.

## **Motion**

Miriam Barkus moved that OG Agua Dulce / SW Diamondback/ Deutscher Schaeferhund be approved for the 2008 S Pacific Regional Trial, Regional Show and Breed Survey for June 5 to 8.

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

## **Request for use of forms**

David Landau explained that the GSDC Trinidad and Tobago Club have requested our German/English trial forms, to which they will apply their own logo and use it for their shows.

Jim York moved that the Board approve this request. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

## **Schutzhund Australia**

Mike West explained that a request came to him from the Schutzhund Australia to link their website to the GSDCA-WDA website and for the GSDCA-WDA to link to their website. Mike was invited to judge a show for them and he recommended that this request be granted. They have established a relationship with the SV and their purposes are aligned with ours.

Danny Spreitler moved that their request be approved.

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

## **SV decision on Awards**

David explained that there were SV / FCI Judges at AWDF events. The Austrian Kennel Club had released the Judges. These judges were also full SV judges and had not been released by the SV. The SV rules provide that Full SV judges cannot judge outside their own country without release from the SV. They had not obtained a release from the SV.

Release from Austria is dated after the event, was addressed to the AKC and for Rottweilers.

The WDA has invalidated these titles from the scorebooks. We do not have the right to alter another organizations scorebook.

LaMar Frederick has written a response reflecting our position.

## **Recess**

The Board was in recess at 3:32 pm and reconvened in closed session at 3:42 pm.

The Board was in Executive Session from 3:42 pm until 6:06 pm.

The Saturday session of the Board meeting was reconvened at 6:06 pm.

David Landau requested that the Board provide him with nominations for Region 1, Region 8 and National Training Director by 5:00 pm on August 6.

David Landau instructed the secretary to send out a notice to the board to provide nominations for those vacant positions to the chair and secretary who will verify nominations with the WDA office.

## **Executive Session**

The Board adjourn to Executive Session at 6:16 pm.

The session was reconvened at 6:26 pm.

The Board acknowledges that there is a conflict of interest for Joy Schultz and Russ Osburn. The Board of Directors heard the conflict of interest with Ms. Schultz holding contractor position and Recorder Office and acknowledges the conflict. Further, the Board

acknowledged that the conflict is not detrimental to the club for either member.

There was discussion that under our current policy all nominees must either sign a conflict of interest statement or declare their conflict of interest. The board would then have to arrange an opportunity to hear the conflict and waive the conflict.

There was considerable discussion of the impact on the petition and ballot process. Danny Spreitler moved that we set aside the current conflict of interest policy and adopt the model language of the IRS to govern the conflicts for this election.

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Secretary, Ginny Altman

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