

German Shepherd Dog Club of America - Working Dog Association, Inc.

July 2003 Board Meeting

Raleigh, NC

July 27, 2003

Call to Order	President Wayne Davis called the meeting to order at 9:55 AM. There was a quorum.
	Present: Wayne Davis, Tish Walker, Martylou Plinski, Joy Schultz,
Board Members & committee chairs	Present: Ellie Carson, Miriam Barkus, Debbie Hokkanen, Ginny Altman, David Landau, Terri Short, Mark Welleck, Cindy Jones-Petersen Guests: Mike West, George Rowland, Wayne Speaks, Richard Agee
I. Minutes	
	The minutes of the April GSDCA-WDA Board Meeting were approved.
II. Report of the Secretary – Tish Walker	
	Bogdan Sergo was approved by the Board as Training Director to replace Russ Osburn who resigned. The April Board minutes were approved electronically.
III. Report of Treasurer – Martylou Plinski	
	Martylou passed out a written Treasurer’s Report for Jan-June 2003. The Treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$26,841.34 in the checking account as of 6/30/03. The Team Account showed a balance of \$3,425.64.
IV. Report of President – Wayne Davis	
Executive Committee	<p>The Executive Committee approved the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A change of location for the NASS to Stateline, N.C. 2. Willie Steiger was approved to judge AD & BH at the Greater Chicago Club. 3. The Carolina German Shepherd Working Dog Club was approved to host the 2003 NASS. 4. Recommended the approval of the following General Directors: Cindy Jones-Peterson, Kathy Jo Magan, Lori Nickeson, Mark Welleck. 5. Reimburse David Landau for the 2003 National SchH3 Championships judge’s expenses incurred. 6. WUSV world team document. 7. Gayle Kirkwood to replace Lori Nickeson as a general director on the GSDCA-WDA board. 8. The following clubs have met the requirements of the GSDCA-WDA to be full member clubs: Salzstadt Schutzhund Club, Topline GSD Club of IL, Inc., Delaware Valley Police & Working Dog Association, Virginia Beach Schutzhund Club, Sequoia Schutzhund Club, O.G. Wisconsin. 9. The following clubs, Bur Oak Hundesport and O.G. Agua Dulce, are approved after successful completion of their required practice trials. 10. The newsletter upgrade color-printing proposal. 11. The GSDCA-WDA By-laws amendments. 12. All event secretaries for GSDCA-WDA events which have been completed must submit the official results to the GSDCA-WDA recorder. After proper verification, the recorder will provide the official results to the newsletter editor and webmaster for publication.

	<p>13. A central office for the GSDCA-WDA will be created and take effect January 1, 2004. Joy Schultz will be contracted by the GSDCA-WDA to provide all necessary central office services that may be required by the GSDCA-WDA. Ms. Schultz shall not include any of her voluntary duties as GSDCA-WDA recorder as part of the contractual obligations. The office will be located in Florida. George & Patsy Rowland donated \$2500 to initiate the central office and Rex Garrett has donated another \$2500.</p> <p>Motion by Ellie Goede-Carson to approve the actions of the Executive Committee, 2nd by Martylou Plinski. Motion approved unanimously.</p>
V. Recorder – Joy Schultz	
	Joy reported that 26 scorebooks have been issued, and 7 club trials, 2 conformation shows, and 2 breed surveys have been recorded. There are 12 events scheduled between July 1 and December 31, 2003 and 5 in 2004. There is a problem with clubs not sending in all the required information. So the clubs will understand what they need to do, Joy will contact the regional directors and work with them to help the clubs.
VI. Training Director – Bogdan Sergo	
	David Landau stated that Bogdan was excited about working with the GSDCA-WDA.
VII. Director of Conformation and Trial Judges	
	<p>a. Trial Judge Committee (chair) – Mike West – No report</p> <p>b. Conformation Committee (chair) – Wayne Davis – No report</p>
VIII. Reports of Committees	
1. Budget & Finance – Martylou Plinski	
	Martylou Plinski submitted a written 6 month budget comparison for 2003.
2. National Events -	
	a. GSDCA National Specialty – No report
	b. North American Sieger Show –Martylou Plinski
	<p>Martylou Plinski passed out a written report. Since representatives from the host club were present, they reported on the arrangements thus far. There are three soccer fields reserved for the show. The banquet site is reserved. The host club is budgeting \$25,000 for the show and is trying to get sponsor money.</p> <p>Miriam Barkus had a question on paying helpers for the show. There was discussion on whether there should be a fee charged to handlers for practice time with a helper.</p>
	c. National Schutzhund Championship/WUSV - No report
3. WUSV Championship	
	No Report
4. Newsletter Editor – Rhonda Long	
	<p>a. Graphics and Production – Klaus Holder – A written report was submitted.</p> <p>b. Editorial Staff – Renee Utley</p> <p>c. Advertising Manager – Janice Fischer</p>

5. Internet	
a. Webmaster – John McKinney	
	No report
6. By-laws – LaMar Frederick	
	Two by-law amendments were submitted and approved by the board. They will be sent to the membership for approval with the Annual Meeting Notice.
7. Regional Directors	
	Region 1 – Debbie Hokkanen Region 2 – Mike Andrel Region 3 – Miriam Barkus Region 4 – Terri Short, DVM – submitted a report on the clubs in her region. Region 5 - Steve Miller Region 6 – Jessy Gabriel Region 7 – Don Haseman Region 8 – Region 9 – Ellie Carson
8. Sponsorship – David Landau	
9. Membership - Angi Hyre	
	Submitted a written report.
10. Publicity – Ellie Goede-Carson	
11. How to Raise a Puppy Booklet – Barbara Lopez	
12. Member Clubs (chair) Angi Hyre	
	Submitted a written report.
13. Ethics – Brett Fulford	
14. DNA	
15. Photography	
16. OFA –“Planning “a” Stamp	
	The board approved the “a” stamp and tattoo certification program.
17.Schutzhund Rule Book – David Landau	
	The rule book is completed and at the printers.
18. Forms (English-German) – Heidi Landau	
19. Team Conduct	
20. GSDCA-WDA Strategic Planning Committee (Chair) – Brett Fulford	
<i>Ad Hoc Committees</i>	
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IX. Old Business	<p data-bbox="423 233 1511 338">Helper Program: Mark Welleck handed out a Trial Helper Certification Program for corrections. It will be reprinted. Motion by Miriam Barkus to approve the program as corrected. 2nd by Terri Short. Motion passed.</p> <p data-bbox="423 380 1511 527">Martylou Plinski proposed that we implement the “ a” stamp and tattoo certification program previously presented. Veterinarians must be involved as they must certify the tattoo. Motion by Terri Short to approve the program. Motion seconded by Martylou Plinski. Motion passed.</p>
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X. New Business

The WDS Master Level event will be held in Daytona Beach, FL, Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 8 & 9. The top winners will be honored in the ring on Friday. This is the AKC licensed member club working dog sport event.

GSDCA Working Dog Sport Master Level Event – Section 15:

“Working dog event committee Section 15. Working Dog Event Committee. A club that has been granted permission by The American Kennel Club to hold a licensed or member Working Dog Event shall appoint a Working dog Event Committee, which will have complete responsibility for the planning and conducting of the event. The Committee shall be comprised of at least five (5) members of the club and may include the Working Dog Event Secretary, but he Working Dog Event Secretary shall not b designated as the Working Dog Committee Chairperson. When the Master level is offered, at least 3 of the members of the committee must be AKC Approved Working Dog personnel. A majority of the Working Dog Event committee must be present during an AKC-licensed or member Working Dog Event. In the event of absence of Working Dog Committee Members, the Chairman or an officiating officer shall appoint sufficient Committee Members in order to insure compliance with this section. The host club through its Working Dog Committee and Working Dog event Secretary shall be held responsible for compliance with all of the applicable Rules and Regulations for Working Dog Events, except those coming under the sole jurisdiction of the judges, and must provide themselves with copies of the latest editions of these books.

The Working Dog Committee of a club holding a licensed or member club Working Dog Event shall have the authority to decide upon any matter arising during the running of the event, except a matter coming within the jurisdiction of the Judges. The applicant may not enter into a level higher than the dog has previously achieved.”

Wayne Davis will be chairman. Joy Schultz will be the event secretary and will do the premium list (WDA will print it). Tom Mesdag is on committee.

Section 23. Score books (Master level only). The applicant who wishes to enter a WDA event must possess an AKC certified score book. The applicant must complete a request form and submit same with payment in the amount of \$10.00 to the AKC. The AKC will process and return to the person a certified score book. The score book shall be valid for entry into all levels of the WDA program. A foreign or imported dog may enter directly in the Master Levels of the WDA program provided the entrant possess proof of a previously awarded degree of SchH I, II, III. The entrant must enclose the original foreign score book with the application and fee when requesting an AKC score book. The original foreign score book will be returned to the applicant with the certified AKC score book. The applicant may not enter into a level higher than the dog has previously achieved. All foreign dogs must successfully complete one of the Master levels for the degree to be recognized by the AKC.

	<p>The board approved the following judges for the Working Dog Sport Master Event – SVF/WDA Tom Mitchell, SVF/WDA David Landau, SVF/WDA Bogdan Sergio..</p> <p>Entries: A minimum rating for a dog to enter in this event was established:</p> <p>Number of entries: Schutzhund I - 2 entries; Schutzhund II – 2 entries Schutzhund III – 8 entries</p> <p>The following minimum scores are required:</p> <p>Schutzhund I - 75 – tracking, 85 - obedience, 90 protection and a total of 260</p> <p>Schutzhund II – 75 tracking, 85 obedience, 90 protection and a total of 265</p> <p>Schutzhund III – 80 – tracking, 90 obedience, 90 protection and a total of 270</p> <p>There will be a draw of entries and we will draw all entries. If necessary refunds will be made later. There will be an opening and a closing date.</p> <p>The judges, number of entries, minimum scores and draw were all approved.</p>
XI. Adjournment	Motion by Mark Welleck to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.