

GSDCA-Working Dog Association, Inc.
 July 28-29, 2006
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Holiday Inn at Six Flags
 Eureka, Missouri

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| Call to Order | The meeting was called to order by President Ken Downing at 7:12 PM |
| Officers Present | Friday and Saturday: Ken Downing, Ginny Altman, Martylou Plinski, Joy Schultz |
| Directors Present | Friday and Saturday: Wayne Davis, Miriam Barkus, Russ Osburn, Hallie McMullen, Richard Agee, Jim York, LaMar Frederick, Joe Barry (arrived at 9:00 pm Friday). |
| Directors and Officers Absent | Dorothy Linn, David Landau, Tom Mesdag, Debbie Hokkanen |
| Committee Members and Guests | Friday: Mike West (9:00 pm Friday), George Rowland, Danny Spreitler, Alaina Culleton Saturday: Mike West, Alaina Culleton, George Rowland, Danny Spreitler, Julie Saso, Jean Bratkovich |
| Welcome | President Ken Downing welcomed members and guests and requested that all sign the register for the meeting. |
| Agenda | Ken Downing announced that the Friday evening agenda would be devoted to the report of the North American Sieger show and that other business would be taken in order beginning at 8:00 am Saturday. |
| NASS | Richard Agee, Chairman |
| | Richard began by stressing that the North American Sieger Show will be exhibitor focused and user friendly. Richard Agee expects to have 300 to 500 dogs at the North American Sieger Show. The two hotels are dog friendly. The Holiday Inn has provided a dog bathing area. Each guest will be assigned a guest agreement for the expectations in keeping their dogs on the property. Ken and Richard met with the Hotel Management and provided a copy of the agreement for the Board to review. LaMar Frederick noted that it is an enforceable agreement under the Innkeepers Statute. |
| | Exhibitors are being encouraged to submit their entries at this time. Early entries facilitate show planning. There are entries expected from Canada, Mexico, Germany, Czech Republic, Italy, as well as the USA entries. Richard gave examples of how he has facilitated entries in the previous NASS that he chaired. He encouraged all who are volunteering to keep the exhibitors in mind when creating solutions for problems that may arise. Entries close on Friday September 15, 2006. For a late fee penalty of \$75 exhibitors can enter dogs until Sept 29. Richard provided copies of the entry form for the members to review. |
| Entry forms | Richard encouraged board members to visit the web site for NASS 2006 to become familiar with the information displayed there. The web site has all of the information and is up to date on the show. |

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| | There was a question and some discussion of the fact that E-collars are not allowed on show grounds. Copies of documents must be sent in for each dog before the show. An SV Koermeister must have conducted the breed survey. The original documents must be verified at check in. |
| Helpers | There may be as many as 150 dogs in the working classes. Purina has announced that we must be out of the show grounds by 5 pm each day. If each dog is 2-2.5 minutes we have to plan for 4 hours for the protection test. Time is critical and we must ensure that the exams flow on a precise time schedule. The Helper schedule will be posted after entries close. The Helper Committee will select the Helpers. Helpers will be notified that they will not be able to work dogs for 30 days prior to the show. Every entry will be provided with the schedule for the protection test and verification of the tattoo will be done as the dog and handler leave the field. If any tattoo is unreadable the dog will be escorted to the ring for the judge to make the final determination on the reading of the tattoo and identification of the dog. |
| Check In | Richard noted that check-in procedures can be overwhelming. His committee will be working with a concept that he described as the “WDA Gold Club check-in.” The large entry exhibitors as determined by his committee following closing will have, by invitation, a designated check-in time and location. There will also be an open entry check-in with a social event to which all are invited. Check-in will be done in a process like an “assembly line” with as much efficiency as is possible. A GSDCA-WDA membership drive will be conducted during the check-in process. Richard displayed a denim sport cap that will be given as a gift to the entrants. NASS sport caps will be provided to Juniors and Helpers and will be available for sale. |
| Release of Claims | Check-in procedures will include a “hold harmless” form for each handler and an advance junior handler release of claims form will be in the file for each Junior provided to the committee by Cindy Peterson. Heidi Landau will be responsible for this project. |
| Show rules | The web site has all of the rules for the show. Any one without computer access will be mailed a copy of the rules upon request. |
| Juniors | Junior handling seminar will have an education component and a junior handling component. Each Junior will receive an award. |
| RV | There is no fee for the public to attend the show nor will there be a fee for parking. There are RV parking spaces with hookups for electricity and water only. (No waste dump) This is available at no fee as well. The Holiday Inn has RV parking for \$10 per night. |
| Concession | The food concession will be available from 7:15 am. The Holiday Inn will serve breakfast beginning at 6:00 am. At 10:30 the lunch menu will be available from the concession on the Purina grounds each day. |
| Gift | A gift card will be given to each exhibitor at check in which can be redeemed at the Purina booth for a document bag in which to place their papers. |
| ATM | There will be ATM machines at the Holiday Inn and at Purina. |

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| Trophies | Trophies have been procured by Brigitte Holder. She has secured an excellent value and the trophies are lovely. |
| Vendors | Vendors have been invited and have been placed in a prime location where there will be a lot of foot traffic. The vendors will be in a protected area in case of inclement weather. There is ample covered space for spectators as well. |
| Information | Richard is available to members by phone. He is sending out communication by email and the web site is being kept up to date with current information. |
| | David Landau is responsible for judges' hospitality. |
| | There will be some clean up help provided and in addition the exhibitors will be encouraged to clean up after their own dogs with the materials provided on the show grounds. |
| Banquet | Hotel will cater the Saturday evening banquet meal. There will be a cash bar, a band, and a dance floor. |
| | The show will have some sponsors that will assist with some of the expenses. |
| Products | There will be polo shirts, T-shirts and hats with a logo for GSDCA-WDA North American Sieger Show available for sale. |
| Opening and Closing | There will be opening and closing ceremonies the details of which are not completed. There will be 6-8 flag poles and Purina is working with us on the podiums. |
| Diamond Hotel | The second hotel (in addition to the Holiday Inn) negotiated is the Diamond which is located closer to the show site. There will be a hospitality/party room designated there. They have a pool and are also providing dog bathing facilities. |
| Airports | There was discussion about the availability of airline travel for dogs on the various airlines and the accommodations that individuals may need to make to travel to St. Louis. Richard has heard from some members from the west coast who gave him favorable comments about the show being held in this location. Other members may find it advantageous to fly into Kansas City and drive the 3 ½ hours from there to get larger equipment in which dogs can fly in 500 crates. |
| | Following ample opportunity for questions about the show plans the Friday session adjourned at 9:27 PM. |
| Saturday | The Saturday session convened upon a call to order at 8:00 AM. |
| Minutes | The minutes of the May meeting of the Board of Directors was approved as corrected by Board members via email and phone calls and distributed by email in the last week of July. |
| Report of Secretary | Ginny Altman |

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| Annual Meeting notice | The notice to members for the Annual meeting which will be held on Friday, October 27, 2006 at the North American Sieger Show was mailed to members on July 26, 2006 in compliance with the bylaws. |
| Hunde Gram | The Hunde Gram was sent to all members by first class mail to “proof” the accuracy of our mailing list. Only one was returned for bad address. There were nine foreign members who received their Hunde Grams by email. Ginny will forward the Hunde Gram to Joy who will work with Klaus to have it up on the web site. |
| Treasurer’s Report | Martylou Plinski |
| | The treasurer distributed several reports and files to each Board member. |
| | Martylou Plinski noted that in the checking account there is one check which has not cleared written to the GSDCA for a GSDCA membership book and there is a bank error of 50 cents which will show in next quarter report. She informed the Board that the GSDCA-WDA has three (3) bank checking accounts. One regular account, one NASS Show account, and one WUSV Team account. Reports were in the distributed files for each of these. |
| | The donations in the team account are noted to be either a donation by members or by non-members. This is for IRS purposes. |
| | Martylou also noted that there is an inventory of assets including products such as shirts, patches and other items for sale. There is also an unknown inventory of puppy books which the GSDCA-WDA has not been able to access. We have not had successful communication with the individual holding the inventory. |
| Budget and Finance | Ken Downing |
| | Ken discussed the opportunity for Club growth and stressed that we need to continue to add value while recognizing the limited income. There has been no dues increase in a very long time. The Club has a current need to increase income. He also outlined our tax status as a not-for-profit corporation and informed the board that income must be reported to the IRS in two categories, income from members and that of non-members. The income of the club impacts the services that will be available to members. |
| Dues proposal | The recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee for increases in membership dues, club dues and other fees was distributed. It is a recommendation that an individual must be a member of the WDA to apply for the “a” stamp, breed survey, and to enter a the North American Sieger Show. It is already a requirement that an individual be a member to enter the National Schutzhund Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial. Any event that the organization hosted would have the membership requirement in this proposal. |

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| | <p>There would not be a requirement for regional shows or trials or local club shows or trials to limit entries to members. There is no requirement for WDA membership for those individuals who trial breeds that are not GSD i.e. Doberman owners do not have to belong to WDA in order to participate. It was noted that the AKC will require GSDCA membership in order to participate in the Working Dog Sport for a title from the AKC.</p> |
| | <p>There was general discussion that the increases are reasonable and in keeping with the cost of living. Our dues are still less than many clubs of similar activity and size. If implemented it would become effective on January 1, 2007. The listed recommendations for increases that impact the local clubs may pose a problem for the smaller clubs who are not affluent. Our other fees are also not as much as those same fees in other clubs.</p> |
| | <p>The GSDCA-WDA tax status demands that we draw a certain percentage of our income from our members. Unrelated income of a certain percentage or more becomes a concern. The recommendation of the budget and finance committee is that the WDA services such as breed survey and 'a' stamp should require membership prior to providing those services.</p> |
| | <p>The Board reviewed the detail of each of the recommended increases from the distributed fee schedule. The question was raised as to the ratio of members to non-members participating in NASS. Martylou Plinski explained that we do not have a historical record of member and non-member ratio for the NASS because prior to this year the NASS has been put on by a member club.</p> |
| Motion | <p>Wayne moved that the GSDCA-WDA adopt the policy that the owner of the dog be required to hold membership in WDA for entry in National events, breed surveys and 'a' stamp evaluations and that the membership requirement be waived for the owners of dogs that hold permanent foreign residency effective January 1, 2007.</p> |
| | <p>Following a motion to stop debate, which was adopted, the vote was taken on the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.</p> |
| Motion | <p>LaMar Frederick moved that the recommendations for fee increases be effective January 1, 2007. There was a second.</p> |
| Amendment | <p>Ginny Altman amended to strike the recording fee from the proposal. It was seconded and following discussion the amendment was adopted unanimously. The Amended Motion was adopted unanimously.</p> |
| Motion | <p>Richard Agee moved that members that make application with payment at the NASS at the current dues fee will be considered full members through Dec 31, 2007. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p> |
| Budget | <p>Martylou Plinski did not have the estimates for the NASS. Budget was presented as distributed</p> |
| Presidents Report | <p>Ken Downing</p> |
| | <p>President Ken Downing informed the Board that there was a complaint filed</p> |

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| | in the state of Connecticut against the GSDCA-WDA and an independent contractor of the organization. We have filed for dismissal. |
| Hunde Gram | Ginny Altman explained that in May we made the decision to send the Hunde Gram by 1 st class mail to all members to get returns for bad addresses. We have now verified our mailing list and Ginny moved that we continue the Hunde Gram and send it by email to all members who have email and by 1 st class mail to the balance of members. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. |
| 2007 NASS | Ken informed the Board that two clubs have submitted bids for the 2007 NASS. This announcement is for information only as the board will not be asked to act on a decision for NASS 2007 until the Board understands the outcomes of the 2006 NASS. |
| | President Ken Downing noted that there is a tremendous amount of business that the GSDCA-WDA must undertake and this amount of work cannot be done in the Sunday afternoon format that has been used in conjunction with the GSDCA Board meetings in the past. This Board needs to have working meetings with a focus on the work needed to be done by the GSDCA-WDA. |
| Working Dog Sport | There was some discussion that the Working Dog Sport introduction at the GSDCA Board meeting this weekend was a unique event and the WDA Board did not have an opportunity to participate. There was a suggestion that our future WDA Board meetings not be held in conflict with those meetings and that if the meetings must be on the same weekend, a plan should be in place for GSDCA-WDA to have an all day Saturday meeting in the same location. Ken said that the WDA will need to be involved with the GSDCA in order for the program of the Working dog sport to succeed. He said that it was unfortunate that the needs of the NASS to succeed mandated that we have our meeting here in St. Louis but that the copies of the WDS program introduction that were being made available to the GSDCA Board are available. The WDS program documents were distributed to the Board. |
| Helper selection | Ken requested that the Helper Committee forward the procedure for the selection of the National Helpers for the NASS and the National Schutzhund Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial to him and the WDA office. |
| Executive Committee | Ken Downing |
| | The following actions of the Executive Committee since the May Board meeting were reviewed. |
| Chair of NASS | Richard Agee was appointed as chairman for the North American Sieger Show. Ginny Altman moved that the Board ratify the appointment of Richard Agee as NASS Chairman. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. |
| GSDCA-WDA Newsletter | The Executive Committee approved paying Kim Gash's fee of \$2800 for the design and format of the May-June 2006 issue. Joe Barry moved to ratify the \$2800 expense for the GSDCA-WDA Newsletter. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. |

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| | Miriam asked for a report of the return of the assets that were in Kim Gash's possession. Ken reported that he has obtained all of the Club assets in her possession. The Adobe Publisher program belongs to Kim Gash as an exchange of services for the production. |
| Club Events | Joy Schultz |
| | Lamar moved to ratify the Executive Committee's approvals of event requests submitted from May 16 through July 22, 2006. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. |
| | The meeting was in recess from 9:50 am to 10:10 am. |
| Motion | Following the re-convening of the meeting Joseph Barry moved that the Board authorize the placement of the bylaws on the GSDCA-WDA web site. |
| | The motion was seconded and following discussion the motion was adopted by a unanimous vote. |
| Committee Reports | |
| Working Dog Demonstration | Ken Downing informed the Board that Clay Meadows has dogs and members in place for the demonstration to be held in conjunction with the GSDCA National Specialty. He has an educational program planned in conjunction with the demonstration. |
| 2007 National Qualifying Trial | Russ Osburn recommended that the 2007 National Schutzhund Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial be held in Princeville, Illinois. He invited Mike West to give a report on the facilities that would be available for the trial. |
| | <p>Mike West reported that his club would be willing to put together the plans for a Trial at the Princeville Stadium Grounds. This is about 25 minutes from the Peoria airport and about 2 ½ hours from Chicago. The dates for the trial are April 13, 14, 15, 2007.</p> <p>This is Spring break in Princeville which makes the Stadium Grounds available to the Club for the Trial dates. There is ample parking at this location.</p> <p>The Tracking would be planned for the grounds that were used when the trial was there in 2002. This is on winter wheat fields and were found to be quite satisfactory.</p> <p>The club is planning to have an onsite veterinarian and there are clinics nearby.</p> <p>The option for a Helper Championship is available.</p> <p>Wendell Nope will be judge for the police dog trial</p> |
| Motion | Miriam Barkus moved that we adopt the recommendations of the committee and that the GSDCA-WDA have the 2007 National Schutzhund Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial in Princeville. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. |
| | The club will be submitting the paperwork to the Recorder for this event. |

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| | Judges will be approved after the paperwork is submitted. SV or SV Foreign Judge will be required to do the Trial. |
| Legal Affairs | LaMar Frederick |
| GSDCA Relationship | LaMar Frederick clarified that while the two clubs are devoted to the sport of dogs and German Shepherd Dogs in particular, the GSDCA and GSDCA-WDA are two separate organizations with separate organizational structures. He explained that as board members, we need to have an understanding of the responsibilities of the Board of Directors. The Board carries out the business of the club but any commitments made outside the scope of authority are the responsibility of the individual. Examples were given. |
| | LaMar advised that the WDA board has some work that needs to be accomplished within the Bylaws. He made some recommendations for the general areas within the bylaws that the Bylaws Committee would be examining and invited members to contact him if they have specific ideas to incorporate. |
| Colorado Law | LaMar further explained that Colorado law for non-profit corporations, Section 7-128-301 specifies that the Board members serve in good faith—that is to serve in the best way that we know how to serve specifically for the purposes of the Club and the attributes of the German Shepherd Dog. It further asks the member to serve with the ordinary prudence of a director for a non-profit organization and to exercise care for the club and in the best interest of the corporation. The Board member is a Trustee of all assets of the corporation, and has a duty to see that the assets are not wasted, unfairly spent and that the assets are properly recorded. The Board can establish committees and can give delegated authority to those committees. |
| Conflict of Interest | LaMar distributed a Draft Conflict of Interest Policy. LaMar described the elements of the policy and there was discussion of the document. LaMar notified the Board members that he would be available for any comments, issues or questions. Each director will be required to sign the conflict of interest statement and return it to the Treasurer. |
| Motion | LaMar Frederick moved that the conflict of interest policy that was presented be adopted subject to clerical corrections. The motion was seconded and adopted. All were in favor except for Joy who was opposed on the grounds that not enough time was given to read the policy. |
| Amendment to the ‘Not in Good Standing’ Policy | LaMar Frederick noted that there has been an issue involving the failure of a club to follow the rules of the VDH and/or the SV. LaMar recommended that to permit the Board of Directors of the GSDCA-WDA to hold a club “not in good standing”, the following language be an amendment to the policy as adopted in January 2005. All GSDCA-WDA clubs must submit all required event documentation, monies, etc. to the GSDCA-WDA Office or to the GSDCA SV WUSV |

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| | <p>Liaison Office, whichever is applicable, postmarked within ten business days of the last day of an event. A GSDCA-WDA club is also expected to be informed about and knowledgeable of the rules, regulations and processes of the GSDCA-WDA, SV, VDH, FCI, and AKC Working Dog Sport. Failure to follow the rules, regulations and processes of those organizations and any other organizations approved by the Board of Directors of the GSDCA-WDA respecting trials, shows, breed surveys and any other event recognized by such organizations, and approved by the GSDCA-WDA, shall be grounds for further action by the Board of Directors of the GSDCA-WDA. Clubs failing to submit the required documentation, funds and other required information within the ten day period or if information is received by the GSDCA-WDA executive committee that a club may have violated a rule, regulation or process of the GSDCA-WDA, SV, VDH, FCI and/or the AKC Working Dog Sport, the club shall be contacted by a representative of the Board of Directors of the GSDCA-WDA and directed to “show cause” as to why the Board of Directors should not impose a fine of up to \$100 for each violation and/or declare the club “not in good standing” for a period of up to three months or until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors, whichever is the shorter period. Prior to imposing a fine or finding the club “not in good standing,” the Board of Directors shall review all information provided by the club respecting the failure to submit the required documents, funds and other required information or the violation of the rules, regulations and process.</p> <p>Clubs determined to be “not in good standing” will not be approved by the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors to conduct a sanctioned event of any kind. After said “not in good standing” period, the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors will review the club’s status and decide whether or not the club shall be reinstated as a club in good standing. If the club in default or violation has not complied with the requirements imposed by the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors, said club shall remain “not in good standing” until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the GSDCA-WDA.</p> |
| Motion | <p>Wayne Davis moved that the Board adopt the Not in Good Standing Policy as amended. Seconded and adopted unanimously.</p> |
| Discussion of procedures | <p>There were questions of procedure posed and in general procedural issues will have to be decided by the Board of Directors as they arise. For example if a club has a spring and fall trial approved by the Board and the club violates the policies at the spring trial can they have their fall trial? The decision would have to be made by the Board at the time but it was felt that the violation would have to be egregious and unresolved for the Board to revoke a previous decision to approve a fall trial.</p> |
| | <p>LaMar Frederick recommended that the Board adopt the rules of the SV, VDH and other organizations from time to time in order to stay current with the changes that may be made over time. LaMar recommended the adoption of the rules as follows:</p> |

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| Adoption of rules | Pursuant to the bylaws and objectives of the Club, the Board of Directors, to organize and assist in organizing working dog events, hereby adopts the rules, regulations, policies, procedures and processes of the a) GSDCA-WDA; b) SV; c) VDH; d) FCI; and e) AKC Working Dog Sport; respecting such working dog events, as may be in effect from time to time or at any time, provided, the Board of Directors, upon recommendations, may make exceptions to such rules, regulations, procedures and processes as may be appropriate to organize and/or assist in working dog events approved by the GSDCA-WDA. |
| Motion | Wayne Davis moved that the GSDCA-WDA adopt the recommendation. It was seconded and adopted unanimously following discussion. |
| Editor contract | Kim Gash was tasked to put together some issues of the newsletter and has done so without formal agreement with the GSDCA-WDA. LaMar Frederick informed the Board that he has tried to put together a contract but cannot go further without direction. He brought a document for the boards review that can be thought of as being a generic agreement. |
| | Jim York reported that while Kim has put out an excellent magazine, the recommendation of the committee is that we discontinue pursuing a contract with Kim Gash. |
| Motion | Joy moved that the Board adopt the recommendation of the committee not to pursue a contract with Kim Gash. The motion was seconded. Ginny Altman moved to stop debate and vote on the question. The motion to stop debate was seconded and adopted. All were in favor except LaMar Frederick who abstained. The motion to discontinue pursuing a contract with Kim Gash was adopted, all in favor except LaMar Frederick who abstained. |
| Independent contractor | LaMar Frederick described the role that Joy Schultz has within the organization and reviewed a suggested contract with the Board. |
| | The Board reviewed the language applicable to an independent contractor and the tasks for which the agreement would apply. |
| | There was extensive discussion regarding independent contractor status, employee status and board member status and the impact and liability of the various roles on the organization. |
| Motion | Russ Osburn moved that we retain Joy as an independent contractor and that she retain her position on the board. The motion was seconded. |
| | There was further discussion after which an amendment was offered as follows: to strike “and that she retain her position on the board” and insert the words “and that the independent contractor be assigned the tasks currently the responsibilities as defined by the bylaws designated to the recorder, that the office of recorder be vacated, and that the independent contractor be required to attend the board meetings and report to the Board of Directors at each board meeting. There was additional discussion. |
| | Wayne Davis moved to stop debate. The motion was seconded and failed. |
| Recess | A 10 minute recess was moved, seconded and adopted. |

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| | <p>Following recess and additional discussion, the vote was taken on the amendment; For: Richard Agee, Wayne Davis, Ginny Altman. Opposed: Joe Barry, Martylou Plinski, Hallie McMullen, Jim York, Miriam Barkus. Abstain: LaMar Frederick, Joy Schultz. Amendment failed.</p> |
| | <p>Vote on the motion was taken. For: Wayne Davis, Joseph Barry, Martylou Plinski, Hallie McMullen, Jim York, Miriam Barkus, Russ Osburn. Opposed: Richard Agee. Abstain: Joy Schultz, Ginny Altman, and LaMar Frederick.</p> |
| Bylaws | <p>LaMar reported that he has reviewed the Bylaws and he has recommendations for some changes. The recommendations briefly are as follows: That there be four officers, President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer and that they be elected by the membership. That there be fewer (perhaps three or five but not nine as there are now) directors and that they be elected by the membership.</p> |
| | <p>In addition to the directors, LaMar recommends that committees be formalized and established by the board to serve at the direction of the board. The recommendation was made to have Regional directors elected in their own regions but that Regional Directors would not also sit on the GSDCA-WDA board of Directors.</p> |
| | <p>Work needs to be done to establish memberships in more than one category.</p> |
| | <p>The language pertaining to Special Meeting of the membership and to the regular board meetings need to more clearly define the expectations for when these meetings shall be held.</p> |
| | <p>LaMar proposed a timetable for a Revision to the bylaws to be presented to the Board of Directors in January of 2007 with revisions prepared for April 2007 and sent out to membership in July of 2007 for implementation on January 1, 2008.</p> |
| Newsletter Committee | <p>Jim York, Chairman</p> |
| | <p>Jim notified the Board that he has contacted an individual who currently puts out 3 breed magazines. This individual is not an editor but a production person who would put together a magazine on behalf of the GSDCA-WDA. The newsletter committee would give her the content and she would format it and get it to the printer. The committee will need more information to fully understand what is required of the club in the way of assembling and transmitting material to her. The committee will continue to explore options for exploring a volunteer editor to assemble the magazine content (articles and advertising) as submitted by others.</p> |
| Motion | <p>Ginny Altman moved that we go forward with an agreement with this individual to produce a newsletter in August, October, December and February. This will be to honor the current advertising contracts and give us an opportunity to explore options and bring some additional recommendations to the board in January. Motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p> |

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| WUSV | Ken Downing reported on the plans made by the team for the World Competition. |
| | Martylou reported that the uniforms have been ordered and will be received soon. |
| Annual Meeting | Ginny Altman announced that the annual meeting notice has gone out this past Wednesday. |
| | Ginny would like to place the announcement on the website. Ken Downing directed Joy to contact the web master to have him post the notice. |
| K-9 Program | Wendell Nope, written report |
| | Ken Downing summarized the report on the GSDCA-WDA K-9 Program from Wendell Nope. Wendell has submitted educational articles for the newsletter, and is preparing to send a “letter of Introduction” to government agencies in America to introduce them to the GSDCA-WDA K-9 Program and to invite them to participate in the 2007 national certification event at which the internationally accepted title, the VSK, would be awarded. This competition will be held in conjunction with the National Schutzhund Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial. The letter was read by Ken to the board. Wendell, in his report, asked for compensation for the Police Dog Judge to be the same as other judges. |
| Motion | Wayne Davis moved that the WDA Police Dog judge be compensated in the same manner as are the other judges in WDA events. The motion was seconded. |
| Discussion | The question was raised to clarify whose show this would be the WDA’s show like the NASS is being done in 2006 or a National event hosted by a member club event. Ken clarified that this would be a Central Illinois Police and Working Dog Association event approved by the WDA. The revenue and expenses belong to the host club. Only the required fees as in a club event are paid to the WDA. |
| | A motion was made and seconded to stop debate. The motion was adopted unanimously. |
| | The main motion regarding compensation for the police dog judge was adopted unanimously. |
| Motion | Miriam moved that we approve the draft letter to be sent by Wendell Nope regarding the VSK international title. |
| Supplemental Pedigree | Ken reported that this is a work in progress and is waiting a date where both Mr. Lux and Mr. Henke are going to be in the USA. If they will both be in the USA during the time of the NASS that we use that opportunity to invite them to further discuss the matter. |
| | The person who had been doing the program previously, will help in any way she can but she is no longer available to run the program for the WDA. There may be others in the club who may be willing to undertake this program but for now, and for these reasons the program is now on hold at the present time. |

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| Catalogs | Martylou Plinski moved to add to the catalog guidelines that each page of the catalog that has an entry on the page must be signed by the judge and the show secretary and that no hand written or hand printed items be permitted in the catalog. Motion seconded and adopted unanimously. |
| New business | |
| Director | Following nomination and discussion, Richard Agee moved to approve Rhonda Long for Region 7 Director. Motion was seconded. LaMar Frederick moved to stop debate and the motion was seconded and adopted. |
| | Question was raised as to what a substantial amount of income derived from dogs means. The concept was defined by some board members during discussion to be “more than half.” |
| Committee appointment | Ken appointed Hallie McMullen to chair an Ad-Hoc Committee to define the term “substantial income” for the purposes of this organization and to define eligibility criteria for Regional Director. |
| Elbow evaluation | Martylou reported that the SV has stated that beginning in 2007, they will require elbow certification to be in place in order for a dog to be awarded a VA in Germany. |
| | Wayne Davis moved that we adopt a policy that elbow certification will be required for dogs to attain a VA rating at WDA shows beginning with the NASS in 2007. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. This will be posted now so that everyone has an opportunity to comply. |
| Training Director | Ginny Altman moved to refer the matter of the National/Regional Training Director to the bylaws committee. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. |
| GSDCA National | Martylou Plinski moved that the WDA offer a trophy for the Highest Scoring Dog in Obedience with a Tracking Title and a trophy for Highest Scoring Dog in Trial. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. |
| Closed Session | It was moved, seconded and unanimously adopted to move to a closed session at 4:36 PM. |
| Open session | The meeting was re-opened at 5:12 PM. |
| | Ken Downing announced that in closed session the Board dealt with club not in good standing, conducted a matter regarding an affiliation trial approval and with information to regional directors on matters to communicate to their clubs. |
| Regional Club report | The affiliation trials and club events as noted by the recorder, Joy Schultz, and on the printed report were approved unanimously. |
| Scorebook | Joseph Barry moved that the scorebook for non-registered dogs be approved with a new cover. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. |
| | The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM. |
| | Secretary, Ginny Altman |