

GSDCA-Working Dog Association, Inc.
 May 19-20, 2006
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Holiday Inn at Six Flags
 Eureka, Missouri

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by President Ken Downing at 7:25 PM Friday, May 19, 2006.
Officers Present	Ken Downing, President; David Landau, Vice-president; Ginny Altman, Secretary; Martylou Plinski, Treasurer; Joy Schultz, Recorder.
Directors Present	Wayne Davis, Tom Mesdag, Miriam Barkus, Russ Osburn, Joseph Barry, Hallie McMullen, Debbie Hokkanen, Richard Agee, Jim York, Lew Bunch, GSDCA President.
Directors Absent	Dorothy Linn, LaMar Frederick.
Committee Members and Guests	Mark Wellick, Georgia Cawley, Clay Meadows.
Minutes	Minutes of the February 18, 2006 Board of Directors meeting were not read as they had been previously distributed by email. Miriam Barkus moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.
Report of Officers	
Secretary's Report	Ginny Altman asked the members and guests to sign in on the attendance register. She informed the members that according to Roberts Rules of Order the name of the seconder of the motions need not be named and unless there was objection, she would not be naming the seconder of the motions in the minutes. There were no objections noted.
President's Report	President Downing welcomed members and guests. He informed the members that the agenda has been distributed and that items would not be taken up in the order in which they appeared on the printed copy.
Treasurer	The treasurer's report was taken up on Saturday's session.
Reports of Standing Committees	
Helper report	Clay Meadows presented the details of the Helper Certification Program revision dated May 15, 2006 which was distributed to the Board and reviewed in detail. He explained that the Helper Committee has simplified and clarified the program. There are sections in the draft which have been added (highlighted in yellow) and sections that have been deleted (highlighted in red).
Levels of Helpers	Clay pointed out that there have been three Levels of helpers– Club Trial Helpers, National Trial helpers and Teaching Helpers. The committee is recommending that another level be

	<p>added as there are Helpers who are preparing for National level but not yet certified at that level but whose performance exceeds the Club Level Helper. This would be the Regional Trial helpers and would be that intermediate level preparing for National level.</p>
Certification Process	<p>Clay discussed the Certification Process and the changes that the committee has discussed and the differences between the Club Trial Helper certification, the Regional Trial Helper Certification and the National Trial Helper Certification. There was discussion of Club Level Certification of one day vs. two days for certification. Clay stated that he has found that in order to complete the certification process for Club Trial Helpers he usually does two days. The Board recommended that Clay contact committee members to get their opinions on this requirement for certification. Clay will report the committee's recommendations to the Board on Saturday. (Additional minutes on this subject in Saturday session)</p>
	<p>Clay informed the Board that the GSDCA-WDA now has thirteen certified teaching helpers. Applicants for GSDCA-WDA Helpers must start at Club Trial Helper level if certified by another organization. If not certified an applicant cannot work dogs in a club trial. Entry Fees for certification will be no more than \$100 per day.</p>
Maintaining Certification	<p>Clay explained that the committee was not unanimous on the criteria for maintaining certification but adopted the criteria presented on a vote of five (5) to two (2). The committee proposes crediting the helpers with helper work at DVG, USCA and GSSCC trials in addition to the GSDCA-WDA trials in order that helpers for dual member clubs not be penalized and that this helper experience could be evaluated by judges for all clubs.</p>
Amendment 1	<p>In section F. 1) Wayne Davis moved that the word "Sanctioned" be inserted before the word "trial" and the word "licensed" be inserted before the word "judge." There was a second and the amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.</p>
Amendment 2	<p>In the same section, David Landau moved to amend by inserting the words "and marks this in the GSDCA-WDA Helper Book" following the words "approves of the work" and before the words "his certification." It was seconded and the amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.</p>
Amendment 3	<p>There was discussion of the recertification of other helpers present at the trial but not acting as the Club Trial Helper. The concern was that this post show evaluation takes place in front of the public and that this be announced to the public. David Landau moved to amend the section by adding the following language at the end of the section F.1), "Such certification must immediately follow the trial and must be publicly announced during the trial." The amendment was seconded and adopted by unanimous consent.</p>
Amendment 4	<p>There was discussion of the section F. 2) regarding the extension of certification for National helpers. David Landau moved to amend by striking the words "extended for another two years" and inserting the words "renewed for four years from that date". There was a second and the amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.</p>

Amendment 5	In section G, there was considerable discussion of the July 1, 2007 deadline for certified Regional or National Helpers at Regional events and the impact of this on Member Clubs. It was agreed that sufficient notice will have been given and communicated in various ways. David Landau moved to insert the words “and Breed Surveys” to follow the word “trials” and before the word “must” so that the new line in section G reads “ Effective July1, 2007, all Helpers at Regional trials and Breed Surveys must be certified Regional or National Trial Helpers. Motion adopted by unanimous consent.
Amendment 6	There was discussion of the record keeping for Helper Certifications by the Helper Event Certifier and the requirement to submit the documents within five (5) days. In section “I”, first paragraph, Ginny Altman moved to insert the word “business” after the word “five” and before the word “days”. Seconded and adopted by unanimous consent.
Amendment 7	Wayne Davis moved to amend Section J, the discipline section by inserting the words “If all original Helper Certification documents are not sent within five(5) business days, the Helper Event Certifier may be subject to disciplinary action as recommended by the Helper Program Committee” before the last sentence in this section, “The recommendations of the Helper Program Committee shall be forwarded to the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors for action.”
Motion	Ginny Altman moved that the recommendations of the Helper Committee be adopted as amended by the Board. All in favor except Richard Agee and Hallie McMullen who were opposed.
Recess	The meeting was in recess from 9:45 pm Friday to 8:06 am Saturday, May 20. Those Officers, Directors, and member guests in attendance on Friday were also in attendance on Saturday.
NASS	Debbie Hokkanen, Committee Coordinator who reported at the Board meeting. Since that time Richard Agee has accepted the position of Show Chairman.
	October 26-29, 2006 Purina Farms, St. Louis, Missouri. Debbie Hokkanen announced on behalf of the North American Sieger Show committee that Thursday would be the set up day and that there would be a Junior Handler Seminar on the host hotel grounds. Practice testing is being planned for the field at Purina on Thursday. On Friday from 3pm to 6pm there will be a Helper Championship at the Hotel. Friday morning at Purina will begin with Opening Ceremonies followed by the Puppy classes, Veterans and Open Classes followed by Juniors Classes. Protection will begin early Saturday morning and will be done starting with males, 20 at a time in catalog order then females 20 at a time. This sequence will be repeated until the classes are completed. On Saturday the Juniors will be brought into ring for a recognition ceremony. There will be a Cocktail reception and Banquet on Saturday with a Band.
	Sunday will start with the progeny groups at 9am, followed by Working females, Working males and finally the kennel groups. We will have Closing Ceremonies at which time the Photographer will get the formal pictures.

	<p>The plans are for the Holiday Inn at Six Flags to be the Headquarters Hotel and for the Diamond Inn, which is at the adjacent exit from the freeway as a second hotel.</p>
Junior Program	<p>Cindy Peterson, Chairman</p>
Committee members	<p>Cindy, in her written report requested approval of her committee members, Beth Fuqua of Joliet, Illinois and Nancy Thomas Price of Greenleaf, Idaho. David Landau moved that the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors approve the committee members recommended. The motion was seconded and was adopted unanimously.</p>
Junior Points	<p>Cindy's report also requested that 10 points be awarded for attending any conformation seminar. There will be a Junior Handler Seminar at the NASS. In discussion it was noted that a junior earns 10 points for handing a dog in the stand for exam and 15 points for handline a dog in protection work. Debbie Hokkanen moved that we approve the recommendations of the Junior Program chair. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p>
Release of Claims Form	<p>A Release of Claims form and the opinion of the Legal affairs chairman, LaMar Frederick was read to the Board by President Ken Downing. Wayne Davis moved that the GSDCA-WDA endorse the Junior Program, encourage the participation of Juniors in our events, and that we require the use of the "Release of Claims from Participation in a Dog Show Event" waiver with signatures for all events in which a Junior participates as recommended by LaMar Frederick. Seconded and adopted unanimously.</p>
Hunde-Gram Newsletter	<p>There was discussion of the methods of implementing the signing of the Release of Claims form for events in which Juniors wish to participate. The form is to be part of all show entry forms. A recommendation was made that the Junior have a copy of the signed form with them at the show. There was discussion of the pre-registration with the form or presentation of the signed form at the gate upon entrance to the ring for all classes. One signed form would be valid for the entire event. Wayne Davis moved that the GSDCA-WDA recommend to Clubs that the Junior pre-register with the signed Release of Claims Form accompanying the entry for any Junior event classes or present the signed form at the gate for any regular classes and that the Release of Claims Form be part of all event entry forms effective June 1, 2006. There was a second and the motion was adopted unanimously.</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Martylou Plinski</p>
	<p>The Budget report for 2006 and the quarterly report for January to March 2006 were distributed by Martylou Plinski to all Board members for their review. Time was allowed for review and there were no questions for the treasurer or the Board during this review.</p>
	<p>Martylou Plinski informed the Board that additional monies will need to be transferred into the Sieger Show account from time to time. She has transferred \$2000 into the account for the purchase of medals. Other transfers will be following Executive Committee approval as the needs arise.</p>

Presidents Report	Ken Downing
Team Captain	Ken Downing nominated Phil Hoelcher, who is available to serve and was supported by team members who will be competing at the World Trial. Discussion followed.
	While the election was pending, having been moved by Wayne Davis, a motion by Ginny Altman to reopen nominations was seconded and adopted. Votes for reopening nominations: Lew Bunch, Tom Mesdag, Jim York, Joy Schultz, Miriam Barkus, Debbie Hokkanen, Joe Barry, Ginny Altman, Hallie Mc Mullen. Those opposed: Wayne Davis, Russ Osburn, Richard Agee, Martylou Plinski
	Following discussion, additional nominations, and a failed motion to consider substitute requirements as eligibility to serve as team captain, the motion to close nominations was adopted. The vote was taken by secret ballot.
	Phil Hoelcher was elected to serve as the 2006 World Team Captain.
Named Receiver	The individual who has served as the Receiver of a Certificate of Service in the state of Colorado is no longer willing to perform in this capacity on the behalf of GSDCA-WDA.
	The attorney, Kristine Hayter, who has represented us in past proceedings has agreed to accept this Certificate of Service on our behalf. Martylou Plinski moved that we name Kristine Hayter as the individual to act on the behalf of GSDCA-WDA to receive a Certificate of Service. The motion was seconded and all who voted were in favor. Motion adopted.
Executive Committee	Ken Downing
	The list of events and clubs approvals upon which the Executive Committee acted from February 20 to May 18 was distributed in handout to all present.
	David Landau moved that the actions by the Executive Committee to approve clubs and events be ratified by the Board. It was seconded and the vote was unanimous.
Supplemental Pedigree	Ken Downing informed the Board that he, by previous Board action, was authorized to investigate the possibility of the GSDCA-WDA working with the SV to provide supplemental pedigree information for dogs registered with the SV and the AKC to facilitate completion of their dogs' pedigrees.

	<p>The Executive Committee has acted to approve and recommend to the Board the following negotiated agreement: Angelika Clark was contacted to determine if she would act as an independent contractor for the GSDCA-WDA to implement a Supplemental Pedigree program on behalf of the GSDCA-WDA in conjunction with the SV.</p> <p>The total amount of equipment inventory, software and office supplies and phone lines are to be carried over 9 months during which Angelika will receive 90% of the gross income and the GSDCA-WDA 10%. The determination of this amount of 90% was allocated to cover the calculated costs that would be incurred between the time after the first four months and nine months, when the terms would be renegotiated. The start up costs of \$3508.00 will be paid to Ms Clark if this program is approved.</p> <p>President Ken Downing has communicated with Mr. Lux of the SV and has received a reply that requests a meeting to make this agreement to go forward with the GSDCA-WDA for supplemental pedigree service. This is not a registration program this is a pedigree program as the AKC is the only registration recognized in the United States. We will have control of all of the records and contract with the SV.</p> <p>At the end of 9 months following the signing of the agreement with the SV, the terms will be re-negotiated with Ms. Clark.</p>
	<p>Miriam moved to accept the recommendations of the Executive Committee to move forward with this program as outlined in President Ken Downing's report, pending the negotiation of a satisfactory contract with the SV.</p>
	<p>The motion was seconded and adopted on a vote of 13 to 2. Those in favor: Wayne Davis, Tom Mesdag, Joy Schultz, Russ Osburn, Martylou Plinski, David Landau, Miriam Barkus, Debbie Hokkanen, Joseph Barry, Hallie Mc Mullen, Richard Agee, Ginny Altman. Opposed: Lew Bunch, Jim York,</p>
Helper Committee Update	<p>Clay reported that he met by phone with his committee following the Friday Board session. The committee agrees with the recommendation of the Board to stipulate a two day seminar for Club, Regional, and National Helpers. David Landau moved that the Certification for Club trial helpers be amended to a two day certification. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p>
GSDCA National	<p>At the GSDCA-WDA February meeting a decision was made to hold a demonstration event in the arena between puppy classes and the Futurity. The Working Dog Sport has been approved by AKC and will become an AKC event as of January 1, 2007. President, Ken Downing asked the GSDCA President to report on the actions of the GSDCA Board at their April meeting.</p>
	<p>Lew Bunch reported that the GSDCA Board thought they had new information which would support a trial. The objective was to display the Working Dog Sport to the members. In doing further research he determined that it is not feasible to have a trial. The demonstration is still scheduled. Lew requested that someone to do an education segment during the demonstration with explanation of the sport and training tips for the benefit of the members that will be present.</p>

	The decision made in February was reaffirmed by the Board. Clay Meadows will organize the demonstration. Clay asked for Club lists, catalogs and newsletters in order to disseminate the information and attract attendance at the demonstration.
Executive Committee	The following actions of the Executive Committee were brought to the Board for ratification.
NASS	The Executive Committee approved a third judge for 2006 the NASS and named Ernst Ruckert to that assignment. Miriam Barkus moved and it was seconded to ratify this action of the Executive Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.
Ad rate	The Executive Committee approved an advertising rate of \$15 for litter announcements. Ginny Altman moved and it was seconded to ratify this action of the Executive Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.
Closed Session	The Board entered into Closed Session until Lunch Recess by unanimous consent.
Recess	The Board of Directors recessed for Lunch from 1 pm to 1:30 pm.
Reconvened	The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 pm. A motion made in closed session was adopted as follows: That Kim Gash be approved as the GSDCA-WDA newsletter editor subject to an agreement between the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors and the editor on a contract to be developed which shall include, but not be limited to the following, compensation, job description, duties, and a method of accountability to the GSDCA-WDA Board of Directors and a newsletter oversight committee. The Board of Directors shall have final approval of the contract.
Newsletter	David Landau moved that a Newsletter Oversight Committee be formed. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. Ken Downing appointed Jim York to be chair with Hallie McMullen and Ginny Altman as committee members.
HundeGram	Ken Downing explained the concept of a communication to be mailed out which has been done in the past under the name "HundeGram". Ginny Altman moved that the HundeGram be sent out by mail as additional communication following the Board meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously. Ken Downing appointed Ginny Altman to write the HundeGram and directed her to submit it to him for approval prior to mailing it to members.
Report of the Recorder	Joy Schultz distributed a printed report of members and member clubs. Joy was asked to provide the Regional Directors with the names of the clubs in their region so that the directors can contact the clubs.
New Member Clubs	Southwest Diamondback and San Gabriel clubs have completed their affiliation trials and upon a motion from Russ Osburn and a second were unanimously approved as full member clubs.

Pending	<p>The New England Working Dog Association was approved at the February board meeting pending correction of their bylaws and completion of a successful affiliation trial. They have submitted the bylaws correction and have requested that the board appoint someone to judge their affiliation trial. Russ Osburn moved that this club be approved pending their affiliation trial and volunteered to contact them to judge their affiliation trial event. Miriam volunteered to back Russ up, should the need arise. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p> <p>Prairie State Dog Club's final application approval is pending. The club has not submitted an application for an affiliation trial. Jim York moved to postpone approval of an affiliation trial until the July Board Meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p>
Applicant Clubs	<p>The Western Rescue and Schutzhund Club is an existing club. Joy Schultz moved that they be approved as a full member club and that the requirements for a affiliation trial be waived. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p>
	<p>Martylou Plinski moved that the Good Shepherd Schutzhund Club be approved pending the successful completion of a affiliation trial. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p>
	<p>Russ Osburn moved that the South Corona Schutzhund Club be approved as a full member club pending proof of insurance and an affiliation trial. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p>
Events pending	<p>The Wesley Chapel Total Dog Training Club requested approval to host a show, breed survey and trial November 17 - 19, 2006. Ginny Altman moved that the approval for this show go to the Executive Committee and Regional Director when Joy Schultz has been notified that issues in noncompliance are resolved by the Regional Director, Miriam Barkus and committee members Lew Bunch, Russ Osburn, and Martylou Plinski. The motion was seconded. Vote: All in favor except for Martylou Plinski, Russ Osburn, and Lew Bunch who did not vote. Motion adopted.</p>
	<p>The O.G. Agua Dulce club has requested approval to host a club trial July 14 - 16, 2006 and a breed survey and AD on July 22, 2006. Ginny moved that a committee, appointed by the President, be formed to resolve an issue and report back to Ken Downing and Joy Schultz prior to Executive Committee approval of these events. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p>
Appreciation	<p>Miriam Barkus thanked Joy Schultz for her work on behalf of the GSDCA-WDA and moved that the Board give an expression of gratitude and a vote of confidence to Joy Schultz and that this be placed in the minutes. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p>
Regional Events	<p>Joseph Barry suggested that it may be time to develop some guidelines for regional events. Joe recommended that a "draw" or some method of determining which club be awarded a regional event for those situations where more than one club in a region wants to hold a regional event.</p> <p>David Landau moved that no regional event be approved until the Regional Director has been contacted and makes a recommendation. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.</p>

New Business	Miriam Barkus suggested that the Newsletter Oversight Committee think about the subject matter that the WDA may wish to have on the cover. Ideas were invited and the suggestions for designating the cover of the magazine, as has been done in the past, were as follows: The North American Sieger Show, The National Championship, The World Team, and The Invitational. (There will be no Invitational this year as it is a demonstration event.)
Puppy Books	Joy Schultz reported that she has very few Puppy Books left and that it is unknown how many are available from Barbara Lopez.
Show Rules	Joy Schultz reported that there are still instances where clubs are submitting official show catalogs to the office with late entries hand printed in the catalog. GSDCA-WDA guidelines require that all entries are to be printed (not handwritten) or typed in the catalog.
	Starting with the 2005 shows and breed surveys, SV breed judges and koermeisters are required to complete an evaluation form and report on events they judge outside of Germany. This report form is to be submitted to the SV office by the SV judge or koermeister. Two complete copies of the official catalog signed by the show secretary and the judge are to be sent to the Recorder. One is sent to the SV office by WDA and the second is retained by the Recorder as the GSDCA-WDA's record of the show.
	Wayne Davis moved that a communication to the clubs informing them that their ability to comply with the rules that say that entries must be printed in the catalog will affect the ability of the club to have another show. Ginny Altman moved that Martylou Plinski come to the July Board meeting with detailed criteria to be used to determine whether or not the printed catalog complies with the rules and that we consider this matter at that time. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously except for Martylou Plinski who did not vote.
Closed Session	The Board entered into Closed Session by unanimous consent at 2:55 pm.
Open session	The meeting was reopened at 3:40 pm.
2007 National Championship	Ken Downing noted that the GSDCA-WDA should have a committee working on the National Championship for 2007. The 2007 National Championship show will be a committee of the WDA in the same manner as the 2006 NASS. Russ Osburn was nominated as chairman of the committee and indicated a willingness to serve. Russ Osburn was elected as chairman of the 2007 National Championship unanimously.
	David Landau stated that it was noteworthy that during an SV Membership drive that the second place prize was a round trip ticket to GSDCA-WDA 2007 National Championship.

Alternate breeds and mixed breed Scorebook	Jim York moved that the GSDCA-WDA have a unique score book specifically for all dogs other than registered German Shepherd Dogs (non-gsd breeds or non-registered or ILP dogs or mixed breeds) and charge \$15 (if a member of GSDCA-WDA \$10) for it. At this time the GSDCA-WDA gives only a score card. The individual does not have to be a member of the GSDCA-WDA to get a score book. The WDA would collect available information on the dog but would not require a tattoo or impose any other registration regulation requirements. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.
Microchip	There was discussion of the admissibility of the microchip for trials. This is only for dogs that do not live in Germany or have not been bred there. American bred dogs that are competing for titles at trials do not have to have tattoo. If American bred dogs are entering for the purpose of having a Breed Survey and or for Conformation Show entry, a tattoo is required at those events. The SV does not make an exception for these events in America.
	The reference which was to be changed was noted for page 8 of the Trial Rules – Examination and verification. “All German Shepherd Dogs must be identified either with a tattoo or microchip according to the rules of the GSDCA-WDA. A part of the test of impartiality will be the examination and verification of the identity. Note: At the present time microchips are not accepted for GSDCA-WDA Bred Surveys and for some international events. Non-German Shepherd Dogs will not have to show proof of positive identification. The handler or owner must furnish their own scanner for the microchip.”
	David Landau moved that this language be adopted for the section of the Trial Rules – Examination and verification. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.
Insurance	Richard Agee reported that the GSDCA-WDA has D&O insurance but most clubs cannot afford the cost of this insurance because it runs from \$750 annually and up.
	Richard Agee wanted clubs to be aware that clubs can add a personal injury endorsement to their insurance policies for about \$100. At this price Richard is recommending to all clubs and individuals that they obtain coverage for personal injury.
	There are some Club exclusions which are for example: Food poisoning as a completed operations risk, professional liability for doing things such as tattoos and/or DNA blood draws, and if the host club makes liquor available on the show grounds.
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned by President Ken Downing at 4:18 pm by general consent.
	Ginny Altman, Secretary
	June 14, 2006