

**GSDCA-WDA BOARD MEETING
1/29-30/2010 Dallas, TX
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Friday, 29 January 2010

CALL to ORDER

7:30 PM by President Danny Spreitler

ROLL CALL

Officers Present: President Spreitler, Vice-President Petersen.

Directors Present: Regional Directors Henkel, Andrel, Smith, Barry, Osburn, Munsinger, Blomberg, *ex-officio* Walker.

Directors Absent: Starr. Region 8 vacant.

A quorum is present.

Guests: Martylou Plinsky, Heidi Landau, Carmen Battaglia, Ginny Altman, David Landau, Mary Gattone, Gayle Kirkwood, Carlos Rojas, Rhonda Southern Gene Kalvaitis.

7:35 Directors Barry and Munsinger arrived.

The Elected Board entered Executive Session for the purpose of ratifying new Appointed Board Members: Kirkwood, Secretary; Rojas, National Training Director; Gattone, General Director; Kalvaitis, General Director; Landau, General Director; Southern, General Director. All were ratified and the Board resumed normal session.

MINUTES

There were no Minutes from the July 2009 Board meeting submitted for approval.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Secretary – Kirkwood

No report.

Treasurer - Office vacant

Munsinger: Motion to accept the Treasurer's papers. Osburn, second. *Passed unanimously.*

President – Spreitler

The GSDCA-WDA currently comprises 61 clubs and 2,000 members. Four forming clubs are in process.

Regarding the allegation of a failed merger agreement with the United Schutzhund Clubs, President Spreitler denies, absolutely, the existence or intent of any such agreement. Discussions with UScA were strictly limited to: 1) joint and reciprocal recognition of licensed judges and 2) joint and reciprocal acceptance of scorebooks.

President Spreitler expressed the desire to work closely with the GSDCA. He applauds the GSD Nationals for its broad celebration of our talented breed: conformation, obedience, agility, herding, and now Schutzhund. Together with the GSDCA, the WDA is looking forward to sending a team to participate in the 2011 WUSV Universal Sieger Show in Austria. President Spreitler affirmed his desire to forge a true partnership of equals with the GSDCA. Toward that end, he cannot sign the GSDCA/GSDCA-WDA Working Agreement as proposed, particularly regarding any prohibition of WDA By-Law changes. Directors Henkel and Munsinger have

been assigned to work with the GSDCA Committee in an effort to structure a true partnership agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund Championship/WUSV Qualifying Event (GSDCA-WDA Nationals) – Henkel

The GSDCA-WDA Nationals are planned for May 7-9, 2010 in Princeville, IL. Judges include Heiko Grube, Joe Tackett, and Mike West. Nationals committee members include Directors Munsinger, Southern, Smith and Rojas. A timeline has been implemented, the stadium, hotel and judges secured. The banquet and draw will take place Thursday in the hotel. 300 acres of grass/farm tracking fields are available. Director Rojas will oversee the Nationals website construction and Ms. Schultz will prepare the catalogue. Special thanks to Carlos and Ai Rojas for the GSDCA-WDA Nationals logo. Trophies have been ordered. Bill Campbell is in charge of T-shirts. Details remaining to be defined include: judges transportation, the selection of tracklayers and Trial Secretary, helper application. There was considerable discussion regarding a possible permanent location for the Nationals, as well as selecting a permanent weekend for all WDA national events.

- 1) Southern: Motion to approve GSDCA-WDA Nationals budget as written. Henkel, second. *Passed unanimously.*
- 2) Henkel: Motion to grant the Host Club for the GSDCA-WDA Nationals financial rights to vendor contributions, raffle proceeds, local catalog ad proceeds, and 50% of food concession revenues. *Passed unanimously.*
- 3) Barry: Motion to approve Gate Fees at the GSDCA-WDA Nationals (\$5/day; \$10/weekend; children under 12 free). Licensed GSDCA-WDA Judges will enjoy free admission and catalogue. Vote: Petersen, no. All others, yes. *Passed.*
- 4) Motion to accept Ms. Munsinger as Official Trial Secretary for the GSDCA-WDA Nationals. *Passed unanimously.*
- 5) Motion to task Mr. Henkel and Mr. Rojas to identify a qualified Tracking Co-ordinator for the GSDCA-WDA Nationals. *Passed unanimously.*
- 6) Southern: Motion to create a permanent venue for the GSDCA-WDA Nationals. Barry, second. *Withdrawn.*
- 7) Henkel: Motion that a committee be tasked to evaluate the feasibility of a permanent venue for the GSDCA-WDA Nationals beginning in 2012. Osburn, second. Vote: Petersen, abstain. All others, yes. *Passed.*
- 8) Barry: Motion to choose a permanent weekend each year for GSDCA-WDA National Events, three years in advance (e.g. third weekend in May for the Nationals; second weekend in October for the North American Sieger Show). Osburn, second. *Withdrawn Referred to committee.*
- 9) Motion that Mr. Henkel shall chair the GSDCA-WDA Nationals for the years 2011-2013. *Passed unanimously.*
- 10) Motion that the entire GSDCA-WDA Nationals Committee remain in place for the years 2011-2013. *Passed unanimously.*

The following motions arose during the Saturday session, but are included here, as they apply to the GSDCA-WDA Nationals.

- 11) Landau: Motion to strike the following language from the GSDCA-WDA Schutzhund rules: “If the judge is appointed to an event by the GSDCA-WDA member organization or the Working Dog Committee, this rule does not apply. (This means that in championships, a judge may judge someone living in the same household, should that person qualify for the championship.)” Vote: Gattone, no. All others, yes. *Passed.*

- 12) Landau: Motion that Dog/Handler teams may qualify for the GSDCA-WDA Nationals with a score of 260, pronounced in Protection, if earned in a GSDCA-WDA Regional Championship. (Note: This motion would reflect a change in policy and therefore requires a 2/3 majority vote.) Vote: 5-yes (Barry, Henkel, Landau, - -). 9-no (Andrel, Smith, Southern, Petersen, Kirkwood, Rojas, Osburn, - -). *Failed.*

Region 1 – Henkel

Report given.

Region 2 – Andrel

Report given.

Region 3 – Smith

No report

Region 4 – Starr

Not present. No report.

Region 5 – Barry

Report given.

Region 6 – Osburn

Report given.

Region 7 – Munsinger

Report given

Region 8 – vacant

Region 9 – Blomberg

Report given.

2009 NASS – Munsinger

Report given.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 30, 2010

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Spreitler, Petersen, Kirkwood, Rojas, Henkel, Andrel, Smith, Barry, Osburn, Munsinger, Blomberg, Gattone, Kalvaitis, Landau, Southern.

Directors Absent: Starr. Region 8 vacant.

Visitors: Heidi Landau, Pamela Rodi

A quorum is present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, Continued

Budget/Finance – Petersen.

Every program is in the red. The GSDCA-WDA is moving to a Functional Cost Accounting methodology. Board Members were assigned specific areas to scrutinize operational improvement and cost analysis as follows:

Henkel – sponsorship

Blomberg & Munsinger – office productivity

Landau & Gattone – SV fee structure

Barry – publications

Smith, Andrel, Osburn – helper program

- 1) Landau: Motion to direct the Budget and Finance Committee to submit a proposed budget by the end of February, to be approved at a special Board Meeting. Munsinger, second. *Passed unanimously.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GSDCA-WDA Apprentice Trial Judge Program

Thirty-four (34) separate Motions related to the GSDCA-WDA Trial Judge Program (policy, procedure, supporting documents) were considered. *All but one (1) motion passed.* The single failed motion dealt with age restrictions for applicants.

The GSDCA-WDA happily announces the formal approval of the Apprentice Trial Judge and Transfer Judges Programs.

By-law changes voted by the Membership in 2009 were certified.

Analysis of the 2010 North American Sieger Show (NASS) venue possibilities were referred to the Executive Committee. Final selection of the 2010 NASS venue will be decided at a special Board Meeting.

The Board moved to Executive Session at noon. Normal session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS and CLUBS

The GSDCA-WDA Board welcomes all new Member Clubs.

Central Alabama Schutzhund Club
Hundesport Schutzhund Club of Florida
Michigan Working Dog Club
OG Kansas City

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Elections/Appointments

Executive: Spreitler, chair. Andrel, Osburn, Petersen, Smith

Membership: Henkel, chair. Ms. Lapointe, Ms. Henkel-Campbell, Mr. Rojas, Mr. Floyd, Ms. Palumbo, Mr. Wheeler, Ms. Madigan, Mr. Huerta, Mr. Tackett, Ms. Beauchamp, Mr. Viera, Ms. O'Donovan, Ms. Pickert, Ms. Schneider.

Budget/Finance: Petersen, chair. Ms. Roye, Mr. Kalvaitas.

Helper: Smith, chair. Andrel, Barkus, Blomberg, Floyd, Henkel, Landau, Osburn, Rojas.

By-Laws: Walker, Kirkwood

Junior Sports Program: Kuehn, chair. Petersen, O'Donovan

Canine: Andrel, chair. West, Nope.

Performance Rules: Landau, chair. Munsinger, Southern, West, Yee.

National Training: Rojas, chair. Floyd, Hoelcher, Landau, Mezaros, Payne.

Motion to postpone the appointment of a Regional Director for Region 8 until the April Board Meeting. *Passed unanimously.*

POLICIES and RULES

Petersen: Motion to appoint a GSDCA-WDA Membership Co-ordinator. Vote: Henkel, no. All others, yes. *Passed.*

Petersen: Motion to open a separate Junior Sports Program checking account. *Passed.*

Petersen: Motion that members of a prior year's GSDCA-WDA WUSV Team be eligible to enter the current GSDCA-WDA Nationals. *Withdrawn* after discussion.

Southern: Motion that entry into a GSDCA-WDA club or regional trial, with a German Shepherd Dog, be changed to require:

- 1) an official GSDCA-WDA scorebook
- 2) a non-GSDCA-WDA issued scorebook that has been registered and stamped by the WDA office.

After discussion, this matter was *referred to Executive Committee*.

Motion to rescind the Membership Requirement for participation in GSDCA-WDA Breed Surveys. (Note: requires 2/3 majority.) *Passed unanimously*. This policy change will take effect on March 3, 2010.

Landau: Motion to accept Canadian registrations, pedigrees and scorebooks for participation in all GSDCA-WDA events. *Passed unanimously*.

Motion to Table the selection of an Auditor to a Special Board Meeting, pending review of a possible conflict. *Passed unanimously*.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Petersen: Motion to begin a GSDCA-WDA FH club. *Passed unanimously*.

Motion to approve a GSDCA-WDA National Tracklayer Certification Program. Landau, second. *Passed unanimously*.

The Board expresses its support of the National Training Seminars.

Motion to Table discussion of the Junior Helper Program until the April Board Meeting. *Passed unanimously*.

Petersen: Motion to create a GSDCA-WDA Registered Kennel Name Program. *Withdrawn* after discussion

APPROVALS

Motion to approve Mr. Mezaros as a GSDCA-WDA Apprentice Trial Judge. *Passed unanimously*.

Motion to approve an Honorary Lifetime Membership for Ms. Miriam Barkus, in recognition of her long years of service to the GSDCA-WDA. *Passed unanimously*.

Henkel: Motion to approve Mr. T. Floyd as a GSDCA-WDA Teaching Helper. *Passed unanimously*.

Motion to approve two Universal Sieger events in 2010. *Passed unanimously*.

Munsinger: Motion to approve Region 7 Regional Championship Trial, in conjunction with a Universal Sieger event. *Passed unanimously*.

Motion to publish the names of Members Not-in-Good-Standing (NiGS) via a monthly e-mail to all GSDCA-WDA clubs. An annual letter shall also be sent to each club with instructions related to Members NiGS. *Passed unanimously.*

The next Board Meeting was scheduled for April 16-17, 2010 in Philadelphia, PA.