

German Shepherd Dog Club of America-Working Dog Association, Inc.
July 11 to 12, 2008
Board of Directors Meeting
Warner Center Marriott Woodland Hills
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Woodland Hills, CA 91367
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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America - Working Dog Association, Inc. ("GSDCA-WDA") was held at the Warner Center Marriott Wood Hills, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, California 91367, on July 11 and 12, 2008. Notice of the meeting was sent to the members of the GSDCA-WDA by both electronic mail ("email") as well as by the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid. The notice was sent to the members' email and U.S. Postal mailing addresses that are on file with the GSDCA-WDA. Notice of the meeting also was published on the GSDCA-WDA website, <http://www.gsdca-wda.org>.

Friday, July 11, 2008:

CALL TO ORDER:

The President, Dr. Danny J. Spreitler, served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 8:15AM.

ROLL CALL:

The Secretary conducted a roll call.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

The President (Dr. Danny Spreitler), Vice President (Cindy Petersen), Secretary (Daniel Yee), General Directors (John Henkel and Michael Kempkes), and the Regional Directors from Regions 1 (Fernando Burgos), 3 (Miriam Barkus), 5 (Dr. Joseph Barry - absent at the roll call but joined the meeting later at 3:45PM), 7 (Alethea Caldwell Munsinger), and 9 (Ray Blomberg) were present.

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Treasurer (Claudia Behnke), National Training Director (Dr. David Landau), Director of Trials and Judges (Mike West), Ex-Officio President of the GSDCA (Gail Hardcastle), General Directors (Clay Meadows and Dr. Tom Mesdag), Regional Directors from Regions 2 (Mike Andre), 4 (Charlie Starr), 6 (Russell Osburn) and 8 (Wendell Nope) were absent.

The position of Recorder is vacant.

QUORUM:

A quorum was present at roll call and continued through the entire meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nadia Adams (in attendance through the entire meeting)

Leon Luszcz, Diana Foster and Doug Foster (Joined the meeting at 8:00PM)

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Secretary moved to table the reading of the minutes from the last board meeting until tomorrow morning immediately following roll call. Ms. Cindy Petersen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The Secretary moved to table the approval of Executive Committee Actions to tomorrow morning immediately following the reading of the minutes. Ms. Cindy Petersen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

AGENDA:

The Chair asked the Board not to adopt an agenda because the draft agenda is incomplete and many of the board members were not able to get their agenda items to the Chair before the meeting. The board will follow the list of items in the draft agenda.

There will be an Executive Session tomorrow morning, commencing at 7:15AM. The open session of the meeting will commence tomorrow at approximately 8:00AM.

REPORT OF TREASURER:

The Secretary moved to table the Report of Treasurer to tomorrow morning following the approval of Executive Committee Actions. Ms. Petersen seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT (Presented by Cindy Petersen):

Ms. Petersen read a complimentary letter to the Board that was sent by a member who was the former recorder of the GSDCA-WDA.

Ms. Petersen advised the Board that (a) Mr. Andrei was not able to make this board meeting because of eye surgery, (b) Dr. Landau and Mr. Nope are in Germany for the Judge's College, and (c) Mr. West is not able to travel because of issues with his hip.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT (Presented by Dr. Danny J. Spreitler):

The President encouraged the members of the board to help enforce the rules of the WDA at trials and other events that they visit. Let the public and the membership know that any variance from the rules will not be tolerated. There is a lot of pressure that comes from people outside this organization as well as within this organization that we do so. We cannot and it would be inappropriate to put the burden of enforcement on the judge who is judging the event. The board members must bear this burden. The best time to cause compliance is to mention the variance immediately to the person in charge of any event so that the variance may be corrected. Many times, the variances are unintentional and, as such, this is more effective than waiting to file a complaint after the fact.

It is imperative that all regional directors attend regional events in their area. Any board members who are in the area of a regional event should also attend.

Next spring (2009), the AKC will vote on whether the WDS program will continue. There is a move to make the WDA a mere committee if the WDS program is approved. The President encouraged the members of this board to review and to understand the rules and regulations of the WDS. The WDS lacks a lot of the program elements that the WDA currently has to enforce a breed standard. The WDS does not have a breed standard. It does not have any breed surveys. It does not have an hip or elbow certification program. It does not have a judges program. It is important that the members understand the elements of the WDS program.

Trial rules have changed. For example, effective January 1st, FH1 and FH2 use the same start. This organization did not amend its rules to comply the changes. We need to be more diligent in the future so that we may keep up with all the rule changes.

Recess at 9:20AM

Meeting reconvenes at 9:30AM

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Secretary moved to table all committee reports to tomorrow for presentation at the end of New Business. Miriam Barkus seconds the motion and the motion passes unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) The chair called for a motion that "For election, Regional Directors should be voted on within their respective region only and not by national ballot". No motion was made. This item fails for lack of a motion.
- (b) Miriam Barkus moved that the GSDCA-WDA shall cause the development of Regional Websites for each Region in the GSDCA-WDA. Daniel Yee seconds the motion. The motion was amended, after discussion, to read as follows: "The GSDCA-WDA shall cause the development of Regional Websites for each Region in the GSDCA-WDA and the cost of hosting the websites shall be borne by the GSDCA-WDA". Except for Alethea Caldwell Munsinger who opposed the motion, all other members voted to pass the same. Motion carried.

Daniel Yee moved that the cost borne by the GSDCA-WDA for the hosting of each website shall not exceed \$50.00 per year. After discussion, the motion was amended unanimously to read as follows: "The cost borne by the GSDCA-WDA for the hosting of each website shall not exceed \$100.00 per year". This motion was seconded by Miriam Barkus and it passed unanimously.

- (c) Alethea Caldwell Munsinger made the following motion to amend the Trial Rules:

"Effective August 1, 2008, a four week advance notice containing the following: physical location, including proper name, street number, street name, city and zip code, judge(s) name, schedule of events including times, date and place, and entry forms. This notice with supporting materials must be submitted to the Regional Director for dissemination to the local clubs within the region, posting on the Regional Website and the GSDCA-WDA Office for posting on the GSDCA-WDA website." After discussion, this motion fails for lack of any vote in favor of the same.

After further discussion, Cindy Petersen moved to amend the Trial Rules as follows:

"Effective August 1, 2008, a four week advance notice containing the following information for all WDA events must be submitted to the Regional Director (a) for dissemination to the local clubs via electronic means within the region, (b) for posting on the Regional Website and the GSDCA-WDA Office and (c) for posting on the GSDCA-WDA website: (a) dates of event, (b) the physical location, including proper name, street number, street name, city and zip code, (c) judge(s) name, (d) schedule of events including times, date and place, and (e) entry forms. For tracking, the location of the meeting place where competitors will meet to drive out to the tracking fields (and not the location of the tracking fields) is sufficient."

The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

- (d) The Chair called for a motion that reads" Video cameras shall be allowed at all trials or

shows approved and sanctioned by the GSDCA-WDA. The videotaping of GSDCA-WDA shall be allowed, any event not allowing videotaping shall immediately placed the club in not in good standing status and result in charges being filed against said club by the GSDCA-WDA. If local rules, regulations or statutes prohibit the videotaping of approved or sanctioned events the club must provide copies of the rule, regulation or statute with their application for hosting the event. The GSDCA-WDA reserves the right to deny all applications that are submitted, due to local rules, regulations or statutes cannot be videotaped." This items fails for lack of a motion.

- (e) The Chair called for a motion that reads: "The violation of the GSDCA-WDA Trial/Show Rules and Regulations by a member club shall result in a one year suspension of the club and the termination of the membership of the Trial Chair and/or Secretary after said hearing in accordance with the by-laws. Further, all titles awarded are null and void." This items fails for lack of a motion.
- (f) Miriam Barkus moved that "Clubs submitting paperwork outside the time frame set by the organization shall be fined, at the discretion of the Executive Committee or the Board after considering any extenuating circumstances, an amount not to exceed \$100.00 per day for each day over the time frame. This is in addition to the current policy of the club being placed not in good standing." This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Recess at 10:40AM

Meeting reconvened at 11:00AM

- (g) It was moved and seconded that "All German Shepherd Dogs entered into any class at or older than 12 months must be measured by the Judge. There shall be an indication made by the judge in the catalog next to each dog that the dog was measured. The measurement, however, shall not be recorded or indicated." Except for Michael Kempkes who voted against this motion and Fernando Burgos who abstained, the remaining board members voted to pass the motion. The motion carries.
- (h) It was moved and seconded that "Effective August 1, 2008, all clubs joining the GSDCA-WDA must have an affiliation event." Except for Ray Blomberg who abstained, the remaining board members voted to pass this motion. Motion carries.
- (i) Miriam Barkus moved that "The intentional submission of false information on any German Shepherd Dog entered into an authorized or sanctioned GSDCA-WDA event shall result in the banning of the German Shepherd Dog from all future GSDCA-WDA events and the termination of the membership of the party(ies) who falsified the information." Fernando Burgos seconded the motion. Michael Kempkes leaves the meeting during the remainder of the discussion on this motion. After discussion, the remaining board members unanimously pass this motion.

Adjourn for lunch at 12:20PM

Meeting reconvenes at 1:30PM

The Chair clarified that there is a quorum present for today's meeting. Article III, Section 5 of the Bylaws define a quorum as "seven (7) members from the board of directors at large consisting of the President or Vice-President, and two (2) other officers, plus four (4) additional board members." Inasmuch as the President is present at the meeting, the Vice-President shall be included as one of the two other officers required as part of the quorum.

- (j) The Chair called for a motion to approve WDS trial scores to count towards qualifying for the National Championship. A motion was made and seconded to table this item indefinitely. The motion passes by unanimous majority.
- (k) It was moved and seconded that the GSDCA-WDA approve the donation of up to a \$150.00 for a trophy to be presented at the WDS Trial at the National Specialty. This motion passes by unanimous vote.
- (l) It was moved and seconded to require Regional Trials to use Regional or National level helpers and to have an official draw the night before competition begins. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- (m) Miriam Barkus moved to approve the transfer of \$1,500.00 to the Junior Sports Program. Fernando Burgos seconds the motion. The motion passes by unanimous vote.
- (n) John Henkel moved that dogs with limited AKC registration cannot participate in breed surveys. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.
- (o) It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that an individual must be a full member in good standing to participate in a Helper Certification.
- (p) The following motion was made, seconded and carried by unanimous vote:

"Effective August 1, 2008, to qualify your dog as a H.O.T. dog, the following criteria must be met:

1. Owner is a member in good standing of the GSDCA-WDA;
2. Owner must have owned dog from age of 12 months;
3. Must have either AKC registration or foreign registration showing proof of ownership and date of ownership;
4. You, as owner, must have done all handling in training and put all titles on the dog;
5. Dog may not have been leased out to anyone prior to all titles being earned;

6. Co-ownership is allowed, but both parties must have their names on the registration from the beginning and only one of those parties can be the handler/trainer of the dog.

If your dog received a H.O.T. award, and it is found that training was done by another party, or titles earned by another handler, all H.O.T. Titles received for this dog will be null and void from the beginning, you will not be allowed to enter any dogs as a H.O.T. dog in the future, and you will be turned over to the GSDCA-WDA Disciplinary Committee."

- (q) A motion to approve the following definition of "American Bred" was made, seconded and carried by unanimous vote:

- "1. Breeder must be a member in good standing of the GSDCA-WDA and reside in the United States;
2. Owner of dog must be a member in good standing of the GSDCA-WDA and reside in the United States;
3. Dog must be AKC registered;
4. Dog must carry breeder's kennel name;
5. Sire or Dam of American Bred Dog must carry American breeder's kennel name;
6. Any American Bred award goes to the Breeder, with recognition being given to the owner of the dog."

Recess at 2:55PM

Meeting reconvenes at 3:10PM

- (r) Cindy Petersen moved to approve the following definition of Breeder Handler Owned Trained (B.H.O.T.):

- "1. Breeder/Owner must be a member in good standing of the GSDCA-WDA;
2. Dog must carry the breeder/owner's kennel name;
3. Breeder/Owner must have the AKC Registration listing breeder, proof of ownership and date of ownership;
4. Dog must be registered with the AKC by 12 months of age;
5. You, as Breeder/Owner must have done all training and put all titles on the dog;
6. Dog may not have been leased out to anyone;
7. Co-ownership is allowed, but both parties must have their names on the registration from the beginning and only one of those parties can be the handler/trainer of the dog.

If your dog received a B.H.O.T. award, and it is found that training was done by another party, or titles were owned by another handler, all B.H.O.T. titles received for this dog will be discredited, you will not be allowed to enter any dog as a B.H.O.T. dog in the future, and you will be turned over to the GSDCA-WDA Disciplinary Committee."

Fernando Burgos seconds the motion. Except for Alethea Caldwell Munsinger who stepped out of the meeting, all board members vote in favor of this motion and it carries.

- (s) Cindy Petersen moves for the approval of creating the third GSDCA-WDA National Event-Universal Sieger Show. There was no second and the motion fails for lack of a second.
- (t) Miriam Barkus moves for the approval to add FH to the GSDCA-WDA Nationals 2009. John Henkel seconds the motion and it carries by unanimous vote.
- (u) It was moved by Miriam Barkus to approve the addition of at least one flight of Schutzhund 1 and at least one flight of Schutzhund 2 to GSDCA-WDA Nationals 2009. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.
- (v) It was moved by Miriam Barkus that Mike Diehl, Carlos Rojas and Phil Hoelcher be named to the 2008 GSDCA-WDA Pan American Team. Fernando Burgos seconds the motion and it carries by unanimous approval.

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger returns to the meeting at 3:30PM

- (w) The Chair asks for approval to reduce the publication of the Newsletter to four (4) issues versus the current six issues. Daniel Yee moved to table this item until the next board meeting. Miriam Barkus seconds. The motion to table carries by unanimous vote.

It was further moved by Miriam Barkus and seconded by Alethea Caldwell Munsinger that this matter be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee for an analysis of the revenue and expenses connected to the publication of the Newsletter. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Dr. Joseph Barry joins the meeting at 3:45PM

- (x) The Chair passes the gavel to the Vice President. After passing the gavel, the Danny J. Spreitler moved that effective with the 2009 Election of Officers and Directors of the GSDCA-WDA, the Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Trials and Judges, and the National Training Director shall be elected by majority vote of the membership. This would be an amendment to the bylaws if approved. The motion was seconded and heavily debated. After debate, with the exception of Danny J. Spreitler and Fernando Burgos who voted in favor of

the motion, the remaining board members voted against the motion. The motion fails.

- (y) Miriam Barkus moved that effective with the 2009 election of Officers and Directors, no member of the Board of Directors shall have been convicted of a felony. This would be an amendment to the bylaws if approved. This motion is seconded. The Chair passes the gavel to the Vice President and engages in the debate of this issue. After debate, the board votes to unanimously pass this motion.

The gavel remains with the Vice President.

- (z) Danny J. Spreitler moves that effective with the 2009 Election of Officers and Directors that:
- (i) No person shall serve for more than eight (8) full consecutive Club years, or for more than eight (8) years out of any ten (10) years on the Board of Directors;
 - (ii) Persons excluded from nomination in subsection (i) above shall not be eligible for nomination as a Director or Officer of the Club until such time as two (2) consecutive official Club years have elapsed since such person has last served as a Director or Officer of the Club;
 - (iii) The President may serve only two (2) consecutive terms in such capacity.

The vote on this motion was taken by roll call.

The following four (4) members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Danny J. Spreitler, Alethea Caldwell Munsinger, Dr. Joseph Barry and Ray Blomberg

The following three (3) members voted against the motion: Fernando Burgos, John Henkel, Daniel Yee

The following member abstained: Miriam Barkus

A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required since this would be an amendment to the bylaws. The motion fails.

MOTIONS:

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger moved to amend the Bylaws to add the Breed Standard of the SV as may be amended from to time as the breed standard of the GSDCA-WDA. John Henkel seconds the motion. After discussion, this motion was tabled until the next morning at 10:30AM for further handling.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

The Vice President returns the gavel to the President, Dr. Danny J. Spreitler.

The Chair called for new items to be added to the agenda.

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger moved to review and revise the duties of the Regional Director positions as currently stated in the bylaws. The motion is seconded. The motion is carried by unanimous consent. This matter is referred to a committee consisting of the following individuals: Alethea Caldwell Munsinger (Chair of Committee), John Henkel, Miriam Barkus, Dr. Joseph Barry, Daniel Yee and Ray Blomberg.

Michael Kempkes returns to the meeting at 4:35PM

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger recommended that the Board review and redefine, if necessary, the geographic boundaries of each region. The Chair assigned this issue to the previously named committee for handling.

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger recommended that the Board review the conflicts that arise out of events conducted within a Region defined by the bylaws but which occur outside of the geographical areas of the United States such as Canada. The Chair assigned this issue to the previously named committee for handling.

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger recommends that the Breed Survey program be reviewed as a group to see how it is serving the membership. This matter will be discussed later in the agenda as a new item.

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger recommends that the GSDCA-WDA look at the strategic objectives of the organization in the context of where this organization stands with respect to the GSDCA and in light of the statements made by Dr. Battaglia at the January Board meeting concerning the future of the GSDCA-WDA and the WDS. We need to know what will happen in the future to this organization and whether we have the support of the GSDCA. Also, the lack of direct communication with the SV is creating concern for this organization.

Adjourn for recess at 4:50PM

Meeting reconvenes at 5:00PM

It was moved and seconded that the event application submitted by the Southwest Diamondback Schäferhunde Club for a trial in December 2008 with SVF Judge Dr. David Landau be approved. It appearing that the application and all documentation are in order, the motion was unanimously carried.

John Henkel moved that a Breed Survey and Conformation show planned for October 2008 for the Westconn Schäferhund Verein be approved. It appearing that the event application has not yet been

submitted, it is premature to so move. Motion withdrawn.

Daniel Yee moved to amend Article I, section 3(A) of the Bylaws by inserting the words "in accordance with the SV" after the word "Dogs" such that the amended Article I, section 3(A) will read as follows "To encourage and promote training of the highest quality German Shepherd Dogs **in accordance with the SV** and to do all possible to bring the natural qualities of the German Shepherd Dog to perfection;" This motion was seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion is unanimously carried.

Daniel Yee moved that a committee consisting of three individuals to include the President and two other individuals to be chosen by the President be authorized to meet with Herr Wolfgang Henke to discuss issues of relevance to the GSDCA-WDA. Miriam Barkus seconds this motion. The motion is carried by unanimous vote.

Adjourn for dinner at 6:30PM

Meeting reconvenes at 7:05PM

The Chair, at the request of the membership, asked for motions concerning the establishment of selection criteria for choosing a NASS Photographer and for the videotaping of all protection work at events. No motions were made and these items fail for lack of a motion.

The Chair, at the request of the membership, asked for motions to establish pricing guideline for handlers at all GSDCA-WDA events. No motions were made and the item fails for lack of a motion.

ELECTION OF NEW CLUBS AND MEMBERS:

Cindy Petersen moved that the Board welcome the members whose names were published and listed in the Hundegram. Fernando Burgos seconds the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was moved and seconded that the Board welcome the following two clubs that have completed their affiliation events: (a) Lake Matthews Working Dog Association; and (b) Monadnock Hundesport. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Approval of Judges Application Form – This was not received
- (b) Remove moratorium on the certification of new National Teaching Helpers:

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger moved that an exception be made to the moratorium on certifying new National Teaching Helpers so that Phil Hoelcher may be certified. Fernando Burgos seconded the motion. The motion fails by unanimous vote not to make such an

exception.

Dr. Joseph Barry moved to open the entire country to allow for certification of new teaching helpers for the remainder of calendar year 2008. Cindy Petersen seconded the motion. The motion requires a two thirds (2/3) vote because it changes a previous Board decision. The motion fails.

A motion was made for the approval of Paul Schneider as a transfer judge. This matter is tabled until tomorrow. Joy Schultz will advise the board members tomorrow when this is discussed as to whether Mr. Schneider meets the criteria or requirements of the transfer judges program.

Adjourned for a short recess at 7:50PM

Meeting reconvenes at 8:00PM

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the meeting adjourn shall adjourn after the report on trophies.

REPORT ON TROPHIES:

The following guests joined the meeting at 8:00PM for the Report on Trophies: Leon Luszcz, Diana Foster and Doug Foster.

Jeannette Kempkes presented a report on the trophies for 2008 NASS. The report included samples of the trophies that were ordered for the Regional Trial and Regional Show. These trophies were compared to samples of trophies presented at previous NASS events and at the German Sieger Show. The trophies presented by Ms. Kempkes are representative of the trophies that will be purchased for the 2008 NASS.

Adjourned at 8:30PM

Saturday, July 12, 2008

Executive Session:

The Board went into Executive session from 7:15AM to 8:50AM

Open Session Reconvenes:

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:00AM

CALL TO ORDER:

The President, Dr. Danny J. Spreitler, served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

ROLL CALL:

The Secretary conducted a roll call.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

The President (Dr. Danny Spreitler), Vice President (Cindy Petersen), Secretary (Daniel Yee), General Directors (John Henkel and Michael Kempkes), and the Regional Directors from Regions 1 (Fernando Burgos), 3 (Miriam Barkus), 5 (Dr. Joseph Barry), 7 (Alethea Caldwell Munsinger), and 9 (Ray Blomberg) were present.

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Treasurer (Claudia Behnke), National Training Director (Dr. David Landau), Director of Trials and Judges (Mike West), Ex-Officio President of the GSDCA (Gail Hardcastle), General Directors (Clay Meadows and Dr. Tom Mesdag), Regional Directors from Regions 2 (Mike Andrel), 4 (Charlie Starr), 6 (Russell Osburn) and 8 (Wendell Nope) were absent.

The position of Recorder is vacant.

QUORUM:

A quorum was present at roll call and continued through the entire meeting.

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nadia Adams

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board, in Executive Session, completed the following business:

- The Board discussed the threat of a potential lawsuit by a former club member whose application was denied. The Board authorized Daniel Yee to retain legal counsel on behalf of the GSDCA-WDA to defend such a lawsuit if it materializes.
- There were two complaints against individual members that were discussed and handled.

- There was one complaint against a club member that was discussed and handled.
- Daniel Yee was authorized to contact the previous GSDCA-WDA treasurer to facilitate the transfer of information and documents to the current treasurer.

Report of Treasurer (Presented by the Chair):

The transfer of money from the previous accounts of the GSDCA-WDA to the current account has rectified the issues of concern about the financial health of the organization. The Chair thanked all those who assisted in the transfer of funds from the previous accounts to the current accounts.

From a financial perspective, the organization is not doing as well as the Chair would like. Additional expenses of board meetings are quite expensive. We are on track with the budget for the Newsletter. The expense of the Newsletter, on an annual basis, is approximately \$33,000.00. We lost \$8,000.00 on the Nationals. Membership dues for both individual and club memberships are very much in line with what we had projected.

Yesterday, the Board approved the transfer of \$1,500.00 which will be transferred from the general account to the Junior Sports Program.

At present, the organization has approximately \$124,000.00 in cash. We need to be cognizant of our expenses. Postage, printing costs and board meetings are very high.

Hips and Elbow Certifications are on the increase. Many dogs are coming back "noch zugelassen" on the elbow certifications.

There is concern that the WUSV liaison committee is set up such that it spends the organization's money but the members of that committee are not necessarily board members.

The organization is on cash basis. This should be changed to an accrual basis. We will need to discuss this issue.

Total expenses for the year to date is \$85,346.00. Copies of this will be sent out to the board later because could not be printed up for the meeting. The total income year to date is \$93,121. Revenue from membership is drying up.

NASS income is restricted to NASS, so it is not part of the general operating fund. There is \$28,000.00 in the NASS account. It will cost that much up to \$50,000.00 for the 2008 NASS.

The team fund will be in good shape this year. GSDCA will contribute \$4,000.00. There also is a restricted donation that we could expect. Costs for the World Championship should be lower this

year by virtue of the event being here in the United States. We do have a \$6,000.00 liability for the judges that were sent to Germany for the judges' college.

REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

Region 1 (Fernando Burgos):

Two new Clubs in the region. Both did conduct events. There are two expected events that will be upcoming.

Region 2 (Mike Andrel):

No Report

Region 3 (Miriam Barkus):

Report deferred

Region 4 (Charlie Starr):

No Report

Region 5 (Dr. Joseph Barry):

Request that this region be considered for the 2010 NASS at the next special board meeting.

Region 6 (Russell Osburn):

No Report

Region 7 (Alethea Caldwell Munsinger):

Ms. Caldwell Munsinger and Dr. Spreitler had reached out to the San Diego Schutzhund Club (one of the oldest clubs in the region) to come to this board meeting. Ms. Caldwell Munsinger personally spoke with Mr. Danlee Mitchell about this. However, no one from this club has come to this weekend's regional events and this club has not supported a single event hosted by any of the other clubs in the region.

Ms. Jeannette Kempkes has done a tremendous job on the trophies for this weekend's event as well as for NASS.

We have an upcoming event with Dr. Landau in December.

Region 8 (Wendell Nope):

No Report

Region 9 (Ray Blomberg):

There is a regional conformation set for November 10. There is potential for new clubs. The process is slow. Hopefully there will be one or two new clubs in 2009. Willamette Valley Holding regional trial and conformation show. Would like to hold the 2010 National Championships in this region.

GENERAL DIRECTOR REPORTS:

No Reports

REPORT OF THE WDA OFFICE:

1347	members
77	lapsed membership on 06/30
109	New members joined since April
56	clubs
1	pending club application
	pending email re bylaws
46	helpers
36	
13	National Helpers
13	Teaching Helpers
56	Score books issued
2	non-registered dog, mixed & other breed score books
	WDA tattoo certification
18	events approved since last board meeting

2	Regional Shows
2	Regional Championship Trials
12	club Trials
2	Helper Certifications
2	Club Shows
1	Affiliation Trial
6	Breed Survey Events
54	Individual Breed Surveys processed

PUPPY DOG BOOK (Presented by Joy Schultz):

The puppy book format has changed. There are new pictures, etc. Joy will get book out for review and approval. Joy submitted two written estimates for printing. One of the estimates is from the person who prints the NASS catalog. We sell these books for \$6.50 each. The minimum number that we can print at each printing is 1,000.

The Chair asked Joy to determine the number of books that are sold on an annual bases so that we may determine how long 1,000 books will last. Joy will provide this information at the next meeting. The Chair asked Joy to provide copies of the new puppy book to the Executive Committee members for review.

Dan Yee expressed concern that the new puppy book may be relying on previously copyrighted material. If so, then we need to obtain releases from the owners of the copyrighted information. Also, the previous material/ information may be outdated. We should not be publishing information that is inaccurate.

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger indicated that she had reviewed previous financial reports and the reported sales of these books are not high. John Henkel suggested that the WDA contact breeders concerning the sale of these books because breeders can include them as part of the sale of their puppies.

SCORE BOOKS:

The new score books will include a separate space for the name of the handler for each event. SV score books have this but the current WDA score books do not. The Chair explained that this will

be necessary in the future because of the requirement that a handler in a schutzhund trial have previously titled a dog in a BH.

We have a choice of two sizes for the new score books. The smaller sized book uses regularly sized 8.5 by 11 paper, which would be must easier to have printed.

The cost for printing the smaller score book should be the same as the current costs for printing the existing books.

Ms. Caldwell Munsinger moved that 200 of the smaller sized score books be printed. John Henkel seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Recessed at 10:05AM

Meeting Reconvenes at 10:20AM

John Henkel and Dr. Joseph Barry are not in attendance. A Quorum is present.

NEWSLETTER and PUPPY BOOK REVIEW:

The Ac Hoc Publications Committee consisting of Cindy Petersen, John Henkel, Fernando Burgos and Nadia Adams will review the information concerning both the Newsletter and the Puppy Book issues, including the new name for the Newsletter and report back at the next board meeting.

It was moved and seconded that all other matters concerning the Newsletter and Puppy Book be tabled until the next meeting. This motion is carried by unanimous vote.

John Henkel and Dr. Joe Barry returns to the meeting at 10:40AM

Carole Schultz handles the layout for the Newsletter. She has been paid for the design work. She is not on contract for her work on the Newsletter. All payments made to her for work done on the Newsletter will continue to be approved on a case by case basis through the Executive Committee.

GSDCA-WDA LIAISON:

Dr. Mesdag is not present. There is no report.

JUNIOR SPORTS PROGRAM (Cindy Petersen):

Everything is under control. A lot of activities for the NASS. Much of the things have turned into fund raisers for the kids.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (John Henkel):

Letters have been sent to members who have not renewed. Spoken to Ms. Schultz about a more recent list of members who have not renewed and will follow up with them.

2008 GSDCA-WDA SchH3 National (Chair):

This was a very successful event. The organizers really put their hearts into the event. They were extremely good hosts. Special recognition goes to Carlos and Ai Rojas, Alpha Working Dog Club. Draw Night was a lot of fun.

Miriam Barkus moved that a Plaque be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$100.00 to acknowledge all the work done by this club for the event. John Henkel seconds. This motion carried by unanimous vote.

2009 GSDCA-WDA SchH3 National (Chair):

This event will be in Spring Green, Wisconsin. The commitment for the hotel has been obtained. The background work on restaurants and available activities for the families of participants and visitors has been done. The dates of the event are April 3 to May 3, 2009.

There is a silent auction planned. Vendors will contribute to the raffle with the proceeds to go to the WDA. Discussions are in process concerning the split on sales of coffee with one-half of the proceeds to go to the WDA. Food vendors are contacted. The Club or the Region may retain a local caterer or Kiwanis Group to make the food.

Connie Miller is nominated as Chair of this event. She is appointed as the Chair of this event by unanimous vote.

2008 NASS (Chair):

Hotel rooms are all sold out, including alternate hotels in the area. Banquet committee raising sponsorship money. Entry fees are reduced \$5.00 per entry. We have good judges. American Breeders are the most important element of this event. There is great deejay retained for this year's entertainment. There will be free catalogues for the participants including co-owners. The host hotel has great facilities and amenities. Working on getting a RV for the Judges' comfort. We are working on a tour for the judges and members. Trash cans will be placed 20 paces (feet) apart. We had too many people in the rings last year. The only people allowed in the ring this year will be the judge, the translator, the ring steward and the assistance ring steward.

Nadia Adams provided a comprehensive flight schedule for everyone. Julie Mostosky Richards will work on the NASS website. Julie has agreed to do the work at no charge. She is a relatively new member but has really stepped up to handle this task.

The Chair has concerns about the logistics involved in handling the amount of entries that will be received. There is young lady whom we will ask to sing the National Anthem. The opening ceremonies, however, will be very quick.

Herr Wolfgang Henke joins to the meeting at 11:05AM to speak with the Board and the discussions in the regular board meeting ends.

Discussions with Herr Henke are off the record and continues until 12:35PM. The

Meeting reconvened after lunch at 1:45PM

2009 NASS:

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger and Danny J. Spreitler were nominated for chair of the 2009 NASS. Ms. Munsinger received 6 votes and Dr. Spreitler received 4 votes. Ms. Munsinger is the chair of the 2009 NASS by majority vote.

Cindy Petersen moved that the 2008 NASS Committee members be approved as members of the 2009 NASS committed. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

There was a recommendation made by the Board that Ms. Munsinger put together a local committee to assist.

World Team (Miriam Barkus):

Lyle Rotemeyer of the United Schutzhund Club have not spoken to Ms. Barkus. They have missed each other telephone calls. Ms. Barkus assured that all hotel reservations will be made. She, however, is not certain how much money is in the bank that is restricted for this event, so reservations are not yet made for the hotel. Ms. BARKUS has tried to reach Mike Andrel on issues concerning the event; Mr. Andrel was not reachable because of his eye surgery.

Administrative Policies (Alethea Caldwell Munsinger):

Ms. Munsinger moved to approve the verification of breeding documentation that was handled for board review. The motion was seconded and it carried unanimously. The documentation will be effective immediately. This will be posted on the website immediately and will be valid 15 days later.

Moved to standardize and use WDA forms were seconded. Except for Fernando Burgos and Cindy Petersen who opposed, the remaining board members approved. The motion carries.

It was moved and seconded that the revised WDA show forms which will include the category for

"24+ months untitled" GSD, credit card payment option, WDA standard release statement be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that a 3 member SV standards committee be formed to review and insure that the WDA stays in compliance with SV requirements. This motion carried unanimously. Danny Spreitler will chair this committee. John Henkel and Daniel Yee are named as the remaining two members.

Alethea Munsinger will define the standard for the tattoo verification form and bring back to the board for review.

Daniel Yee to name a Vice Chair to the Bylaws Committee.

(Missing portion of minutes will be added)

David Landau and Alethea Caldwell Munsinger to follow up with documents for special meeting within 45 days.

Motion to approve the audit of the GSDCA-WDA accounts was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

VACANT RECORDER POSITION:

The entire board unanimously ratified the decision to name Dr. Spreitler as Recorder.

PAUL SCHNEIDER:

Mr. Schneider does not meet the criteria in any of the available WDA programs for judge. He must meet all requirements before he can be considered for WDA judge.

Adjourned at 4:30PM