

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
GSDCA-WDA BOARD MEETING
July 16-17, 2010
Portland, OR**

Secretary's Note: President Danny Spreitler resigned 15 days prior to this Board Meeting. The services of Peggy J. Long, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, were secured to ensure proper procedures were followed during this time of transition.

FRIDAY, July 16, 2010

CALL to ORDER: 7:08 PM by President Petersen

ROLL CALL:

Officers & Directors Present: Petersen, Kirkwood, Munsinger, Landau, Gattone, Kalvaitis, Southern, Henkel, Barry, Osburn, Blomberg.

Directors Absent: Rojas, Walker, Andrej, Smith, Starr.

Guests Present: Peggy Joan Long, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Dr. Tom Mesdag; Daniel Yee. A quorum was present.

Following parliamentary advice, the meeting proceeded without formally adopting the Agenda.

Ratification of General Director: Dr. Tom Mesdag.

Motion (Walker): To ratify Dr. Tom Mesdag as a GSDCA-WDA General Director, as recommended by the current GSDCA President. *Passed. 10 Yes; 1 No.*

Dr. Mesdag was then seated on the Board.

READING of the MINUTES: The April 2010 minutes were accepted as corrected.

OFFICER & DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Secretary (Kirkwood): No report

Treasurer (Munsinger): A written report from the Treasurer was received, including "Compiled Financial Statements and Supplementary Information, for the five months ending May 31, 2010" and is attached to these Minutes. In addition, the Treasurer presented an oral history of recent GSDCA-WDA bank accounts and their current status. With the resignation of President Spreitler, the Treasurer is currently the only signatory for all accounts. To add a signatory to current Club accounts requires the physical presence of that person at the Bank of America in Los Angeles. Ms. Munsinger's recommendation is to develop an "Ultimate Banking" relationship with Southern Arizona Community Bank, an affiliate of Capital Bank Corporation, for the current GSDCA-WDA operating account, and that both the Treasurer and President become signatories.

Motion (Munsinger): To transfer all GSDCA-WDA funds to Southern Arizona Community Bank, Tucson, Arizona, effective August 1, 2010. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Munsinger): To close all current GSDCA-WDA accounts at Bank of America. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Munsinger): To establish a CD account of not more than \$20,000 and not less than \$15,000 in Southern Arizona Community Bank, effective August 15, 2010. The date of maturity on the GSDCA-WDA Certificate of Deposit shall be no greater than 2 years from the date of purchase. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Munsinger): Cindy Jones-Petersen, President, and Alethea Calwell-Munsinger, Treasurer, shall be the designated signatories on all GSDCA-WDA accounts to be opened at Southern Arizona Community Bank, Tucson, AZ, effective August 1, 2010. *Passed. Unanimous.*

President's Report (Petersen): President Petersen acknowledged that she was also surprised by Dr. Spreitler's resignation. To date, President Petersen has received no communication from Dr. Spreitler about ongoing issues within either WDA committees or the membership. President Petersen vowed to stay the course and to lead the club in the Membership's best interests. On practical parliamentary matters, President Petersen reminded the Board that to make a motion implies voting for said motion. The Parliamentarian confirmed that it is

possible to ask for discussion before a motion is made. President Petersen's address was interrupted by Mr. Yee who was then officially cited as being "Out of Order".

Director of Trials and Judges Report (Landau): A draft Apprentice Judge Manual was submitted for informational purposes.

Motion (Landau): All Apprentice Judge application material shall be sent to the Secretary who shall forward copies to the Director of Trials and Judges and to the President. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Regional Directors: Oral reports were delivered by Henkel (Region 1), Barry (Region 5), Osburn (Region 6), Munsinger (Region 7), and Blomberg (Region 9).

NEW BUSINESS:

Helper Committee (Henkel):

Motion: To approve Joe Tackett as Teaching Helper. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion: For the 2010 NASS, three helpers shall be chosen: one each for front half males and females, and one for all courage tests. Each helper shall receive a \$1,000 stipend plus 4 hotel nights (single room), lunch and dinner for four days, as well as travel to and from NASS in the cheapest mode possible. *Passed. Unanimous.*

WUSV Championship: Dr. Landau submitted copies of all documents currently on file regarding WUSV Championships, for informational purposes. Mr. Henkel noted that page 16 of the submitted document is not in compliance with the current Nationals Committee policies. The Nationals Committee was charged with reviewing this document. A discussion about team uniforms followed. Team Captain, Rojas, is currently in Spain to review practice tracking and obedience/protection fields, and a possible team hotel. Estimated funds required are \$20,000. To date, membership contributions total \$2,800. GSDCA donates about \$4,000. A Facebook announcement raised \$2,100. T-shirt sales are underway, with proceeds going directly to team. Dr. Mesdag is requested to report this information to the GSDCA Board, and to ask that World Team funds be forwarded to the appropriate account.

Motion (Landau): To adjourn until 8 AM. *Passed. Unanimous.*

SATURDAY 7/17/2010

CALL TO ORDER: 8:07 AM by President Petersen.

ROLL CALL:

Officers & Directors Present: Petersen, Kirkwood, Munsinger, Landau, Gattone, Kalvaitis, Southern, Henkel, Barry, Osburn, Blomberg, Mesdag.

Directors Absent: Rojas, Walker, Andrej, Smith, Starr.

Guests Present: Peggy Joan Long, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, Daniel Yee, Paul and Lucinda Schneider, Danlee Mitchell.

A quorum was present.

North American Sieger Show (Petersen):

Motion (NASS Committee): To accept 2010 NASS entries from non-member USA residents for a supplemental entry fee of \$25 per dog. (Requires 2/3 majority). *Motion tied and therefore failed.*

Discussion: Speaking against the motion were: Southern, Henkel, Landau, Munsinger. Speaking for the motion were: Kirkwood, Mesdag, Barry, Osburn.

A completely revised draft of the NASS Rules (Kirkwood) was submitted for Board approval. Amendments were as follows:

Motion (Henkel): To allow a dog between the ages of 2-4 years to present a progeny group with a minimum of four dogs, effective at NASS 2010. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Landau): To adopt the editorial change, "The Judge will evaluate the grip work as described in the GSDCA-WDA Breed Survey Regulations." *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Landau): To adopt the editorial change, "The sit or down may be reinforced, if necessary, as the handler approaches the dog and is within a distance of 10 feet from the dog." *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Kirkwood): To approve the NASS rule changes as amended. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Approval of Executive Committee (EC) Actions (non-disciplinary):

Motion (Henkel): To ratify Executive Committee actions on club events as outlined in the printed report. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Munsinger): To ratify Executive Committee approvals for office expenses (repair of computer, purchase of new fax/scanner) and authorization to apply for a bulk postage permit. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Munsinger): To ratify EC approval of \$884 for World Team T-shirts. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Kirkwood): To ratify EC approval of expenses for the Professional Registered Parliamentarian for the July Board Meeting (\$1,500 plus hotel \$97.88). *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Landau): To ratify EC approval of a judging apprenticeship for Mr. Mezaros in Germany. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Munsinger): That this Board approve Mr. Schneider's Judge's Apprenticeship (at VA Beach SchH Club under Mike West, March 27 and 28, 2010), subject to completion of the written test. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Henkel): To recess for 10 minutes.

The board entered Executive Session at 10:30 AM. Normal Session reconvened at 1:45 PM.

Summary of Executive Session Actions:

Dr. Tom Mesdag was elected to the Executive Committee.

Carl Smith was elected Vice-President.

A motion that would have required the public release of all Apprentice Judge application materials failed.

Motions for two separate disciplinary penalty mitigations failed.

One disciplinary matter was concluded.

The Board declined to ratify a disciplinary Investigative Committee appointed by the Executive Committee.

A motion to appoint a committee to review a past disciplinary matter failed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion (Munsinger): To approve two Board related expenses: Reimburse Mr. Andrei \$82 for the Philadelphia meeting and Dr. Mesdag \$25 for lunch Saturday's lunch. *1 opposed. All others, in favor.*

Performance Rules Committee (Landau):

Motion (Landau): To approve corrections for Sections II-VIII in the Performance Rules. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Landau): To post the Performance Rules on the GSDCA website in tabbed form. *Passed. Unanimous.* Note: Mr. Yee is to oversee this task.

Motion (Landau): To approve and adopt Bewertungsliste 3, effective 30 days from today (August 17, 2010). *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Landau): To insert the following language everywhere that reference to scorebooks is made in the GSDCA-WDA Performance Rules: "Blue, SV scorecards are valid only for mixed-breed and unregistered dogs. These are not valid for entry of registered German Shepherd Dogs in GSDCA-WDA events. Owners of German Shepherds that are registered with the American Kennel Club, the Canadian Kennel Club or an FCI member organization should send such cards to the GSDCA-WDA Office along with a scorebook application. The title(s) on the blue scorecard will then be entered in the GSDCA-WDA scorebook. The blue scorecard will be returned to the SV as per their request." *Passed. 8 For; 2 Against; 1 Abstain.*

Judge's Conflict of Interest Statement: A two page proposed Conflict of Interest Statement was presented by the Committee Chair (Gattone) for Board review. After considerable discussion, the Board adopted the final version as follows:

Motion (Southern): To adopt an official Apprentice Judge Conflict of Interest Statement that shall read, "A conflict of interest is a situation in which a person in a position of trust, such as a judge, has competing professional or personal interests. Such interests, whether actual or not, can create an appearance of impropriety that is not acceptable and can undermine confidence in the person, profession, or sport. The judge has an obligation to score, rate or place a dog solely based on the merit of the dog. The judge should not allow any of his personal interests or business to affect his/her integrity or judging of dogs." *Passed. 10 For; 1 Against.*

Motion (Landau): The Secretary shall send Conflict of Interest Statements to all apprentice judge applicants for signature. The forms shall be returned to the Secretary's home address. The Secretary shall forward copies to both the Director of Trials and Judges and the President. *Passed. 9 For; 1 Against.*

Bylaws Committee (Kirkwood): The recent Bylaw changes (1. Secretary to be elected in accordance with Article V; 2. National Training Director to be elected in accordance with Article V; 3. Staggering Terms of Office) were overwhelmingly approved by the Membership. Final tally: Item 1: 200 FOR; 23 AGAINST. Item 2: 200 FOR; 14 AGAINST. Item 3: 201 FOR; 14 AGAINST.

Motion (Landau): Effective immediately, all proposed Bylaw amendments will require readings and positive votes at two different Board Meetings before they can be submitted to the membership for approval. *Passed. 6 For; 4 Against; 1 abstain.*

Sixteen further proposed Bylaw revisions were submitted to the Board by the Bylaw Committee Chair (Kirkwood) and were all individually approved. The changes fall into four categories:

1. Removal of outdated material (e.g. references to Initial Officers or Directors.)
2. Simple re-ordering of paragraphs for more logical clarity.
3. A global change in voting language to "a majority of the Board present and voting".
4. Significant changes as to how Officers and Directors of the Board shall be selected in the future and their Terms of Office.

The Board will reconsider all changes at a Special Called Board meeting. If approved a second time, the changes will be sent to the Membership for voting.

National Schutzhund Championship (Henkel): The 2010 National Schutzhund Championship resulted in a profit in excess of \$9,000. According to the Board agreement passed in Dallas, \$1,200 was given to the co-hosting local club.

Motion (Henkel): To allocate the 2010 National Schutzhund Championship profit as follows: a) an additional \$1,000 to the co-hosting local club; b) \$2,000 to the 2010 World Team; c) \$5,000+/- to be retained for use in future National events. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Henkel): That the Board adopt a permanent policy for the National Schutzhund Championship funding as follows: 60% of any net profit shall be retained by the WDA; 40% of any net profit shall be given to the co-hosting local club. *Passed. 8 For; 2 Against.*

Motion (Henkel): The 2011 National Schutzhund Championship shall be held on May 6, 7, 8, 2011 with the following Judges: Tracking: Wendell Nope, Obedience; Heiko Christian Grube; Protection: Gunther Diegel. *Passed. 8 For; 2 Against* (Southern, Munsinger).

NASS 2011:

Motion (Kirkwood): To approve Erich Boesl as judge for all male classes at the 2011 NASS. *Passed. Unanimous.*

GSDCA/GSDCA-WDA Agreement:

Motion (Osburn): To postpone consideration of the GSDCA/GSDCA-WDA agreement until the next time the GSDCA-WDA Board meets. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Website:

Motion (Munsinger): To compensate the web master \$1,000 for development of the GSDCA-WDA website. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Henkel): To appoint Rhonda Southern as the chair of the *ad hoc* website committee. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Regional Universal Sieger Show: These events are currently operating on the basis of unofficial, draft rules.

Motion (Munsinger): To eliminate the WDA membership requirement for the August 2010 pilot Regional Universal Sieger Show. *Passed. 8 For; 2 Against.*

NEW BUSINESS (Miscellaneous):

Motion (Henkel): To allow Junior Helpers into the program at 14 years of age; to adopt a Junior Helper point system; to allow a biannual brief exhibition of Jr. Helper skills at both the National Schutzhund Championship and the North American Sieger Show. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Motion (Munsinger): To reimburse Pete Medina for a 2009 NASS entry fee for a working class dog that failed to earn a SchH 1 title in advance of the show. *Failed. No second.*

Motion (Gattone): To allow Dr. David Landau an opportunity to respond to the statements made concerning him in the resignation email published by Danny Spreitler to the general WDA membership; and that the WDA distribute Dr. Landau's response, if any, using the same manner of distribution used by WDA resources for the publication of Dr. Spreitler's announcement of his resignation. *Failed. 3 For; 7 Against.*

Motion (Blomberg): That the only documentary requirements for entry into a WDA performance trial be a scorebook and an AKC blue registration certificate. *Referred to the Performance Rules Committee.*

Motion (Gattone): To adjourn. *Passed. Unanimous.*

Gayle Kirkwood
GSDCA-WDA Secretary