



German Shepherd Dog Club of America-
Working Dog Association, Inc.

HUNDEGRAM

February 1, 2012

Dear WDA Member:

I am pleased to introduce the new WDA Board of Directors.



Dan Yee, President
Carl Smith, Vice President
Sally Blount, Secretary
Alethea Caldwell Munsinger, Treasurer
Russ Osburn, National Training Director
Dr. David Landau, Director of Trials & Judges
Frank Fasano, Ex Officio GSDCA President

Mary Gattone, General Director
Gene Kalvaitis, General Director
Nadia Adams, General Director
Jim York, General Director
John Henkel, Region 1
Joy Schultz, Region 2
Charlie Meszaros, Region 3

Thomas Schoder, Region 4
Dr. Joe Barry, Region 5
Larry Vinzant, Region 6
Doug Foster, Region 7
Connie Pinckert, Region 8
Ray Blomberg, Region 9

The WDA Board of Directors had a very busy January. A summary of the business conducted by the WDA Board of Directors this past month follows.

January 13, 2013 Special Board Meeting:

The January 13, 2012 Board Meeting was held in executive session to fill board vacancies and to appoint committee chairs.

The following Officer/Board appointments were made:

- Treasurer - Alethea Caldwell Munsinger
- General Director - Jim York
- Secretary - Sally Blount
- Region 4 Director - Thomas Schoder

The following Chairs were appointed to the respective committees:

- Budget and Finance - Alethea Caldwell Munsinger
- Administrative Policy, Bylaws, Disciplinary Policy and Procedures Development Committee (Note: these committees were combined by the President into a single committee) - Alethea Caldwell Munsinger
- K-9 Committee - Wendell Nope
- Junior Sports Program - Mary Bryant
- Membership Committee - John Henkel will chair this committee until a pending objection to a membership application is resolved, at which time Earl White will assume the chair of this committee
- National Championship Committee - John Henkel
- NASS 2012 - Alethea Caldwell Munsinger
- Performance Rules & Regulations Committee - Dr. David Landau
- Sponsorships/Promotions Committee - John Henkel
- WDA/GSDCA Agreement Committee - John Henkel, Mary Gattone, Alethea Caldwell Munsinger, who are members of this committee, will determine among themselves the chair. They will announce the name of the chair at the January 2012 meeting at San Diego for ratification by the Board.
- Audit Committee - Dr. David Landau
- AKC Name Change Committee - Jean Schrader
- Helper Committee - Carl Smith
- GSDCA/GSDCA-WDA Club Liaison - Mary Gattone (Appointed by the GSDCA President)
- SV/WUSV/GSDCA-WDA Liaison - Dan Yee

January 27 to 29, 2012 Board Meeting in San Diego:

The January 27 to 29 meeting was the first regular Board Meeting for 2012. This meeting was held at the Marriott Hotel at San Diego. Here are the highlights from the meeting:

1. Executive Committee members were appointed. They are Carl Smith, Alethea Caldwell Munsinger, John Henkel and Mary Gattone.
2. The Region 7 Director vacancy was filled by Doug Foster.
3. Reading and Approval of Board Minutes
 - a. The minutes for the July 2011 board meeting (and all the continued sessions that followed) were corrected and approved. These minutes will be posted onto the WDA website for the members' review.

- b. The minutes for the January 13, 2012 special board meeting were reviewed and approved. This meeting was conducted in executive session. The minutes will be on file with the secretary and the WDA Office only.
4. The WDA accepted a \$6,000.00 check from the GSDCA as a partial contribution towards expenses related to the 2011 WUSV events.
5. RSV2000 - The WDA Board passed a resolution to follow the SV policy regarding the recognition of RSV2000 pedigrees, score books, performance titles, breed surveys and show entries. Specifically, RSV2000 pedigrees will be recognized. Score books, performance titles, breed surveys and show entries will not be recognized.
6. Welcome New Members
 - a. Larry Vinzant was honored as a WDA Lifetime Member. He joins Heidi Landau and Martylou Plinski, both of whom were previously honored as lifetime members in recognition of their service to the WDA.
 - b. The Board welcomed 224 new individual members and two new club members. The new club members are: (a) O.G. Landheim Police and Working Dog Association, located in Dyer, Indiana, and (b) German Shepherd Dog Club of Idaho, located in Greenleaf, Idaho.
7. Convention of Cooperation among Working Dog Associations - The Board approved the execution and delivery of the Convention of Cooperation Among Working Dog Associations. A copy of this document will be posted on the WDA website for the members' review.
8. Fee Increases - A review of recent WDA financials show that the fees collected by the organization for a number of WDA Programs is less than it costs to operate the programs. In order to curb the financial losses, the board approved (a) a \$10.00 increase in the Individual Membership Fees to cover the costs associated with the publication of the WDA magazine and (b) a \$5.00 increase in the breed survey fees that a club pays to the WDA for processing breed surveys. These fee increases do not result in any profit to the WDA.

The new fees and the effective dates for the fee increases are as follows:

- a. Membership Fees:
 - i. Individual Membership Fee - \$60.00, effective February 15, 2012
 - ii. Family Membership Fee - \$75.00 (No Change)
 - iii. Junior Membership Fee - \$18.00 (No Change)
- b. Breed Survey Fees:

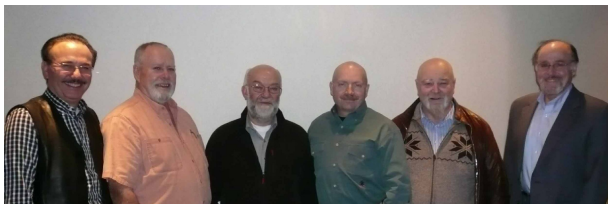
\$75.00 per dog breed surveyed, effective February 1, 2012
9. NUSC 2012 - The 2012 National Universal Sieger Show ("NUSC") will be in Northwest Indiana from May 4 to 6, 2012, approximately one hour from Chicago O'Hare Airport. The NUSC will be evaluated by SV Judge Helmut König. Co-Chairs for this event are Sally Blount and Alethea Caldwell Munsinger. O.G. Landheim Police and Working Dog Association will co-host this event.
10. NASS 2012 - The 2012 North American Sieger Show ("NASS") will be in the Chicago area from October 19 to 21, 2012. The Host Hotel will be the Westin Hotel, located in the village of Itasca. Alethea Caldwell Munsinger is the Chair of NASS 2012.

11. NASS 2013 and NASS 2014 - The Board resolved that NASS 2013 will be in Region 1 and NASS 2014 will be in the Pacific and Western time zones. Bids are welcomed from clubs in the Pacific and Western time zones for NASS 2014
12. The Board approved an exception to the rule that restricts a judge from returning to a club to judge an event within a 12 month period to the CIPWDA club. The exception was granted to allow SVF Judge Wendell Nope to return to the CIPWDA club to judge a trial within 12 months from when he last judged for this club because of circumstances caused by the rescheduling of the WDA National IPO3 Championship which compelled the rescheduling of the CIPWDA event.
13. Apprentice Judges Program
 - a. The Board clarified an ambiguity in the Apprentice Judges Program document. The current Apprentice Judges Program document states: "*The Applicant must be a current member in good standing of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America-Working Dog Association (GSDCA-WDA) and have been so for a minimum of three years.*" This provision was clarified to mean "three consecutive years prior to approval of the application".
 - b. Notwithstanding the foregoing clarification, the Board approved a resolution to allow a variance to any Apprentice Judge applicant who had submitted an Apprentice Judges application prior to the clarification and who had a total of at least three years membership in the WDA.
 - c. The Board approved the insertion of the following sentence to the Apprentice Judges Application to facilitate verification that the applicants have met the prerequisites to enter the program: "Please provide some form of verification of titles earned."
 - d. The Board added a requirement that all Apprentice Judges applicants must attend an Apprentice Judge training seminar sponsored by the GSDCA-WDA or SV. Attendance at any seminar sponsored by the GSDCA-WDA or SV prior to the submission of an applicant's application will satisfy this requirement.
14. Nadia Adams was appointed as the new Chair of the Junior Sports Program.
15. John Henkel was appointed as the Chair of the Pub/Com Committee.
16. Combined Qualification Trial for the 2012 WUSV World Championship
 - a. The Combined Qualification Trial for the 2012 WUSV World Championship will be held at Spring Green, Wisconsin from June 6 to 10, 2012. Connie Miller is the Chair. Alethea Caldwell Munsinger is the Trial Secretary. O.G. Hauptstadt will co-host the event.
 - b. The Board ratified the agreement for the field rental.
17. WDA National IPO3 Championship
 - a. The WDA National IPO3 Championship will be in St. Peters, Illinois from April 13 to 15, 2012. SV Judge Nikolaus Waltrich will judge the event. Riverfront Working Dog Club will co-host. John Henkel is the Chair.

- b. The Board approved a reception/meeting for all WDA Judges and Apprentice Judges with Herr Waltrich at the National IPO3 Championship at cost not to exceed \$250.
18. Office Manager Contract
- a. The Board acknowledged and waived any potential conflicts of interest for Joy Schultz, who is both the Region 2 Director and the WDA Office Manager.
 - b. The Board approved a one year extension of the independent contractor agreement with Ms. Schultz as the WDA Office Manager with a new term ending December 31, 2012.
 - c. The Board resolved to sell to Ms. Schultz all the WDA office equipment currently used by her at the depreciated book value.
19. The board approved the refund of a Judges Release fee that was paid by the Working German Shepherd Dog Club of East Conn where the judges release was denied by the SV.
20. The Board approved a breed survey and club show for the Wesconn Schaeferhund Verein with SV Judge Wolfgang Lauber to be held on April 6 to 7, 2012.
21. The Board reviewed and expressed its opinions for various logos submitted for the 2013 WUSV World Championship.
22. The April WDA Board Meeting will be in the Philadelphia area from April 27 to 29, 2012.
23. The July WDA Board Meeting will be in the Chicago area from July 27 to 29, 2012.
24. The Board plans to conduct monthly telephone conferences on the months when there are no regularly scheduled board meetings. The first of these telephone conferences will be on February 13, 2013. The telephone number and access code for this call are 1-940-287-4000 and 246888#.

These are the highlights of what occurred at the meetings. A more detailed account of the completed business will be officially provided soon.

SV Certification of WDA Judges



Congratulations to Mike West and Wendell Nope, who were both awarded the designation of SV Foreign Judge! This was announced by Dr. Wolfgang Henke, President of the SV and WUSV, together with Dr. Clemens Lux, General Secretary of the WUSV, and Herr Günther Diegel, Member of the WUSV Central

Commission in charge of the WUSV Judges program, after a day-long presentation and seminar that was followed by rigorous testing at Philadelphia, PA. As SV Foreign Judges, all performance degrees awarded by Mike West and Wendell Nope in events held in any country, except Germany, will be recognized by the SV for all purposes including breed surveys. This truly is a great honor for our two judges.

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New Member Applicants

All applicants whose names are published below shall automatically obtain membership status on the fifteenth day of the month following the month of publication unless objections in writing from the membership of this Club or Board member is received by the Membership Committee.

Deborah Alongi - Evangelina Becerra - Jessica Bouwman - Yvonne Brown - Franklin Colon - Rhonda DiBasilio - Patti Ellis - Elisa Fleming - Marco Gonzalez - Camilla Hart - Ashley James - Tatiana Johnson - Felicia Kautz - Aaron Kras - Sam Murphy - Lisa Nieman - Patrick O'Connor - Ryan Pelleriti - Jolene Postma - Starr Shepard - Caroline Siegel - Richard Siegel - Carter Siegfried - Christopher Starkey - Joachim Svoboda - Sarah-Lynn Viau

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