

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA-  
WORKING DOG ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

July 31, 2005  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Hilton/Fort Collins  
Fort Collins, Colorado

Call to Order

The July 31, 2005 Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM by Wayne Davis, President.

Officers and Directors Present

Ken Downing, Tom Mesdag, Ginny Altman, Debra Hokkanen, Martylou Plinski, Joy Schultz, LaMar Frederick, Cindy Jones-Petersen, Miriam Barkus, Terri Short, George Rowland

Guests Present

Helen Gleason, Chris Mandela

- I. Approval of Minutes  
The April 23, 2005 Board of Director Meeting Minutes were approved electronically.
- II. Report of the Secretary - Joy Schultz  
No report.
- III. Report of the Treasurer - Martylou Plinski  
Martylou handed out the second quarter, year-to-date, and the WUSV Team Account reports to the board members present.
- IV. Report of the President - Wayne Davis  
Wayne received a report from David Landau concerning the WUSV Judges Seminar that he and Mike West attended. The WUSV is attempting to bring more uniformity into their judging program. Ginny Altman moved, second by Miriam Barkus to reimburse Mike and David up to \$2000 to help with their out-of-pocket expenses to attend the seminar. Abstain: Martylou Plinski, Joy Schultz. Motion Carried.

Wayne requested Board ratification of the following Executive Committee actions:

Sequoia SchH Club June 18-19, 2005 club trial; Marysville SchH Club June 25, 2005 club trial; Bluegrass SchH Club July 8-10, 2005 club trial; Wesconn Schaeferhund Verein July 10, 2005 club trial; Virginia Beach SchH Club July 8-10, 2005 club trial; O.G. Agua Dulce August 11-14, 2005 club trial; O.G. Agua Dulce August 20-21, 2005 breed survey; Deutscher Schaeferhunde Club San Diego September 16-18, 2005 club trial; Southern Idaho Working Dog Association October 1-2, 2005 club trial; Northeast Iowa SchH Club October 22, 2005 club trial; Deutscher Schaeferhunde Club San Diego December 2-4, 2005 Southern Pacific Regional Show/club trial; Aztec Working Dog Club December 2-4, 2005 club trial; Seagoville Working Dog Club December 9-11, 2005 club trial; Carolina German Shepherd Working Dog Club March 17-19, 2006 Southeastern Regional Show/club trial/breed survey; Bur Oak Hundesport October 6-8, 2006 Mid-Western Regional Show/breed survey; Bur Oak Hundesport November 3-5, 2006 Mid-Western Regional Championship Trial; Seagoville Working Dog Club December 2-3, 2006 club trial.

Other Actions

Office Administrator salary increase of \$200/mo

Miriam Barkus moved, second by Ken Downing to approve the Executive Committees actions as read. Motion carried.

- V. Reports of Committees

Budget / Finance / Insurance – Wayne Davis

Martylou passed out the year-to-date Budget Report-Draft.

Wayne reported the D&O policy has been renewed for 2006.

### National Working Events – Gottfried Dildei

Ginny Altman reported on the **GSDCA Working Dog Trial-“North American National Cup”** event to be held at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center in Concord, North Carolina. Wednesday evening, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the GSDCA National Specialty Show main arena it is planned to have two SchH1 and SchH2 dogs judged in competition. There is a reception being planned (pending Mr. Henke’s schedule) so that the general membership can greet him. On Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be tracking for all dogs and the SchH3 judging. Friday morning November 4<sup>th</sup> there will be the awards recognition ceremony of all competitors in the GSDCA National Specialty Show main arena prior to the commencement of the GSDCA National conformation judging. Following pictures another hospitality is being planned which will be brunch where the GSDCA and GSDCA-WDA boards, all of the competitors, and several of the dignitaries from the event center as well as the Mayor and others will be invited. Wayne Davis reported the site of the SchH3 obedience and protection judging will be at a high school stadium across from the GSDCA National Specialty Show arena. Tracking is still to be determined; there are three options available. The Carolina Working German Shepherd Dog Club has offered to provide all of the equipment and to help with the set-up. Ginny moved, second by Miriam to set the entry fee at \$50. Motion carried. Miriam moved, second by Ginny to waive the entry fee. Motion carried.

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Ken Downing reported overall, he was very pleased with the **National SchH3 Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial**. We have a very competitive team again this year.

### National Events

Wayne Davis reported on the status of the **2005 GSDCA-WDA North American Sieger Show**. A packet of information was mailed to the board just prior to the meeting. Copies were also distributed at the meeting. The NASS Chairperson, Gayle Kirkwood negotiated a contract with the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree on 9/16/04 but did not provide the WDA Board with a copy of the contract until 6/6/05. The contract is in the name of the GSDCA-WDA and not in the name of Keystone-Buckeye Hundesport. Ms. Kirkwood, even though a GSDCA-WDA board member, has no authority to represent the GSDCA-WDA in a commitment of contractual obligation without the approval of the board. To date, the hotel has refused to revisit the contract in the name of the Keystone-Buckeye Hundesport. The GSDCA-WDA has been obligated to the Radisson Hotel in the amount of \$126,500 by Ms. Kirkwood who signed the contract. As of this date the GSDCA-WDA Board has not seen a site contract for the fields behind Aiken Elementary School, or an over-flow parking contract with the shopping mall across the street from the school. Chris Mandela, Assistant Show Chairperson for Keystone-Buckeye Hundesport stated that to date the site contract has not been signed by Keystone-Buckeye as they need \$5000 to complete the contract. Chris assured the board that Keystone-Buckeye will assume any and all liability and further that they will in no way put the GSDCA-WDA and any of its members at risk. Chris informed the board the school is aware there will be protection grip work; they will be not be allowing any outdoor recesses on Friday. Chris said that Gayle will provide contracts to the board when they become available from the appropriate attorneys; and prior to her leaving for Germany August 2. Chris reported 1339 hotel room nights have been reserved and that they have already exceeded 80% of their quota. Chris asked if the GSDCA will again sponsor the Sieger and Siegerin trophies. Ken is to check with the GSDCA on the amount to be donated and get back to Chris. Chris agreed to accept the Sieger and Siegerin trophy donation from the GSDCA.

Ginny moved, seconded by Ken Downing to approve a Mother Line Class at this year’s NASS. Entry fee is to be \$25 except for dogs already entered in regular classes. There must be at least three entries per dam. The dam does not need to be present and/or shown. The progeny will not be required to be entered in regular classes. No titles are required. Lame dogs cannot be entered. Open to the first, second and third-generation offspring. Motion carried.

Customarily, the NASS host club provides GSDCA-WDA with a table for the distribution of club info at the NASS. Chris Mandela informed the Board Keystone-Buckeye will charge WDA \$150 if we want to set up an information table at this year’s NASS site. Miriam moved, seconded by Ginny that Keystone-Buckeye provide WDA at no charge, one table booth space, a one-page catalog ad, and one catalog page for the GSDCA-WDA membership application. For: Miriam Barkus, Ginny Altman, Joy Schultz, Martylou Plinski. Opposed: George Rowland, Cindy Jones-Petersen, LaMar Frederick, Tom Mesdag, Terri Short. Abstain: Ken Downing, Debbie Hokkanen. Motion defeated. Miriam moved, Ginny second to pay Keystone-Buckeye \$200 for a one page catalog ad, a one page membership application page, and one table booth space at the show site. Terri moved to make it \$250, Ginny seconded. For: Miriam Barkus, Ginny Altman, George Rowland, Cindy Jones-Petersen, LaMar Frederick, Tom Mesdag, Terri Short, Ken Downing, Debbie Hokkanen. Against: Joy Schultz, Martylou Plinski. Motion carried. Chris presented her program for accepting entries and the method that will be used to handle the paperwork at the show. Several issues were addressed by the board that need correction on the website. Chris agreed to make the corrections as noted. Wayne instructed Chris to send the corrections to him, Martylou and Joy for review prior to putting up on the website. Ginny requested Chris to include the WDA Office when requesting back-up documents for entries. Chris was asked to replace the word “biting” with the words “performance test” in the rules and regulations.

Wayne asked the board to entertain authorizing Helen Gleason do tattoo certifications at the NASS. It was agreed by general consent, without objection. The board thanked Chris for coming to the meeting and for all of the work she has done to make the North American Sieger Show a success.

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Helen Gleason presented an update of the **Universal Sieger Trial and Show** to be hosted by the Wesley Chapel Total Dog Training Club December 1-4, 2005 in Lutz, Florida. Insurance is in place and the hotel has been booked.

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Helen Gleason reported on the proposed **2006 HGH Trial** and asked the Board to approve the \$3000 fee to Ulf Kintzel that will cover, in total, everything start to finish...all the judges expenses, the catalog, the advertising. Ulf's club will provide the show secretary. Helen will be there at her own expense. Wayne instructed Martylou to contact the SV to be sure they will release the judge for a WDA event at Ulf Kintzel's club location (we will be renting the facility from Ulf Kentzel). Helen has inspected the trial site. The entry fee will be \$100. There can be only ten entries. In order to break event, WDA will need to raise \$2000. Dates of trial would need to be between September 1 and December 1. It was decided at the April board meeting to tentatively plan on September 30-October 1, 2006 for the HGH trial. Hearing no objections, Helen was instructed by the board to proceed with the planning.

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Ginny moved, second by Miriam to have Wayne contact Rob Dunn to fill the position of Team Coordinator for the **WUSV Championship Team**. Motion carried.

Internet Website – John McKinney

No Report. Wayne is to follow-up with John on ways to generate some advertising income off the website.

Bylaws – Joy Schultz

No Report

Sponsorships / Publicity – Debbie Hokkanen

Debbie asked for food supplement suggestions from the board as possible contacts for sponsorship support.

Tattoo Certification Program – Cindy Jones-Petersen

Cindy handed out her Tattoo Program Update document. The purpose of this document is to help clarify the Tattoo Program Guideline document already in place with the exception of an additional item, 3.C. "A USCA pedigree showing the tattoo (to be used as proof of tattoo only)." Ginny moved, second by Joy to change item 1 to read "All dogs born in the United States after January 1, 2005 must use a 4-generation AKC Certified Pedigree; and to change the heading of the title of the document to "Tattoo Program Summary. Motion carried.

Helper Certification Program – David Landau

The Helper Program Committee has approved Gottfried Dildei and Carl Smith's applications for Teaching Helper status and hereby request final approval from the board. Miriam moved, second by Ginny to approve Gottfried Dildei and Carl Smith's Teaching Helper applications. Abstained: George Rowland, LaMar Frederick and Cindy Jones-Petersen. Motion carried.

Performance Rules & Regulations – David Landau

No Report

Forms (German-English) – Heidi Landau

No Report

K-9 Program – Mike Andrel

No Report

Apprentice Judges Program

Ginny moved, second by Terri to link the VDH trial rules and the rules for judges on the WDA website. Approve: Ken Downing, Joy Schultz, Martylou Plinski, Ginny Altman, Debbie Hokkanen, George Rowland, Miriam Barkus, Terri Short. Oppose: Cindy Jones-Petersen. Absent for the vote: LaMar Frederick. Motion carried.

Ginny moved, second by Terri that the Secretary provide Mike West with a copy of the VDH documents. Motion carried.

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A copy of the Apprentice Judges Program Rev. 7/4/05 was mailed to the board prior to the meeting.

Ginny read an objection she received from Mike West to item 2 of the first section, Basic Requirements for Apprentice Applicants. Mike is requesting the item not be changed. Following discussion, Ginny moved, second by

Miriam to approve the Basic Requirements for Apprentice Applicants section, items 1 through 9. Opposed: Cindy Jones-Petersen, Terri Short. Abstain: LaMar Frederick, George Rowland. Motion carried.

Ken Downing is opposed to item 1, of the second section, Apprentice Working Dog Judges Program allowing one person to administer the exam and determine successful applicants. LaMar moved, second by Cindy to send the Apprentice Working Dog Judges Program section, items 1 through 12, and the Apprentice Judge Application form back to the Apprentice Judges Committee for further discussion and/or amendment as necessary. The revised Apprentice Judges Program document and Apprentice Judge Application form are to go to the Executive Committee by August 21<sup>st</sup> for review, and if approved, the Executive Committee is to send them to the board for final approval. Motion carried.

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The Transfer Judges Program (new document) was mailed to the board prior to the meeting.

Ginny moved, second by Miriam that we approve the Basic Requirements for Applicants section, items 1 through 8 after amending item 2 to "...a minimum of *one* year. Abstain: Terri. Motion carried.

Ginny moved, second by Ken to send the balance of document back to the Apprentice Judges Committee for further discussion and/or amendment as necessary. The revised document is to go to the Executive Committee by August 21<sup>st</sup> for review, and if approved, the Executive Committee is to send to the board for final approval. Motion carried.

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The Apprentice Judge Conflict of Interest Form (new document), and the Apprentice Judge's Scoresheets were mailed to the board prior to the meeting.

Martylou moved, second by Ken to send the Apprentice Judge Conflict of Interest Form and the Apprentice Judge's Scoresheets back to Apprentice Judges Committee for further discussion and/or amendment as necessary. The revised documents are to go to the Executive Committee by August 21<sup>st</sup> for review, and if approved, the Executive Committee is to send them to the board for final approval. Motion carried.

#### Junior Program – Cindy Petersen

Cindy reported she has 2 Junior Handlers that have qualified for points. Cindy has received verbal commitment from a trophy company interested in donating trophies for the Junior Handlers with points, to be awarded at the 2005 NASS.

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

Miriam moved, second by George to approve Wendell Nope as a full GSDCA/WDA SchH Judge. Ginny moved, second by George to amend the motion to read approve Wendell Nope as a GSDCA-WDA Provisional Schutzhund Judge under the Transfer Judge Program. Motion carried.

### **VII. New Business**

The Waiver of Liability, Third Party form and the Waiver of Liability, For Club Members, Volunteers & Officials was mailed to the board prior to the meeting. Miriam moved to approve the waivers, second by Ken. Motion carried.

The board instructed Chris Mandela to incorporate the use of the forms for the NASS. Chris is to send hard copies of the signed waivers to the Office. The Office is to maintain a database of signed waivers.

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Joy passed out a revised Official GSDCA-WDA Entry Form, replacing the one mailed to the board prior to the meeting. Wayne called for any objections. No objections were noted.

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Martylou presented a request from Laurie Ceccarelli to start a memorial trophy in honor of Janis Novak. Ginny moved, second by Miriam to approve the concept. Motion carried. Wayne appointed Cindy to chair a committee to prepare something in writing outlining the program and how it will be administered.

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Ginny moved, second by Martylou instructing the Executive Committee to evaluate the Newsletter contract with Dog Show Art and if acceptable to approve for the one year term. Motion carried.

Motion by Cindy Jones-Petersen, second by Ginny Altman to suspend, one time only, for the O.G. Agua Dulce Club's August 20-21 breed survey, the rule (that became effective July 1, 2005) that all Helpers at Breed Surveys must be certified Club Trial Helpers. Motion carried.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_