

German Shepherd Dog Club of America-Working Dog Association, Inc.
January 11 to 13, 2008
Board of Directors Meeting
Holiday Inn Select
4669 Airport Boulevard
College Park, GA 30337

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America - Working Dog Association, Inc. ("WDA") was held at the Holiday Inn Select, 4669 Airport Boulevard, College Park, GA 30337, from January 11 to 13, 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, JANUARY 11, 2008:

At 7:30PM, prior to the commencement of the meeting on Friday, January 11, 2008, the board members and other guests gathered together for introductions at the Holiday Inn Select. Distinguished guests included, Suzanne Kinman, an AKC Judge, and Carmen Battaglia, a long-term Director on both the GSDCA Board and AKC Board who was responsible for obtaining approval for the first schutzhund invitational held in the United States. Dr. Battaglia also is the GSDCA delegate to the AKC. During this gathering, the President, Dr. Danny J. Spreitler, presented his vision for the GSDCA-WDA followed by Dr. David Landau's presentation of a brief history of the GSDCA-WDA together with an overview of the relationship among the AKC, the GSDCA, the WDA, the United Schutzhund Club of America, the VDH and the German SV. Dr. Spreitler's vision includes stabilizing the GSDCA-WDA office environment, documenting and publishing all GSDCA-WDA policies, procedures and rules, and providing service to the membership. This gathering ended at about 9:00PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

The President, Dr. Danny J. Spreitler, served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 9:05PM.

ELECTION OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS FOR REGION 4 AND 6:

After calling the meeting to order, the Chair announced that there are two vacancies on the Board that must be filled. The vacancies are for Regional Directors of Regions 4 and 6. Directors for these two regions will be elected by the President, the Vice President and those Regional Directors who took office on January 1, 2008, after the most recent election. The election shall be decided on a vote taken by ballot.

ROLL CALL:

The Chair conducted a roll call. The President (Dr. Danny Spreitler), Vice President (Cindy Jones-Petersen) and all Regional Directors from Regions 2 (Mike Andrel), 3 (Miriam Barkus), 5 (Joseph Barry) and 7 (Alethea Caldwell Munsinger) were present. Regional Directors from Regions 1 (Fernando Burgos), 8 (Wendell Nope) and 9 (Ray Blomberg) were absent. Regions 4 and 6 Regional Director positions are vacant. A quorum was present.

ELECTION OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS FOR REGIONS 4 AND 6:

The Chair announced that there are no nominations for the position of Regional Director for Region 4 because there are no qualifying candidates.

The Chair accepted the nomination of Russell Osburn as a candidate for the position of Regional Director of Region 6. No further nominations were made and the vote was taken by ballot. The Chair appointed Joy Schultz as the teller to count the ballots and to report the vote. After the count, the motion to elect Mr. Osburn to the position of Regional Director of Region 6 passes and he joins the other Board members.

RATIFICATION OF TREASURER, RECORDER AND SECRETARY:

The Chair announced that the bylaws provide that the President shall appoint a Treasurer, a Recorder and a Secretary, whose appointments shall be subject to ratification by a simple majority of the Board.

The Chair announced the President's appointment of Claudia Behnke to the position of Treasurer, which was ratified by the Board. Ms. Behnke joins the Board.

The Chair announced the President's appointment of Luther George Rowland to the position of Recorder, which was ratified by the Board. Mr. Rowland joins the Board.

The Chair announced the President's appointment of Daniel Yee to the position of Secretary, which was ratified by the Board. Mr. Yee joins the Board.

ELECTION OF TRAINING DIRECTOR:

The Chair announced that the bylaws provide that the position of Training Director is nominated by the President and elected by a simple majority of the President and the Regional Directors present and entitled to vote. The Chair then announced the President's nomination of Dr. David Landau to the position of Training Director. The motion to elect Dr. Landau to the position of Training Director passes and he joins the Board.

RATIFICATION OF DIRECTOR OF TRIALS AND JUDGES:

The Chair announced that the bylaws provide that the position of Director of Trials and Judges is a non-voting position on the Board that is appointed by the President and subject to ratification by the Board. The Chair announced the President's appointment of Michael West to the position of Director of Trials and Judges, which was ratified by the Board. Mr. West joins the Board as a non-voting member.

RATIFICATION OF GENERAL DIRECTORS:

The Chair announced that the bylaws provide that the President shall appoint four General Directors from a slate of at least four nominees presented by the GSDCA Board of Directors or the GSDCA President, which nominees must be ratified by the Board.

It was argued that the four individuals appointed by the President as General Directors should be ratified individually and not as a slate, who after ratification, shall abstain from voting in the current ratification process of the other remaining appointees to the positions of General Director.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the nominees for General Director shall be voted on individually by the members who are currently entitled to vote on the Board of Directors.

The Chair announced that the President had appointed Clay Meadows, Michael Kempkes, John Henkel and Tom Mesdag as General Directors. The Board considered the appointments and ratified each appointment in four separate votes taken by ballot. The Chair appointed Joy Schultz as the teller to count and tally the votes.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FOR MARTYLOU PLINSKI AND LEO PLINSKI:

It was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote that Martylou Plinski and Leo Plinski be awarded a lifetime membership for their dedication, support and contribution to the WDA.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2007 BOARD MINUTES POSTPONED:

It was moved, seconded and carried that the reading and approval of the minutes for the July 2007 Board meeting shall be postponed to Saturday, so that the members of the Board may have an opportunity to read, review and understand the minutes.

EXECUTION OF ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT POSTPONED:

The Chair provided the Board members with a copy of the GSDCA-WDA Conflict of Interest Policy that was approved by the GSDCA-WDA Board at the July 2007 meeting. The Chair explained that the United States Internal Revenue Code requires that each non-profit organization must have a Conflict of Interest Policy in place and that each Board member must sign and return an annual Conflict of Interest Statement. The Board members were given an opportunity to review the

document, during which time it was moved by Dr. Landau, seconded and carried that the signing of the Annual Conflict of Interest Policy shall be postponed until Saturday, after the Board reads and approves the minutes for the July 2007 meeting of this organization's board of directors.

CHAIR'S DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL CONFLICT

Both the Chair and the Vice-President, Cindy Jones-Petersen, disclosed that the Vice President is employed by a corporation controlled by the Chair's family. They both do not believe that the employment relationship will create any conflict of interest which would affect their responsibilities to the WDA.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 PM.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008:

At 8:00AM, on January 12, 2008, prior to reconvening the Board meeting, President Danny Spreitler told the members in attendance that all Board meetings will be conducted in an orderly manner. Agendas will be adhered to strictly. No new policies will be passed, unless the Board is fully informed on each issue and included on the agenda.

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised will guide the procedures of all the GSDCA-WDA Board meetings. In this regard, the President suggested that all members familiarize themselves with Robert's Rules.

The President gave a short presentation of Robert's Rules of Order. He explained that the Chair's role in the meetings is to further the debate among the board members and to manage the course of the meeting. Unless the Chair passes the gavel, the Chair will not enter any debate or discussion. Otherwise, the Chair will not make motions and will not contribute to any debate. Further, the Chair will not vote on matters presented, unless a ballot vote is conducted. All members who wish to speak shall raise their hands and be recognized by the Chair before they are permitted to speak. Where there is a large gathering of people, the individual speaking should stand. All motions should be clear and succinct.

No discussions on any issue will be made until there is both a motion and a second. Points of information are factual, not opinions. "Motions for postponement" shall be made for postponement to a "specific time". "Motions to table" are not motions to postpone for later discussion at a specific time and will not be heard until some time to be reset in the future. Motions to adjourn are not debatable.

The President then explained to everyone in attendance that the GSDCA-WDA is a not-for-profit Colorado corporation. The applicable Colorado laws provide that all board members of not-for-

profit organizations have a fiduciary responsibility to the organization to make decisions that are in the best interest of the organization. A 1996/1997 law called the Volunteer Act limits the liability of a non-for-profit board member, so long as the board member puts the organization's interest first and acts in a prudent manner with regard to the management of the not-for-profit corporation.

Both the Policies and the Board Minutes of the GSDCA-WDA are being scanned and will be indexable. This will be presented to each Board Member by CD. There is no cost to the GSDCA-WDA for this process .

The SV has both written and unwritten rules. The unwritten SV rules do not exist to the GSDCA-WDA.

There are no policies concerning Board conduct. The President encouraged all board members to attend and to help at the GSDCA-WDA events.

The President explained that the day-to-day business of the GSDCA-WDA will be conducted by the Executive Committee. All actions by the Executive Committee should be ratified by the Board unless there is a blatant act of abuse by the Executive Committee.

CALL TO ORDER:

The President, Dr. Danny J. Spreitler, served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 8:30AM.

ROLL CALL:

The Chair conducted a roll call. The President (Dr. Danny Spreitler), Vice President (Cindy Jones-Petersen), Secretary (Daniel Yee), Treasurer (Claudia Behnke), Recorder (George Rowland), all Regional Directors from Regions 1 (Fernando Burgos), 2 (Mike Andrel), 3 (Miriam Barkus), 5 (Joseph Barry), 6 (Russ Osburn) and 7 (Alethea Caldwell Munsinger), National Training Director (Dr. David Landau), Director of Trials and Judges (Mike West), and General Directors (John Henkel, Clay Meadows and Michael Kempkes) were present. General Director Tom Mesdag and Regional Directors from Regions 8 (Wendell Nope) and 9 (Ray Blomberg) were absent. Region 4 Regional Director position is vacant. A quorum was present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2007 BOARD MINUTES POSTPONED:

It was moved, seconded and carried that the reading and approval of the minutes for the July 2007 Board meeting shall be postponed to this afternoon, after the Executive Committee session.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary (Daniel Yee): No Report

Treasurer (Presented by Martylou Plinski): Ms. Plinski presented a written report to the Board for

review, which is attached as Attachment 1. After its review, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Report of Treasurer be accepted.

President (Danny Spreitler): The GSDCA-WDA has been contacted by a number of people who want to start new clubs. Ms. Plinski advised the President that the life cycle of a club is under five years. This issue must be addressed. We need to build the organization. We need to support these clubs on how to stay organized. The Regional Directors will be asked to look at this issue to determine what is going on with respect to this issue.

The GSDCA-WDA has had a rough year. The members of this board must at all times be the torch bearers for this organization and be above reproach. The President encouraged the members of the board to attend events and to interact in a positive manner with the members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee (Dr. David Landau): As per the bylaws, there has been no board meeting since July 2007 and the running of the organization was left to the Executive Meeting. Because of the circumstances of the past year, the Executive Committee handled only necessary business and did not impose any policy changes. Policy issues were reserved for the attention of the current board. The complete list of Executive Committee actions were submitted with the Agenda for review. Dr. Landau stated that the Executive Committee made a concerted effort to maintain a close contact with the current President (then President-Elect), Dr. Danny Spreitler, after the 2007 election results were determined, when deciding on issues, including issues of judges and breed survey masters for the 2008 national events. Because of the growth of the world union it was necessary that the Executive Committee determine approval of the Judges for the 2008 national events, otherwise the organization would risk the possibility of having no available judges for these events. Dr. Landau moved for ratification of all Executive Committee actions from between July and December 31, 2007. Ms. Barkus seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund 3 Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial 2008 (Mike West): Five to six locations were offered since July 2007 for the event. Two groups, including Carlos Rojas and James Honda's clubs have agreed to co-host the event in New Jersey. The Chair clarified that the event will be a GSDCA-WDA hosted event with support from the local club(s). The event will be on either the first or the second weekend of May 2008. Approval of this event will come up for review later in this meeting.

North American Sieger Show (Dr. Danny Spreitler): There were 484 entries. A tremendous group of people came together and worked extremely hard to pull together this show. Compliments came from the hotel and from Purina Farms, who want the GSDCA-WDA to return. The GSDCA-WDA, however, has outgrown the venue. We did a lot for the membership at the show, including reducing catalog prices. The dinner banquet was sold out. The event was about giving back to the membership and we did accomplish that. Dr. Spreitler suggested that future NASS chairs have experience in putting forth this show. The Chair of the NASS committee has received some constructive criticism about the show, but had not, until last week, received a single complaint.

K9 Committee (Presented by Dr. Spreitler on behalf of Wendell Nope): Mr. Nope submitted an email report which was read by the Chair. The K9 Committee wishes to schedule a VSK Schutzhund 3 event. The event will be advertised with the nation's police agencies as an event conducted in honor of and in recognition of the nation's military, law enforcement and other government service K9(s). K9 committee is in the process of producing a video of the VSK competition which will be placed on the internet for viewing and download by any government service handler. K9 committee continues to disseminate information to confirm the GSDCA-WDA interest in supporting the function of military dogs, police and other government service dogs in the United States of America. K9 Committee chair is in the process of designing a strategy to market participation in GSDCA-WDA schutzhund events to government K9 handlers. The primary objective of this strategy is to infuse into the minds of K-9 personnel that the GSDCA-WDA is helpful to their cause. Members of those agencies currently contact members of the K9 committee every week for further information.

WUSV Competition (Russ Osburn): We came in tenth place. It was a young team. The team did well for being such a young team. Dr. Landau added that he had received praise from the other portion of the team that our team captain was more helpful their own captain.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Region 6 (Russ Osburn): Region is very stable. There are two or three USA clubs who would like to go WDA. They, however, have a problem with the GSDCA-WDA insurance requirement. This issue will be added as an agenda item for further discussion

Region 5 (Joseph Barry): Added agenda item – Capacity of club to put on an event

Region 7 (Alethea Caldwell Munsinger): This region is not stable. There is a lot of work to do within the region. There is a new club with great potential. There is another that needs an affiliation trial.

Region 2 (Mike Andrel): With regard to the two new clubs in the region, Mr. Andrel will visit both clubs to make certain that they have the proper equipment and that they can conduct trials. He also will confirm that the clubs who wish to co-host the national competition will have the appropriate hotels, etc.

HELPER COMMITTEE (Clay Meadows): Mr. Meadows submitted an updated list of helpers with current contact information. He also provide a complete list of helper certification events from July 1, 2001 to September 23, 2007. Copies of the two documents are attached as collective Attachment 2. Mr. Meadows reported that the GSDCA-WDA, with a general membership of 1,500 members, has a total of 145 helpers consisting of 97 club helpers, 23 regional helpers, 12 national helpers and 13 teaching helpers. In comparison, the DVG has a total of 98 helpers and the USA has a total of 235 helpers. The DVG and USA, however, does not update their list of helpers and many are no longer members of the respective organizations. Also, the USA membership, at 4,500 to 6,500 members, is much larger than the GSDCA-WDA membership. Looking at the number of

helpers per member in each organization, Mr. Meadows states that the GSDCA-WDA helper program is more successful. Also, he and Joy Schultz of the GSDCA-WDA Office actively call helpers to remind them to keep their membership and helper certification current.

Mr. Meadows reported the number of certifications completed by each teaching helper. Those numbers are indicated on Attachment 2.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

GSDCA-WDA Judges Program: Mike West reported that the Judges Program has been in limbo for a number of reasons, including the fact that no one wants to invest time and money into obtaining the certification as a GSDCA-WDA judge and not be asked to judge at any events because he or she is not a SV judge. Also, there is an unwritten policy that GSDCA-WDA judges are not allowed to judge at national working events. Things are now different. Titles awarded to dogs in events conducted by GSDCA-WDA judges are recognized in the United States. With respect to this issue, Dr. Landau provided a point of information that the SV recognizes GSDCA-WDA Judges' titles for events conducted within the United States and run by the GSDCA-WDA. The SV, however, will not force other organizations to recognize these titles nor will the SV recognize these titles overseas. The SV does issue various documents for organizations around the world, but it will not necessarily recognize those documents itself. So, there are limitations from the SV that are not always clear. The GSDCA-WDA must make it clear to the membership that there are limitations to what the SV may accept. The GSDCA-WDA is not certain as to what are the limitations; however, the SV has assured the GSDCA-WDA that it will recognize GSDCA-WDA titles for GSDCA-WDA Breed Surveys and other GSDCA-WDA events. Recognition, however, will not go beyond that just described. After approving two amendments to the main motion, it was moved that "The GSDCA-WDA shall advise the GSDCA-WDA members via website, Newsletter, and Hundegram that titles from GSDCA-WDA judges are recognized". It was moved that the board withdraw the main motion together with all amendments as previously ratified by the Board. All voted in favor of withdrawing the motion.

It was thereafter moved, seconded and unanimously carried that "the GSDCA-WDA will, in all vehicles available to it, which includes the website, the hundegram and the newsletter, and the Regional Directors to disseminate the foregoing information".

Joseph Barry then moved that an ad hoc group consisting of Miriam Barkus, Dr. David Landau and Mike West be formed to draft the statement and to present said statement to the Board for review and approval when it reconvenes tomorrow. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Judges Program:

Mike West moved that "the board adopt a previous version of the judges program be implemented immediately". After extensive discussion which included debate concerning the content of the previous judges' program, portions of apprenticeship programs that were previously approved and adopted by the Board, the historic delay in implementing a judge's program, and the desire to

implement some form of judge's program, the motion was seconded and voted upon. The motion fails.

It was then moved, seconded and unanimously approved that "the Board affirms and authorizes a judge's program with the details and rules of the program to be provided and implemented at the April 2008 Board meeting." It was discussed and clarified by the Chair that the approval of this resolution means that a judge's program will be implemented by the conclusion of the April 2008 Board meeting.

Adjourned at 10:10AM

The meeting reconvened at 10:20AM.

Upon reconvening the meeting, the President appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Mike West, Doug Alexander, Dr. David Landau and Daniel Yee to develop the details of the judge's program for presentation to the April 2008 Board for consideration and approval.

Editing the Trial Rules (per July 2007 Board Minutes): Dr. David Landau reports that he had provided rule changes to Joy Schultz. Ms. Schultz acknowledged receipt of the rules changes.

Handler Rule (SV Rule per July 2007 Board Minutes): Dr. David Landau reports that the SV had passed a handler rule that requires a handler to have handled a dog to a BH before he can handle a dog for a schutzhund title. The committee has not been able to come up with a viable option to implement this rule. This is still an open issue and the Chair will defer this matter for further discussion as new business.

Membership Privacy (per July 2007 Board Minutes): Joy Schultz reports that no policy has been developed concerning the unapproved use of email lists. The President appoints Joy Schultz and Daniel Yee to an ad hoc committee to develop a privacy policy concerning the unauthorized use of email lists and to present the same to the Board at the April 2008 meeting.

Puppy Books (edits per July 2007 Board Minutes): The Puppy Books are outdated. Joy Schultz reports that a copy of the puppy book has been provided to Daniel Yee for review. Carol Schultz is researching and updating material.

Tattoo Program/Microchip Program: Alethea Caldwell Munsinger asked to postpone the discussion of this matter to the April 2008 meeting. Ms. Caldwell Munsinger recommends that a separate committee be formed for the purpose of handling this issue.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS (AND CLUBS):

- a. Welcome New Members (Exhibit 3): Exhibit 3, page 39, of the Agenda is a list of the new member applicants. Joy Schultz stated that there is a typographical error on Exhibit 3. Pages 40 and 41 are a list of members who will be admitted officially on January 15, 2008, not January 1, 2008.

This matter is taken off the agenda as it is premature for the board's consideration at this time. This matter will be placed on the April 2008 agenda.

b. Clubs:

i. OG Sierra Foothills German Shepherd Dog Club: This is a reinstatement of a club. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that this club be accepted as a member in good standing of the GSDCA-WDA. It was further moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the affiliation trial be waived.

ii. Dog First! Working Dog Association (NJ-Region 2): It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that this club be accepted as a member in good standing. This club asked for a waiver of the affiliation trial because it was a member of the USA. Mike Andrel is familiar with this club and knows that this is a new club with little experience. He plans to visit the club and wants to review the paperwork.

Adjourned for a 5 minute recess at 10:55AM:

The meeting reconvened at 11:00AM.

During the recess, Mike Andrel reviewed the paperwork for this club and indicated that it appears in order. The club's United Schutzhund Club of America ("USA") approval was only for 90 days and its affiliation trial with the USA was only within 60 days. Dr. Landau provided information that historically an affiliation trial is waived for a club that has conducted an actual trial, not just an affiliation trial. Waiver determination should be made on a club by club basis.

The Chair appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Cindy Petersen and all the Regional Directors to meet within the next 14 days to develop the guidelines and rules for this board to adhere to in reviewing these cases.

It was moved and seconded that the affiliation trial will be waived upon approval of the Regional Director which shall be done within one month of today.

It was moved and seconded that the affiliation trial will be waived upon the approval by the Regional Director which shall be done within one month from today. All members voted in favor of the motion, except Michael Kempkes who was absent during the vote and John Henkel who opposed. Motion passes.

iii. Alpha Working Dog Club (New Egypt, NJ - Region 2): This club was already approved by the Executive Committee and is presented here for ratification by the Board. It was moved, seconded and unanimously ratified.

iv. Mill Creek Schutzhund Club (Wonder Lake, IL - Region 5): This club was already approved by the Executive Committee and is presented here for ratification by the Board. Joe Barry

knows the people in this club. This is a combination of people from other clubs. The club has an affiliation trial set for February 2, 2008. It was moved, seconded and unanimously ratified.

v. Willamette Working Dog Club (Canby, OR - Region 9): Information for this club was not sent to Ms. Schultz, but to the President. For this reason, the application is withdrawn from the agenda. The documents were then handed over to Ms. Schultz for further handling.

New Business

Committee Appointments:

Each member is eligible to nominate one person to the committee.

Executive Committee:

The President will be the Chair of this committee. There are four additional members on this committee

Cindy Peterson nominates Miriam Barkus;
George Rowland nominates John Henkel;
Alethea Caldwell Munsinger nominates Daniel Yee;
David Landau nominates Joe Barry;
Michael Kempkes nominates Alethea Caldwell Munsinger;
Claudia Behnke nominates Cindy Petersen

Daniel Yee moved that nominations be closed. Mike Andrel seconded.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that a ballot vote be conducted.

Joy Schultz was appointed by the Chair as the teller to count and tally the votes. After the votes were tallied, it was announced that the Executive Committee members are: Miriam Barkus, Daniel Yee, Joseph Barry and Cindy Petersen.

North American Sieger Show 2008:

Alethea Caldwell Munsinger, Danny Spreitler and Cindy Petersen were nominated as candidates for the position of Chair of the North American Sieger Show 2008.

By a show of hands, Danny Spreitler is named the as the new Chair of the North American Sieger Show 2008.

Mr. Spreitler asked the board to approve the same group as last year with the addition of Nadia Adams, Fernando Burgos, Claudia Behnke and Mike Andrel.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the 2008 NASS Committee shall consist of the same committee members as the 2007 NASS Committee with the addition of Nadia Adams, Fernando Burgos, Claudia Behnke and Mike Andrel. Dr. Landau is automatically included as a member of this committee by virtue of his being the Chair of the Performance Rules Committee.

Membership Committee: This committee is provided for by the bylaws. The responsibilities of this committee is defined in the bylaws and is responsible for developing materials to the membership recruitment materials.

The following individuals were nominated: John Henkel (Chair), Pat Beauchamp, Miriam Barkus, Daniel Yee, Cindy Petersen and Joseph Barry. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that all nominees be accepted as members of the committee.

Budget and Finance: The following individuals were nominated: Claudia Behnke (Chair), Alethea Caldwell Munsinger and George Rowland. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that all nominees be accepted as members of the committee.

Performance Rules: Dr. David Landau explained that this committee gets correct and proper translations of the rules, update with SV/VDH rules, suggesting deviations. The board, not this committee, makes the final policy decisions. Further, this committee deals with performance only (i.e. schutzhund) and nothing else. Breed surveys are not included.

The following individuals were nominated: David Landau (Chair), Michael Kempkes, Mike West, Suzanne Kinman and John Henkel.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that all nominees be accepted as members of the committee.

Helper Committee: This is a standing committee. It has a designated makeup which includes a judge, national level helper and a national level competitor.

The following individuals were nominated to the committee: Clay Meadows (Chair), Michael Kempkes, Miriam Barkus, Mike West, Dr. David Landau, Joy Schultz, Carl Smith, Jimmy Dalton, Steve Beal and John Henkel.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that all nominees be accepted as members of the committee.

Junior Handler Committee:

The following individuals were nominated to the committee: Pat Kuehn (Chair), Cindy Petersen, Alethea Caldwell Munsinger, Gail Kirkwood and Shannon O'Donovan.

It was moved and seconded that all nominees be accepted as members of the committee. All

members, except Russ Osburn who voted No and David Landau who was absent, voted in favor of the motion.

K9 Committee: This committee promotes international performance regulations for the police dog, VSK, and WPO.

The following individuals were nominated to the committee: Wendell Nope (Chair), Mike Andrel, Mike West, Clay Meadows.

It was moved and seconded that all nominees be accepted as members of the committee. All members, except Russ Osburn and David Landau who were absent, voted in favor of the motion.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 Noon

The meeting reconvened at 12:35PM.

POLICIES AND RULES:

Policy Adoption - Hundegram: The Hundegram is to be developed by the Executive Committee and mailed/mailed to the membership by the GSDCA-WDA Office". After discussion, it was moved that "The Hundegram shall be published and mailed within two weeks of the Board of Directors meetings to apprise the members of actions taken by the Board of Directors. The Hundegram is to be developed by the Executive Committee and mailed/mailed to the membership by the GSDCA-WDA Office." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Policy/Rule Adoption - Qualifying Score for Participation at National Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial: It was moved and seconded that "To participate at the GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund 3 Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial the member must have a qualifying score of 270 at a GSDCA-WDA Club or Regional Trial, effective January 1, 2009." The Chair advised that this is a policy change and will require approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the board. Discussion ensued concerning the effect that a qualifying score of 270 may have on the continued participation in these events by newcomers and the effect of diluting the requirements for a team that may be representing the organization at the nationals and the WUSV competition. After extensive discussion and a number of amendments, the final motion was amended to read, "To participate at the GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund 3 Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial the member must have a qualifying score of 270 with an "a" in TSB with the same team earned within one (1) year of the calendar date of the national event at a GSDCA-WDA Club, Regional Trial, or at the previous year's Championship Qualifier, effective January 1, 2009." This motion requires approval from 2/3 of the voting members since it changes a previous board policy. This motion passes. All voted in favor of the motion, except Michael Kempkes who was absent during the vote.

Rescind Policy - Cell Phone Expense Reimbursement for the GSDCA-WDA President:

The current policy provides that the GSDCA-WDA President is to receive \$100 a month to handle

cell phone calls. It was moved and seconded to change the current policy to provide that "The GSDCA-WDA President may request reimbursement for up to \$100 a month to handle cell phone calls" The motion was unanimously carried.

Policy Change - Submission of Documents to Board Members for Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings: The currency policy provides that all documents to be presented to the Board of Directors at all regularly scheduled board meetings must be in the hands of the Board members by the 10th of the month prior to the meeting date. It was moved and seconded that "All new documents to be presented to the Board of Directors at all regularly scheduled board meetings must be in the hands of the Board members ten (10) days prior to the meeting." This motion was adopted by 2/3 majority vote.

Policy Change: Publication of Membership

It was moved and seconded that the applying membership list is to be published monthly on the GSDCA-WDA website. After extensive discussion, it was moved that this motion be postponed indefinitely. The motion to postpone indefinitely was seconded and carried unanimously. The Chair recommended that this issue be referred to the membership committee for further consideration. It was so moved, seconded and unanimously carried.

Policy Change: GSDCA-WDA Judges

Current policy prevents GSDCA-WDA judges from judging at the GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund 3 Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial. Dr. Landau explained that this policy was previously adopted because there was a concern that the titles awarded by GSDCA-WDA judges may not be recognized internationally by either the SV or organizations in other countries. Adoption of the previous policy insured international recognition of the titles awarded, but it had nothing to do with the qualifications of GSDCA-WDA judges. There is concern as to whether the World Union will accept the titles awarded by the GSDCA-WDA judges. Dr. Landau explained that this was a real concern in the past. He, however, expressed a likelihood that there should not be a problem with recognition by the World Union in the future, although he could not guarantee this. The USA judges get around this issue because they have a different relationship with the World Union than the GSDCA-WDA. If a policy is adopted to allow GSDCA-WDA judges to judge at the nationals/WUSV Qualification Trial, then it must be done with an understanding that there could be difficulties with the titles awarded by the GSDCA-WDA judges and these titles may not be recognized by the World Union. It was further argued that if a policy to use the GSDCA-WDA judge is set, then it provides the GSDCA-WDA some flexibility to use either GSDCA-WDA judges or not. The policy will not require the use of GSDCA-WDA judges. If it is later determined that the World Union will not recognize titles awarded by GSDCA-WDA judges, then we can simply decide not to use the GSDCA-WDA judge. The original motion was amended to read:

"Starting at the 2009 qualification trial, GSDCA-WDA judges can judge at the GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund 3 Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial."

The motion as amended was seconded. All except Michael Kempkes, who opposed, voted in favor of the amended motion. Motion carried.

Policy/Rule Adoption: Elbow Certification

At the request of the Chair, Dr. Landau explained that the GSDCA, known as the parent club, is the member club of the World Union. The GSDCA-WDA is not recognized by the World Union as a stand-alone entity. The GSDCA-WDA is an organization that is separate from the parent club, formed for the specific purpose of handling events involving bite work. There is no writing that formally recognizes the GSDCA-WDA. Approximately six months ago, the GSDCA had initiated dialogue with the SV to recognize OFA elbow certifications. Discussions were held with Greg Keller of the OFA to raise the issue of x-ray exchange with the SV. So, this issue is currently in process and there is no need to take any further action. Additionally, it is the GSDCA, and not the GSDCA-WDA, that must contact the SV. After debate, it was moved and seconded that the final motion shall be stated as follows:

Since the GSDCA-WDA will require elbow certification for all German Shepherd Dogs born after January 1, 2004 for breed surveys conducted under the auspices of the GSDCA-WDA, the GSDCA-WDA shall formally request of and assist the GSDCA in obtaining approval for recognition by the SV of OFA elbow certification.

After the final motion was stated, but before the call for a vote, Dr. Landau advised the Board of Directors that he had received an official letter from Clemens Lux, the Managing Director of the SV and the General Secretary of the World Union, requesting that the GSDCA-WDA require elbow certifications for all breed surveys.

The motion is unanimously carried.

Policy/Rule Adoption: Provisional Breed Surveys

The GSDCA-WDA shall allow Provisional Breed Surveys for dogs being breed surveyed that have hip certifications and/or elbow certifications pending SV review.

After extensive debate, except for Joe Barry, John Henkel, Alethea Caldwell Munsinger, Daniel Yee and Michael Kempkes who voted in favor of the motion, the remaining eight (8) directors voted against the motion. The motion fails.

The Chair advised the board that Alethea Caldwell Munsinger will chair an ad hoc committee to handle the development of administrative policy for the GSDCA-WDA. This ad hoc committee will review this issue.

Policy Adoption: Contact with the SV

Only the following members of the GSDCA-WDA may formally contact the SV regarding matters

pertaining to SV matters in the United States: President (Vice/President in his/her absence), Director of Trials and Judges, National Training Director and Office Manager of the GSDCA-WDA.

This item was stricken from the agenda by the Chair. This motion is out of order because of the relationship between the GSDCA, the SV and the GSDCA-WDA.

Policy Change: Increase of Fees for the "a" stamp and "ED" Stamp Programs

The fees for processing the "a" stamp for hips and the "ED" stamp for elbows shall be increased as follows: \$10 for hips, \$10 for elbows and \$15 for combined processing of both hips and elbows. The fees, as adjusted, are:

Hip Certification	\$75.00.
Elbow Certification	\$65.00.
Combined Hip & Elbow Certification	\$135.00.

This motion is unanimously carried.

Policy Change: Applications for Club Trials and Shows

Current Policy: All full member clubs shall submit an Application for Club Trial/Show Form. All fees must accompany request form. Executive Committee approves or disapproves request. Recorder maintains Master Calendar of all events.

Proposed Policy: Change "Executive Committee approves or disapproves request if the board is not meeting within the required time frame for submission of the judge's request to the SV. Change Recorder to GSDCA-WDA Office.

Joe Barry moved to table this motion indefinitely. The motion was seconded. Except for Cindy Jones-Petersen, Claudia Benhke, George Rowland and Mike Andrel who voted against tabling the motion, the remaining board members approved the tabling of this motion. The motion to table this motion indefinitely is carried.

Policy/Rule Adoption: Progeny Groups at Regional Shows

Allow progeny groups at Regional Shows following the same guidelines adopted for the North American Sieger Show.

The adoption of the foregoing policy/rule was moved and seconded. Except for Joe Barry and John Henkel who opposed this motion, the remaining members of the board of directors voted to pass this motion. Motion Carried.

Policy Adoption: Use of Bank of America

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the GSDCA-WDA shall use Bank of America for all banking services.

Policy Adoption: Required signatories on checks in excess of \$500.00

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that expenditures greater than \$500.00 shall require two (2) signatures on all checks.

Policy Adoption: Authorized signatories on checks

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the following officers shall be authorized to sign checks for the GSDCA-WDA: President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Policy Adoption: Reimbursement to Board Members for Hotel Stays

The GSDCA-WDA shall reimburse officers and directors for two nights stay, not to exceed the contract rate, who attends the normally scheduled board meetings. The Board member must be present and attend two-thirds (2/3) of the meeting for each day. An officer or director may decline the reimbursement if they so chose.

The foregoing motion was moved, seconded and unanimously carried.

Policy Adoption: Junior Handlers at Regional Shows and NASS

Junior Handlers will be allowed at all GSDCA-WDA Regional Shows and the North American Sieger Show.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that this motion be postponed until the April Board meeting.

Policy Adoption: Translation of SV rules (two motions)

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Directors shall cause the translation of all SV Show rules that apply to the North American Sieger Show.

The matter was debated. Dr. Landau stated his belief that there may already be a translation of SV rules. He further stated that the rules for the North American Sieger Show are established by the GSDCA-WDA, not the SV. Except for Dr. David Landau who voted against the motion, the remaining members of the Board of Directors approved the motion. Motion carried.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors shall, before July 1, 2008, cause all rules pertaining to the North American Sieger Show to be published for presentation and approval of the Board of Directors at the July 2008 Board meeting.

Policy Adoption: Monthly Board Conference Call

It was moved and seconded that the President of the GSDCA-WDA shall host a conference call on the last Tuesday of each month to provide the Board of Directors with an update on all actions taken by the Executive Committee. This shall not be construed as a Specially Called Meeting as defined in the bylaws but shall be an informational call only.

Except for Russ Osburn who abstained, the remaining members on the Board of Directors voted to approve this motion. Motion carried.

Policy Adoption: QuickBooks

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that QuickBooks is adopted as the accepted accounting software application for the GSDCA-WDA.

Policy Adoption: Disaster Backup/Recovery Plan

Joe Barry advised the board that a disaster backup plan that utilizes the internet has been implemented and is in place. Since a backup disaster plan is currently in place, there is no need for a policy adoption.

Policy Change: Required Documents for GSDCA-WDA Events

It was moved that in addition to providing the GSDCA-WDA Office copies of Event Entry forms, the hosting club will be required to provide copies of registration papers for each entry.

This motion failed for lack of a second.

Policy Question: Score Books for Breed Surveys

Why does the GSDCA require original score books for the Breed Surveys? Original score books are required as proof of titles earned by the dogs.

Policy Change: Use of Same Judge Between Events

It is not clear what the current policy is concerning the use of the same judge for events hosted by a club within a twelve month period. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that this matter be tabled for 30 minutes so that Dr. Landau may review the minutes of the GSDCA-WDA to determine the current policy that is in place.

Policy Questions:

The following two policy questions will be referred to the ad hoc committee for Policies and Rules, chaired by Ms. Munsinger, for response:

Where is the policy (and when was it adopted) that copies of entry forms must be sent to the GSDCA-WDA office?; and

What is the notification policy for trials and shows regarding venue and time of events?

Program Development:

GSDCA-WDA Academy – It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the GSDCA-WDA shall establish a GSDCA-WDA Academy for developing educational programs for Trial and Show Secretaries, Trial and Show Chairpersons, and the general membership regarding breeding, showing, and trialing standards. A committee shall be formed to develop the same. This responsibility will be assigned to Ms. Munsinger's committee.

GSDCA-WDA Helper College – It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that a Helper college will be presented for the membership at all National events during 2008

GSDCA-WDA National Results Database. – It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the GSDCA-WDA, during 2008, will collect all trial and show results for a national results database.

The three agenda items concerning Regional Training Director, Tracklayer Certification and National Training Committee were taken off the agenda. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that these three agenda items be moved into the National Training Director's purview for presentation at the next board meeting. The National Training Director has requested input from the members of the Board concerning these three agenda items.

Trial/Show in a Box

It was moved, seconded and, except for Dr. David Landau who abstained from voting, the remaining members of the Board all voted to approve the motion that the GSDCA-WDA will develop a complete hosting platform for GSDCA-WDA Trials/Shows including online entry, catalog formatting, form completion, medals and awards.

Approvals:

2008 GSDCA WUSV Team Captain – Miriam Barkus and Clay Meadows were nominated. Mr. Meadows withdrew his name from consideration for lack of qualifications. All members of the Board, except for Russ Osburn who abstained and Daniel Yee who was absent during the vote, confirmed Miriam Barkus as the 2008 GSDCA WUSV Team Captain.

A committee consisting of Miriam Barkus (Chair), Mike Andrel, Clay Meadows, Robb Dunn and Phil Hoelcher was formed which will develop formal guidelines for the selection of the WUSV Team Captain for consideration and adoption by the Board at the April Board Meeting. These

guidelines will be submitted in the interim to the Executive Committee for review.

2008 Schutzhund 3 Nationals –

The 2008 Schutzhund 3 Nationals will be on the second weekend of May 2008. The Judges were already voted on.

Mike West (Chair), reports that the two clubs in the New Jersey area will provide tracking, stadium and hotels for this event. Mike Andrel will visit the sites within the next week and will report on the same. Mike West, during the meeting, placed a telephone call to Carlos Rojas who confirmed that his club will handle the event.

2008 North American Sieger Show –

The 2008 NASS will be on October 16 to 19, 2008. The location will be the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kentucky. This event, including the judges, was previously approved by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Board.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the following agenda items be referred to the 2008 NASS Committee for handling and determination: HOT Title for 2008 NASS, American Bred definition for 2008 NASS, Female progeny group for 2008 NASS, Elimination of the Untitled Classes, Tattoo requirement for all classes, and Officials who are allowed in the ring.

The meeting went into Executive Session at 4:45PM.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 5:45PM.

Report of Business Handled in Executive Session:

The Chair reported that the Board, in Executive Session, handled the following items of business:

1. The Board, after careful consideration, denied the application for membership of an individual;
2. The Board increased the monthly compensation of Joy Schultz, who is under an independent contractor agreement with the GSDCA-WDA, to \$1,400.00 per month, effective immediately;
3. The Board ratified the outcome of two disciplinary hearings;
4. The Board discussed the reinstatement of a club that was not in good standing. After careful consideration, it was decided that subject to the verification of one outstanding item, the club has met the requirements for reinstatement. Accordingly, upon verification that the one outstanding item is satisfied, the club will be reinstated to good standing;
5. The President of the GSDCA-WDA, who also is the Chair, has preferred charges against a club for conduct that is prejudicially to both the organization and the breed. An investigating committee has been appointed to handle this matter.

Ratification of Events Approved by the Executive Committee

It was moved by Cindy Jones-Petersen that each event item approved by the Executive Committee be reviewed and ratified separately. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Joy Schultz confirmed that each event listed on page 25 of the meeting agenda with an event date prior to May 16, 2008 has been approved by the Executive Committee. She further confirmed that the identification of a helper is not required for the approval process of any GSDCA-WDA event.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that all events listed in the agenda for events from January 18, 2008 to May 4, 2008 and previously approved by the Executive Committee are ratified.

Approvals of New Events:

The May 16 - 18, 2008 club trial hosted by the Greater Chicago Schutzhund Club and listed on the meeting agenda for review and approval is removed from the agenda for approval.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the June 20-22, 2008 club trial hosted by Chicago Schutzhund Verein is approved.

It was moved, seconded and, except for the members of O.G. Agua Dulce who abstained from voting, the remaining members of the Board unanimously approved the July 10-13, 2008 (date change and site) event hosted by O.G. Agua Dulce.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the September 26-28, 2008 breed survey and AD hosted by Chicago Schutzhund Verein is approved.

Approval of New Matters

Items numbered 1, 3 and 4 on the agenda concerning "(1) the 2008 budget for first quarter, (3) travel and living expenses for GSDCA-WDA Judges, and (4) the donation to the 2008 WUSV World Championship" are referred to Budget and Finance for consideration and handling.

Item numbered 2 on the agenda concerning "(2) the approval of a computer purchase for the GSDCA-WDA office" was approved by the Executive Committee and ratified previously by the Board.

Policy to Share Membership Information with USCA:

After debate, it was moved by Miriam Barkus, seconded and unanimously approved as follows:

Approval for the GSDCA-WDA President to develop a policy with the President of the United Schutzhund Club of America to jointly share information concerning the suspension of membership privileges of any member by either organization.

After the motion was approved, the Chair clarified that the approval is not for the implementation of a policy but simply an approval for the discussion of the development of a policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes for the July 20-21, 2007 Board Meeting:

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the reading of the minutes for the July 20-21, 2007 Board Meeting be waived.

After the members of the board were provided an adequate amount of time to review the minutes, it was moved, seconded, the unanimously carried that the board meeting minutes for July 20-21, 2007 are approved.

Pinch Collars:

Russ Osburn moved that GSDCA-WDA will allow the use of pinch collars at all events. The motion fails for lack of a second.

Dr. David Landau moved, and it was seconded, that the GSDCA-WDA will ban the use of pinch collars on the field of the national championship.

After extensive debate, the motion was amended in final form to read:

The GSDCA-WDA will band the use of prong/pinch collars on the grounds of the GSDCA-WDA-hosted national events beginning two (2) days before the start of judging and continuing through the conclusion of the event.

After a short recess from 6:40PM to 6:48PM, the meeting was called back to order at 6:48PM.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the foregoing motion be postponed to the April Board meeting and that this issue be assigned to an ad hoc committee to be appointed by the president.

The Chair, who also is the President, formed the ad hoc committee consisting of Russ Osburn, Wallace Payne, John Henkel and Fernando Burgos.

Tattoo and Microchips:

Martylou Plinski had just learned that microchips are now accepted by the SV in lieu of tattoo.

The Chair asked Dr. David Landau for a clarification on the use of microchips by the SV. Dr. Landau advised the Board that the European Union does currently accept microchips.

The acceptance of microchips has been referred to the NASS committee for a recommendation.

Buy a Brick Campaign

The Chair has asked the Budget and Finance committee to consider in its budget development the purchase of a brick with a GSDCA-WDA logo in support of the Buy a Brick Campaign.

WUSV Team Fund

It was moved and seconded that the issue of developing incentives for contributors to donate to the WUSV Fund be referred to the National Events Committee. Except for Clay Meadows, all remaining members of the Board approved the motion. Motion carried.

Liability Insurance:

It was moved and seconded that liability insurance for all clubs shall be optional. This motion changes current policy and fails for lack of a 2/3 majority vote.

Wesconn Schaeferhunde Verein

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Show application of Wesconn Schaeferhunde Verein May 3 & 4, 2008 Regional Show and Breed Survey be approved.

Rule Governing the Use of the Same Judge Between Events

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Executive Committee will determine, by 4:00PM CST on Monday, January 14, 2008, the actual rule that is in place governing the use of the same judge by a club in between events and report the same by email to the members.

Teaching Helper

Clay Meadows reported that the GSDCA-WDA has a deficiency of teaching helpers on the East coast. There were only 30 seminars since 2001. There are only 11 teaching helpers in the country. We need additional seminars.

It was moved and seconded to open the teaching helper program to allow more teaching helpers.

Dr. David Landau moved to table this matter until tomorrow morning. It was seconded and unanimously carried.

Clay Meadows further reported that the GSDCA-WDA has teaching helpers who are not teaching in a manner consistent with the current principles supported by the GSDCA-WDA.

It was moved by Cindy Jones-Petersen to refer this matter to the helper committee for program development. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Mr. Meadows agreed to provide a report on this matter at the April board Meeting.

Judge's Workshop:

It was moved and seconded that the GSDCA-WDA will develop an annual judge's workshop under the auspices of the Judge's Committee. Except for Dr. David Landau who was absent during the vote, the remaining members of the Board voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Admission of Paul Schneider as a GSDCA-WDA Judge:

Mike West explained that Paul Schneider was an USA apprentice judge and teaching helper. He apprenticed 12 times. He competed on the world team qualifier in Rochester. He still has all 12 apprentice reports. Mike West has reviewed seven of them. The USA Director of Judges recommended him very highly for judge. He is a GSDCA and GSDCA-WDA member.

Mike West moved to accept Paul Schneider as a new member into the GSDCA-WDA Judge's fellowship. The motion was seconded. Miriam Barkus, Joe Barry and Mike West voted in favor of the motion. The remaining members of the Board voted against the motion because the GSDCA-WDA currently does not have a policy for such situations. The motion fails.

EXECUTION OF ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

The Chair provided the Board members with a copy of the GSDCA-WDA Conflict of Interest Policy that was approved by the GSDCA-WDA Board at the July 2007 meeting. The Chair explained that the United States Internal Revenue Code requires that each non-profit organization must have a Conflict of Interest Policy in place and that each Board member must sign and return an annual Conflict of Interest Statement. The Board members were given an opportunity to review the document. After review, all the Board members in attendance signed and delivered to the secretary fully executed copies of the GSDCA-WDA Conflict of Interest Policy.

Adjournment

Dr. David Landau moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2008

The meeting reconvened 8:30AM, on Sunday, January 13, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

The President, Dr. Danny J. Spreitler, served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 8:30AM.

ROLL CALL:

The Chair conducted a roll call. The President (Dr. Danny Spreitler), Vice President (Cindy Jones-Petersen), Secretary (Daniel Yee), Treasurer (Claudia Behnke), Recorder (George Rowland), all Regional Directors from Regions 1 (Fernando Burgos), 2 (Mike Andrel), 3 (Miriam Barkus), 5 (Joseph Barry), 6 (Russ Osburn) and 7 (Alethea Caldwell Munsinger), National Training Director (Dr. David Landau), Director of Trials and Judges (Mike West), and General Directors (John Henkel and Clay Meadows) were present. General Directors (Tom Mesdag and Michael Kempkes) and Regional Directors from Regions 8 (Wendell Nope) and 9 (Ray Blomberg) were absent. Region 4 Regional Director position is vacant. A quorum was present.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:00AM

It was moved and seconded that the session this morning will adjourn no later than 9:00AM. Except for Dr. David Landau, who opposed, the remaining members of the Board who were present voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Procedural Error Concerning a Motion in the Previous Session:

The Chair explained that he had made a procedural error during the previous day's session. A motion was tabled. When a motion is tabled, it must be brought back up at that session. It was not and, as such, the motion failed. That issue will be brought up at the Executive Committee on Monday.

April Board Meeting

After considerable debate, it was moved and seconded that the next board meeting will be held at Lexington, Kentucky on April 5 and 6, 2008 commencing at 8:30AM on April 5, 2008 and adjourning no earlier than 1:00PM on April 6, 2008.

Communication Between the GSDCA and the GSDCA-WDA regarding WDS:

Dr. David Landau moved to direct the President of the GSDCA-WDA to communicate with the President of the GSDCA, the Parent Club, our desire to help and assist the Parent Club in promoting and enhancing the Working Dog Sport Program. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15AM

Attendance of Guests at the January 11 to 13, 2008 GSDCA-WDA Board Meeting:

There were a number of individuals who signed in as guests for the meetings on January 11, 12 and 13, 2008. There was no indication on the sign-in lists as to which days they were in attendance. Some of these individuals were in attendance all three days, while some were there for only one or two days. Their names are listed here so that a record may be made of their attendance: Joy Schultz, Martylou Plinski, Nadia Adams, Suzanne Kinman, Heidi Landau, Tony Carroll, Scears Hardie, Mary Gattone, Yvonne Timman, Wallace Payne, Rhonda Southern and Cedric Greene.