

**Board Meeting Minutes
Clarion Hotel Conference Center
76 Industrial Highway
Essington, PA 19029
July 12-14, 2013**

Friday, July 12, 2013

Call to Order: 5:45 p.m. EST by President Daniel Yee

Board Members Present: Vice President Mr. Carl Smith, Secretary Ms. Joy Schultz; Treasurer Ms. Alethea Caldwell Munsinger (arrive at 10:05 pm); General Director Mr. Jim York; Region 1 Director Mr. John Henkel; Region 5 Director Dr. Joe Barry; Region 6 Director Mr. Larry Vinzant; Region 9 Director Cindy Schneider

Board Members Absent: National Training Director Dr. David Landau; Director of Trials and Judges Mr. Michael West; Ex-Officio GSDCA President Mr. Frank Fasano; General Director Mary Gattone; General Director Martylou Plinski; Region 2 Director Wayne Davis; Region 3 Director Karoly "Charlie" Meszaros; Region 4 Director Thomas Schoder; Region 7 Director Doug Foster; Region 8 Director Wendell Nope

Guests Present: Paul Schneider

Report of the President – Daniel Yee

National IPO & FH Championship

Mr. Jonkers, at the last minute was not able to judge. After discussion with Carl Smith and John Henkel, and after considering Dr. Landau's qualifications, WUSV Judge Dr. Landau was asked to judge the protection phase.

WUSV 2013 World Championship Update

- Sigrid Reiss-Mundry will be the Assistant Team Captain. Sigrid will also be putting together the opening and closing ceremonies for the event.
- The GSDCA Board has approved a 50/50 split of net profits with the WDA. This was confirmed in an email from Carmen Battaglia. They also approved a budget to approve some of the expenses.

Bank of America Accounts

We have opened three accounts with Bank of America: General checking account, WUSV related events account, and NASS account. We can now proceed with transferring whatever funds we have in the Bank of Tucson to the Bank of America accounts. Ms. Munsinger and Mr. Yee have full online access to the accounts; Mr. Vinzant and Ms. Schultz have online, read only access to the accounts.

Report of the Vice President – Carl Smith

No Report

Report of the Secretary – Joy Schultz

- The Office Report was distributed to the board members present.
- The office will be moving to Gardnerville, Nevada the end of August.
- Total membership is down to 997 (from 1064 reported at the April meeting).

- The AKC includes with every new German Shepherd puppy registration, a flyer with a box to check, and instructions to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the WDA office if they would like information about the Working Dog Association. We receive several of these requests every month but sadly, we have nothing to send to these interested persons. Mr. Vinzant and Mr. Henkel volunteered to create a pamphlet to be sent to prospective new members.

Member Club Insurance

Mr. Yee volunteered to contact Ms. Sam Akoury to see if she could look into insurance issues. Mr. Yee will report back to the board.

Director of Trials and Judges – Michael West

Mr. Yee read Mr. West's report in his absence:

"Since January 1 Karoly "Charlie" Meszaros has become an IPO Trial Judge. Apprentice Judge Randy Smalley has completed one apprenticeship with a "very good" rating from Mr. Wolfgang Henke. Ray Blomberg did "very good" work in Snohomish, WA with SVF Judge Wendell Nope. Jacob Pope, Jr as well as Randy and Ray are on track to complete at least two more apprenticeships before years end.

Additionally, Larry Pinkston (OK, Angel Ayala (TX), and Mike Karlov (IL) are in the process of entry into the program. Fernando Stanford and Thomas Schoder have dropped out at this time, with Mr. Stanford leaving the GSDCA-WDA. Ron Gordon has told me that he would still like to be considered for re-entry into the Judges Program. I'm in favor of this due to his first admission as an approved Apprentice Judge Applicant, and the subsequent length of time before what was granted to him was withdrawn.

Dr. Morton Goldfarb and I have been in contact and we are in the process of bringing together a viable, internationally recognized GSDCA-WDA Conformation Program.

After talking to Mr. Gunther Diegel about the number of successful apprenticeships required to be eventually recognized as an SV/Foreign IPO Judge, the number will stay at 6 (six). The Apprentice Judge's Test, after some minor modifications will also remain in the program.

Regarding judges scorebooks, as an option/alternative to our current "sheets", I've been in contact with Larry Vinzant. The price to WDA for each book will depend on how many are ordered and whether or not sponsors can be secured for the outside and inside back covers. Each 5-1/2" by 8-1/2" book will hold enough pages for 10 dogs. They are much more convenient to handle in wind and in rainy weather and wet pages can be turned to dry ones. The size allows for them to be placed in jacket pockets as well, when the need arises. Points and Ratings are also able to be placed inside the front, inside cover. Additionally, if only a few dogs are recorded in a given book, the two center staples can be opened up and the used pages taken out by the judge leaving the rest of the book able to be used again.

I plan to conduct a Judges Collegium/Seminar on the weekend of the 16th, 17th and 18th of August in Long Grove, IL at the home of Dr. Joe Barry and the grounds of Bur Oak Hundesport. This will help all existing judges, as well as give the apprentices the opportunity fulfill the "seminar requirement". Joe and Georgia Cawley are to be commended for their willingness to host the seminar.

Also, Mr. Diegel told me that he would like to conduct a Certification/Seminar sometime in December, but the exact date and location has not been set as of yet."

Mr. Yee asked the Judges Committee to revisit the rules and regulations of the judges program to make certain that our program rules are in close compliance with the SV. We also should eliminate any of the elements that are not necessary and will not affect the quality of our judges program. We also should look at working on re-writing the exam to bring us into closer compliance with the SV. Our program was modeled after the SV program. There are elements in that program which don't belong here because the SV program has elements which make sense for their program but not for ours. I don't believe that we have a need for the three year probationary period. The SV has a probationary period where their judges are restricted from certain judging responsibilities. An SV judge, during probation is not allowed

to go out of the country to judge a trial. We don't have that restriction. Our judges may judge out of the country, our two SVF judges are full SVF judges who may judge anywhere, except in Germany, with the approval of the SV. We also should not keep somebody in limbo until after receiving feedback following the publication of their name before they can start their apprenticeship.

Mr. Yee will send out a Hundegram announcing that the BH awarded by WDA judges will now be recognized by the SV for breed survey purposes, as well as the new requirement that all member clubs must host or co-host at least one show, trial, breed survey, and/or helper seminar/certification event each year.

Clarification, a club may accept other breeds into a regional trial but only a German Shepherd Dog can be Regional Champion.

Ex-Officio Member – Frank Fasano, GSDCA President

No report

General Director – Mary Gattone

No report

General Director – Jim York

Mr. York was unsuccessful in getting information from the United States Navy Seals for a presentation/demonstration at the 2013 WUSV Championship Trial.

General Director – Martylou Plinski

No report

General Director – Nadia Adams

No report

Region 1 Director – John Henkel

There are three clubs in Region 1. We have five events scheduled for the remainder of the year:

- July 30 - Wesconn Schaeferhund Verein – Helper Seminar/Certification with Steve House and John Henkel
- September 20-22 – Wesconn Schaeferhund Verein – Club Show and Breed Survey with SV Judge Albecht Woerner
- September 27-29 – Orange County Schaeferhunde Klub – Club Trial and AD with SV Judge/Körmeister Helmut König
- November 2-3 – Working German Shepherd Dog Club of EastConn – Northeastern Regional Show and Breed Survey with SV Judge Wilhelm Nordsieck
- Wesconn Schaeferhund Verein – Breed Survey and AD with SV Judge/Körmeister Wolfgang Lauber

Region 2 Director – Wayne Davis

No report

Region 3 Director – Karoly Meszaros (presented by the President)

There have been several events in Region 3 since the last board meeting:

- The South Florida Working Dog Club hosted a Helper Seminar February 2-3 with Teaching Helpers Carl Smith and Phil Hoelcher. Two participants certified National Level, One Regional Level and four Club Level.

- The Atlanta Schutzhund Club hosted a Helper Seminar, Judge's Seminar and Club Trial March 8-10 with Director of Trials and Judges, SVF Judge Mike West. Two helpers were certified Regional Level and two Club Level. The Judge's Seminar was well received. Myself and Apprentice Judge Applicants Jacob Pope and Chico Stanford were present. An excellent exchange between the participants and Mike took place. The participants responded very well to the content of the seminar which consisted of the trial rules, expectations of judges as well as a discussion of protocols. Nineteen dogs were entered in the trial. Five BH titles, one IPO1, three IPO3, one FH, and four AD titles were awarded.
- The Volunteer Schutzhund Club hosted a club trial March 15-17 with SVF Judge Wendell Nope. Two BH, two IPO2 and two IPO3 dogs were entered. All teams received their titles.
- OG Carolina hosted a club trial, show and breed survey March 29-31 with SV Judge/Körmeister Rüdiger Mai.
- Dr. Landau conducted the affiliation trial for the Universal Hundesport Club in Tyrone, GA April 7th. He recommended the club for full GSDCA-WDA membership
- The Volunteer Schutzhund Club will host the National IPO Championship at the end of the month as well as the helper tryouts for the 2013 World Championship in Philadelphia.

Region 4 Director – Thomas Schoder

No report

Region 5 Director – Joe Barry

There are six events scheduled for the remainder of the year and three for 2014:

- September 6-8 – Prairie State Dog Club – Mid-Western Regional Championship Trial with SV Judge Günther Müllegger
- September 27-30 - Prairie State Dog Club – Club Show, Breed Survey and AD with SV Judge/Körmeister Franz-Peter Knaul
- October 20 – Chicago Schutzhund Verein – Helper Seminar/Certification with Steve House
- November 8-10 – Central Illinois Police & Working Dog Association – Club Trial and AD with WDA Judge Doug Alexander
- November 15-17 – Chicago Schutzhund Verein – Club Trial with SV Judge Jakob Meyer
- November 22-24 – Bur Oak Hundesport – Club Trial and AD with SV Judge Inge Balonier

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- June 13-15 – Chicago Schutzhund Verein – Club Show, Breed Survey and AD with SV Judge/Körmeister Uwe Sprenger
- June 20-22, 2014 – Bur Oak Hundesport – Club Trial with SV Judge Jürgen Heß
- October 31-November 2 – Bur Oak Hundesport – Club Trial with SVF Judge Michael West

Region 6 Director – Larry Vinzant

There are five events scheduled for the remainder of the year:

- September 27-28 – Kansas Working Dog Club – Club Trial and AD with SVF Judge Michael West
- October 12-13 – Bayou City Schutzhund Club – Helper Seminar/Certification with Steve House
- November 1-3 – Northwest Arkansas Working & Police Dog Association – Helper Certification with Michael West, and Club Trial with SVF Judge Michael West
- November 8-9 – Bayou City Schutzhund Club – Club Trial with SVF Judge Wendell Nope
- November 10-11 – Houston Hundesport – Southwestern Regional Show, Breed Survey and AD with SV Judge/Körmeister Bernd Weber

Region 7 Director – Doug Foster (Presented by the President and the Treasurer)

There are four events scheduled for the remainder of the year and four scheduled for 2014:

- September 21-22 – San Diego Schutzhund Club – Southern Pacific Regional Show, Breed Survey and AD with SV Judge/Körmeister Richard Brauch
- October 25-27, 2013 – Deutscher Schaeferhunde Club – Club Trial and AD with SV Judge Ludwig Wimmer
- November 29-December 1 – Deutscher Schaeferhunde Club - Club Show, Breed Survey and AD with SV Judge/Körmeister Klaus Gothe
- December 6-8 – Southwest Diamondback Schaeferhunde Club – Club Trial and AD with WUSV Judge Dr. David Landau

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- January 3-5 – Deutscher Schaeferhunde Club – Club Show, Breed Survey and AD with SV Judge/Körmeister Hans-Ludger Goeke
- February 21-23 – Southwest Diamondback Schutzhund Club – Club Trial and AD with SVF Judge Wendell Nope
- March 7-9 – Deutscher Schaeferhunde Club – Club Trial and AD with SV Judge Norbert Feeser
- March 15-16 – San Diego Schutzhund Club – Club Show, Breed Survey and AD with SV Judge/Körmeister Margit van Dorssen

Mr. Yee reported that he monitored the Deutscher Schaeferhunde Club's May 3-5, 2013 trial with SV Judge Heinz Balonier. It was a two day trial that was supposed to be monitored by the Regional Director, Doug Foster. Mr. Foster was unable to attend and Mr. Yee was only available on the 5th. What occurred on May 3rd was not covered. Only one dog was presented for a BH and it failed. Overall, the club members did a very nice job of putting on the trial. The equipment was properly set up and the trial began promptly as scheduled. A full written report of the event by Mr. Yee was distributed to the Board Members.

Region 8 Director – Wendell Nope

No report

Region 9 Director – Cindy Schneider

The Snohomish Schutzhund Club WDA is hosting the Northwestern Regional Championship Trial September 27-29, 2013 in Snohomish Washington with SV Judge Harald Hohmann.

Recess

Reconvene 9:20 pm

Budget and Finance Committee – Larry Vinzant

We have accumulated points on the WDA credit card that could be used for airfare.

GSDCA/GSDCA-WDA Liaison – Mary Gattone

No report

Helper Program/Helper Committee – Carl Smith

Doug Alexander has requested to be reinstated as a Teaching Helper. He was initially certified in 2003. Due to personal matters, he dropped out of the program. Since his return, his judging status has been reinstated. It has been six or seven years since his Teaching Helper status expired. The Helper Committee is recommending that when a Teaching Helper's Certification expires he/she must reapply for reinstatement within 6 months of the expiration, otherwise he/she must attend a Helper Seminar/Certification and be recommended for reinstatement by the Teaching Helper who conducted the seminar/certification. The Helper Committee Chair will then request board approval for his/her reinstatement. Recommendation passed unanimously.

When a Helper's status expires within 6 months, the Helper Committee votes whether or not to reinstate him/her.

Jason Opiola has requested a Teaching Helper application

The five helper candidates who are up for consideration for the 2013 World Championship have been videotaped. There are two versions; the short version will be put up on the website for people to access and view, the second version will be sent to Gunther Diegel, Wolfgang Henke, Toine Jonkers, and Clemens Lux for review and evaluation. Four will be chosen to attend the trial. Of the four, two will be chosen for the front and two will be chosen for the back (one will work the front or back and one will be the alternate).

K-9 Committee – Wendell Nope

Dan read an email correspondence from Wendell:

“I am quite disappointed to report to you that I have had only one response from all the letter I mailed out to Police Dog organizations. Even that one response was not substantive. I wish to re-submit consideration for having a Police Dog demo at the 2014 National Championship, even just a brief introduction and acknowledgment of the local law enforcement or military dogs.”

Marketing Committee – Larry Vinzant

No report

Membership Committee – Earl White

No report

Rules and Regulations Committee – David Landau

No report

WDA/GSDCA Agreement Committee

No report

Publications Committee – John Henkel

We need content. Larry Vinzant has joined the committee. Mr. Henkel asked the board members to contribute.

Administrative Policy/Bylaws/Disciplinary Policy – Alethea Caldwell Munsinger

Ms. Munsinger has gotten to some of the 2012 board meeting CDs; January and July, April is missing. We had the same problem in 2011. Alethea would like to take the summaries of 2010, 2011, and 2012 and layout a manual for the new board or whomever. She will provide Mr. Yee with copies of what she has done.

Sponsorships/Promotions – John Henkel

No report

WUSV/SV/GSDCA-WDA Liaison – Dan Yee

Will be discussed in Executive Session

Office Manager Report – Joy Schultz

The office report was distributed to the board members present.

- We have a total of 997 members as of this date
- We have a total of 49 Member Clubs:
Six clubs have not renewed for 2013: Air Capital Schutzhund Club-Region 6; Wesley Chapel total Dog Training Club-Region 3; Fort Worth German Shepherd Dog Club-Region 6; O.G. New England German Shepherd Dog Club-region 1; and Monadnock Hundesport-Region 1
We have three new clubs: Bayou City Schutzhund Club-Region 6; Checkmate Dog Sport-Region 7; and Universal Hundesport-Region 3
- We have 53 Club Trial Helpers; 53 Regional Trial Helpers; 21 National Helpers; 11 Teaching Helpers; and 1 Teaching Helper Applicant – Jacob B. Pope Jr.
- 58 Club Events have been approved so far for this year; and 3 Club Events for 2014

It was announced effective September 1st the WD Office will be relocating to:

1350 Centerville Lane #49
Gardnerville, NV 89410
Phone: 775-392-2969
Email: wdaoffice@charter.net

Ratification of New Members

Mr. Barry moved, Ms. Schultz seconded to approve the list of new members that joined since the April meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

- **Annual Membership Meeting/Election**
June 6, 2013: The Nominating Committee submitted slate of candidates to the WDA Secretary (120 days prior to the general membership meeting)
- July 6, 2013: The Secretary mailed the slate of candidates to the general membership (90 days prior to the general membership meeting)
- August 5, 2013: Deadline on which petitions from additional candidates must be received by the Secretary at her “regular” address, which according to WDA records is PO Box 458, Rancocas, NJ 08073 (60 days prior to the general membership meeting)
- September 4, 2013: Deadline for mailing election ballots to the general membership (30 days prior to the general membership meeting)
- October 4, 2013: Annual Membership Meeting

Mr. Henkel moved, seconded by Mr. Vinzant to approve the deadlines as outlined. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Vinzant to ratify the mailing of the annual membership meeting notice, seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Munsinger to approve the UPS Store in Tucson to print and mail the ballot, seconded by Ms. Schneider. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that volunteers from the Southwest Diamondback Schaeferhunde Club will stuff, seal and affix stamps to the ballots. The UPS store will do the mailing.

Motion by Ms. Munsinger to appoint BeachFleischman as the agent to receive and tally the ballots. Motion passed unanimously.

The Annual General Membership Meeting will be held October 4th at 8:00 pm during NASS. It will be a teleconference meeting. Regional Directors were tasked with locating satellite meeting locations in their regions by September 1. A maximum of 90 minutes was set for the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 11:01 pm

Call to Order: 8:52 a.m. EST by President Daniel Yee

Board Members Present: Vice President Mr. Carl Smith, Secretary Ms. Joy Schultz; Treasurer Ms. Alethea Caldwell Munsinger; General Director Mr. Jim York; Region 1 Director Mr. John Henkel; Region 5 Director Dr. Joe Barry; Region 6 Director Mr. Larry Vinzant; Region 9 Director Cindy Schneider

Board Members Absent: National Training Director Dr. David Landau; Director of Trials and Judges Mr. Michael West; Ex-Officio GSDCA President Mr. Frank Fasano; General Director Mary Gattone; General Director Martylou Plinski; Region 2 Director Wayne Davis; Region 3 Director Karoly "Charlie" Meszaros; Region 4 Director Thomas Schoder; Region 7 Director Doug Foster; Region 8 Director Wendell Nope

Guests Present: Paul Schneider and Sigrid Reiss-Mundry

Adjourn open session 8:55 a.m.

The Board convened in executive session at 8:55 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Reconvene Open Session 11:30 a.m.

Report of Executive Session – Daniel Yee

- We discussed the WUSV, GSDCA, WDA, USCA issues concerning whether fees may be charged by WDA clubs for participants who are members of a WUSV club. We clarified that all members of WUSV member clubs are entitled to enter in and participate in events put on by the WDA for no additional fee and the understanding should be the same with USCA. USCA should not be charging any of our WDA members or GSDCA members any additional fees for participating in USCA events. Events include, without limitation, Breed Surveys, Shows and Trials.
- We also discussed a new WUSV event that will be made public a week from the conclusion of this weekend.
- We talked about a credit card charge back issue.
- We reviewed pending complaints. One has been taken off the table and is no longer an issue. One is still pending, Mr. Yee will go back to the party filing the complaint to see how that person was to handle the matter.
- We discussed some of the budgetary issues concerning the WUSV 2013 Trial.

Report of the Treasurer – Alethea Caldwell Munsinger

We are in the process of completing transfers of all funds in all accounts from Bank of Tucson to Bank of America. General Checking, NASS, and WUSV accounts have been opened at Bank of America. Bank of Tucson Credit Card charges will flow into Bank of America. The only thing outstanding will be CD's that we are waiting to mature. That money will be put into Bank of America.

On the matter of our credit card, we will keep our credit card with Bank of Tucson. It will be very difficult to get other than debit cards with Bank of America.

On the matter of recording, we transitioned to the Office the input of income and expenses into QuickBooks. We have kept expenditures within budget except for not having a budget built for Nationals and NUSC. We worked though our expenses very carefully. The big issue is to see where the bottom line of that really is. I have an estimated loss of about \$2600 which is a huge improvement over last year. The second problem with that is the GSDCA owes us money for our expenses for helpers as promised for those who came to tryout. We had eight helpers, three of those were used for the event and we have covered all of their expenses. The motel costs for the five helpers trying out for the World Trial which was considerably less than \$500 was sent to Mr. Yee and Mr. Vinzant, and was submitted to the GSDCA for reimbursement. We are not a bank but we were a bank, and we are still not paid back for that. We have been paid back hotel nights only for Gunther Diegel and Clemens Lux. There is even a dispute about the meals. We did cover our judges, Doug Alexander and Hans-Peter Schweimer, the helpers and tracking coordinator, but still remain outstanding is approximately \$2000 that GSDCA still owes us.

We have also collected some of the outstanding monies from NASS 2012 due to Mr. Vinzant's diligence. That will be a pretty close to breakeven event and we still have \$20,000 (\$10,000 Money Market/\$10,000 NASS) in our NASS account that we can draw on things as needed.

A summary Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2013 was distributed to the board members present. A short picture for the club right now. Credit card receipts are down because our membership is down. We are maintaining between \$80,000 and \$90,000 in cash. The magazine has lost \$18,000 per year. This year we want to try to do better and only lose \$10,000. We need to bring our revenue up. We are not losing money on our programs, we need to get the revenue up on day-to-day stuff; memberships, and advertising.

The Qualification Trial was hosted by USCA this year. We paid for our support people: tracking coordinator, our event secretary, our helper, and our judge. We are still waiting on some reimbursement from GSDCA because they are also responsible for the Qualification Trial. We did receive a check for \$1500 and an additional \$250 for Chris Meverden for the Universal Sieger. There was supposed to be an allocation of \$2000 for the Qualification and \$2000 for the Universal Sieger.

We need to post the 2010 and 2011 financials on the website. Larry will reach out to Wayne Davis for what should be posted. Prior to 2010 we did not do audits.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Ms. Munsinger is recommending that we do not do an audit for 2012. We need all the money we can get. Our auditors agree that we have done a good job, we are tracking our expenses and we don't need to audit every year if we don't want to. The cost of an audit is between \$6,000 to \$7,000 for the audit and the filing of the tax return.

Motion by Dr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Schneider to conduct a formal external audit for calendar year 2012 which is estimated to cost about \$7,000. Abstained Alethea Caldwell Munsinger and Larry Vinzant. Motion failed.

Motion by Dr. Barry seconded by Mr. Vinzant that we do an internal review of the 2012 books. Motion passed with one abstention.

Mr. Yee had already asked Mr. Bruce Campbell in January if he would chair the audit committee and he accepted. Dan will speak with him about handling the internal audit and report back to the Board.

Report of Budget and Finance – Larry Vinzant

Ms. Munsinger and Mr. Vinzant met this morning, we are keeping expenses down but we need to grow this organization and the way to do it is with more members. Encourage you family members, friends, and puppy buyers to join. We need to recruit more clubs. We all need to help with NASS financially, sponsor a trophy, do an ad in the catalog. Contact anyone you feel is a potential sponsor or reach out to Mr. Yee, Mr. Henkel or me to make the contact. We need to trim expenses.

Reading and Approval of the April 2013 Minutes

Correct page 11, "Motion by Ms. Munsinger, seconded by Mr. Fasano to begin an audit for 2012. Motion passed unanimously". Delete "Motion passed unanimously" and replace with "Motion was tabled to the July 2013 Board Meeting".

Correct page 1, the absence of Mr. Vinzant on Friday April 2nd to Mr. Vinzant arrived late.

Correct pages 1 and 7, remove Dr. Barry as being present. Dr. Barry did not make the meeting at all.

Motion by Ms. Munsinger to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. York. Motion passed unanimously by the members present, Mr. Smith had left the room.

Recess 12:55 pm.

Reconvene 1:25 pm

Executive Session

Reconvene 3:45 pm

NASS 2013

Ms. Munsinger moved that the first deadline for NASS entries be September 4, 2013 and the second deadline be September 11, 2013. Mr. Smith Seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Munsinger moved that the pricing for Entries, Ads and Trophy Sponsorship remain unchanged from the previous NASS. Mr. Smith seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

... moved to have an Open Class at NASS, where the dogs entered will be evaluated and placed, but not show rated. Mr. Smith seconds. Motion passes by a vote of 6 in favor; 1 opposed; and 1 abstention.

Motion by Mr. Vinzant and seconded by Mr. York to amend the "Highest Placing American Bred" rule by striking "Requirement 5" that the Dam or Sire of the dog must carry an American Breeder's Kennel name and replacing it with the requirement that the dog must be part of an AKC registered litter. Four votes in favor, 3 opposes and 1 abstention. Motion fails for failure to obtain a 2/3 majority vote.

2014 National IPO & FH Championship – John Henkel

We may have a commitment from a club in Atlanta, Georgia which would be a great area. Centralized when you look at our distribution of where our usual National competitors are. Sigrid Reiss-Mundry would be one of the integral components along with Universal Hundesport, Jay Tullis. That club is pretty new but with folks like Ms. Mundry and Mr. Charlie Meszaros keeping an eye on them they can do it really well. We haven't discussed NUSC but since it is Nadia Adam's club there should be no problem. Putting up a ring and running a show would not be a big issue. The "yes" is provisional, they need to be sure they can provide the tracking. Ms. Mundry cannot commit at this time without seeing and knowing about the tracking. The dates would need to be the end of April or beginning of May. The host club, dates and location tabled to next teleconference call.

Mr. Yee feels that because we have had such a successful run with Mr. Henkel as a chair since 2008, he'd like to see him continue for another two years. Mr. Henkel accepted for one more year. Since this was an appointment made by the President he asked for ratification by the board. Unanimous.

Mr. Henkel suggested Mr. Yee for secretary. Ms. Schultz suggested someone in the Atlanta area. Mr. Yee accepted provided it was ok with everybody.

Mr. Yee asked for suggestions for judges. For the National IPO/FH Championship, Ms. Mundry suggested Mr. Elmar Mannes. Mr. Barry suggested Ms. Inge Balonier and Mr. Heinz Balonier. Mr. Smith suggested we use our own judges. The first choice for the National IPO/FH Championship is Mr. Mannes for obedience and protection; second choice is Ms. Balonier, third choice is Mr. Rainer Voortman, and fourth choice is Mr. Balonier. Mr. Paul Schneider was selection for tracking. For NUSC, the first choice is Mr. Richard Brauch and the second choice is Mr. Jürgen Hoffman.

2014 North American Sieger Show –

Mr. Yee would like Regions 7, 8 and 9 to submit a proposal. Mr. Yee has been contacted by a few people who were in favor of Purina Farms in the course of following up with that they found that there were issues with air transportation into the area. Without making any type of commitment, Mr. Yee would like someone who is familiar with the area to confirm if in fact we have issues flying into the area with our dogs. Mr. Henkel reported that O'Hare to Gray Summit on I-55 is 336 miles. O'Hare to Gray Summit on I-57 is 365 miles. There are no direct flights to St. Louis from Frankfurt, Düsseldorf, or Munich. In Mr. Henkel's opinion Purina Farms is a degradation of our Sieger Show to go five or six months later to where USCA has just had their Sieger Show. We are the leaders not the followers. Our NASS has been the gold standard for years. Mr. Yee tasked Mr. Henkel and Mr. Vinzant to gather facts.

Motion by Ms. Munsinger invite Mr. Lothar Quoll to judge 2014 NASS. Motion passed with two abstaining.

QUALIFICATION SCORES FOR WDA NATIONAL IPO & FH CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. Yee read a motion made by Mr. Meszaros for the agenda. "Scores earned by competitor and his or her dog at the combined qualification trial may be used to qualify that dog and competitor for the following year's National IPO & FH Championship. Motion seconded by Ms. Schneider,+ a competitor goes through a lot of work and expense to get qualified to get into the Combined Qualification Trial and typically that occurs within the year following the National event. It was suggested that if you get yourself into the combined that whatever scores you earned if equal or better than the minimum qualified score required for the following year's national championship you should be allowed to go straight into that championship without having to trial your dog again at another local trial. Carl raised the point that we already allow the score from the previous year's national championship for entry into the combined."

Motion by Mr. Smith to refer the event rules for the National IPO/FH Championship to the Rules Committee for review and to ensure consistency within the rules, and to amend the rules accordingly to reflect that the qualifying score can be earned from National Championship event to National Championship event. Second by Mr. Henkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Welcome New Member Clubs

The following new clubs were ratified by the Board:

- Bayou City Schutzhund Club, Region 6
- Checkmate Dog Sport, Region 7

- Universal Hundesport, Region 3

Ratification of Executive Committee Actions

Motion by John Henkel, seconded by Larry Vinzant to ratify Executive Committee approvals of events from April 21, 2013 through July 12, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

Set Date, Time and Place for January 2014 Board Meeting

Motion by John Henkel to meet in Las Vegas, seconded by Cindy Schneider. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Yee asked for Board approval to invite GSDCA to join us in Las Vegas. Unanimous.

Motion by Dr. Barry to meet the last full weekend, January 24th and 25th, seconded by Jim York. Motion passed unanimously.

Selection of Long Down Judge for the World Trial

Mr. Yee advised the board have not been given the name of a long down judge. We should pick one with the understanding that if they come in and say something otherwise then it will be the other judge. Carl Smith nominated Mike West, seconded by Mr. York. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Yee charged WDA Judges Committee to review the written exam for WDA Judge Candidates and to revise accordingly to be more comprehensive and to reflect current IPO rules and regulations by January 1, 2014. The board approved unanimously.

Digital X-ray Program – John Henkel

We've had several vets register with VetsXL and submit their x-rays digitally. We'd like to talk to the SV so that even the paperwork would not have to be mailed to the SV. Everything could be done on line. The SV would then issue a certificate of the hip and elbow evaluation rather than stamping the original pedigree papers. We'd also like WDA to sign up as an organization rather than have individual vets sign up.

A telephone conference was set by the board for August 5th at 5:00 p.m. Pacific, 7:00 p.m. Central, and 8:00 p.m. Eastern. The meeting will begin in Executive Session and then move to Open Session.

Mr. York moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Barry. Meeting adjourned 5:20 pm