



HundeGram

January 2008

The Board of Directors of the GSDCA-WDA held the first meeting of 2008 at the Holiday Inn, South Airport, in Atlanta, Georgia January 11-13, 2008.

2008-2009 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Danny J. Spreitler, President
Cindy Petersen, Vice President
Dan Yee, Secretary
Claudia Behnke, Treasurer
George Rowland, Recorder
Directors:

Region 1 – Fernando Burgos
Region 2 – Mike Andre
Region 3 – Miriam Barkus
Region 4 – vacant (no nominations were received)
Region 5 – Joe Barry
Region 6 – Russ Osburn
Region 7 – Alethea Caldwell Munsinger
Region 8 – Wendell Nope (absent)
Region 9 – Ray Blomberg (absent)
General Directors:

John Henkel
Michael Kempkes
Clay Meadows
Tom Mesdag
Director of Trials and Judges – Mike West
National Training Director – Dr. David Landau

WELCOME NEW MEMBER CLUBS

Region 2 – Alpha Working Dog Club
New Egypt, New Jersey
Region 2 – Dog First! Working Dog Association
Gillette, New Jersey
Region 5 – Mill Creek Schutzhund Club
Wonder Lake, Illinois
Region 8 - O.G. Sierra Foothills German Shepherd Dog Club
Grass Valley, California
Region 9 – Wilamette Working Dog Club
Canby, Oregon

BOARD ACTIONS

The following actions were taken by the Board of Directors during the course of the meeting:

Program Development

- Judges Program – The Board of Directors will adopt the GSDCA-WDA Judges Program at the April, 2008 Board Meeting. The program has been in development for several years and has undergone many revisions but has never been authorized.
- Helper College – The GSDCA-WDA shall host a Helper College at all National events in 2008. The goal of the program is to provide fundamental skills to those who are seeking certification as a Club level or Regional Trial Helper.
- GSDCA-WDA Academy – The GSDCA-WDA will develop educational programs for Trial and Show Secretaries, Trial and Show Chairpersons, and the general membership regarding breeding, showing, and trialing standards.
- GSDCA-WDA National Results Database – The GSDCA-WDA, during 2008, will continue to collect all trial and show results. The GSDCA-WDA has received a donation of the equipment and relational database software for the development of a database to track event results.

RULE CLARIFICATIONS

Titles awarded by GSDCA-WDA Judges are accepted for Breed Surveys conducted by the GSDCA-WDA. The titles are not recognized for Breed Surveys conducted outside the United States.

POLICY ADOPTION

The Board of Directors ratified the adoption of the Conflict of Interest Policy approved by the Board of Directors during the July 2007 board meeting. Each member of the Board of Directors has signed the Conflict of Interest Policy. A copy of the policy is available on the GSDCA-WDA website.

The HundeGram shall be published and mailed within one week 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.

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.

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 member ten (10) days prior to the meeting date.

WDA Judges can judge at the GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund 3 Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial, effective at the 2009 GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund 3 Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial.

Effective January 1, 2008 ALL dogs born after January 1, 2004 must have an elbow “a” stamp issued by the SV before they may

be breed surveyed through the GSDCA-WDA. OFA elbow certifications are NOT accepted by the SV.
The GSDCA-WDA does not accept Provisional Breed Surveys.

Price changes for 2008 GSDCA-WDA “a” stamp program: Hip Certification \$75, Elbow Certification \$65, both Hip and Elbow if submitted at the same time \$135.

Allow Progeny Groups at Regional Shows following the same guidelines adopted for the North American Sieger Show.

The GSDCA-WDA shall continue to use Bank of America for all banking services.

Expenditures greater than \$500 require two (2) signatures on all checks.

The following officers shall be authorized to sign checks for the GSDCA-WDA: President, Treasurer and Secretary.

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 at the roll call for each day of the meeting. An officer or director may decline the reimbursement if they so choose.

The Board of Directors shall cause the translation of all SV Show rules that apply to the North American Sieger Show. Further, 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.

The President shall host a conference call on the last Tuesday of each month to provide the Board of Directors an update on all actions taken by the Executive Committee. This shall not be construed as a Special Called Meeting as defined in the bylaws but shall be an informational call only.

QuickBooks is adopted as the accepted accounting software application for the GSDCA-WDA.

Approval was given for the GSDCA-WDA President to develop a policy with the President of the USCa to jointly recognize the suspension of membership privileges of any member by either organization.

2008 NATIONAL EVENTS APPROVALS

GSDCA WUSV Team Captain – Miriam Barkus

GSDCA-WDA National Schutzhund 3 Championship/WUSV Qualification Trial – May 9-11, New Egypt, New Jersey.

GSDCA-WDA North American Sieger Show – October 16-19, 2008, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kentucky.