**GDCA BOD Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2016**

*All motions are considered unanimous unless otherwise noted*

**Present:** Dianne Powers, Jamie Harshfield, Bill Stebbins, Sue Davis Shaw, Kathy Munyan, Cindy Harwin, Joyce Rowe, Lynda Moriarty, Phil Gray, Linda Cain, Nancy Ridgway, Dr. Neil O’Sullivan, Denise Matulich and Gary Romerosa.

**Absence of Board Members:** Jason Hoke, Dale Tarbox, and Teresa LaBrie.

**Motion:** To excuse the absence of Jason Hoke, Dale Tarbox and Teresa LaBrie.

Moved: Neil O’ Sullivan Second: Bill Stebbins

**Minutes:** Gary Romerosa

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of October 25, 29 and November 19, 2015 as amended.

Moved: Sue Davis Shaw Second: Jamie Harshfield Abstain: Nancy Ridgway

**President’s Report:** Dianne Powers

* Just added things to the agenda throughout the meeting.

**Secretary’s Report:** Sue Davis Shaw

* Received notification from AKC about closing out the National.
* Received thank you note from the AKC for $1,000 donation to the Humane Fund.
* Received request from AKC to update the offices of some of the committee persons. Faxed in as requested.
* Daily updating of addresses for members.

**Treasurer’s Report & Budget:** Kathy Munyan

Financials: Through December

December Income: $16,706 Year-To-Date Income: $30,919.50

December Expenses: $5,038.33 Year-To-Date Expenses: $7,509.20

December Interest Income: $6.65 Year-To-Date Interest Income $12.87

December Net Income: $11,674.32 Year-To-Date Net Income $23,414.17

December 31, 2015 Bank Balances, Checking and Savings: $232,640.58

Southeast Division CPA report was presented. The Division’s net profit was $69,364.71. Trophy Donations and Trophy Costs and were discussed

* Tax return was presented for fiscal year November 1,2014-October 31, 2015. A couple of corrections were made to change Denise to director and add Gary as recording secretary.

**Motion:** To approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Moved: Nancy Ridgway Second: Phil Gray Abstain: Kathy Munyan

**Affiliate Club Representative’s Report:** Cindy Harwin

* Working with Inland on becoming members. Working on by-laws.
* Question if Lehigh Valley applied for a grant? Sent final budget to Dale, which she forwarded to Dianne and Cindy. No application for grant received.

**AKC Delegate’s Report:** Dale Tarbox

* None.

**Special Guests:**

* None.

**Standing Committees:**

* **Advisory**: Linda Ridder, Linda Tonnancour, and Dave Miller
* No report.
* **Awards:** Margaret Ontl
* Received e-mail from Margaret. For 2015, issued certificates. 5 HOF, 4 ROM, 6 Honor Rolls, 21 Breeders Certificates, 4 Versatility, 19 Venerable, 1 Meritorious and 36 duplicates for co-owners.
* Working with Nancy Lerch to have website updated.
* Need to check with Margaret to see if Meritorious Award was sent to the Veterinarian in Florida rescue.
* The number of awards and certificates awarded is right on average per Margaret.
* **Constitution & By-Laws:** Nancy Ridgway, Lourdes Carvajal, Linda Cain and Tom Sandenaw
* No updates.
* Will add that Affiliate Clubs applying for membership will be published once in the Bulletin (same as individual membership).
* Discussion on how to format and forward the changes to the AKC.
* Revised by-laws to be sent to AKC with changes highlighted. Lynda had old revision and will review how it was sent out to AKC before.
* **Futurity:** Michael Pacucci
* As of January 21st. 109 1st nominations, 49 second nominations, for a total of 115 dogs and 77 bitches.
* **Health & Research:** Dr. Neil O’Sullivan Status/Updates:
* Genome Resequence Project: Dr. Leigh Anne Clark, Clemson University.
* Completed resequencing. Remains active.
* Megaesophagus Research Status Report: Clemson University
  + Jamie and Neil had conversation regarding this with a few good points raised.
* It costs $200-300 per puppy in ER for barium contrast study.
* Delay in getting samples; needs entire litter tested, which is very expensive.
* Intermediate type/in-between, may manifest in older dogs.
* Jamie suggested to have Charitable Trust involved due to cost, and to have a grant for testing.
* Value of getting whole litters tested is to cut down “background noise” with family of related dogs. Will probably ask for no more than 15 litters.
* Cost could be less than $50,000, with a cost between $1,500.00 to $4,000.00 to individual breeders.
* Nancy to ask CT to subsidize breeders, versus CT paying for entire cost.
* Need to set minimum threshold to include in the study. Litters of 5 or larger to be included in the study.
* To be eligible, breeders need not be GDCA members.
* Kathy proposed to have the GDCA earmark money towards this, up to $25K for CT to match.
* Project is called Megaesophagus Sample Collection.
* Cindy raised the question if there’s value in testing parents.

**Motion:** For the GDCA to make a grant to the Charitable Trust (CT), in the amount of $25,000, in anticipation of the CT matching the grant earmarked for sample collection for the Megaesophagus study. Guidelines to be established by the GDCA and CT jointly.

Moved: Kathy Munyan Second: Denise Matulich

* Wobblers Research Report – The Ohio State University
* No update.
* Cardiomyopathy Study Status Report – Clemson University – Katie Meurs & Dr. Leigh Ann Clark
  + Suggesting to collect tissue samples on recently deceased dogs.
  + Send to Maria Perkins for publication in bulletin.
* GDV Study – Dr. Alex Alvarez.
* No recent communication with Alex.
* **Color Code Review:** Dr. Neil O’Sullivan
* Started initial format with mission statement presented to the BOD.
* Chocolate and piebald are not recognized. It behooves us to not include them in breeding.
* Need to refine wording and clarify points.
* Three categories; recommended, recommended with testing, and not recommended.
* Not breed dogs with merle genes together.

Discussion: Breeding pairs discussed, as to what can be paired up, versus not paired up.

* Will endeavor to avoid doubling up on undesirable colors/mismarks.
* Will work more on the proper wording to make it clear.
* Contact person/resource to go to? Mentors? Have a meeting of mentors at the National.
* Neil will make changes discussed and BOD to review revision.
* Add epilepsy study to Health & Research.
* **Judges Education:**  Jason Hoke, Dale Tarbox, and Bill Stebbins.
* Recap 2015 – Three other presentations done besides National.
* This year will be the same. Presentation done by Donna in Portland.
* Next two will be in Louisville and Houston, sponsored by The National Judges Association.
* Now using newly approved illustrated standard.
* Touch base with Jamie about possibly doing presentation in Minnesota in August.
* Dale trying to get slide on website.
* **Judges Selection:**
* Getting ready to do next round.
* Outlined responsibility of individuals in the process.
* Corresponding Secretary will provide contracts to the show chair.
* Carol Grossman status – requesting email from Tim Thomas ensuring no conflict of interest.
* **Junior Showmanship/Scholarships:** Jamie Harshfield
* Two applications received already.
* Thank you card received from Joshua Cave which was handed out to the BOD to read.
* Still looking for somebody to take it over.
* **Membership Health and Welfare:** Melanie Wisdom
* Eager to get going on it.
* Basic information on passing of breeder in Florida, William Fetters.
* Will write column for bulletin.
* Suggestion to have exhibit of prominent breeders who have died at the National.
* Still need info on Keith Hanlon. Linda did not receive information from Jeff Brucker.
* Deadline is February 8 for bulletin.
* **National Specialty Coordinator:** Lynda Moriarty
* 2015 - South East Division status – Myrtle beach, SC; Trophies and CPA Report (Kathy M.)
* In the books. Everything is done.
* Fabulous job of controlling expenses. Having Bronze Sponsors was a great idea, as it raised a lot of money.
* The Division made a lot of money from sponsorships, raffle and auction.
* 2016 – South Central Division status – Tulsa, OK
* Meeting scheduled on February 13, 2016.
* Need a treasurer. Recommended to change bank from regional to a national bank.
* Nancy to ask someone as a treasurer; Bonnie O’Brien.
* Plan to have meeting once per month to keep on top of what people are doing.
* One person resigned from Health & Welfare.
* Trying to set up microchip clinic with Neil.
* RV parking hard to set up, probably bring generators in.
* Agility site nailed down. Agility judges nailed down.
* Ways and means working on a few things.
* Raffle off an additional suite as part of raffle package? Discussion on pricing for raffle tickets.
* 2017 – Western Division status – Chandler, AZ
* Report from Mike Boa.
* All committee chairs filled, except for performance.
* Couple of meetings scheduled for February and May.
* 2018 – Mid West Division status – Topeka, KS
* Joy had discussion meeting in August of last year.
* Meeting in Tulsa.
* Will be working on a budget, Joy did a great job with negotiating.
* 2019 – Sue getting on division representative update. Working on finding some sites. Meeting in April.
* **Performance/Companion Events:** Joyce Guthrie
  + Report given by Joyce. List of committee members to be reviewed. Lots of members who are not GDCA members.
  + No resolutions yet with questions.
  + Asking for booth space for performance events.
  + May need to give more guidance? Neil states enough direction has been given regarding scope.
* BOD went into Executive Session.
* **Public Education:** Jeffrey Ball
* No further discussion coming out of Executive Session.
* **Rescue:** Kathie Shea
* Everything going well with getting things to the Charitable Trust.
* **Standard (Breed):** Sharon Fulford
* None.
* **Website:** Nancy Lerch
* None.
* **Special Committees:**
* Breeders Education: Jane Gray
* Wants to thank the BOD with the support for her this year.
* People that sign-up needs to show up when they sign-up for it.
* Breed Mentor: Bill Stebbins – Approval of Breed Mentor Rules and Regulations to all mentors (current and future).
* Sent copy to BOD. Once approved by BOD, will be sent to mentors.

**Motion:** To approve the new Breed Mentor Rules and Regulations.

Moved: Neil O’ Sullivan Second: Cindy Harwin

* Approval of Breed Mentor applications:
* Two new applications. Leslie Kettering and Julie Narzisi.

**Motion:** To approve Leslie Kettering and Julie Narzisi as new breed mentors.

Moved: Linda Cain Second: Neil O’Sullivan

* Breeder Referral: Nancy Lerch
* Michelle Conroy letter. Read to BOD.
* Complementary litterbox to website? Michelle is willing to maintain list.
* Do as a trial basis? Constant contact? Review at the National.
* Charitable Trust: Sue Davis Shaw – Old Yearbooks
* Kathy Toomey has taken over fund raising.
* Kathy needs the BOD to donate item to the trust. Start an E-bay storefront or online auction on FB.
* Has 1996, 1998, 1999, 2005, 2007 and 2008. None of these missing from archives.

**Motion:** To donate the Yearbooks stored with Kathy Toomey to the Charitable Trust.

Moved: Jamie Harshfield Second: Bill Stebbins

* Corporate Sponsors: Lauri Maulucci
* None.
* Historian: Norvel Benoit
* Update from Sue regarding Yearbooks.
* Legislative: Dale Tarbox
* None
* Membership: Lynda Moriarty
* Seven people to vote on pending negative comments. Mimi Kim, Brian and Helen Buda, Eric and Sonya Weber, Karen Von Boxel and Sharon Westfall.

**Motion:** To approve the membership of Mimi Kim, Sheila Sullivan, Brian and Helen Buda, Eric and Sonya Weber, Karen Van Boxel, and Sharon Westfall.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Cindy Harwin Abstain: Lynda Moriarty and Jamie Harshfield

* News Bulletin: Maria Perkins
* None.
* Top 20 Statistician – Rita Suddarth
* None.
* Trophies: Jean Dinkins
* No report, other than e-mail about proposal for new breed trophy.
* Don’t want new proposal and need someone who can do bases.
* Linda has new person possible; Sandy Ewing.
* Will need new trophy bids.
* Summary of trophy cost reviewed by Kathy. We saw significant cost savings.
* For AOM, go to shorter than current for $1,000.00 savings.
* Per Jamie, keep trophy for 1st place the same.
* Neil, share good news with general membership about Southeast Division success with trophy donations.

**Motion:** To change the size of the AOM trophy to twelve inches, provided there is no additional setup fee.

Moved: Cindy Harwin Second: Bill Stebbins

**Old Business:**

* **Nationwide Vet List – Proposal from Mary Barnett** 
  + Circulate the proposal from Mary Barnett again for review.
  + Have an app?
* **Date for April Meeting:**
* April 23rd.

**New Business:**

* **Committee Chair Appointments:**
* Dianne to submit for BOD approval.
* **Awards:** Margaret Ontl, **By-laws:** Nancy Ridgway, **Health & Research:** Dr. Neil O’Sullivan**, Judges Education:** Jason Hoke, Bill Stebbins, and Dale Tarbox**, Judges Selection:** GDCA Corresponding Secretary**, Junior Showmanship:** Jamie Harshfield, **Membership:** Lynda Moriarty, **National Specialty:** Lynda Moriarty, **Charitable Trust:** Sue Davis Shaw, **Bulletin:** Maria Perkins, **Breed Mentor:** Bill Stebbins, **Breeder Referral:** Nancy Lerch, **Historian:** Norvel Benoit, **Breeder’s Education:** Jane Gray, **Legislative:** Dale Tarbox, **Corporate Sponsors:** Laurie Maulucci, **Trophies:** Jean Dinkins, and **Welfare:** Melanie Wisdom.

**Motion:** To approve all committee chair appointments.

Moved: Linda Cain Second: Joyce Rowe Abstain: Neil O’ Sullivan, Lynda Moriarty, Nancy Ridgway, Jaime Harshfield, Bill Stebbins, and Sue Davis Shaw.

* **Updates to Accessibility of the Website:**
* Need to get pictures of winning dogs to Nancy from the Division.
* **Top 20** **Revisions:** Linda Cain
* Create a Top 20 committee to revisit how we’ll perform it, enhance it, and showcase it.
* Shorten the length, post numbers of all the dogs.
* BOS to Top 20?

**Motion:** To have Linda Cain chair the Top 20 Revision Committee and have the committee come back to the BOD for approval of suggested revisions.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty Second: Jamie Harshfield

* **BOB Trophy:**
* Reviewed under trophies.
* **Breeder Referral “Litterbox” List on Website (from Michelle Conroy)**
* Discussed under breeder referral.

**Motion:** To update the Breeders List on the GDCA website and to ask Michelle Conroy to have a litterbox section attached to it.

Moved: Cindy Harwin Second: Neil O’Sullivan

**Motion:** To update the requirements for inclusion on the Breeders List to require CHIC numbers.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Jamie Harshfield

* **AKC Brochure:**
* BOD reviewed current brochure.
* **Congratulating new CHIC’s in the bulletin and on the website:**

Discussion: Only GDCA members, or include everyone on the list?

**Motion:** To publish the quarterly CHIC report on the GDCA website, Bulletin and Facebook page.

Moved: Denise Matulich Second: Linda Cain

* **Restructuring Awards:** Jamie Harshfield
* Breeder of the Year. Is just most champions at the moment. Jamie proposing to add more to the criteria. Include CHIC, CGC, etc.
* Draft with a couple of ideas for new breeder award. Dianne and Jamie to work on it and present in April BOD meeting.
* **Consolidating Divisions:** Jamie Harshfield
* Discussion of consolidating Divisions.
* Ask Division Chairs to discuss and to think about it.
* Realignment of divisions. Discuss it with affiliate clubs and division chairs.
* Four divisions?
* Difficulty with finding locations that meet our show criteria.
* Ask Division Chairs to realign within the division.
* Revise venue requirements.
* **Approval of Motions for Publication in the Bulletin:**

**Motion:** To approve the motions as presented.

Moved: Linda Cain Second: Joyce Rowe

**Adjourn:** Board Meeting Schedule:

2016 – April 23, July 30.

**Motion:** To adjourn.

Moved: Denise Matulich Second: Jamie Harshfield