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

*All motions are considered unanimous unless otherwise noted*

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

**Absence of Board Members:** Jason Hoke, Dale Tarbox, Sue Davis Shaw, and Nancy Ridgway.

**Motion:** To excuse the absence of Susan Davis Shaw, Dale Tarbox, Jason Hoke and Nancy Ridgway.

Moved: Linda Cain Second: Jamie Harshfield

**Minutes:** Gary Romerosa

* Revision submitted with slight changes from Dianne and Kathy.

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

Moved: Phil Gray Second: Bill Stebbins

**President’s Report:** Dianne Powers

* The Top 20 Committee doing a fantastic job.
* Use A+ for Top 20 meeting? Looking into making it a policy to use A+, or check out other free services.
* Meeting twice a month. There are five members in the Top 20 committee.
* Some free ones don’t work as well per Lynda. Transcripts also cost more.
* Agreed to use A+. Need moderator and participant passcode.
* May have the Standards Committee use it too.
* Found hotel in Denver for Board Meeting. Embassy Suites for $129 with great amenities.
* Have not been very successful with Starwood group.
* Think about picking three hub cities that would work well with everyone, versus constantly looking for a different one each time. Will be discussed more later. Will change only when we have site visit.
* Everyone needs to look at Top 3 places for meetings.
* Dates for future meetings. Week 14 (April8/9). Lots of conflict with shows in April. Move into May, week 19?

**Discussion:** Need ideas for dates that doesn’t conflict with shows or holidays, etc. Need to ask Jason and Dale. May will conflict with Neil, will look at week 14. Will revisit in July meeting.

* Nominating Committee. Lynda will chair the committee this year. Need to have committee members by the middle of May.

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

* Sue sent out her report via e-mail.
* First ballot for 2018 is out and due back by May 1st. Issue with foreign ballots not being received on time.
* Discussed what else to do with foreign ballots. Ballots ay have to be scanned and e-mailed to Sue. Will check with Ken and Lyn. Have foreign members e-mail it directly to the CPA, or back to the Corresponding Secretary?
* E-mail it to foreign members and sent back via priority mail.
* Canine Health Foundation Research, tick-borne research was e-mailed out for consideration for the GDCA or the Trust to support it.
* Breeder listing on the website is slowly increasing, with no complaints about requiring CHIC’s.
* Keeping Melanie Wisdom informed as to deaths in the membership.
* All judging contracts for 2017 were received.
* The CT voted to donate $2,500 for genome sequencing for the epilepsy study at The University of Missouri. Thank you Linda and Neil for their work on that.
* The Trust funded the Lehigh Valley Education Grant.
* Online auction to benefit Megaesophagus research is underway, under the direction of Kathy Toomey and Denise Matulich. It will run until the end of April.
* The Trust is selling tickets for another bronze puppy. The tickets will be sent out to the affiliate clubs around the end of this month.
* The Trust wants to know what cause to support for the next fundraiser.

**Motion:** To approve the Secretary’s Report.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Linda Cain

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

Financials: Profit/loss through March 2016.

* Total Income: $930.00, sold one CD and one Standard.
* Membership dues: $180.00
* Application fees: $60.00
* Futurity, 1st and 2nd nominations: $630.00
* Cash outflow:
* Judges Education: $320.00
* Judges Selection Committee: $1,409.00
* Membership communications: $43.00/month
* Merchant card processing: $100.00
* Top 20 Committee: $221.00
* Webmaster: $305.00
* Total Operating Expenses: $2,400.64
* Funded the Megaesophagus project to the CT for $25,000.00
* Interest Income: $8.81
* Net Outflow: $26,461.33
* Net Income YTD (November 1st to March 15, 2016): $39,152.05
* Cash in the Bank (though March 31st): $248,756.45

**Discussion:** Possible fundraising conflict between the CT and Division fundraising. Discussed ways to conduct future fundraising events.

* Late payer’s list presented. Short list this year.

**Motion:** To accept late 2016 dues payments for Anthony Gerigitan, Phillip Pullin, Patricia Schempp, and Pat Haltmeier.

Moved: Teresa LaBrie Second: Neil O’Sullivan Opposed: Lynda Moriarty

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

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Teresa LaBrie

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

* Sent grant application from Lehigh Valley. Trust funded grant application already.
* AKC notifications sent out to Affiliate Clubs.
* May need different vehicle, versus Yahoo Groups for board as well.

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

* No report. Will ask Dale to send any reports she may have.

**Special Guests:**

* None.

**Standing Committees:**

* **Advisory**: Linda Ridder, Linda Tonnancour, and Dave Miller
* No report.
* **Awards:** Margaret Ontl
* 1st Quarter
* 3 Breeders Certificates
* 4 Venerable Great Danes
* 1 Versatility
* 1 Hall of Fame
* 1 Honor Roll
* 5 Meritorious
* Dianne went over GDCA awards for 2015.

**Discussion:** Confirming CHIC reports. A lot of work confirming this. Margaret needs to be included with discussions, since she does a lot of the work involved.

* Ask Margaret not to contact owners until official announcement from the GDCA is made.
* **Top 20 Committee Report/Recommendations:** Linda Cain
* Handed out spread sheets of proposed changes, including score sheet and tally sheet of proposed changes.
* Committee members, Pat Ciampa, Patrice Lawrence, Bill Stebbins, Jack Watts, Karen Martin, Doug Toomey and Jessie Gerszewski.
* Linda went over line by line changes to Top 20 Rules and Regulations.
* Went over the changes with the scoresheet.
* The BOD voted on changes line by line.
* The following approved motions pertain to changes in the Top 20 Competition as recommended by the committee and discussed by the BOD:

**Motion:** The Top 20 will be held in the evening, the day following the Futurity if possible.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Cindy Harwin

**Motion:** The Top 20 will be held in the National Show Ring, if possible.

Moved: Phil Gray Second: Teresa LaBrie

**Motion:** To create a GDCA Top 20 coordinator appointed by the President.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Denise Matulich

**Motion:** To create a Top 20 tabulation committee comprised of the Show Chair, GDCA President, GDCA Treasurer, with the alternates of 1st and 2nd Vice President, and any former GDCA Treasurer.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Cindy Harwin

**Motion:** The competing Top 20 dogs will enter the ring individually by armband number, circle the ring, and be checked-in by the Inside Ring Steward. No judging will occur during this time.

Moved: Cindy Harwin Second: Denise Matulich Opposed: Jamie Harshfield

**Motion:** Competing Top 20 dogs will be called into the ring one at a time by armband number, and will be judged individually by all three judges.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty Second: Jamie Harshfield

**Motion:** Announcement of the Top 20 winner will be at the end of judging, the night of the event.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty Second: Jamie Harshfield

**Motion:** The aggregate score for each dog will be posted on the day following the Top 20.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty Second: Phil Gray

**Motion:** To not take the recommendation of the committee to not charge spectators for the Top 20.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Kathy Munyan

**Motion:** To approve the revised Top 20 Score Sheet.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Teresa LaBrie

**Motion:** To add the requirement for the Top 20 Breeder judge criteria to include: has bred five litters and had had four champions from those litters.

Moved: Jamie Harshfield Second: Bill Stebbins.

* **Constitution & By-Laws:** Nancy Ridgway, Lourdes Carvajal, Linda Cain and Tom Sandenaw
* No updates.
* Will ask Nancy for draft for July meeting, two weeks prior to meeting.
* Ask Nancy to add late fees in the by-laws.
* **Futurity:** Michael Pacucci
* **No report sent.**
* Kathy has numbers for 2016:
* 1st nominations: 146
* 2nd nominations: 305
* **Health & Research:** Dr. Neil O’Sullivan Status/Updates:
* Megaesophagus Research Status Report: Clemson University
* Have an area of interest that’s being investigated.
* Wobblers Research Report – The Ohio State University
* No update.
* Cardiomyopathy Study Status Report – Clemson University – Katie Meurs & Dr. Leigh Ann Clark
* Gene sequence for cardiomyopathy. Obvious hot spot on data. Katie and Leigh Ann not continuing with collaboration.
* Working on appropriate testing for DCM.

**Discussion**: Heart exams; passing and failing. Some Cardiologists have different standards on what’s passing or failing. Get a second opinion if you have any questions regarding test results.

* GDV Study – Dr. Alex Alvarez
* Study does not look like good science.
* Study have not been reviewed, but being published.
* Problem is basing numbers on a single allele, and not on the whole genome.
* Have to let people know that we have concerns regarding this, if it’s truly offering something for the breed. Neil to prepare a statement to be put out on website, FB page and bulletin.
* Epilepsy Study – University of Missouri in Columbia
* Getting epilepsy dog sequenced. Sequencing many different breeds and looking for commonality of affected versus non-affected.
* Any idiopathic epilepsy will be involved.
* Color Code Review: Dr. Neil O’Sullivan
* Need more feedback before it can be finalized.
* Neil will send back out to everyone. Get input back by June 1st.
* Include links for websites for color testing.
* **Judges Education:**  Jason Hoke, Dale Tarbox, and Bill Stebbins.
* Presentation in Portland last January by Donna Clark.
* March in Louisville, 28 people attended. Thank you Phil and Jane for presenting.
* July, having 4-day seminar in Houston.
* August, Minneapolis. Jane Treiber in panel for these shows.
* October, National. Reinstituted the Illustrated Standards for Judges Education.
* **Judges Selection:**
* Deadline for 1st ballot is May 1st.
* 2nd round of ballots, she should e-mail ballots to foreign members to mail it back via priority mail.
* **Junior Showmanship/Scholarships:** Jamie Harshfield
* Have 10 applicants.
* Budget is $15,000.00. Haven’t gotten back to Juniors yet.
* Have a committee in place, and will get together in May.
* **Membership Health and Welfare:** Melanie Wisdom and Sue Davis Shaw
* Sue’s been forwarding to Melanie for write-ups.
* **National Specialty Coordinator:** Lynda Moriarty
* Realignment, will add to July meeting and meet in October with Division Chairs.
* 2016 – South Central Division status – Tulsa, OK
* Meeting in February and March. Reports from most of committees.
* Website being kept up-to-date.
* Ways and means going slow.
* Catalog ads; Paula Stevens.
* Nancy ready to send out auction letters, Bronze Sponsors, have two already.
* $29K for generators for RV’s.
* New Treasurer. Need to put out monetary reports. Not responding to calls, or email.
* Decorations going really well with banners (Sharon Fulford).
* Account with Chase set up.
* Discussion on what needs to be sent out to vendors and committee chairs. Kathy has information to provide guidance
* Need updated calendar of schedule of events.
* Education. Echos lined-up.
* Still looking for microchip clinic and perhaps homeopathic clinic.
* Nutrition/raw food. Veterinarian will be doing this.
* Myra Savant-Harris, 25 people required. Canine reproduction open to all breeds.
* Will sell bloat kits.
* Chiropractic service?
* Scooters or carts may need to be brought in.
* Terry Williams doing raffle room.
* 2017 – Western Division status – Chandler, AZ
* Report from Mike Boa.
* Martha has agreed to help with obedience per Teresa, but needs an on-site contact person to help coordinate. Show secretary has to be well-versed with performance events.
* Will have Independent Specialty (Tucson), Saturday after the National.
* Hired Kitten as the photographer.
* 2018 – Mid West Division status – Topeka, KS
* Talked to Joy. Most of committees done. Will be checking with her committees to make sure everything is on track.
* Division has treasurer (Sid).
* 2019 – Northeast Division
* Per Louis. Three sites being considered, maybe more.
* Meeting in May.
* Teresa to reach out to Rita for agility events.
* **Performance/Companion Events:** Joyce Guthrie
  + No report.
  + Dianne to get with her for July meeting.
  + Need to have Joyce give medallions for awards to Margaret Ontl.
* **Public Education:** Jeffrey Ball
* Do we want to keep this? Dianne needs to contact Jeffrey.
* Trust does not want booth.
* Need something new that we can build on.
* **Rescue:** Kathie Shea
* Sent rescue grant requests a couple at a time and has worked out quite well.
* **Standard (Breed):** Sharon Fulford
* Nothing new until merle vote comes in.
* Neil wants to see if people who have color tested will be willing to share photos of their dogs.
* **Website:** Nancy Lerch
* Nothing recent from Nancy.
* The whole board needs to look at websites and give feedback by the end of May.
* Have a committee by July to set-up new look for website.
* **Special Committees:**
* Breeders Education: Jane Gray
* Nothing new.
* Discuss health testing and testing interpretation.
* Revisit basics of whelping litter for newbies.
* Breed Mentor: Bill Stebbins – Approval of new mentors – Everett Van Dyken, Nancy Ridgway, Christine Asay, Lesa Bastow and Dick Fint.
* Applicants have been approved by the committee.

**Motion:** To approve Everett Van Dyken, Nancy Ridgway, Christine Asay, Lesa Bastow, and Dick Flint as new Breed Mentors.

Moved: Teresa LaBrie Second: Phil Gray

* Breeder Referral: Nancy Lerch
* No report.
* Charitable Trust: Sue Davis Shaw
* Auction going way better than expected, even from non-club members.
* Will collect through PayPal for most, GDCA Charitable Trust Store.
* Corporate Sponsors: Lauri Maulucci
* No report.
* Historian: Norvel Benoit
* No report.
* Legislative: Dale Tarbox
* No report.
* Membership: Lynda Moriarty
* Nothing sent to BOD.
* No comments on applicants published in 1st quarter bulletin.
* New applicants: Rebecca Poynter, Suzanne Eberling, Bonnie O’Brien, Randi Altman, Maria Gkinala, Theresia Jacobs, and Mildred McKenzie and Affiliate Club applicant, Inland Northwest Great Dane Club.

**Motion:** To publish the following applicants, Rebecca Poynter, Suzanne Eberling, Bonnie O’Brien, Randi Altman, Maria Gkinala, Theresia Jacobs, and Mildred McKenzie and Affiliate Club applicant, Inland Northwest Great Dane Club in the 2nd quarter bulletin.

Moved: Bill Stebbins Second: Teresa LaBrie

**Motion:** To approve the following applicants, Carole Cataudella, Heather Sawyer, Brittany Dial, Tracie Shaw, Clarence and Jennifer Schram, Candace Burgess, Margaret (Micki) Pappas, David Showalter, Jessica Lewellen, Jennifer Gallo, Rene Kiel, and Yvonne Messimer as new members.

Moved: Phil Gray Second: Joyce Rowe

* Need to revise the interest list for new member applications.
* News Bulletin: Maria Perkins
* No report. Deadline for submitting items is May 10th.
* Per Teresa, we need to have article on the bulletin for new OFA cardio database. Pull directly from the site on new requirements.
* Top 20 Statistician – Rita Suddarth
* None.
* Trophies: Jean Dinkins
* No report.
* Still need new base for BOB trophy.
* Ribbons for Junior Handlers. The issue was, Reserve was bigger than Best Jr.
* Portion of money from Bronze Sponsorship to go to trophies?
* Print out trophy donation forms and take to shows.
* Cindy to send out reminder to affiliate clubs that donations are needed for trophies.
* Joyce to send out trophy donation form to Maria for the bulletin.
* Also, for Bronze sponsorship and room raffle, cost is 5 tickets for $20.00 for Deluxe suites, and 12 tickets for $100.00, or $10 a piece for Presidential suites.

**Old Business:**

* **Nationwide Vet List –** Proposal from Mary Barnett
* Sue needs to follow-up with Mary on status.
* **BOB Trophy Base:**

Discussion on how to proceed with new trophy base. Need to reach out to Jean to find out what’s going on, since the BOD did not like the trophy base that was presented in the January meeting.

* **Add Best of Opposite to Annual Awards** (Linda Cain)
* Based on BOS won from AKC events. Points tally is provided by AKC.
* Will revisit in July.

**New Business:**

* **Board meeting dates going forward:**
* Addressed already with the President’s report.
* **Trust online auction** (Nancy Ridgway)
* Addressed already.
* **CHF’s Tick-borne Disease Initiative:**
* Trust to support.
* Need to review how much money we can donate.
* Money to go towards research, prevention, diagnostics and treatment.
* **Approval of Motions for Publication in the Bulletin:**

**Motion:** To approve the motions for publication in the bulletin.

Moved: Jamie Harshfield Second: Cindy Harwin

**Adjourn:**

**Motion:** To adjourn.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan

Board Meeting Schedule:

2016 - January 23, April 23, July 30.

2017 – January 21/22, April ?, July 29/30

2018 – January 20/21, April ?, July 28/29