**GDCA BOD Meeting Minutes – 10/19/2014**

*All motions are considered unanimous unless otherwise noted.*

Meeting was called to order at 9am

Present: Dianne Powers, Sue Davis Shaw, Jamie Harshfield, Jean Highlands, Kathy Munyan, Neil O’Sullivan, Bill Stebbins, Dale Tarbox, Jason Hoke, Nancy Ridgway, Teresa LeBrie, Cindy Harwin, Susan Yotive.

MOTION: To approve the absences of Linda Cain and Lynda Moriarty from the 10/19/2014 meeting.

Moved: Susan Yotive Second: Bill Stebbins

**Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of 7/26/2014.

Moved: Sue Davis Shaw Second: Jason Hoke

**Secretary’s report**

Nancy received and passed around the CHF magazine which shows all the programs that are going on.

She also received an invitation for a CHF event. The cost is $125. Dale Tarbox will attend the event.

MOTION: To fund the ticket price of $125 for the CHF cocktail fundraiser event.

Moved: Kathy Munyan Second: Neil O’Sullivan

Nancy sent a letter to AKC authorizing Great Dane Club of Central North Carolina to hold their specialty on November 1st 2015 in conjunction with the 2015 National.

Nancy received 4 contracts back for next year’s National: Karen Martin, Georgia Hymen, Rick Zahorchak, and Jason Hoke.

**President’s report**

Dianne deferred her report for the 10/22/2014 meeting.

**Treasurer’s report**

Kathy reviewed the financials for September 2014.

Income $3801.

Expenses $1880.

Net Income YTD $48,115.97

Bank balance $166,174.58

MOTION: To approve the treasurer’s report as presented.

Moved: Jean Highlands Second: Cindy Harwin Passed

**Affiliate Club Representative**

Cindy reported she has received by law changes from the Wolverine club and would recommend that they be approved.

MOTION: To approve the amended changes to the Wolverine Club by-laws.

Moved: Dale Tarbox Second: Bill Stebbins

**AKC Delegate’s Report**

Dale reported on the most recent AKC delegate’s meeting and the various committee meetings she sat in on. She also noted that AKC has 27 disaster relief trailers out and they hoping to have hundreds. Each trailer costs 22,000. The AKC rescue group has developed an email list for the rescue chairs for parent clubs to exchange ideas.

Special Guests introduction: Jane Gray, Phil Gray, Seth Corduan

**Standing committee reports:**

**Advisory** – No report

**Awards** – Margaret Ontl

Dianne reported that Margaret sent the 3rd quarter report and she has issued : 17 Breeder certificates, 5 Honor Roll certificates, 1 Hall of fame certificates, 3 venerbal certificates, 2 Register of Merit certificates, and 1 Versatility certificate.

**Constitution & By-Laws**- Nancy would like to defer report and action on this until the January 2015 BOD meeting.

**Futurity-** Michael Pacucci - Dianne reported for Michael. There are 279 entries for 2014, 124 dogs and 155 bitches. There are 37 qualifiers for CHIC challenge, which is down from the previous year. It was suggested that a CHIC logo or asterisk be inserted by the qualifiers in the catalog.

**Health & Research- Neil O’Sullivan**

Neil gave a status report on each of the current health studies.

Bloat study- A collaboration between 3 researchers from Fred Hutchinson, a private veterinarian group called Bellingham Veterinarians and the principle investigator Mike Harkey from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute in Seattle. Neil suggested that a statement on gastopexy be included in the study.

Cardiomyopathy- a free web seminar with Dr. Katie Meurs has been set up for November in a recorded format that can be accessed at a later date if interested.

Wobblers – Dr. Rinaldo D’Costa will update at the Wine & Cheese event.

Megaesophagus- Still in its developmental stages and samples are still being taken.

Genome- Neil is pushing to get Leigh Anne Clark to get more bio-informatics and comparisons from the original canine sequence which was from the boxer bitch.

Neil also gave an update on the GDCA Donor Advised Fund with the Canine Health Foundation. The Fund’s current balance is $10,579.

Dianne also added that there is a need for a public liaison person for the Health & Research committee.

**Judges Education** – Jason Hoke, Dale Tarbox, Bill Stebbins

Bill reported they are set to go for this year. There is a good attendance this year. Prospective judges are no longer required to attend a National Specialty. All that is required is a seminar sponsored by the parent club. It was discussed that the Judge’s Education committee will continue with the co-chairs until a program is devised and approved.

**Junior Showmanship/Scholarships**- Jamie Harshfield

Jamie stated that everything went smoothly this year and that everything has been funded. She received several thank you notes and emails from scholarship recipients.

**National Specialty Coordinator**- Lynda Moriarty – report deferred until next meeting.

**Performance/Companion Events** – Joyce Guthrie – report deferred until next meeting.

Several concerns were brought up concerning issues of scheduling of events at the National. Performance participants are encouraged to attend the Wednesday BOD meeting to discuss further.

Teresa LeBrie read Joyce’s written quarterly report. She will forward the report via email to the board. The report mentioned concerns about scheduling the performance events before the start of the national. The new 26” tunnel will be used for the first time this year.

**Public Education -** Jeffrey Ball -No report

**Rescue-** Kathie Shea – Submitted a written report prior to the meeting. Kathie reported there were no major seizures this year but the number of rescues was up this year and an increase in puppies. She added that overall it was a quiet year.

MOTION: To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from Great Dane Club of Greater Kansas City in the amount of $500.00

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Moved: Jason Hoke Second: Nancy Ridgway

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MOTION: To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from Great Dane Love Central Florida in the amount of $500.00

Moved: Susan Yotive Second: Teresa LeBrie

MOTION: To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from Great Dane Rescue of Southeast in the amount of $500.00

Moved: Bill Stebbins Second: Dale Tarbox

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Moved: Teresa Le Brie Second: Susan Yotive

MOTION: To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from Great Dane Club of Tucson in the amount of $500.00

Moved: Cindy Harwin Second: Jamie Harshfield

MOTION: To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from Williamette Great Dane Rescue in the amount of $500.00

Moved: Cindy Harwin Second: Jamie Harshfield

MOTION: To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from Great Dane Angel Network in the amount of $456.13.

Moved: Nancy Ridgway Second: Bill Stebbins

MOTION: To recommend that the Charitable Trust fund the grant request from Great Dane Angel Network in the amount of $212.37

Moved: Jamie Harshfield Second: Teresa LeBrie

**Standard-** Sharon Fulford – No report

**Web-site-** Nancy Lerch – Report sent via email previously. Nancy has requested that Neil go through all of the content on health & Research. Neil will send Nancy a list of deletions of out of date material. There was discussion about the concern to improve the ease of navigation of the web-site.

**Special Committees**

**Breeders Education** – Jane Gray

Jane reported that she would like to start out with a new formatted program and hand out written information and also have a Q&A to get feedback from those that have signed up with the breeder’s education to help educate breeders of what we need to do to be responsible. It was suggested that a micro-chipping program be instituted.

**Breeder Referral** – Nancy Lerch – No report

**Charitable Trust** - Jean Highlands, Lisa Foltz, Linda Ridder

Lisa gave an overview of the financials. Income for the year was $30,978.38. Operating expenses for professional services were less than 5K. Discretionary expenses were $100,593.83 for the Genome project, Cardiac Clinic at the national, wobbler’s research, rescue grants and scholarships.

Response cards will go out to each person making a donation provided they have the donor’s address.

Linda Ridder invited everyone to the wine & cheese event with Dr. Rinaldo D’Costa on Wednesday between 4-6.

**Corporate Sponsors** – Joe Longo

**Historian** – Norvel Benoit – No report

**Legislative** – Tom Sandenaw – No report

**Membership** – Lynda Moriarty – deferred to 10/22/2014 meeting.

**News Bulletin** - Cindy Harwin – Any content for the bulletin is due the 2nd Monday after the BOD meeting.

**Trophies** - Jean Dinkins/Kathy Munyan - Jean and Kathy have not yet met. Kathy reported that trophy donations are down substantially and may have to reconsider the caliber of trophies for the future.

**Yearbook** – Rita Suddarth – Committee may dissolve due to the lack of membership interest and participation. The GDCA can’t afford to provide free ads for new champions. A new idea of adding a section to the web-site was suggested for the purposes of archiving. It has been difficult to obtain the pictures of the major winners at the national and it was suggested that copies of these pictures be required in the photographer contract.

MOTION: Amend the NSRR to require copies of pictures from the photographer of all major winners of the National Specialty and Futurity for the purposes of archiving.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Nancy Ridgway Passed

**OLD BUSINESS –** Deferred to next meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Grant approval process –** Streamlining the process needs to be considered. It was suggested that the process could be streamlined to have all grant requests submitted to the Trust directly for funding since they have the ultimate decision. There was much discussion regarding loss of oversight by the GDCA BOD. A new trial procedure was suggested for committee chairs to submit a report of the grant requests that are being submitted to the Charitable Trust for funding. The BOD will then have a one week comment period before the request is sent directly to the Charitable Trust.

MOTION: Education, Rescue and Junior Scholarship grant requests shall be electronically submitted to the BOD for review and comment for one week, and after such time, no negative comments have been received, the committee chairs shall forward the requests directly to the Charitable Trust.

Moved: Nancy Ridgway Second: Jason Hoke Passed

MOTION: To recess until Wednesday 10/22/2014 at 9am.

Moved: Jason Hoke Second: Jamie Harshfield