**GDCA BOD Meeting Minutes – 10/22/2014**

*All motions are considered unanimous unless otherwise noted.*

Present: Dianne Powers, Cindy Harwin, Bill Stebbins, Phil Gray, Kathy Munyan, Jason Hoke, Lynda Moriarty, Teresa Le Brie, Sue Davis Shaw, Linda Cain, Denise Matulich, Dale Tarbox, Nancy Ridgway, Neil O’Sullivan, Jamie Harshfield, Jean Highlands

Guests: Gary Romerosa, Traci Rinaldo, Keri Caraher, Karyn Szaradowski, Val Clows, Sandra Ewing, Ann Heinrich, Patty Wolf, Mona Brown, Brian Mason, Marta Brock, Dana Sikes, Tracy Powell, Jennifer Morgan, Nancy Parsons-Wright, Kristen Kenney, Heather Seager, Peg Clark, Wanda Hepler, Jamie Sarzynski, Tricia Marshall, Donna Ballota, Joyce Lianon, Laurie Lutton, John Roder, David Hefner, Lisa Mason, Joyce Guthrie, Karen Dwerlkotte, Sterling Moffet, Lisa Taylor, Phillip Skaw, Darlene Gill, Pat Tripp, Tracy Purser, Dawn Buckland, Patricia Schempp, Nikki Riggsbee.

**Performance/Companion Events**

Neil shared the idea of having a regional performance event in the spring which would showcase performance while also holding conformation event as well. Jason and Neil have worked on budgeting and structure for a draft proposal. The operating costs for holding performance events were presented. Jason then presented its basic structure and agenda. Many questions and concerns were fielded from the floor which included: segregation from the National, site locations, opening up participation to All-breed in the performance events, scheduling of events at the National, etc.

Cindy Harwin reported she is seeking a volunteer to be the chairman of the 2017 performance events.

**National Specialty Coordinator** – Lynda Moriarty

2015 – Wands Hepler gave an update. 2015 National brochures will be available at the end of the week.

2016 - South Central Division - Tulsa, OK - No report.

2017 – Western Division – Chandler, AZ - Cindy Harwin. Cindy reported that she has found a performance chair.

**Membership** – Lynda Moriarty

Lynda reported she has received no comments on the candidates that are currently published.

MOTION: To approve the following applicants: Heike Caspary, Jason Peech, Kelly Haas, Kim Nelson, Amit Pathak , Derek & Nikki Leach, Susan Fenwick, Dianne Andrews for membership pending no negative comment by 11/30/2014.

Moved: Dale Tarbox Second: Teresa LeBrie

The following applicants that have been approved by the membership committee and will be published: Linda Grammatico, Tammy Suddeth, Darlene Gill, Sondra & Eddie Easterly, Paul Bowman, Ruth Greene.

**President’s report**

Dianne distributed the Code of Conduct agreement to each of the members of the board for signature.

**Public Education** – Jeffrey Ball

Dianne read an email update report she received from Jeffrey. A volunteer is need for the Meet the Breeds booth in Florida.

**New Committee** – Linda Cain- Membership Health &Wellness.

A better official name for the committee is needed.

**Affiliate Club Representative** - Cindy Harwin

Cindy reported she had additional clubs that have by-law changes that needed approval. Cindy detailed the changes for each club by-law change.

MOTION: To approve the by-law amendments for the Great Dane Club of California.

Moved: Jason Hoke Second: Neil O’Sullivan

MOTION: To approve the by-law amendments for the Heart of Minnesota Great Dane Club.

Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Linda Cain

MOTION: To approve the by-law amendments for the Great Dane Club of Las Vegas.

Moved: Sue Davis Shaw Second: Phil Gray

MOTION: To approve the by-law amendments for the Great Dane Club of Western Washington.

Moved: Dale Tarbox Second: Sue Davis Shaw Abstained: Jamie Harshfield,

Neil O’Sullivan, Linda Cain

**New Business**

2015 Board Meeting dates – Dianne gave the dates for the next year which are: Saturday January 17th, Saturday April 25th, Saturday July 25th, October 24-31 at the 2015 National.

It was agreed that the January 2015 meeting will be teleconference at 8am (PST) and limited to 3 hours with Tuesday evening January 20th for a follow-up if necessary.

2016 **-** Dates are as follows: January 23, April 30th, July 30th, October at the National.

**Guest speaker:** Ann Hiemrick, founder of the Great Dane Sanctuary. Ann gave a presentation of the newly founded Great Dane Sanctuary in Wisconsin. All dogs are raw fed with food donated by a local meat company. Only Danes that have quality of life left are taken in. All dogs that are taken in are not adopted out. Ann invited everyone to visit the information booth located in the conformation showroom.

MOTION: To approve the motions of October 19th and 22nd 2014 as presented.

Moved: Sue Davis Shaw Second: Jean Highlands

MOTION: To Adjourn.

Moved: Jason Hoke Second: Linda Cain