



Dear Friends and Fellow GDCA Members;

Please help me in congratulating the Midwest Division on another Great National Specialty. Who can forget 6'7" Elmer Robinson selling 42 raffle tickets as an arm's length for two days and handling his lovely harlequin bitch Amelia to best of opposite sex.

Lourdes Carvajal and her team all did a wonderful job, and as many of you know this was Lourdes's last national as the Midwest Division Chair. Please thank her when you see her for all her contributions to her division, to rescue and the Charitable Trust over the years. Our Breed has too few friends like Lourdes and Janet.

Please welcome the new Midwest Division Chair Joy Lobato, who will step in with all her experience and the team building spirit that has embodied Team Lobato in the conformation ring. I hope you do not need your uniform Joy!

My thanks to Kathy and Doug Toomey for the four years they served as our Breeder education Chairpersons. They stepped down so other members could have a chance to serve in this role. WOW!

We can all remember this National as one that highlighted

the continuing career of a dog who is one of the giants of the breed. There is little doubt that Gable will sire 100+ champions. He will certainly put his stamp on our Breed for years to come. I am glad everyone got to see him in the ring along with many of his puppies and we all hope he is with us for many more nationals.

And no one will forget Doug's trip to the hospital and the fact that he came back the same day to show Ryker in the Top 20 and win it.....You could not write a better story.

Please remember the GDCA Charitable Trust Fund Raiser on the evening January the 12th in Ocala Florida. The Address is 1883 Northwest 114th Loop, Ocala Florida 34475 and it is at the home of Mario and Anne Marie Gatto. If you cannot come please send your contribution to that address.

The next board meeting is at The Orlando Marriott in Orlando also on the 12th of January, it will be an interesting meeting you are all invited.

Please let me know what you think!
Happy New Year.

Dave

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- * *Cindy Harwin* , Editor
GDCA Bulletin Editor

It was Great!!!



MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors approved the following for membership in We welcome them to the GDCA!

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The following applicants have been approved by the Membership Committee for publication in the GDCA Bulletin. The Membership Chairman must receive comments concerning these applicants during the forty-five (45) day period following publication.

Any comments received after 2/9/13 will not be accepted

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2012 Show Results

Futurity:

Thank you to Judges: Paddy Magnuson & Joe Longo

Best Puppy: GracynsDuo Lost Creek In Wonderland

Breeders: Brenda Weldon, Marsh Stoner, Karen McCance

Best Junior: CH Windy City-Orion's Guitar Hero

Breeders: Kim Wood, Betsy Phelan

Best In Futurity and 1st CHIC Challenge Winner:

CH Windy City-Orion's Guitar Hero

Breeders: Kim Wood & Betsy Phelan

Show Results - Performance

High In Trial – Obedience:

Lazy Day's Master Jedi Yoda CD, BN, RAE, NAJ

Owner: Gayle Spall

High Combined – Obedience

Lazy Days Me and My Shadow Di Noche CDX, GO, GN, RN

Owner: Sydelle Fulk

Inaugural GDCA Obedience Invitational Results

Novice Champion: Specialty High In Trial

Liberty's Jahari Heart CD, RE, CGC, TDI

Owner: Joyce Guthrie

Open Champion: Lazy Days You're The One UDX

Owners: Gayle & Mike Smith

Show Results - Conformation

Winners Dog: Tue-J's Pacific Category Five

Breeders: Tuesday & Hadley James, Owner: Jaimie Chiaravalle, Tuesday & Hadley James, Joan Apuna

Reserve Winners Dog:

Stargazn's Man In Black – S

Breeder: Katie & Merle Krehmeyer Owners: Sandra Wierichs, Katie Krehmeyer

Winners Bitch:

Alpine's Lunar Haze

Breeders: Mike & Margie Arnold Owner: Elizabeth Luna

Reserve Winners Bitch:

TLC Moredane Sheza Devil In Disguise

Breeders: Linda Dalton, Seryna Martindale

Owners: Linda Dalton, Linda Morelli & Derek Douglass

Junior Showmanship – Best Junior

Kylie Soafer

Best Puppy:

Stargazn's Man In Black – S

Breeder: Katie & Merle Krehmeyer Owners: Sandra Wierichs, Katie Krehmeyer

Best Bred By:

Patientdane's Quintessential Grace

Breeder: Lesa Bastow Owner: Lesa Bastow

Stud Dog:

CH Elan's Command Decision Reimroc

Breeders: John & Jessica Gerszewski

Owners: Jessica & John Gerszewski, Romie & Sheila Cormier, Naomi Yakota

Brood Bitch:

CH Gracyn's Esther V Lost Creek

Breeders: Marsh Stoner & Karen McCance

Owners: Marsh Stoner & Karen McCance

Brace:

Sasдания-Vitag's Deal No Deal Alto Gavea

Breeders: Walter Salles, Fernando Cherpe Owners:

Denise Matulich, Terri Burley-Hammond, Cindy Harwin

Croydebayone Ye Wright Stuff

Breeder: Gracielle Dumais Owners: Terri Burley-Hammond, Denise Matulich, Lesa Bastow

Best of Breed:

CH Elan's Command Decision Reimroc

Breeders: J. & J. Gerszewski, R. & S. Cormier

Owners: J & J Gerszewski, R & S Cormier & N. Yokota

Best of Winners:

Alpine's Lunar Haze (to finish)

Breeders: Mike & Margie Arnold Owner: Elizabeth Luna

Best Opposite:

CH Tauson Koenigin Amelia From Auburn

Breeders: Elmer & Inke Robinson Owners: Elmer & Inke Robinson

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Select Dog: GCh Shoreline East-West Play It Again Sam

Breeders: Nancy L. Simmons, Karla Mattioli, Lois & Stan Ostrowski Owners: Jim Bailey, Nancy Schycker-Bailey, Morgan Mattioli

Select Bitch:GCh Rosendane's So This Is Heaven @ Spot-OnBreeder: Angela Kusmiesz Owner: Suzanne Widner

Award of Merit:

CH Lobato's Code Red

Breeder: Joy Lobato & Erin BrandonOwners: Joy Lobato, Kelly Lyons, Angela Stilwell

GCh Don-Lu's Don't Tell Me No V ConcordBreeder: Nichole & Denise Conneen, Cornelia & Pietro Todd Owners: Don, Mary Lou, Shawn Carmody, Nichole Conneen

GCh Michaeldane JB This Is It TonkaBreeders: Paul Turner, Jodie Keim, Michael Chiles

Owners: Cathy & Ron Whipple, Jodie Keim, Michael Chiles

Ch Mavro-Twinoaks Hollywood ToughBreeders: Laurie & Cliff Lutton, Edie & Tom PriosOwners: Edie & Tom Prios

GCh DRD's The Revelation

Breeder: Cari Jensen Owners: Cari Jensen, Barbara Hainline, Sallie Cummings

GCh Crowbay's Wind In The USABreeder: Veronica Heikkila Owners: John & Cynthia Neet, Rose Hielscher

GCh Double D's Jaylor's What's Not To Like

Breeders: A.B.D. Smith, Jane Chopson Owners: Jay & Lorie Roden

GCh Gracyn's Valiant Warrior V Lost Creek

Breeders: Marshall Stoner, Karen McCance Owner: Gerald Kerr

Ch Rosendane's What A Trip

Breeder: Angels Kusmiesz Owner: Pat Tripp

GCh Naple TLBK Dana Sanrouques Naika Ika Pono

Breeders: M Cornish, J White-Vorst, D Dana, J Copeland Owners: Brunson & Jimet Achui, Robert Payne

Ch Rojon's Beckham

Breeders: Adam Protos & Ray Cataldi Jr Owners: Mildred McKenzie & Ray Cataldi Jr

Ch Triplecrest Home Town HeroBreeder: Eugenia Thayer Owner: Eugenia Thayer

GCh Shoreline's Som'thing T' Talk AbtBreeders: Nancy Simmons, S & L Ostrowski Owners: Janet Watson, Auburn Lyons

FUTURITY REPORT



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2012 Futurity

Total entry 316 (157 dogs, 159 bitches). This year there are 44 qualifiers for the CHIC Challenge trophy. Qualifiers for the ProPlan Futurity Alliance Program - 110

2013 Futurity – Nominations as of 10/15/12

1st Nomination 73

2nd Nomination 98 puppies (55 dogs/ 43 bitches)



Top Awards Dianne Powers Awards Chairman

Top Stud Dog 2011

CH Elan's Command Decision Reimroc
16 Champions
Owners: J. & J. Gerszewski, R. & S. Cormier, & N. Yokota



Top Brood Bitch 2011 (Tie)

CH Lobato's Pretty Woman
5 Champions
Owners: A. Klingenberg & J. P. Lobato

Top Brood Bitch 2011 (Tie)

CH Rojon's Ready or Not
5 Champions
Owners: A. Protos & R. Cataldi, Jr.

Top Great Dane

Breed and Group Systems 2011
CH Lobato's Jitterbug Man
Owners: M.E. Thomas, J. Lobato, & G. Cole

Top Junior Handler 2011

Breanna Uyeno

Top Breeder for 2011

7 Champions
Adam Protos

2012 Champion of Health

Am/Int'l CH PCH It's What's Shakin, AOM, OA, AXJ, OAP, OJP, CGC, TT, TDI, HOF
Owner: Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett

REMINDER

Be sure to send your 2012 GDCA National winner photos to the Internet Chairman to be added to the National History Album. List dogs name and what achievement was earned.

Nancy M. Lerch

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Congratulations to the 'Class of 1987' for being members of the GDCA for 25 years

- Jan Brungard
- Chuck Crawford
- Georgia Hymmen
- Michael & Janet Madl
- Billy & Ginger Mann
- William Stebbins
- Anne Stewart
- Eugenia Thayer



Current Breed Standings for 2012 Show Year

For Events Processed from January 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012

Rank	Name	Sex	BOB/BISS Wins	Total Defeated
1	GCH CH Longo Miller N Lore's Diamond Lil	B	101	2,359
2	GCH CH Lobato's Code Red	D	87	1,437
3	GCH CH De Joie's Tomfoolery V Lost Creek	D	38	1,143
4	GCH CH Hladik's Jump Up And Kiss Me	B	56	956
5	GCH CH DRD's The Revelation	D	48	894
6	GCH CH Naples Tlbrk Dana Sanroque Naika Ika Pono	D	34	880
7	GCH CH MJM's Hi-Air All Eyes On Me	B	57	825
8	GCH CH Treue's Band Of Angels	D	29	711
9	GCH CH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise	D	43	619
10	GCH CH Alpine's Ice Warrior V Hawthorne	D	43	618
11	GCH CH Daynakin's Soulja Boy	D	28	604
12	GCH CH Challenger's Samurai V Lamar	D	34	600
13	GCH CH Lobato's JitterBug Man	D	13	594
14	GCH CH Sandale-Paj Captain Barbosa	D	24	524
15	GCH CH Burke's Pinocchio Of Bnv	D	26	450
16	GCH CH Diola's Saks And The City V Hi Class	D	30	448
17	GCH CH Raintree Erinwood Dixie For Heaven's Sake	B	23	420
18	GCH CH Anjadane's Regene V. Malvern	D	24	405
19	CH Elan's Command Decision Reimroc	D	1	401
20	GCH CH CBD Danebridge's Bringin' Sexy Back	B	16	388

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Current Group Standings for 2012 Show Year

For Events Processed from January 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012

Rank	Name	Sex	BIS Wins	I	II	III	IV	BOB/BISS Wins	Total Defeated
1	GCH CH Longo Miller N Lore's Diamond Lil	B	13	38	14	6	8	101	21,959
2	GCH CH Lobato's Code Red	D	1	12	21	11	8	87	7,807
3	GCH CH De Joie's Tomfoolery V Lost Creek	D	0	2	4	0	7	38	3,025
4	GCH CH DRD's The Revelation	D	0	7	6	4	4	48	2,725
5	GCH CH Naples Tibrk Dana Sanroque Naika Ika Pono	D	0	5	4	3	3	34	2,639
6	GCH CH MJM's Hi-Air All Eyes On Me	B	0	0	4	2	2	57	2,105
7	GCH CH Sandale-Paj Captain Barbosa	D	0	0	5	6	1	24	1,800
8	GCH CH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise	D	0	2	1	2	3	43	1,751
9	GCH CH Hladik's Jump Up And Kiss Me	B	0	0	3	2	4	56	1,729
10	GCH CH Treue's Band Of Angels	D	0	0	3	2	2	29	1,526
11	GCH CH Challenger's Samurai V Lamar	D	0	1	2	6	2	34	1,428
12	GCH CH Lobato's JitterBug Man	D	1	3	0	0	0	13	1,395
13	GCH CH Alpine's Ice Warrior V Hawthorne	D	0	1	1	2	4	43	1,393
14	GCH CH Diola's Saks And The City V Hi Class	D	0	2	3	3	0	30	1,220
15	GCH CH Daynakin's Soulja Boy	D	0	2	1	1	0	28	1,207
16	GCH CH Burke's Pinocchio Of Bnv	D	0	1	2	1	1	26	1,145
17	GCH CH Raintree Erinwood Dixie For Heaven's Sake	B	0	1	2	0	2	23	1,085
18	GCH CH Michaeldane JB This Is It, Tonka	D	0	1	3	0	1	9	751
19	GCH CH Hauerdane's Don't Bury The Treasure v Caps	B	0	0	1	2	1	12	721
20	GCH CH CBD Danebridge's Bringin' Sexy Back	B	0	0	0	1	1	16	695

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Judges Education

The judges' education seminar at the National was well attended with an enthusiastic group that participated in a classroom session, followed by a hands on ringside and mentoring during the breed on Saturday. My heartfelt thanks to the breeders, owners, and handlers that brought class winners for the hands on on Friday at the conclusion of judging. As always, I am very grateful to the mentors who spent all day Saturday working with the judges.

The following judges attended the seminar and would like to be considered for sweepstake and/or match assignments:

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Considering Becoming a Judge?

GDCA Helping Our Own Program

This is a reminder for all members of the GDCA that have aspirations for becoming a judge. The GDCA's Helping Our Own program is designed to assist future judges in obtaining Sweepstakes assignments at Specialty shows. There are many individuals that plan to judge that could use this assistance. I have had several individuals tell me that their inclusion in the Helping Our Own program has helped them in obtaining a number of Sweeps assignments. Remember, the AKC counts a Sweeps assignment as two match assignments.

There are two requirements for this program...

- 1) You are a member in good standing of the GDCA.
- 2) You have completed or nearly completed the basic experience requirements of the AKC where are 12 years in the breed, a minimum of 5 litters and you have bred a minimum of 4 champions.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please send me your name, kennel name, address and all contact information.

Best of luck with your future judging career.

Bill Stebbins

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Pro Club members join hands with the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) by declaring the GDCA for the Purina PPCP donation!

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THE DONATION IS 10% OF THE DOLLAR VALUE OF YOUR WEIGHT CIRCLES SENT IN TO YOUR PRO CLUB ACCOUNT.

This donation comes from the Purina coffers and goes to the GDCA and the Canine Health Foundation for bringing solutions to the health issues of your breed and related programs.

A PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL BRING RESULTS WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER!

This is what has been done from Jan. 1, 2012 thru Mar. 31, 2012

331,296 lbs.
redeemed

PPCP earned
\$3,101.61

Total Pro Club
members
redeeming: 213

Total overall
PPCP members:
2,237

Need some 'how to help' for sending in your wt. circles?

Visit <http://www.silverhairedlady.com/circlehelp.html>

MINUTES: October 21, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting

Called to order 9:05 am

Members Present: Dave Miller, Neil O'Sullivan, Dianne Powers, Nancy Ridgway, Jean Highlands, Teri Holle, Dale Tarbox, Jamie Harshfield, Doug Toomey, Paul Hardiman, Jane Treiber, Chuck Crawford, Denise Matulich.

Guests: Kathy Munyan, Willie Crawford, Lynda Moriarty, Linda Cain, Sue Davis Shaw, Cathy and Dick Schaeffer

MOTION: to excuse the absence of: Jane Chopson, Tom Sandenaw(1st meeting), Paul Hardiman(2nd meeting), Angela Stillwell.

Moved: Dale Tarbox Second: Dianne Powers Motion passed

Minutes: Minutes from the August Meeting were approved online at a prior date.

Secretary's Report:

Nancy read a letter received from the Therean Geneology Foundation dated 9/19/2012 asking for a sponsorship. A thank you note was received and read from Jane Haffner commending the Judge's pocket guide.

On July 13th Nancy received a letter from AKC regarding the AKC Complete Dog Book along with a waiver for the author and consent release. Dave will contact Jane Chopson.

Nancy reported that she sent over the Meet the Breeds response form to AKC saying we would participate.

Nancy reported that she sent the letter of strong opposition from the GDCA members, member clubs, officers and Board of Directors to Dr. Douglas Aspros, President of the AVMA in response their adopted crop and dock policy. Neil voiced his concern about the AVMA position. Neil feels that this will be an uphill battle with the AVMA. The large British organization BVM quickly got cropping band. It has become a moral issue and is a real growing problem with young Veterinarians.

Nancy read a letter and report update with statistics from Nancy Lerch - Internet Chair. Nancy wrote that she receives questions and inquiries daily about Great Danes, puppies, health issues and breeder issues. She is requesting that the BOD appoint someone to research ear cropping and generate a list of recommended veterinarians that she can use as a referral list. After some discussion the GDCA BOD does not want to get into a position of making veterinary recommendations.

Nancy received the Parent Club Medallion Pledge form from AKC that the GDCA will participate in. Jean sent check.

A letter from Kristen Kransoe was received and read stating that she has not been getting her hard copy bulletin. Lynda Moriarty stated that she is on the hard copy list but will check into it.

An email was received from Hailey Glen requesting information about Great Danes. She is from the FDA office of the New Animal Drug Evaluation Center for Veterinary Medicine. They are studying and researching veterinary drugs, dosages used and their effects across different breeds of dogs. She is asking for a contact that can provide veterinary information. The BOD will refer the letter to member Veterinarians; Tracy Powell, Terry Burley-Hammond and Shaleen Bonney if they might be interested being the club liaison.

Treasurer's Report

Jean has closed the Anchor and Chase accounts as well as the PNC Savings & Money Market account and sent the funds to Kathy. Kathy has opened a Wells Fargo checking and savings account. A UPS account was also set up in order to ship the Meet the Breeds booth.

Jean reported that the P&L shows a loss of 16K but that number is likely to grow from the National. She projects that it will be more like a 20K loss.

Jean reiterated that we need to be concerned about revenue and we need reliable consistent income. We only have 5 years of cash remaining. Fundraising is vitally important to keeping the organization afloat. Teri Holle volunteered to look at fundraising possibilities and to come up with some ideas to generate more revenue.

MOTION: To accept the treasurer's report

Moved: Neil O'Sullivan Second Doug Toomey Motion Passed

Affiliate Club Representative's Report

Dale Tarbox reported that there were no new clubs.

Eastern Washington Club is up and running with many members. They just did Bark for Life.

The clubs that asked for stays are now back up and running with members. They implemented ideas and suggestions that came from the Delegates meeting.

Dale also said that there was a club member that reported an affiliate club for not following their by-laws and membership guidelines. This matter has been addressed and resolved.

The Rhode Island club got turned down by AKC for proximity to the Oxford and New England Club. Paul suggested that The Rhode Island Club ask the Oxford and New England Clubs if they object. Perhaps, if there is no objection, they could submit a letter of support to the AKC for reconsideration.

Standing Committee Reports

Dianne suggested that an email reminder be sent to the committee chairs so they have the opportunity to submit their update reports prior to the BOD meeting since they are on the agenda.

Advisory – Jane Chopson -No Report

Awards – Awards – Dianne Powers

Dianne stated that 67 Award Certificates have been issue to date including Venerable Breeders, Honor Roll, Versatility, Register of Merit, Top Ten Junior and meritorious service. She also added that Joyce Guthrie, Sandy Schneider, Mona Brown and Gayle Smith have been a huge help in tracking the performance events and preparing the reports for the web-site. Rita Suddarth has also been a big help in maintaining the Top 20 breed & group rankings.

She stated that she and Lynda Moriarty are building a database to track our members for the 25 year pins. She felt the 25 Year Member Pin should be awarded automatically and it currently requires application by the member.

Dianne reported that she continues to review the entire awards program. Dianne and Dale Tarbox have done a lot of fact finding around the issue of HOF awards. This includes reviewing the working group as a whole and a study of other breed club models. Dianne stated that before any changes or adjustments can be made we need to ascertain that we are being fair to each color, fair to dogs and bitches and fair to the breed as a whole. Dale gave theoretical percentages of possible show marked puppies from a harlequin litter. Neil added that the Harlequin is at a disadvantage and explained with detailed genetic information supporting his statement. Neil recommended that the HOF numbers be adjusted.

Dave Miller posed the question, "Is it time we have a discussion about allowing Merles to be shown?" Paul suggested we try and educate the membership in thinking about breeding and progeny you would get with the merle alleles. Consensus of the BOD is to continue the discussion of the merle.

Dianne and Dale will continue to fact find and gather data and will encourage feedback from the membership and bring suggestions for adjustments to the HOF numbers at the January BOD meeting.

Constitution & By-Laws – Nancy Ridgway

Nancy reported that after reviewing the By-Laws that the timing of the BOD meeting to the General meeting at the National must be revised. She added that that she will make a running list of items needing to be changed. Nancy will ask Tom Sandenaw and Lourdes to help on the committee.

Futurity- Dianne Powers

Dianne reported that 2012 Futurity had 316 total entries which included 157 dogs and 159 bitches. There were 44 qualifiers for the CHIC Challenge trophy. There were 110 qualifiers for the ProPlan Futurity Alliance Program.

2013 Futurity has 73 first nominations and 98 second nominations that include 55 dogs and 43 bitches.

Health & Research – Dr. Neil O’Sullivan - table until the second meeting

Judges education – Jane Treiber

There are 15 judges signed up for Judges Education and more are expected.

There is a Judges Seminar in 3 weeks headed up by Robert Edison.

The judges Pocket Guide has been mailed about a month ago and Jane has received many positive emails regarding the guide. Jane would like to acknowledge and thank Dave Miller and Jane Chopson for getting this project off the ground. Additional thanks to Cindy Harwin, Karen Hamlin, Angela Stillwell and Tami Bradford of Cosmic Creations for helping in completing the publication.

There was discussion about making The Judges Guide available for sale on the GDCA web-site

MOTION: The Standard at a Glance Judges Pocket will be made available for sale for \$5.00, including postage for one.

Moved: Dianne Powers Second Teri Holle Motion Passed

Dave suggested we also make a pop-up of the Judges Guide for the “Meet the Breeds” booth.

Junior Showmanship – Jamie Harshfield

Jamie reported that the Carmody’s have donated a \$1000 annual scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded at the awards dinner. Nancy Ridgway will accept on behalf of the recipient.

National Specialty Coordinator – Lynda Moriarty

2011 Western Division – Kathy reported the Western Division National profited \$45,855 total. The GDCA received \$22,928 of that. The Western Division profited \$22,928 and donated \$2000 contributed to the Charitable Trust from their profits.

2012 – Midwest Division – No update

2013 – Northeast Division – No update

2014 – Central Division- SawMill Creek Resort – No update

Companion Events – Joyce Guthrie – no report

Public Education – Kathy Varian Toomey

Doug reported for Kathy that everything is under control.

Rescue – Kathy Shea

Kathy gave a history and update on the Midwest Rescue. She thanked the BOD for coming up so quickly with some funds to help with these dogs. The dogs are making slow and steady progress but the costs to feed, spay/neuter and other veterinary care will require additional funds and donations. Donations are encouraged at all levels.

Dianne presented the following Rescue Grant applications:

MOTION: To fund the 2 grants to the Great Dane Angel Network for a total of \$738.62

Moved: Nancy Ridgway Second: Teri Holle Motion passed

MOTION: To fund 1 grant request to the Great Dane Club of North Central Florida in the amount of \$500.

Moved: Terri Holle Second: Dianne Powers Motion Passed

MOTION: To fund the 2 grant requests for the Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue for a total of \$1000.00

Moved: Terri Holle Second: Nancy Ridgway Motion passed

MOTION: To fund the grant request from Ohio Great Dane Rescue in the amount of \$500.00

Moved: Paul Hardiman Second: Nancy Ridgway Motion Passed

Breeder’s Education – Kathy Varian Toomey

Doug reported for Kathy that there are 22 people signed up for Breeders education ringside mentoring.
Breeder Referral – Nancy Lerch - covered earlier under Secretary's report.

Charitable Trust – Jane Chopson & Paul Hardiman

Paul presented the Charitable Trust annual financial reports showing a balance of \$228,952.98.

Donations are slightly ahead of projections with general donations being \$39,289.17.

The new budget will be more conservative.

Charitable Trust Fundraising – Paul Hardiman/Teri Holle

The Charitable Trust is going to appoint a trustee that would be solely responsible for fundraising.

Cathy Schaeffer shared a Great Dane Christmas card that was made as a fundraiser and a box of 10 sells for \$10. The artwork was donated by Chantel Johnson and Cathy got a sponsor for the printing.

Corporate Sponsors - Laurie Maulucci

Dave reported that Laurie Maulucci has taken the job as Corporate Sponsor Chair.

Historian – Norvel Benoit – no report

Legislative – AKC report – Tom Sandenaw – tabled until the second meeting

Membership – Lynda Moriarty

MOTION: To go into executive session

Moved: Neil O'Sullivan Second Chuck Crawford Motion passed

Lynda presented the list of applicants that the membership committee recommends to be published. They are as follows:

Sandy Heimberg

Jon & Sue Finck

Shari Skory

Sharon Boldeia

Nancy Bruno

Newsletter – Cindy Harwin – No report

Trophies – Jean Dinkins – no report

Yearbook – Glenn Matherly – no report

NEW BUSINESS

Term limits - The GDCA By-Laws currently have term limits for all board positions. Tom Sandenaw our AKC Delegate will reach his term limit this next year. Tom has an interest in continuing his position but is limited by the terms of the By-Laws and term limits. The need to revise term limits was discussed. Nancy volunteered to look at what other Parent clubs do and will put together a report. It was suggested that the AKC delegate position could be removed as a board position. Changing the by-laws is a lengthy process and requires membership vote.

Committee Chairs have no terms limits. The need to encourage committee members from the membership was discussed. Dianne recommended that Dave put out a notice asking for interested members for the various committees.

Consolidation of Divisions or realignment – Dave brought this up for discussion as we have inconsistencies in the strengths and sizes of divisions. This lends itself to making it difficult for the weaker divisions to host the National. It is increasingly difficult to get volunteers to work and to step into the chair positions. One of the main reasons is the inability of the show chairs to exhibit their dogs.

Options were discussed and consolidating to 4 or 5 divisions could be considered. There is a need to get input from the Division Chairs before the BOD discusses a consolidation or realignment.

Timing of sending out the Judges Ballot for the National Specialty - It should be left up to the Division but a CPA should be hired in advance to do the ballot counts even if site selection has not been made so that the judges can be announced at the National. Additional concerns were brought up regarding reading ballots, confirmation of receipt of ballots and the lack of affiliate club updated officers list. The AKC will not allow electronic voting. Dale will bring up the topic of sending the ballot out electronically at the Affiliate's meeting. She will advise them to be aware that the ballot may come by way of electronic email and be posted on the website.

How to honor newly passed members of reputable standing - Shall be handled on a case by case situation. There will be no standard policy.

Minimum ring size requirement for National Specialty - Discussion and concern was brought up regarding ring sizes at the National and Top 20. Doug recommends that there be a minimum ring size set for the National Specialty and the Top 20 event. This will be beneficial when selecting facilities for the events. Dimensions were discussed.

MOTION: There shall be a minimum standard ring size for both conformation and Top 20 rings. Ring sizes to be determined at the January 2013 BOD meeting.

Moved: Doug Toomey Second: Nancy Ridgway Motion Passed

MOTION: Since the Top 20 event is a GDCA event, each Division shall be required to hold The Top 20 event in a setting that adheres to the National Specialty Rules of the GDCA.

Moved: Nancy Ridgway Second Doug Toomey Motion passed

GDCA web-site optimization - Although there is a desire to have better positioning of the GDCA web-site there is no budget to pay for a service at this time. Dave will ask Glenn if there is any other solution.

Adding content to the GDCA website regarding procuring puppies from on-line breeders - Dianne suggested that we have prominent content or a link to information for those that have little knowledge about a Great Dane and are attempting to purchase a puppy. She presented the French Bulldog web-site as an example. She suggested it be done in a positive way.

Outstanding Sportsmanship Award - It was suggested that Paddy Magnussen should be the recipient of this year's Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.

MOTION: Paddy Magnussen to be awarded the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award 2012.

Moved: Dale Tarbox Second: Second: Doug Toomey Motion passed

Awarding RWD & RWB at the National Specialty - There was discussion about polling the membership utilizing the "members only" section on the web-site. We now have the software to conduct polls.

Board Meeting locations and dates for 2013 - The meetings were set last year and are set for: in Los Angeles on January 12th, in Orlando on April 20th, in Chicago on July 27th and in Lancaster, PA on October 20th and 24th.

MINUTES: October 25, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting

Called to order 4:08 PM

Members Present: Dave Miller, Dianne Powers, Teri Holle, Lynda Moriarty, Dale Tarbox, Nancy Ridgway, Tom Sandenaw, Linda Cain, Kathy Munyan, Neil O'Sullivan, Susan Davis Shaw, Jamie Harshfield, Jean Highlands, Denise Matulich

Guests: Lesa Bastow, Gina Jaebon, Brenda Young, Jean Young, Joyce Guthrie, Nikki Riggsbee, Charity Fulkerson, Antje Simunac, Genia Thayer, Carol Grossman, Joe Longo, Jackie Fulkerson, Arnie Eckenrode, Ronnie Wilson, Steve Arnold, Michaela Beilke, Terri Burley-Hammond, David Addington, Lori Beilke, Jean Chase, Cari Jensen, Kathy Toomey, Doug Toomey, Dawn Buckland, Georgina Abbott, Tamara Bassett, Steven Hill, Barbara Waldkirk, Jeffrey Ball.

AKC Delegates Report - Tom reported that he voted in favor of the 3 point major reserve at the National

Specialty. Tom discussed the rationale for the AKC urging that the parent clubs vote in favor.

Tom stated that the AKC liaison that had been eliminated is now been reinstated and AKC staff support reassignments will take place and AKC representatives will be assigned to the various committee meetings.

Tom reported that the parent clubs can have input on the questions for judges testing for those in the parent clubs that would be interested in judging.

Feedback and input for the Complete Dog book is due by November 16th.

Health and Research - Neil reported on the 3 active projects:

The Wobblers Project – Have completed submissions. There will be three basic tests run on them which includes; a standard myelogram, MRI and CT scan. There is additional testing done to see how much function the dog has.

The analysis of all tests will be complete about next February.

The Genome Resequencing Project – This project is going base pair by base pair down through the DNA on every chromosome in Great Danes and mapping whether there are variations at each pair along the way. They are going to sequence DCM affected Great Danes and DCM normal.

Megaesophagus Study – We have funding so that when a litter has a mega puppy, a barium contrast study has to be done. The barium contrast needs to be performed on the affected puppy but also on all the littermates as well. This creates pools of normal and affecteds for the genome scan to find the differences. We currently don't have the funding to go all the way through the study

Jean Highlands added that funding for these projects is crucial to continue this research. The GDCA has had to fund the project since the Trust did not have the funds. The GDCA does not have the budget to continue to fund the projects since dues and profits from the National are the only sources of revenue for the club. The Trust is the way to fund them. Donations should be made through the Trust.

Jeffrey Ball stated that the GDCA BOD should make the membership more aware of the studies and great work going on.

Carol Grossman reviewed the Purina Partnership Program. It was formed to help fund canine health studies and rescue efforts. If you feed Purina products and belong to the Breeders Program and cut the weight circles you earn money for the GDCA club and the breeder's club member. The potential exists to earn a lot of money.

OLD BUSINESS - Dale presented a list of people to be nominated as honorary members of the GDCA.

MOTION: To nominate the following people as honorary members of the GDCA:

Hazel Gregory

Hildy Compton

Estelle Cohen

Sally Chandler

Diane Taylor

Paddy Magnussen

Moved: Dale Tarbox Second Nancy Ridgway Motion Passed

Dave introduced and welcomed the new board members; Susan Davis Shaw, Kathy Munyan, Lynda Moriarty and Linda Cain.

Dave introduced Jeffrey Ball, President of the Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club. Jeffrey shared the successes of his club in strengthening its membership and growing club participation. Jeffrey advocates promoting membership to people with other dog interests and not just conformation showing.

Joyce Guthrie reported that the first Obedience Invitational went well and made a small profit. She would like to add rally for next year. Joyce expressed the need for a new agility tunnel. The BOD agreed the GDCA can probably help with funds to purchase the new tunnel.

Gina Jaebon spoke on behalf of her written request to the BOD regarding the HOF awards program and adjusting the numbers for the Harlequin to 15/5. She requests that it be given serious consideration and to obtain input from Harlequin breeders. Dianne Powers reiterated what is currently being done and agrees that the numbers need to be adjusted. Dianne Powers and Dale Tarbox are in the process of fact finding and obtaining information from Harlequin breeders. Neil added input of the percentages of possible show puppies in a harlequin litter based on his expert quantitative genetic knowledge. He added that we need to be a rational in our approach to this and if we want to use a truly statistical approach we would need to have a solid basis of the gene frequencies and they are very tricky. Much discussion ensued over the subject. All that wanted to be heard were given the opportunity to speak. Additional ideas and suggestions were brought up by guests on alternate ways to achieve HOF awards. Several ideas were: A percentage approach and adjusting all color numbers to the ROM numbers and then add different achievement levels. Dave thanked all for voicing their opinions and the program will continue to be reviewed and considered for changes.

MOTION: To recess the meeting until January 2013.

Moved: Lynda Moriarty Second: Nancy Ridgway
Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

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