**The Great Dane Club of America, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting**

**August 15, 2018**

*All motions are considered unanimous unless otherwise noted.*

**Teleconference Meeting: Called to order at 8:04 PM**

Present: Jason Hoke, Jamie Harshfield, Cindy Harwin, Jean Highlands, Denise Matulich, Lynda Moriarty, Karen Desjardins, Bob Edison, Neil O’Sullivan, Teresa LaBrie, Darryl Pitts, Kathleen Fennell, Linda Cain, Joyce Rowe, Phil Gray

Guests: Joy DeGruccio, Wanda Hepler Absent: Kathy Munyan

1. Fertility Study Discussion for potential approval (Joy DeGruccio presenting, Study is attached please read)

Joy presented an outline for a proposal for a study by Stuart Meyers, DVM PHD, at University of California, Davis.

**Motion: To approve $50,000 payable to the Charitable Trust to be put towards funding Dr. Meyers fertility study which will work to determine the cause(s) of infertility/sterility in male Great Danes and work towards improving semen preservation and fertility.**

**Moved: Neil O’Sullivan Second: Karen Desjardins**

2.Discuss Myrtle Beach Contract

Items brought up for clarification/renegotiation:

* Room Rate-
* Rebates to Master Account $10 (apply to room rate instead)
* Room Deposit 1-night rate + tax (change to $100 no tax)
* Pet Fee $50 (instead of $75)
* Convention Center Rental $3000 (was $6000)
* Charges for shipping/delivery/holding of packages

Wanda will go back to the hotel and work on negations.

3. Appoint new Corresponding Secretary and possible new Board member if Denise/ Jessie are approved)

President Jason Hoke has accepted the resignation of Susan Davis Shaw as Corresponding Secretary

**Motion: To accept the appointment of Denise Matulich to fill the Corresponding Secretary vacancy.**

**Moved: Bob Edison Second: Cindy Harwin Abstain: Denise Matulich**

**Motion: To accept the appointment of Jessie Gerszewski to fill the Board of Director vacancy.**

**Moved: Linda Cain Second: Neil O’Sullivan**

4. Discuss approval of Sallie Cummings as breed mentor.

**Motion: To accepts the approval of Sallie Cummings as a breed Mentor**

**Moved: Cindy Harwin Second: Jamie Harshfield**

5. Discussed how breed mentors are approved on a committee level and the protocol for progression to be submitted to the Board.

6. Discuss Corporate Sponsor change to Debi Romerosa

**Motion: Due to unforeseen circumstances and critical approaching deadlines, Laurie Maulucci is being replaced by Debi Romerosa in the position of National Specialty Sponsor Chairperson for this year**

**Moved: Karen Desjardins Second: Jean Highlands**

7. Mike Boa reply to email

Mike has replied that he is staying on as Western Division Chairperson

8 Discuss Photos for Power Point/ Tri-fold for judges ed

The current policy is from results from straw poll in 2014 which required that photos only be of deceased dogs.

**Motion: To allow the usage of photos for Judge’s Education which depict only the dog; no people shall be in the photo.**

**Moved: Jamie Harshfield Second: Darryl Pitts**

9.Approve Trust Gate auction item – Jamie

The Board will purchase a Gate to donate to the GDCA Midwest Division Auction

Once we get the cost, Jamie will pay for it and we divide it between the board members.

10. Discuss Neil's Absence – Neil

**Motion: To make Neil O’Sullivan’s absence unexcused at the April Meeting**

**Moved: Cindy Harwin Second: Jean Highlands Abstained: Neil O’Sullivan**

11. Baraga futurity chair acceptance

Kathy Baraga has accepted the Futurity Chair position.

**Motion to Adjourned: Linda Cain**