

The Great Dane Club of Northern California
Annual Meeting
Saturday, February 3, 2024
11:00 am

In Person/Remote Network Meeting

In Attendance: Michelle Gillette, Laura Munro, Kate Jackson, Mick Galvin, Mabel Labiak, Bill Labiak, Pat Dousman, Kathy Bowler, Audrey Teichmann, Jennifer Robb, Denise Matulich, Bruce Matulich, Everett Van Dyken

Guests: None

- A. Call to order:** President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 11:18am.
- B. Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** Laura Munro M/S Kathy Bowler to approve the agenda as presented. MPU
- C. Approval of minutes—Meeting of December 4, 2023:** Kate Jackson M/S Pat Dousman to approve minutes as presented. MPU

D. President's Report

1. Presentation for annual awards will be done by Denise after the meeting.
2. Club Trailer needs a new custodian. Bill & Mabel can keep it at their house, but they need someone to transport it to shows.
3. Elections – Nominating committee met. Bill Labiak, Lorrie Spencer and Audrey Teichman are vacating the seats and all offered to serve again, so they were nominated for their board positions. Pat Dousman motion to accept, Denise second. MPU

E. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

1. Incoming Mail

- 12/11 from the GDCA Charitable Trust via USPS: Thank you for donation in memory of John Robak & Ann English
- 12/11 from the GDCA via USPS: Ballot for 2025 National Judges; there will be a do-over on colored paper so won't share until new & improved one is available
- 12/13 from the GDCA via email: GDCA 4Q2023 Bulletin; shared with members 12/13
- 12/13 from Linda Cain/GDCA via email: The real ballot for 2025 National judges is coming & will be printed on colored paper; white ballots will not be counted. Shared with members 12/14
- 12/19 from Linda Cain/GDCA via email: Corrected ballots are in the mail.
- 12/20 from AKC via email: Reminder to update club officers after election.
- 1/14 from GDCA: 2024 National Info; shared with members 1/15
- 1/15 from GDCA: 2024 National Judge Change: Bob Edison will judge bitches instead of Pat Ciampa; shared with members 1/15
- 1/15 from Linda Cain, GDCA: SPAM/Phishing Warning; shared with members 1/15

2. Outgoing Mail

- 12/17 email to GDCNC Membership: Slate of Candidates for 2024 GDCNC Board
- 1/16 via USPS: Ballot for 2025 National Judges; our choices are:
Specialty: Nichole Bartlett, Jim Remaklus, Joy DeGruccio
Futurity: Carolyn McNamara, Allison Paxton

F. Report of the Treasurer

1. Budget report:

- Mabel handed out US Bank CD information. Got a 9-month CD instead due to better interest yield (5.05%)
- Mabel handed out Financial Statement for December, 2023 and January, 2024.

G. Report of the Committees

1. Show Committee:

- Denise is advertising our shows on Facebook and collecting sponsors for trophies – doing a great job.
- Added 4-6 puppy competition on Saturday. Nancy Ridgway will judge.
- Vicki Kimbell is unable to do sweeps, so Frankie Dubman (Francisco Comacho) will take her place.
- We need someone to move trailer to and from the show.
- Audrey will not be able to be at the shows to handle challenge trophies – need someone to make sure right trophies get into the right pictures.
- We are celebrating our 150th specialty at the Sunday AM show. Mabel made some tote bags for welcome bags. If you have anything to donate to the welcome bags, we need 100 and Mabel is the contact.
- Trophies: Carrie Michaelson is making collars and leads; Mabel is making blankets and pillows out of fabrics with Danes on it; Pewter medallions available – Michelle is looking for something to mount them on or put them on chains, also have biothane collars and leads.
- Jennifer Robb is looking to update the 100th celebration video and photos for our 150th. She will put together some options for a give-away or option to order something to commemorate our 150th show

2. Education: Kathy Bowler reported on behalf of Melissa. The Scandinavian group that presented at the last board meeting are excited about having Danes attend their upcoming events. They are especially interested in having Great Danes at the Denmark Day event and would like someone to do a brief presentation at the that event. Michelle is going to write up an information sheet for someone to use as speaking points. Melissa and Lorrie are planning to go. If anyone has dogs that enjoy meeting people and are good with crowds, the information on the events is below. The events are:

- **Saturday, April 20, 2024: Sacramento Scandinavian Festival**, Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95831. 10am-4pm, but are only asking for dogs to be there for a couple of hours.
- **Saturday, May 5, 2024: Denmark Day**, DSC compound, 4560 Kastania Rd., Petaluma, CA. 11am-4pm, but they are specifically asking Danes to be there from 11am until Noon (or later if you wish).

3. Membership: Pat Dousman – no new membership applications

4. Ways and Means: Lorrie Spencer –still have stashlights

5. Web site: Kate Jackson—Will update it with new board after the meeting

6. Discipline: Sam Gillette—Nothing to report.

H. Unfinished Business:

- None to report

I. New Business—

- Kathy mentioned there is no pending legislation, but the bill to allow physical therapists trained on people to work on animals without the supervision of a vet, is still pending.

J. Brags— Mabel and Bill have a new puppy. Her name is Cleopatra, formally known as Ivy, from Michelle's last breeding. Holly is still with Michelle and is now named Jovie.

K. Next meeting date:

The next meeting date is March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm via Zoom

L. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.