



The
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Barker

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Editor's Note

Summer is almost over and so is the busiest time for dog events of the year. I hope a lot of our members enjoyed much success in whatever arena they competed in this summer. I've only been involved with conformation shows for approximately six years, and during this short time span I have definitely noticed a steady decline not only in entries, but even the number of people attending the shows. I know the overall cost of exhibiting dogs has definitely increased. By the time you factor in show entries, fuel costs, hotel costs, or maybe even perhaps dog sitting costs if you don't have the luxury of taking all your dogs with you when you go away for the weekend, then we're talking a small fortune.

In speaking to members of local kennel clubs at the shows we've attended, there's a consensus as well that there just aren't new members joining local clubs. New members, if any, have also been reluctant to participate or pitch in with the various committees needed to put on a show, leaving "old" club members to shoulder the load to ensure that each show goes on without a hitch. I hope this downward trend takes a turn for the better or I may have to look for another hobby in my old age.

On a positive note with summer ending, it means the National is just around the corner! I'm looking forward to traveling to a new city and state and reconnecting with faraway friends, as well as making new ones. Wishing everybody a wonderful rest of the summer!

Gary

Message From The President

A Note to the Membership

In this issue of The Barker, is an announcement regarding the open officer and board member positions. If you wish to run, please contact your nomination committee members: Debi Romerosa, Jan Purdy or Paul Picciau.

Some of you have expressed a wish to do more for the Great Dane Club of Northern California but have no desire to run for an elected office. How can you help? There are many ways to help besides retaining your membership in this club. One of the ways that is brought to the forefront each spring is in putting on our annual Specialties. Although the shows may be streamlined somewhat in the coming year(s), there is ample opportunity to help out by volunteering your services on a committee. We are in need of people to help out with the raffle (shopping, donations, presentation, ticket sales, manning the tables), with trophies (shopping, donations, presentation), hospitality (shopping, presentation, manning the tables), helping with performance events, helping with grounds (tearing down and storing equipment) or just patrolling for trash and dog waste.

If the shows are not "your thing", we have other committees in the club that do not require you to be on the board. It can be as simple as extending a handshake and giving your input on the positives of being a club member and encouraging others to join.

We are in desperate need of ideas for education and volunteers to serve on the Education committee. We have had several strong members head up some successful educational seminars in the past and we would like to see the tradition continue. Although we would like to see more informal educational presentations at general membership meetings, we also would like to see a seminar put on that garners lots of interest across the breeds.

As a member of the Ways and Means committee, you would come up with creative ways to generate money for club sponsored events. We have had raffles, fifty/fifty and other events that fit this need. Are you creative? Then, we need you!

I would like to see more social events happening as a club. Perhaps there is a budding event planner out there in our membership. I would like to see a dog-friendly picnic being held at least once a year. Maybe someone would be willing to host a potluck lunch or dinner at their home. We all don't live on just dog shows and we do have a wonderful group of people that are fun-loving and are very social.

We need your input and look forward to having some ideas shared. But what I look forward to the most is socializing and getting to know you better. Please consider participating in club activities to a greater degree.

Cordially,

Everett Van Dyken, President

Great Dane Club of Northern California



PENDING MEMBERSHIPS

DOROTHY FORREST

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MEGAN HUNDLEY

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OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2015

In January 2015, the following positions will be vacant and will need to be filled. If you are interested in running for one of the positions, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee: Debi Romerosa (debiromerosa@verizon.net), Jan Purdy (janetpurdy@comcast.net) or Paul Picciau (bellalunagemini@hotmail.com).

To run for a board position, you need to be a member in good standing for at least a year. To run for an officer's position, you need to have been a board member for at least one year.

Open positions (current office holders in parentheses):

President (Everett Van Dyken)

Vice-President (Denise Matulich)

GDCA Delegate (Lorraine Matherly)

Treasurer (Mabel Labiak)

Recording Secretary (Laura Craig)

Corresponding Secretary (Denise Williams)

Three board positions (Pat Dousman, Sam Gillette, Debbie McMurdie)



GDCNC Meeting Minutes, June 21, 2014

Members in attendance: Everett Van Dyken, Bruce Matulich, Denise Matulich, Mabel Labiak, Bill Labiak, Sam Gillette, Mick Galvin, Kate Jackson, Debi Romerosa, Megan Hundley, Nancy Bruno, Lorrie Spencer, Timmi Williams, Kevin Forrest, Sue Holbrook

Meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Everett Van Dyken, and a quorum was established. Meeting was held today at Royce Farms in Stockton, CA.

Introduction of Guests: Terry Toops, Dorothy Forrest

Approval of Minutes: No minutes were available for approval. In Laura Craig's absence, Debi Romerosa agreed to take minutes for today's meeting.

Additional Agenda Items: Everett would like to add the Monterrey Club Show to our agenda.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Denise Williams was absent today. She did send a message that Everett shared regarding judges for the National Specialty Ballot for 2015. The names we submitted for the National were Jack Watts, Nikki Riggsbee, and Eric Ringle. For the Futurity we submitted the names of Georgia Hymmen and Everett Van Dyken.

Treasurer's Report: Mabel Labiak and Everett Van Dyken went to Angels Camp to update signatures on the club's CDs. Mabel Labiak presented the treasurer's report through June 18, 2015. We will discuss the show expenses later in the meeting. Copies are available from Mabel if anyone would like one. Mabel also reported that the trailer is paid for through November, 2015.

Report of the Committees

Education: Kate Jackson had nothing to report.

Membership: Pat Dousman was absent today. We had one application for Dorothy Forrest and today will be the first reading for her application.

Ways and Means: Denise Matulich has leftover beverage cups from our Specialty Show ranging from \$8.00-\$12.00 each, if anyone would like to purchase one. She has Club jackets available to order today and some samples for us to try on. Orders will be placed the end of June, and you can have your name put on the jacket. The colors available are red, black, navy or hunter green. There will be a \$25.00 shipping fee added to your total.

Website: Kate Jackson will be updating the website so if anyone has any postings, please let her or Irina know. She also said that Irina is missing her CD's with the 2013 photos, so if anyone finds them, please contact Irina.

Disciplinary Committee: Sam Gillette had nothing to report.

Show Committee: Megan Hundley started off with a big thank you to everyone for all their help with our Specialty. There is a treasurer's report, and after all the income and expenses were processed, we have a net loss of -\$219.48 for this year's Specialty. We had one check that was returned by the bank and that is being handled. When comparing to the 2013 show, our entries were down this year. For the profit and loss budget, trophies were donated this year so there was not an expense for them.

Now in planning for next year's show, Megan said they are taking suggestions to help improve or things we would like to see differently. One idea was for a handling class, conformation, and presents for our volunteers. It was suggested that hospitality table can be set up by the raffle table if that makes it more convenient. Silent Auction booth could also be in same area.

For the Welcome Dinner, pros and cons are being considered for continuing to have the Friday night dinner instead of the Saturday night we have had in the past. Friday dinner items were all donated and we had a large turnout. Maybe an auction could be done during the dinner? The food vendor did say he preferred we had a Saturday night dinner. There are pros and cons for each night and hard to find a time when everyone can attend.

For entry fees, it was suggested we increase fees next year. A vote will take place on this at our next club meeting. It was also discussed having an AKC Owner Handler Series so we can continue to have the sweeps, best puppy, etc. Everett Van Dyken suggested maybe we could have more specialty shows than we do now, and that will be considered as an option. It was suggested having an Open Rally and Obedience and open it up to other breeds to join us over the weekend to participate.

Everett Van Dyken proposed that a show committee be set up to consider the ideas for our next Specialty, and include not more than five members. The members on the committee will consist of Megan Hundley, Sam Gillette, Bill Labiak and Everett Van Dyken. The committee will meet in July and report to the board at the next meeting. The motion to set up the show committee was made by Kate Jackson, and seconded by Sam Gillette. Motion was passed with Megan Hundley abstaining.

Everett Van Dyken made a motion to have Megan Hundley be the Show Chairperson for the 2015 Specialty Show. This was seconded by Kate Jackson; the motion was approved with Megan Hundley abstaining.

The Raffle Booth will be run by Everett Van Dyken and Lorrie Spencer for the 2015 Specialty Show. The Silent Auction Booth will be run by Debi Romerosa. This year the Silent Auction had a profit of \$1782.00 for the Great Dane Club of America Charitable Trust.

Barker: If you have any items or information you would like in The Barker, please let Gary Romerosa know.

Unfinished Business: We do not have any unfinished business at this time.

New Business: Everett Van Dyken proposed that we place an ad in the catalog for the Specialty Show for the Monterrey Club. The price is \$35.00. Megan Hundley made a motion to place the ad, and it was seconded by Bill Labiak. Motion passed.

Megan Hundley made a motion that we donate \$25.00 towards the trophies for the Monterrey Bay Show, and it was seconded by Bill Labiak. The motion passed.

Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at Royce Farms. The Board will meet on Saturday, November 15th, 2014 to prepare the budgets for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Romerosa, Board Member

WINNERS CIRCLE



Paradise Great Danes

Patrick, GCH CH B and K Sean's Grand Slam V. Paradise, went Breed two times at the Gridley Circuit and on to a Group 2. He went Breed 3 days at Lost Coast and went on to a Group 3 and a Group 4.

He went to Ventura and under top competition from the #1 dog, Patrick went BOB one of the days

Olympus Great Danes

Midas' (Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch) daughter, "Ida" (Maxidan's Trace Of Gold), won BOS with CAC in Denmark. At only 15 months old, she is currently leading the TOP 10 List (fawn & brindle) in the Great Dane Club of Denmark She is bred/owned by Winnie Mertz.



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2014 GDCNC Board & Officers

The 2014 GDCNC Officers & Board were elected at the Club's Annual Meeting in January. The note in parenthesis following each name is the expiration year of that person's term.

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Mark Your Calendar!

**September 6, 2014 at 1100
General Meeting
Royce Farms
10880 N. Hwy 99
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**November 15, 2014
Board Meeting**