

GDCNC Meeting Minutes: February 22, 2014

Members in attendance: Mabel Labiak, Bill Labiak, Pat Dousman, Denise Williams, Sam Gillette, Mick Galvin, Kate Jackson, Gary Romerosa, Debi Romerosa, Megan Hundley, Nancy Bruno, Dail Koehler

Meeting was called to order at 11:12 a.m. by Denise Williams, who is filling in for Everett Van Dyken since he is absent, and a quorum was established.

Introduction of Guests: No guests today.

Approval of Minutes: We do not have a copy of the minutes from the January 11, 2014 meeting. Laura Craig is absent today and Debi Romerosa volunteered to take the minutes for today's meeting.

Additional Agenda Items: Procedures for Judge Selections – Kate Jackson

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Denise Williams said there was not any incoming or outgoing mail as of this date.

Treasurer's Report: Mabel Labiak presented the treasurer's report for the last three months. Copies are available from Mabel if anyone would like one.

Report of the Committees

Education: We do not have anyone that is in currently in charge of this committee. Mabel Labiak reported that the Seminar with Dr. Battaglia was held on Saturday, February 1, 2014. Overall there was not a large turnout for this event, and after expenses, we lost \$615.00 on this event. Laura Craig did an excellent job planning and setting up the seminar. There was discussion on possible reasons for a low turnout and it was mentioned that there was a show this weekend of the event, and also others had been to this seminar before. It was the same one he held at National. The facility was superb, but there was a high expense for the audio visual equipment used. The raffle had taken in \$160.00 during this event. Megan Hundley said that we held the event and now we are in compliance with AKC to proceed with our upcoming show.

Membership: Pat Dousman said that we do not have any new members at this time.

Ways and Means: Denise Williams has 50/50 raffle tickets available if anyone would like to sell some. We will also be selling them at the raffle booth at our show in Lodi. Kate Jackson had a cup with her that was used at the Monterrey shows for their raffles. People used these to put their tickets in and it came with the raffle prize. It was approved at the last meeting for Denise Matulich to spend up to \$400.00 for this purchase.

Website: Kate Jackson said that we have Paypal on our GDCNC website now. It is her Paypal account, but if anyone would like to make a trophy donation online, please feel free to use this and she will forward the money to the Club.

Disciplinary Committee: Sam Gillette has nothing to report today.

Show Committee: Megan Hundley said there will be many changes at our Specialty Show this year. We do not have anyone on the food committee at this time, so Megan Hundley and Kate Jackson decided to work on this together. Megan will be meeting with Royce Farms this afternoon to see if they will still be able to set up a booth at our show for the lunches on Saturday and Sunday. The prices may be a little bit higher than last year, but she thinks they are still interested in doing this. Megan Hundley and Kate Jackson brought up the topic of the Saturday evening BBQ. It was discussed by the group and decided to change this to a welcome party at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening instead. Our Club will provide chicken, and tri tip for the event and other items would be brought by members. Megan thought this could be held in the RV area, and said there is a group of four that would like to put their RV's together for this. Debi Romerosa suggested having one of the Club member's park an RV in the front spot by the ring and then use the grassy area in front of that so there is room for a group to gather. She said this would also be a good way to promote the Club and be visual for all. Someone thought the idea wouldn't work for some because of their kennel setups. Sam Gillette suggested that we use the dog show ring, and set it up with tables and chairs like the Southern California Club did at their last specialty. This encouraged people to stay and visit. Last year at our BBQ many just picked up the food and went back to their RV's and there wasn't a large area to sit down. Megan and Kate will see what they come up with, but it will be on Friday night for sure. That will be listed in the program/schedule so people coming to the show will be aware of this.

The Raffle Booth will be run by Everett Van Dyken and Lorrie Spencer. Please be sure to bring items to donate for this booth. If anyone would like to help, please speak with Everett or Lorrie.

The Silent Auction Booth will be run by Debi Romerosa. Kate Jackson asked the Club if we could dedicate our Show this year to the memory of Jane Chopson. A motion was made by Lorrie Spencer, seconded by Pat Dousman and approved. A motion was made by Kate Jackson for the proceeds of our Silent Auction that go to GDCA to be submitted in memory of Jane Chopson also. This was seconded by Bill Labiak and approved.

Megan Hundley said we have some issues right now with AKC regarding paperwork for our show. Everything has been approved at this time, but we are having some delays with AKC and their delays in getting information posted regarding our shows. Once it is posted, we can distribute our flyers and proceed.

Friday for the show set up, Megan Hundley asked that we not arrive before 12:00 p.m. We will not have access to the show grounds until then. RVs can start arriving at 1:00 p.m. Our contracts have all been paid and signed with Sycamore Kennels, however, they do have us on warning due to issues with "poop". There was a problem especially in the dog run area and by the large tree and disposal of feces was not happening, and droppings were left on the ground. There was club discussion and it was brought up that the bags we had in the trash bins they left us did not fit so clean up was a very messy procedure. We all need to be aware of this so we do not lose this site for future shows.

If anyone is available, please assist with set up for the event on Friday. Megan has plenty of opportunities for us to help, and we hope that everyone in the club will assist her with this.

There will be a CGC event on Saturday in the Obedience Ring. Time will either be from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., or from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Megan Hundley asked for discussion regarding having Scan In A Van at our show. They are going to donate and echocardiogram for one of the prizes in our silent auction regardless of what we decide. For them to attend, they want a guarantee of at least ten echoes to be done. After discussion, it was decided that due to the fact that they would not have a cardiologist with them and papers would have to be sent out to get OFA, that this may not be the right time for them to come here. Some other shows upcoming will have these done at a lower price and papers are given to you at the same time.

Barker: If you have any items or information you would like in The Barker, please let Gary Romerosa know. It was questioned why minutes were not in there, and it was because none were submitted to him. They are not on the website either.

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

New Business: Kate Jackson asked for discussion regarding the procedures we use for the voting of judges. She thought the Club may want to consider having a meeting where we can all discuss the different ideas we have and figure out which judges are the best for us. Dail Koehler said in the past we used to do this and it was a very long procedure with votes allowed each step of the way. The reason we switched to the voting system via mail, was to shorten this procedure, avoid personality conflicts, and make it easier for our club members. Kate thought maybe a judging committee could decide this. The 2015 judges selections/votes were already completed so at this point, doing any changes for 2015 would not be reasonable. Megan Hundley books the judges ASAP once we have the names. If there is a delay, we may not be able to secure judges for the 2015 shows. Maybe if there is a Club interest in this, it can be discussed at a later meeting when Everett is present. Topic was tabled for today.

Pat Dousman asked if anyone knew if we could use electronic cells or devices during our meetings when people cannot attend. It needs to be checked into with GDCA. Apparently they have done some changes where they are allowing this due to members being all over the country, but the ruling does not say whether this is just for GDCA, or if other clubs can do this at their meetings. It was suggested that possibly Denise Matulich may be able to find out more information regarding this and how it would apply to our club.

Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 in Merced, CA at the Yosemite Kennel Club show.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m., motioned by Bill Labiak, seconded by Sam Gillette and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Romerosa, Board Member