

Great Dane Club of Northern California

Annual Meeting: January 9, 2016

Attendance

Present: Everett Van Dyken, Lorrie Spencer, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Mick Galvin, Sue Holbrook, Denise Williams, Nancy Bruno, Dail Koehler, Bruce Matulich, Denise Matulich, Kate Jackson, Pat Dousman, Kevin Forrest, Barbara Kreszyn, Sam Gillette, Michelle Gillette.

Absent: Bill Labiak (excused), Lorraine Matherly (excused), Debbie McMurdie

Meeting called to order at 11:10AM

Treasurer's Report (presented by Everett in Bill's absence):

- November and December financial reports disbursed
- Motion made by Kate and seconded by Denise M. to renew membership to both the California Federation of Dog Clubs and the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs. Motion passed.
- Since Yvonne and Dale Messimer did not want reimbursement for the costs incurred in hosting the Christmas Brunch/Awards, the treasurer is directed to donate \$75 to the GDCA Charitable Trust in their names. This would come out of the "Social Gatherings" budgeted amount.

Education: No Report (Yvonne was absent)

Membership (Pat Dousman):

Pat made the motion to accept the application for Patricia and Adriana Blair. Seconded by Kate. Motion passed. Pat will send the club information to the Blairs.

Ways and Means (Denise Matulich):

Discussion around the ways to raise money in any amount. Tee shirts with a general Dane logo was discussed. Splitting the raffle at the specialties either one per day or having one for just performance events (all-breed this year) was well received. Auction items on-line was also discussed. Tabled until next meeting for research time.

Website (Kate Jackson):

Website will be updated to reflect 2016 GDCNC board and minutes from this meeting.

Show Committee (Sam Gillette):

- Drawing for free ad in catalog. Winner was Mick Galvin.
- Sam reported that things are proceeding according to plan. Some committee positions need to be confirmed. Denise M. will be ribbon chair, Mabel Labiak will be judges' liaison, Bill Labiak will be ring steward.
- Judges are Jill Ferrera and Leon Reimert for conformation. Laura Munro and Lorraine Matherly are the sweepstakes judges. Dee Dee Anderson and Margot McKereghan will judge performance events.
- Members are asked to help police grounds and, if need be, to clean up after their own dog and possibly someone else's dog. Goal is to keep Riney happy. We like this venue and want to stay.
- Premium list deadline is January 21, 2016.

- Michelle Gillette (Trophy Chair) started a discussion around improving quality of trophies (which happened last year) and the ribbons (bigger and better?). Costs of improving quality of ribbons/trophies lead to a discussion on entry fees.
- Motion made by Barbara K. and seconded by Michelle G. to raise entry fees to \$32 leaving other entries as they stand. Discussion followed by some to raise fees by more and then freezing rather than increasing a little each year. Motion failed.

Election (Lorrie Spencer):

Lorrie indicated that no further nominations were received and she moved to accept the slate as proposed. Seconded by Kathryn. Motion passed. Board members voted in whose terms expire in 2018 are Kate Jackson, Sue Holbrook and Denise Williams.

2017 Specialty Judges (Everett):

Voting for the 2017 judges took place after a brief discussion. Results were tabulated after the meeting and listed in order of numbers of votes received:

- *Conformation*: Jason Hoke; Donna Clark; tied for third: Maryann Wilson and Mari Hayhurst; tied for fourth: David Hayhurst, Arlene Davis, Jack Watts and Bill Stebbins; Nancy D. Simmons
- *Sweepstakes*: Barnette Harris, Mort Evans, Terri Dillistin, Jean Bell, Alison Paxton, Sue Wyne, Larry Schram, David Osorio, Gay Bunnell, Barbara Garcia.

Other Items:

- We would like to have a potluck lunch/barbeque this summer for our membership. We could possibly tie this into an education forum or a match. Sites mentioned were parks in Stockton and Elk Grove. Tabled until next meeting.
- Discussion regarding the possibility of having back-to-back shows on day one of our specialties – something to consider for 2017 shows. Idea was well-received but requires further discussion & decision-making. Issues raised:
 - Effect on puppies and older dogs?
 - Sweepstakes on Sunday? One sweeps only?
 - More costs for judges, trophies, ribbons? Increased fees?
 - Performance events: would conformation event conflict?

Next Meeting:

February 21, 2016 (Sunday) following Great Dane judging at the Santa Clara show.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25PM