

**The Great Dane Club of Northern California**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**  
Remote Network Meeting

**In Attendance:** Michelle Gillette, Sam Gillette, Bill Labiak, Mabel Labiak, Diana Wallace, Lorrie Spencer, Kate Jackson, Mick Galvin, Pat Dousman, Denise Matulich, Jack Riggsbee, Steven Vigil, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Kathy Bowler

**Guests:** None

- A. Call to order:** President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.
- B. Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** No additions.
- C. Approval of minutes—Meeting of June 12, 2021:** Hold until quorum achieved.
- D. President's Report:** Michelle Gillette reported that she and Sam have moved to Washington (state). Denise Matulich, as Vice President, will take care of any business that needs to be done in-person locally.
- E. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

**1. Incoming Mail**

- 5/24 via USPS from the GDCA: Recommended slate for 2021-2022 GDCA Officers & Board of Directors; shared with members 6/15
- 6/28 via email from AKC: Event Pending notices for 2022 shows: Events 2022153202, 2022153203, 2022153204; cannot be approved until:
  - Parent club approval
- 7/6 via email from the GDCA: First Round Ballot Results for 2023 National Judges
- 7/7 via email from the GDCA to the AKC: Parent club approval for 2022 GDCNC shows
- 7/7 via email from AKC: Event Pending notices for 2022 shows: Events 2022153202, 2022153203, 2022153204; cannot be approved until 2021 shows closed

**2. Outgoing Mail**

- 6/16 via USPS to the GDCA: Club ballot for 2023 National Judges; number of member votes in parentheses follow member names  
Conformation: Laura Munro (17), Mimi Kim (9), Bob Edison (7), Judy Harrington (7)  
Futurity: Chantel Johnson (12), Marnie Keuber (6)  
Thanks to everybody that voted!

## F. Report of the Treasurer

1. **Budget report:** Bill Labiak reported no activity for May or June 2021. Reported for July 2021—financial information is available to club members on request. Bill will send a draft dues letter to Kate Jackson for review to include verbiage on different ways to pay.

G. **Approval of minutes—Meeting of June 12, 2021:** Bill Labiak M/S Kate Jackson to approve the minutes as presented. MPU

## H. Report of the Committees

### 1. Show Committee:

We were able to secure the arena at Sycamore Lane in Lodi. This should make for an easier set up.

Reviewed what is necessary to complete the premium list.

Discussion ensued regarding mask requirements for COVID-19.

No welcome party this year since the set-up is on Thanksgiving Day.

The training room is reserved for Friday and Saturday to accommodate health clinics. Michelle Gillette will coordinate any health clinics and Kate Jackson will take care of registration, etc. for heart clinic. Need to provide information for the premium list.

Kate Jackson will join the GDCNC and MBGDC joint show committee. Possibility of offering T-shirts for sale.

2. **Education:** Melissa Pevy—Michelle Gillette reported that the ECHO clinic on July 31, 2021, had 15 out of 20 Danes registered attend. The doctor is willing to do this again. There were non-Dane people who wanted to bring their dogs, so may open this up to other breeds.
3. **Membership:** Pat Dousman—Jennifer Robb has been posted twice. Bill Labiak M/S Kate Jackson to make Jennifer a GDCNC member. MPU
4. **Ways and Means:** Michelle Gillette—Kate Jackson will research T-shirts. Still looking for a volunteer to serve for Ways and Means; please contact Michelle.
5. **Web site:** Kate Jackson—Keeping website updated.
6. **Discipline:** Everett Van Dyken—No report.

## I. Unfinished Business:

1. **Award plaques:** We want to make sure our working dog breed is being celebrated in all aspects of AKC titles. The current pricing, subject to change, for initial plaque with the Club name engraved on top is \$46.50 + tax; a blank plaque is \$14.50 + tax. The proposal is that members would purchase their own plaque and the Club would pay for the engraved plates for achievements made that calendar year. Cost of engraved plates was \$167 for one (COVID) year. This cost will vary, but likely to go up. To recognize our Club's Great Danes that participate in AKC events in addition to conformation, should we change our standing rules to give plates to other events (i.e., barn hunt, performance,

obedience, nose work, etc.)? Discussion ensued. Michelle Gillette will circulate proposed standing rule change for review prior to next meeting.

**J. New Business**

1. **Legislative:** Kathy Bowler—A resolution was introduced in the California State Assembly declaring an intention to only support “sensible and humane therapeutic veterinary procedures for companion animals.” It is written in a very broad and general way, and would essentially stop ear cropping, dew claw removal, and docking tails. A resolution is not law; however, this can be the first step to move forward to a Bill. Recommend people write letters to oppose the resolution. Kathy will look for a form-type letter for people to use.

Legislature is also trying to enforce a more rigorous health certification for dogs coming in from other countries. It pertains to rescue dogs and show dogs.

- K. Next meeting date:** The business meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at 10:00 AM.

- L. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.