

The Great Dane Club of Northern California
Business Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022
7:00 PM
Remote Network Meeting

In Attendance: Michelle Gillette, Sam Gillette, Everett Van Dyken, Bill Labiak, Mabel Labiak, Lorrie Spencer, Diana Wallace, Kate Jackson, Mick Galvin, Pat Dousman, Jack Riggsbee, Dail Koehler, Kathy Bowler, Barbara Kreszyn, Laura Munro, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Megan Hundley, Michael Hundley, Denise Matulich, Karen Sandler, Terri Burley-Hammond

Guests: None

- A. Call to order:** President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- B. Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** No additions.
- C. Approval of minutes—Meeting of November 2, 2021:** Sam Gillette M/S Kate Jackson to approve minutes as presented. MPU
- D. Election:** Kate Jackson M/S Bill Labiak to approve the nominees: Lorrie Spencer, Diana Wallace, and Laura Munro, for directors as submitted by the Nominating Committee. MPU
- E. President's Report:** Michelle Gillette reported.
1. Michelle will send an email requesting annual awards after the meeting since a rule change will be voted on at this meeting.
 2. The Judges' Committee needs judge suggestions for the 2023 Specialty and beyond. For 2022 we have Mari Hayhurst, Nicole Bartlett and awaiting final confirmation from Lee Whittier. Chuck Trotter had to drop out due to health problems. Judges' committee will reach out to others for suggestions. We will wait until the updated approved judges' list is out and request suggestions from members. Please email Michelle with suggestions. Discussion ensued.
 3. Our division is sponsoring the 2023 National in October 2023 in New Mexico. We need volunteers for everything. Need representatives from our club; Denise Matulich has volunteered. Laura Munro offered, and Michelle accepted, to be the second representative for the GDCNC.
- F. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**
1. **Incoming Mail**
 - 11/12 from GDCA via email: Invoice for GDCNC Dues to Parent Club (sent to treasurer; cc'd to corresponding secretary)
 - 11/17 from AKC Event Operations via email: Judge Panel Not Received Notice for 2022 shows
 - 11/30 from GDCA via email: 2023 National Judges:
 - Best of Breed – Jeff Lawrence
 - Dogs – Dick Schaefer
 - Bitches – Mimi Kim
 - Futurity – Darlene Bergan & Chantel Johnson

- Obedience/Rally - Susie Osburn & Nancy Craig
- Agility – Michael Teh

Forwarded to GDCNC members 12/1/21

- 12/1 from Pat Dousman, Nominating Committee Chair: Slate of Candidates for 2022-2024 GDCNC Board
- 12/6 via USPS: Thank you from Joy DeGruccio; posted in Members Only FB group
- 12/15 via email from AKC: Reminder to Provide Update after January Election
- 12/16 via email from AKC: Closeout Notice for event 2021153201 (Sat AM Specialty)
- 12/17 via email from AKC: Closeout Notice for event 2021153202 (Sat PM Specialty) & 2021153203 (Sun Sweeps & Specialty)
- 12/18 via email from the GDCA: GDCA 4Q2021 Bulletin; shared with members 12/20
- 1/4 via email from GDCA Western Division Chair: 2023 National Affiliate Club Commitment/Financial Agreement and Appointment of GDCNC Representatives to Act on Club's Behalf (to be completed & returned by 2/15/22)
- 1/6 via email from GDCA: Reminder that GDCNC's GDCA membership dues are due
- 1/7 via email from Wanda Spediacci: Richmond Dog Fanciers Shows are August 6 & 7 in Dixon; responded that we'll support the Great Dane entry both days and offer dog toys for BOB, BOS, WB & BD

2. Outgoing Mail:

- 11/9 to CPA via USPS: Club Ballot for GDCA 2023 National Judges voted as follows:
- SPECIALTY: Dick Schaefer (13); Mimi Kim (12); Judy Harrington (9)
FUTURITY: Chantel Johnson (10); Allison Paxton (10)
OBEDIENCE/RALLY: Marina Pavlovsky (3); Barbara Selton (3)
AGILITY: Michael Teh (7)
- 12/1 to GDCNC members: Slate of Candidates for 2022-2024 GDCNC Board: Laura Munro, Lorrie Spencer, Diana Wallace

G. Report of the Treasurer

1. **Budget report:** Bill Labiak reported for November and December 2021. Unable to finalize the show financials as all information is not yet available. Financial information is available to club members on request.

H. Report of the Committees

1. **Show Committee:** Michelle Gillette, Sam Gillette

a. November show recap

- Pretty well attended being off-season for us and the day after Thanksgiving.
- Held in arena, which seemed to work very nicely.
- Judges seemed happy to be there. Sam enjoyed himself. 😊
- The Club thanked Sam for being show chair for 10 years. Steven Vigil is learning the ropes to take over as show chair. Sam will be assisting Steve as needed.
- Sam will be judges' liaison this year.

b. 2022 shows

- April 30-May 1, 2022.
- Judges: Mari Hayhurst, Saturday afternoon; Nicole Bartlett, Saturday morning; and pending Lee Whittier, Sunday morning.
- Everything that can be is submitted to AKC.
- Contract with Sycamore Lane in arena.
- Steven will contact everyone who has been a committee chair to see if they will do the same roll again.
- Laura Munro will be in charge of the Match on Friday.
- Performance (obedience and rally) for Great Danes only will be offered.
- Santa Clara shows are now in Turlock on the same weekend as GDCNC. Santa Clara has invited GDCNC to have our specialty concurrently with their shows. This will be discussed at a later meeting.
- Ribbon prices have gone up. In a previous year we had a member sponsor the upgraded ribbons. Discussion ensued. Denise Matulich will check with two vendors for price comparisons.

2. Education: none.

3. Membership: Pat Dousman—No new applications. All but one member has renewed, and we are following up on payment.

4. Ways and Means: Need volunteer for this committee. T-shirts went over very well, but it is likely too soon to do shirts again.

5. Web site: Kate Jackson—Will update with new election information.

6. Discipline: Sam Gillette is our new disciplinarian. No report.

I. Unfinished Business

1. Proposed rule change: Michelle presented proposed club award changes to the following:

Replace Rules 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 24, 28, 29 with the following:

Rule 31 – Annual award to be given to members whose Great Dane:

- a. earns any title or award granted or recognized by the AKC, as may be amended from time to time;
- b. earns any title or award granted or recognized by the Great Dane Club of America, as may be amended from time to time;
- c. at the end of the AKC's annual Qualifying Period, earns a placement within the top twenty Great Danes in Conformation, Companion Sports, Title Recognition Program Sports, Performance Sports, or AKC Family Dog Program, as tabulated by the AKC;
- d. is awarded Best in Show, Owner-Handled Best in Show, Bred by Exhibitor Best in Show, or Best Puppy in Show at an AKC all-breed show or at the Great Dane Club of America National Specialty;
- e. is awarded Best in Show at an AKC-sanctioned specialty breed or group show;
- f. is awarded High in Trial or High Combined Score at an AKC Obedience Trial or High Triple Q or High Combined at an AKC Rally Trial

- g. is the sire or dam of a dog that earns any of the above; awarded one time per offspring.
- h. achieves the age of ten, and each year thereafter (Venerable Award). (added 1/10/22).

REVISE RULE 25 AS FOLLOWS:

25 - Annual award ~~plate will be offered~~ to be given to members awarded for Best Junior Handler ~~received~~ at an AKC all-breed show or at the Great Dane Club of America National Specialty. (1/7/2012) (amended 1/10/22).

Sam Gillette M/S Bill Labiak to accept the rule changes as presented. MPU

J. New Business

1. **Judge selection list:** Discussed previously. We will work on getting a priority list of judges.
2. Barbara Kreszyn expressed that she would miss everyone since she has moved. Michelle thanked Barbara for her participation in the club and pointed out that she doesn't have to leave the club just because of distance.

K. Brags

- ◆ Dail Koehler: Mighty got his first point at Woofstock.
- ◆ Denise Matulich: Praia is a new champion.
- ◆ Michelle Gillette: Maizie is ending the year No. 11 in FCAT.
- ◆ Kate Jackson: Saki was best 4-6 month puppy competition at our Specialty.

L. Next meeting date: Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 10 AM.

M. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.