

**The Great Dane Club of Northern California**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Saturday, July 30, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**  
Remote Network Meeting

**In Attendance:** Michelle Gillette, Sam Gillette, Bill Labiak, Mabel Labiak, Lorrie Spencer, Kate Jackson, Pat Dousman, Dail Koehler, Terri Hammond, Mick Galvin, Diana Wallace, Kathy Bowler, Jack Riggsbee, Audrey Tiechman, Laura Munro

**Guests:** None

- A. Call to order:** President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM.
- B. Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** No additions.
- C. Approval of minutes—Meetings of March 15, and July 6, 2022:** Bill Labiak M/S Diana Wallace to approve minutes as presented. MPU
- D. President's Report**
- 1. Vote on Standing Rule changes (included with minutes)**
    - Nos. 1. and 2. –** Jack Riggsbee M/S Bill Labiak to delete Standing Rules 1 and 2. MPU
    - Nos. 3. and 16 –** Bill Labiak M/S Mick Galvin to approve changes to Standing Rules 3 and 16 as presented. MPU
    - No. 11. –** Mick Galvin M/S Kate Jackson to delete Standing Rule 11. MPU
    - No 26. –** Jack Riggsbee M/S Kate Jackson to delete Standing Rule 26. MPU
  - 2. Constitution and By-law changes:** For any changes to the constitution or by-laws, amendments are proposed by the Board or 20% of membership on petition; 2/3 vote of membership needed to approve. Michelle Gillette will send list of recommendations she has received to Board for their perusal.
  - 3. Trophy bags:** Laura Munro M/S Pat Dousman to reimburse Mabel Labiak \$455.74 for the purchase of materials to make custom trophy bags; no charge for labor. MPU
  - 4. Silver plating refurbishment:** Diana Wallace M/S Kate Jackson to approve 13 challenge trophies to be cleaned, polished, or re-plated at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. MPU
- E. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**
- 1. Incoming Mail**
    - 5/11 email from Terri (our GDCA rep) nominating Linda Cain to GDCA ACR position
      - + The Club needs to vote on an affiliate club representative. Laura Munro M/S Bill Labiak for Kate Jackson to send out information by email and request membership to vote by email within 2 weeks. MPU
    - 5/12 from the GDCA: First ballot for 2024 National Judges; shared with members 6/6
    - 5/17 email from AKC: Closeout Notices for Sat AM & PM shows
    - 5/20 email from AKC: Closeout Notice for Sun show
    - 5/23 email from the AKC: Closeout Notice for Rally Event

- 5/25 email from GDCA: Nominating Committee Report; shared with members 6/6
- 6/21 email: GDCA 2Q2022 Bulletin; shared with members 6/21
- 6/21 email: GDCA 2Q2022 Bulletin - Addendum; shared with members 6/21
- 6/29 via USPS from AKC: Application Fees for Cancelled 2020 Events will be refunded if they weren't applied to other events (copy attached)
- 7/6 via USPS: Club Ballot for ACR Position
- 7/7 via email from the GDCA: 2024 National Judges First Ballot Results; shared with members 6/7

## 2. Outgoing Mail

- 5/12 email to GDCA Corresponding Secretary: Signed ACR Nomination Letter
- 6/16 via USPS: First Ballot for 2024 National Judges; club vote:  
Futurity: Wendy Cox (4); Laura Munro (3)  
Conformation: Laura Munro (6); Jane Treiber (4); Lourdes Carvajal (4); Nancy Ridgeway (3)  
Emailed results to members.

## F. Report of the Treasurer

1. **Budget report:** Bill Labiak advised that the reports remained the same for May and June 2022 since the last meeting. July reports will be available at next meeting. Financial information is available to club members on request.
2. **AKC refund:** Treasurer will issue a check to Sam Gillette for \$250 as AKC refunded fees paid for shows canceled in 2020. Sam had personally paid this fee to AKC.

## G. Report of the Committees

1. **Show Committee:** Kate Jackson reported that format changes regarding grass or arena, labor involved with the grass setup, and whether to offer obedience/rally, will be discussed at the next meeting.
2. **Education:** Melissa Pevy reported that she needs a location to hold education events. Members gave Melissa suggestions of places to check out.
3. **Membership:** Pat Dousman—Kate Jackson M/S Laura Munro to receive Melissa and David Fox as new members to the GDCNC. MPU
4. **Ways and Means:** Lorrie Spencer has volunteered to be the committee chair. Yay!
5. **Web site:** Kate Jackson—Nothing to report
6. **Discipline:** Sam Gillette—Nothing to report

## H. Unfinished Business—None

## I. New Business

1. **Membership survey:** An advisory survey will be sent to members asking if they prefer the grass area or arena for the Specialty Shows.
2. **Nominating Committee:** Dail Koehler, Mick Galvin and Sam Gillette were appointed as the nominating committee for elections.

## J. Brags—None.

**K. Next meeting date:** At 6:30 PM on Monday, August 29, 2022, via Zoom.

**L. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 AM.

### Changes to Standing Rules

~~1—All meetings will be held on Saturday unless otherwise specified. (10/29/05)~~

~~2—All club meetings will commence at 11 AM unless otherwise specified.  
(10/29/05)~~

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO REMOVE STANDING RULES 1 AND 2.**

3 – The show chairman will select conformation judges for the specialty shows from a standing list provided and maintained by of judges elected by the Club membership, selecting judges receiving the greatest number of votes.

16 – A Judge's Selection Committee consisting of three club members (including the Show Chair Person) will be appointed by the President annually. The Committee will be responsible for providing the membership with a list of persons approved to judge Great Dane conformation, obtain nominations from that list from Club membership, establish an election from the list of nominees, tally the results of the election, and provide the Show Chair and membership with an accounting of the election results.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO ACCEPT CHANGES TO STANDING RULES 3 AND 16.**

~~11—With the exception of the GDCA Delegate, all officers and board members of the Great Dane Club of Northern California shall not be concurrent board members or officers of any Great Dane specialty clubs with the exception of the Great Dane Club of America. (7/29/06)~~

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO REMOVE STANDING RULE 11.**

~~26—The GDCNC may support selected all breed or Group clubs by providing "trophies"; those clubs to be designated by the membership at the time the Club's Specialty judges are voted upon. are Golden Valley Kennel Club (November shows) and Richmond Dog Fanciers (August shows). (11/17/2012)~~

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED TO REMOVE STANDING RULE 26.**



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June 22, 2022

GREAT DANE CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC.  
KATHRYN JACKSON  
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Dear Great Dane Club Of Northern California, Inc.,

During the pandemic, The American Kennel Club (AKC) credited clubs for event application fees paid for canceled events. The sports departments forwarded the application fee payments to future events of the same type for events canceled between March 13, 2020, and December 31, 2021.

Due to various reasons, some clubs have not utilized all their credited application fees. To ensure these clubs receive their money, AKC is issuing checks in a separate mailing for the balance of the application fees that have not been utilized. This check will be mailed to Bill Labiak soon. This was a difficult period for AKC clubs due to the uncertainty of holding events. The AKC appreciates their efforts and persistence.

Should questions arise, please email the Event Operations Department at [EventPlans@akc.org](mailto:EventPlans@akc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Doug Ljungren'.

Doug Ljungren  
EVP, Sports & Events

cc: Bill Labiak, Michelle Gillette