

The Great Dane Club of Northern California
Business Meeting
Monday, August 29, 2022
6:30 PM
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, Yvonne Messimer, Jack Riggsbee, Audrey Tiechman, Laura Munro, Denise Matulich, Melissa Pevy, Dave Fox

Guests: None

- A. Call to order:** President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.
- B. Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** Sam Gillette M/S Bill Labiak to approve the agenda as presented. MPU
- C. Approval of minutes—Meeting of July 30, 2022:** Pat Dousman M/S Diana Wallace to approve minutes as presented. MPU
- D. President’s Report:** Michelle Gillette advised that a couple of the Challenge Trophy plates were not properly engraved with CH or GCH before the name. The engraver that we use advised the cost to change this would be approximately \$50 - \$65 per plate. The plates had not been updated since 2016, so we were catching up to get the plates current. Sam Gillette M/S Bill Labiak to update the plates not to exceed \$200. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that registered names, including CH or GCH, should be taken from the catalogs. There was discussion whether the titles following the registered name should be added as well. Discussion continued. A committee, including Kate Jackson, Yvonne Messimer, Audrey Tiechman and Michelle Gillette, will document a procedure and present it at the next meeting. Michelle Gillette retracted the amount “not to exceed \$200” from the original motion, as adding all titles will add lines and therefore add cost. Sam Gillette amended his motion, seconded by Mabel Labiak, stating: Correct the Challenge Trophy plates back to 2016 to include all titles; and Michelle, Yvonne, Kate, and Audrey will memorialize the process for posterity. MPU
- E. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**
- 1. Incoming Mail**
 - 8/11 email from the GDCA: Osteosarcoma Study; shared with members 8/11
 - 2. Outgoing Mail**
 - 7/30: Email to GDCNC members with ACR candidates’ bios and requesting reply by 8/8.
 - 8/4: USPS to Terri (our GDCA rep): Club Ballot for ACR with my signature; she will indicate our vote, sign it & mail after members choices are tallied.
 - 8/9 email to members: 18 members voted for Linda Cain for ACR; no votes were cast for the other nominees
- F. Report of the Treasurer**
- 1. Budget report:** Bill Labiak reported for July 2022. Financial information is available to club members on request. Cathy Schaeffer now oversees the GDCA Trust. Dues letters should be received by members no later than October 1, 2022.

G. Report of the Committees

1. Show Committee: Kate Jackson and Steven Vigil are co-chairs. Denise Matulich will step up as co-chair if needed.

a. Questions to ponder (may demand more volunteer time and additional expenses):

- i. Should we have the shows on the grass or in the arena? Discussion ensued. Laura Munro M/S Jack Riggsbee to use the arena for 2023. Laura Munro withdrew motion. Continue to another meeting.
- ii. Should we offer Rally and Obedience? For Great Danes only? For Working breeds? All breeds? Discussion ensued. Laura Munro M/S Jack Riggsbee to not offer Performance events at the 2023 Specialty Shows and revisit for 2024. 15 for; 2 against—Motion passes
- iii. Should we add a Sweepstakes event Saturday? Not discussed.
- iv. Should we add a second Specialty show on Sunday afternoon? Possibly add a show on Sunday afternoon.
- v. What can we do to attract more exhibitors? Some feel the grass would attract more exhibitors.
- vi. Should we try to have a Welcome Party or Potluck BBQ for exhibitors? Which day? Not discussed.
- vii. Are there other “attractions” that we could/should consider offering? Not discussed.
- viii. Do you plan to attend the shows? Not discussed.

Michelle will work with the show chair to compile a concise list of questions so people can express their opinions. One area that was not thoroughly discussed was whether to add another show on Sunday.

Kate Jackson M/S Terri Hammond to stay in the arena and add a second show on Sunday. Discussion ensued and will be continued at next meeting. Kate withdrew her motion.

2. Education: Melissa Pevy—Nothing to report

3. Membership: Pat Dousman—Nothing to report

4. Ways and Means: Lorrie Spencer—Looking into baseball caps embroidered with the GDCNC logo: want to get a quality hat but keep the cost down, about \$15. If anyone has ideas, please contact Lorrie directly. Laura Munro stated she would send Lorrie a picture of a GDCNC baseball cap from before.

5. Web site: Kate Jackson—Added Specialty pictures to the web site. Tyler never provided Club pictures. Also updated “links” page and membership list.

6. Discipline: Sam Gillette—Nothing to report

H. Unfinished Business—None

I. New Business

J. Brags

K. Next meeting date: At 6:30 PM on Monday, September 26, 2022, via Zoom.

L. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.