

The Great Dane Club of Northern California
Annual Election Meeting
Tuesday, January 31, 2023
6:30 PM
Remote Network Meeting

In Attendance: Michelle Gillette, Sam Gillette, Bill Labiak, Mabel Labiak, Lorrie Spencer, Laura Munro, Jennifer Robb, Kate Jackson, Pat Dousman, Dail Koehler, Terri Hammond, Melissa Pevy, Jack Riggsbee, Denise Matulich, Audrey Teichmann

Guests: None

- A. Call to order:** President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.
- B. Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** No additional agenda items.
- C. Approval of minutes—Meeting of September 26, 2023:** Bill Labiak M/S Laura Munro to approve minutes as presented. MPU
- D. President's Report:** Still receiving annual award input for 2022 and will share that list when finalized. Otherwise, nothing to report that will not be covered in committees.
- E. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

1. Incoming Mail

- 9/26 GDCA 3Q2022 Bulletin via email; shared with members 9/27
- 10/17 from NAIA via email: Request for Support; shared with members 10/17
- 10/23 via email from GDCNC's Nominating Committee:
The Nominating Committee, consisting of Dail Koehler, Chair, Mick Galvin, and Sam Gillette, have made the following nominations and confirmed all nominees' willingness to serve:
 - President: Kate Jackson
 - Vice President: Denise Matulich
 - Treasurer: Diana Wallace
 - Corresponding Secretary: Michelle Gillette
 - Recording Secretary: Mabel Labiak
 - GDCA Delegate: Terri Burley-Hammond
 - Board Positions (3):
 - Kathy Bowler
 - Pat Dousman
 - Melissa Pevy
- 10/30 from Linda Cain, ACR: GDCA Affiliate National Meeting Minutes; shared with members 10/31; request for club constitution & bylaws and membership roster; sent 10/31
- Final Ballot for 2024 GDCA National Specialty Judges; shared with members 11/7/22
- 11/15 via email from our GDCA Delegate: Osteosarcoma Study; shared with members & posted on public FB page 11/15/22
- 11/15 via email from GDCA: GDCNC Club Dues Invoice; Bill confirmed he received also & will pay shortly

- 11/16-23 via email from AKC: Notices from AKC about GDCNC Show applications not having been received, received, judging panels approved; confirmation from AKC that there will be no obedience
- 11/18 via email: GDCA 4Q2022 Bulletin; shared with members 11/18
- 11/19 via email from AKC: Specialty Application Received Notices
- 11/23 via email from GDCA: 2024 National Specialty Ballot Results:
 - Best of Breed:** Judy Harrington
 - Dogs:** Lourdes Carvajal
 - Bitches:** Pat Ciampa
 - Futurity:** Jan Miner & Denise Matulich
 - Obedience/Rally:** Fred Buroff & Kathleen Sweet
 - Agility:** Craig Josling

Shared with members 11/28

- 12/9 via email from AKC: “Processing Complete” notices for Sat AM, Sat PM & Sun AM specialty shows
- 12/13 via email from Wanda Spediacci: Holiday Greeting from Richmond Dog Fanciers; shared with members 12/14
- 12/26 from Wanda Spediacci of the Richmond Dog Fanciers: they’d like us to support their shows (September 9th & 10th dog shows in Yuba City).
- 12/27 via USPS from AKC PAC: Request for financial support; shared with members 12/28. Copy attached for consideration of club donation. **[Correspondence included at end of minutes.]**
- 12/29-31 via email from AKC: Event Pending notices for our 2023 shows; need updated officer list & parent club approval (will send after January meeting/election)
- 1/8 via email from GDCNC’s Nominating Committee:
The Nominating Committee, consisting of Dail Koehler, Chair, Mick Galvin, and Sam Gillette, submitted an amended list of nominations:
 - President: Michelle Gillette
 - Vice President: Denise Matulich
 - Treasurer: Diana Wallace
 - Corresponding Secretary: Kate Jackson
 - Recording Secretary: Mabel Labiak
 - GDCA Delegate: Terri Burley-Hammond
 - Board Positions (3):
 - Kathy Bowler
 - Pat Dousman
 - Melissa Pevy

2. Outgoing Mail

- 11/3 via email to GDCNC members: GDCNC Officer/Board Candidates recommended by Nominating Committee
- 11/11 via email to GDCNC members: Member votes for 2024 GDCA National Specialty Judge Final Ballot
- 11/11 via USPS to GDCA via Accountant: 2024 GDCA National Specialty Judge Final Ballot:

Conformation: Wayne Peterson, Judy Harrington, James Remaklus
Futurity: Denise Matulich and **TIE:** Carolyn McNamara, Allison Paxton
Obedience/Rally: Fred Buroff (IL), Kathleen Sweet (MI)
Agility: Craig Josling

- 12/28 via email to Wanda Spediacci of the Richmond Dog Fanciers: We will support their shows & offer dog toys for BOB, BOS, WD, WB & BOBOH.
- 12/30 via email to GDCNC members: GDCNC Nominations
- 1/8 via email to GDCNC members: GDCNC Nominations (Revised)

F. Report of the Treasurer

1. **Budget report:** Bill Labiak reported for November and December 2022, and January 2023. Financial information is available to club members on request.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the club could get a discount for ZOOM since we are a not-for-profit 501C7. Jennifer Robb will check this out.

G. Report of the Committees

1. **Show Committee:** Kate Jackson—reported that there was an emergency Board meeting in November to discuss show costs. Sycamore Lane has substantially increased their costs, including paying for porta-potties and discontinuing our use of the flushable toilets. To help defer costs, the 2023 show will be held outdoors.

Planning to use/hire Sycamore Lane employees, if available, for set-up and tear-down.

Requesting motor home parking for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Considering lunch options.

Premium list is due first of March.

Position for Match chair is available.

2. **Education:** Melissa Pevy—Nothing to report. Discussion ensued regarding eye and cardio clinics.
3. **Membership:** Pat Dousman—Nothing to report.
4. **Ways and Means:** Lorrie Spencer—Hats will possibly be available for purchase at the Specialty. Someone will ask the GDNGD Group for donations.
5. **Web site:** Kate Jackson—Up to date with Specialty shows. Will do Board updates after this meeting.
6. **Discipline:** Sam Gillette—Nothing to report

H. Election of Officers and Board Members

The Great Dane Club of Northern California's Nominating Committee, consisting of Dail Koehler (Chair), Mick Galvin and Sam Gillette, set forth the following slate of candidates to fill positions that will be vacated:

1. President: Michelle Gillette
2. Vice President: Denise Matulich
3. Treasurer: Diana Wallace
4. Corresponding Secretary: Kate Jackson
5. Recording Secretary: Mabel Labiak

6. GDCA Delegate: Terri Burley-Hammond
7. Board Positions (3):
 - a) Kathy Bowler
 - b) Pat Dousman
 - c) Melissa Pevy

Mabel Labiak M/S by Bill Labiak to approve the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee. MPU

Huge thank you to Bill for his service as Treasurer for **many, many** years and his huge dedication and contributions to the Club.

With Diana Wallace accepting the position of Treasurer, a one-year board position is open. Michelle Gillette, President, appointed Audrey Teichmann to fill the vacated board seat. Bill Labiak M/S Pat Dousman to approve the appointment of Audrey Teichmann as a Board member. MPU

Michelle Gillette, President, Bill (William) Labiak, Past Treasurer, and Diana Wallace, Treasurer should have signature authority on the GDCNC bank account with US Bank.

I. Unfinished Business—None

J. New Business—None

K. Brags

- Audrey Teichmann—Adopted Tyler, a blue, at 9 months old and she is turning 2 soon. [Since Michelle just learned about Audrey's dog, she considered it a new brag. 😊]
- Jennifer Robb—Is happy to report that her wins in 2022 were not just flukes. GCH Black Griffon of Danjen got BOB in Orlando and Best in Specialty in Pennsylvania. He and Jennifer are #9 Owner Handled. He has 3 titles at International shows.

L. Next meeting date:

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 6:30 PM via Zoom (unless otherwise notified) for the next members' meeting.

M. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.



December 5, 2022

Dear AKC Club Leader:

Re: Purebred Dog Ownership is Under Attack. Please Support the AKC PAC

Across the country, anti-breeder groups continue to push legislation that undermines ownership and breeding of purebred dogs. And last month's election demonstrated how important every vote can be.

Together with you, the AKC Government Relations Department works hard to protect the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders and to advance our breeds and our sports. We work with lawmakers who are willing to protect our breeds and our rights from attacks generated by misinformation and radical animal rights groups.

We could not do this work without your involvement – or without the lawmakers who are willing to stand up against animal extremists to support responsible breeders.

Sadly, many lawmakers who work with us to protect the rights of responsible dog owners get backlash from the same groups who attack purebred dog owners and breeders. Just as these lawmakers support us, we need to support them. The AKC cannot contribute to political candidates, but the AKC Political Action Committee can. **Please consider a year-end contribution to the AKC PAC. When you donate to the AKC PAC you help ensure that lawmakers hear our voice and protect the future of purebred dogs.**

Your financial donation to the AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC) is one of the most effective and efficient ways you can protect our future. 100 percent of your donation goes directly to supporting this cause, and in the November 2022 election, 100% of the candidates we supported were elected.

AKC PAC can receive individual donations of up to \$5,000. But your recurring or one-time donation of \$500, \$100, \$50, or even \$25 can go a long way to protecting our dogs and our rights.

Please share this letter and the attached forms with your club members and encourage them to be generous in protecting our rights. Donations can also be made online at www.akc.org/pac.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Gail La Berge in black ink.

Gail La Berge
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Chris Sweetwood in black ink.

Chris Sweetwood
Vice Chairman

Your Dog. Your Rights. Protect Them Both.

