

**The Great Dane Club of Northern California**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Monday, July 31, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**  
Remote Network Meeting

**In Attendance:** Michelle Gillette, Diana Wallace, Mabel Labiak, Lorrie Spencer, Laura Munro, Kate Jackson, Pat Dousman, Audrey Teichmann, Kathy Bowler, Terri Hammond, Melissa Pevy, Denise Matulich, Bill Labiak

**A. Call to order:** President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

**B. Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** No changes or additions.

**C. Discuss 2023 Specialties and provide recommendation for 2024**

- MBGDC is interested in having 2 shows on the Friday before our shows if we are at Sycamore Lane Kennels (SLK) in Lodi. That would make a total of 6 shows for the weekend.
- Kate Jackson advised that **any** all-breed club would be thrilled for us to join them. Santa Clara in Turlock, Vallejo shows in March, and Napa shows in November are all possibilities. Our costs at any of these venues is free. SLK cost for 2023 was \$1250. MB-F and our current show secretary costs are comparable.
- Reviewed the detailed financial overview for the 2023 shows. Discussion ensued regarding MBGDC and GDCNC at SLK. Foresee no problems with the two clubs working together on set-up, etc.
- MBGDC is not planning a raffle at SLK. May do Sweepstakes.
- Discussion ensued regarding judges.
- Denise Matulich M/S Kathy Bowler to have 6 shows, including 2 with MBGDC at SLK, Week 13 of 2024. MPU
- Michelle Gillette will start communication with Jonnee at SLK.
- Discussion ensued regarding Standing Rule #17 which states we must wait 7 years before inviting a same judge back. Michelle Gillette recommended the Board vote for a change to be brought before membership. Kate Jackson M/S Pat Dousman to revise Standing Rule #17, "No judge will repeat a judging assignment of the GDCNC Specialty within a 7-year timeframe," changing 7 to 3. Vote was called. Discussion ensued. Laura Munro stated she was not convinced that 3 years was long enough. Laura Munro amended the motion M/S Lorrie Spencer to change 7 years to 4 years. MPU as amended.
- Denise Matulich brought up how judges are selected. Michelle Gillette noted that Kate Jackson feels strongly that judges should be voted for annually; Denise Matulich agreed. Our current list of judges was voted by membership to cover 2023 and 2024 Specialties. Discussion ensued. Denise Matulich suggests we pay attention to judges the GDCA is voting for as that may be an indicator for finding popular breeder judges. Mabel Labiak pointed out that since members voted for judges on the existing list those are the judges to contact for 2024. The voting process can change for 2025 and on. Kate Jackson confirmed the existing list will be used for 2024. Discussion ensued regarding how many votes should constitute inviting a judge. Kate will start contacting judges for 2024.

- D. Discuss open Officer position:** Mabel Labiak agreed to take the Treasurer position. We now need to fill the Recording Secretary position.

Discussion ensued regarding minimum time requirement before becoming a Board member and/or an Officer. Michelle Gillette suggested we may want to look at changing the Constitution and By-laws to reflect the current environment. Other updates and changes may need to be addressed. i.e., Zoom meetings allowed. All changes must be submitted to GDCA for approval.

Laura Munro agreed to fill the Recording Secretary vacancy.

Michelle Gillette M/S Pat Dousman to appoint Mabel Labiak as Treasurer and Laura Munro as Recording Secretary. MPU

With Laura Munro accepting the Recording Secretary position, we need to fill a Director vacancy. When Diana Wallace stepped down as Treasurer, she terminated her Board affiliation. (Diana Wallace left the meeting.) Bill Labiak offered to take the vacated Director position.

Kate Jackson M/S Laura Munro to appoint Bill Labiak as a Director to the Board. MPU

Bill Labiak joined the meeting.

- E. Next meeting date:**

General Members' meeting Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

- F. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.