

The Great Dane Club of Northern California
General Meeting
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
6:30 PM
Remote Network Meeting

In Attendance: Michelle Gillette, Sam Gillette, Laura Munro, Kate Jackson, Denise Matulich, Mabel Labiak, Bill Labiak, Pat Dousman, Lorrie Spencer, Terri Burley-Hammond, Dail Koehler, Dena Cassell, Carrie Michaelson, Kathy Bowler
Guests: Brianna Montague

- **Call to order:** President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.
- **Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** Laura Munro M/S Denise Mattulich to approve the agenda as presented. MPU
- **Approval of minutes—Meetings of March 12, 2024:** Bill Labiak M/S Denise Mattulich to approve minutes as presented. MPU
- **President's Report**
 - Email sent for second round of voting for judges – to vote, send top 4 names by July 6 at 6pm
 - Topic on how much, and what items, to reimburse judges for shows. This year, we offered \$800 to cover expenses. Two of the top 6 judges refused because they wanted full reimbursement. Need to decide if we are going to stay at that.
 - Motion to reimburse up to \$1100 for travel, lodging, meal expenses with receipts. Sam Gillette M/S Dena Cassell. MPU
- **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**
 1. **Incoming Mail**
 - 5/31 from the GDCA: GDCA 2Q2024 Bulletin AND More!; shared with members 5/31
 - 6/1-3 from the AKC: 2025 Event Applications Received; 4 specialties, 2 sweeps, 2 4-6 puppy competitions
 - 6/4 from the GDCA: 2024 Nominating Committee Report; shared with members 6/4
 - 6/7 from the GDCA-CT: Study of Post-Operative Bleeding in Great Danes; shared with members 6/7
 - 6/11 from Mary Anne Zanetos for GDCA CT DEPOH Study; request that message be read & attached survey made available:
Post-operative death has long been recognized as a major cause of death among Great Danes, having been documented as the ninth most frequent cause of death (in both sexes) and even more common in females. There is little reason to believe this situation has improved. In fact, these death rates may have increased, owing to increased number of elective c-sections, spays, gastropexies and orthopedic surgeries since the 2000 GDCA National Health Survey of over 1560 Great Danes. We are aware of many reports in social media of unexpected deaths following surgery in otherwise healthy Great Danes and are seeking to reveal patterns in these cases and potentially confirm whether a specific gene associated with post-operative bleeding in Scottish Deerhounds is also seen in Great Danes. If confirmed, we will be inviting potentially “at risk” Great Danes to participate in a laboratory study where their clotting patterns will be measured directly to identify those likely

to benefit from preventive medication(s) routinely used in humans. Study participants will receive their test results.

- 6/12 from the GDCA CT: 2024 Fundraiser; shared with members 6/13
- 6/14 from the GDCA: 2024 National Room Raffle; shared with members 6/14
- 6/16: Terri (our GDCA Rep) received an email from Dean Williams, urging our club to support him in replacing Linda Cain as ACR (Affiliate Club Rep). No club action is required; the GDCA Board will appoint Linda's replacement.

2. Outgoing Mail:

- None

• **Report of the Treasurer**

1. **Budget report:** Shared budget report for 2024 shows and the month of April
2. Reviewed show expense/income for 2024 and comparison with other years back to 2019

• **Report of the Committees**

a. **Show Committee:**

- i. Working on selecting 2025 judges
- ii. Would like to continue covering lunches both days
- iii. MBGDC will be participating with GDCNC in Lodi in 2025, but depending on what REKC decides on excluding Danes on Friday, we may do Friday, or Monday, or both days.

b. **Education:** Melissa Pevy – not present – she did post on the members only Facebook page that she is having a cardio clinic at her house on June 29th. Echos are \$300

c. **Membership:** Brianna's application has been posted twice and she was voted in as a new member.

d. **Ways and Means:** Lorrie Spencer –Nothing to report.

e. **Web site:** Kate Jackson—Nothing to report.

f. **Discipline:** Sam Gillette—Nothing to report.

g. **Legislative Update:** Nothing to report

3. **Unfinished Business:**

- None

4. **New Business**

- The club received some Dane items from Bari Costello's estate that we can put out on a silent auction

5. **Next meeting date:**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30PM

6. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.