

The Great Dane Club of Northern California
General Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 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, Terri Burley-Hammond, Dena Cassell, Jennifer Robb, Kathy Bowler, Lorrie Spencer

- **Call to order:** President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.
- **Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** Kate Jackson M/S Laura Munro to approve the agenda as presented. MPU
- **Approval of minutes—Meetings of June 25, 2024:** Laura Munro M/S Kate Jackson to approve minutes as presented. MPU
- **President's Report**
 - Every 2 years we have our big elections where all of the officers and half of the board are up for election. Michelle is termed out, so we need a new president. We need a nominating committee and people on the nominating committee should not be running for office/board positions.
 - If you are interested in a position, you can let Michelle know.
 - Jennifer Robb, Dena Cassell, Mick Galvin volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Dena also volunteered to chair the committee. Michelle will send the information she has to the members of the nominating committee.
- **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**
 - 1. Incoming Mail**
 - 6/26 email from AKC Government Relations: Taking Command - June 2024; shared with members 6/27
 - 6/27 email from AKC Government Relations: Fresno City Council Adopts Mandatory Spay/Neuter - Contact the Mayor Today; shared with members 6/27
 - 6/28 email from AKC: Event Pending Notices
 - 6/28 email from Mabel: GDCA-CT letter acknowledging receipt of donation (Sue Holbrook & Peter Timm memorials)
 - 7/1 email from AKC Government Relations: California: Ask Committee Today to Support Bill Protecting Vulnerable Pets; shared with members 7/2
 - 7/2 email from Greg Griner: Asking for 2026 Futurity Nomination; shared with members 7/7
 - 7/3 from the GDCA: 2025 Ob/Rally judge ballot; first ballot for 2026 conformation & futurity judges; shared with members 7/7
 - 7/8 email from AKC Government Relations: CA: Fresno Adopts Mandatory Spay/Neuter; shared with members 7/16
 - 7/16 email from AKC Government Relations: Increased Enforcement, Continued High Compliance Demonstrated in 2022 APHIS Impact Report; shared with members 7/16

- 7/17 email from AKC Government Relations: California Update on Bills Impacting Dog Owners; shared with members 7/16
- 7/28 email from GDCA: August 1 Deadline for RV Parking Reservations @ 2024 National; shared with members 7/29
- 8/14 email from Laura Munro to Michelle (cc'd to me as Corresponding Secretary): Banks need to know who current club officers are to ensure access to account(s)
- 8/28 email from GDCA Corresponding Secretary: Acknowledged Receipt of Specialty Approval Request
- 8/28 email from GDCA to AKC Event Plans: Parent Club Approval for 2025 Specialty Shows

2. Outgoing Mail:

- 7/20 via USPS to GDCA: Club ballot for 2025/2026 GDCA National judges; GDCNC voted as follows:
 - 2025 National Obedience/Rally: Elizabeth Chase, Nancy Withers
 - 2025 Agility: Bill Pinder
 - 2026 National: Nicole Bartlett, Laura Munro, James Remaklus, Nikki Riggsbee
 - 2026 Futurity: Terri Burley-Hammond, TIE: Cindy Harwin, Brittany Cipriotti
- 7/23 to GDCNC Members: Links to recent AKC posts:
 - July 19th from AKC Communications: Dogs Descend on New York City with AKC Meet the Breeds
 - July 19th from AKC Government Relations: CDC's Dog Import Rule: Share Your Concerns with CDC and Congress
 - July 23rd from AKC Government Relations: CDC Revises Requirements for Importing Dogs Older Than 6 Months from Low-Risk Countries
- 7/30 to GDCNC Members: GDCNC Email Received: 7/26 through 7/30:
 - From AKC Government Relations: Taking Command – July 2024
 - From Patti Strand: NAIA Member Alert: CDC Dog Import Rule
 - From AKC Government Relations: Use AKC's Sample Letter to Contact CDC and Congress About Dog Importation
 - From GDCA: 2024 National Catalog Ads
- 8/9 to GDCNC Members: GDCNC Correspondence Received: 7/31 through 8/8:
 - To the Core: Updates from the American Kennel Club
 - Listeria Outbreak and Dogs: What to Know
 - 7 Places to Look for Ticks on Your Dog
 - New Dog Import Rules in Effect Today
 - Your August 2024 AKC Gazette is here!

- What to Feed Your Puppy Based on Their Breed
- 2024 National Deadline Reminders!!!
- 8/27 to GDCA: 2024 GDCNC Membership Roster; approval request for our 2025 specialty shows
- 8/27 to GDCNC members: GDCNC Correspondence Received 8/9 through 8/26:
 - To the Core: Updates from the American Kennel Club
 - AKC Communications: Listeria Outbreak and Dogs: What to Know
 - GDCA 2025 East Division Companion Judges Results
 - GDCA First Round -2026 South Division National Judges
 - GDCA 3Q2024 Bulletin
 - 2024 National Room Raffle Reminder
- **Report of the Treasurer**
 1. **Budget report:** Shared budget report for June and July of 2024.
 2. Mabel is looking to get annual dues letters out next week. It will reference the GDCNC PayPal for dues payment.
 3. Audit completed for fiscal year end 2023. We are fine – no discrepancies.
- **Report of the Committees**
 - a. **Show Committee:**
 - i. MBGDC will be holding 2 specialties, a sweepstakes and 4-6 puppy competition on Friday, April 25, 2025 in Lodi. Specialty judges are Lori Cornelius & Cat Urner.
 - ii. Need to get the setup done on Thursday and need to figure out how to get the trailer moved.
 - iii. Want to look for paid help to assist with setup/teardown
 - iv. Have signed contracts with Nikki Riggsbee, Karen Martin & Cathy De La Garza. Still working on 4th judge. Reached out to Phil Gray and he has AKC requirements to complete before he can accept assignments. Kate will ask him to get back to us by November 15.
 - v. Kate will reach out to previous committee chairs to see if they want to continue. Michelle will not be doing trophies next year.
 - b. **Education:** Melissa Pevy – not present
 - c. **Membership:** Pat Dousman – no new members to discuss
 - d. **Ways and Means:** Lorrie Spencer – Still have old merch available
 - 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

- Discussed a holiday party in early January again where we can meet in person and do our annual meeting. Michelle will look into setting it up for January 4.

5. Next meeting date:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:30

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