



# Great Dane Club Of Northern California

**The Great Dane Club of Northern California**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 25, 2025**  
**11:00AM**  
In Person/Remote Network Meeting

**In Attendance:** Michelle Gillette, Sam Gillette, Laura Munro, Kate Jackson, Mick Galvin, Mabel Labiak, Bill Labiak, Pat Dousman, Kathy Bowler, Jennifer Robb, Denise Matulich, Bruce Matulich, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Jack Riggsbee, Terri Burley-Hammond, Mariah Bradford, Dail Koehler, Diana Wallace, Carrie Michaelson, Jan Purdy, Everett Van Dyken, Mary Carson and Lorrie Spencer.

**Guests:** Grant Michaelson

- A. Call to order:** President Michelle Gillette called the meeting to order at 11:17AM
- B. Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** to approve the agenda as presented. Add sending flowers to Barbara Moffett. Kate Jackson, Bill Labiak second. MPU
- C. Approval of minutes—Meeting of October 2024:** to approve minutes as presented. Bill Labiak, Kate Jackson second. MPU
- D. President's Report**
  1. Kathryn Netser sent Barbara Garcia a card. She also sent a card to Barbara Moffett. Do we want to send her flowers up to \$100. Jack Riggsbee, Kate Jackson second. MPU.
  2. Sam Gillette moved to make Barbara Moffett honorary member. Kathryn Netser will notify her on the card that goes with the flowers. Bill Labiak Second. MPU.
  3. Trailer tire repair of \$190 complete.
  4. Club Trailer needs a new custodian to store it and transport it to shows.
  5. Jennifer Robb has been appointed to the BOD for year 2 of Audrey Teichman's Board position.
- E. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**
  1. **Incoming Mail**
    - 10/28 via email from AKC Government Relations: Ojai, California Adopts Severe Dog Breeding Restrictions; shared with members 10/28
    - 10/31 via email from the AKC: AKC.tv is LIVE at the National; shared with members 10/31
    - 11/12 via email from the AKC: Breeder Webinars; shared with members 11/12

- 11/13 via email from the GDCA: Invoice for Affiliate Club Membership; was also sent to Mabel for payment
- 11/18 via email from AKC Government Relations: U.S. Congress: New Senate Farm Bill Includes Dangerous Anti-Breeder Proposals. Take Action Now; shared with members 11/19
- 11/20 via email from the GDCA: 2026 GDCA National Specialty Judges - Results are in!; shared with members 11/20
- 11/24 via email from the AKC: AKC 101 Show Chair Seminar - Online Seminar; shared with members 11/25
- 12/16 via email from the GDCA: GDCA 4Q2024 Bulletin; shared with members 12/16
- 1/2 via email from the GDCA: 2025 Sponsorship - East Division National Specialty; shared with members 1/3
- 1/21-1/25 from the AKC: Judge approval notices for our shows

## **2. Outgoing Mail**

- 11/6 via email to GDCNC members: Last call to weigh-in on the club's ballot for 2026 National judges
- 11/11 via email to GDCNC members: GDCNC's Ballot for GDCA 2026 National has been mailed; we voted as follows:
  - Conformation: Jennifer Bell, Karen Martin (10 votes each); Nichole Bartlett, Nikki Riggsbee (8 votes each)
  - Futurity: Carolyn McNamara (7 votes); Doug Toomey (5 votes)
- 11/26 via USPS to GDCA Treasurer: Affiliate Club Membership dues (per Mabel)

## **F. Report of the Treasurer**

1. Mabel handed out November and December treasurer reports.
2. Change in club treasurer requires audit report per By-Laws. We will use the same person we used last year. Expecting cost to be on par with last year at \$1000.
3. Annual Board meeting held where we set the budget for the coming year.

## **G. Report of the Committees**

### **1. Show Committee:**

- We have a judging slate.
- We will have a match on Thursday night after setup. Laura is the match chair.
- We have Loren Bengston judging sweeps on Sunday. Looking for sweeps judge for Saturday.
- Jennifer Robb is assuming trophy chair. One day is a "goodie bag" of useful items for showing. Embroidered chairs for BISS. Many trophies will include an embroidered towel. Carrie is doing leads and leashes one day. Buckets for another day with things inside. Embroidered totes. Michelle gave Jennifer all the information that she has collected from her years as trophy chair in terms of the budget, guidelines for trophies and what trophies we have done in the past.
- Denise passed out a clipboard with trophy pledge sheet for both clubs looking for people to kick off the trophy pledges. After the annual meeting, Denise will begin soliciting donations on social media.

2. **Education:** Melissa Pevy is no longer Education Chair. Denise is looking for someone to take that over.
3. **Membership:** Pat Dousman – no new membership applications
4. **Ways and Means:** Lorrie Spencer –still have stashlights and key chains with GDCNC logo. No new ideas for new items. Michelle remembered that logo t-shirts and sweatshirts sold well at previous joint specialty. Jackets are another item that might be good. Michelle has provided the Board with digital copies of the logo.
5. **Web site:** Kate Jackson—2024 specialty shows updates complete with a lot of new functionality. Will update with new officers after the election.
6. **Discipline:** Sam Gillette—Nothing to report.
7. **Legislation:** Kathy Bowler reported that there is nothing new going on, but she is keeping an eye on it.

#### **H. Unfinished Business:**

1. AKC PAC donation. Budget allows for \$500 in two categories, general and rescue. In 2024, \$250 paid to NAIA and \$250 to Great Dane Rescue. We do not need to decide on 2025 donation right now – there are other things that we may want to donate to (e.g. S. CA disaster relief)
2. Michelle has been going through old meeting minutes and other items to make sure things are in order. In 2021, we changed a standing rule to provide for more categories of award plates that we use. The amount we spend on awards (plates, wooden plaques) has significantly gone up as a result. Cost comparison provided.
3. Another issue from review of old minutes. 5 - 6 challenge trophies need plates updated annually to add new winners. In 2022, decided plate should include Ch or GCh and name should be taken from the show catalog. Issues/concerns:
  1. People are very passionate about their dog's titles.
  2. We have had people who will ask for a name different from what's in the catalog when asked – this leads to confusion and more work for the club volunteer
  3. Club needs an accurate record of the registered name of the dog and the actual owners at the time of the win.

The minutes are a bit vague about “record for posterity.” Do we need to clarify? No motion to clarify made.

#### **I. New Business— None**

#### **J. Brags— None**

#### **K. Next meeting date:**

The next meeting date is Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30pm via Zoom

#### **L. Elections:** Bill Labiak motioned to accept the new slate as proposed by the nominating committee. Kathy Bowler seconded. MPU.

1. **President:** Denise Matulich

2. **Vice President:** Mabel Labiak
  3. **Corresponding Secretary:** Kate Jackson
  4. **Recording Secretary:** Laura Munro
  5. **Treasurer:** Terri Burley-Hammond
  6. **GDCA Delegate:** Michelle Gillette
  7. **Board of Directors:**
    - a. Mary Carson
    - b. Jack Riggsbee
    - c. Dail Koehler
    - d. Bill Labiak
    - e. Jennifer Robb
    - f. Lorrie Spencer
- Terri Burley-Hammond, Treasurer and Denise Matulich, President have signature authority at US Bank.

**M. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.