



Great Dane Club Of Northern California

The Great Dane Club of Northern California
General Meeting
February 24, 2025
7:00pm
Remote Network Meeting

In Attendance: Michelle Gillette, Sam Gillette, Laura Munro, Kate Jackson, Mabel Labiak, Bill Labiak, Pat Dousman, Kathy Bowler, Denise Matulich, Bruce Matulich, Jack Riggsbee, Terri Burley-Hammond, Dail Koehler, Dena Cassell, and Lorrie Spencer.

Guests: None

- A. Call to order:** President Denise Matulich called the meeting to order at 7:06pm
- B. Approve agenda; call for additional agenda items:** to approve the agenda as presented. Kate Jackson, Pat Dousman second. MPU
- C. Approval of minutes:** Kathy Bowler mentioned that item 3 regarding legislation was from a previous meeting. Motion to approve minutes from January 2025 minutes as amended. Bill Labiak, Kate Jackson second MPU
- D. President's Report**
1. Denise has officially appointed all committee chairs and they agreed. Kate Show Chair, Carrie Michaelson Education, Pat Dousman Membership, Lorrie Spencer Ways & Means, Kate Jackson Website. Bill Labiak will be committee chair for Discipline.
 2. Denise is recommending a special committee chair for legislative matters. Kathy Bowler is doing a good job keeping up with legislation and it seems appropriate to make it an official position. Michelle made a board motion to make a special legislative committee with Kathy Bowler as chair. Kate second. MPU
 3. Denise proposed setting regularly scheduled meeting dates. MBGDC has the second Monday of the month. Denise proposed GDCNC would take the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Denise will put out a schedule of the dates and we can see how it goes.
- E. Report of the Corresponding Secretary**
- 1. Incoming Mail**
- 1/27, 29, 30 via email from AKC Event Operations: Judge Panel Approval Notice
 - 1/29 via email: Fast CAT & Coursing Opportunities; shared with members 1/29
 - 2/14 via email from GDCA: 2025 National Info; shared with members 2/14

- 2/20 via email from GDCA: March 15 is deadline to elect DCRs for 2027 National; asked for agenda item at next meeting
- 2/21 via email from AKC: February 2025 Update to Clubs; shared with members 2/24

2. Outgoing Mail

- None

F. Report of the Treasurer

1. Terri shared treasurer reports.

G. Report of the Committees

1. Show Committee:

- Need to find a way to get the trailer from Bill & Mabel's house to the show grounds and back. Defer for future resolution.
 - Jennifer is doing well on trophies.
 - Premium list is ready, but need to work on fillable entry form.
 - Have not heard from SLK on contract yet. Michelle will reach out to Jonnie for both MBGDC and GDCNC since she has a long-standing relationship with her. Michelle would like to move out of being the contact for the grounds contract and will see if she can introduce new contacts for future shows.
 - We have two judges for sweepstakes: Logan Rees is on Saturday and Loren Bengstrom on Sunday
 - Denise proposed selecting 4-6 items from the Bari Costello memorabilia for a silent auction at the shows.
 - Denise also asked when we see social media advertisements for our shows, to share them on our pages to boost visibility.
2. **Education:** Carrie Michaelson not present – no report. Denise talked to Carrie about some ideas including canine CPR emergency kit for dogs, how to stack a puppy, puppy evaluation, etc.
 3. **Membership:** Pat Dousman – no new membership applications
 4. **Ways and Means:** Lorrie Spencer –still have stashlights and key chains with GDCNC logo. Have some ideas that she will explore.
 5. **Web site:** Kate Jackson—updated for annual election and shows.
 6. **Discipline:** Bill Labiak—Nothing to report.
 7. **Legislation:** Kathy Bowler reported last week was the deadline for bills to be submitted. She is going to do analysis of bills involving dogs and cats, breeding, etc. She expects to have something to report at the next meeting.

H. Unfinished Business:

1. Perpetual trophy engraving to include CH or GCH in front of the name. GCH level can be on there, but leave all the BIS, MBIS, BISS, MBISS and other non-official titles. Performance titles can be on the back of the name. Show secretary should only put CH

or GCH in front of their name. The engraving for the perpetual trophies will be from the catalog and verified from AKC. The owners of the dog will be taken from the catalog. Motion to change the existing rule to state that the Challenge Trophy Chair will use only AKC titles for engraving plaques on challenge trophies and record the name of the owners as entered in the catalog with spelling to be corrected as needed. Laura Munro, Dail Koehler second. MPU

2. Discussion continued to talk about printing names on ribbons. Tabled until next meeting.

I. New Business:

1. The GDCA is looking for Division Committee Representatives (DCR's) for the upcoming Western Division National Specialty. Motion to elect Laura Munro and Dail Koehler Bill Labiak, Kate Jackson second. MPU.

J. Brags: None

K. Next meeting date: The next meeting date is March 17, 2025 at 6:30

L. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.