



Great Dane Club of Northern California

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In Person/Remote Network Meeting

In Attendance: Laura Munro, Kate Jackson, Mick Galvin, Mabel Labiak, Bill Labiak, Pat Dousman, Kathy Bowler, Denise Matulich, Bruce Matulich, Jack Riggsbee, Terri Burley-Hammond, Theresa Bielawski, Dail Koehler, Diana Wallace, Jan Purdy, Everett Van Dyken, Lorrie Spencer

Guests: Grant Michaelson, Elizabeth White

- A. Call to order:** President Denise Matulich called the meeting to order at 11:41 AM
- B. Approval of minutes—Meeting of October 2025:** to approve minutes as presented. Bill Labiak, Kate Jackson second. MPU
- C. President's Report**
1. Awards list is pretty impressive. Our cost was double the budget because there were so many awards.
 2. Denise is looking to change the week of the month of the meeting so that more people can attend. Moving to the fourth Monday of the month.
 3. Passed out sponsor sheets for our specialty. Already have \$1000 pledged.

D. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

1. Incoming Mail

- 10/21 via email from Hangtown Kennel Club: Match in Placerville: Sunday, February 22, 2026; shared with members 10/21
- 11/10 via email: CC from the GDCA Treasurer: 2026 Club Dues Notice (sent to Terri)
- 11/13 via email: GDCA 4Q2025 Bulletin; shared with members 11/14
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○ **Reimagining Dollars for Dogs**

Affiliate clubs hosting a concurrent and/or independent specialty show can add \$1.00 to each entry fee to contribute to the GDCA-CT & note in PL: *A portion of the proceeds of this show will be contributed to the GDCA Charitable Trust*

○ **Charitable Trust Establishes One-Time Hardship Grant**

\$100 one-time hardship grant was made available to people impacted by the recent Government Shutdown to help feed/vet their Great Danes

- 12/1 via USPS from the AKC: Laminated AKC® Code of Sportsmanship and Civility poster for display at our events; here's a link to it FYI:
https://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC_code_of_sportsmanship.pdf
- 12/4 via email from the GDCA: 2027 National Futurity & Conformation and 2026 Performance/Companion judges selected; shared with members 12/9

- 1/9 via email from the GDCA: GDCA 2026 South Division National Specialty; shared with members 1/12
- 1/12 via email from Everett (Western Division Chair): 2027 National Theme and Logo Ideas; shared with members 1/12
- 1/18 from GDCA: \$150 club dues are due; they have been paid per Terri
- 1/24 from the GDCA: GDCA 2026 South Division Sponsorship; shared with members 1/27

2. Outgoing Mail

- 10/22 via USPS: GDCA National Judges Ballot. 16 members voted. We voted for (the number indicates the number of votes received):
 - 2026 Obedience/Rally: Ted McCall (8); Carol Mett (7)
 - 2026 Agility: Bill Pinder (6)
 - 2027 Futurity: 3-way tie: Jamie Harshfield, John Jarvise, Loren Bengston (6)
 - 2027 Conformation: Nichole Bartlett (13); Faye Zahorchak (8), Tie: Jay Roden, Mary Lee Williams (6)Advised club members of results via email.
- 11/3 via email to club members: Slate of Candidates for GDCNC Open Officer/Board Positions

E. Report of the Treasurer

1. Budget report:

- Denise handed out November, December and January treasurer reports
- Terri reported the details on income and expenses.

F. Report of the Committees

1. Show Committee:

- Denise gave a copy of the insurance rider to Kate. We also have an electronic copy.
- Things are moving along with judge's contracts and trophies.
- Grant will move the trailer.
- Lorrie has retired as raffle chair. Diana Wallace is taking over that position.
- Setup and match are on Wednesday. Everett volunteered to be match judge.

2. Education: Carrie not present – no report.

3. Membership: Pat Dousman – received application from Dorothy Townshend. Needs to be published one more time before we can vote her in.

4. Ways and Means: Lorrie Spencer –working on club jackets. She showed a sample jacket that is really nice. Working with Mabel on embroidery. We still have staslight and key chains with GDCNC logo.

5. Web site: Kate Jackson—Website updated for specialties. Will update after today's meeting to document new board.

6. Discipline: Bill Labiak—Nothing to report.

7. Legislation: Kathy Bowler reported there is one bill that doesn't really affect Danes as it is written right now, but it is sponsored by the anti-cropping/docking group, so she is keeping an eye on it. It is designed to eliminate transgenic breeding of companion animal species, but may expand to other alterations.

G. Unfinished Business:

- Set up a date to go through the trailer to get rid of things we no longer need.

H. New Business—

- Kathy has some outreach information from the veterinary medical board on semen collection, TCI and other breeding topics. Kathy would like to get some input on the content from members that are experienced breeders.
- Denise Williams is very ill with cancer and is hospitalized. Kathryn Netser is sending her a card. We will reach out to Brittany to see what else we can do that will be meaningful for Denise.

I. Brags— Carrie has a litter of 12 new puppies whelped yesterday.

J. Next meeting date:

The next meeting date is to be scheduled by Denise on the February 23. (Note: meetings moved to 4th Monday of each month going forward)

K. Elections: Denise duly elected the officers and board as follows:

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 (2027)
 - (b) Jack Riggsbee (2027)
 - (c) Dail Koehler (2027)
 - (d) Bill Labiak (2028)
 - (e) Jennifer Robb (2028)
 - (f) Lorrie Spencer (2028)

L. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21pm.