

Great Dane Club of Northern California, Inc.
Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2009
Royce Farms

Call to Order by President Nancy Hawkes at 11:05am

Additional Agenda Items: none

Absent & Excused were Jane Chopson, Pete Fredotovich, Bill Labiak, Mabel Labiak

Guest: Darla Sorensen is a new Dane owner/potential member. She is getting a fawn male.

Quorum? Yes. Business to proceed.

Motion to approve last meeting minutes with no changes by Everett Van Dyken with second by Kathryn Netser. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee (Nancy Hawkes)

- Proposed members: Bari Costello, Agneta Keesler and Nancy Hawkes. Everett Van Dyken objected to Nancy Hawkes on the committee since she is already on all committees by virtue of her position as President. Nancy Hawkes removed herself and Jenny Kenton volunteered.
- Motion made to accept the Nominating Committee with members Bari Costello, Agneta Keesler and Jenny Kenton by Everett Van Dyken with second <missed name>. Motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary Report (attached to minutes)

Incoming:

- John Ryan - website development advertisement (email letter)
- GDCA newsletter

Outgoing:

- MBGDC - letter as directed by the Board decision at last meeting, to inform the membership that at this time the GDCNC membership did not feel that a joint Specialty show was in the best interests of either club and respectfully declined their request to combine club specialties.
- Welcome letters to newest members: Elva & Michael Slis, Kevin Forrest, Rene Truesdel, Melissa Pevy & Mike Rogers

Treasurer's Report (attached to minutes)

Report for 8/1/09 to 8/31/09 read by Nancy Hawkes as given to her by Bill Labiak, Treasurer.

Income:

- No income for this time period.

Expenses:

- Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs- membership payment
- Supported Entries cost for awards
- Postage
- Newsletter expenses

Account Balances:

- Account balance information is available to members on request.

Report accepted as presented.

Membership Report (attached to minutes)

- Membership application for Tom Weisser, sponsored by Sharon McCrary and Terri Hammond was read.

Finance Committee Report (Nancy Hawkes and Terry Toops in Pete Fredotovich's absence)

- Committee has met numerous times and has completed the task of itemizing the Club's business/operating expenses and the Club's show expenses. It was revealed that the operating expenses and the show expenses have been co-mingled for numerous years, resulting in an inaccurate picture of the Club's financial position. At this time, it appears that the profit margin of the ENTIRE club treasury is only \$100.00 above the ENTIRE expenses of the club. At this time, neither can stand alone and are co-dependent. The committee feels that they have enough information to be able to suggest areas of need for the upcoming budget meeting. The committee's next agenda will pertain to seeking areas of possible restructure to present to the Board.
- Dana Wardner voiced his opinion regarding not providing stamped return envelopes for the membership renewals. Discussion ensued.

Holiday and Awards Brunch

- Nancy Hawkes reported that the second choice of locations was also closed. New event location *Lone Tree Golf and Event Center* in Antioch is hopefully firm. Menu, cost and date were discussed.

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009

Cost: Approximately \$35 dollars per person

- Motion by Everett Van Dyken with second by Barbara Moffett was make cost to members \$30 per person and the Club will pay the balance, which includes rental costs, etc. Motion passed.

Audit Report

- Nancy Hawkes read a letter from auditor that Bill Labiak received. Cost for 5-year audit not to exceed \$1,900. Bill Labiak thinks it should run closer to \$1,200 because our books are so clean and organized.
- Everett Van Dyken questioned the need to do a 5-year audit and asked why we cannot do a 1-year audit every 5 years? The Club Bylaws are not specific enough for us to make that decision.
- Motion made by Everett Van Dyken with second by Jenny Kenton to have Bill Labiak discuss the question with the auditor and bring us back a definitive answer prior to agreeing to a full 5-year audit. Motion passed with 1 nay vote.

Supported Entries:

- Much discussion regarding who, what, where and why we support entries.
- Usual cost of supported is \$10 per trophy with a 4 trophy limit per show. Total cost \$40 per supported show.
- Sweepstakes is usually no cost to the Club. The host club picks up the expenses.

- Our Club needs to choose annual list of supported shows and keep working relationship with them. Any new requests by other clubs will need to be taken up with the Board on an individual basis which would be dependent mostly upon our current budget and treasury amounts.
- Currently the agreement was to continue with Golden Valley KC, Richmond KC and one day of Woofstock. Sue Dubie-Holbrook informed us that the Woofstock clubs are changing and things might be different next year. Ceil Wardner needs approval right now for the Woofstock event, no matter who is hosting it.
- Motion by Everett Van Dyken (missed name of second) to support Saturday of the Woofstock event, including a sweepstakes so that Ceil Wardner could go forward with the host club. Motion passed.
- Motion by Terry Toops with second by Barbara Moffett to support the Saturday shows at the Golden Valley, Richmond and Woofstock, including sweepstakes for the coming year. Motion passed.

New Business

Standing Rules:

Discussion regarding removal and addition of some of the existing rules.

- Motion made by Barbara Moffett with second by Denise Williams to raise membership dues for the 2011 year as follows: Single adults \$30 (from \$25) and couples \$45 (from \$40) and to also add a fee for junior members of \$15 as opposed to single adult fee. Motion passed with 1 nay. Motion was amended by Denise Williams with second by Jenny Kenton to state *Junior membership fee is to be ½ of single adult fee.* Motioned passed. Motion added to Standing Rules as amended.
- Motion by Everett Van Dyken with second by Kathryn Netser to delete Standing Rule #4. Motion passed.
- Motion by Terry Toops with second by Kathryn Netser to delete Standing Rule #13. Motion passed with 1 nay.
- Motion by Kathryn Netser with second by Jenny Kenton to add to Standing Rule #10 the word *foreign*. Motion passed.
- Everett Van Dyken will add, correct and renumber updated Standing Rules and provide a copy to Board members.

Fun Matches/Non-Show Events:

- Barbara Moffett suggested a possible Halloween Party for people and Danes with the purpose to include non-show people and provide a more hospitable venue in order to meet and greet Dane owners. Interest in this event was lacking, but all agreed something must be done to include a bigger network of Dane owners. Discussion ensued.
- Guest Darla Sorensen shared her experience in trying to connect with the Dane fancy. Other members also shared and remember their experiences. More discussion.
- A committee was formed to look into the feasibility of having one or two Fun Matches (not to include our Specialty match) per year; Spring and Fall were suggested times. The events might include, along with the conformation match, a handling clinic, a grooming demo, rally, obedience & agility demos, how and what to do at a show (ring stewards, etc.) and much more. Committee members are Barbara Moffett, Denise Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook. Other members will be recruited to assist as needed.

Board Only Budget Meeting:

Meeting date was discussed. Too many members could not make the scheduled date. The meeting date has been moved to **SUNDAY** November 15, 2009 at 1:00pm with the location to be determined at a later date. Nancy Hawkes will treat the move as a special board meeting and will send out appropriate notifications to the board members. No need to send to entire membership since this was a scheduled Board Only meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Everett Van Dyken with second by Kathryn Netser. Motion passed. Adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Toops ad Jenny Kenton