Chair: Mr. Vince Tantaro, President GSDCA.

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Voting Strength - As advised by the GSDCA Treasurer, as per the affiliation fees paid to the GSDCA Inc.
### Opening & Welcome. Opened at 8.35am

The Meeting was opened by the Chair President Vince Tantaro who welcomed delegates and visitors and thanked them for putting in the effort to come to the meetings. He said that their attendance is very much appreciated.

The Chair asked the indulgence of the meeting to suspend the Agenda to allow the NBC Chair, Joylene Neddermeyer to present her report as she had to leave the meeting, due to a family emergency, much earlier than planned.

**MOVED: VIC CARRIED.**

#### ITEM 7.

**Chairperson, National Breed Commission – Mrs J. Neddermeyer.**

The report is as published with the following additional comments:

- Advised this was her last report as NBC Chair and congratulated Melanie Groth on being elected as the NBC Chairperson.
- There is a worrying number of GSDs being suspended at trials/shows. An animal’s breed survey is automatically revoked where a dog has been suspended. It is to be noted that the criteria for suspension differs between the States. Suspended dogs are required to be re assessed by the Canine Control and then if successful, must be represented to Breed Survey to have status reinstated. At this stage none of the 4 dogs suspended have returned to survey.
- The ANKC have accepted the LRLs which is a major milestone.
- Commends the Service Agreement to be voted on during this meeting.
- Disappointed that the motion to have the NBC Chair attend Qld survey was defeated.
- There are no requests for aspiring breed surveyors at this date.

There were no questions from the meeting.

The Chair thanked Joylene and told the meeting a little of her history with the GSDCA over her 40 years of service to this organisation and congratulated her on her significant contribution to the breeding schemes during her 16 year tenure as National Breed Commission Chairperson.

A presentation on behalf of the Member Clubs and the GSDCA Executive that included a GSD sitting dog and gold bracelet was made to Joylene by the President.

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### Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting

#### 2.1 Confirmation of Minutes from 55th GSDCA AGM

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 55th GSDCA Annual General Meeting held on the 13th & 14th February 2016 in Adelaide be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Move:** SA **CARRIED.**

#### 2.2 Matters Arising from 55th AGM

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<td>1. NBC Chair to assist GSDCQ with introducing Breed Affairs meetings at the club. Queensland advised this is still ongoing. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda and await further notice from Queensland.</td>
<td>Completed without action.</td>
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<td>2. “Section 15.8 - GSDCA FORM BS 8 – Regulations for Breed Surveys” and “Section 15.9 – Definitions for Breed Survey” be amended by the NBC Chairman and to reflect the agreed changes.</td>
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<td>3. The NBC Executive will fine tune the wording of 16.7 for the Regulations Manual.</td>
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<td>4. GSDCA to investigate samples of major trophies for the GSDCA Nationals. The meeting agreed that this item be moved to “General Business”. (see Item 22.7)</td>
<td>Report to 2017 AGM</td>
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5. NBC Chair to contact Dr. Candy Wedge to investigate what Dr Sharp requires for her research and whether there is opportunity to work with Robert Zammit with his research.  

6. GSDCA President to prepare draft for Executive response to the SV regarding Defence Work in Australia.  

7. NBC Executive will distribute framework and objectives to Member Clubs for the Breed Forum.  

   - V. Tantaro - Chair - GSDCA President,  
   - Val Moody - GSDCA Secretary,  
   - Wolf Meffert - ACT GSDA President,  
   - Ian Marr – GSDA WA, President  
   - Greg Jones – GSDL President.  
   This item is listed as a discussion item under “General Business”..  

9. NBC to review the BS Application Form with a view of including a space for membership details.  

10. GSDCA President to request coming National Judges to provide a written summation of each class that can be included with critiques and published accordingly.  
   (This needs to be included in Show Manual as a question to be put to judges when contracted.)  

   - Judges Chair – Needs to update National Show Manual  
     o Send to Member Clubs  
     o To be placed on GSDCA Website.  

   - Obedience Chair – Needs to update “Character & Working Assessment” Manual  
     o Send to Member Clubs  
     o To be placed on GSDCA Website.  

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<th>2.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 55th AGM under the “60 day rule”.</th>
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<td>1. The NBC Chair may visit up to two GSDCA Member Clubs per year when a Breed Survey is being conducted and:-</td>
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<td>a. Will officiate as a guest GSDCA Breed Surveyor together with the State Breed Surveyor Panel and/or nominated Breed Surveyor officiating on the day.</td>
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<td>b. Will be available to give the ‘Sires Progeny’ or other bloodline presentations to their members.</td>
<td>Motion - LOST</td>
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<td>The Chair said the question needs to be asked as to what is the reason for the objections to this motion? There were no reasons given.</td>
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<td>2. That the GSDCA Breed Surveyors, GSDCA GSD Specialist Judges and GSDCA Specialist Trainee Judges, except for resident attendees, attending the 2016 GSDCA Judges, National Breed Commission Meetings, Breed Survey Forum will be reimbursed $100.00. The GSDCA Treasurer will arrange payment of the subsidy to the GSDCA Breed Surveyors/GSDCA Specialist and Trainee judges that attend all three meetings.</td>
<td>Motion - CARRIED</td>
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<td>The Chair commended those clubs who paid additional costs for their surveyors/judges to attend this meeting.</td>
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<td>There were no questions from the meeting regarding these two items.</td>
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Presentation of Reports:

The Chair asked the permission of the meeting that all reports be received and moved to be accepted as a block.  

The Meeting so agreed.

**The reports are as printed in the Annual Report with the following additional comments:**

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**President’s report – Mr. V. Tantaro**

The President presented his report to the meeting.

Ladies, Gentleman and visitors, I again welcome you and look forward to your participation in the 56th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA).

I am happy to report that communication between Member Clubs, their members and the Executive has again been further improved and both direct dealings and use of technology has ensured all are informed sooner of decisions and or actions undertaken by the Executive. Further, my aim of seeing frank and open discussion has been achieved. The Council, as a whole, has become more professional in the way it conducts its business and fulfils its main mission: not only the caretaker of the GSD in Australia, but importantly a driver that sees continued development and ensuring the welfare of the breed continues.

The Executive is a team, and the past year has seen it work tirelessly in administering the affairs of the Council. It has demonstrated a level of professionalism that has further earned respect from the Member Clubs and their members. I can assure you that its decisions are made with full knowledge and owned as a whole by all of us. In the past I have mentioned that the level of respect between Club Presidents and the Executive had to improve in order for the Council to progress as a united team. I now feel that after 5 years at the helm that there is now a high degree of trust between us. I can only again reiterate the fact that when Council makes a decision it is owned by all Member Clubs. I thank the Club Presidents for their leadership and the many members who voluntarily devote much time and effort to ensure the German Shepherd Dog is well served and promoted throughout Australia. I would like to make special mention of the following Member Club officials who are no longer in the positions they once held:

- **Greg Jones** as immediate past President of the GSDL was a welcomed new face, who in a short time did contribute positively to the Council. It is indeed unfortunate that due to health concerns, he stepped down. We wish him good health for the future.

- **Ken Millhouse** as immediate past President and Carol Millhouse, as past Breed Affairs Administrator of the GSDC Tasmania, as relatively new faces, injected new found enthusiasm to a small club that was grappling with internal power struggles.

- **Leeanne Lynch**, as immediate past Secretary, NHRGSDC had been a long time position holder and very dedicated to the breed, her club and the Council. She was a proud supporter of the Council and I would on behalf of the Council note her work and contribution over the many years she has been involved with our breed.

I have made the following statement in one form or another in all of my reports over the years and again want to emphasise the fact that the GSDCA is the Member Clubs; the Executive is not the Council. The Executive, as elected, is in place to administer the business of the Council and is expected to show leadership by putting forward discussion items and or programs for the Member Clubs to consider, amend, reject and/or accept in order to progress the GSD in Australia. Further, it is important that the membership understands that the Council has no control over the way each Member Club conducts its affairs: that control is held by the Clubs’ respective membership. What the Council does expect is that their members are kept informed and have a right to contribute and or initiate debate via their Club on matters related to breed welfare and improvement of national programs that serve the breed. I can only again reiterate how important it is that members ensure they voice their grievances, opinions, and/or put forward ideas at Member Club meetings.
I again thank all the Officers of the Council and my fellow members of Executive for their continued dedication and work for the Council in the past year. We have as a team achieved much. I again point out that many of the Officers have been long serving workers for the breed and in addition to their Council roles are praised for their continuing contribution to their Clubs.

I would personally like to thank my fellow Executive Members and note:

**Joylene Neddermeyer**, NBC Chairperson: Joylene, who has held this position for 16 years, administers what is a very large portfolio. She has, as we are all aware, decided to stand down from this position and later in the day we will celebrate her contribution to the breed, this council and the members it serves. She has, as in past years, administered a portfolio that requires much of her spare time and made freely available to the membership either by the phone or presenting her bloodline lectures to Member Clubs. As a member of the NBC Executive and together with Robyn Knuckey and me, she has seen many matters progressed and or resolved. The fact that Joylene fully supported and accepted my approach which saw the NBC Executive as a collective decide on most NBC matters must be acknowledged. It is my belief in that this single step of having the NBC Executive, and not only the NBC Chairperson, own the decisions has seen NBC Executive as far more effective and its workings more transparent for all to see. As President I have been fortunate to have her hold this position during my 2 terms. Her idealism and approach has complemented not only the rest of the Executive during that time, but my own ideals and vision for the improvement of the breed and Council. I sincerely thank her for her friendship and dedication over the many years she has served this Council and Breed.

**Val Moody**, Secretary: Val as Secretary has held this position for 16 years and holds a wealth of corporate knowledge. She is most sharing and professional in all she does. We continue to work very well together and I, as does the rest of the Executive, value her well-considered advice on all matters. I am indeed pleased that she has decided to serve another term as Secretary.

**Robyn Knuckey**, Judges Committee Chairperson: Robyn has seen her work together with the NBC Executive in identifying and proposing changes to regulations with regard to judges training and conformation shows. Her approach has earned her the respect of her peers and her valued input on all matters is proactive and well considered.

**John De Lucia**, Obedience Committee Chairperson. John not only administers his portfolio but has another major role: that as President GSDCSA, and is able to not only contribute on obedience matters, but far wider issues. I would like to again congratulate John and all who played a part in finally seeing the GSDCA Character Working Assessment (CWA) conducted at some of our Member Clubs. It must be noted that the CWA is the only character working test this Council in its 50+ year history has approved and put in place! This is another, albeit very late, milestone for the Council, therefore we now have a test that can be promoted, conducted and if need be further enhanced.

**Jane Pike**, Treasurer: Jane as Treasurer has a wealth of experience in administration and continues to ensure accounts are up to date and Member clubs well informed regarding the financial health of our organisation. She provides valuable support to the rest of the Executive and continues to contribute positively with her proactive and practical approach to the business of Council.

**Jacinta Poole**, Editor: Quarterly National Review (QNR): Jacinta in her first year as Editor has made a notable impact. The QNR has a new look and feel about it. The added bonus is that Jacinta has, with her hard work, found savings that may help the magazine survive. The added bonus of having Jacinta on board is that she is involved at grass roots as an instructor and has IT skills that sees the council website continually updated. Jacinta has demonstrated she is most capable and able to positively contribute on all matters the executive considers.

I would again remind Member Clubs and their members that as volunteers, GSDCA Officers and members of the Executive do face other pressures and at times are unable to meet the instant demands of the membership. It must also be noted that at times circumstances outside the control of the Executive impact on services provided. In these cases I can only urge all to show patience.
The major highlight of the Council every year is the conduct of the National GSD Show & Trial which this year saw GSD League host the event on behalf of the Council. It must be noted that this Club has a proud history of conducting this showcase event. On behalf of the Council I again thank the Club for staging a memorable event.

With regard to this event, we must utilise the opportunity that this event offers the host club: It must be used to showcase the Breed. I urge Member Clubs which are to conduct this event in the future to start planning as soon as a year is allocated to you. We must find ways to further enhance the event as a promotional and marketing tool for the host Member Club and Council. We have in the past chosen a charity to donate to: this has had limited success in achieving attention. The main challenge is to ensure that the entry is maximised, as we have in recent years seen the entry at all Member Club shows dropping. We no longer see many enthusiasts travelling interstate to member club shows hence the ‘National’ must be promoted as the “must go to” show. The ‘Trial’ at this event presents even more challenges as the number of GSD’s in Member Club Trials has been downward for quite a number of years. It is important that this event is held at or around the same time each year (May) and an earnest discussion is held as to where it is held and be mindful that ‘hot’ weather and showing/trialling dogs does little to promote the fact we have the welfare of our breed nor our aging handler pool at heart.

The first review of the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme since put in place was held prior to the 2016 NBC Meeting. The outcomes of the meeting have been well reported and as a result motions proposed that relate to accountability and compliance will, if passed, see GSDCA Service Agreements in place for all GSDCA Breed Surveyors. Noting the fact that the forum was conducted as a direct response to questions about the conduct of Breed Surveyors with regard to consistency and accountability and further driven by a web based survey of some 250+ members who expressed their concerns regarding Breed Survey, which was analysed and presented for all to see, I find it embarrassing and am extremely disappointed in learning from members who attended Club meetings that a small number of our Breed Surveyors and Judges voiced their opposition against and voted against the introduction of this Service Agreement at their Member Clubs meetings. I do not understand how anyone who is seen as a respected peer / leader amongst the fraternity and who promotes breed survey and its ideals would want to breed with unsurveyed animals. It must also be noted that the forum as a collective agreed to support the introduction of a service agreement to meet concerns regarding GSDCA Breed Surveyor accountability and compliance.

It is my intention to propose a similar service contract for the NBC Executive to consider, which will apply to our GSDCA Specialist Judges, as they too are members of the peer / leadership group and promote by their judging the ideals of the Council.

The forum reaffirmed what I proposed as an aspirational goal several years ago: the introduction of an ANKC Litter Registration Limitation that will only have GSD’s that are GSDCA Breed Surveyed or recognised, to be bred with. The NBC Executive will discuss this and we hope to present a 5 year plan at the next NBC meeting.

The GSDCA Future Directions Forum held 4 years ago clearly identified a need across all Member Clubs for change and succession planning. In that time I have observed very little has changed and club committees have not had major changes. This coupled with fact that there is no ‘next’ generation that is willing and or inclined to take a hand in administering canine affairs, sees we have a real threat to our sport and serving the GSD. I can only urge our younger members to “have a go” and run for positions, and those of us that have been around for the past 30+ years to encourage and or mentor our younger members to take over. Structured change does work and will benefit the organisation.

Responsible Dog Ownership: We must not underestimate the threat and realisation of restrictive and discriminatory dog legislation. The recent debacle in Victoria which saw punitive measures taken against ALL breeders as opposed to targeting the ‘puppy farms’ the legislation was originally intended for, again demonstrates to us the need for each Member Club to be vigilant with regard to what legislation is in the pipeline, to work very closely with their Canine Control and have in place strategies which see the promotion of responsible dog ownership.
In closing, I wish to thank the Member Clubs for their consideration and hospitality as extended to my wife Frances and myself during our visits. I would like to thank Frances for her undying support and understanding. It is important to realise the sacrifice our partners and families make that allow us to follow a passion and do much work at their expense in our positions.

I again thank the membership and my fellow Executive, for their continued support and confidence in me.

I only trust that I continue to meet your expectations.

Thank You

Vince Tantaro

President

- The President commented on the Councils interaction with the SV regarding the question of “dogsport” and other matters.

There were no questions of the President’s report.

4 Treasurer’s report – Ms. J. Pike

- The Treasurer advised the Auditor made a typographical error on Page 17 of her report. All postage was lumped together for NBC and it was inserted under the breed survey books.
- Asked that the banking of HD/ED funds by the clubs be banked monthly or at the very least, banked quarterly.

There were no questions of the Treasurer.

4.1 Auditor’s report – Grant Thornton Australia

There were no questions regarding the Auditor’s report.

Motion: That the Auditor’s report be accepted.

Moved: TAS				CARRIED.

5 Secretary’s report – Mrs. V. Moody

The Secretary advised there was nothing further to add to the written report. There were no questions to the Secretary.

6 Club Reports and Financial Statements – President’s/Delegates

ACT GSDA – Mr. Wolf Meffert.

The Chair questioned the report relating to a second surveyor be in attendance at breed surveys reiterating that it was endorsed by Member Clubs last year, that each survey is to be attended by two surveyors and that if the Club felt strongly about this matter it should have been put forward as an agenda item for discussion.

GSD League – Mr. Terry Jarvis,

- The Chair congratulated Terry on his election as President.
- The League is working to progress obedience classes to aspire to pass Class 3.
- We have a good relationship with Dogs NSW and are in constant contact with them.
- Looking to implement some branches to service outlying areas.

Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC – Mr. Sean Lynch

- There is a change to the report as printed in the Annual Report. We have been trying for 10 years to get a double weekend Championship and Open show. We have been granted a double show for the 29th & 30th July, which is unfortunately the same weekend as the NBC meeting.
- Paul Brown and Peta Belic have taken on the roles of Show Secretary and Trial Secretary.

GSDC of Northern Territory – Ms. Margaret Adams
GSDC of Queensland – Ms Sharon Ballantyne
- Main priority is the National in May this year. Planning is well underway with everything going well.
- New Vice President is Mandy Doyle.
- Membership has slightly increased.
- Noticeable decrease in the amount of dogs going through breed survey.

GSDC of South Australia – Mr. Stephen Collins
- Membership is growing.
- Pleasing that we are permanently keeping our grounds at Adelaide Shores.
- Only about three kennels are tattooing as well as microchipping.

GSDC of Tasmania – Mrs Janet Haase – Additional comment from Delegate
- During 2016 the club conducted 3 Breed Surveys with a total of 8 animals being surveyed.
- The Tasmanian club would like to thank the following surveyors for their support and contribution to breed improvement in Tasmania: Louis Donald, Alastair Henderson, Vince Tantaro, Ian Urie, Jenny Yuen. The implementation of a second surveyor at all surveys has been appreciated by the club, providing choice for our club members and assuring consistent application of survey processes and requirements.
- The club would like to thank the outgoing Breed Affairs Carol Millhouse, for her management of Breed Affairs.
- We would also like to recognise the contribution made by the outgoing NBC Chair, Joylene Neddermeyer. She has worked tirelessly to support the effective implementation of the Breed Survey system and shared a wealth of breed knowledge.

Action: Council to assist with the implementation of the C&WA in Tasmania.

GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Vince Ebejer
- Tony Mercieca was introduced to the meeting as the new Vice President in waiting.
- Ian Urie will be taking on the role of Breed Affairs Administrator.
- The position of Obedience Administrator is being contested with two nominees Marilyn Wrigley will be standing down from the position.
- A more detailed report will be presented at our AGM with copies sent to all Member Clubs and Council.
- Dogs Victoria is working very hard to become the main stake holder of pure breed dogs in Victoria in order to enhance its credibility to Government.
- Field Officers have commenced visiting larger breeders for kennel inspections which include a couple of GSD breeders having been contacted.
- The puppy farm legislation is now in abeyance due to the large lobbying power brought to bear on Government by the public.

GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Ian Marr
- The report is lengthy due to the inclusion of the Office Bearers reports being included. This initiative not only informs our own members of the work done by our Committee but gives all exposure given our isolation from the Eastern states.
- Have commenced using the four free training certificates from Victoria and believes that this has helped with their increase in membership.
- Looking at holding four surveys instead of the normal six. Reason for that is the fact less dogs are being Breed Surveyed.

Chairperson, National Breed Commission – Mrs. J. Neddermeyer.
This item was dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.

The following reports are included in the NBC report and the recommends to all that the report is read in full.
- Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chairperson, Dr. Candy Baker
- National Haemophilia Scheme Registrar, Dr. Candy Baker
- National Identification Registrar, Mr. Adam Toretto
- National Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar, Mr. Doug West
Chairperson, Judges Committee – Mrs. Robyn Knuckey

- Made the meeting aware of a letter she received personally from DogsWest requesting further personal details for inclusion in an ANKC registry that will meet FCI requirements. Clubs and Judges were asked to contact their Canine Control and enquire why this has not been universally asked for nationally.
- Congratulations to Sharon Ballantyne on becoming a fully qualified GSDCA Specialist judge.
- It has been noted that Jess Kada has been receiving appointments although she has not yet been approved to participate in the extension course.
  - Clubs must be aware that newly qualified GSD judges cannot award GSDCA gradings if they have not been accepted into the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course.
  - Clubs must not contract judges who have yet to be accepted into the extension judges course.
- There has been a substantial increase in the number of Australian judges appointed to judge approved GSDCA Shows.
- WUSV Judges Course: no further information is available and all will be notified as soon as we get an update.

**Action:** Secretary to onward letter from Dogs West to all Clubs and Judges.

**Action:** Judges Committee Chair to follow up on whether or not Judges are insisting as to agreed policy adopted at Judges Committee that sees dogs standing naturally, no double handling and loose lead when gaiting when presented for individual examination.

Chairperson, Obedience Committee – Mr. John DeLucia

- Disappointed the obedience meeting was cancelled due to lack of discussion points being raised by clubs to bring something worthwhile to the table.
- Enquiries from members regarding dogsport are told that their first point of contact is their Clubs.
- Received feedback from clubs who have commenced the C&WA test.

The Chair commented that it is very disappointing that many clubs are not pushing ahead with obedience stating that this should be placed high on their agendas, and that starting up partnerships with established Obedience Clubs could benefit the Clubs who in the first instance would hold socialising classes where puppies as sold by their members could be catered for. This single initiative would see the breed served and club membership increase.

Editor Quarterly National Review – Ms. Jacinta Poole

- Changes include the designer, printer and focus and content.
- Driven by trying to provide broader content to appeal to general members, not just the breed side of our clubs.
- Magazine needs more advertising as the long term prospect of the printed magazine without advertising is not viable.
- Thanked the clubs for content and spotlight articles. Well received feedback from members to the new format and content.

Sub-Committee Reports:

National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie – (Report on 2016 National Show & Trial)

- I am in close communication with the Queensland club re the upcoming National.

National Database – Mr. Frank Moody

- Breed Surveyors can now input their own surveys. Most surveyors are doing this.
- Upgrade to the database has been done.
- Started work on the inputting of sires and dams.
- Do not have current statistics on how many people are accessing the data. Club members receive a new password each year in line with the end of their financial year.

Regulations Officer – Ms. Sharon Thorp

- Refer to Annual Report
Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis
- Some Member Clubs are not giving out the plaques to members. GSDCA award to breeders who achieve excellent for dogs they have bred.
- Terry will assist Queensland in setting up their trophy table.
- Asked he be advised asap to changes to Judges.
- We have limited time to produce the plaques for the child handlers, state awards, personal awards etc and need to be advised in a timely manner.

Action: Secretary to provide details of Junior Showmanship award plaques and other recipients as soon as they are confirmed by and or received from Clubs.

Historian – N/A

Youth Coordinator – Jess Lynch.
The Chair congratulated Jess on her articles for the QNR.

Communication Officer – Ms. Jacinta Poole
- This title will be disbanded as the Website and Facebook comes under the banner of QNR.
- Be diligent regarding social media. When used for good purpose, very powerful as was shown by the ground swell in the recent Victorian Legislation into Puppy Farming showed.

Breed Specific Legislation – Mrs. Margaret Adams
The Chair said that as this is a very important role, the BSLO should work closely with the President and Secretary rather than the Editor of the QNR. The Executive would like to put in place that Margaret report direct to the President.
Margaret was very active with the Victorian situation. She is still finding it hard to receive information from Clubs.
Victoria advised that the BSLO role will in the future be undertaken by the GSDCV Vice President.

Website Officer – Ms. Jacinta Poole
Nothing further to add to the report.

Public Relations Officer – N/A

Motion: That all Reports presented be accepted.
Moved: ACT. CARRIED.

12 **WUSV Meeting (2016) report** – Minutes from the WUSV Meeting was distributed to all Member Clubs on 16th November 2016.

Vince Tantaro and Robyn Knuckey attended the meeting. The minutes show re-occurring problems throughout the year with little being resolved.

13 **Determination of scale of fees for financial year 2016-2017**
No recommendation for increases. We may need to consider revamping of the medals which may result in an alteration to scale of fees to cover the incurred extra costs.
14 Election of Office Bearers

The following nominations have been received:

14.1 Executive

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<td>NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON</td>
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<td>SECRETARY</td>
<td>Mrs. Val Moody</td>
<td>GSDAWA, GSD League, GSDCV, GSDCSA</td>
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The above Nominees were declared duly elected.

The Chair welcomed Melanie to the role of NBC Chair.

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<th>Mr. John DeLucia</th>
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<td>Mrs. Julie Urie</td>
<td>GSDCV, GSDCQ</td>
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The Chair appointed Frank Moody as scrutineer.
Julie Urie was duly elected and congratulated on her election.
The Chair noted the contribution John DeLucia he has made in this difficult role and thanked him for his commitment, honesty and dedication.
The ACT wanted to acknowledge and express their thanks to John for his assistance over the years.

14.2 Expression of Interest for Other Positions

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<td>Mr. Doug West</td>
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<td>Mr. Adam Toretto</td>
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<td>Dr. Candy Baker</td>
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<td>Haemophilia Registrar - Duly elected.</td>
<td>Dr. Candy Baker</td>
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<td>National Show Liaison Officer – Duly elected.</td>
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<td>GSDCV</td>
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<td>Regulations Officer - All agreed that this role should be the responsibility of the Secretary. The meeting recommended we remove the Regulations Officer position from the list of nominations.</td>
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<td>Mrs. Margaret Adams</td>
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The above Nominees were declared duly elected.
15. **National Show Reports**

15.1 **44th National - 2016**

Host – German Shepherd Dog League – *Final Report – (Refer Annual Report)*

**Conformation Judges:**
- All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Richard Brauch (SV)
- All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Richard Brauch (SV)
- All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Frau Margit van Dorssen (SV)

**Obedience Judges:**
- Miss Tiki Friezer (NSW) – CCD, Novice Dog & Bitch
- Ms. M. Fazekas (NSW) – Open Dog & Bitch
- Miss V. Etherington OAM (NSW) – Utility & Utility Excellent Dog & Bitch

**Junior Showmanship Judge:** Mr. C. Rice (UK)

**Dates** – 25th, 26th, & 27th March 2016 (*Easter Weekend*)

**Entry Fees**
- Initial entry = $46.00, subsequent - $36.00 per class.
- Baby Puppies Initial entry = $39.00, subsequent - $29.00 per class.
- Obedience Initial entry = $39.00, subsequent - $29.00 per class.

➢ Terry Jarvis read out the report as presented on Page 64 of the Annual Report.

➢ The Chair asked if the balance sheet was to be tabled at this meeting.
  - The balance sheet is required and integral to the report as it provides financial information that can assist the next Club hosting this event on behalf of the Council.

Discussion was held regarding the reporting of an aggressive dog at the National, and it was concluded that the League handled the issue according the rules and regulations of Dogs NSW.

**Action:** The League to email the financial balance sheet to the GSDCA Secretary for distribution to the Member Clubs.

15.2 **45th National - 2017**

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland – *Progress Report*

**Conformation Judges:**
- All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Frank Goldlust (SV)
- All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Frank Goldlust (SV)
- All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Herr Joachim Stiegler (SV)

**Obedience Judges:**
- Mr. B. Patterson (QLD) – UD, UDX
- Ms. C. Pethers (QLD) CCD, CD
- Ms. B. Murfett (QLD) CDX

**Junior Showmanship Judge:** Ms. Jess Kada

**Dates** – 19th, 20th, & 21st May 2017

**Entry Fees**
- Initial entry = $46.00, subsequent - $36.00 per class.
- Baby Puppies Initial entry = $39.00, subsequent - $29.00 per class.
- Obedience Initial entry = $39.00, subsequent - $29.00 per class.

Sharon Ballantyne distributed a very well presented professional report as to progress to date, adding the following:

➢ Raffles and sausage sizzles have been held as fund raisers.
➢ Have secured a couple of sponsors donating either trophies or cash.
➢ Thanked Jane Pike for her assistance in obtaining ADVANCE as the major sponsor and have donated $2000.
➢ Thanked Robyn Knuckey for her assistance in seeking sash/trophy sponsorship.
➢ Acknowledged Gail Donald who came on board to assist with the catalogue and advertising.
➢ Thanked Val Moody for organising Dawn Fraser’s attendance.
➢ Have a few concerns on how to implement the running of the classes with the LSC and SC.
➢ The consensus of the meeting was to run the LSC dogs and bitches each day first, followed by the SC classes.
➢ The Schedule has been approved by Dogs Qld but not put to print yet.
➢ Sharon will arrange to have an amended schedule on Facebook and in the magazine and include the warnings used in the past saying that classes will not be held up waiting for handlers.
➢ Names of Junior Handler participants can be finalised on the day.
Major raffle $1000 cash first prize, painting second prize and Bunnings voucher for third prize.
Can all club Secretaries advertise the Schedule on their websites.
Val to bring the GSDCA Flag to the National.
Vests are being provided by Victoria.
Jess Kada has been approved for judging the Junior Showmanship classes with approval received in writing.

The Chair thanked Sharon for providing such a comprehensive report on how things were progressing with the National and made mention of the assistance being offered to the Queensland club by other states.

15.3 46th National - 2018
Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia – Progress Report
Conformation Judges:
All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Christoph Ludwig
All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Christoph Ludwig
All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Herr Rainer Mast
Obedience Judges:
Mr. Peter Dynan (SA) – CCD - Community Companion Dog, and UD - Utility Dog
Mrs. Dawn Howard (VIC) – CD - Companion Dog and UDX – Utility Dog Excellent
Mrs. Jan Brabham (SA) – CDX – Companion Dog Excellent
Reserve Judge – Mr. Michael Vigor
Junior Showmanship Judge: Mr. Kurt Morton
Dates – 27th, 28th, & 29th April 2018
Entry Fees:
Junior to Open (4 -11) Initial entry = $50.00, subsequent = $40.00 per class.
All Puppy Classes (1 to 3) Initial entry = $40.00, subsequent = $30.00 per class.
Obedience Initial entry = $40.00, subsequent = $30.00 per class.

Change to the entry fees for the Baby Puppy Classes to initial entry = $40.00, subsequent = $30.00.
Minor to Open initial entry $50.00 subsequent = $40.00.
Entry Fees (Minor to Open) Initial entry = $50.00, subsequent = $40.00 per class.
Baby Puppies only Initial entry = $40.00, subsequent = $30.00 per class.
Obedience Initial entry = $40.00, subsequent = $30.00 per class.

Judges have been contracted.
Adelaide Shores resort will be major accommodation – booked for the whole weekend.
Talking to major sponsor ADVANCE.
Show Manager just about finalised the schedule to be sent to Ian Urie (NSLO) before sending to Dogs SA for approval.
Trial Judges – 2 come from South Australia. Ideally we try to get judges from other states.
According to Obedience Manual try to get judges from the Preferred Obedience Judges List and from other States, secondly if none from Preferred List then obtain from the Supplementary List.
Andrew O’Loughlin rang quite a few people and they didn’t return his calls.
The Chair suggested that ideally, we should have obedience running for the 3 days of the National with winner of winners on the final day. That is something for the new Obedience Chair to try to tap into and give it some thought.

15.4 47th National - 2019
Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria
Conformation Judges:
All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – To be advised.
All Stock Coat Dog classes – To be advised.
All Stock Coat Bitch classes – To be advised.
Obedience Judges: To be advised
Junior Showmanship Judge: To be advised.
Dates – To be advised
Entry Fees
Baby Puppies Initial entry = $............, subsequent $............... per class.
Obedience Initial entry = $............, subsequent $..............per class.

Victoria advised that Royal Canin has agreed in principle to sponsor the National.
The Chair advised that the NBC Executive will provide a list of judges for the meetings consideration later in the meeting.

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<td>Herr Heinz Scheerer (Stock Coat Bitches)</td>
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<td>Herr H. Buss (LSC &amp; SC Dogs) &amp; Frau Margit Van Dorssen, (SC Bitches)</td>
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<td>Subject that the show is not held at Easter. Hold it on the 3rd weekend in May.</td>
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Discussion was held regarding the timing of Nationals held in Sydney given the usually very hot weather and the expense of accommodation at Easter time. Following discussion, the following motion was put to the meeting as a 60 day motion:

**Motion:** “That the GSD League be granted the right to host the 2020 GSDCA GSD National Show & Trial providing that the event is held during the period of Mid April to late May but not over the Easter Weekend.”

Moved: SA. Seconded: WA CARRIED.

**Action:** The above Motion to go forward as a 60 Day Motion.

60 Day Motion

15.5 **Discussion Item:**

Nomination of SV judges to be added or removed from National Show Conformation Judges listing.

**Action:** That GSDCA National Conformation Judges list be amended accordingly as per discussion held regarding suitability of judges to judge the National and that Harald Hohmann as nominated and accepted be added to the list.
16.1 Motion:
Moved: VIC.

“That application is made to amend ANKC Regulations Part 6 Clause 8.9: German Shepherd Dog which currently reads:

Clarification on the LRLs for the requirement for Haemophilia testing for GSDs.

Current ANKC Regulation:
8.9 German Shepherd Dog
For all German Shepherd litters born after 1.1.99 and where the parents have been born after 1.1.97, these parents must show results of X-rays for hips and elbows, and a Haemophilia A result for the males, as defined below: Effective September 1, 2004, the following requirements will apply:

1. All imported GSD males must have an Australian H.Neg certificate prior to ANY progeny being registered in Australia.
2. All sons of imported GSD bitches must be in possession of an H.Neg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia.
3. All GSD males born from litters imported in whelp must be in possession of an H.Neg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia.
4. Where a GSD bitch is sired by imported semen, any of her male offspring must have an H.Neg Certificate prior to any of his progeny being registered in Australia. (05/04)

Be amended to read as follows:-

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4. Where a GSD bitch is sired by imported semen, any of her male offspring must have an Australian Hneg Certificate prior to any of his progeny being registered in Australia. (05/04)
5. Any GSD male sired by imported semen must have an Australian Hneg Certificate prior to any of his progeny being registered in Australia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

16.2 Motion:
Moved: VIC

“That the NBC Meeting decision to reinstate Ms. Melanie Groth as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor be ratified”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

16.3 Motion:
Moved: GSDL

“That the GSDCA makes application to the ANKC to only register litters in either the main or limited register where both parents have met the current ANKC LRL for GSDs in regard to control of hip dysplasia and elbow dysplasia”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS
16.4 **Motion:**

Moved: GSDL

“That as from 1st July 2017 the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual Section 5.1 Definition of Classification which currently reads:

5.1 **Breed Survey Class I**

German Shepherd Dogs shall be classified Breed Survey Class I (BS Cl. I) provided those dogs and bitches are anatomically and temperamentally **far above** the breed average in this country.

5.2 **Breed Survey Class II**

German Shepherd Dogs shall be classified Breed Survey Class II (BS Cl. II) provided those dogs and bitches are anatomically and temperamentally **above** the breed average in this country, as distinct from FAR ABOVE.

5.3 Imported animals shall retain the classification awarded by their country of domicile.

be amended to read

5.1 German Shepherd Dogs shall be classified **“Breed Survey Classified”** provided those dogs and bitches are anatomically and temperamentally above the breed average in this country.

5.2 Imported animals shall retain the classification awarded by their country of domicile.

**Discussion:**

- The Breed Survey Manual refers to Class 1 and Class 2 throughout. One classification has not been stipulated. Need to look at the regulations that need amending, present the amended manual plus this motion to the next meeting.
- NBC Chair said that if this suggestion is approved in essence, it would be a huge amount of work to take back and then have the clubs reject it. If the motion is passed it won’t take long to rewrite the Regulations.

**Motion:** 5.1 German Shepherd Dogs shall be classified **“Breed Survey Classified”** provided those dogs and bitches are anatomically and temperamentally above the breed average in this country.

5.2 Imported animals shall retain the classification awarded by their country of domicile.

FOR: GSDL, QLD, WA, ACT, TAS.
AGAINST: VIC, SA, N&HR.

CARRIED.

(This Motion deals with the Motion at 20.1)

**Action:** Amend Breed Survey Manual and GSDCA Regulations accordingly.

16.5 **Motion:**

Moved: VIC

“That the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual Section 7.1 Size which currently reads:-

7.1 **Size**

Breed Survey Class I dogs and bitches must be within the limits of 60cms – 66cms for dogs and 55cms - 61cms for bitches.

Breed Survey Class II dogs and bitches are preferred to stand within the limit of 60/66cms for dogs and 55/61cms for bitches.

All animals that are outside this size range and are considered to be of above average anatomical worth may be considered for Class II, and the height as measured shall be recorded on the Breed Survey Certificate with the Warning and Recommendation that extreme care must be taken when considering breeding from this animal.
Be amended to read:-

7.1 **Size**

Successfully “Breed Survey Classified” animals must be within the limits of 60cms – 67cms for dogs and 55cms and 62cms for bitches.

*Animals that measure outside of the parameters will be deemed to have failed the breed survey.*

For: QLD, TAS, WA
Against: VIC, GSDL, SA, N&HR, ACT

**Discussion:**
- The key not to have a height restriction were the words ‘may be considered’ in relation to the height restrictions. 62 or 67.
- Only about 3 or 4 dogs outside those guidelines have been presented and were top class animals, then those animals may be “considered” for classification.
- By putting a size limit then the dog would be discarded from the breeding structure.

**Action:** The NBC Executive will forward to all Breed Surveyors clarification with respect to the requirements relating to size and other criteria as now in place that allow an animal to be classified as Class 2.

16.6 **Motion:**

**Moved:** VIC

**Current Regulation reads:**

**4.3 Breed Commission Awards**

The GSDCA award Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions, and/or plaque to kennels that have supported the GSDCA HD Control Scheme, and the GSDCA ED Control Scheme, by breeding the required number of animals to receive the GSDCA “A” stamp and “Z” stamp.

The Breeder does not have to apply for these awards. The HD/ED Registrar will compile a list of kennels that qualify as of 31 December in any given year, and this list will be tabled by the NBC Chairperson at the GSDCA AGM, and the kennels will be advised in writing.

The medallions will be presented to Member Clubs at the GSDCA AGM and they will be requested to present the awards at an appropriate Club event such as Championship Show, Annual General Meeting and/or Club Presentation Night. [2015]

The list of qualifying kennels will be published in the National edition of the Quarterly National Review.

That the below additional paragraph be added:-

That as from 1st July 2017 only animals that receive a pass in both the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme and the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme will qualify to be recorded in the tally for the GSDCA Breeders Achievement Award.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS
16.7 GSDCA Breeders Achievement Award Medallion

"That Section 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 GSDCA Regulations which currently reads:

4.3.1 GSDCA ‘A’ Stamp award:
  4.3.1.1 The GSDCA ‘A’ Stamp certificate is awarded to the Owner of the dog that has successfully passed the requirements of the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme.
  4.3.1.2 The GSDCA award medallions to kennels that have supported the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme.
    a) Bronze Medallion – to Kennels that have bred ten (10) ‘A’ Stamp animals,
    b) Silver Medallion – to Kennels that have bred twenty-five (25) ‘A’ Stamp animals,
    c) Gold Medallion – to Kennels that have bred fifty (50) ‘A’ Stamp animals,
    d) Plaque – to Kennels that have bred one hundred (100) ‘A’ Stamp animals,

4.3.2 GSDCA ‘Z’ Stamp award
  4.3.2.1 The GSDCA ‘Z’ Stamp certificate is awarded to the Owner of the dog that has successfully passed the requirements of the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme.
  4.3.2.2 The GSDCA award medallions to kennels that have supported the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme.
    a) Bronze Medallion – to Kennels that have bred ten (10) ‘Z’ Stamp animals,
    b) Silver Medallion – to Kennels that have bred twenty-five (25) ‘Z’ Stamp animals,
    c) Gold Medallion – to Kennels that have bred fifty (50) ‘Z’ Stamp animals,
    d) Plaque – to Kennels that have bred one hundred (100) ‘Z’ Stamp animals,

be amended and replaced with the following:-

4.3.1 GSDCA Breeders Achievement Award:
  4.3.1.1 As from 1st January 2018 the GSDCA Breeders Achievement Award will be a combined medallion. For a kennel to qualify for these awards animals must have successfully passed the requirements of both the GSDCA HD and ED Control Scheme.
  4.3.1.2 The GSDCA ‘A’ Stamp and the GSDCA ‘Z’ Stamp is awarded to the owner of the dog that has successfully passed the requirements of the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme and GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme.
    a) Bronze Medallion – to kennels that have bred ten (10) animals that have received both the GSDCA “A” and “Z” stamp
    b) Silver Medallion – to kennels that have bred twenty-five (25) animals that have received both the GSDCA “A” and “Z” stamp
    c) Gold Medallion – to kennels that have bred fifty (50) animals that have received both the GSDCA “A” and “Z” stamp
    d) Plaque – to kennels that have bred one hundred (100) animals that have received both the GSDCA “A” and “Z” stamp

Rationale:
It was felt that GSDCA Breeders Achievement Award could be combined into one medallion. This will mean that a new medallion will need to be designed and approved by the GSDCA Member Clubs.

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The new medallion would not be introduced until the current stocks of GSDCA Breeders Achievement Awards have been awarded. This would take approximately seven years to exhaust the current supply for bronze and silver.
Discussion:
After discussion, it was agreed that this motion is to be reworded, therefore the motion lapses and is referred back to the NBC.

Action: The above motion is to be referred back to the NBC for re-wording.

16.8 Motion:
Moved: SA
That the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual regarding Appeals: Section 12.4 Appeals currently reads:

12.4 Appeals

The owner of a dog who may feel he has been unfairly treated or his dog unfairly assessed has the right of appeal through the National Breed Commission Executive, after having appealed to the State Breed Survey Coordinator.

It is the State Clubs Chief Surveyor’s responsibility to try to solve any matters such as this. Should a stalemate situation arise, the State Breed Survey Coordinator will provide the history, plus details of the appeal to the National Breed Commission Executive, who shall if deemed appropriate, arrange to re-assess the animal.

The dog shall then be presented to at least one member of the National Breed Commission Executive in consultation with where ever possible the original GSDCA Breed Surveyor and the State Breed Survey Coordinator of that particular State and their decision shall be final.

In cases where the owner requests an appeal the costs shall be borne by the owner, where the NBC Executive is requested by Council to review the animal it shall be at the cost of Council.

Proposed Amendment:

12.4 Appeals

The owner/s of a dog has the right to appeal, if they believe their dog was unfairly assessed. The following steps detail the appeal process.

12.4.1 Owner of the dog must lodge an appeal in writing within 7 days to the State Breed Survey Coordinator (SBSC) at the Club at which the survey was conducted.

The State Breed Survey Coordinator will inform the NBC Executive of the appeal.

12.4.2 The SBSC in consultation with the original GSDCA Breed Surveyor and owner, will document the appeal and forward same to the National Breed Commission Executive.

The National Breed Commission Executive may further consult with all parties in the matter to provide more detail.

12.4.3 The National Breed Commission Executive will after investigating the case provide the owner/s with a ruling in respect of the appeal:

12.4.4 In the case of where the animal is to be re-assessed:
  - The assessment panel shall be made up of at least one member of the National Breed Commission Executive and two GSDCA Breed Surveyors.
  - The re-assessment shall be arranged at the cost of the owner.
  - However, to reduce this cost, the re-assessment may be held at a future breed survey held by the Member Club or interstate.
  - The SBSC and original GSDCA Breed Surveyor shall not be a part of the assessment panel.
  - The decision of the assessment panel shall be final.

MOVED: WA, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MOTION CARRIED.
Abstain: GSDL.

The amendments to 12.4 Appeals now becomes the Motion:
Moved: SA
Abstain: GSDL.

CARRIED

The Chair called the meeting to a close at 4.34pm to enable a Forum Working Group Meeting to be held. The GSDCA AGM will resume on Sunday at 8.30am.

Sunday 12 February 2017

GSDCA EXECUTIVE:

President – Vince Tantaro (Chair) Secretary – Val Moody
NBC Chair – Melanie Groth Judges Committee Chair – Robyn Knuckey
Treasurer – Jane Pike Obedience Chair – Julie Urie
Editor of QNR – Ms Jacinta Poole. Minutes Secretary – Barbara Blythe

MEMBER CLUB DELEGATES

GSDA of WA – President – Ian Marr GSDCQ – President – Sharon Ballantyne
GSDCV – President – Vince Ebejer GSDC of SA – Secretary - Stephen Collins
ACT GSDCA – President – Wolf Meffert GSD League – President – Terry Jarvis
N&HR GSDC – President Mr Sean Lynch GSDC Tasmania – Janet Haase.

OBSERVERS.

Mr Tony Mercieca Mr Frank Moody
Mr Ian Urie Mr John DeLucia
Mrs. Pam Jarvis Mrs Chris Auwema
Mr. Sasha Beljanski Mrs. Jenny Yuen
Mrs. Nicky McDermott Mrs. Gill Cafari

APOLOGIES

Mrs. Margaret Adams - GSDC of NT President Mr. Dave Griffin – GSDC Tasmania President
Mr. Andrew Jones – GSDCV Mrs. Joylene Neddermeyer - SA

The Chair declared the meeting open at 8.30am

The Chair informed the meeting that the Breed Survey Forum Working Group 1 had worked hard to prepare the items as put forward to the meeting. He wanted to thank the participants, who consisted of old, new and some very new members. It was clear from the Forum and the e-data received, that Surveyors are expected to show leadership and be accountable across all aspects of the Breed Survey Scheme. A message made very clear from the Forum.

NBC Chair reiterated that the guidelines state that “as member clubs and surveyors and judges of the GSDCA we support the ideals of the GSD Council of Australia”.

16.9 Breed Survey Forum (BSF) Working Group #1

➢ Service Agreement
➢ Regulations 6.3 as Proposed

The 2016 GSDCA Breed Survey Forum (BSF) as informed by a survey of some 250 members gave clear direction with regard to how to better the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme. A key message given by the membership was that Breed Surveyors must be accountable and enhance their creditability amongst the fraternity. The BSF formed three working groups and Working Group #1: Accountability and Compliance have, through their work, proposed the motions as listed.

It must be noted that the GSDCA Executive supports the motions as put and asks that they are supported.
Motion No.1:
Moved: Tas
“That as of 1st July 2017, all GSDCA Breed Surveyors must sign the following GSDCA Service Agreement (Ver 07/2017) in order to maintain their GSDCA Breed Surveyor Status”.

SERVICE AGREEMENT  (Ver:07 – 2017)
DATED:  1 July 2017

BETWEEN:  THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc. (“GSDCA”)

AND:  (add name and address)

Position: GSDCA Breed Surveyor

I, _______________ of the above address do hereby agree to abide by and acknowledge the list of obligations and requirements to retain my GSDCA Breed Surveyor status.

1. I will promote Breed Improvement Schemes and ideals of the GSDCA.
2. I will abide by the “GSDCA Regulations”, “GSDCA Codes of Ethics” and “GSDCA Guiding Principles”, “GSDCA Social Media Code of Conduct” and/or Codes of Ethics/Conduct/Behaviour as adopted by my State Canine Control and/or my Member Club.
3. I agree solely or in cases where I am a partner and share a kennel prefix to only breed with animal’s and/or semen that have been successfully classified in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, or a GSDCA recognised breed survey scheme.
4. I will only allow stud dogs owned or in held in partnership to be bred with bitches that have successfully been classified in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme.
5. I am a financial member of the Canine Control and the Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile.
   a. I understand that as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor, I will automatically cease to hold that position if I no longer hold an ANKC GSD Championship Judges license.
6. I understand that as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor I will upon suspension and/or banning by the Canine Control and/or Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile immediately advise the NBC Executive.
   a. I understand that as of the date of suspension and/or banning cease to hold the position of GSDCA Breed Surveyor for the period of time as applied.
   b. I understand I must reapply through my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile to be reinstated to the position of GSDCA Breed Surveyor.
7. I will attend the GSDCA National Breed Commission Meeting at least once in every three years.
8. I will attend the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial once in every two years.
9. I will be active at my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile as demonstrated by my attending Breed Surveys, Club Shows, and Club meetings.
10. I understand that failure to comply with any of the above obligations and/or requirements will result in an investigation which may result in penalties or the withdrawal of my GSDCA Breed Surveyor status. Any decision regarding penalties or withdrawal of my status as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor will be made by a Special General Meeting of the GSDCA.

I further acknowledge and understand that:
• At the time of signing this document, I have been provided with a copy of “GSDCA Code of Ethics”, “GSDCA Guiding Principles”, “GSDCA Social Media Code of Conduct” and “GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures”.
• I am responsible for my self-education and will participate in GSDCA education programs.
• My position as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor will be reviewed every 3 years from the signing of this agreement.
• I must as part of the Review Process provide the NBC Executive and my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile a summary of my activity over the last 3 years, 90 days prior to the expiry of this agreement.
• This service agreement once signed is valid up until 30th June 2020.

SIGNED by ___________________________ ………………………………………………………

in the presence of:
Print Name: .......................... Sign:..........................................................

THE COMMON SEAL of THE GERMAN
SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA (INC)
was hereto affixed by Authority of the Executive in the presence of: ..........................

The Chair thanked the ACT for tabling some suggested amendments after seeking legal advice.
Discussion was held with the following amendments suggested and accepted on a one by one basis: shown in red:

**AMENDED Motion No.1:**
“That as of 1st July 2017, all GSDCA Breed Surveyors must sign the following GSDCA Service Agreement (Ver 07/2017) in order (Delete) to maintain their GSDCA Breed Surveyor Status”.

**SERVICE AGREEMENT (Ver07 - 2017**

**DATED:** 1 July 2017

**BETWEEN:** THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc. (“GSDCA”)

**AND:**  (add name and address)

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2. I agree solely, or in cases where I am a partner and share a kennel prefix, to only breed with animal’s and/or the semen of animals that have been successfully classified in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, or a GSDCA recognised breed survey scheme.

3. I will only allow stud dogs owned by myself or in held in partnership to be bred with bitches that have successfully been classified in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised Breed Survey Scheme.

The ACT wanted to include the following to item 3: “I will endeavour to allow stud dogs ...........”

This amendment was rejected by the meeting with the GSDL abstaining as they do not agree with this License.

**IN favour of the ACT amendment: LOST.**

For: ACT

Against: SA

Abstain: GSDL

4. I am a financial member of the Canine Control and the Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile.

**Action:** The Executive to look at the definition of “state of domicile” and fine tune this sentence.

   a. I understand that as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor, I will automatically cease to hold that position if I no longer hold an ANKC GSD Championship Judges license.

5. I understand that as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor I will upon suspension and/or banning by the Canine Control and/or Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile immediately advise the NBC Executive.

   a. I understand that as of the date of suspension and/or banning cease to hold the position of GSDCA Breed Surveyor for the period of time as applied with no right of review under the Breed Surveyors appeal process.

   b. I understand I must reapply through my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile to be reinstated to the position of GSDCA Breed Surveyor.

6. I will:
   - attend the GSDCA National Breed Commission Meeting at least once in every three years.
   - attend the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial once in every two years.
   - be active at my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile as demonstrated by my attending Breed Surveys, Club Shows, and Club meetings.

7. I understand that failure to comply with any of the above obligations and/or requirements will result in an investigation which may result in penalties or the withdrawal of my GSDCA Breed Surveyor status. Any decision regarding penalties or withdrawal of my status as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor will be made by a Special General Meeting of the GSDCA.

I further acknowledge and understand that:

- At the time of signing this document, I have been provided with a copy of “GSDCA Code of Ethics”, “GSDCA Guiding Principles”, “GSDCA Social Media Code of Conduct” and “GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures”.
- I am responsible for my self-education and will participate in GSDCA education programs.
- My position as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor will be reviewed every 3 years from the signing of this agreement.
• I must as part of the Review Process provide the NBC Executive and my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile a summary of my activity over the last 3 years, 90 days prior to the expiry of this agreement.
• This service agreement once signed is valid up until 30th June 2020.
• The terms of this agreement may be reviewed from time to time at the discretion of the GSDCA and the most recent version of this agreement will be binding for the period of my instatement.

All those in favour of the inclusions and/or deletions: CARRIED.
For: TAS, ACT, VIC, WA, N&HR
Against: SA, Qld.
Abstain: GSDL
Motion No.1:
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SERVICE AGREEMENT  (Ver:07 - 2017  
DATED:  1 July 2017  

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AND:  (add name and address)  

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3. I will only allow stud dogs owned by myself or in held in partnership to be bred with bitches that have successfully been classified in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised Breed Survey Scheme.

4. I am a financial member of the Canine Control and the Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile.
   a. I understand that as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor, I will automatically cease to hold that position if I no longer hold an ANKC GSD Championship Judges license.

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   a. I understand that as of the date of suspension and/or banning cease to hold the position of GSDCA Breed Surveyor for the period of time as applied with no right of review under the Breed Surveyors appeal process.
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6. I will:
   • attend the GSDCA National Breed Commission Meeting at least once in every three years.
   • attend the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial once in every two years.
   • be active at my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile as demonstrated by my attending Breed Surveys, Club Shows, and Club meetings.

7. I understand that failure to comply with any of the above obligations and/or requirements will result in an investigation which may result in penalties or the withdrawal of my GSDCA Breed Surveyor status. Any decision regarding penalties or withdrawal of my status as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor will be made by a Special General Meeting of the GSDCA.

I further acknowledge and understand that:
• At the time of signing this document, I have been provided with a copy of “GSDCA Code of Ethics”, “GSDCA Guiding Principles”, “GSDCA Social Media Code of Conduct” and “GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures”.
• I am responsible for my self-education and will participate in GSDCA education programs.
• My position as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor will be reviewed every 3 years from the signing of this agreement.
• I must as part of the Review Process provide the NBC Executive and my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile a summary of my activity over the last 3 years, 90 days prior to the expiry of this agreement.
• This service agreement once signed is valid up until 30th June 2020.
• The terms of this agreement may be reviewed from time to time at the discretion of the GSDCA and the most recent version of this agreement will be binding for the period of my instatement.

For:  WA, VIC, ACT, N&HR, TAS, QLD, SA.

Against:  GSDL  

CARRIED.

The Chair thanked the Working Party for their work and the ACT’s member, Mr Sam McGregor for his advice. This is a milestone for our organisation. Thank you everyone.
Motion No.2:
Moved: TAS

“That as of 1st July 2017 the current GSDCA Regulation 6.3: GSDCA Breed Surveyors as proposed be adopted and replaced with the following:

6.3  GSDCA Breed Surveyors

6.3.1  GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures

6.3.1.1  Review Procedure

a) The Breed Surveyor shall 90 days before the expiry of the agreement, forward to the NBC Executive and their Member Club of the GSDCA in their State or Territory of domicile a summary of their involvement over the past three years,

b) The summary should include a history of:
   i. Breed surveys attended;
   ii. Shows attended;
   iii. Shows judged;
   iv. Club meetings and or involvement;
   v. Positions held at GSDCA and/or Club level;
   vi. Participation held in other canine clubs and/or at canine control level;
   vii. Any other evidence of demonstrated participation and/or work for the breed.

c) The NBC Executive and the Member Club of domicile shall advise the GSDCA Secretary within 30 days, of their decision to endorse or not, the renewal of the service agreement.

d) The NBC Executive and/or the Breed Surveyor’s Member Club of domicile may rule that the Breed Surveyor has not shown the required level of commitment and ask the applicant to provide further evidence of demonstrated participation.

e) If the NBC Executive and the Breed Surveyor’s Member Club of domicile both endorse the renewal the Breed Surveyor shall be asked to sign a new Service Agreement that may be reviewed from time to time and will apply for the next 3 years

f) Where a Member Club and/or the NBC Executive do not endorse the renewal of the service agreement, an investigation will be undertaken as per Regulations 6.3.1.2 and 6.3.1.3 below.

ALL IN FAVOUR to amendment in (e) – CARRIED.

6.3.1.2  Investigation, and Disciplinary Procedures

In cases where the renewal of the Breed Surveyors status has not been endorsed, or the GSDCA Secretary is made aware in writing by a member, Member Club and/or officer of the GSDCA that a Breed Surveyor does not comply with or meet the requirements as stipulated in the GSDCA Breed Surveyor Service Agreement, the Breed Surveyor will be notified by the NBC Executive in writing and advised that an investigation will be undertaken as per Regulations 6.3.1.2 and 6.3.1.3.

A copy of the complaint will be attached to this communication.

a) The GSDCA Executive will form an Investigation Committee comprising of three (3) Member Club Presidents one of which will be the President of the Breed Surveyor’s State/Territory of domicile.
   i. The committee will after 30 days of being formed present their findings and recommendation to the GSDCA Executive.
   ii. Based on the findings, the matters raised may be listed as agenda items for a GSDCA SGM.

Questions:
ACT: what are the investigation protocols?
NBC: We should follow the same protocols as the Appeals Process.
Action: The Executive to look into the investigation protocols for 6.3.1.2 (a).
b) The Breed Surveyor may defend his/her case in person or by written submission at the SGM.

c) Member Clubs will receive a copy of all documents regarding the "complaint". These will include recommendations of the Investigation committee, documents as presented by the accused Breed Surveyor in defense of his/her case and any other documents as identified relevant to the case.

d) The case as considered by the SGM will be decided by a majority decision where each Member Club will have the same voting strength as declared at the previous AGM.

e) The findings of the GSDCA SGM will stand.

6.3.1.3 Appeal Procedure

a) Any appeal against the decision of the GSDCA SGM must be lodged with the GSDCA Secretary within 7 days of the decision being handed down.

b) An appeal may only be made citing:
   i. incorrect procedure during the Investigation/Disciplinary process, and/or
   ii. new evidence, and/or
   iii. an excessively harsh or unfair penalty has been imposed.

c) The appeal will be considered by an Appeals Committee as appointed by the GSDCA Executive comprising of two (2) Member Club Presidents (not the Breed Surveyor's State/Territory of domicile and/or those that conducted the original investigation) and three (3) ordinary members (not peer group) of the Breed Surveyor's State/Territory of domicile.

   The meeting agreed with the amendment to 6.3.1.3 (b) iii above.

6.3.1.4 Re-instatement Application

That a Breed Surveyor who surrenders his/her Breed Survey status and wishes to be re-instated as a Breed Surveyor must produce evidence of renewed activity. **This will be evidenced by attendance at specialty shows including the GSDCA National show and breed surveys 12 months prior to application for reinstatement.** The applicant must have their application endorsed by a Member Club of the GSDCA in their State or Territory of domicile. This documentation is to be forwarded to the NBC Chairperson and to be placed on the Agenda for approval at the NBC Meeting and ratified at the following GSDCA AGM. [Previously 6.3.5]

All in favour of the amendment. AMENDMENT CARRIED.

Abstain: GSDL

6.3.1.5 State Breed Survey Coordinator

A State Breed Survey Coordinator is to be appointed by the NBC Chairperson to be responsible for breed surveys in the State and responsible directly to the NBC Chairperson. [Previously 6.3.1]
The amended Motion now becomes the Motion.

“That as of 1st July 2017 the current GSDCA Regulation 6.3: GSDCA Breed Surveyors as proposed be adopted and replaced with the following:

6.3  GSDCA Breed Surveyors

6.3.1  GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures

6.3.1.1  Review Procedure

a) The Breed Surveyor shall 90 days before the expiry of the agreement, forward to the NBC Executive and their Member Club of the GSDCA in their State or Territory of domicile a summary of their involvement over the past three years.

b) The summary should include a history of:

i. Breed surveys attended;
ii. Shows attended;
iii. Shows judged;
iv. Club meetings and or involvement;
v. Positions held at GSDCA and/or Club level;
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vii. Any other evidence of demonstrated participation and/or work for the breed.

c) The NBC Executive and the Member Club of domicile shall advise the GSDCA Secretary within 30 days, of their decision to endorse or not, the renewal of the service agreement.

d) The NBC Executive and/or the Breed Surveyor’s Member Club of domicile may rule that the Breed Surveyor has not shown the required level of commitment and ask the applicant to provide further evidence of demonstrated participation.

e) If the NBC Executive and the Breed Surveyor’s Member Club of domicile both endorse the renewal the Breed Surveyor shall be asked to sign a new Service Agreement that may be reviewed from time to time and will apply for the next 3 years.

f) Where a Member Club and/or the NBC Executive do not endorse the renewal of the service agreement, an investigation will be undertaken as per Regulations 6.3.1.2 and 6.3.1.3 below.

6.3.1.2  Investigation, and Disciplinary Procedures

In cases where the renewal of the Breed Surveyors status has not been endorsed, or the GSDCA Secretary is made aware in writing by a member, Member Club and/or officer of the GSDCA that a Breed Surveyor does not comply with or meet the requirements as stipulated in the GSDCA Breed Surveyor Service Agreement, the Breed Surveyor will be notified by the NBC Executive in writing and advised that an investigation will be undertaken as per Regulations 6.3.1.2 and 6.3.1.3.

A copy of the complaint will be attached to this communication.

a) The GSDCA Executive will form an Investigation Committee comprising of three (3) Member Club Presidents one of which will be the President of the Breed Surveyor’s State/Territory of domicile.

i. The committee will after 30 days of being formed present their findings and recommendation to the GSDCA Executive.

ii. Based on the findings, the matters raised may be listed as agenda items for a GSDCA SGM.

b) The Breed Surveyor may defend his/her case in person or by written submission at the SGM.

c) Member Clubs will receive a copy of all documents regarding the "complaint". These will include recommendations of the Investigation committee, documents as presented by the accused Breed Surveyor in defense of his/her case and any other documents as identified relevant to the case.
d) The case as considered by the SGM will be decided by a majority decision where each Member Club will have the same voting strength as declared at the previous AGM.

e) The findings of the GSDCA SGM will stand.

6.3.1.3. Appeal Procedure

a) Any appeal against the decision of the GSDCA SGM must be lodged with the GSDCA Secretary within 7 days of the decision being handed down.

b) An appeal may only be made citing:
   i. incorrect procedure during the Investigation/Disciplinary process, and/or
   ii. new evidence, and/or
   iii. an excessively harsh or unfair penalty has been imposed.

c) The appeal will be considered by an Appeals Committee as appointed by the GSDCA Executive comprising of two (2) Member Club Presidents (not the Breed Surveyor’s State/Territory of domicile and/or those that conducted the original investigation) and three(3) ordinary members (not peer group) of the Breed Surveyor’s State/Territory of domicile.

6.3.1.4 Re-instatement Application

That a Breed Surveyor who surrenders his/her Breed Survey status and wishes to be re-instated as a Breed Surveyor must produce evidence of renewed activity. This will be evidenced by attendance at specialty shows including the GSDCA National show and breed surveys 12 months prior to application for reinstatement. The applicant must have their application endorsed by a Member Club of the GSDCA in their State or Territory of domicile. This documentation is to be forwarded to the NBC Chairperson and to be placed on the Agenda for approval at the NBC Meeting and ratified at the following GSDCA AGM. [Previously 6.3.5]

6.3.1.5 State Breed Survey Coordinator

A State Breed Survey Coordinator is to be appointed by the NBC Chairperson to be responsible for breed surveys in the State and responsible directly to the NBC Chairperson. [Previously 6.3.1]

Moved: ACT               CARRIED.
For:  WA, VIC, ACT, N&HR, TAS, QLD, SA.
Against: GSDL

The Chair thanked the ACT for some very positive input.

Motion No. 3:

Moved: TAS

“That as of 1st July 2017 the current GSDCA Regulation 6.3: GSDCA Breed Surveyors will be rescinded”.

6.3 GSDCA Breed Surveyors

6.3.1 A State Breed Survey Coordinator is to be appointed by the NBC Chairperson to be responsible for breed surveys in the State and responsible directly to the NBC Chairperson.

6.3.2 That to maintain Surveyor status a Surveyor must retain an ANKC judges’ licence.

6.3.3 GSDCA Breed Surveyors must attend the NBC Meeting at least once in every three years to remain an active GSDCA Breed Surveyor.

6.3.4 Cessation of surveyor – If a Member Club removes or reinstates a surveyor from that Member Club's panel the NBC will recognise that action.

6.3.5 That a Breed Surveyor who surrenders his/her Breed Survey status and wishes to be re-instated as a Breed Surveyor must produce evidence of renewed activity by attending shows and surveys 12 months prior to application for reinstatement, including the National. The applicant must have their application endorsed by a Member Club of the GSDCA in their State or Territory of domicile. This documentation is to be forwarded to the NBC Chairperson and to be placed on the Agenda for approval at the NBC Meeting and ratified at the following AGM.

Moved: ACT               CARRIED.
For:  WA, VIC, ACT, N&HR, TAS, QLD, SA.
Against: GSDL
17. Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges Meeting – Nil.

18. Matters referred to the AGM from the Judges Committee

18.1 GSDCA National Show Manual update and proposed amendment to Child Handlers entries.

Current Regulation:

33 Conduct of GSDCA Junior Handler Classes
The following must be included in National Show schedule:

ALL Junior Handler Classes: Judge: (name)

- 7 to under 10 years of age.
- 10 to under 13 Years of age.
- 13 to under 18 Years.

1. Entry is free but must be forwarded to Show Secretary prior to close of entries.
2. Parents are reminded that your child must be able to control their dog.
3. Parents must sign a release form on the day of competition failure to do so will see entry denied.
4. All children must have control of the animal they are exhibiting.
5. If any child cannot solely control (hold) the animal they are exhibiting they may be asked to leave the ring.
6. No adults will be permitted in the ring.

- Entry for this competition is free & MUST be made by nominated close of entry date.
- Entries must be sent to Show Secretary who will inform GSDCA Youth Officer who will liaise closely with the Show Secretary.

Proposed Amendment:

33 Conduct of GSDCA Junior Handler Classes
The following must be included in National Show schedule:

ALL Junior Handler Classes: Judge: (name)

- 7 to under 10 years of age.
- 10 to under 13 Years of age.
- 13 to under 18 Years.

1. Entry is free but must be handed to the Show Secretary by 11:00 on the day of the class being judged.
2. Parents must sign a release form on the day of competition, failure to do so will see entry denied.
3. Parents are reminded that your child must be able to control their dog
   - All children must have control of the animal they are exhibiting.
   - If any child cannot solely control (hold) the animal they are exhibiting they may be asked to leave the ring.
4. No adults will be permitted in the ring.
   - Entry for this competition is free & MUST be made by nominated close of entry date.
   - Entries must be sent to The GSDCA Youth Officer will liaise with the Show Secretary.

Delete items in red.

In favour of the amendments to the motion.
For: Unanimous. CARRIED UNANIMOUS

In favour of the Motion:
For: Unanimous. CARRIED UNANIMOUS
18.2 Change to Regulations Manual

Current Clause:
4 AWARDS and CRITERIA
  4.1.1 Show Awards and GSDCA Gradings
  4.1.1.3 Very Good
    May be awarded at the judge’s discretion, to animals in the Junior, Intermediate, Australian bred, State bred and Open Classes that are over 12 months of age.
  4.1.1.4 Good
    May be awarded at the judge’s discretion, to animals in the Junior, Intermediate, Australian bred, State bred and Open Classes that are over 12 months of age.

Proposed Amendment:
4 AWARDS and CRITERIA
  4.1.1 Show Awards and GSDCA Gradings
  4.1.1.3 Very Good & Good
    May be awarded at the judge’s discretion, to animals in the Junior, Intermediate, and Open Classes that are over 12 months of age.

Discussion:
Tasmania are not in favour of removing Australian bred and State bred. Very small clubs with very small shows and limited handlers will be affected. Tasmanian members were very much opposed to this amendment.

The Chair put the proposed amendment to the vote:
For: SA, WA, N&HR, VIC
Against: GSDL, QLD, TAS, ACT. CARRIED

18.3 Change to GSDCA National Show Manual - Breeders Group

Current clause:
• A Breeders Group Team must consist of five (5) animals from the one Kennel, and are at least 9 months of age
• A minimum of two (2) sires and two (2) dams, are required to make up the group.
• A separate entry form indicating entry to the class is required by the close of entry.
• The list of animals competing in each group must be handed to the Show Secretary by completion of Judging on Day One.
• Breeders Groups must consist of only one coat type, (however Breeders may enter more than one group).
• The Winning Group will be awarded a Plaque and a Tri-colour Sash.

Proposed Amendment:
• A Breeders Group Team must consist of five (5) animals from the one Kennel, and are at least 9 months of age
• A minimum of two (2) sires and two (2) dams, are required to make up the group.
• A separate entry form indicating entry to the class is required by the close of entry.
• Animals listed for competing in a Breeders Group must be entered in the Show.
• A list naming animals and the exhibit number competing in each group must be handed to the Show Secretary by completion of Judging on Day One of the show.
• Breeders Groups must consist of only one coat type, (however Breeders may enter more than one group).
• The Winning Group will be awarded a Plaque and a Tri-colour Sash.

IN FAVOUR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT: CARRIED UNANIMOUS.
18.4 Addition to the requirements for a Breeders Group at a State Breed Exhibition (SBE).  

**Current Clause:**

5.2.6 Breeders Group  
   a) will be judged by the Open Class Judge;  
   b) animals in this group must carry the Breeders Prefix;  
   c) each Breeders Group must consist of five (5) animals from more than one sire or dam and be 9 months or older.

**Proposed Amendment:**

5.2.6 Breeders Group  
   a) will be judged by the Open Class Judge;  
   b) animals in this group must carry the Breeders Prefix;  
   c) each Breeders Group must consist of five (5) animals from more than one sire or dam and be 9 months or older.  
   d) all animals in the Breeders Group must be entered in the SBE.

**IN FAVOUR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT:** CARRIED UNANIMOUS

18.5 Acceptance into GSDCA Specialist Judges Training program.  

A Specialist German Shepherd Dog conformation judge, who is accredited with a WUSV member country and has been granted a license to Judge GSDs, may make application to the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair for acceptance into the GSDCA Judges Extension Course and or be accepted as a GSDCA Judge.

- The applicant must apply to the Chair of the Judges Committee and provide evidence of qualification as a judge and a resume outlining their history of involvement and judging experience.
- The NBC Executive shall upon consideration of the application deem which rules pertaining to the GSDCA Judges Extension Course, if any, shall be completed by the applicant.
- The NBC Executive shall forward its recommendations to the GSDCA Executive for consideration and approval.

**Discussion:**

**Motion:** That this amendment to motion go back to Judges Committee for further investigation.  

**Moved:** SA  

**FOR:** ACT, VIC, QLD, SA, N&HR.  

**AGAINST:** TAS, GSDL.

Decision of the meeting was to take this motion back to the NBC Executive for further investigation with regard to the ANKC requirements.

**Discussion:**

- This proposal contains a safety clause. The whole of the Executive need to agree with the proposal and make a decision on a case by case basis.
- An overseas judge makes an application to the ANKC and they pay a fee of $200 every 12 months to licence them to be recognised and be able to judge in Australia but it does not recognise them as an ANKC judge. The judge pays the fee.
- An SV judge does not pay the fee in his country of domicile.
- Would that exclude that person becoming a breed surveyor due to requirement to be an ANKC licensed judge?
- To be an ANKC judge you need to be an Australian citizen.
- If the applicant becomes an Australian resident then there is a process they can go through to become an ANKC Judge.
- There is a pathway when a residency visa in Australia enables them to apply to the ANKC.
- We need a process where the Executive can recognise an already established judge can be accepted as a judge in Australia. Look at a process when a specialist judge who has moved to this country to be a GSDCA specialist judge.
- An overseas judge provided his credentials to Dogs NSW and was approved with a licence to judge GSDs.
We are trying to achieve and put in place a mechanism to fast track someone into our training scheme. Fast tracking is subject to the person’s experience and credentials.

Suggested that we re-visit this motion and give NBC dispensation to consider each application on a case by case basis. Tasmania gave an alternative view.

Further discussion brought the following changes to the original amendment:

**Proposed Amendment to the Motion:**

A Specialist German Shepherd Dog conformation judge, who is accredited with a WUSV member country and has been granted a license to Judge GSDs, may make application to the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair for acceptance into the GSDCA Judges Extension Course and or be accepted as a GSDCA Judge.

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- The NBC Executive shall forward its recommendations to the GSDCA Executive for consideration and approval.

For: VIC, ACT, TAS, QLD, WA.
Against: GSDL, SA, N&HR. CARRIED

The amendment now becomes the Motion:

**Motion:** A Specialist German Shepherd Dog conformation judge, who is accredited with a WUSV member country and has been granted a license to Judge GSDs, may make application to the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair for acceptance into the GSDCA Judges Extension Course and or be accepted as a GSDCA Judge.

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- The NBC Executive shall forward its recommendations to the GSDCA Executive for consideration and approval.

For: TAS, ACT, VIC, QLD, WA.
Against: GSDL, SA, N&HR. CARRIED

**Motion:** That the SA Motion to refer to Judges Meeting be rescinded. CARRIED

**18.6 Motion:**

Moved: ACT

“That as from the 2018 GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial the GSDCA Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions are changed to a unique design to befit the importance of the award”.

CARRIED

Jane Pike provided a Powerpoint presentation depicting the images of the suggested new medallions to the meeting. She said that we need to work out which head of the three images are best in 3D. The medals will be in a presentation box.

**Comments:**

- Costing to develop 3D head from photograph is around $300/400. A replica medal was a further $300.
- These medals will be more expensive to purchase.
Based on the balance sheet of most Nationals they make a profit so can afford the additional cost.

Need to insert ‘GSDCA” National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial in the image shown.

Conclusion:
An “in principle” decision to proceed was agreed, and the Clubs are to be informed of the final costings.

Action: The Treasurer to inform the Clubs of the costings relating to the new medallion design.

18.7 Motion:
“As from 1 January 2018 the “new” GSDCA Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions will not be awarded retrospectively to past recipients”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

18.8 Motion:
“That the GSDCA Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions be available for purchasing through the GSDCA on application to the Treasurer by co-owners and/or breeders of the animal after the award has been made”.

Be amended to read:

“That additional GSDCA Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions be available for purchasing through the GSDCA on application to the Treasurer by co-owners and/or breeders of the animal after the award has been made”.

In favour of the Amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

The amendment now becomes the Motion:

“That additional GSDCA Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions be available for purchasing through the GSDCA on application to the Treasurer by co-owners and/or breeders of the animal after the award has been made”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Motions: That the below motions 18.9 – 18.13, be considered and approved as a block.

For: ACT, TAS, VIC, QLD, SA, WA, N&HR

Against: GSDL.

18.9 Motion:
“As from 1st July 2017 a new round GSDCA National Excellent medallion for conformation be struck removing the Club names from the circumference on the back of the medal and that the “head” used on the front be modernised”.

Discussion:
Jane Pike said that the Council was looking at changing the “head” to a more modern head on the Excellent medals. Photos of the existing medallion were passed around to compare with the suggested new “head” on the medallion.

Ian Urie advised that once the new “head” was developed in 3D, the “head” can be resized and used on all medals without further costs being incurred.

18.10 Motion:
“As from 1st July 2017 a new triangular GSDCA National Excellent medallion for obedience be struck removing the Club names from the circumference on the back of the medal and that the “head” used on the front be modernised”.

18.11 Motion:
“As from 1st July 2017 a new GSDCA National Memento be struck by modernising the “head” used on the memento”.

18.12 Motion:
“As from 1st July 2017 a new round standard medallion for GSDCA “Excellent” awarded in conformation be struck removing the Club names from the circumference on the back of the medal and that the “head” used on the front be modernised”.
18.13 Motion:
“As from 1st July 2017 a new round standard medallion for GSDCA “Excellent in Trial” be struck removing the Club names from the circumference on the back of the medal and that the “head” used on the front be modernised”.

In favour of Motions 18.9 to 18.13 inclusive.
For: ACT, TAS, VIC, QLD, SA, WA, N&HR
Against: GSDL. CARRIED.

19 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Obedience Committee – Nil.

20 Matters referred by Member Clubs to the AGM

20.1 Motion:
“That effective from 1st July 2017 there will be only one (1) Breed Survey Classification”.
Moved: GSDC of Queensland

As this Motion was discussed at Item 16.4, Qld withdrew this motion.

20.2 Motion:
“That effective from 1st July 2017 the ruling 3.6.2 (Choice of Breed Surveyor) be rescinded”.

Moved: GSDC Queensland

Discussion:
- The rationale puts a slur on all surveyors and the organisation. When making a case the rationale must be pertinent to the motion.
- The form did not allow the choice of breed surveyor (although it has since been changed).
- Qld agreed the wording of the rationale was not ideal.
- Some clubs insist you nominate a surveyor.
- The rule was also choose a surveyor from those present on the day then changed to write the name on the form.
- Tasmania did not support this motion as they prefer to have a choice.
- The motion pre-empts some of the feedback from the breed forum.
- In SA we discuss every dog as a group. If owners have a choice to select who they want to judge their dog they want the same choice of a surveyor.
- NBC are hopeful it will not be a problem when we work towards the future which hopefully will negate the negative thoughts. The e-survey was almost 50/50.
- This motion preempts the results from the forum. Let the results of the forum be put into practice..
- NBC Executive introduced sending a second surveyor to surveys giving members a choice.
- This was to give more credibility to the scheme. With two officials present, the awarding of a classification becomes more credible.
- Qld said having 2 surveyors is fine, it is the choice of surveyor that is the issue with our members. The Service agreement should go a long way to bring credibility of surveyors back.

The Chair said that if this motion is revisited in the future, then the rationale needs to be more aligned with the motion. Surveyors themselves do not agree with choice. The membership has spoken contrary to the NBC meeting discussions.
For: VIC, ACT, QLD.
Against: GSDL, TAS, SA, WA, N&HR. LOST.

20.3 Motion:
“That Mr Barry Cotton be included on the GSDCA Obedience Judges Supplementary List.

Barry Cotton Resume
Purpose: for inclusion on GSDCA Obedience Judge Supplementary List
Barry’s first introduction to the world of Obedience started in 1987 when the family got a Australian cattle dog puppy which quickly became a naughty puppy so he went to the local obedience club (Berwick Obedience Dog Club) and as he progressed through the classes became hooked on obedience and the club. Barry progressed to Border collies and three have gone into obedience trials with some success.
Over the years Barry has performed many roles at the club from President, instructor and equipment manager on club days. Barry is now a full panel Obedience Judge having completed the UDX license in 2016. Since gaining his first Obedience Judging licence, Barry has been a friend to the GSDCV as a regular member of the obedience judging panels at GSDCV Obedience events held each year. Barry also volunteered to be a steward for the GSDCA National held in Victoria in 2015.

It is with pleasure that Victoria has the opportunity to put Barry Cotton’s name forward to join the list of Victorian judges on the GSDCA Obedience Judge Supplementary list.

Moved: Vic CARRIED UNANIMOUS

The Obedience Chair, Julie Uri supports the inclusion of Mr Cotton.

21 Other Matters referred to the AGM

*Motions 21.1 to 21.5 are recommended by the President, German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.*

Note: The below motions have been discussed by the Executive and placed on the agenda via the President as required by the Constitution - Annual General Meeting Clause 23.1 (j).

21.1 Motion:

“That in cases where a member club, due to the enforcement of their canine control’s policy, must cancel their show but has an option to reschedule their show and run their show in the evening, animals as exhibited will be eligible for GSDCA Grading despite the fact that no written critiques need be taken. The judge will only critique animals as placed on the pegs and be encouraged to give a short summation of the Class as judged.”

Vic moved an amendment to the Motion to include the words “adverse weather” policy.

Amended Motion:

“That in cases where a member club, due to the enforcement of their canine control’s adverse weather policy, must cancel their show but has an option to reschedule their show and run their show in the evening, animals as exhibited will be eligible for GSDCA Grading despite the fact that no written critiques need be taken. The judge will only critique animals as placed on the pegs and be encouraged to give a short summation of the Class as judged.”

In favour of the amendment to Motion:

For: Unanimous. CARRIED.

The amendment now becomes the Motion:

*Motion:

“That in cases where a member club, due to the enforcement of their canine control’s adverse weather policy, must cancel their show but has an option to reschedule their show and run their show in the evening, animals as exhibited will be eligible for GSDCA Grading despite the fact that no written critiques need be taken. The judge will only critique animals as placed on the pegs and be encouraged to give a short summation of the Class as judged.”

For: WA, VIC, ACT, N&HR, QLD, SA, GSDL.

Against: TAS. CARRIED.

21.2 Motion:

“That the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial conformation judges contract terms of appointment include the following:

- You will provide a written summation of each class that will preface your critiques when published. This summation will be provided within 15 days of the conclusion of the event.

Moved: QLD.

Amendment to the Motion to read:

*Motion:*

“That all GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial conformation judges’ contract terms of appointment include the following:

- You will provide a written summation of each class that will preface your critiques when published. This summation will be provided within 15 days of the conclusion of the event.

Moved: CARRIED.
The amendment now becomes the Motion:

**Motion:**
“That all GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial judges contract terms of appointment include the following:

- You will provide a written summation of each class that will preface your critiques when published. This summation will be provided within 15 days of the conclusion of the event.

Moved: VIC CARRIED UNANIMOUS

21.3 Quarterly National Review - Advertising Rates

**Motion:**
“That as of the 1st July 2017, the advertising rates for the Quarterly National Review magazine will be reduced to:

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Annual advertising package: For the same copy in 4 editions for Full, Half or Quarter pages a discount of 10% will apply.

Moved: SA CARRIED UNANIMOUS

**Discussion and comments included:**
- Printing costs close to what they were originally. As Jacinta Poole does the design, the costs have been reduced by the amount we paid for someone to do this.
- Must encourage more advertising. The viability of the print magazine without advertising will not be liable.
- A price rise is not envisaged for the near future. Last price rise was over 10 years ago.

It was agreed that, with the agreement of this meeting, the Editor applies the approved rates to any negotiations. **The meeting so agreed.**

21.4 Motion:
“That as of the 1st July 2017, a magazine and website advertising package is established for stud dog advertisers”.

**Magazine and Website Package**
Each full page stud dog advertisement printed in the QNR will have the option to be replicated on a dedicated Stud Dog page on the GSDCA website for a period of 3 months following the publication of the QNR edition in which it appears.

Amendment to the Motion:

“That as of the 1st July 2017, a magazine and website advertising package is established for animal advertisers”.

**Magazine and Website Package**
Each full page animal advertisement printed in the QNR will have the option to be replicated on a dedicated animal page on the GSDCA website for a period of 3 months following the publication of the QNR edition in which it appears.

Moved: GSDL
After discussion, the GSDL withdrew the amendment to the Motion.
The original Motion stands:

Motion:  
“That as of the 1st July 2017, a magazine and website advertising package is established for stud dog advertisers”.

Magazine and Website Package
Each full page stud dog advertisement printed in the QNR will have the option to be replicated on a dedicated Stud Dog page on the GSDCA website for a period of 3 months following the publication of the QNR edition in which it appears.

Moved: VIC
For: VIC, ACT, TAS, QLD, N&HR, SA, WA.
Against: GSDL.  
CARRIED.

21.5 Current Regulation:
7.2.2.2 The cost of advertising the schedule for the National Show and Trial to the hosting Member Clubs will be offered at a fifty (50) percent reduction.

Current Regulation:
2.2.6 That Member Clubs hosting the National receive advertising rates in the QNR at a 50% reduction.

Current Regulation to be rescinded:
Motion:  
“That regulation 2.2.6 be rescinded”.

2.2.6 That Member Clubs hosting the National receive advertising rates in the QNR at a 50% reduction.

Moved: ACT  
CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Meeting commenced after lunch at 1.15 pm.

22 General Business

22.1 Discussion Item:
Introduction of a DNA parentage testing procedure.
As discussed at the 2016 NBC meeting, the NBC Executive will prepare a report regarding DNA parentage testing procedures for discussion and consideration.

Robyn Knuckey presented a power point presentation outlining the way the SV conduct DNA parentage tests, check the parentage and store the data. Current pricing was given. A mock up of the form the SV use was shown.

The ANKC have a DNA parentage system. It was ruled that from 23 Oct 2016 all dogs imported into Australia be required to have a standardized international marker DNA profile. The ANKC protocol was adopted in October 2019 including DNA parentage testing. Haven’t yet investigated the ANKC costs but imagine it would be cheaper than the SV costs.

Discussion:
There was a great deal of discussion regarding this item. When it was asked if there was a real need to go down this track, it was pointed out that it was introduced in Germany in an effort to avoid fraud. It is an aspiration goal of the SV that member clubs have this DNA testing in place. Council has not received anything official from the SV and until we receive guidance from the SV, it is hard to ascertain whether the cost benefit is worth it.

The Chair advised that this item was discussed at the Friday Executive meeting. It was agreed to investigate what the ANKC have in place, their cost structure and then compare with the SV requirements and their costings. It was agreed by the meeting that both systems would need to be investigated and the Executive will prepare a report to present to the next NBC Meeting for further consideration.

Action: NBC Executive will prepare a report for the NBC meeting in July.
22.2 Discussion Item:
SV Character Test/GSDCA Character & Working Assessment (CWA):
- Discussion regarding any amendments to the CWA.
- Should any sections of the SV Character Test be included into the GSDCA CWA.

Discussion:
During discussions it became clear that the document the Obedience Chair downloaded from the website and on which she had based her suggested amendments and comments, was an incorrect document and not the final document.

The Chair suggested that, based on the work Julie had done and the areas of concern she has identified, that she review the latest current version and highlights any disparity and concerns and sends out for final review.

The meeting agreed with this approach.

Action: Secretary to forward the final “Word” Version of the CWA Manual to the Obedience Chair.

22.3 Discussion Item:
Constitution Working Party - Structure
Exactly what role should the NBC Executive play and should its membership be expanded to include the Secretary and Obedience Chair, i.e. - rather than current NBC deciding on matters, would a simple fix be that NBC Executive recommends and the Executive as a whole decides and/or recommends matters as needed to AGM/Member Clubs, this then would see far greater input being had to decision making process.

The Chair apologised for not being able to progress the work on this structure given other commitments and the Breed Forum Workshop held last year.

WA raised a number of questions and suggestions. There were four areas that he found needing review and the Chair raised them for comment.

7.2 Remove “and by three quarter majority of the total voting strength of Council being cast in favour” and replace with “and by three quarters majority of the total voting strength, present at the GSDCA AGM, being cast in favour”

9.2 Take out all mention of “or by telegram” and replace with “or by electronic media ie:- e-mail etc.”

10.2 Rather than change the size of the NBC should we keep it as it currently is and add to the constitution that “all decisions made by the NBC are to be referred to the full GSDCA Executive, as a recommendation, with the full executive voting on the recommendation?”

12.2 This one is unclear in its meaning. Suggest remove “The Chairman shall assist the President with the General Duties associated with the affairs of Council” leave in “in the absence of the President, the Chair of the NBC shall act in his stead”

The Chair said that the Constitution has not kept up with the times and the way we make decisions is a long drawn out process. The Executive needs some level of decision making powers without being ostracized by Club officials who exercise such power without referencing their Executive and/or Committees.

Conclusion:
The Constitution Working Party will consist of Vince Tantaro (Chair), Steve Collins, Ian Marr, Tony Mercieca, Wolf Meffert and Val Moody.

Action: President to send letter on behalf of the working party for Clubs to review the constitution and to inform the working party of their findings and or suggested changes.
22.4 Nomination of Police Dog “Quinn” for GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award.
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland would like to present Police Dog “Quinn” and recommends he be approved for the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award.
Moved: Queensland CARRIED UNANIMOUS

22.5 Nomination of SES Dog “Cade” for GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award.
The German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia would like to present SES Dog Seigen Quintessential “Cade” and recommends he be approved for the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award.
Moved: GSDA of Western Australia CARRIED UNANIMOUS

The meeting agreed that both dogs’ resumes are impressive and agreed with the awards being presented. Both dogs will be recognized at the Queensland National. The GSDCQ are endeavouring to have the Police Commissioner attend the presentation.

WA advised that they would look at making a presentation at one of their major events as they did with PD Rumble.

22.6 Letter of Resignation of the GSDC of the Northern Territory.
The letter of resignation dated 26th January 2017 was read out to the meeting. Unfortunately despite the incredibly hard work the members have put in, they no longer have the numbers to be an affiliate.

It was said that although the Dogs NT Constitution allows the club to be suspended for 7 years before their membership is cancelled, they could re-apply at any time to be reinstated. There is still an opportunity for them to be recognised as a breed club in the Northern Territory. The Chair commented that it was very sad that this has happened given the hard work of many people to keep the club viable over time.

Action: The Secretary to write to the GSDCNT accepting their resignation from this Organisation and include it thanks to current and past members of this Club that were instrumental in seeing it survive for so long. The ACT President and Margaret Adams will be consulted. This letter will then be published in the QNR.

22.7 GSDCA to investigate samples of major trophies for the GSDCA Nationals (from Matters Arising).
22.7.1 The following motion to go forward as a 60 day Motion:

“The Major Trophy awarded at the GSDCA GSD National Show and Trial to the 5 Gold Medal winners, Dual Performance Dog and the Highest Achieving Kennel (7 Trophies), as per the National Show Manual) is the “standing, sitting and lying dog” mounted on a wooden stand as supplied by Ariel Fine Arts, NSW.”

Rationale:
To ensure that the Major Trophy awarded at each GSDCA German Shepherd Dog National Show & Trial is unique and of a high standard.

Moved: TAS. CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Photos of the suggested trophies were distributed to the meeting. The Working Party wants to make sure that winners of these major trophies receive something unique and special. The Working Party has looked at different options to save money.

The Recommendation on page 12 of the GSDCA National Trophy Working Party document recommended that the Clubs store the trophies at their own risk or that Council bilk purchase and stored at the Council storage facility. Comments from the meeting that Council hold the trophies in safe keeping.

60 Day Motion
22.7.2 **Changes required to National Show Manual.**

**CHANGES TO SHOW MANUAL**

Motion: “That the following changes to the National Show Manual in Section 13 Trophies, Sashes & Mementos be approved”.

Moved: TAS

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### 13.3 Memorial Trophies:

- **Walter Henry Reimann Trophy** - awarded to the Open Dog (SC) class winner,
- **Roy Brabham Trophy** - awarded to the Open Bitch (SC) class Winner,
- **Rick Richardson Trophy** - awarded to the Winner of Winners in the National Trial,
- **David O’Rourke Trophy** - awarded to the best “Dual Performance” exhibit in the Show and Trial (refer also to National Trial Manual, appendix “G” for rules).
- **Sam Bonifacio Trophy** – awarded to the Kennel that receives the highest aggregate score at the National (see Appendix “N” for scoring system). The cost of this trophy will be borne by the GSDCA.

The winners of the above memorial trophies are presented with a commemorative plaque (see examples Appendix “L” - Open Dog, and “M” - Open Bitch) and a trophy (e.g. silverware) to the value of $350. The names of the annual winners will be recorded on a special page of the GSDCA website.

- **Max Stokes Trophy** – will be awarded to the Junior Bitch (SC) class Winner, and the trophy for this award is a commemorative plaque, in addition to the class trophy.

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### 13.3.1 Memorial Plaques

The winners of the following memorial trophies are presented with a commemorative plaque (see examples Appendix “L” - Open Dog, and “M” - Open Bitch). This is in addition to the 1st place plaque.

- **Walter Henry Reimann Plaque** - awarded to the Open Dog (SC) class winner,
- **Roy Brabham Plaque** - awarded to the Open Bitch (SC) class Winner,
- **Rick Richardson Plaque** - awarded to the Winner of Winners in the National Trial,
- **David O’Rourke Plaque** - awarded to the best "Dual Performance" exhibit in the Show and Trial (refer also to National Trial Manual, appendix “G” for rules).
- **Sam Bonifacio Plaque** – awarded to the Kennel that receives the highest aggregate score at the National (see Appendix “N” for scoring system).
- **Max Stokes Plaque** – awarded to the Junior Bitch (SC) class Winner.

### 13.3.2 Major Trophies

The winners of the following will receive the Major Trophy approved by the GSDCA of A at an AGM. (see Appendix “O”).

- **Gold Medal Long Stock Coat Dog**
- **Gold Medal Long Stock Coat Bitch**
- **Gold Medal Stock Coat Dog**
- **Gold Medal Stock Coat Bitch**
- **Gold Medal Winner National Trial**
- **Best Dual Performance in the Show and Trial**
- **Highest Performing Kennel** - The cost of this trophy will be borne by the GSDCA.
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| **13.11 Suggested Suppliers** | **13.11 Suggested Suppliers** |
| **Plaques** Order from the GSDCA National Trophy Officer. | **Plaques** Order from the GSDCA National Trophy Officer. |
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| **Sashes, Medallion Ribbons and Pennants** | **Sashes, Medallion Ribbons and Pennants** |
| Both these suppliers specialize in gold lettering on sashes:  
Steward Gillman  
67 Merola Way,  
Campbellfield VIC. 3061  
Ph. (03) 9357 0497 Fax. (03) 9357 8226  
email: ordering@stewartgillman.com.au  
Terry Wilcox  
Computer Sashes & Rosettes  
Factory 6C Green Street  
Thomastown VIC. 3074  
Ph. (03) 9465 7957 Fax: (03) 9464 1305  
email: terry@computersashes.com | This supplier specializes in gold lettering on sashes:  
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| *(Lower cost sashes can be purchased from local supplier if the same format and equal quality is guaranteed)* | *(Lower cost sashes can be purchased from local supplier if the same format and equal quality is guaranteed)* |
| • **Challenge Trophies** If applicable are purchased by the Host Club. | • **Challenge Trophies** If applicable are purchased by the Host Club. |
| • **Challenge Certificates** If applicable, from the Kennel Control. | • **Challenge Certificates** If applicable, from the Kennel Control. |
| • **Grading Certificates** Order from Host Club’s usual supplier. *(Card should be 200gsm plus and follow the format shown at Appendix C)* | • **Grading Certificates** Order from Host Club’s usual supplier. *(Card should be a minimum of 120 gsm plus and follow the format shown at Appendix C)* |
Motion: That all the above changes and amendments go forward as a 60 Day Motion.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUS

**Action:** The above changes and amendments to the National Show Manual go forward as a 60 day Motion.

**60 Day Motion**

The Delegate from Queensland raised the issue of receiving payment as a donation for the two memorial plaques for the GSD League members, David O’Rourke and Max Stokes. It was stated that there is no $350 trophy for Max Stokes and that the Queensland Club should return the costs for that to the GSD League.

The Chair thanked Jane Pike and her Working Party consisting of Andrew Jones, Ian Urie, Terry Jarvis. The agreement of this meeting to their recommendations is a great result.

**22.8 Tattooing.**

The following proposed 60 day motion has been put forward by the GSDC SA

“**That as 1st January 2018 the only acceptable identification method for participation in all GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes will be micro chipping and that all GSDCA regulations pertaining to the accepted method of identification are amended accordingly.**

**Moved:** SA.  
CARRIED.

For: TAS, GSDL, SA, WA, ACT, VIC.  
Against: QLD.

Newcastle Delegate had left the meeting.

**Action:** This item to go forward as a 60 day Motion.

**60 Day Motion**
The Chair said that Clubs should be aware, that if this motion gets approval, Clubs will have to stop tattooing as it will no longer be recognized as a form of identification. A lengthy discussion regarding this item took place with questions raised regarding and including the New Zealand system where New Zealand do not have mandatory micro chipping at point of registration through their kennel control but we currently still require them to tattoo their dogs. We may need to look at a qualifying comment, i.e. “all Australian bred dogs”.

The Secretary said that Council has been corresponding with New Zealand and has suggested that if they want us to accept their way of micro chipping, they make presentation to the NZ Kennel Council and put together a proposal to have them micro chipped at point of registration. The New Zealand dog fraternity need to be proactive in their own country.

According to the RSPCA this is an invasive practice, drawing blood and causing pain. We face dilemma, if a youtube video is uploaded on the web showing tattooing being done by unqualified persons. Numbers have gone down. It appears that the end has come to our tattooing scheme. The AVA and the RSPCA would not support the practice of tattooing.

22.9 Clause 7.5.5. Dogs Victoria Specific Rule.
Jenny Yuen explained what this clause would mean to our shows. The GSDCV applied for and has received a dispensation from this requirement after citing how we show dogs and exhibit. At the start of every year the GSDCV are required to provide a list of the shows where GSDCA Judges give critiques and gradings. This rule will only apply in Victoria.

22.10 Breed specific – Code of Ethics from the Clubs.
All clubs are asked to provide a copy of their Code of Ethics or their regulatory body’s Code of Ethics to the Secretary. To date only Victoria, Tasmania and Queensland have complied with this request.

Action: The Secretary will again write and remind those Clubs that have not provided copies of their Code of Ethics or their regulatory body’s Code of Ethics to forward same within 30 days.

22.11 Voting Strength.
A question was raised by GSDCQld regarding the manner in which delegates take GSDCA Agenda items to their members and what proof does Council have that members have been consulted and have instructed their delegate on how to vote at the Council meetings.

The Chair requested each Club present to inform the meeting of what process took place in how they instructed their delegate to vote.

The Chair emphasized that Council does not have the power to interrogate how the club instructs their delegate on how to vote. However, this organisation can require bare minimum standards re items to be discussed at this meeting. Propose that the Constitutional Working Party look at this issue as to how Member Clubs conduct their meetings prior to Council AGMs to enable members to provide their feedback and instruct their delegate on how to vote.

Clubs need to ensure that the membership has been given the opportunity to discuss and vote on what is brought to this meeting. If this organisation believes the clubs should be held to account as how they handle the business of Council, then it needs to be written into the Constitution.

Action: This item will be forwarded to the Constitution Working Party for consideration.

22.12 Dedicated Website Page for Nationals.
SA raised/asked if there was a dedicated website page for Nationals. The QNR Editor advised there is a National Page detailing the last 15 years of Nationals. There is a dedicated page for the 2017 National with links to the host club website. We can expand the current page to include current judges’ resumes and dates of upcoming Nationals.
22.13 Proposed 60 Day Motion
Moved: ACT
“That all Executive Meetings be minuted and copies of those minutes be sent to Clubs within 30 days.”

For: ACT, GSDL, QLD, SA, TAS, WA.
Against: VIC. CARRIED.

The Chair informed the meeting that there is nothing secret about what is discussed and read out the items listed on the Executive Meeting Agenda, which was held on Friday 10th Feb. 2017 and gave a short synopsis of each item that was dealt with by the meeting, which in effect was what has been discussed under General Business.

**Action:** That the proposed motion above go forward as a 60 day motion.

**60 Day Motion**

22.14 WA: 60 day motion.

WA asked that the following go forward as a 60 day Motion:

Motion: “The GSDAWA requests that the following Obedience Judges be added to the GSDCA Obedience Supplementary List”.

Dr Dianne Webb, Ms. Debbie Hyde, Mr. Paul Skewes.

The Secretary advised that she has a copy of the resumes.

**60 Day Motion**

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The 57th GSDCA Annual General Meeting will be held on the 10th & 11th February 2018 in Sydney, New South Wales.

**Conclusion:**

The Chair closed the meeting by thanking Barbara Blythe for her work over the weekend. Thanks also to Val Moody and Jane Pike who organized the meeting venue etc, and all the Delegates for attending. He is aware that these meetings impact on our time, family time and personal expense in some cases.

Congratulations again to Melanie Groth and Julie Urie on their election. Welcome on board. In the end, what we are about is transparency and trying to clearly communicate the work of Council to our members.

If members are well informed, then there are no excuses when decisions are put into practice. Our breed has challenges – not what the GSD was 20 years ago. What is abnormal is now acceptable – a very sad indictment on the people who have over the years been entrusted to be looking after the breed. It is up to the judges and surveyors to not ignore the issues and/or regulations.

The forum has enabled the Service Agreement to be put in place, which is a good start in addressing the issues as brought up at the Breed Survey Forum. Two other groups have yet to report but have started work. We have many who despite not being GSDCA Breed Surveyors and/or Judges are very knowledgeable. We need to include them better and reaffirm their support and promote the ideals of the Council and its schemes. This will invigorate idealism. The end result being that the breeders through their breeding, puppy sales and interacting with new puppy owners may see many new faces enter our sport. Currently there is a lot of self interest, which doesn’t further any cause.
Again, thank you for your work, many people here are involved in multiple positions. However we still need to find younger people, like Tony Mercieca and Sharon Ballantyne who have showed a willingness to get involved at the next level. It is so important that we mentor and encourage younger enthusiasts to take on positions. We must target the members you believe can make a difference and who with help and mentoring can take leadership roles and bring with them new ideas. Looking back at people like Anita Pettenhofer who was my mentor, is what we need now, not self interest and self promotion.
Safe travels, see you soon.

The Meeting closed at 3.53pm.