

MINUTES of the
The 58th Annual General Meeting of the
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.
 held on 9th & 10th February 2019
 at Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton, South Australia



Chair: Mr. Vince Tantaro – President.

Meeting declared open at: 11.15am

Voting Strength

Member Club	Representative	Voting Strength
Australian Capital Territory GSDA	Mr. Sasha Beljanski	3
GSD League	Mr. Terry Jarvis	9
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC	Mr. Sean Lynch	3
GSDC of Queensland	Mrs. Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon	4
GSDC of South Australia	Mr. John DeLucia	5
GSDC of Tasmania	Mrs. Janet Haase	2
GSDC of Victoria	Mr. Tony Mercieca	12
GSDA of Western Australia	Mr. Brian Lubbock	6
Total Votes		44

Attendees:

POSITION	NAME
President	Vince Tantaro
Secretary	Val Moody (Apology)
NBC Chair	N/A
Judges Chair	Robyn Knuckey
Treasurer	Jane Pike
QNR Editor	Jacinta Poole
Obedience Chair	Julie Urie
Minute Secretary	Barbara Blythe
ACT GSDA – Vice President	Sasha Beljanski
GSD League - President	Terry Jarvis
GSD League Vice President	Melanie Groth
GSDC of Victoria – President	Tony Mercieca
GSDC of Victoria – 2 nd Vice President	Jenny Yuen
GSDC of Queensland – President	Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon
GSDC of South Australia – President	John DeLucia
GSDC of South Australia – Secretary	Stephen Collins
GSDA of Western Australia – President	Brian Lubbock
GSDC of Tasmania – Breed Affairs	Janet Haase
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC - President	Sean Lynch
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC - Secretary	Paul York

Observers

Ian Urie, Candy Baker, Pam Jarvis, Joanne Cathie, Nicky McDermott, Jo Seidl, Jenny DeLucia (*pm session*).

Apologies; Val Moody, Frank Moody, Wolf Meffert, Jurgen Haase.

1 Opening

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 57th meeting of the GSDCA Council. He informed the meeting that Secretary Mrs. Val Moody is not in attendance today due to a family emergency.

2 Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes from 57th GSDCA AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the 57th GSDCA Annual General Meeting held on the 10th & 11th February 2018 in New South Wales be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: ...GSDLEAGUE **CARRIED.**

2.2 Matters Arising from 57th AGM

1. The GSDCA Secretary would seek direction from the ANKC and request exemption of Section 11 of the ANKC rules. Some Clubs are prohibited from firing the gun when all breeds shows and trials are being conducted.

Letter sent to Member Clubs 4/3/18 requesting advice regarding requirements for gun testing in each State.

At this point in time, the letter has not yet been submitted to the ANKC. In the first instance, we will request exemption for our National shows as a starting point.

2. The GSDCA Secretary to advise the Clubs of the close-off date to put forward items for the ANKC National Breed Councils Conference Agenda.

Member Clubs advised date for close off is 1/6/18.

3. LRL – 3-3 Linebreeding:

The GSDCA Secretary to write to the ANKC regarding linebreeding of no closer than 3-3.

Letter sent to ANKC 30/5/18. Forwarded the Survey to ANKC re 3-3 for publication in Canine Gazettes.

4. Titre Testing vs Vaccinations

GSDCA Secretary to write to Dr. Candy Baker requesting a fact sheet and also look at Regulations. *Still ongoing.*

5. Awarding of Sashes to the first 5 place getters.

The League President assured the meeting that he will inform the GSDCA Secretary post meeting of the result of the discussions.

Judges Chair to write to the GSDL to reaffirm the GSDCA Policy.

Club advised the GSDCA Secretary in writing 13/2/18 they will adhere to Regulations and Show manuals. Completed.

6. Documentary Film of the GSD.

Sharon Ballantyne and Paul York to liaise and send a letter out to the clubs explaining what is required.

The GSDCQ President advised the video has been released and it is an on-line subscription of \$15.00 to view the video. The producers have received such an overwhelming response the project will be ongoing.

Action: GSDCQ President to send the link to the Webmaster for uploading on the GSDCA website.

2.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 57th AGM under the “60-day rule”.

Motion 1	“That the current Regulation 6.1.2 be rescinded and replaced with the Proposed Regulation 6.1.2.” GSDCA Specialist Judges and Aspiring Specialist Judges Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures.	Carried
Motion 2	“That the GSDCA adopt the WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme, as per Schedule 5 of the WUSV Harmonisation Program.”	Lost
Motion 3	“That as of the 1st July 2018, the breeder of the highest placed “Australian Bred” male Stock Coat Dog in the Open Dog class will receive a plaque.”.	Lost
Motion 4	“That the National trophy table as prescribed in the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial Manual shall apply unequivocally.”	Carried
Motion 5	“That GSDCA Member Clubs offer annually a Dual Performance Trophy as a minimum, at one Conformation Show at which GSDCA grading is awarded when held in conjunction with an Obedience Trial. <i>The Chair asked if all clubs were running an obedience trial in conjunction with a GSDCA sanctioned show? GSDCSA - yes but only received 2 entries. GSD League – yes, received 7 entries with 5 competing with 1 receiving a pass. GSDCQ – yes, had between 5-20 entries. Clubs were asked to please promote the obedience trials in conjunction with the conformation shows.</i>	Carried
Motion 6	“That GSDCA Regulation 5.1.3.14 be amended to read: Place-getter sashes: no less than 5, no more than 10”.	Carried
Motion 7	“That Mrs Coral Pethers, Mrs. Annie Tamblyn, Ms. Vyvyan Mannion be included on the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List.”	Carried

3 President’s report – Mr. V. Tantaro

Ladies and Gentlemen, I again welcome you to the 58th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

I look forward to your participation and am heartened by the fact we have members who in some cases have made a long journey and are here as visitors.

Noting this is the 7th year that I have held the office of President and despite demonstrated pessimism, discontent and factions clearly visible in our fraternity, I strongly believe that this Council has still much to offer our breed. There is no doubt that our inability to come to terms with decisions taken with regard to the WUSV Harmonisation and the 23 Schedules as presented, amended by us and decided on some 18 months ago is taking its toll.

The sad fact is, we are currently divided and this is a threat to our ability to remain relevant to the welfare of the breed and members of the public that want to own a GSD.

Those critical of the Executive and my role in trying to progress these matters are mischief makers who unfortunately continue to divide and show ignorance with regard to how this Council has worked, survived so long, and achieved significant milestones. The decisions to be taken this weekend will shape where to next for the Council. We must without creating further division work together to progress matters. It must be said that the fervour to introduce a character working test linked to BH despite the Executive offering a workable alternative as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey has been found to be wanting. The capacity and or capability of many of the Member Clubs to offer this immediately sees this decision as

possibly one of the least considered by the many members who attended meetings and supported the schedules as put.

The reality is that in the 58 years the Council has existed there has never been any real desire to see a character working test be a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey. A milestone was only recently reached when after 3 years of deliberations the GSDCA Character and Working Assessment was accepted and put in place! Unfortunately, I hear that the very people who are now screaming for a character and working test to be a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey were the first to kill the CWA off!

I believe it's important to note that this Council was formed out of a real desire to improve the welfare and betterment of the German Shepherd Dog. Its foundation is based on an unwavering idealism which sees enthusiasts sacrifice their own self-interest in order to achieve this. Looking back, I can still hear the protestations about Breed Survey, tattoo, HD, ED, etc etc. We have always been able to progress matters in spite of the protests and fear mongering. This has been done with informed consultation and us taking small steps to achieve goals as set. I believe I must again reiterate that the decisions as made by the Council, are owned by all Member Clubs. It is the collective acceptance of what has been decided that sees matters progressed!

The last year has again seen the predominance of WUSV Harmonisation and related matters considered by the Executive and Member Clubs. This has been an arduous task for all of us! It has overshadowed our real work and because of its nature has in fact seen the membership react against whatever it is the SV wants to achieve with its plan for harmonisation. The insistence that matters be dealt without timely consideration continues to frustrate many of us. There is no doubt that pressure from a number of the more prominent WUSV Members has seen the call for implementation tempered and a softer tone taken with regard to the dictates.

Communication between the Member Clubs and the Executive continues to be excellent. I again urge Member Clubs to be inclusive of everyone and fully utilise social media. The use of the GSDCA Quarterly National Review (QNR), GSDCA Database, social media, and our websites in reaching out to the membership and public has assisted us in achieving this together. This approach will encourage maximum participation and feed interest from members in the affairs of Member Clubs and this Council.

I have had a number of conversations with some aggrieved Club members. I can only state again: The Council, Executive or I have no control over the way each Member Club conducts its affairs: that control is held by the Clubs' respective membership. The Executive and I can only promote and encourage Club members to be 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. It is important that the leadership group and the membership are encouraged to participate in the decision making process of their Member Club.

The gradual change of culture that now sees encouragement of frank and open discussion continues to benefit our organisation. Diverse opinion is welcomed and benefits the work of the Council. The leadership group is well informed and encouraged to contribute to the affairs of Council. It is only with them participating that decisions as made are owned by all of us! They must not shy away from their responsibilities in promoting and or progressing matters as decided on. On this point I can only again reiterate the importance of the leadership group owning decisions as made. As an example, there is little point a Breed Surveyor attending the NBC Meeting and then going back to a Club meeting and derides any decision as made by the meeting.

I am happy to report that the Executive have worked hard and as in the past, open and fearless discussion is asked for on all matters before it. This Executive continues to act in the best interest of the Council. I also thank the many Officers of the Council, and my fellow members of Executive for their continued dedication and work as undertaken in the past year. We are a team and can be proud that we have collectively continued to perform as we do and achieve so much. It must also be noted that many of the Officers have been long serving workers for the breed and in addition to their Council roles undertake significant work for their Clubs. I again thank Melanie Groth for her contribution on all matters whilst NBC Chair.

I thank the Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and their Committees for their leadership, timely responses and promoting the Council. I would also like to sincerely thank the many members in our Clubs who voluntarily devote much time, effort and money to ensure the German Shepherd Dog is well served and promoted throughout Australia.

At this point I ask we remember the sudden passing of Joylene Neddermeyer. Joylene as you are all aware was a pillar of our organisation and losing her so soon after her retirement from the NBC shocked many of us. We also lost due to prolonged illnesses, Ian Cameron, a retired GSDCA Judge and Breed Surveyor: Ian was a gentleman and mentor of many of my generation and Hugh Garvican a retired GSDCA Judge and Breed Surveyor: Hugh was a forthright but kind individual. All played significant roles and worked hard for their Clubs and Council.

On behalf of the Council I extend our sympathy and condolences to all members who have lost loved ones.

I would now like to acknowledge the retirement of Honey Gross-Richardson as a GSDCA Breed Judge and Breed Surveyor. Honey has in these roles made significant and sustained contributions to her Club and the Council over many years, she will be missed however it must be noted that she continues to hold the role of GSDCA SV Liaison Officer and is GSDCA Character and Working Test Officer for WA.

I would on behalf of the Council acknowledge and thank Louis Donald who was dismissed by the WUSV Board of Directors as WUSV Continental Director Oceania. Noting the Council was excluded from direct input with regard to the WUSV Harmonisation program, Louis work as emissary in the background forged a path forward with regard to WUSV Harmonisation. He drafted the 23 Schedules as approved by the WUSV Board to be put to us. Whilst this caused much angst it was appreciated as the Council finally after many requests had clear requirements that had to be considered if we were to remain a WUSV member. Whilst we have had major differences of opinion, degrees of angst over recent years, and lost friendships, I for one was disappointed with the way his dismissal was handled by the WUSV Board. I am able to report that in the short term Signor Roberto Caputi, a WUSV Board member has been appointed Commissar for Oceania.

The National GSD Show & Trial continues to be the showcase of our work. Its success is based on GSD enthusiasts that are idealists and supporters of the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and betterment of the GSD. The GSDC of South Australia must be congratulated for again hosting a well-run and memorable event.

I again highlight the real threat for our Council is an ageing membership base that sees less breeders, less dogs been shown and or trialled. This is reality, not only for our Council but is mirrored all over the GSD World. It appears we have 'lost' a generation of enthusiasts. We are well aware of the reasons which in my opinion have more to do with the 'other' life people have: pursuing a career, working, far reaching social lives, ensuring their children are exposed to many activities, sees many who are interested in pursuing showing or trialling quickly walk away and just enjoy their GSD that can sit and come back to them.

It is my reckoning that we have an overall membership of around 400 enthusiasts that breed, show and or trial. It must also be noted that this number would be far less if the Long Stock Coat variety was not recognised. So, the challenge for the Council is how to encourage younger and newer members to pursue leadership positions, show, breed and or trial their animals under our umbrella. The real threat is our numbers falling and seeing our events diminish due to lack of competition- after all winning a class with you as the only entry has little attraction!

I again put forward that Club Presidents and their committees need to encourage and mentor our younger members to "have a go" by giving them "a go!": there is no reason why those who have held positions for 10+ years cannot continue to act as mentors to the new generation- this single move could ensure the survival of our Clubs, but also revitalise them!

I wish to thank the Member Clubs for their consideration and hospitality extended to my wife Frances and myself during our visits. I would again thank Frances for her support in what has been another difficult year both at Council level and for our family.

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

I trust that I continue to meet your expectations.
Thank You

The GSD League President congratulated the Chair and all others who have been involved in attending to and compiling responses to all correspondence received from the WUSV on a job well done.

4 Treasurer's report – Ms. J. Pike

4.1 Auditor's report – Grant Thornton Australia

The Treasurer asked the meeting to refer to the report as detailed in the AGM Report.

The Chair pointed out two highlights in the report. One was the falling income due to less HD/ED funds being generated. This is a worrying sign with the participation rates lower than in previous years. We need to think about how best we can promote those schemes.

The second point was the cost of GSDCA meetings. Depending on the venue, there can be a price differential of around \$4,000. A motion will be brought forward that meetings be held in the most cost-effective venue.

The Auditors have advised that their audit fees will double this year. The Treasurer will seek an alternative auditor to ensure the requirements are met.

The Chair thanked Jane for her expertise in the financial area and for stepping up in other areas where needed.

There were no questions of the auditor's report.

Motion: "That the Auditor's report be accepted"
Moved: GSDCSA. CARRIED.

Action: The Treasurer to make enquiries to find an alternative auditor and try to keep fees around the \$1500 mark.

5 Secretary's report – Mrs. V. Moody

The Chair advised that it is very unfortunate that Val is not present as he wanted to publicly thank her for the extra work Val has taken on this year following the resignation of the NBC Chair. This role was covered by both Robyn Knuckey and him. He was delighted that Val has been re-elected unopposed. The result of her work sees the Annual Report produced at a time when others are on holidays. Well done Val. The meeting echoed the Chair's appreciation.

There were no questions of the Secretary's report.

It was agreed that all reports would be approved as a block. The Presidents and delegates were asked to provide a brief summary of what has been happening at their Clubs during the past 12 months.

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

6.1 ACT GSDA – Mr. Sasha Beljanski

We have had a reasonable year. Membership has remained constant. We are down a little on instructors/trainers. We have done particularly well with our show members and our little obedience side. The Club is primarily there to teach dogs to be good dog citizens. We do not have a lot of members in the trial ring and do not hold a trial in conjunction with shows due to lack of personnel to assist. We did run one trial (all breeds trial) per year with one or 2 dogs entered. We have been informed that we may have to move from our site as the Government has decided the site is too valuable to use as a show ground. They are looking at alternative places as to what we need in moving.

6.2 GSD League – Mr. Terry Jarvis

The League has had a good year. We are fortunate that a past member has left his estate to the club which will be a great benefit to the GSD League financially. It is hard to find helpers and the tasks are usually left to the older members. Thanks to Jacinta for the assistance with the website. Remiss not to make mention of Anne McKenzie who is retiring after 27 years of service as show secretary. Tuesday night training is proving successful with the equipment being available for use. No one is interested in trialing. Attended lots of public events this year where we can promote our dogs to the public. Jo Cathie is conducting a ZAP demonstration and show training over the 9-20 March weekend – over 100 people are attending with spots filled up as soon as the event was advertised.

The Chair congratulated the Club on receiving such a financial windfall and is sure the club will put it towards good use. Congratulations to Jo Cathie and the education committee who are conducting a weekend education seminar. Other clubs could also consider this type of educational event.

6.3 Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC – Mr. Sean Lynch

There have been a few changes over last couple of years with timing of shows. The Obedience trials have been run on separate days with positive feedback being received. We are finding that a lot of the show people now attend the trials to support their friends. We offer free breakfast which works very well. We had 27 dogs trialing at the last trial. We offer a free BBQ after the show to enable people to stay and socialise. We have taken on various social functions, and are finding everyone is getting involved and bringing the club closer together as a group. Five new members have joined the committee. On the negative side, breeders are not enthusiastic with the Harmonisation plans and some say they are considering ceasing to breed if brought in. We held a good fundraising seminar which was fully booked. We plan to take on the catering for the All Breeds Club as a fund raiser. I am very happy with the way the committee and members are working together.

6.4 GSDC of Queensland – Mrs. Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon.

Membership is holding with 8 new members recently joining up. People are coming from different locations and actually starting to join the club. Dog Lovers Show was a really good event showcasing the breed. We held first group 5 obedience trial which didn't attract any more dogs. – some members prefer restricted trials, and the trials were boycotted by those members who do not want the change. Some members are working with the working dog people further up north which is good thing. Dogs QLD have approved the National in 2021 and judges have been confirmed. Our Facebook stats have increased showing social media is successful. The Harmonisation side is very challenging due to our state being so large and widespread and difficult to get helpers.

6.5 GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia

John acknowledged the passing of some of their influential members. Puppy day was first event this year with about 48 in attendance and we received new members signing up. Obedience numbers are still quite high in classes, good mix of instructors. It is very difficult to get the younger people to become involved. Open Trial numbers in Sth Australia wide are dropping. We do not have an internal Trial Manager but a friend of the breed and club has offered to be our trial manager with the assistance of Jenny DeLucia and will conduct the obedience trials. We will also be introducing Rally-O. Show numbers are good at training sessions. There are a number of Police Officers coming with their dogs and getting involved by bringing their retired dogs to keep them active. One of our breeders has provided a number of puppies to the Police force which is good for our PR. Our National made a slight loss due in part to the President's dinner being cancelled, the Saturday night numbers didn't cover the costs. Thanks to all our members, supporters and sponsors for their help throughout the year.

6.6 GSDC of Tasmania – Mrs. Janet Haase

Janet apologised for the lateness of the President's report which was not printed in the Annual Report. Finances are stable; membership is stable, with a slight increase in survey and HD/ED applications. More people are attending survey. We run 4 shows a year. Russell Lowery has resigned as Show Manager. We conduct basic obedience – this is a work in progress. We will have to look at forming an alliance with another obedience club. We run ZAP every week with a ZAP demonstration organised for May to coincide with our main show. A Nosework seminar will be held in May to encourage members to engage in other activities. We have a positive relationship with Dogs Tasmania. The main issue and sticking point causing friction has been around the gun test and whether it should happen at shows in the open class. The reason is members think it should be consistent across Australia and as animals are surveyed, why

gun test again. This is interesting given the club voted with the ZAP and BH. The gun test is included in the schedule for next week's show. We will be focusing on puppy obedience to start.

6.7 GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Tony Mercieca

Membership is up a little and a tad under 2700 actual members. We have two major sponsors, Royal Canin and Monash Veterinary Clinic. We are fortunate to have a lot of very experienced people within the club. What we do as a committee, is multiplied by 11 branches. We have 100 qualified obedience and 30 show instructors. We have lots of systems in place. The Instructors' guidelines were recently updated. Branches train in their branches and out in the public. Lots of members are involved in therapy dogs, story book dogs etc. In 2018 we held seven specialist shows including our 100th Championship Show, 6 breed surveys with 37 dogs surveyed. We are holding a ZAP workshop on 17th Feb to coincide with the next survey. Our National is coming up we have been putting lots of hours into the planning. A Memorial for Service Dogs has been erected at KCC Park which we were involved in. Unfortunately, a few of our much-loved colleagues have passed away during 2018. A more detailed report will be in our AGM minutes which will be available after 17th March 2019 and will be distributed to the Clubs. We have a full committee for 2019.

6.8 GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Brian Lubbock

Unfortunately, we were robbed of around \$29,000 of equipment. Fortunately, we received enough insurance monies to cover the losses. Membership is stable with a slight increase. We continue with our charity funding and have added the Purple Poppy for War Animals. We currently have five sponsors who have been sponsoring us for several years. We are in the process of getting ProPlan on board. There has been a turnaround in membership – 4/5 people wanted to step down and take a break, but they are still involved with training etc. One thing that is killing us is time. Time seems to have shortened. Financially things are going well. Obedience numbers are up.

7 Chairperson National Breed Commission – Mr. Vince Tantaro & Mrs. Robyn Knuckey

The Executive was disappointed that Melanie Groth made the decision to stand down from the role of NBC Chairperson. Mel's experience and expertise was valued by all of us. Thank you to all officers of the NBC for their work.

The NBC meeting was a huge success with the changed format being well received. We conducted a review of the breed survey manual – this is a work in progress, and it is hoped it will be sent out for final comment and be presented at the 2019 NBC meeting. The NBC is a huge portfolio. We hope that solidarity will be promoted at the next meetings we attend.

Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon and Natalie Humphries were congratulated on being appointed as GSDCA Breed Surveyors.

Robyn commented that Mel brought back education and changed the format of the NBC Meeting so that we were discussing dogs etc. The format of the Sires Progeny at last year's National in South Australia was easier to follow being set out in a table format. Whilst Mel has stood down as NBC Chairperson, she continues in the role as Registrar.

7.1 National Breed Survey Registrar – Ms. Melanie Groth

Currently up to date with surveys being finalised. It has been a good year in terms of dogs going through the survey system. We experienced a few more fails than previous, most relating to the gun test, a few on size and one on anatomy. A big issue is that photographs are not being provided. There are approximately 50 surveys pending awaiting photographs. Original paperwork coming in has been very slow this year. We need to look at "time out" on the system to save what has been entered and go back to the data at a later time due to interruptions that occur whilst processing the survey. Registrars need to provide a cover sheet with the original documents. Recommend NBC Registrar's role should be held by a surveyor.

The Chair expressed the Executive's thanks that Mel agreed to take on the role of NBC Registrar.

7.2 Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chairperson, Dr. Candy Baker

Candy advised a letter has been prepared to forward to vets stating that dogs going through the JPS procedure cannot be accepted back into our breeding programme. We need some form of identification (similar to spaying in cats) to indicate the procedure has been carried out.

The health profile letter is ready to be sent to vets. For breed health and public relations, it would be very beneficial to show we are proactive at looking at the health of our breed and educating members. Have established that there are no ethics issues in publishing the data collected, as the data is retrospective.

The Chair thanked Candy for the work she undertakes for Council and as a veterinarian she has the expertise in this area. It is great to have her on board.

7.3 National Haemophilia Scheme Registrar, Dr. Candy Baker

Please refer to the Annual Report.

7.4 National Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar, Mr. Doug West

Again, another in depth report provided by Doug. The statistics have been uploaded onto the GSDCA Website.

7.5 National Title Verification Officer – Mrs. Jenny DeLucia

Refer to report. One extra animal has come in this year. The dog will present at survey with a grading certificate.

8 Chairperson Judges Committee – Mrs. Robyn Knuckey

Asked all to consider newly appointed GSDCA Trainee judges the opportunity to judge Member Club shows. Congratulations to Jenny DeLucia and Salvatore Pettilli on successfully completing their extension course.

The Chair commented that Robyn has endured a very hectic year with her professional work and thanked her for still managing to fulfill her role as Chairperson of the Judges Committee.

9 Chairperson Obedience Committee – Mrs. Julie Urie

Julie travelled to different shows and trials in different states during the past year. What was evident is the steady increase in number of dual performance animals. The 2018 GSDCA National trial was well organized and conducted. The Annual GSDCA Obedience Committee meeting was held in Melbourne with most Club's sending a representative. Attendees felt the meeting was very positive. The Chair again suggested that the core function of all Member Clubs is to ensure the breed is serviced and best way to do that was to offer obedience training to service puppy purchasers.

10 Editor Quarterly National Review – Ms. Jacinta Poole

Jacinta said she hopes that the QNR continues to be a valuable tool to the general membership and that it does appeal to all members. The QNR has made a small profit over the last 2/3 years. Our advertisers, who are listed in my full report are acknowledged for their continued support. I remind clubs to utilise every edition and provide a news report for each QNR. Thanks to people who wrote articles for the magazine. I would particularly like to thank Val for proof reading each edition.

A question was raised regarding electronic magazines and how that may work. Jacinta advised that an electronic magazine could be emailed to members, posted to Council website, and/or a link posted on their clubs facebook page. It would be hosted on the website. To do it online in a PDF format will come at a cost. A cost in design would still be incurred. Going electronic does not necessarily mean going free. A saving is no postage cost. This, noting current membership fees and fact cost is reduced by Jacinta doing much of prep work needs again to be considered in the near future.

The Chair thanked Jacinta. The reason the magazine is showing a slight profit is again due her work which, we are lucky Jacinta does this now – but the next editor may not. Jacinta is a valued member of the Executive who contributes to wider issues and helps in all areas by willingly assisting those of us who are technology challenged.

11 Sub Committee Reports:

11.1 National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie (Report on 2018 National Show & Trial)

Ian thanked Jenny DeLucia for agreeing to stand in for Ian at the Victoria National and agreeing to write the report to Council. One problem for the National is the bigger numbers in the LSC classes, and running out of time if no lighting is available. Classes run over time and need to continue again next day. Ian suggested that we look at measuring during individuals to save time and let handlers go into the other rings. Thanks to the GSDCSA club for hosting a successful National.

The Chair said it is the duty of the Chief Ring Steward to keep on top of timelines. Handlers who are involved in both rings should be fast tracked for measuring and critiquing. Someone needs to be in charge of time management/handler management.

11.2 National Database – Mr. Frank Moody

Refer to the AGM report. The database is getting well used. Frank is excellent at running the database, and if an error is brought to his attention, he quickly has it resolved. We are very fortunate to have a member that devotes so much time and effort to maintain and improve the database.

11.3 Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis

There were no problems with the trophies for the Adelaide National. The bases now come separately to the dog and it is up to the club to affix the base. Trophies have been ordered for Victoria. Everything is in order for the Melbourne National. Thanks Terry, for the service you provide.

Chair advised that we will be sending out a request to the Clubs for those clubs who donate the Memorial Trophy.

11.4 Website Officer – Ms. Jacinta Poole

Please refer my report and the dot points detailing what is available to members on the website. Facebook page is going well with high level visits.

The Chair again noted this is an additional role Jacinta undertakes in addition to all of her Council and Club commitments and thanked her for a job well done.

11.5 Breed Specific Legislation – Mr. Sam McGregor

Sam resigned as the BSLO due to work and personal commitments. Unfortunately, whilst a report was requested, it was not forthcoming.

11.6 GSDCA Youth Officer – Mr. Andrew O'Loughlin

Unfortunately, there are few young people involved at the moment. Can only encourage and mentor where we can.

11.7 Public Relations Officer – Mr. Paul York

Ch 9 was organized for the morning show to do a direct coverage on the GSDCSA National on the Saturday morning but unfortunately, they cancelled on the Friday evening. With regard to forthcoming National, currently having conversations with Ch 7 – they are in pre-production of a TV special on dogs and Paul is trying to get them to include taping at the National. This might prove to be easier than live coverage.

We need to promote the Council Facebook page by sharing to each club's Facebook page.

Action: Ask each Club to share our FB page and we do likewise with theirs.

I have had some correspondence with Dog News Australia (John Bryson) who showed interest doing a regular post on the German Shepherd Dogs in Australia by publishing specific articles. There are no costs involved. The magazine is distributed free of charge to all-breed judges and then by subscription.

The meeting agreed that Paul pursues the Dog News Australia contact.

11.8 Historian – N/A

This position was vacant.

11.9 National Report.

The Chair said it was obvious that the President's dinner, the welcome dinner and Saturday night are not working, so we have been looking at fine tuning the regulation as listed in the agenda.

Action: Edit the Annual Report to include the recipients of the service awards awarded at the 2018 National.

The Chair again thanked all officers for their reports and Val Moody for compiling what is a most comprehensive summary of all our work in the past year.

The updates to the written reports concluded with the following motion put to the meeting:

Motion: "That all reports received be accepted".
Moved: N&HRGSDC CARRIED.

12 **WUSV Meeting (2018) Report:**

Minutes from the WUSV General Annual Assembly Meeting were distributed to all Member Clubs on 19th November 2018.

Vince Tantaro GSDCA President and Robyn Knuckey GSDCA Judges Chair attended the meeting on behalf of the GSDCA.

12.1 **2 Year Rule Moved: N&HRGSDC & GSDCSA.**

Motion: "That the current GSDCA Regulation 2.7.8 be rescinded".

Moved: N&HRGSDC

CARRIED.

For: GSDCV, GSDCQ, N&HRGSDC, GSDCSA & WA.

Against: ACTGSDA, GSDCT & GSD League.

12.2 **Moved: N&HR GSDC**

Motion: That the following motions/regulations in relation to Harmonisation be rescinded.

Moved: N&HRGSDC

12.2 **Moved: N&HR GSDC**

"That the following motions/regulations in relation to Harmonisation be rescinded.

a) **Motion: "That regulation 2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded".**

2.14 WUSV Harmonisation [2017]

2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017]

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.

- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 13 months.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective 30 December 2019.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re-present one more time.
- If a dog fails again it can still proceed to undertake the BH.

MOVED: N&HRGSDC

LOST.

FOR: N&HRGSDC, GSDCSA, WA.

AGAINST: GSDCV, GSDCQ, GSD League, GSDCT, ACTGSDA.

Amendments to the motions were agreed to as follows:

Amendments to Motion:

2.14 WUSV Harmonisation [2017]

2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017]

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective from **1 January 2020**

Moved GSDCSA Unanimous CARRIED.

- All dogs born after **1 January 2020** may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be a **minimum of 9 months**.
- **That a pass of ZAP Part 1 shall be a pre-requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for all animals born after 1 January 2021.**

Moved: GSDCSA For: Unanimous. CARRIED.

- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective **1 January 2020**.
- **Moved GSDCSA For: Unanimous. CARRIED.**
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- **If a dog fails, providing it can re-present one more time.**

Moved GSDCSA For: Unanimous. CARRIED.

The President advised the meeting that the Executive is working with Harold Hohmann on holding a seminar/workshop on the Saturday prior to the National being 30th March 2019. The purpose of the seminar/workshop is to go through the assessment worksheet and provide clear explanation as to how the elements are assessed, providing the assessors with necessary information. A Character and Working Test Officer appointed in each Club is invited to attend with a 2nd delegate selected from their Judges/Surveyors.

The primary goal is to educate and promote the ZAP test by holding the seminar session in the morning and conducting practical assessments in the afternoon.

As all clubs have agreed with Step 1 above, Clubs were asked to promote the ZAP test to their members.

b) Motion: "That regulation 2.14.2 BH Test from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded".

2.14.2 Dogs born after 30 December 2019 - prerequisite for Breed Survey [2017]

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH Test as a prerequisite for Breed Survey, effective 30 December 2020.

- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 shall be required to pass BH Test in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for BH that shall be in place by 30 December 2020.
- The minimum age to participate shall be 15 months.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.

Moved: N&HRGSDC LOST.
FOR: GSDCQ, N&HRGSDC, GSDCSA, GSDAWA.
AGAINST GSDCV, GSDL, GSDCT, ACTGSDA.

- c) **Motion: “That regulation 2.14.3 AD Test from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded”.**

Moved: N&HRGSDC **LOST.**
FOR: N&HRGSDC, GSDCQ, GSDCSA.
AGAINST: GSDCV, GSDL, GSDAWA, GSDCT, ACTGSDA.

2.14.3 Dogs born after 30 July 2020 - prerequisites for Breed Survey [2017]

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH test and AD, as prerequisites for Breed Survey effective 30 December 2021.

- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass both BH and AD tests in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for AD that shall be in place by 30 December 2021.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

After discussion, the meeting agreed that Motion (c) be rescinded based on the age limits of the test and the restrictions that places in Breed Survey timelines. The meeting agreed that the Executive would re-draft the motion, considering the restrictions, and that the ET would be available as a working element. ET will not be a pre-requisite for Breed Survey.

Motion: That the GSDCA Executive to draft a new motion based on the regulations currently in Australia.

Moved: GSDAWA For: Unanimous. CARRIED.

- d) **Motion: “That regulation 2.14.4 Gun Test for Excellent Grading from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded”.**

Moved: N&HRGSDC **LOST**
For: GSDCQ, N&HRGSDC, GSDCSA, GSDCT.
AGAINST: GSDCV, GSD League, GSDAWA, ACTGSDA.

2.14.4 Gun test for Excellent grading [2017]

That the gun test will be introduced and conducted forthwith (the exception being for shows where the ANKC schedule has been approved) and apply to all animals exhibited in the Open Classes at all Member Club and/or sponsored shows where the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Excellent grading may be awarded.

Discussion: Whilst some clubs advised they cannot fire the gun on their grounds, they were asked to approach their local Canine Controls asking for permission to conduct the gun test when German judges are judging their shows.

N&HRGSDC said whilst they will endeavour to obtain permission, they asked that Council do not give a directive to German judges that they must not award Excellent gradings if there is no gun test.

- e) **Motion: “That regulation 3.6.8.4 Inbreeding from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded”.**

3.6.8.4 Inbreeding:

“That the current regulation regarding inbreeding is amended to read:

“Animals born after 1 July 2018 to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than (3-3)”.

Animals born prior to 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3).

The President informed the meeting that a submission is currently before the ANKC regarding this clause.

- f) **Motion: “That regulation 3.6.1.10 “Good” Grading as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded”.**

3.6.1.10 (e) Good Grading:

“That effective 1st July 2018, as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey, a dog must have gained a minimum of a “Good” grading at a specialist show prior to application for Breed Survey. The grading certificate must be provided with other documentation at Breed Survey.

It was agreed that this clause would be a further disincentive for members to have their dogs breed surveyed.

The meeting was asked as a collective, that the Executive, put forward a motion that this item is to be rescinded, citing the reasons discussed.

Action: That the Executive put forward a 60-day motion that this item is to be rescinded citing the reasons discussed.

Moved: GSDCSA For: Unanimous CARRIED.

Discussion: Motions in relation to the Harmonisation Scheme (HS)

Noting the discussions, the Chair proposed that as we are in agreement that we need a Character and Working Test, and the ZAP is beneficial to puppies, however both our capability and capacity to introduce regulation 2.14.2 as reaffirmed, the approach should be we only put in place what can be achieved across Australia in the first instance and continue to show based on our circumstances we are working together to meet the ideal in the future.

The first step is to present a pass of ZAP at Breed Survey. The second step is a BH or the equivalent that we decide as a group to implement. In relation to the date time frames, these can also be considered.

The meeting agreed to amend the motions to reflect what we can and cannot achieve. The matter was deferred to General Business to be considered as 60-day motions.

13 Determination of scale of fees for financial year 2018/2019

13.1 Motion:

That as of 1st July 2019, the cost of all GSDCA medals sold to Member Clubs will see the price set at supply cost plus 25%. The total cost will be invoiced to Members Clubs and existing stock as held will be sold at current listed price.

Moved: GSDCSA CARRIED.
For: GSDCV, GSDCQ, N&HRGSDC, GSDCSA, GSDAWA, GSDCT.
Against: GSD League, ACTGSDA.

14 Election of Office Bearers

14.1 Executive

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Term
NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIR	Stephen Collins	GSDCSA, GSDCQ	2 Year
	Jenny Yuen	GSDCV	
A secret ballot was held as per the Constitution. Jenny Yuen was elected to the position of NBC Chair. The Chair congratulated Jenny Yuen on being elected as NBC Chairperson.			
SECRETARY	Val Moody	GSDCV, GSDCQ, GSDCSA, GSDAWA, GSDL	2 Year
OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE CHAIR	Julie Urie	GSDCV, GSDCQ	2 Year

14.2 Expression of Interest for Other Positions

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Term
Public Officer	Mr. Brenton Lowes	ACT GSDA	1 Year
HD/ED Registrar <i>Vic moved Doug West and seconded by ACTGSDA.</i>	Mr. Doug West	VIC	1 Year
NBC Registrar -	<i>Melanie Groth</i>		1 Year
Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair	Dr. Candy Baker	GSDCV, GSDAWA	1 Year
Haemophilia Registrar	Dr. Candy Baker	GSDCV, GSDAWA	1 Year
National Show Liaison Officer	Mr. Ian Urie	GSDCV	1 Year
Website Officer	Ms. Jacinta Poole	GSDCV	1 Year
Trophy Officer	Mr. Terry Jarvis	GSDL	1 Year
Breed Specific Legislation Officer	No nomination		1 Year
Public Relations Officer	Mr. Paul York	GSDCV, N&HRGSDC	1 Year
Historian	No nomination		1 Year

15 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial Reports

15.1 46th National – 2018 – GSDC SA

Host –German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia – **Report received.**

Dates – 27th, 28th, & 29th April 2018

Major Sponsor was “Advance”

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Hans-Peter Schweimer

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Hans-Peter Schweimer

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

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.

15.2 47th National – 2019 - GSDCV

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

Dates – Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th April 2019

Major Sponsor is “Royal Canin”.

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Harald Hohmann

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Harald Hohmann

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Herr Richard Brauch

Obedience Judges:

Mr. Barry Cotton (Vic) CCD and UDX

Mr. Clive Makepeace (VIC) UD and a balance class (whichever is needed)

Mrs. Cheryl Bedgood (WA) Open and Rally Master

Ms. Tania Schumann (Vic) Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent

Mrs. Dawn Ayton (VIC) Novice and Rally Novice

Emergency Judges: To be advised

Junior Showmanship Judge: Mr. Andrew O’Loughlin.

Entry Fees:

Junior to Open: Initial entry = \$48.00, subsequent \$40.00.per class

Minor Puppy to Puppy: Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00.per class

Baby Puppies Initial entry = \$28.00, subsequent \$20.00.per class

Obedience Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00.per class

National Update – GSDCV President:

We have confirmed Richard Brauch to judge the bitch ring due to Lothar Quoll withdrawing. Harold Hohmann will be judging all SC Dogs and all LSC Bitch and Dog classes. Social events include, Thursday: Breed Survey followed by a “meet and greet BBQ”. Saturday - Official Opening Ceremony. Saturday night: Gala event with all clubs including NZ invited to conduct a short skit. To date only a couple of clubs have confirmed their participation. Sat Night Live will start immediately following the show commencing with Happy Hour. Sunday night: trophy presentations.

All corporate tents were sold within a couple of hours being made available. There will still be plenty of room for private tents. Our Phone App is up and running – very easy to download and is simply sensational with all information coming straight to your phone/tablet. Our Premier sponsor is Royal Canin, with our major sponsor Monash Veterinary Clinic. Thanks to all members/clubs who have sponsored classes and trophies. The LSC need more sponsors and it is very easy to sponsor on line. Obedience classes still need sponsors. Catering: we have a liquor license, bacon and eggs every day. Drink sales, coffee and catering vans etc. Our webpage shows the full range of merchandise available which we are happy to say is of excellent quality. Orders for merchandise close on 18th March. There will be lots of equipment – leads and collars etc, available for purchase.

The Rally –O trial will be conducted on the Friday followed by the Obedience trials on the Saturday.

Questions:

Early April show date. Discussed several years ago that Nationals would take place in May, why did GSDCV choose April.? The GSDCV President replied that this was done in order to take advantage of daylight saving, noting the issues encountered at the 2018 National. It was noted late April/May there is a judges committee meeting in Germany and Easter being later this year, were the main reasons these dates were set.

Why are entries closing 6 weeks prior to the event? Some Clubs feel that we will lose entries by closing off entries 6 weeks prior to the event. GSDCSA closed entries 3 weeks prior with around 100 entries being received during that last week. Victoria will take this point back to the Show Secretary.

Action: GSDCV to take up the issue of the early closing date for entries with their Show Secretary.

15.3 48th National – 2020 – GSD League

Host – German Shepherd Dog League of New South Wales – **Progress Report**

Dates – 15th, 16th and 17th May 2020

Major Sponsor -

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Helmet Buss

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Helmet Buss

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Herr Eric Bosl

Reserve – Herr Richard Brauch

Obedience Judges: To be advised

Junior Showmanship Judge: To be advised.

Entry Fees:

Junior to Open: Initial entry = \$48.00, subsequent \$40.00.per class

Minor Puppy to Puppy: Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00.per class

Baby Puppies Initial entry = \$28.00, subsequent \$20.00.per class

Obedience Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00.per class

The Chair congratulated the League on being able to get the date changed from Easter.

Melanie Groth is the Show Co-ordinator. The League will discuss obtaining assistance with the GSDCV President and Jacinta Poole.

The Chair asked if the League were satisfied with the current fee structure and if so, would they agree to keeping the current fee structure.

The GSD League President agreed there would be no change to the entry fee structure as applied to this year's National.

Action: The League to select the obedience judges from the nominated list as per:

OBEDIENCE JUDGES – NATIONAL 2020 Host by GSD League

APPOINTMENT:

The following procedure will be followed for the appointment of judges for the Obedience section of the National Show and Trial.

1. Member Clubs hosting the National will have the right to choose obedience judges from a shortened list, as nominated by GSDCA Executive. The host member Club must present the list of judges to the GSDCA AGM for approval at least two years in advance. The list of judges is to include names of reserve judges.
2. The host club, where possible, should appoint interstate judges to the judging panel.
3. Judges are to be appointed from the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List which is reviewed on an annual basis by the GSDCA Obedience Chairman.
4. Judges must be licensed to judge relevant disciplines/classes at ANKC sanctioned events and be an active and current member of a GSDCA Affiliated Club in the State/Territory in which they reside.
5. All Obedience Judges for the National Show and Trials be contracted to provide critiques for all classes to be published in the National Quarterly Review.
6. If Judges from the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List are not available, Clubs are to refer to the GSDCA Supplementary Obedience Judges List which can be obtained from the GSDCA Secretary or GSDCA Obedience Chair.

Nominated List of Obedience Judges for the 2020 National Show & Trial.

Catherine O'Shea QLD (Preferred List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Vyvyan Mannion QLD (Preferred List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Mandy Doyle QLD (Preferred List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Annie Tamblyn QLD (Preferred List)	Licensed for CCD, Novice and Open only
David Hutson VIC (Supplementary List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Lynn Klecka VIC (Supplementary List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Darryl Turley NSW (Supplementary List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Reserve: Kevin Speed NSW (Supplementary List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes

15.4 49th National – 2021 – GSDC of Queensland

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

Dates – 21st, 22nd & 23rd May 2021 (Applied to Dogs Qld).

Major Sponsor is ??????

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 – Mr. Malcolm Griffiths.

Reserve – Herr Frank Goldlust

Obedience Judges: To be advised

Junior Showmanship Judge: To be advised.

GSDCQ President advised nothing to report to date. Committee will begin preparations. Entry fees will be provided at the next AGM.

The Chair made the suggestion that noting any fee set at \$50 or over will have a detrimental effect on entries therefore suggested the fees are set as for the 2020 event that will be hosted by the GSDL.

Confirmed and Proposed List of Judges for Nationals:	
2014 Canberra	Herr Joachim Stiegler (D) and Herr Frank Goldlust (B)
2015 Melbourne	Herr Lothar Quoll (LSC Dogs & Bitches and Stock Coat Dogs) Herr Heinz Scheerer (Stock Coat Bitches)
2016 Sydney	Herr H. Buss (LSC & SC Dogs) & Frau Margit Van Dorssen, (SC Bitches) Reserve - Herr Christoph Ludwig (D) & Herr J. Mayer (B)
2017 Queensland	Herr Frank Goldlust (LSC & SC Dogs), Herr Joachim Stiegler (SC Bitches) Reserve - Herr E Bosl
2018 South Australia	Herr Hans-Peter Schweimer (LSC & SC Dogs) (<i>replacement</i>) Herr Christoph Ludwig (<i>unavailable due to work commitments</i>) Herr Rainer Mast (SC Bitches), Reserve – Herr Lothar Quoll
2019 Melbourne	Herr Richard Brauch (SC Bitches) Herr Harald Hohmann (SC Males & LSC's) Herr Eric Bosl (Reserve)
2020 Sydney	Herr Helmet Buss (LSC & SC Dogs) Herr Eric Bosl (SC Bitches) Reserve - Herr Richard Brauch
2021 Queensland	Herr Christoph Ludwig (LSC & SC Dogs) Mr. Malcolm Griffiths (SC Bitches) Reserve – Herr Frank Goldlust
2022 South Australia	To be presented at the 2019 GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting.

16.1 Imported Semen Verification – Prerequisite for Breed Survey

Motion: “That the following requirements for verification of semen are put in place as a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme”.

- GSDCA Title Verification of animals whose semen is imported must be provided with application for their progeny to be presented to GSDCA Breed Survey.
- The process to be applied will be that as for imported animals with the exception that verification can take place at any time.
- Noting the requirement for GSDCA Breed Survey, importers of semen are encouraged to apply for verification well before the semen is used and any progeny are presented to survey.
- Breeders utilising imported semen should also insist on viewing the GSDCA Title Verification prior to using the semen.

It was agreed that the motion should be amended to include a “start date”: An amendment to the motion was put to the meeting:

Amended Motion:

Motion: That as from the 1 July 2019, the following requirements for verification of semen be put in place as a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme:

- GSDCA Title Verification of animals whose semen is imported must be provided with application for their progeny to be presented to GSDCA Breed Survey.
- The process to be applied will be that as for imported animals with the exception that verification can take place at any time.
- Noting the requirement for GSDCA Breed Survey, importers of semen are encouraged to apply for verification well before the semen is used and any progeny are presented to survey.
- Breeders utilising imported semen should also insist on viewing the GSDCA Title Verification prior to using the semen

Moved: GSDCV UNANIMOUS CARRIED.

The amended motion was then put forward:

Motion: That as from the 1 July 2019, the following requirements for verification of semen be put in place as a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme:

- GSDCA Title Verification of animals whose semen is imported must be provided with application for their progeny to be presented to GSDCA Breed Survey.
- The process to be applied will be that as for imported animals with the exception that verification can take place at any time.
- Noting the requirement for GSDCA Breed Survey, importers of semen are encouraged to apply for verification well before the semen is used and any progeny are presented to survey.
- Breeders utilising imported semen should also insist on viewing the GSDCA Title Verification prior to using the semen

Moved: GSDCV Unanimous. CARRIED.

16.2 DNA Proof of Parentage

The following was provided to the GSDCA on the 18/7/18 and a decision made at the last ANKC Directors Meeting held 23rd June 2018.

Item 7: *ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration: Amendments

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration is amended with the inclusion of the following new Clause 6.12 to read as follows:

6.12 Parentage Proven for Registration.

- 6.12.1 All puppies whelped after 01 January 2020 and being registered on the ANKC Ltd database as Main Registered are to be Parentage Proven by DNA. All results are to use the International Society for Animal Genetic (ISAG) marker and are to be submitted to the member body prior to registration.
- 6.12.2 Where a breeder makes application to upgrade a dog to the Main Register then the dog is to be Parentage Proven as per 6.12.1 prior to being upgraded.
- 6.12.3 Collection and testing of the DNA sample is to be conducted pursuant to protocols at Section 2 of these Regulations.
- 6.12.4 All dogs, frozen semen and Fertilised Ova imported into Australia from 01 January 2020 are to be Parentage Proven in accordance with this section.
- 6.12.5 All Frozen semen registered after 01 January 2020 is to be Parentage Proven in accordance with this section.

Noting the delay in the introduction of this scheme, Executive proposed the following to the Member Clubs:

Motion: “That for animals born after 1st January 2020, with application for the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, owners must provide proof of Parentage as per the following regulations/schemes that are in place:

- ANKC regulation for DNA Parentage Proven for Registration
- Dogs Queensland DNA Program
- SV-WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme”

THE GSDCV asked the motion be amended to include a fourth dot point namely “*any other GSDCA recognised Scheme*”. The suggested motion was then put forward.

Amended Motion:

“That for animals born after 1st January 2020, with application for the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, owners must provide proof of Parentage as per any one of the following regulations/schemes that are in place:

- ANKC regulation for DNA Parentage Proven for Registration
- Dogs Queensland DNA Program
- SV-WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme” or
- Any other GSDCA recognised scheme.

Moved: GSDCV. UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

The amended motion now becomes the motion.

Motion: “That for animals born after 1st January 2020, with application for the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, owners must provide proof of Parentage as per any one of the following regulations/schemes that are in place:

- ANKC regulation for DNA Parentage Proven for Registration
- Dogs Queensland DNA Program
- SV-WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme” or
- Any other GSDCA recognised scheme.

Moved: GSDCV UNANIMOUS CARRIED.

16.3 **BS1 – Application Form** – for GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme

Owners that pay to enter an animal at a GSDCA Breed Survey and then defer with permission.

- Currently if the owner applies for the NEXT breed survey they do not have to pay again.
- If they want to present, say 12 months later or 2 survey's later, and had previously paid, they need to pay another fee.
- In these cases, the club collects the original \$35, which they keep in its entirety.
- The club pays National Council \$27 when the animal completes the survey either successfully or fail.

Suggestion - we look at the same process as for HD/ED.

- Have the BS1 application in triplicate.
- Purchased from the State Breed Survey Registrar. It then stays with the animal for life until it is submitted for Breed Survey.
- Like the HD/ED forms, the money is paid to Council on purchase by the applicant. Clubs get the \$8 handling fee and the \$27 is payable to National Council.
- Original form provided to the owner, copy 1 to the NBC Chair and copy 2 to the State Breed Survey Registrar.
- Billing will be completed quarterly from the NBC Chair's record of the "copy 1" received from the State Registrar quarterly.

Further Suggestions from the meeting were:

- In a failure situation, a further fee would need to be paid.
- Remove the wording: "has to represent at the next breed survey".
- Anomaly between Stock Coat & Long Stock Coat. Long Stock Coat use a different Council number to differentiate between the varieties.

Motion:

"That as of 1st January 2020, application for GSDCA Breed Survey shall see the following apply:

- **The BS1 application form will be produced in triplicate.**
 - **Original form provided to the owner, copy 1 to the NBC Chair and copy 2 to the State Breed Survey Registrar.**
 - **Form will be purchased from the State Breed Survey Registrar and the animal can be submitted for survey any time during the defined time limits > 18 months up to 8 years of age.**
 - **The application fee will be determined and adjusted when required via motion at AGM based on Clubs retaining 25% as a handling fee and 75% paid to National Council."**

Moved: GSDCT MOTION WITHDRAWN *Discussion: Requires further consideration.*

Action: Refer BS1 – Application Form – for GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme - to be taken to the NBC Meeting.

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 Service Agreement (*Generic*).

Motion:

"That as of 1st July 2019 the revised GSDCA Service Agreement for GSDCA Breed & Trainee Surveyors & GSDCA Judges and Trainees (version 07/2019) must be signed in order to maintain their assigned GSDCA status."

Moved: GSDCQ.

FOR: GSDCV. GSDCQ. GSD League. UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.



SERVICE AGREEMENT

DATED: 1 July 2019

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

AND: Name:..... Address:

Position: GSDCA Breed Surveyor GSDCA Specialist Judge
 GSDCA Aspiring Breed Surveyor GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge

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

- 1. I will promote the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and ideals of the GSDCA and will abide by the "GSDCA Regulations", "GSDCA Codes of Ethics", "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.
2. I will apply the German Shepherd Dog Standard as written.
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 the semen of animals 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 managed by myself or held in partnership, or stood at stud on behalf of another, to be bred with bitches that have successfully been classified in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised 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 Specialist Judge, I will automatically cease to hold the said position, if I no longer hold an ANKC GSD Championship Judges license.
6. I understand that as a GSDCA Specialist Judge 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 Specialist Judges for the period of time as applied with no right of review under the specialist appeals 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 said position of GSDCA Specialist Judge.
6. a. I understand that I must inform the GSDCA Secretary within 7 days of the effective date and period of suspended, or period of suspension and/or banning by any Canine Control and/or Member Club.
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 said position. of GSDCA Specialist Judge.
c. I understand that if a suspended sentence has been imposed on me by a Canine control and or Member Club, the matter will be referred for review as per 6.1.2 GSDCA Specialist Judges and Aspiring Specialist Judges Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures [2018]
7. I will:
* Attend the GSDCA National Breed Commission and Judges 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.
8. 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 Specialist Judge status. Any decision regarding penalties or withdrawal of my status as a GSDCA Specialist Judge 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 the "GSDCA Regulations", "GSDCA Code of Ethics", "GSDCA Guiding Principles", "GSDCA Social Media Code of Conduct" and "GSDCA Breed Survey and/or GSDCA Specialist Judge Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures".
• I am responsible for my self-education and will participate in GSDCA education programs.
• My position as a GSDCA Specialist Judge 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 2022.
• 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.

SIGNED by: (Print Name) Signature:
in the presence of: (Print Name) Signature:

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

SIGNED by: GSDCA NBC Chair and/or Judges Chair SIGNED by: GSDCA Honorary Secretary (Ver: 07/2019)

18.2 National Show Regulations

Motion: "That a formal approach be made to the ANKC that would see the following apply at GSDCA National shows".

- That entry to Open Class conformation classes will only be open to animals that are 2 years of age and over and who are GSDCA Breed Surveyed or equivalent, as recognised by the GSDCA. – All Agreed.
- Animals must, as a prerequisite, have passed the GSDCA Control Scheme A (HD) and Z (ED) stamps or equivalent as recognised by the GSDCA to be exhibited in the Intermediate conformation classes, which will see the age limit set at 18 months to under 2 years of age.

GSDCQ requested an amendment to the motion as follows:

Animals must, as a prerequisite, have passed the GSDCA Control Scheme A (HD) and Z (ED) stamps or equivalent as recognised by the GSDCA to be exhibited in the Intermediate conformation classes, which will see the age limit set at 18 months to under 3 years of age.

All agreed with the amendment as put forward by GSDCQ.

- **Animals exhibited in the Open Class conformation be subject to a gun test.** – All Agreed.
- **All the requirements to be printed in the Schedule.** – All Agreed.

MOVED: GSDCSA

The amended motion was put forward:

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- Animals exhibited in the Open Class conformation be subject to a gun test.
- All the requirements to be printed in the Schedule.

Moved: GSDCQ Unanimous CARRIED.

The amended Motion now becomes the motion:

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- Animals exhibited in the Open Class conformation be subject to a gun test.
- All the requirements to be printed in the Schedule.

Moved: GSDCQ. CARRIED.

For: GSDCV, GSDCQ, N&HRGSDC, GSDL, GSDAWA, GSDCT.

AGAINST: GSDCSA, ACTGSDA.

GSDCSA moved another motion to add a start date.
It was noted that if the ANKC approves the request, then it will apply to the next National.

Action: GSDCA to approach the ANKC to implement this motion to apply to our National Show.

18.3 Amendment to Regulation - National President's Dinner

Current Regulation:

26 Social Functions - Friday Night

- The President's Dinner is an opportunity for the Host Club President to welcome the Judges, GSDCA Executive/Representatives and other Club Officials.
- This function is open to all exhibitors.

Proposed Amendment:

26 Social Functions – Friday Night

- The President's Dinner is an opportunity for the Host Club President to welcome the Judges, GSDCA Executive/Representatives and other Club Officials.
- This function is open to all exhibitors.
- *Holding of the GSDCA National Show & Trial President's Dinner by the host Club be optional.*
 - *If the dinner is not held, it is expected that the host Club will hold a dinner on the Thursday evening that will see all Judges (both conformation and obedience), GSDCA Executive and Club Committee members invited.*

Moved: GSDCQ.

An Amendment to the motion was suggested that the dot point under "Holding of the GSDCA National Show & Trial President's Dinner by the host Club be optional;" be removed. The meeting agreed unanimously and the amended motion was put forward:

Amended Motion:

26 Social Functions – Friday Night

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- ~~If the dinner is not held, it is expected that the host Club will hold a dinner on the Thursday evening that will see all Judges (both conformation and obedience), GSDCA Executive and Club Committee members invited.~~

Moved: GSDCQ. UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

The amended motion now becomes the motion:

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- Holding of the GSDCA National Show & Trial President's dinner by the host Club is optional.

Moved: GSDCQ. UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

The meeting closed for the day at 5.03pm, to reconvene on Sunday morning at 8.30am.

19 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Obedience Committee

19.1 National Show and Trial – Presentation Ceremony

Current Regulation:

8 TROPHY PRESENTATION:

Presentation of sashes and mementos (for the places 2nd to 5th in each class) and Excellent medals (where applicable) should take place at the conclusion of the trial.

Proposed Amendment:

8 TROPHY PRESENTATION:

Presentation of sashes (**for places 1st to 5th**) and mementos (for **2nd to 5th** in each class) and Excellent medals (where applicable) should take place at the conclusion of the trial. **Class winner trophies will be presented at the presentations at the conclusion of the National Show and Trial.**

Moved: GSDCV

CARRIED.

19.2 Obedience Judges Preferred and Supplementary Lists

Motion: “That as of 1st July 2019, Performance Judges must be full panel judges in one or more disciplines in order to be nominated and added to the GSDCA Performance Preferred and Performance Supplementary Judges Listings”.

An amendment to the motion was requested to change “Performance Judges” to include “Obedience/Performance Judges”.

The amendment to the motion was put forward:

Amended Motion:

“That as of 1st July 2019, Obedience/Performance Judges must be full panel judges in one or more disciplines in order to be nominated and added to the GSDCA Performance Preferred and Performance Supplementary Judges Listings”.

Moved: GSDCSA.

CARRIED.

The amended motion now becomes the motion.

Motion: “That as of 1st July 2019, Obedience/Performance Judges must be full panel judges in one or more disciplines in order to be nominated and added to the GSDCA Performance Preferred and Performance Supplementary Judges Listings”.

Moved: GSDCSA.

CARRIED.

19.3 Obedience Meeting Regulation

a) “That the current Regulation 2.9.1 - The GSDCA Obedience Meeting will be held bi-annually as of 2014, be rescinded”.

Moved: GSDCT

For: GSDCV. N&HRGSDC. GSD League. GSDAWA. GSDCT. ACTGSDA

CARRIED.

Against: GSDCSA. GSDCQ.

The necessity for annual Obedience meetings was queried. The Chair and the Obedience Chair both commented that we need to focus more on the obedience and need a solid commitment from all clubs that sees Training/Obedience as an essential component of their work. By holding the meeting annually, delegates can work towards a common purpose.

As motion (a) was supported then the following motion was put.:

b) “That a GSDCA Obedience Meeting will be held annually with the choice of venue being the most cost effective in close proximity to an airport”.

Moved: GSDCV **CARRIED.**
For: ACTGSDA, GSDL, N&HRGSDC, GSDCQ, GSDCT, GSDCV, GSDAWA.
Against: GSDCSA

The meeting agreed that the following motions be progressed as **60-Day Motions** with the suggested amendments (as shown in blue):

19.4 Working and Character Test as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey in place of Schedule 2.

Motion: “That the GSDCA Working and Character test will be a pre-requisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, for all animals born after 1st January **2023**.”

Moved: **N&HRGSDC** **Unanimous** **CARRIED.**

- **To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain a qualifying pass in any ANKC performance discipline or a GSDCA equivalent.**

Note: There are a number of ANKC Working elements currently available to achieve a qualifying pass including: ET, Obedience (CCD, CD), Herding (HT) – note that the instinct test would not be considered to be a qualifying pass, BH Part A, Rally-O, Tracking, Track and Search where members can obtain a “qualifying pass”.

- To qualify for the Character element an animal must pass the Character Test as defined in the FCI BH Test, **GSDCA CWA or ZAP.**

Moved: N&HRGSDC **CARRIED**
For: **UNANIMOUS**

Note: We can combine the Character elements currently in the GSDCA Working & Character Assessment Test with elements from BH Part B and ZAP.

- An animal will be issued with the GSDCA Working & Character Test Certificate only if it qualifies in both tests and this will be recorded on the GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate.

The compromise reached was due to the BH Test not being a recognised ANKC activity.

Action: **The Obedience Chair will provide qualifying criteria of all performance disciplines for inclusion in the 60-day motion.**

20 Matters referred by Member Clubs to the AGM

20.1 Haemophilia A/Factor VIII Deficiency

Motion: “That effective 11th February 2019, the GSDCA will no longer require Factor VIII testing for Haemophilia A in any German Shepherd male dogs as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey scheme.

- In the event that any confirmed Factor VIII deficient Haemophilic male arises, stringent Factor VIII testing on animals related will immediately be put in place to avoid further implication or passage of the disease.
- Upon the motion being supported the GSDCA will inform the ANKC that the current LRL as applies to H-neg and German Shepherd Dogs is no longer required.”

Moved: GSDCQ **UNANIMOUS** **CARRIED.**

It is with confidence, that at this point in time, we do not appear to have a Hemophilia problem within the breed and could focus our energy on more prevalent diseases to be tested for, as appropriate screening tools arise.

Chairman's note:

As the motion as presented above was supported, the GSDCQ were asked and agreed to withdraw all motions relating to H-neg. GSDCQ agreed to withdraw motions 20.2, 20.3, 20.4, 20.5 and 20.6.

20.2 Amendment to Regulation 3.4.1.1.

Motion: "That the following GSDCA regulation 3.4.1.1 be amended to read:

MOTION WITHDRAWN

20.3 Regulation 3.4.1.2. be rescinded

Motion: "That the following GSDCA regulation 3.4.1.2 be rescinded and removed from the Regulations manual".

MOTION WITHDRAWN

20.4 Haemophilia Scheme

Current Regulation:

3.4.3 Procedure to Participate in the GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme

- 3.4.3.1 A GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme Testing Sheet is available by downloading from the GSDCA Website. (www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org), or can be obtained from the GSDCA Haemophilia Registrar.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

20.5 Haemophilia DNA Swab

Current Regulation 3.4.3.2

3.4.3.2 Once the testing sheet is received the additional information is to be completed by the owner and the veterinarian taking the blood sample.

- a) Plus the declaration stating that being the owners of the dog agree that the results of the blood test are available to the GSDCA for its use and publication.
- b) Signature of owner.
- c) Signature of Veterinary Surgeon.
- d) Microchip and/or GSDCA tattoo number (for dogs born before 1st July 2017 only). [2017]

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

20.6 Imported Semen

Motion: "That all imported males and females and imported Semen are tested for GSD Factor VIII Haemophilia via DNA or blood sample".

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

20.7 Removal of Inter variety Ban

Motion: "Removal of the inter variety ban on interbreeding the Stock and Long Stock German Shepherd Dogs".

Moved: GSDL

MOTION LOST.

For: GSDL. GSDAWA.

AGAINST: GSDCV. GSDCSA. GSDL. ACTGSDA. GSDCT. N&HRGSDC.

20.8 Approval of Inter variety Breeding

Motion: "That the GSDCA approach the ANKC to allow the inter variety breeding of Long Stock Coat Females to Stock Coat Males for an initial period of 7 years.

Moved: GSDAWA.

MOTION LOST.

For: GSD League. GSDAWA.

Against. GSDCV. GSDCQ. N&HRGSDC. GSDCSA. GSDCT. ACTGSDA.

It was agreed that all of the top stock coat bloodlines are being represented in the current long stock coat males, evidenced by the top LSC males at the last National. The SV hold the breed standard and dictates on inter-variety breeding. The ANKC recognises the "*country of origin*" standard.

20.9 **Discussion Item:**

That we investigate ways of reducing the waste of ribbons etc. at Nationals.
SA had approximately Sixty (60) ribbons from both Conformation and Obedience that were not used.
Could standard ribbons be utilised with foil imprints for year and Judge?

The meeting agreed that the National is our premier event and the quality of the place getters sashes should be reflective of the event.

Conclusion: It was agreed that we continue as is, with the hosts of the National managing their sash orders in order to maximize savings according to the entries as received.

21 **Other Matters referred to the AGM**

Motions 21.1 to 21.4 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 as of the 2019 GSDCA National GSD Show and Trial the Joylene Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque is introduced and awarded to the first placed Stock Coat Intermediate Dog winner.”

Moved: GSDCSA UNANIMOUS CARRIED.

21.2 **GSDCA Communication Award**

Motion: “That the GSDCA Communication Award be introduced as of 1st January 2020”.

Member Clubs are encouraged to apply to be awarded the GSDCA Communications Award. The award will be presented annually at the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial.

Moved: GSDCQ LOST.

For: N&HRGSDC.

Against: ACTGSDA, GSDL, GSDCQ, GSDCSA, GSDCT, GSDCV, GSDAWA.

Action: Clubs to provide specific reports at the AGM regarding their communication activities and achievements by way of promotion during the year.

Paul York (PR Officer) to collate material regularly during the year from contacts in each club on events that can be published in Dog News Australia.

Actions that clubs could engage in include:

- Examples of their efforts to communicate; Promote and engage with their own members; Members of affiliates and the general public could include some of the following:
 - Hard copy and/or Electronic newsletter
 - Website
 - Facebook page
 - Seminars
 - Demonstrations, public displays, community projects, government engagements etc that showcases communication and promotion
 - Twitter and/or Instagram account

21.3 Breed Survey Photo

WITHDRAWN

Suggested amendment to Regulation

Current Regulation:

3.6.1.10 The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date.

The paperwork must include the following:

- a. The required fee.
- b. ANKC Certified pedigree.
- c. The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal's owner.
- d. Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
- e. Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of "Good". [2018]
- f. Five generation pedigree.
- g. A coloured high resolution photograph is to be submitted on the day of the Breed Survey, or post/e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized.

Proposed Amendment:

3.6.1.10 *The following must be forwarded to the State Breed Survey Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date.*

- a. The required fee.
- b. ANKC Certified pedigree.
- c. The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal's owner.
- d. Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
- e. Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of "Good". [2018]
- f. Five generation pedigree.
- g. *A coloured photograph that must be of high resolution (300dpi).*
 - *Upon successful classification of the animal, owners are allowed one opportunity to update the original photograph, within 12 months, with another high resolution photograph.*

The NBC Chair believes it should be a priority that the survey be uploaded onto the database as soon as possible with the owner to supply a photo as soon as they can.

The meeting agreed that the proposed amendment be withdrawn. All agreed, surveys can be published to the database without a photo, but owners will still be asked to provide a photo.

21.4 Working Test ZAP Part 1 (Discussed in conjunction with General Motion 12.2)

Motion: "That a pass of ZAP Part 1 - commonly known as the '9 to 13 month Puppy Test' shall be a mandatory pre- requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for all animals born after 1 January 2020.

- The age limits to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 8 years.
- If an animal fails on its first attempt it may be tested again and that result will be final.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and the pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program that shall be effective 1 January 2020.

The meeting agreed to take the agreed amendments forward as a **60-day motion**.

Our approach should now be as per the amended motion below.

The agreed amendments to the motion are underlined:

21.4 Working Test ZAP Part 1 - (Discussed in conjunction with General Motion 12.2)

Motion: “That a pass of ZAP Part 1 - commonly known as the ‘9 to 13 month Puppy Test’ shall be a mandatory pre- requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for all animals born after 1 January 2021.

- The age limits to participate in ZAP shall be a minimum age of 9 months.
- If an animal fails on its first attempt it may be tested again and that result will be final.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and the pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program that shall be effective 1 January 2021.

22 General Business

22.1 General Guidelines for the Breeding of German Shepherd Dogs within the WUSV

22.2 General Guidelines Holding of WUSV Breed Shows

The Chair advised that a preamble was sent out to all clubs prior to their Special General Meetings. Council has advised the WUSV that we could not meet the response timeframe due to required discussion at this AGM. It is evident that in Australia we cannot do most of the items detailed, due primarily to the ANKC controlling registrations.

The Chair asked each club for the views expressed by their members at their SGM:

- GSDCV - The members were happy to vote in accordance with the response sent to Council in November.
- GSDCQ - No comments to report
- N&HRGSDC - Our members disillusioned with the WUSV.
- GSDL - In agreement with the proposals earlier in the meeting as it is similar as to how we voted for the Harmonisation.
- GSDCT - Much we can't do. Guidelines for breeding should go back to the NBC meeting. There is no rush to make decisions and this should be a work in progress. We should not totally dismiss what is proposed, work out what works for us.
- GSDCSA - We do not agree with the WUSV's approach.
- GSDAWA - Agreed with Victoria's suggestions.
- ACTGSDA - Agreed most could not be implemented.
- N&HRGSDC - We have breeding guidelines in place.

Conclusion: We will see what we can introduce and will go forward from there.

22.3 ANKC National Breed Councils Conference – Discussion Item

The ANKC Meeting will be held in July 2019 with agenda items closing on the 3rd June, and we ask all Member Clubs to discuss, consider and bring forward to the AGM any matters that may be presented by the GSDCA at this meeting.

The Clubs were asked to put forward ideas the GSDCA can take to the ANKC Meeting.

The Victorian meeting put forward that the Executive pursue a BH proposal with the ANKC. Agreed the Executive will put forward an agenda item to the ANKC meeting with proposal that the BH be a recognised ANKC activity

The GSDCQ propose we recommend LRLs for breed survey. Meeting agreed this would be a longer term aim and not for the coming meeting.

22.4 Nomination of Police Dog “Ike” for GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award.

“That Police Dog Excellent “Ike” and his handler Leading Senior Constable Heath Drew be awarded the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award at the 2019 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial.”

Moved: GSDCV Unanimous

CARRIED.

Obedience Regulations amendments under General Business

The following motions were tabled by the Obedience Chair for consideration as 60-day motions.

22.5 **CURRENT GSDCA REGULATION 4.2.3:**

4.2.3 The GSDCA Annual National Obedience Competition

The GSDCA Annual National Obedience Plaque shall be awarded to the best obedience dog and handler gaining the highest aggregate of qualifying scores for each of the CCD, Novice, Open, UD and UDX classes. From the 2016 National, Rally-O Novice, Rally-O Advanced, and Rally-O Excellent be added to these awards. [2015]

The awards will be known as:

- CCD – “Best Community Companion Dog”,
- CD – “Best Novice Dog”,
- Open – “Best Open Dog”,
- UD – “Best Utility Dog”,
- UDX – “Best Utility Dog Excellent”,
- “Best Rally Novice Dog, [2015]
- “Best Rally Advanced Dog”, [2015]
- “Best Rally Excellent Dog”. [2015]

4.2.3.1 Criteria:

4.2.3.1.1 General

The competition is open to all owners of ANKC registered pedigree GSD who are financial members of a Member Club of the GSDCA at the time of the competition, and shall be a member of an ANKC Affiliate (State Canine Control) at the time of the competition.

4.2.3.1.2 Entry into Competition

- a) The competition shall run from 1st March to the 28th February the following year. [2018]
- b) To qualify to enter CCD and Novice do not require GSDCA National participation.
- c) To qualify to enter Open, UD and UDX Competitors must have competed at the previous GSDCA National. Where the National score is non-qualifying, it must still be included as proof of participation.
- d) Competitors shall present clear photocopies of their best qualifying cards and certification by their Member Club Secretary confirming that they are a financial member, to the Obedience Chairperson by the closing date –being no later than the closing date for entries for the GSD National Show and Trial. [2018]
- e) The relevant information on the winning dogs and handlers, Dates of trials, Member Clubs conducting the trials and scores, shall be published in the QNR.

4.2.3.1.3 Scores

All scores shall be qualifying scores gained at ANKC Sanctioned trials. The winner shall be, for the highest aggregate:

- a) 3 x CCD Scores for the “Best Community Companion Dog” award
- b) 3 x Novice Scores for the “Best Novice Dog” award
- c) 6 x Open Scores for the “Best Open Dog” award
- d) 6 x Utility Scores for the “Best Utility Dog” award
- e) 6 x UDX Scores for the “Best Utility Dog Excellent” award

- f) 3 x Rally-O Novice scores for the “Best Rally Novice Dog” award [2015]
- g) 6 x Rally-O Advanced scores for the “Best Rally Advanced Dog” award [2015]
- h) 6 x Rally-O Excellent scores for the “Best Rally Excellent” award [2015]

4.2.3.1.4 In the event of a tie in a section, the winner will be decided by:

- a) The competitor with the highest score at the National, will win,
- b) If still no result, it will be determined by the Highest Score on Count Back Exercises according to the ANKC Obedience rulebook,
- c) If still no result, they will each/all be presented with the award for that section.
- d) If there is no qualifier in any of the sections, then the award for that section will not be presented for that year.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GSDCA REGULATION 4.2.3:

4.2.3 The GSDCA Annual National Obedience Competition

The GSDCA Annual National Obedience Plaque shall be awarded to the best obedience dog and handler gaining the highest aggregate of qualifying scores for each of the CCD, Novice, Open, UD and UDX classes. From the 2016 National, Rally-O Novice, Rally-O Advanced, and Rally-O Excellent be added to these awards. [2015]

Rally-O Master to be added to these awards. (2019)

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- CCD – “Best Community Companion Dog”,
- CD – “Best Novice Dog”,
- Open – “Best Open Dog”,
- UD – “Best Utility Dog”,
- UDX – “Best Utility Dog Excellent”,
- “Best Rally Novice Dog, [2015]
- “Best Rally Advanced Dog”, [2015]
- “Best Rally Excellent Dog”. [2015]
- **“Best Rally Master Dog”. (2019)**

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- b) To qualify to enter CCD and Novice do not require GSDCA National participation.
- c) To qualify to enter Open, UD and UDX Competitors must have competed at the previous GSDCA National. Where the National score is non-qualifying, it must still be included as proof of participation.
- d) Competitors shall present clear photocopies of their best qualifying cards and certification by their Member Club Secretary confirming that they are a financial member, to the Obedience Chairperson by the closing date –being from 1st March to the 28th February the following year. [2018]
- e) The relevant information on the winning dogs and handlers, Dates of trials, Member Clubs conducting the trials and scores, shall be published in the QNR.

4.2.3.1.3 Scores

All scores shall be qualifying scores gained at ANKC Sanctioned trials. The winner shall be, for the highest aggregate:

- a) 3 x CCD Scores for the “Best Community Companion Dog” award
- b) 3 x Novice Scores for the “Best Novice Dog” award
- c) 6 x Open Scores for the “Best Open Dog” award
- d) 6 x Utility Scores for the “Best Utility Dog” award
- e) 6 x UDX Scores for the “Best Utility Dog Excellent” award

- f) 3 x Rally-O Novice scores for the “Best Rally Novice Dog” award [2015]
- g) 6 x Rally-O Advanced scores for the “Best Rally Advanced Dog” award [2015]
- h) 6 x Rally-O Excellent scores for the “Best Rally Excellent” award [2015]
- i) 6 x Rally-O Master scores for the “Best Rally Master” award. (2019)

4.2.3.1.4 In the event of a tie in a section, the winner will be decided by:

- a) The competitor with the highest score at the National, will win,
- b) If still no result, it will be determined by the Highest Score on Count Back Exercises according to the ANKC Obedience rulebook,
- c) If still no result, they will each/all be presented with the award for that section.
- d) If there is no qualifier in any of the sections, then the award for that section will not be presented for that year.

Moved: GSDCV UNANIMOUS CARRIED.

22.6 CURRENT GSDCA REGULATION 4.2.4

4.2.4 GSDCA Excellent Handler Award

4.2.4.1 The GSDCA Excellent Handler plaque is awarded to the Handler who has achieved Excellent gradings with an ANKC registered pedigree GSD in one, or any combination of the following disciplines – Obedience, Tracking, Agility and Rally-O. [2015]

The total number of Excellent gradings achieved for each award is:

- a) BRONZE 5
- b) SILVER 10
- c) GOLD 15

4.2.4.2 The owner must apply to the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson no later than the closing date for entries for the GSD National Show and Trial. (2015)

4.2.4.3 Presentation of this award will be made at the GSDCA National Show and Trial. [2015]

PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS TO GSDCA REGULATION 4.2.4

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- a) BRONZE 5
- b) SILVER 10
- c) GOLD 15

4.2.4.2 The owner must apply to the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson no later than the closing date being from 1st March to the 28th February the following year. [2018] **Competitors shall present clear photocopies of their qualifying cards and certification by their Member Club Secretary confirming that they are a current financial member, to the Obedience Chairperson, German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.**

MOVED: N&HRGSDC. UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

4.2.4.3 Presentation of this award will be made at the GSDCA National Show and Trial. [2015]

Rescind 4.2.4.3

MOVED: GSD LEAGUE UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

22.7 CURRENT GSDCA REGULATION 4.2.5

4.2.5 The GSDCA Performance Dog Award - [2015]

4.2.5.1 The GSDCA Performance Dog Award plaque is awarded to the ANKC registered pedigree GSD that has achieved 10 Excellents in at least four (4) disciplines, with a minimum of three (3) Excellents in conformation and least one (1) Excellent in three (3) other disciplines, e.g. Obedience and/or Tracking and/or Agility/Jumping and/or Rally-O and/or other GSDCA recognised disciplines.

4.2.5.2 The owner must apply to the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson no later than the closing date for entries for the GSD National Show and Trial.

4.2.5.3 Presentation of this award will be made at the GSDCA National Show and Trial.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GSDCA REGULATION 4.2.5

4.2.5 The GSDCA Performance Dog Award - [2015]

4.2.5.1 The GSDCA Performance Dog Award plaque is awarded to the ANKC registered pedigree GSD that has achieved 10 Excellents in at least four (4) disciplines, with a minimum of three (3) Excellents in conformation and least one (1) Excellent in three (3) other disciplines, e.g. Obedience and/or Tracking and/or Agility/Jumping and/or Rally-O and/or other GSDCA recognised disciplines.

4.2.5.2 The owner must apply to the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson no later than the closing date for entries being from 1st March to the 28th February the following year. [2018] **Competitors shall present clear photocopies of their qualifying cards and certification by their Member Club Secretary confirming that they are a current financial member, to the Obedience Chairperson, German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.**

Moved: GSDCSA UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

Rescind 4.2.5.3

Rationale: *As GSDCA Obedience awards will no longer be presented at the GSDCA National Show/Trial, this no longer applies.*

Moved: N&HRGSDC UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

22.8 CURRENT WORDING – NATIONAL TRIAL MANUAL

5 GROUND MANAGER

- Provision should be made for 'wet weather' conditions and improvisations required for the equipment (e.g. plastic sheets for score sheets) recommend purchase and use of waterproof photocopy paper, paper towel, lead pencils.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

5 GROUND MANAGER

- Provision should be made for 'wet weather' conditions, which will enable judges to effectively continue marking class judging charts in inclement weather. A suggestion is to provide laminated class sheets and a (fine point) marker pen - which doesn't rub off in wet weather for use in the ring and the judge then transfers results to paper in comfort of the pavilion once the class is finished, (Allow for a Steward board copy as well).

Rationale: *Waterproof paper is very expensive and hard to procure. The use of laminated class sheets would be more cost effective and more 'user friendly' for the Judges.*

MOVED: GSDAWA UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

22.9 CURRENT WORDING – NATIONAL TRIAL MANUAL

21 CHECK LISTS

21.1 GROUND MANAGER

- rope
- pickets/poles with caps for same
- tables
- **bowls/towels/soap/wipes**
- scoreboards to be located outside trial rings, available for exhibitors to view – with score sheets/ways of recording scores/ways of attaching score sheets/protection for sheets
- judge name boards
- judges score sheets
- protective sheeting for judges score sheets
- wet weather items (i.e. umbrellas etc.)
- clip boards
- jumps and box for UD
- pooper scoopers
- tent/s
- suitable area for out of sight stays
- Judge and Steward badges
- Canine Control Representative badge
- badges for other officials as required
- trial boxes.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Remove dot point highlighted in **RED** • **bowls/towels/soap/wipes**

MOVED: GSD LEAGUE UNANIMOUS. CARRIED.

22.10 CURRENT REGULATION:

4.2.2.1.2 Owners of an ANKC registered pedigree GSD that are members of a GSDCA Member Club, that gain the grading of “Excellent” at any ANKC approved Tracking Trial may apply to their Member Club for the award of a GSDCA trial “Excellent” medallion. Applications must be in writing and be accompanied by a copy of the relevant Trial certificate.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT (shown in Red):

4.2.2.1.2 Owners of an ANKC registered pedigree GSD that are members of a GSDCA Member Club, that gain the grading of “Excellent” at any ANKC approved Tracking Trial **or Track & Search Dog Trial may apply to their Member Club for the award of a GSDCA trial “Excellent” medallion. Applications must be in writing and be accompanied by a copy of the relevant Trial certificate.**

Only GSDCA sponsored judges can award the Excellent medal. At sponsored trials the Excellent medal can be awarded on the day.

The Chair put to the meeting that the Executive be given the ability to change a Council Regulation, Show or Trial manuals to amend documents to update new disciplines and rules as and when they eventuate. It was suggested that we withdraw the proposed amendments as put forward above by Julie.

Motion: “That the GSDCA Council Executive may make any administrative changes to the GSDCA Regulations, National Show and Trial Manuals as required provided that the intent remains the same”.

Moved: GSDCSA UNANIMOUS CARRIED.

22.11 THE GSDCA EXECUTIVE WILL SET THE VENUE OF THE AGM AT THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE CAPITAL CITY. Regulation 2.7.1

The Treasurer informed the meeting of the difference in the costs of holding the Council meetings between Adelaide, Sydney and Victoria. The cost savings can be as much as 50% between Adelaide and Victoria when compared to Sydney. The amendment to this regulation would also affect Regulation 2.7.2.

Regulation 2.7.2 - states that when a meeting is in Melbourne every year, all other clubs would share the \$1000 subsidy. The venues in Sydney are much more expensive.

The NBC meeting includes all the surveyors and judges. If the NBC meeting was held in Melbourne every year then all Clubs would share the \$1000 subsidy. By holding the meetings in Adelaide and Melbourne, the cost savings over 3 years of meetings would be ~ \$12,000 of members money.

Motion: The GSDCA Executive will set the venue of the GSDCA AGM at the most cost-effective capital city. Regulation 2.7.1.

Moved: GSDCSA UNANIMOUS CARRIED.

Motion: Clubs other than the host club will be offered a subsidy towards their costs incurred on the maximum outlay by the GSDCA of \$1,000 split by a ratio of kilometres travelled. If a club chooses not to attend a meeting they are removed from the calculations, which effectively will increase the support given to the other Clubs in attendance.

Moved: GSDCSA UNANIMOUS CARRIED 60-Day Motion

22.12 CHANGING THE JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME. – N&HRGSDC

The N&HRGSDC would like to see that Group 5 trainee judges were involved more in their education by actually putting their hands on dogs and judging them. They could work with a breed coordinating group for a single breed – single breeds are a specialist judge. We need to develop a smoother path for our judges. What can States do to be more proactive to improve the standard of the people going into the system?

Discussion:

The Judges Chair detailed to the meeting the processes and procedures National Council has in place for trainee judges. This includes judges and surveyors presenting Group 5 lectures in their states and assisting with assessments. The GSDCA website includes an education package and other material for judges and trainees and encouraged everyone to familiarize themselves with the content.

Clubs are encouraged to conduct Open shows and appoint trainee judges for experience. Mentors are appointed and interaction is encouraged with judges in their state and the judges Chair for assistance.

We understand that an action against the SV re retirement age was lost in the court. The applicants may appeal the decision. Watch this space. This requirement forces renewal, otherwise still have 80 year old in control.

All 60 Day motions as discussed under General Business.

1. Motion: "That Regulation 2.14.1 is amended as follows:

Original Regulation

2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017]

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.

- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 13 months.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective 30 December 2019.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re-present one more time.
- If a dog fails again it can still proceed to undertake the BH

Amended Regulation

2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017]

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective **from 1 January 2020**.

- All dogs born after **1 January 2020** may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- **The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months.**
- **A pass of ZAP Part 1 shall be a pre-requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for all animals born after 1 January 2021.**
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective **1 January 2020**.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- **An animal that fails may be presented one more time.**

Rationale:

The meeting agreed that of all the initiatives put forward this was an excellent start that will act as the catalyst for more challenging character and working tests to be pursued by the membership in the future. The amendments in fact open the test to 9 months and over and see a pass in the test as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for animals that will be presented after 1st July 2022. The test to date has been well received by the membership and will be conducted by the Council with the support of the Member Clubs. The long lead time will allow for the GSDCA to ensure it has trained assessors, education programs and credible processes in place.

2. Motion: “That Regulation 2.14.3 is rescinded”.

Original Regulation.

2.14.3. Dogs born after 30 July 2020 - prerequisites for Breed Survey [2017]

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH test and AD, as prerequisites for Breed Survey effective 30 December 2021.

- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass both BH and AD tests in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for AD that shall be in place by 30 December 2021.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

Rationale:

It must be noted that despite this regulation being reaffirmed, discussion saw unanimous support from the Member Club Presidents to ask the membership to rescind this regulation. It was noted that the minimum age of 2 years for an animal to participate in the AD test, it's disconnect with our breed survey age eligibility (minimum of 18 months), and the difficulty in conducting the test all year round with regard to weather and animal health were concerns.

The test also is not readily accessible to our members who live in remote places. As such, the regulation must be rescinded. If supported ET will not be a pre-requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey.

3. Motion: “That Regulation 3.6.1.2 and 3.6.1.10 are amended as follows:

Original Regulations

- 3.6.1.2 To be eligible for Breed Survey the animals MUST be:
- a) Registered on the ANKC Main Register, and;
 - b) Effective from 1st July 2018, as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey, a dog must have gained a minimum of a “Good” grading at a specialist show prior to application for Breed Survey.
The grading certificate must be provided with other documentation at Breed Survey. [2018]
- 3.6.1.10 The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date. The paperwork must include the following:
- a) The required fee.
 - b) ANKC Certified pedigree.
 - c) The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal’s owner.
 - d) Copies of the ‘A’ and ‘Z’ stamp results/certificate.
 - e) Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of “Good”. [2018]
 - f) Five generation pedigree.
 - g) A coloured high resolution photograph is to be submitted on the day of the Breed Survey, or post / e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized.

Motion: “That the following clause be removed from the regulation 3.6.1.2”.

- e) Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of “Good”. [2018] from the regulation.*

And that regulation as amended is:

- 3.6.1.2 **To be eligible for Breed Survey the animal MUST be registered on the ANKC Main Register.**
- 3.6.1.10 The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date. The paperwork must include the following:
- a) The required fee.
 - b) ANKC Certified pedigree.
 - c) The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal’s owner.
 - d) Copies of the ‘A’ and ‘Z’ stamp results/certificate.
 - e) Five generation pedigree.**
 - f) A coloured high resolution photograph is to be submitted on the day of the Breed Survey, or post / e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized.**

Rationale:

It must be noted that despite this regulation being reaffirmed discussion saw unanimous support from the Member Club Presidents to ask the membership to rescind the following clause:

- e) Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of “Good”. [2018] from the regulation.*

Discussion confirmed that the requirement of a ‘Good’ grading serves no purpose and is in fact discriminatory in that not all the membership is able to show their animals.

4. Motion: “That Regulation 2.14.2 as follows is rescinded and be replaced with the amended version of motion 19.4 below:

Original Regulation

- 2.14.2 Dogs born after 30 December 2019 - prerequisite for Breed Survey [2017]
That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH Test as a prerequisite for Breed Survey, effective 30 December 2020.
- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 shall be required to pass BH Test in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
 - The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for BH that shall be in place by 30 December 2020.
 - The minimum age to participate shall be 15 months.
 - Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.

Motion 19.4 as voted on and carried at the 2019 AGM be amended as follows:

Original Motion

- 19.4 That the GSDCA Character & Working test will be a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, for all animals born after 1st January 2021.
- To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain one pass (qualifying score) in CCD (Community Companion Dog).
 - To qualify for the Character element an animal must pass the Character test as defined in the FCI BH test and conducted by the GSDCA.
 - An animal will be issued with the GSDCA Character & Working Test Certificate only if it qualifies in both tests and this will be recorded on GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate.

Amended Motion 19.4 becomes Regulation 2.14.2

- 2.14.2 That the GSDCA Character & Working test will be a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, for all animals born after 1st January **2023**.
- To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain a qualifying pass in:
 - **a prescribed ANKC performance discipline, or**
 - **a pass in the GSDCA Character & Working Test, and**
 - **To qualify for the Character element an animal must attain a pass:**
 - **in the GSDCA Character & Working Test: this test will be conducted by the GSDCA and is based on the FCI BH test, or**
 - **ZAP (Working Test ZAP Part 1 - Puppy)**
 - An animal will be issued with the GSDCA Character & Working Test Certificate only if it qualifies in both tests and this will be recorded on **the** GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate

The prescribed ANKC Performance Disciplines are:

- Endurance Test
- Obedience (minimum CCD or CD),
- Herding (note: the instinct test will not be considered as a qualifying pass),
- Rally Obedience
- Tracking,
- Track & Search.

ANKC Performance Disciplines: Qualifying Criteria that will apply:

Endurance Test (ET)

The Endurance Test shall be open to all dogs eligible for inclusion in the Register of the Control in which the event is conducted.

The test is open to dogs aged between two (2) and under eight (8) years but must not have reached the birth date of eight.

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) 'Pass'.

OBEDIENCE

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) Qualifying score in either of the following:

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG CLASS:

For dogs, six months of age or over, and of either sex which are not eligible for the title of 'Community Companion Dog' (C.C.D.)

NOVICE CLASS:

For dogs, six months of age or over, and of either sex which are not eligible for the title of 'Companion Dog' (C.D.).

RALLY OBEDIENCE

Eligibility of Dogs.

For Dogs six months of age or over and of either sex which are not eligible for the title of Rally Novice (RN).

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) Qualifying score in the following: Rally Novice Class – R.N.

HERDING

Eligibility of Dogs.

All dogs nine (9) months of age or older that are registered with the ANKC Ltd as per Chapter 8 are eligible to participate in Herding Tests and Trials. However, dogs may enter an Instinct test at six months of age.

Note: Chapter 8 lists all breeds of dogs eligible to participate. GSD Stock Coat and GSD Long Stock Coat are both listed.

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility:

1. **Instinct Test** - Certificate (not a title, but mandatory before you can move on to the following)
Plus one (1) Qualifying score in either of the following:
2. **Herding Test - HT Title**
3. **Pre-Trial Test - PT title**

TRACKING

Eligibility of Dogs.

A dog must be a minimum of six (6) months of age to enter in a Tracking trial.

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) 'Pass' in the following:
Tracking Dog (TD) Test 1 (Known Person)

TRACK AND SEARCH

Eligibility of Dogs.

A dog must be a minimum of six (6) months of age to enter in a Track and Search trial.

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility:

One (1) 'Pass' in the following: Track & Search Dog (TSD) Test 1 (known person)

GSDCA Character & Working Test: conducted by GSDCA and is based on FCI BH Test.

Eligibility of Dogs.

A dog must be a minimum of fifteen (15) months of age to enter the **GSDCA Character Test.**

GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) 'Pass' in the following:
GSDCA Character elements and Working elements as based on FCI BH test.

Rationale:

It must be noted that despite this regulation being reaffirmed, discussion saw a far more realistic and unanimous approach than only having FCI BH as the sole path that would see the Character and Working ability of our breed tested. Further the realisation that if we restricted ourselves to this path, we in fact would be pursuing a title that we have little capacity and or capability to routinely conduct at every Member Club let alone in remote places. It must also again be noted that the BH is not offered by the ANKC as a performance discipline. The amendments as fully supported and put by the Member Club Presidents will allow far better access for ALL our membership to participate and recognises that by accepting many performance disciplines as the working element, we in fact reinforce that the GSD is a true utility and companion dog! The amendments will help us achieve the original intent of the regulation by encouraging the membership to undertake a discipline that is most suited to their dog but also offer a GSDCA Character & Working test that will be based on the FCI BH but conducted by the Council.

5. Motion: That Regulation 2.7.1 and 2.7.2 are amended as follows:

Original Regulations

2.7.1 The GSDCA Executive will set the venue of the AGM on a rotational basis as determined by the 'cost effectiveness' of the venue. The GSDCA AGM will be alternated between three capital cities Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne.

2.7.2 Clubs other than those nominated to host the AGM will be offered a subsidy towards their costs incurred on the maximum outlay by the GSDCA of \$1,000 split by a ratio of kilometers travelled. If a Club chooses not to attend a meeting they are removed from the calculations, which effectively will increase the support given to the other Clubs in attendance. [2016]

Amended Regulations

2.7.1 The GSDCA Executive will set the venue of the AGM at the most cost effective capital city.

2.7.2 Clubs other than the host Club will be offered a subsidy towards their costs incurred on the maximum outlay by the GSDCA of \$1,000 split by a ratio of kilometres travelled. If a Club chooses not to attend a meeting they are removed from the calculations, which effectively will increase the support given to the other Clubs in attendance. [2016]

Rationale

The cost of holding the AGM must as a result of Council's dwindling reserves be seriously considered on an annual basis in respect of costs: to venue, accommodation, airfare and catering. The regulation allowed for the meeting to be held on a rotational basis with Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide as venues and allow an opportunity for local members to attend as observers. It must be noted that over many years the 'locals' have shown little interest as observers and that more members from interstate travel to the meeting than locals. As a cost comparison the last three years has seen costings of the AGM as: Sydney 2018 = \$8,378 compared to Melbourne 2017 = \$4,322 and Adelaide 2019 = \$4,212. The savings are significant and should be realised. The member club Presidents unanimously supported the amendments as put.

Year	Annual General Meeting	National Breed Commission Meeting
2016	ADELAIDE	SYDNEY
2017	MELBOURNE	ADELAIDE
2018	SYDNEY	MELBOURNE
2019	ADELAIDE	SYDNEY
2020	MELBOURNE	ADELAIDE
2021	SYDNEY	MELBOURNE

The 59th GSDCA Annual General Meeting will be held on the 8th & 9th February 2020 in Melbourne, Victoria.

Conclusion:

The Chair declared the meeting closed and thanked all Club Presidents and club delegates for coming. Thank you all for your contributions and the work you do heading up your own committees.

I would again like to thank the members of the Executive who contributed to the preparation for this weekend and in driving matters forward.

Thanks to Barbara for minute taking, her expertise is applauded and appreciated.

Thank you to our interstate visitors for showing interest and attending this meeting. It is disappointing that resident judges/breed surveyors and members of the leadership groups did not take the opportunity to attend the meeting.

I wish you all safe travels and look forward to seeing many of you at the Melbourne National.

The meeting was declared closed at 2.30pm.