

MINUTES OF MEETING
Of the
The 59th Annual General Meeting of the
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.
held on 8th & 9th February 2020
at **The Best Western Plus Travel Inn Hotel,**
Cnr. Grattan and Drummond Streets,
Carlton, Victoria



CHAIR: Mr. Vince Tantaro – President.

Meeting opened at: 10.33am

Voting Strength

Member Club	Representative	Voting Strength
Australian Capital Territory GSDA	Mr. Wolf Meffert	3
GSD League	Mr. Terry Jarvis	9
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC	Mr. Paul York	3
GSDC of Queensland	Mr. Louis Donald	4
GSDC of South Australia	Mr. John DeLucia	4
GSDC of Tasmania	Ms. Jacquie Cullen	2
GSDC of Victoria	Mr. Tony Mercieca	12
GSDA of Western Australia	Mr. Brian Lubbock	5
Total Votes		42

Attendees:

President	Vince Tantaro
Secretary	Val Moody
NBC Chair	Jenny Yuen
Judges Chair	Robyn Knuckey
Treasurer	Jane Pike
QNR Editor	Jacinta Poole
Obedience Chair	Julie Urie
Minute Secretary	Barbara Blythe
ACT GSDA President	Wolf Meffert
ACT GSDA Vice President	Sasha Beljanski
GSD League President	Terry Jarvis
GSD League Vice President	Meanie Groth
GSDC of Victoria President	Tony Mercieca
GSDC of Victoria Secretary	Vince Ebejer
GSDC of South Australia President	John DeLucia
GSDA of Western Australia President	Brian Lubbock
GSDC of Tasmania Secretary	Jacquie Cullen
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC Secretary	Paul York
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC Vice President	Brad Foley
GSDC of Queensland	Louis Donald
Visitors	
Frank Moody	Pam Jarvis
Joanne Cathie	Nicky McDermott
Lyn Phillis	Sharon Thorp
Fran Tantaro	Gillian Cafari
Apologies	
Sean Lynch	Peter Flynn
	GSDC of Queensland
	Jeanie Priest – GSDCT

1 Opening

The meeting was declared open with the Chair welcoming all Presidents and delegates to this 59th Annual General Meeting, with a special mention and welcome to the two new delegates; Brad Foley –Vice President of N&HRGSDC and Jacque Cullen – Secretary of GSDCT.

The Chair said it was pleasing to see so many of our long serving members attending this meeting. The delegates and position holders were asked to introduce themselves for the benefit of the new attendees and visitors, following which Barbara was thanked for again taking the minutes for the 7th year. A warm welcome was extended to all with thanks for taking the time to attend this meeting.

The Chair advised the meeting that unfortunately due to an unforeseen work commitment, Sean Lynch, GSDCA President Elect is unable to attend today. After discussing the matter with Sean both he and the Executive agreed that the outgoing President Chair the meeting through to its conclusion.

Motion: “That the current Council President continues chairing the meeting to its conclusion.

Moved: ACTGSDA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2 Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes from 58th GSDCA AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the 58th GSDCA Annual General Meeting held on the 9th & 10th February 2019 in South Australia be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: N&HRGSDC

CARRIED.

2.2 Matters Arising from 58th AGM

ACTION	Actioned by	Date Completed
Documentary Film of the GSD. GSDCQ President to send the link to the Webmaster for uploading on the GSDCA website.	Val Moody & Jacinta Poole	Received link and has been placed on GSDCA website. Completed 1/4/19
The Treasurer to make enquiries to find an alternative auditor and try to keep fees around the \$1500 mark.	Jane Pike	Completed 4/7/19
Edit the Annual Report to include the recipients of the service awards awarded at the 2018 National.	Val Moody	Completed 13/2/19
Rescind the “Good” grading. That the Executive put forward a 60-day motion that this item is to be rescinded citing the reasons discussed.	Executive	A 60 Day motion and results were that the motion was Carried, and Clubs advised. Completed 10/4/19
GSDCV to take up the issue of the early closing date for entries with their Show Secretary.	GSDCV considered and arranged extension to closing date to 12 th March.	Completed
The League to select the obedience judges for the 2020 National from the nominated list.	Julie Urie/Vince Tantaro	Completed
<u>Motion:</u> “That as of 1 st 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.	NBC Executive to place on NBC Meeting agenda	Discussed at the NBC Meeting. Vote was taken and motion was LOST.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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." <p><u>Discussion: Requires further consideration at the 2019 NBC Meeting.</u></p>		
<p>18.2 <u>National Show Regulations</u> Motion: "That a formal approach be made to the ANKC that would see the following apply at GSDCA National shows".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • Animals exhibited in the Open Class conformation be subject to a gun test. • All the requirements to be printed in the Schedule. 	GSDCA Executive	<p>Taken to the 2019 GSDCA AGM with amendments from the 2019 NBC Meeting and a vote was taken and motion was Carried.</p> <p>Executive to forward letter to ANKC.</p> <p>Still Ongoing.</p>
<p>The Obedience Chair will provide qualifying criteria of all performance disciplines for inclusion in the 60-day motion.</p>	Julie Urie	Completed 12/2/19
<p><u>GSDCA Communication Award</u> 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.</p>	GSDCA Secretary to forward a reminder to Clubs requesting they present specific reports as part of their Annual Report at the AGM regarding their communication activities.	To be added to the letter requesting Annual Reports.

2.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 58th AGM under the “60 Day rule”.

Motion 1	<p>Motion: “That Regulation 2.14.1 is amended as follows:</p> <p><u>Original Regulation</u> 2.14.1 <i>Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017]</i> That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p><u>Amended Regulation</u> 2.14.1 <i>Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017]</i> That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective from 1 January 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	Carried
Motion 2	<p>Motion: “That Regulation 2.14.3 is rescinded”.</p> <p><u>Original Regulation.</u> 2.14.3 <i>Dogs born after 30 July 2020 - prerequisites for Breed Survey [2017]</i> 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	Carried

Motion 3	<p>Motion: “That Regulation 3.6.1.2 and 3.6.1.10 are amended as follows:</p> <p><u>Original Regulations</u></p> <p>3.6.1.2 To be eligible for Breed Survey the animals MUST be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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] <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Motion: “That the following clause be removed from the regulation 3.6.1.2”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) <i>Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of “Good”. [2018] from the regulation.</i> <p><u>And that regulation as amended is:</u></p> <p>3.6.1.2 To be eligible for Breed Survey the animal MUST be registered on the ANKC Main Register.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Carried
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Motion 4	<p>Motion: “That Regulation 2.14.2 as follows is rescinded and be replaced with the amended version of motion 19.4 below:</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Motion 19.4 as voted on and carried at the 2019 AGM be amended as follows:</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain a qualifying pass in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>The prescribed ANKC Performance Disciplines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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. 	Carried
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Motion 5	<p>Motion: That Regulation 2.7.1 and 2.7.2 are amended as follows:</p> <p><u>Original Regulations</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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]</p> <p><u>Amended Regulations</u></p> <p>2.7.1 The GSDCA Executive will set the venue of the AGM at the most cost-effective capital city.</p> <p>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]</p>	Carried
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Discussion:

The Chair advised that although we had passed the regulation that refers to the character test, we should consider that there are many issues with members supporting this test.

- a) We were all put under pressure time wise by having to provide something within 8 months;
- b) The regulation refers to a GSDCA Working test based on the FCI BH test; this test has yet to be formalised and approved by the Member Clubs.
- c) There is much concern and angst regarding the need to include a pass in a Performance title as listed.

The Executive agreed that the reality of the matter is that this regulation if implemented would impact our ability to serve the breed. The feedback to date has not been good and we fear if enacted we would see further decline in membership and that our breeder base would be further weakened.

It is suggested that as an option, we can amend the requirement as a 60 day motion and/or rescind it until such time as the Council believes the ideal can be accepted.

When asked if we were throwing out the ANKC Performance test, the Chair responded that given resistance to ZAP is still there, even though a lot of people have come on board, the main threat is the need for a 'working' element to be a prerequisite for Breed survey in the future. Our main goal must be the wide acceptance of the ZAP Character element - this with time and further education is a goal that can be achieved, if we agree then we have as a Council listened to the needs of our membership.

Following input from all the delegates, it was agreed that the following motion be put as a 60 day motion.

Motion: That the Regulation 2.14.2 be rescinded.

Moved: N&HRGSDC **Seconded:** GSDCSA **CARRIED.**

Abstain: GSDCQ

Action: This motion to be a 60 day motion.

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.

3 President's report – Mr. V. Tantaro

59th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia

Ladies and Gentlemen, I welcome you to the 59th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

I look forward to your participation and am heartened that members from the host club and other Clubs are also in attendance.

At this point I ask we remember the unexpected passing of Barry O'Rourke. Barry was indeed a likeable and colourful character, who was very much an innovator. He had a record of long sustained involvement and work for the GSD both at Council and Member club Level. He was a retired GSDCA Judge & Breed Surveyor, SV Foreign listed judge (only 1 of three Australians that attained that status), mentor to many of our judges and friend. We also lost, due to prolonged illness, Andrew Jones, my son in law, a GSDCA Judge and Aspiring Breed Surveyor: Andrew was of the next generation, well liked, a successful breeder and exhibitor who had much to contribute to his Club and the Council.

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

We must be proud to note that the past year saw another significant milestone and one which was overlooked by many of us: - The 60th Anniversary of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia. The spirit with which the founders of the Council formed the alliance of GSD Clubs is, despite pessimism as expressed from time to time, still alive today. The ideals that were set so long ago still hold true: To act as custodian of the German Shepherd Dog and ensure its health, welfare and development.

I am pleased that we have finally come to terms with exactly what the WUSV Harmonisation program means to us and what will be pursued. This has in the last 12 months brought about a degree of calmness to the affairs of Council. On this point I want the membership to understand the path as set by the Council at the last AGM is that which currently will be followed.

We have made it clear to the SV & WUSV on a number of occasions that whilst the end goal of Harmonisation is to be praised, the fact is, we in Australia (and no doubt other WUSV members) will only progress matters if the membership so desires and at our own pace!

It must also be noted that the Council is not bound by past decisions and therefore can and should amend its direction based on the impact any decisions made are or may have on its ability to serve the Breed in this country. Whilst we have not received any official communique, I have been told that the Council is now a member of the WUSV SE Asia Region and that its Continental Director is Mr. Yap Seng Tak. Yap is from Singapore and is known to a number of us.

As in past years I have been subjected to rumblings on social media from time to time, where discontent and factions in our fraternity voice their concern about the organisation and or me. The reality is that unlike individuals who find it easy to be critical and put forward an easy fix, it is the Member Clubs via their membership and the Council that seriously considers and, if appropriate, progress matters.

I again repeat what I have stated in the past: Those critical of the Executive and or my role in trying to progress matters are mischief-makers who unfortunately continue to divide and show ignorance with regard to how this Council works. We have a proud history of over 60 years and together have achieved significant milestones. We are the envy of other Breed Councils: many of which have modelled themselves on us: primarily set up for the welfare and betterment of their breeds.

The work of the Council is based on idealism that sees enthusiasts sacrifice their own self-interest for the good of the breed. The fact that we do not control litter registrations makes it easy for anyone to become a GSD breeder. Our breed improvement schemes must continue to be promoted and our message spread to those who do not subscribe to our ideals. It is my belief that 'Project Outreach', a discussion point at this meeting, should mobilise the Council to reach out to many who do not breed with 2 GSDCA recognised Breed Surveyed animals in and outside our fraternity.

We need to ensure that our Member Clubs remain relevant to the needs of GSD puppy buyers and the best way to do this is to have the breeders on board with what we want to achieve: ensure the health, welfare and betterment of our breed!

The last year has again seen much work done in order to progress ZAP Character Test. The GSDCA ZAP Seminar as conducted by Harald Hohmann, was the catalyst that saw much ignorance about the test disappear and hence now accepted. The test is a very useful tool for breeders. The only dogs that fail this test are those which are aggressive, shy or not gun sure. I thank everyone who organised and ran demonstrations at Member Clubs: your work helped the membership understand what has been put in place is, despite the protestations of some, easily achievable. I also wish to acknowledge the work of the GSDCA Education Committee. Their work saw a number of Breed Seminars that highlighted ZAP test along with other breed matters held by various Clubs.

The most important event held last year was the 47th National GSD Show & Trial. This event 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 Victoria must be congratulated for hosting a well-run and memorable event.

We must ensure this event is promoted and conducted to maximise the entry.

There is no doubt entry numbers are falling as are the number of breeders and enthusiasts. The current policy that sees the show on a roster basis must be reviewed. We only need look overseas: the SV, as is the Italian Seiger Shows, are held in the same city every year. The reality is that we should only hold this event in NSW, Victoria and possibly South Australia. To further enhance it a 'National Committee' made up of experienced members from all Member clubs would allow many others, rather than just the host club to 'own' the event.

The 50th National GSD Show & Trial will be hosted by the GSDC of South Australia in 2022! This momentous event will present a perfect opportunity for wider input into its organisation and conduct.

I continue to have conversations with aggrieved Member Club members. It is important that the membership understands: 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. Further, each Club has its own distinct constitution. The Executive and I continue to promote that Member Clubs must inform their members who have a right to contribute and or initiate debate as related to breed welfare and improvement. It is important that the leadership group and the membership are encouraged to participate in the decision making process of their Member Club.

I am pleased that in my 8th and final year as President there has been a change of culture that now sees encouragement of frank and open discussion amongst the Executive, and decisions as made owned by the group. I trust that this is now the norm, as it is most important that we dispel the myth that the President and or NBC Executive control all in Council. The ownership of decisions is most important as it's only with this commitment that decisions made can truly be progressed. This principle must also be applied by Member Clubs:

I again urge the leadership group, namely the GSDCA Judges & Breed Surveyors, to continue upholding the ideals of the Council. It is my opinion that you are best placed in our fraternity to influence and help carry

forward the work of the Council. You are now well informed and have been encouraged to contribute to the affairs of the Council. It is most important that this group owns and promotes the decisions made.

I am happy to report that the Executive and I have worked hard. Open and fearless discussion is asked for on all matters before it. The Executive has acted in the best interest of and at the direction of the Council. I also acknowledge and thank the Officers of the Council, and my fellow members of Executive for their continued dedication and work as undertaken in the past year.

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.

In order to gauge the diverse work and activities undertaken by all, I ask you please read the 2019 GSDCA Annual Report (can be found on GSDCA Website):

I would now like to acknowledge the following persons who have decided to retire from their positions and wish them all well for the future.

Val Moody- Secretary

Val, as you are all well aware, has been Secretary of the Council for the last 19 years. Her dedication to the Council and work for the Council is indeed to be praised. Her grounding at her Member Club in various positions which included her being GSDCV Secretary at same time as Council, has ensured positive outcomes for the Council. There is no doubt she will be missed.

I am proud to say that after working closely together and despite a small number of disagreements during my two terms totalling 14 years as President, we remain along with her husband Frank, close friends.

Jane Pike- Treasurer

Jane, during her 8 years as Treasurer made significant contributions to the work of the Executive and Council. Her expertise was most valued, and it showed in her work: account reporting and supervision were paramount. Her approach has always been most professional and her willingness and ability to assist all of Executive must be noted. As a grounded breeder/exhibitor she also provided much valuable feedback on matters before the Council.

Robyn Knuckey- Judges Committee Chair

Robyn has contributed most positively in her role as Chair Judges Committee, member of the National Breed Commission Executive and wider matters. She has held the position this time for 6 years and also held this position during my first term as President. Her relaxed approach has seen her ably administer the affairs of her portfolio and become a mentor to many aspiring GSDCA Judges. As a breeder/exhibitor she brought much to the work of Council.

Now to my own parting.

My announcement some months ago not to seek nomination for re-election was not made lightly. I am as passionate today about the breed, my Club and the GSDCA as I was when I took on my first position (with fractured ankle) as Assistant Equipment Officer at Western Branch, GSDCV 43 years ago!

All organisations require renewal. I have since been elected in 2012 advocated succession planning and review of operations for all. The 2012 GSDCA Future Directions Forum identified gaps and possible paths to follow- out of interest these were very much the same as the GSDCA Forum held 16 years before and no doubt if one was held today there would be similarities regarding its outcomes. Member Clubs must become more relevant to the needs of GSD puppy buyers. It is only with servicing these needs can we influence and expose the new enthusiast to what we can offer as a 'sport': Show, Performance or just enjoy the social life the club can offer.

My catch cry is that we have lost a 'generation' of enthusiasts and those who are much younger than the majority find it hard for many reasons to commit to the work of their Clubs or the Council. I again repeat - 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 long terms cannot ask them to be assistants and act as mentors to the next generation - this single move could ensure the survival of our Clubs but also revitalise them!

As President I would like to thank my fellow Executive members, I have worked with during the last 8 years - Val Moody, Jane Pike, Robyn Knuckey, John DeLucia, Yvonne Yun, Jacinta Poole, Melanie Groth, Julie Urie and the late Joylene Neddermeyer and Barry O'Rourke. Together we have been most professional and can be proud as much work and progress has been made in our time together!

I do apologise to those that see the world as shades of grey. I have not played games, spent countless hours coercing an opinion as the matter at hand is exactly that. It is what it is!

I may have offended at times with my approach and that unfortunately has seen friendships fail. Leadership and friendship are rare bedfellows - in the end to disagree is one thing but to sever a friendship is indeed the ultimate price of believing in what is right, is right!

I wish to thank the Member Clubs for their consideration and kind hospitality extended to my wife Frances and I during our visits.

In closing, I thank Frances for her support during my 43 years of being involved at some level with my beloved GSDC of Victoria and or the GSDCA. Whilst Frances also shares this passion, I know it has been hard on my family and her for most of that time. My passion and tunnel vision for all things German Shepherd Dogs over these years has seen other things that should have taken precedence put to the side or forgotten.

I wish you all well for the future.

Thank You
Vincenzo Tantaro
President

The meeting agreed to accept all reports at the end of the reporting section of the meeting.

4 Treasurer's report – Ms. J. Pike

4.1 Auditor's report – William Buck, Adelaide. South Australia.

Motion: That the Auditor's report as tabled be accepted.

Moved: GSDCSA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion: That the GSDCA continue using the services of William Buck as Auditor.

Moved: N&HRGSDC

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Treasurer advised the meeting that we need to look at ways of cost savings. The cost of postage for the QNR is approximately \$13,000, which will soon see another increase. It might be advantageous to again consider electronic delivery.

The ACTGSDA commended Jane Pike for her role of Treasurer. Her excellent reporting has been very much appreciated. The meeting unanimously agreed.

5 Secretary's report – Mrs. V. Moody

The Secretary read her final report as provided in the Annual Report and wished to thank everyone for their support of her over the last 19 years as the GSDCA Secretary.

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

6.1 ACT GSDA – Mr. Wolf Meffert

Please refer to Annual Report.

Membership is consistent with both core members and new puppy members. A ZAP information day was held which was successful and well attended and we have held a couple of practice runs following training.

6.2 GSD League – Mr. Terry Jarvis

Please refer to Annual Report.

The League had some unexpected monetary expenses this year, but next year we will be in a better financial position. There have been a number of changes to committee this year. Special recognition to Fay Stokes for her continued hard work, and thanks to Pam Jarvis by attending meetings and Mel Groth for her input and the work involved for the 2020 National. We are very fortunate to receive bequests, the final total of those bequests is yet to be finalised by Solicitors. We are very pleased to say that Greg Jones has come back on board, he is a great asset to the club.

When asked if the League had considered setting up other branches outside Erskine Park, the response was in the past there were branches in other areas, but not having the key people to run the branches proved to be a real problem. The committee has not discussed the idea of setting up a small training group outside Erskine Park.

Whilst the North Coast group is classified as a branch, no one from that group is on the committee, as they are essentially a training group only.

The Chair recommends the club looks at expanding to meet the needs of the puppy buyers.

6.3 Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC – Mr. Paul York

Please refer to Annual Report.

Paul stated he would like to make a special mention to Fay Stokes who is always available to assist the N&HRGSDC when required for Breed Surveys and at other times.

6.4 GSDC of Queensland

Please refer to Annual Report.

Delegate not in attendance at the time reports were discussed however, the Chair did advise that once the representative arrives, he will be given an opportunity to comment on the report.

6.5 GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia

Please refer to Annual Report.

The Club finished the year with funds in the bank. We are negotiating with Royal Canin to come on board as a sponsor. We have conducted 2 obedience and 2 agility trials this year. Jenny DeLucia runs an Aspiring Instructors course and we now have another 4 instructors on the ground. Our 5 shows were well received. Also held two breed lectures during the year. Membership is slightly down but has increased since January. There were 58 dogs at puppy day, and many joined the club. We are negotiating with the Police Department and have asked to be involved in the service dog triathlon in August in Adelaide. Also negotiating with the Royal Society Show Grounds – we may have a specialist judge this year.

6.6 GSDC of Tasmania – Ms. Jacquie Cullen

Please refer to Annual Report.

The GSDCT representative advised that the report was written by the past President who has since resigned.

The Chair said it is pleasing that younger members are now on the committee. The Chair commented that in relation to conducting surveys, it would be disappointing to hold just one survey each year given that the GSDCA pay the expenses for the second surveyor.

6.7 GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Tony Mercieca

Please refer to Annual Report.

Tony provided a brief outline of current membership numbers across the 11 branches of the GSDCV. A full report will be provided to clubs following the GSDCV AGM which is held on the 21st March 2020.

6.8 GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Brian Lubbock

Please refer to Annual Report.

Brain reported numbers are up this year. Getting people to stay after their puppies have been through their basic training is proving difficult. We are lucky if 10-20 puppies stay the course out of say 500. We are fortunate to have our own grounds and have spent quite a lot of money on the grounds for lighting, erection of off lead area about 30m x 30m x 2 metres high. On the Show committee side, we have a number of young people getting involved.

7 Chairperson National Breed Commission – Mrs. Jenny Yuen

Please refer to Annual Report.

The NBC Chair said that she is very fortunate to have a fabulous team of people to work with. Remember that it behooves all of us to show civility to everyone – there is absolutely no need to be rude. Mel Groth still has to chase up photographs for breed survey. If photographs are taken on the day of Survey, it will go along way to have the photo attached to the survey. The photo can be replaced at a later date if the owner is not happy with the image. We must not lose our idealism. There is no other breed that conducts surveys to the same extent as we do.

The NBC Chair was asked if the Education Officer should be listed as a “position holder”. It was agreed that this role would be listed at “7.5 – Education Officer” in future.

The Chair commented that it was very pleasing that Jenny Yuen had delegated portfolios which are working well allowing people to take ownership of their particular roles.

7.1 National Breed Survey Registrar – Ms. Melanie Groth
Please refer to Annual Report.

7.2 Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chairperson, Dr. Candy Baker
Please refer to Annual Report.

7.3 National Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar, Mr. Doug West
Please refer to Annual Report.

7.4 National Title Verification Officer – Mrs. Jenny DeLucia
Please refer to Annual Report.

7.5 *It was noted that a 7.5 item should be included in the next AGM agenda to cover the Education Officers report.*

8 Chairperson Judges Committee – Mrs. Robyn Knuckey

Please refer to Annual Report.

In Summary:

Some judges have decided not to continue in the past 12 months and a leave of absence was granted to John Hugo. Please notify the Judges Chair of upcoming shows and the names of judges officiating. Also advise the Judges Chair when signed contracts are received, and if there is a change of judge so the list can be updated. Congratulations to GSDCV on a very well conducted 2019 National. We still have an issue of shows across the states being held on the same days. If judging overseas, if judges sent their critiques to the Judges Chair it would be of interest to see the state of the breed in other countries.

Robyn closed by wishing the incoming executive congratulations and offered any assistance they may require.

The Chair thanked Robyn for all the hard work she has put into her role over the years.

9 Chairperson Obedience Committee – Mrs. Julie Urie

Please refer to Annual Report.

Julie wanted to acknowledge Jo Cathie and her team for all the work put in to present the Breed Seminars around the country. The ZAP puppy assessment demonstrations were able to take away the fear from participants. She said she noticed a trend that dual performance entries have increased each year. I encourage more people to trial and show their dogs, and for all Clubs to offer a Dual Performance Trophy – it encourages people to show and work with their dogs.

10 Editor Quarterly National Review – Ms. Jacinta Poole

Please refer to Annual Report.

I hope the magazine continues to be an important publication to showcase the breed. We need to reach a broad demographic to ensure there is something for pet, obedience and show people. Across the year there has been a broad variety of articles that were published. Excellent reports from Seiger Shows. I want to thank the regular contributors – particularly those clubs who submit updates as to what is happening in your club. Do not forget about the importance of doing this. Particular thanks to Maroondah Printing in Victoria – fantastic people to work with and of great benefit to us. Thanks to those people who advertise in the magazine – our business model relies on advertising. The advertising fees underpin the magazine. Special thanks to Val Moody for being the proof-reader and her guidance. Please send any ideas, any articles by any people in your club, to Jacinta. There are plenty of untapped stories out there.

Advertising has dropped off because stud dog owners are not advertising as they did in the past due to social media. Facebook is open to anyone.

The Chair said that over the last 12 months, the quality of the magazine is absolutely exceptional. Overseas people are amazed at the quality and content of the magazine. The SV editor was most impressed. It is our flag ship that comes at a price. He again noted that the real cost of producing the magazine is offset by the work that Jacinta does freely and in reality this should be factored in when cost to Clubs is decided.

11 Sub Committee Reports:

11.1 National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie & Mrs. Jenny DeLucia (Report on 2019 National Show & Trial)

Please refer to Annual Report.

Lessons learnt from the 2019 National. Fund raising for outside causes didn't work – i.e. the Jane McGrath foundation – a lot of money was raised but they didn't even want to send a representative to a presentation. The idea is to gain exposure. We tried it and it didn't work. Jenny DeLucia provided a report as printed. The class sponsorship paid by credit card was extremely successful with people going directly into the website tick the class they want to sponsor pay at the same time.

The Chair suggested the clubs hosting the National have a discussion with Jacinta. Clubs need a resident IT team. Jacinta is more than happy to help any clubs to set up the programme. Not every club has the technology expertise. Using the technology available is a huge reduction in work loads.

11.2 National Database Coordinator – Mr. Frank Moody

Please refer to Annual Report.

The dog database is updated quarterly with new puppy registrations. HD/ED is regularly updated by Doug West as soon information is received from readers. Breed Survey updated by Mel Groth regularly. Usage continually rises. Missing photos is an issue – please provide them. Reading a dog's survey makes more sense where a photo is included. Finally, with ZAP coming up in the middle of the year – we will now commence setting up to record the results in the database. Rob Filardo our programmer (who took over from Darryl) gives his time free of charge. We could not have this database without his help as it would cost a huge amount of money.

11.3 Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis

Please refer to Annual Report.

Clubs please collate the obedience award trophy lists and get them to Terry as soon as possible. Val has provided a final list of handlers for the Junior Showmanship Awards.

GSDCSA suggest that the police dog that was recently stabbed in the course of duty be considered for an award. The incident has been widely reported in the media. The Chair suggested that in order that time is not lost, the Queensland club should look at presenting a special award at an event in their state to this dog, which would no doubt receive quite a lot of media exposure.

Action: Suggest that the new Executive contacts the GSDCQ re presentation of an award to the Police Dog recently injured in the course of duty, with a possible appearance of Dawn Fraser AC MBE (GSDCA Patron).

GSDLeague advised that the Police Dog involved in the Lindt Café Seige in Sydney is currently receiving media attention and the League would like to make a presentation to him at the 2020 National.

Motion: “That the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award be presented to Police Dog “Demon” involved in the Lindt Café Seige at the 2020 National.

Moved: GSDCSA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.4 Website Officer – Ms. Jacinta Poole

Please refer to Annual Report.

All documentation, show results, critiques etc can be found on National Council website.

The following can also be found:

- Back editions of the QNR
- Quick access to the Dog Database and the Health Form, which we ask people complete.
- The Scale of charges.

The Chair thanked Jacinta for the great job she does as Website Officer. The GSDCA Website is one of the best GSD Websites in the world and utilized by many overseas enthusiasts.

11.5 GSDCA Youth Officer – Mr. Kurt Morton

Please refer to Annual Report.

11.6 Public Relations Officer – Mr. Paul York

Please refer to Annual Report.

I have found 2019 very frustrating. Media doesn't see what we do as entertaining and it is very hard to get a break through. Perhaps get our Gold Medal winners on TV after the event.

Chair commented that this portfolio has always been one hard to fulfill- the news cycle unfortunately sees us as 'filler' to the other more newsworthy stories.

11.7 Historian – N/A

11.8 Breed Specific Legislation Officer – N/A

Motion: That all reports as printed in the Annual General Meeting Report be accepted.

Moved: GSDCSA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned for the lunch break at 1.00pm to resume at 1.45pm.

At the commencement of the afternoon session of the meeting, the Chair welcomed Louis Donald as the delegate for GSDCQ and noted after 23 years he will again serve as a member of the Executive as the incoming Judges Chair to the meeting. Louis was delayed due to a flight cancellation.

12 **WUSV Meeting (2019) Report:**

Minutes from the WUSV General Annual Assembly Meeting were distributed to all Member Clubs on 18th October 2019.

Jenny Yuen GSDCA National Breed Commission Chair and Mrs. Nicky McDermott attended the meeting on behalf of the GSDCA. The GSDCA President was unable to attend the WUSV Meeting due to an evolving family circumstance.

A question was asked as to how the delegates vote according to what the ideals of the Council is. In matters that do not concern us we will abstain. We vote with the ideal in mind, not necessarily that we are bound to or would implement all as decided. The process must always be that our membership decides. In general, no one votes against motions at these meetings. Noting the time frames and full agenda there is very little or no time for members to give meaningful opinion let alone consideration of items as put. It must be noted that the SV has in effect right of veto by having 70+ votes. A further encumbrance is delay due to translation of German to other languages with little time to vote. The Chair declares soon after his call declares a unanimous decision. Comment from those that have attended the meeting was that you would have to be there to appreciate how badly these meetings are conducted.

13 Determination of scale of fees for financial year 2019/2020

13.1 National Show Levy Increase

Motion: “That as of the 1st July 2020, the Levy as applied for hosting the National will increase from 15% to 17.5% of the total cost of the entry fee charged to the Exhibitor.” **MOTION LOST**

For: GSDCV. ACTGSDA. GSDAWA.

Against: GSDCT. GSDLeague. N&HRGSDC. GSDCQ. GSDCSA.

The Treasurer stated there had not been an increase for the last 10 years. A suggestion was put forward that the increase could be the CPI each year. As to clubs not understanding the reasons behind the increase, the Chair commented that all Presidents should have been aware of the financials of Council. The report went out on 1 November 2019, so all clubs were informed.

13.2 Discrepancies between QNR and Declared Membership

Motion: “That as of the 1st July 2020, the following Membership Unit criteria will be used for the calculation of GSDCA Member Club voting strengths.”

Each unit must be defined as:

- Family Member – 2 adults with children under 18 years of age
- Dual Member – 2 adults no children
- Single member – 1 adult with or without children under 18 years of age
- Junior Member – under the age of 18 years of age (no vote)
- Life Member – 1 adult with or without children under 19 years of age.

Rationale:

GSDCA decisions are made by the Member clubs. The voting strength of a Club is calculated based on its declared membership. The principle that must apply is that the membership as declared is equitable and the end result sees members of each Club represented as determined by number of votes the Club is entitled to. Club members are entitled to a copy of the Quarterly National Review. A copy is delivered to each membership unit as declared by the Club.

The standard membership units as proposed will require each Club to declare their membership based on the category of membership as defined.

This declaration will be cross referenced to the Club’s QNR mailing list: the figures should not be markedly dissimilar.

Below is a correlation of Member Club figures for 2018 for information when considering the proposed motion.

	ACT	NHR	NSW	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA
Declared Club Membership types as at 30/9/18.	135	90	699	156	243	45	1435	268
Total Membership units as at 30/9/18.	193	124	1109	216	367	69	2264	408
Voting Strength as per Total Membership Units as at 30/9/18.	3	3	9	4	5	2	12	6
QNR Ordered (highest number ordered over 12 months 2018).	124	68	277	151	216	48	1419	275
Difference between declared Club membership types and QNR as ordered.	11	22	422	5	27	2	16	-7

13.2 Discrepancies between QNR and Declared Membership

With regard to the email as received by the Executive, dated 20th November 2019, the Executive believe that the motion as noted in the GSDCA Agenda 13.2 Discrepancies between QNR and Declared Membership is confusing and offered the following as a simple amendment to the current regulation.

As per the letter sent by the GSDCA Executive dated 27th November 2019, we propose that motion 13.2 as put on the GSDCA agenda will be “withdrawn” and the following amendments to the current regulation be put as a 60 day motion.

Motion: “That the current Regulation 2.1.6 be rescinded”:

2.1.6 The formula to establish the number of votes to which the Member Clubs are entitled to are detailed below:

- Up to 50 membership unit = 1 vote
- 51-100 membership unit = 2 votes
- 101-200 membership unit = 3 votes
- 201-300 membership unit = 4 votes
- 301-400 membership unit = 5 votes
- 401-600 membership unit = 6 votes
- 601-800 membership unit = 7 votes
- 801-1000 membership unit = 8 votes
- 1001-1200 membership unit = 9 votes
- 1201-1500 membership unit = 10 votes
- 1501-1800 membership unit = 11 votes
- 1801-2100 membership unit = 12 votes

To calculate the membership units, use the following criteria:

- a) Single membership = one (1) unit
- b) Double membership = two (2) units
- c) Family membership = two (2) units
- d) Junior membership = nil

Motion: “That a new 2.1.6 Regulation be accepted”:

2.1.6 The formula to establish the number of votes to which the Member Clubs are entitled to are detailed below:

- Up to 50 membership unit = 1 vote
- 51-100 membership unit = 2 votes
- 101-200 membership unit = 3 votes
- 201-300 membership unit = 4 votes
- 301-400 membership unit = 5 votes
- 401-600 membership unit = 6 votes
- 601-800 membership unit = 7 votes
- 801-1000 membership unit = 8 votes
- 1001-1200 membership unit = 9 votes
- 1201-1500 membership unit = 10 votes
- 1501-1800 membership unit = 11 votes
- 1801-2100 membership unit = 12 votes

Calculation of membership units will be based on the following:

- a) Single membership - one (1) unit = **1 adult with or without children under 18 years of age.**
- b) **Dual** membership - two (2) units = **maximum 2 adults no children.**
- c) Family membership - two (2) units = **maximum 2 adults with children under 18 years of age.**
- d) **Life Member – one (1) unit = 1 adult with or without children under 18 years of age.**
- e) Junior membership – nil.

Motion: “That the above amended motion 13.2 be accepted.”

Moved: GSDCV.

For: GSDCSA, GSDAWA, GSDCV, N&HR.

Against: GSDCT, GSD League, ACTGSDA.

Abstain:

GSDCQ.

CARRIED

Comments:

- GSDAWA. Life member = 1 member and up to 1 ordinary member if they held a dual membership at the time of receiving Life Membership.
- ACTGSDA. Our membership is defined by one or up to two adults.
- GSDCQ. Single = 1, Dual = 2, Family = up to 5. Adult children in the “family” category can vote.
- GSDLeague: Our definition of a family membership is 2+ adults and children under 18 years.
- The membership numbers provided by the Clubs are based on an honour system and the number as declared is accepted as such. The past saw membership unit defined as number of QNR ordered by a Club and this was the declared number at the AGM.
 - Must be noted that Clubs purchased more magazines than members and therefore this was discontinued.
- The numbers are very clear. The discrepancy re QNR vs declared membership – mailing lists are provided to the editor (not distributed to the Executive – only the numbers).

GSDCQ. Suggested that this item be taken to a 60 day motion with the agreement of the meeting. Carried.

Action: This item to be a 60 day motion.

13.3 Breed Survey Application Fee

Current Fees:

Breed Survey application - The determined fee as from 1 July 2013, will be as follows:

- Charge to owners via Member Clubs \$35.00 (Inc GST)
- GSDCA charge to Member Clubs \$27.00 (Inc GST)

Proposed Amendment:

Motion: “That as of 1st July 2020, the Breed Survey Application Fee will be as follows:

- **Charge to owners via Member Clubs \$38.00 (Inc GST)**
- **GSDCA charge to Member Clubs \$30.00 (Inc GST).**

Moved: N&HRGSDC **CARRIED.**
For: GSDCV, N&HR, GSDCT, GSDAWA, ACT GSDA, GSDCSA.
Against: GSDCQ, GSD League.

13.4 ZAP Assessment Application Fee

Motion: “That as of 1st July 2020, the ZAP Application Fee will be as follows:

- **Charge to owners via Member Clubs \$15.00 (Inc GST)**
- **GSDCA charge to Member Clubs \$10.00 (Inc GST)**

Moved: N&HRGSDC. **CARRIED.**
For: GSDCV, N&HR, GSDCT, GSDAWA, ACT GSDA, GSD League.
Against: GSDCSA. GSDCQ

13.5 HD/ED Fee Increase

Motion: “That as from the 1st July 2020, the cost for GSDCA Hip Dysplasia/Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Application forms be increased by \$2.00 as follows:

- HD/ED Form – Hips & Elbows from \$70.00 to \$72.00 (Inc GST)
- HD/ED Form – Hips Only from \$52.00 to \$54.00 (Inc GST)
- HD/ED Form – Elbows Only from \$35.00 to \$37.00 (Inc GST).

Moved: GSDCV **CARRIED.**
For: GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDAWA, ACT GSDA, N&HR.
Against: GSDCSA, GSD League, GSDCQ

13.6 Price Increase for QNR

Motion: “That as of the 1st July 2020, the cost for the Quarterly National Review (QNR) magazine will be \$7.50 (Inc GST) per magazine”.

There was discussion regarding this item, and it was felt that the date should be changed.

The following amendment to the motion was put forward:

Motion: “That as of the **1st July 2021**, the cost for the Quarterly National Review (QNR) magazine will be \$7.50 (Inc GST) per magazine”. Amendment LOST

The motion was then put:

Moved: GSDCV

For: GSD League, GSDCT, GSDCV, GSDAWA, ACTGSDA.

Against: N&HRGSDC, GSDCQ, GSDCSA.

CARRIED

13.7 Price Increase for QNR Subscribers

Motion: “That as from the 1st July 2020 the cost of a QNR Subscriptions Private Subscribers increases by \$8 as follows:

Australia from \$55.00 to \$63.00

New Zealand from \$63.00 to \$71.00

SE Asia from \$65.00 to \$73.00

UK/Europe/USA/Canada from \$70.00 to \$78.00

Moved: GSDAWA

For: GSD League, GSDCT, GSDCV, GSDAWA, ACTGSDA, N&HR.

Against: GSDCQ, GSDCSA

CARRIED

14 **Election of Office Bearers** – (The following nominations were received by the due date 1/11/2019)

Appointed Scrutineers: Frank Moody and Gillian Cafari.

14.1 Executive

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Term
PRESIDENT	Mrs. Robyn Knuckey -----	GSDAWA, GSDL, GSDCV -----	2 Year
	Mr. Sean Lynch	GSDCQ, N&HR, GSDCSA	
Mr. Sean Lynch was duly elected as President.			
TREASURER	Ms. Sharon Thorp -----	GSDCQ, N&HR, GSDAWA -----	2 Year
	Mr. Peter Flynn	GSDL, GSDCSA, GSDCV	
Mr. Peter Flynn was duly elected as Treasurer.			
JUDGES COMMITTEE CHAIR	Ms. Joanne Cathie -----	GSDAWA, GSDL, GSDCV -----	2 Year
	Mr. Louis Donald	GSDCQ, GSDCSA, ACTGSDA, N&HR	
Mr. Louis Donald was duly elected as Judges Committee Chair.			
EDITOR QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW	Ms. Jacinta Poole	GSDL, GSDCQ, GSDCV	2 Year
SECRETARY	Mr. Paul York -----	N&HR, GSDCSA -----	1 Year
	Ms. Jeanette Wolk -----	GSDL, GSDCV -----	
	Mrs. Lyn Phillis	GSDCSA	
Mrs. Lyn Phillis was duly elected as Secretary.			

The Chair passed on the meeting's congratulations to the elected position holders and said that the outgoing Executive were more than happy to talk and advise when and if required.

14.2 Expression of Interest for Other Positions

Position	Appointed Nominee	Term
Public Officer	Mr. Brenton Lowes	1 Year
HD/ED Registrar	Mr. Doug West	1 Year
NBC Registrar (To be selected by the NBC Chair with agreement by the NBC Executive).	Ms. Melanie Groth	1 Year
Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair	Dr. Candy Baker	1 Year
National Show Liaison Officer	Mr. Ian Urie	1 Year
Website Officer	Ms. Jacinta Poole	1 Year
Trophy Officer	Mr. Terry Jarvis	1 Year
Breed Specific Legislation Officer	No nomination	1 Year
Public Relations Officer	Mr. Paul York	1 Year
Historian	No nomination	1 Year

Thank you to all those people who have put up their hands to take on the above roles.

15 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial Reports

15.1 47th National – 2019 - GSDCV

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria – **Report as per Annual 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 (SV)

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Harald Hohmann (SV)

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Herr Richard Brauch (SV)

Obedience Judges:

Mr. Barry Cotton (Vic) CCD

Mr. Clive Makepeace (VIC) UD and UDX

Mrs. Cheryl Bedgood (WA) Open and Rally Master

Ms. Tania Schumann (Vic) Rally Advanced A&B and Rally Excellent A&B

Mrs. Dawn Ayton (VIC) Novice and Rally Novice

Junior Showmanship Judge: Mr. Andrew O’Loughlin (SA).

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

GSDCV

Refer to report in Annual Report.

The GSDCV National report has been provided for the Annual Report however a few things I would like to highlight.

We had a very good team in place. We were blessed with fantastic weather. The ground preparations and events, moving judges around etc, proved to be well planned and executed. Unfortunately, the weather on one night resulted in marquees being destroyed. We recommend other clubs take out insurance for such

an event. The social events seem to be dying off. A lot of time and effort and money invested but not well supported. Too many assistants helping to be mentioned but they were an absolutely wonderful team.

On Page 59 of the Annual Report you will find our financial statement.

The entry was down about 70/80 on the last Melbourne entry. The publicity was in place, it is just a matter of lack of people wanting to show. By trying to keep the cost of entry under \$50 impacted on the profit/loss figures. The Saturday night function doesn't appear to be attracting people. The Thursday afternoon meet and greet was a great day.

Obedience: Most of the judges were good, although one judge was under the impression that she could judge and also compete and was not happy when told she could not compete at the event.

The meeting congratulated GSDCV on a very well run National.

ACTION: The GSDCA Obedience Chair to ensure that host clubs must include the following condition in the invitation and contract to be sent to Performance Judges as invited to officiate at the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial.

- "I understand and agree that I will not compete at this event."

ACTION: Add to the GSDCA National Trial Manual.

15.2 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 – "Royal Canin"

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes	Herr Helmet Buss (SV)
All Stock Coat Dog classes	Herr Helmet Buss (SV)
All Stock Coat Bitch classes	Herr Joachim Stiegler (SV)

Obedience Judges:

CCD & Novice, Rally Master	Mrs. Vyvyan Mannion (QLD)
Open, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent	Mrs. Lynn Klecka (VIC)
Utility Dog, Utility Dog Excellent & Rally Novice	Mr. Kevin Speed (NSW)

Junior Showmanship Judge:

Mr. Peter Hersant (QLD)

Entry Fees - Conformation:

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 & Rally:	Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00.per class

Mel Groth provided a National Show Report, and asked that Jenny Kenworthy as the Steward Co-coordinator be added.

Planning started in March last year meeting monthly. The committee will meet more often as the event gets closer. Thank you to Vince Tantaro, Jane Pike, Jacinta Poole, Cristine Begbie and Barb Blythe for providing assistance and information. Vince worked tirelessly to get new judges after nominated judges pulled out. John DeLucia will cook the BBQ Bacon and Eggs every morning. Major sponsor is Royal Canin. Pilingers Corporate Tents will have a corporate tent. We will be holding a Saturday night function on the ground. There will be a live band and prizes for the medal winners. We are still looking for class sponsorship and need sponsorship for Rally classes which isn't proving very popular in New South Wales. There will be plenty of room for personal tents to be erected after 3.00pm. Application for liquor license was lodged in July last year. Mel will contact a local hotel to see if they can assist.

The Chair said that in the past, he had the role of looking after the judges, and Val Moody was responsible for organising the Official Opening at the National, with the GSD League pleased that both Vince and Val will continue in those roles for the 2020 National.

Dogs New South Wales have approved the gun test taking place at the National. The way the gun test will be conducted as defined at the 2019 NBC meeting.

15.3 49th National – 2021 – GSDC of Victoria (TBC)

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria (TBC)

Dates – ????????

Major Sponsor is: TBC

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 Eric Bosl

Obedience Judges: To be advised

CCD

Novice

Open

UD

UDX

Junior Showmanship Judge: To be advised.

The meeting discussed the entry fees for the 2021 National with the following being approved.

Entry Fees:

Junior to Open:	Initial entry = \$50.00	subsequent	\$42.00 per class
Minor Puppy to Puppy:	Initial entry = \$40.00	subsequent	\$32.00 per class
Baby Puppies:	Initial entry = \$30.00	subsequent	\$22.00 per class
Obedience:	Initial entry = \$40.00	subsequent	\$32.00 per class

Motion: That the above entry fees for the 2021 National be accepted.

Moved: GSDCV CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021 National Update

The Chair advised the meeting that the GSDCQ have advised the Council that they are unable, due to lack of capacity, to conduct the 2021 National as originally assigned. The GSDCQ put it to their last meeting a week ago with the end result being they have pulled out. The President Elect and Executive is aware that an approach was made to the GSDCV as to whether they can run the 2021 National. The GSDCV are currently contacting the ANKC and Dogs Victoria (DV) to enquire about dates. The GSDCV sponsor, Royal Canin will come on board but not to the same extent as in 2019.

The Chair contacted Dogs Victoria and was assured that assistance would be given if GSDCV decided to pursue. Vince Ebejer commented about the issue of getting the grounds – if we can get the grounds locked in, we should be able to run the National. As we need the grounds from the Tuesday prior to and the Tuesday following a National, this might prove difficult. We are hoping that Council might be able to provide support with regard to the approach to DV. Vince Tantaro has a working relationship with Lynne Howard. We prefer a date during day light savings but the last day light savings weekend is Easter. We may have to look at dates in May around the time of our State Breed Exhibition. Many things to work out before the GSDCV can commit. GSDL commented that the ideal that Council set was that this event for many reasons be conducted in May, they also noted other Member Clubs who have hosted the event have made an effort to follow the ideal and therefore GSDCV should do likewise.

Conclusion:

Victoria will ascertain if a date and grounds are available from DV.

Then contact needs to be made with judges to see if they are still available.

Motion: “That the GSDCV make enquiries as to available date and use of grounds for the 2021 National.”

Moved: GSDAWA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The GSDCA Obedience Chair advised that as the list of National Obedience Judges were presented for the GSDC of Queensland we would now need to prepare a new list for the GSDC of Victoria choices. Julie Urie will arrange once Victoria is confirmed as the host club.

OBEDIENCE JUDGES – NATIONAL

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.

15.4 50th National – 2022 – GSDC of South Australia

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia – ***Progress Report***

Dates – (Applied to Dogs SA).

Major Sponsor is: TBA

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes –

All Stock Coat Dog classes –

All Stock Coat Bitch classes –

Reserve –

Obedience Judges: To be advised

Junior Showmanship Judge: To be advised.

Entry Fees:

Junior to Open:	Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class
Minor Puppy to Puppy:	Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class
Baby Puppies	Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class
Obedience	Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

GSDCSA - to talk with Dogs South Australia for date approval. Will contact Herr Bernd Weber re judging and then go down the list. Obedience judges will be discussed. We have made application with the FFA to see if the German and Australian flags could be parachuted into the grounds – meeting yet to take place. Speaking with Royal Canin re sponsorship. Looking at options for mementos. A small fundraising group has been formed. Our grounds will be upgraded with extra lights over the next 6 to 12 months.

The Chair suggested that GSDCSA contact the judges – the next person listed is Harold Hohmann. Vince Tantaro has offered his service to the GSDCSA to provide assistance.

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 Lothar Quoll (SC Bitches) (<i>Advised not available due to health reasons, replacement TBA</i>) Herr Harald Hohmann (SC Males & All LSC's) Herr Richard Brauch (All SC Bitches) Reserve
2020 Sydney	Herr Helmet Buss (All LSC's & SC Dogs) Herr Joachim Stiegler (All SC Bitches)
2021 Victoria (TBC)	Herr Christoph Ludwig (All LSC's & SC Dogs) Mr. Malcolm Griffiths (All SC Bitches)
2022 South Australia	Herr Bernd Weber and one of the following Herr Wolfgang Hassgall, Herr Harald Hohmann, Herr Eric Bosl. <i>To be presented to the 2020 GSDCA AGM.</i> <u>Rationale:</u> <i>Noting that this event will be another milestone in the history of the GSDCA, the invitation to Bernd Weber SV Breed Warden to officiate and judge ALL LSC & SC Males is seen as most appropriate.</i>
2023 (TBC)	To be presented at the 2020 GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting. Based on the exhibitor base, it appears the reality is that the GSDCQ should be taken off the National hosting list. The concern is that a bitch that would be mid class – makes it very expensive to just collect an excellent. LD concerned that we do not want to be seen that because the numbers are not there, it would mean that the club would be gone. I have some ideas that may stimulate the club. Concerned that nipping a club off way down the track when there are lots of things that can turn the club around. Confident the current issues will be resolved quite quickly.

16.1 Current Regulation 3.6.1.10 DNA Parentage

- 3.6.1.10 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: [2019]
- a) ANKC regulation for DNA Parentage Proven for Registration,
 - b) Dogs Queensland DNA Program,
 - c) SV-WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme” or
 - d) Any other GSDCA recognised scheme.

**Proposed amendment:
DNA Parentage**

- 3.6.1.10 That for animals born after 1st January **2022**, 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: [2019]
- a) ANKC regulation for DNA Parentage Proven for Registration *when enacted*;
 - b) Dogs Queensland DNA Program;
 - c) SV-WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme” or;
 - d) Any other GSDCA recognised scheme.

Moved: GSDCV

N&HRGSDC – Suggested that this motion be held in abeyance until we have an actual scheme in place and then discuss the options.

After discussions, the following motion was put.

Motion: That this item be rescinded until the ANKC scheme is enacted.

Moved: N&HRGSDC

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: This motion be taken to a 60 Day Motion.

16.2 GSDCA Breed Survey Manual

Motion: “That the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual Version 6.4 (July 2019) as presented be approved.”

Moved: GSDCV

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This document is the result of putting all the information together over a very long time and can be reviewed at any time where necessary. We need to get people to actually read the manual. The revamped document is much more user friendly. BS4 form no longer exists where dogs are to be surveyed in another state.

16.3 GSDCA ZAP Manual

Motion: “That as of the 1st July 2020, the ZAP Manual (Ver 1 July 2019) be approved.”

Moved: N&HRGSDC

CARRIED

For: GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDAWA, ACT GSDA, GSDCQ, N&HR, GSD League.

Against: GSDCSA.

The Manual has now been approved and will be uploaded onto the web page.

The Secretary read out an amendment to the motion requested by GSDCQ being an amendment to the motion removing any fee to be paid. GSDCQ withdrew the amendment.

GSDCSA said the main reason their club does not want to support the ZAP was primarily that their members do not want to be told what to do. We hear about people having training sessions for the ZAP test, which may mask any problems with a dog’s character.

The Chair asked the GSDCSA to promote and offer the ZAP by your own surveyors with the help of the new Executive. The ZAP test is mandatory for Breed Survey going forward.

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 National Show Manual - Change to clause 5.1

Motion: “That sub-clause 5.1.2 be added with the following wording:

No person may enter the judging ring wearing clothing which displays the name of a dog or kennel during the judging process.”

- The double handling lane is considered part of the judging ring and this rule applies to owners and water providers as well as handlers and double handlers. The only exception to this rule will be during the conduct of Breeders Groups or Sire’s Progeny Parade. Local Canine rules and ANKC rules also apply.”

Moved: GSDCV

The GSDCT moved an amendment to the Motion

Motion: “That sub-clause 5.1.2 be added with the following wording:

No person may enter the judging ring wearing clothing which displays the name of any dog or kennel during the judging process.”

Moved: GSDCT

For: GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDAWA, GSDCSA, GSDCQ, N&HR, GSD League.

Against: ACTGSDA

Amendment Carried

The Amendment now becomes the Motion.

Motion: “That sub-clause 5.1.2 be added with the following wording:

No person may enter the judging ring wearing clothing which displays the name of any dog or kennel during the judging process.”

Moved: GSDCT

For: GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDAWA, GSDCSA, GSDCQ, N&HR, GSD League.

Against: ACTGSDA

CARRIED

18.2 Change Social Media Code of Conduct to Communication Code of Conduct

Motion: “That the current GSDCA Social Media Code of Conduct be replaced with the following Communication Code of Conduct.”

Moved: GSDCQ

For: GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDAWA, GSDCSA, GSDCQ, N&HR, GSD League.

Against: ACTGSDA

CARRIED

Communication Code of Conduct

Scope

This Communication Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct) applies to all German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) officers, member clubs and their members (Members).

Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to:

outline to Members the expectations and requirements of the GSDCA for all forms of communication between Members and, in relation to GSDCA matters, between Members and anyone else; and ensure that Members understand the expectations and requirements of the GSDCA with respect to communications between Members and, in relation to GSDCA matters, between Members and anyone else.

Background

When communicating, we should treat each other with respect and adhere to the highest standards of ethics and professionalism.

In this Code of Conduct, the word 'communication' is intended to cover all forms of communication whether it be face to face, verbal, in print, using telecommunications technology, electronic media or other technology or media currently in existence or developed from time to time.

Examples of electronic media include short message or messaging service, social media, email, the internet, social networks, podcasts, photographs or pictures, video, rating and social bookmarking.

Whilst the content of all forms of communication needs to be carefully considered, the dynamic and immediate nature of electronic communications can make that task more difficult. Despite this, the GSDCA requires its Members to uphold the highest ethical standards demonstrating respect, honesty and integrity when communicating with one another and, in relation to GSDCA matters, anyone else.

Expectations

- **Abide** by GSDCA Guiding Principles & Code of Ethics;
- **Be reasonable, polite, courteous, considerate and respectful** – listen to others and do not be rude, malicious, offensive, misleading or unfair in your communication with anyone including Members or members of other ANKC affiliated bodies;
- **Be accurate** – check your facts and ensure you can substantiate what you communicate; and
- **Act** in manner that is consistent with community expectations.

Members are expected to communicate in a manner that complies with this Code of Conduct and the law. Relevant law includes laws relating to defamation, copyright, harassment (sexual or otherwise), discrimination (racial, religious or otherwise), intimidation and bullying.

Breach of the Communication Code of Conduct

The GSDCA takes compliance with this Code of Conduct seriously. Any breach or suspected breach of this Code of Conduct should be reported to GSDCA for investigation.

A breach of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary action could be, for example, the issuing of a formal warning or temporary or permanent suspension from the GSDCA.

The GSDCA will not accept, tolerate, condone or support any communication it considers:

- could be damaging to children. This will be referred to the Police; or
- could amount to any form of abuse, discrimination, intimidation and/or bullying. This may be referred for legal advice or to the Police.

Further information

Any Member who requires further information regarding this Code of Conduct may contact the President or Secretary of the GSDCA, or the President or Secretary of the club of which they are a member.

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

20.1 **Motion - Moved: GSDAWA**

“That the GSDCA pay the cost of accommodation and airfare for the Breed Health & Welfare Officer to attend the GSDCA NBC/Judges Meetings.”

Moved: GSDAWA

For: GSD League, GSDCQ, GSDAWA.

Against: GSDCSA, GSDCT, GSDCV, N&HR, ACTGSDA.

MOTION LOST

A current Regulation already exists (below). The NBC Executive can make the decision based on what there is to offer and the need for the officer to be at the meeting to make a presentation relating to health issues. This principal applies to all of the NBC officers.

Current Regulation:

2.6.4 The reimbursement of expenses related to the attendance of any GSDCA Officer at a meeting will only be approved by the GSDCA Executive if there is an essential requirement for that Officer to report and/or participate directly in the meeting. [2016].

2.6.4.1 If an Officer is requested to attend a meeting of the GSDCA then travel, accommodation and meals will be reimbursed as applies to GSDCA Executive. [2016]

20.2 **Motion – Moved: GSDAWA – National Awards**

“That the GSDCA National Awards be presented and recognized at the National Show & Trial irrespective of the recipient being in attendance.”

The GSDCV moved the following suggested amendment to the motion:

Motion: “That a list of recipients of GSDCA National Breeders, Obedience and Achievement awards be read out at the Official Opening and names and awards listed in the National catalogue ensuring due recognition of achievements. The recipients collect their awards at the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony.”

For: GSD League, GSDAWA, GSDCV, N&HR, GSDCT.

Against: ACTGSDA

AMENDMENT CARRIED

The Amendment now becomes the Motion.

Motion: “That a list of recipients of GSDCA National Breeders, Obedience and Achievement awards be read out at the Official Opening and names and awards listed in the National catalogue ensuring due recognition of achievements. The recipients collect their awards at the conclusion of the Opening Ceremony.”

For: GSD League, GSDAWA, GSDCV, N&HR, GSDCT.

Against: ACTGSDA

Abstained: GSDCQ, GSDCSA.

CARRIED

The Chair requested that Val Moody add this requirement in the Official Opening info pack and advise the League about this requirement.

20.3 **Motion: - Moved GSDCV - Nomination for GSDCA Performance Preferred list**

“That Dearne Jackson be placed on the GSDCA Performance Preferred List of judges.”

Moved: GSDCV

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Saturday session of the GSDCA Annual General Meeting concluded at 4.38pm and will resume at 9.00am on Sunday 9th February 2020.

The Sunday session of the AGM was declared open at 9.02am with the Chair welcoming everyone to the second day of the meeting.

President	Sean Lynch (Apology) Vince Tantaro (Chair)
Secretary	Lyn Phillis (Val Moody Acting Secretary)
NBC Chair	Jenny Yuen
Judges Chair	Louis Donald
Treasurer	Peter Flynn (Apology)
QNR Editor	Jacinta Poole
Obedience Chair	Julie Urie
Minute Secretary	Barbara Blythe
ACT GSDA President	Wolf Meffert
ACT GSDA Vice President	Sasha Beljanski
GSD League President	Terry Jarvis
GSD League Vice President	Meanie Groth
GSDC of Victoria President	Tony Mercieca
GSDC of Victoria Secretary	Vince Ebejer
GSDC of South Australia President	John DeLucia
GSDA of Western Australia President	Brian Lubbock
GSDC of Tasmania Secretary	Jacque Cullen
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC Secretary	Paul York
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC Vice President	Brad Foley
GSDC of Queensland	N/A – (Val Moody to advise Queensland votes as provided by GSDCQ).
Observers	
Frank Moody	Pam Jarvis
Joanne Cathie	Nicky McDermott
Val Moody	Robyn Knuckey
Fran Tantaro	Jane Pike
Sharon Thorp	
Apologies	
Peter Flynn	
GSDC of Queensland	
Jeanie Priest	

21 Other Matters referred to the AGM

Motions 21.1 to 21.8 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 Club Meeting Subsidy

Motion: “That the following regulation 2.7.2 be rescinded:

- 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 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

Moved: GSDCV, GSDCQ, N&HR, ACT GSDA, GSDAWA, GSDCSA, GSD League.

Against: GSDCT

CARRIED

21.2 President's Visits

Motion: "That the following regulation 2.6.8 be rescinded:

2.6.8 The GSDCA President may be afforded expenses to visit remote Member Clubs on a rotation basis.

Moved: N&HRGSDC

CARRIED

For: GSD League, GSDCV, N&HR, ACT GSDA, GSDAWA

Against: GSDCSA, GSDCT, GSDCQ.

21.3 Rescind Regulations

Motion: "That Regulations 6.1.2 and 6.3.1 be rescinded."

6.1.2 GSDCA Specialist Judges and Aspiring Specialist Judges Review, Disciplinary and Appeals Procedures.

6.3.1 GSDCA Breed Surveyor and Aspiring Breed Surveyor Review, Disciplinary and Appeals Procedures.

Moved: GSDCSA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendments detailed below came about from the Forum held a couple of years ago in accordance with member feedback, and the perception that some members believe not all judges/surveyors adhere to the intent of the agreement as written.

21.4 GSDCA Breed Surveyor/Specialist Judges Review, Investigation, Disciplinary & Appeals Procedures.

Motion: "That the GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge/Aspiring Breed Surveyor, GSDCA Specialist Judge/GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Investigation, Disciplinary & Appeals Procedures be approved."

6.1.2 GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge/Breed Surveyor, GSDCA Specialist Judge/GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Investigation, Disciplinary and Appeal Procedures.

6.1.2.1 Review Procedure

- a) The GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge/ Breed Surveyor, GSDCA Specialist Judge, GSDCA Breed Surveyor shall 90 days before the expiry of the agreement, forward to the NBC Executive and their GSDCA Member Club in their State or Territory of domicile a summary of their involvement over the past three years.
- b) The summary should include a history of:
 - i. Breed surveys attended;
 - ii. Shows attended;
 - iii. Shows judged;
 - iv. Club meetings and or involvement;
 - v. Positions held at GSDCA and/or Club level;
 - vi. Participation held in other canine clubs and/or at canine control level;
 - vii. Any other evidence of demonstrated participation and/or work for the breed.
- c) The NBC Executive, in consultation with the applicants Member Club of domicile:
 - i. endorses the new Service Agreement that may be reviewed from time to time and will apply for the next 3 years.
 - ii. may rule that the Specialist Judge/Breed Surveyor has not shown the required level of commitment and request the applicant in writing to provide further evidence of demonstrated participation to the GSDCA Secretary in writing within 30 days.
 - iii. does not endorse the renewal of the Service Agreement. An investigation will be undertaken as per Regulations 6.1.2.2.

6.1.2.2 Investigation and Disciplinary Procedures

In cases where the renewal of the GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge/ Breed Surveyor, GSDCA Specialist Judge, GSDCA Breed Surveyor status has not been endorsed, or an allegation of a breach of the GSDCA Specialist Judge/Breed Surveyor Service Agreement is made in writing to the GSDCA Secretary by a member, Member Club and/or Officer of the GSDCA, that person will be notified by the GSDCA Secretary in writing and advised that an investigation will be undertaken as per Regulations 6.1.2.2.

- a) All communication regarding the matter will be closely held and marked CONFIDENTIAL and NOT FOR CIRCULATION.
- b) The correspondence to the defendant will include the points of the Service Agreement which have allegedly been breached and details of the complaint made.
- c) The defendant will be required to respond to the GSDCA Secretary in writing within 30 days from the date of the correspondence.
- d) In the case of a response not being received by the GSDCA Secretary within 30 days from the defendant, the alleged breach will proceed to investigation.
- e) An Investigation Committee will be formed to consider the allegation and the defendant's response.
- f) Persons who are not family members, close friends or in partnership of any kind with the defendant will be eligible to serve on GSDCA Investigative and Appeals Committees as formed by the GSDCA Executive.
- g) The GSDCA Executive will appoint an Investigation Committee comprising of at least:
 - i. two (2) Member Club Presidents of which one will be nominated as Chair, and
 - ii. one (1) member of a GSDCA Member Club,
 - iii. members as assigned to the Investigation Committee must not be members of the GSDCA Member Club in the State/Territory of domicile of the defendant.
- h) The Investigation Committee will ensure that all parties are directly consulted and obtain written statements as evidence.
- i) In addition to their original response to the GSDCA Secretary, the defendant will be formally requested to defend their case by written submission within 7 days of such a request.
- j) Where a defendant does not respond to requests in writing, the matter will still proceed to be dealt with. **By the investigation committee.**
- k) The Investigation committee will after 30 days of being formed present in writing their findings, recommendations and penalty, if any, to be imposed to the GSDCA Secretary. **By the investigation committee.**
- l) The recommendations will be presented to the GSDCA Executive who will implement the findings from the investigation. **By the investigation committee.**
- m) The GSDCA Secretary will convey to the defendant the result of the investigation.
- n) If after 7 days has elapsed an appeal has not been received the GSDCA Member Clubs will be advised of the result of the investigation.
- o) At the conclusion of the Investigation the members of the Committee will be asked to delete all correspondence in relation to the decision. ONLY the GSDCA Secretary will retain copies of all correspondence in relation to the case. Any copies should be deleted.

GSDCT put forward the following amendments to the motion:

- 1. Replace the word "*Defendant*" with "**Respondent**" throughout the whole document
Amendment moved by GSDCT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- b) The correspondence to the defendant will include the points/clauses of the Service Agreement which have allegedly been breached and details of the complaint made.
Amendment moved by GSDCT LOST
- i) In addition to their original response to the GSDCA Secretary, the defendant will be formally requested to defend their case by written submission within 7 days of such a request.
Amendment moved by GSDCT LOST

Paragraphs j), k) and l) Executive to provide further clarification of the amendments printed in red.

Amendment moved by GSDCV

For: GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDAWA, GSDCSA, GSD League, N&HR.

Against: ACTGSDA

Abstained: GSDCQ

CARRIED

ACTION: NBC Executive to send out notification of the new amended Regulation.

6.1.2.3 Appeal Procedure

- a) All communication regarding the matter will be closely held and marked "CONFIDENTIAL and NOT FOR CIRCULATION".
- b) An appeal against the decision of the Investigation Committee must be lodged with the GSDCA Secretary within 7 days of the decision being forwarded to the defendant.
- b) Application for an appeal may only be made citing:

- I. incorrect procedure during the Investigation/Disciplinary process, and/or
 - II. new evidence, and/or
 - III. in the opinion of the defendant an excessively harsh or unfair penalty has been imposed.
- c) The GSDCA Executive will appoint an Appeal Committee comprising of at least:
 - I. two (2) Member Club Presidents of which one will be nominated as Chair, and
 - II. one (1) member of a GSDCA Member Club,
 - III. members as assigned to of the Investigation Committee must not be members of the GSDCA Member Club in the State/Territory of domicile of the defendant.
 - d) Appeal Committee members will receive a copy of all documents regarding the breach. These will include recommendations of the Investigation Committee and documents as presented by the defendant in defence of their case and any other documents as identified relevant to the case.
 - e) The defendant may be asked for a written statement to further support his/her appeal within 7 days of such a request.
 - f) The Appeals Committee will after 30 days of being formed present in writing their findings and decision to the GSDCA Secretary.
 - g) The decision will be presented to the GSDCA Executive.
 - h) The Appeal Committee decision shall be final and will be conveyed in writing by the GSDCA Secretary to the defendant and GSDCA Member Clubs.
 - i) At the conclusion of the Appeal Procedure the members of the Committee will be asked to delete all correspondence in relation to the decision. ONLY the GSDCA Secretary will retain copies of all correspondence in relation to the case. Any copies should be deleted.

These procedures are based on one of the Canine Control forms and provide a better set of guidelines.

Moved: GSDCSA

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.5 Seeking Legal Opinion

Motion: "That the council approve the matter of Regulations 6.1.2: GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge/Breed Surveyor, GSDCA Specialist Judge/GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Investigation, Disciplinary and Appeal Procedures be referred to a solicitor for review and recommendation to ensure they are practical and applicable if the GSDCA Service Agreement as applies to GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge/Breed Surveyor, GSDCA Specialist Judge/GSDCA Breed Surveyor is breached."

Moved: GSDCSA

For: GSDCSA, GSD League, GSDCT, GSDAWA, GSDCV, N&HR

Against: GSDCQ, ACTGSDA

CARRIED

Action: **The GSDCA Executive to forward the GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge/Breed Surveyor, GSDCA Specialist Judge/GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Investigation, Disciplinary and Appeal Procedures to a solicitor for review and recommendation.**

21.6 Approach to ANKC re HD/ED LRL

Motion: "That the GSDCA approach the ANKC to amend the HD/ED LRL that will see progeny from animals that do not meet the LRL requirements not registered on the ANKC Main or Limited Register."

Moved: GSDCV

For: GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDCQ, GSDAWA, N&HR, GSDCSA, GSD League.

Against: ACTGSDA

CARRIED

Discussion:

- The approach should be on the basis of breed health.
- If pups are coming from pedigree parents and the pups are pedigreed and registered, the limited register has "not to be bred with" across the top of the pedigree.
- Will be very difficult to get this approved.
- The Limited Register was instigated for those pups that were not up to standard rather than euthanise the pup.

NBC Chair explained that the intent of this motion is to try to stop an animal from being bred that has a hip score well over the accepted ratio. We acknowledge that these animals will still be used for breeding outside the kennel control. In Victoria if you breed with an animal that does not comply with a scheme, that animal is labeled “reckless breeding” and the breeder can be sued if pups also have the same problem.

Action: The GSDCA Executive to forward this request to the ANKC.

21.7 GSDCA Interpreters

(a) **Motion: “That the current list of Interpreters be removed from the GSDCA National Show Manual.**

Mr. Hans Jurgen Neddermeyer
Ms. Elke Effler
Mrs. Anita Pettenhofer
Mr. Jurgen Haase

Ms. Friedel Gehring
Mrs. Honey Gross-Richardson
Mrs. Joylene Neddermeyer
Mr. Ingo Kahl

(b) **Motion: “That the following GSDCA Interpreter/Translator Listing be placed in the GSDCA Regulations Manual.”**

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| • Ms. Friedel Gehring | German |
| • Mrs. Elke Effler | German |
| • Mrs. Honey Gross-Richardson | German |
| • Mr. Jurgen Haase | German |
| • Mr. Ingo Kahl | German |
| • Mrs. Jenny DeLucia | German |
| • Mr. Stephan Gumpert | German |
| • Mr. Vincenzo Tantarò | Italian |
| • Mr. Maurice Jara | Spanish |

Moved: N&HRGSDC

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21.8 Size: Change to Breed Survey Manual

Motion: “That as of 1st July 2020, the acceptable maximum limits for size are defined as:

- **Animals that are oversize and measure no more than 62cm (Bitches) or 67cm (Dogs) and considered of HIGH anatomical worth may be considered for Breed Survey Classification.**
- **Animals that measure over 62cm (Bitches) and 67cm (Dogs) will be recorded as failed.”**

Moved: GSDCV

For: GSDCV, GSDCT, GSDAWA, GSDCQ

Against: GSDCSA, GSD League, ACTGSDA, N&HR

CARRIED

This item was discussed at length with differing views being expressed by the delegates. It was pointed out that by having 2 or more surveyors measure the dogs and agree with the measurement, then surely the measurement would be accepted by the members who are usually watching the measuring process. If there is a lack of trust in judges/surveyors, then members have the opportunity to raise their performance when contracts are due for renewal. As the Clubs endorse the breed surveyors put forward, then there is a process in place where clubs can have a surveyor removed due to lack of confidence in that person.

22 **General Business**

22.1 Discussion Item - GSDAWA

WA asks that we look to include in our Members Code of Ethics, a clause reminding breeders of their responsibility to the dogs which they have bred and sold. It is unacceptable that in some cases these dogs are just sent to a rescue group without support from the breeder. We appreciate that not everyone has the facilities to take a dog back, but they should try to find suitable accommodation and ensure the dog finds a good and responsible second owner.

Discussion:

- GSDAWA - A rescue group contacts the Club when they get a GSD into their facility. When the person surrendering a dog is asked if they have spoken to their breeder for advice and assistance, the answer given is usually “no”.
- GSDCV - We have a Rehoming service and try to help rehome the dog, but the breeder isn't always in a position to take the dog back to their premises.
- GSD League - Some breeders will help, and others won't assist. When contacted, we put them onto our normal rescue group and try to assist that way.
- N&HR - Most breeders will try to assist. If such a clause is in writing, then somebody will use that in a court case.
- GSDCSA - The Club could become a third party to litigation if we have a ruling in our documentation.

Conclusion:

All Clubs consider the suggestion as to whether they want to include such a clause in their Code of Ethics and act accordingly.

22.2 Discussion Item: - Immediate Past GSDCA President Project Outreach - “One Goal- 2 Paths”

Member Clubs have been asked to consider how best can we as an organisation reach out to GSD breeders/ owners who do not participate in GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes or are members of our Clubs.

The meeting discussed the PowerPoint presentation provided to all Clubs prior to the meeting which outlined a proposed staged approach to take place over the next three years. It was suggested that each Club establish a working party and come back to this meeting with their responses. The aim of the project is to enhance the membership of the club and ensure we are relevant to the needs of GSD breeders, whether breed surveyed or not. We must encourage people and make them feel welcome. This idea came about from the Breed Survey Forum and the fact is that we are getting less and less members.

GSDCSA - Jenny DeLucia from the GSDCSA researched the last 10 years of Dogs SA magazines and compiled the data. She contacted each of the breeders who were not members of the club and was told that they only would want to be a member as a selling point for selling their pups.

N&HRGSDC - Stated they believed the current Breed Surveyors/Judge agreement, which prohibits stud dogs going to unsurveyed bitches, is stopping people coming into the fold.

GSDCV - Our members who attended the SGM suggested we consider allowing people to use our schemes without becoming members – i.e. hip and elbow. Before we can preach the ideals, we know we have some members who do not follow our rules by breeding with two breed survey parents. Some feedback received was “no one is going to tell me what to do with my dog”. We promote the questions puppy enquiries should be asking before buying a puppy. Only 6 breeders advertise on the club's website. A lot are using Gumtree and Facebook.

NBC: The information provided by Jenny DeLucia is indepth. The actual coverage of use of two surveyed parents in South Australia is quite impressive. Trying to get the correct information out is a real problem. Some of the people who do the wrong thing have one person who is a member and the other isn't. People coming through club websites, are more informed and have done their homework.

Frank Moody – Database Coordinator - By using the database, he can go back a few years and can identify the kennels and collate which dogs are surveyed or not. Those prolific breeders who use two surveyed parents and those who use one surveyed parent can be identified and the data can be forwarded to the Clubs.

Action: Frank Moody, Database Coordinator to compile the data as discussed and forward the information to the NBC Executive who can look into it further.

Conclusion: Consider appointing a surveyor/judge in each Club, or appoint a member to take on this task. This would be the first step and that will drive direct approaches aimed at increasing our membership and better serving the breed.

The Chair asked the GSDCSA delegate to please pass on our thanks to Jenny DeLucia for her initiative in taking the time to compile such telling data.

22.3 Discussion item: - GSDCA Executive

“That the GSDCA NBC & Judges Committee meetings are held every 2 years, therefore the meeting will be held in July 2020 and thereafter in 2022 etc.”

Moved: GSD League

FOR: GSDCSA, N&HR, GSDCQ, ACTGSDA.

AGAINST: GSDCV, GSDAWA, GSDCT, GSD League.

MOTION LOST

The delegates had differing views regarding this item. Some Clubs believe that the NBC meeting is the right place to hold education seminars, given that there is always a great deal of differing views and ideas expressed between Judges/Surveyors, therefore providing an avenue for indepth discussion in instances where the peer group disagree between themselves. Others expressed the view that “we are preaching to the converted”.

22.4 Discussion item – N&HR GSDC

That from 2021 the GSDCA AGM voting system for all Executive positions will be done as per the attached proposal from the Australian Election Company.

As this was placed on the agenda as a discussion item, and after lengthy discussion, it was clear that the majority of Clubs did not support this discussion item and it therefore did not go forward.

22.5 Discussion Item - National – 2022 – Host GSDC of South Australia

The 50th National will be hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia and will be a significant milestone in our history.

This National should be a celebration of all our achievements and recognition that this event is the major tool by which we have improved the health and welfare of the GSD in Australia. Whilst the GSDCSA will host the event it is most important that all members of the Council contribute in order that the entry and event is not only memorable but reflects the state of the breed. It is hoped the discussion will start a process of inclusion of all Member Clubs on how best we can ALL contribute to its conduct of and ultimate success!

The GSDCSA provided an outline of the events they were planning and ongoing discussions with possible sponsors. Catering will be handled in house which is a great benefit cost wise. A small fundraising group is in place. They are considering options for special mementos to be given to each exhibitor marking the 50th National. The design etc will be discussed with the NBC Executive. The Club will put together a plan of action.

The Chair asked the Clubs to consider whether they could make a financial commitment to the South Australian club to help celebrate the anniversary of the 50th National.

22.6 Discussion Item

Proposed Motion:

a) **Motion:** “That as of the 2020 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial, the Barry O’Rourke Memorial Plaque is introduced and awarded to the Junior Dog (SC) winner.”

Moved: N&HRGSDC

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: This motion be a 60 day motion.

- b) **Motion: “That the current Regulation 2.3 Procedure for SV Judges clearances be rescinded and replaced with the new 2.3 Procedure for SV Judges clearances, as provided to Member Clubs on the 27th November 2019.”**

Moved: GSDCV

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair stated to the meeting if all were in agreement that the Regulation should be changed as per the requirement in which the NBC Executive can change regulations where it requires housekeeping. All agreed and the Chair thanked the clubs for their common sense approach.

Current Regulation:

2.3 Procedure for SV Judges Clearances

2.3.1 The Member Club hosting the Show must write to the GSDCA Secretary no later than 12 weeks before the show date requesting an SV Judges Clearance, providing:

- a) The name of the Judge/s;
- b) The date of the event;
- c) The venue the event will be held;
- d) Request current Fees from the Secretary. 2.3.2 Method of payment shall be by Credit Card only. [2016]

Member Club to provide Credit Card details to the GSDCA Secretary:

- a) Type of card – “Visa” or “Mastercard” (Only),
- b) Card Number (16 digit),
- c) Card Expiry Date (4 digit)
- d) Charges to the credit card will include the SV Judges Clearance Fee and associated bank charges (Charge in Australian dollars will depend on exchange rate).
- e) Credit Card information held by the GSDCA Secretary will be kept confidential at all times.
- f) The Member Club must also forward a Member Club cheque made payable to the “GSDCA Inc.” for the GSDCA Administration Fee, for processing each request, as per GSDCA Scale of Charges.

Proposed Change:

2.3 Procedure for SV Judges Clearances

- 1) Member Club applies to the GSDCA Secretary for an SV Judges Clearance by advising the following:
 - Name of event
 - Date of event
 - Place of event
 - Name of Judge
- 2) GSDCA Secretary applies to the SV for the SV Judges Clearance on behalf of Member Club.
- 3) GSDCA Secretary receives invoice for 150 euro from SV.
- 4) GSDCA Secretary forwards the invoice to GSDCA Treasurer for payment by International Transfer from our bank account.
- 5) After payment the GSDCA Treasurer forwards an invoice to Member Club which will include the amount payable after exchange rate, bank transfer fee as determined by the bank and the GSDCA Administration Fee of \$10.00.
- 6) Member Club pays invoice direct to GSDCA Treasurer.
- 7) GSDCA Secretary forwards the SV confirmation of clearance once received to the Member Club.

The Chair announced that the business as detailed in the Agenda had been concluded and that as his task as Chair of the meeting is now completed, he would hand over to the newly elected members of the GSDCA Executive to address the meeting.

The President of GSDCSA said that he was speaking on behalf of all of South Australian members and wanted to thank the outgoing Executive. You all have our respect and we wish you all the best for the future and sincerely thank you for all your time and effort over the years.

The newly elected GSDCA Secretary, Mrs. Lyn Phillis addressed the meeting thanking everyone for their assistance. She acknowledged she had big shoes to fill but she was happy to take on the position of the GSDCA Secretary position. She said that she is always available to talk to anyone. She is looking forward to working with the Executive, acknowledging that things will be different and change, but fresh eyes is sometimes a good thing.

The newly elected GSDCA Judges Committee Chair Mr. Louis Donald then addressed the meeting supporting the sentiments expressed by the South Australian President. He said that having been part of this organisation for a very, very long time he had strong views as to what the Council should and can do for the betterment of the breed. He thanked the outgoing President acknowledging that he had carried the flag for the Council and the position of Council highly for which we are all grateful. He said he stood for the position because he believes he has a lot to contribute and a vision to put forward to the new Executive.

The NBC Chair, Mrs. Jenny Yuen thanked everyone for attending and welcomed the new Executive whilst commenting that she will certainly miss the outgoing Executive members who have been such a support to her over the past 12 months. She implored all to find a path forward where we can all work together for the betterment of the breed.

Mr. Tantaró declared the meeting closed. He thanked everyone for their input and participation and wished the new Executive all the best and offered support if and when needed.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.20pm.

23 60th GSDCA Annual General Meeting - 2021

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 60th GSDCA Annual General Meeting will be held on the 6th & 7th February 2021 in Sydney, New South Wales.