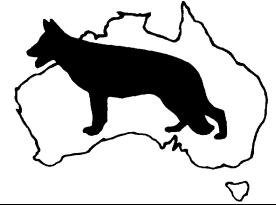


**The 60th Annual General Meeting of the
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.**
to be held via Zoom Meeting 6 & 7 February 2021



Annual General Meeting Agenda

PLEASE NOTE:

The GSDCA Annual General Meeting (AGM), will be preceded by the GSDCA Executive Meeting, with the AGM set to commence 10.00 am on Saturday 6th February 2021 via Video link and continue through to Sunday (if necessary) to conclude once all business has been dealt with. Details in relation to the Zoom meeting will follow closer to time.

Voting Strength

Member Club	Representative	Voting Strength
Australian Capital Territory GSDA	Mr. Wolf Meffert	
GSD League	Mrs. Fay Stokes	
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC	Mr. Paul York & Mrs Kay York	
GSDC of Queensland	Ms. Sharon Thorpe	
GSDC of South Australia	Mr. John DeLucia	
GSDC of Tasmania	Ms. Jacquie Cullen	
GSDC of Victoria	Mr. Vince Ebejer	
GSDA of Western Australia	Mr. Brian Lubbock	
Total Votes		

Voting Strength - To be advised by the GSDCA Treasurer, as per the affiliation fees paid to the GSDCA Inc.

1 Opening

2 Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes from 59th GSDCA AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the 59th GSDCA Annual General Meeting held on the 8th & 9th February 2020 in Victoria be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved:

2.2 Matters Arising from 59th AGM

ACTION	Actioned by	Date Completed
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).	Executive	Not completed

<p>“That the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award be presented to Police Dog “Demon” involved in the Lindt Café Seige at the 2020 National.</p>	<p>Val Moody</p>	<p>Completed 20.3.2020 Due to cancellation of 48th National the award was -to be held over to a GSDL Champ Show to be presented by GSDCA President</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Obedience Chair</p>	<p>Completed 30.06.2020</p>
<p>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. The Chair requested that Val Moody add this requirement in the Official Opening info pack and advise the League about this requirement.</p>	<p>Val Moody</p>	<p>Due to COVID-19, the suggested lists were not compiled as the GSD League “National” was postponed.</p>
<p>GSDCA Breed Surveyor/Specialist Judges Review, Investigation, Disciplinary & Appeals Procedures. NBC Executive to send out notification of the new amended Regulation.</p>	<p>NBC Chair</p>	<p>Completed 01.07.2020</p>
<p><u>Seeking Legal Opinion</u> 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.</p>	<p>GSDCA Secretary</p>	<p>General advice obtained from Andersons Solicitors SA 19 June 2020</p>
<p>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.” The GSDCA Executive to forward this request to the ANKC.</p>	<p>GSDCA Secretary</p>	<p>Completed 11 May 2020 ANKC AGM was cancelled due to COVID-19</p>
<p>Database Coordinator - By using the database, the coordinator 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.</p>	<p>GSDCA Database Coordinator</p>	<p>Sent to NBC Chair Summary published in QNR. Completed.</p>

2.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 59th AGM under the “60 Day rule”.

<p>Motion 1</p>	<p>Motion: Regulation 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. The prescribed ANKC Performance Disciplines are: <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. 	<p>Carried</p>
<p>Motion 2</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>To calculate the membership units, use the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Single membership = one (1) unit b) Double membership = two (2) units c) Family membership = two (2) units d) Junior membership = nil <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Calculation of membership units will be based on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Single membership - one (1) unit = 1 adult with or without children under 18 years of age. 	<p>Carried</p>

	<p>b) Dual membership - two (2) units = maximum 2 adults no children.</p> <p>c) Family membership - two (2) units = maximum 2 adults with children under 18 years of age.</p> <p>d) Life Member – one (1) unit = 1 adult with or without children under 18 years of age.</p> <p>e) Junior membership – nil.</p>	
Motion 3	<p>Motion:</p> <p>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]</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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]</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>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. It was felt that it should go to clubs for further discussion under the 60 day rule.</i></p>	Carried
Motion 4	<p>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.”</p>	Carried

3 President’s report – Mr. S Lynch

4 Treasurer’s report – Mr. P Flynn

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

5 Secretary’s report – Mrs. L Phillis

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

- 6.1 ACT GSDA – Mr. Wolf Meffert
- 6.2 GSD League – Mr. Terry Jarvis
- 6.3 Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC – Mr. Paul York
- 6.4 GSDC of Queensland – Mr. Louis Donald
- 6.5 GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia
- 6.6 GSDC of Tasmania – Mr. David Griffin
- 6.7 GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Vince Ebejer
- 6.8 GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Brian Lubbock

7 Chairperson National Breed Commission – Mrs. Jenny Yuen

- 7.1 National Breed Survey Registrar – Ms. Melanie Groth
- 7.2 Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chairperson, Dr. Candy Baker
- 7.3 National Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar, Mr. Doug West
- 7.4 National Title Verification Officer – Mrs. Jenny DeLucia

8 Chairperson Judges Committee – Mr. L Donald

9 Chairperson Obedience Committee – Mrs. Julie Urie

10 Editor Quarterly National Review – Ms. Jacinta Poole

11 Sub Committee Reports:

- 11.1 National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie
- 11.2 National Database Coordinator – Mr. Frank Moody
- 11.3 Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis
- 11.4 Website Officer – Ms. Jacinta Poole
- 11.5 GSDCA Youth Officer – Mr. Kurt Morton
- 11.6 Public Relations Officer – Mr. Paul York
- 11.7 Historian – N/A
- 11.8 Breed Specific Legislation Officer – N/A

12 WUSV Meeting (2020) Report:

WUSV General Annual Assembly Meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

13 Determination of scale of fees for financial year 2020/2021

No increases to be considered for the 2020/2021 year.

14 Election of Office Bearers – (The following nominations were received by the due date 6/11/2020)

14.1 Executive

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Term
NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIR	Mr. Ian Urie	GSDL, GSDCQ, GSDCV	2 Year
	----- Mr. Stephen Collins	----- GSDCSA, N&HR, ACTGSDA	
SECRETARY	Mrs. Lyn Phillis	GSDCSA, N&HR,	2 Year
OBEDIENCE CHAIR	Mr. John DeLucia	GSDL, GSDCSA, N&HR	2 Year
EDITOR QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW	Mrs. Yvonne Yun	N&HR	1 Year

NOTE: Resumes for candidates for the positions of National Breed Commission Chair is placed at the end of the agenda on pages 12 & 13, for your information.

14.2 Expression of Interest for Other Positions

Position	<u>Nominee</u>	Nominated by	Term
Public Officer	Mr. Brenton Lowes	ACTGSDA	1 Year
HD/ED Registrar	Mr. Doug West	N&HR, GSDL, ACTGSDC	1 Year
<i>NBC Registrar (To be selected by the NBC Chair with agreement by the NBC Executive).</i>	No nomination		1 Year
Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair	Dr Candy Baker	GSDAWA	1 Year
National Show Liaison Officer	Mr. Ian Urie	GSDCV	1 Year
Website Officer	Ms. Jacinta Poole	GSDCV	1 Year
Trophy Officer	Mr. Terry Jarvis	N&HR, GSDL, ACTGSDC	1 Year
	Mrs. Hannah Kelly	GSDCV	
Breed Specific Legislation Officer	Mr. John Fenner	GSDAWA	1 Year
Public Relations Officer	Mr. Paul York	N&HR	1 Year
Historian	No nomination		1 Year

15.1 48th National – 2020 – GSD League

Host – German Shepherd Dog League of New South Wales
Dates – 15th, 16th and 17th May 2020
Major Sponsor – “Royal Canin”

48TH National in 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.

48th National in 2021 is cancelled due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty of international travelling being allowed by that time.

48th National – 2022 – GSD League

Host: German Shepherd Dog League of New South Wales
Dates: Dates to be confirmed.
Major sponsor – to be confirmed
Conformation Judges: to remain – subject to availability.

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

15.2 49th National – 2023 - GSDCV

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria
Dates – To be confirmed
Major Sponsor: Royal Canin

Conformation Judges: To remain – subject to availability

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.

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

15.3 50th National – 2024 – GSDC of South Australia

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

Dates – TBC

Major Sponsor is: TBC

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

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 & 2021	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
2022 Sydney	Herr Helmet Buss (All LSC's & SC Dogs) Herr Joachim Stiegler (All SC Bitches)
2023 Melbourne	Herr Christoph Ludwig (All LSC's & SC Dogs) Mr. Malcolm Griffiths (All SC Bitches)
2024 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 2022 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>
2025	For discussion as Melbourne will be hosting the 49 th National Show and Trial in 2023.

16 Matters referred to AGM from National Breed Commission

National Breed Commission (NBC) meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19

17 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges Meeting

Breed Surveyors and Specialist Judges meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19

18 Matters referred to the AGM from the Judges Committee

Judges Committee meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19

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

20 Matters referred by Member Clubs to the AGM

20.1 **Motion - Moved: GSDCQ** Executive required to breed under guidelines as per Breed Surveyors and Judges.

“That as of 2021 the GSDCA elected Executive members be required to breed under the guidelines set down for GSDCA Judges and Surveyors”

Rationale

Those individuals putting themselves forward to be elected to a position on the GSDCA Executive should be setting the standard for the membership and the ideals set forward by the council for our breed improvement schemes. A person who stands in one of these positions should set an example for the membership across Australia and for those people who serve the council as recognised GSDCA judges and surveyors.

A person who stands for any Executive position who is not prepared to breed within these requirements should not be elected as they are not demonstrating the ideals of the Council.

20.2 **Motion – Moved: GSDQ – 2 Breed Surveyors at Small Club Surveys**

“The rule that requires a minimum of 2 Breed Surveyors to adjudicate at breed surveys is rescinded.”

Rationale

The Executive of the GSDCA put this rule in place without it being put to an AGM of the GSDCA in the required constitutional fashion. That is, there was no due notice afforded to clubs to consider the motion, no motion was placed and voted on at an AGM and therefore the rule is unconstitutional and therefore invalid.

20.3 Motion: - Moved GSDSA – Criteria and Eligibility to Participate

“Rescind Clause 4.10 – Animals born after 1 July 2018 to be classified at breed survey must not have linebreeding closer than (3-3). Accepted linebreeding is (2-4; 4-2; 3-3; 2-5; 5-2 or wider) [2019] Animals born prior to 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3)”

Rationale

This motion was introduced as part of the WUSV Harmonisation program. No scientific evidence was presented to validate the effect of this change. No evidence was presented to show any detrimental effect of 2-3 or 3-2 line breeding on the Breed. The WUSV in their own Breeding rules allow 2-3 or 3-2 until 2025.

20.4 Motion: - Moved GSDSA – Specialist Judges & Aspiring Specialist Judges, Breed Surveyors and Aspiring Breed Surveyors.

a) “Rescind Clause 6.1 and 6.2”

Current Regulations:

That as of 1 July 2019 all GSDCA Specialist Judges and Aspiring Specialist Judges must sign the following GSDCA Service Agreement (Ver07/2019) (refer Appendix 9.3.1) to maintain their GSDCA Specialist Judge status. [2019].

b) “Rescind Clause 6.3 and 6.4”

Current Regulations:

Effective the 1 July 2019 all GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Aspiring Breed Surveyors must sign the GSDCA Service Agreement (Ver 07/2017) (refer Appendix 9.3.1) to maintain their GSDCA Breed Surveyor Status. [2019]

c) “Rescind Current Regulation - Clause 6.5”

6.5 GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge/Breed Surveyor, GSDCA Specialist Judge/GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Investigation, Disciplinary and Appeal Procedures. [2020]

Rationale

This is a draconian regulation and goes against the GSDCA Inc objective of Breed Improvement. Not even the SV have a regulation that comes close to this restrictive regulation. The regulation has been proven to be ineffective as the agreement is poorly worded and, in the cases, where investigations have been instigated, they have been unsubstantiated.

Owners of stud dogs are placing the animals in the names of children and spouses to get round the regulation. Kennel prefixes are being transferred into name of a single owner to avoid the regulations.

One investigation failed due to poor wording of the agreement and the failure of the Executive to properly endorse the document.

Second investigation again failed due to poor wording and the threat of legal action.

Third investigation failed due to stud dog owner having no control over semen once it was sold.

Fourth investigation was not investigated as per the regulations and threat of legal action.

This regulation has merely created an opportunity for Judges and Breed Surveyors to become creative in circumventing the regulations.

21 Other Matters referred to the AGM – Nil

22 General Business

22.1 Discussion items - Moved GSDCQ

Clubs give due consideration and discussion to the value and benefits received for the annual payment made by the GSDCA to be a member of the WUSV. That is; what is it exactly that the GSDCA and its Member Clubs receive for the annual subscription it pays and what are the obligations imposed on the GSDCA and its Member Clubs by being a member of the WUSV?

Rationale:

A considerable annual fee is paid by the GSDCA to be a member of the WUSV. Clubs have been subjected to WUSV/SV demands and even threats of WUSV member disaffiliation which has caused considerable acrimony between members, clubs and the GSDCA. There are clearly a great many members of clubs in Australia who do not know what it is that the GSDCA receives as a benefit for its annual fee, do not know what the legal commitment is of the GSDCA being a WUSV member nor what the implications would be if the GSDCA was not a member of the WUSV.

23 60th GSDCA Annual General Meeting - 2022

Year	Annual General Meeting	National Breed Commission Meeting
2016	ADELAIDE	SYDNEY
2017	MELBOURNE	ADELAIDE
2018	SYDNEY	MELBOURNE
2019	ADELAIDE	SYDNEY
2020	MELBOURNE	ADELAIDE (cancelled due to Covid' 19)
2021	Via video link	To be confirmed whether video link or Melbourne
2022	To be confirmed whether video link or Adelaide	To be confirmed whether video link or Sydney

Future Venues for NBC & JC Meetings will depend on COVID-19 situation and whether they are held via video link or by venue.

The 61st GSDCA Annual General Meeting will be held on the 5th & 6th February 2022 to be confirmed whether via video link or physically in Adelaide.

Meeting Closed at :

RESUME – NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIR – Mr. IAN URIE



My name is Ian Urie, and I have been involved with German Shepherd Dogs since 1982 as an owner, show exhibitor and breeder, and I dare say I am known to most people in the fraternity Australia wide. I have bred and shown many dogs that have been successful at National level and have regularly exhibited and judged at shows all over the country.

I have been a member of the GSD Club of Victoria for 38 years. In 2004 I was honoured with Life Membership, and in 2015 was presented with a GSDCA Service Award. I have spent more than 30 years serving as an instructor and on committees of one sort or another for my Club, including Branch Committees, Breed Affairs Committee and Show Committee with 11 years as Show Manager, and chaired the organizing committees for three National Shows and two Main Breed Exhibitions. I have acted as interim Shepherd News Editor, Assistant Branch Manager, CWA Registrar and Rehoming Officer on occasions and was a member of Dogs Victoria's Canine Legislation and Welfare Committee for 9 years with 4 years as Chairperson. I have also served on the GSDCV Management Committee for 15 years - 3 years as a Branch Manager, and served 5 terms as Victorian Breed Affairs Administrator, and 7 terms as a Vice President of the GSDCV.

I have held a GSD Championship judging licence since 1996, qualified as a GSDCA Specialist Judge in 2000, and was appointed as a Breed Surveyor in 2005. I have had an active interest in National Council affairs for a long time. Over the last 20 years I have attended the Council's AGM and Breed Commission Meetings at every opportunity, as an interested observer and support for my Club delegate, and as a Breed Surveyor. I have represented my Club as their delegate to the NBC and Judges Committee meetings 5 times, in addition to attending as a delegate to the GSDCA Future Directions forum, the Breed Survey forum and the ZAP forum and workshop.

I have served the Council as National Show Liaison Officer since 2007, and also assisted on the Rules and Regulations Committee. I believe my cumulative experience will stand me in good stead to serve the Council and the Member Clubs as a member of the Executive and as NBC Chair, should I be elected. It is my belief that (although our regulations do not require it) the Chairperson of the National Breed Commission should in fact be a Breed Surveyor. I see the role of the NBC in helping to maintain the health, conformation and temperament of our beloved GSD Breed to be one of the most important responsibilities of our National Council.

Ian Urie

RESUME – NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIR – Mr. STEPHEN COLLINS



I have been a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc., for more than forty years, and have served on the committee of the Club for almost thirty years. In that time I have held the position of President, Hon. Secretary, 1st Vice President (Obedience), 2nd Vice President (Breed Affairs) and committee member. I was honoured with Life Membership in 1998 by the Club.

I have previously served Council as Honorary Treasurer and have a strong understanding of the workings of Council, Member Clubs and Controlling bodies.

The future of our Breed and organisation has many challenges ahead and a positive outlook is the only way forward. The breed and council will need enthusiastic, motivated, and dedicated personnel to lead both forward.

I believe it is essential, that as an organisation, we are continually educating breed surveyors, judges and all members of our fraternity.

I have regularly attended the NBC/Judges meetings, the GSDCA AGM, interstate shows and the German Sieger Show when possible. This enables me to stay in touch with, national and international breed direction.

I fully support the GSDCA, its ideals and breed improvement schemes.

As an active Breeder and Exhibitor, I am acutely aware of the challenges and opportunities that are present within our Breed and hobby. I have experienced all the highs and lows of breeding, exhibiting, and importing animals.

If elected I hope to bring a fresh and enthusiastic approach to this role.

I also believe that our organisation should be focusing on promoting our Breed to the wider community that the Breed is a strong, healthy animal that is very versatile and has many uses in our community, family dog, therapy animal, police dog, drug detection. Included in this promotion would also provide evidence of our achievements in improving the welfare and health of our Breed.

It is essential that as an organisation we set plans with achievable goals and constantly review our position regarding these goals.

If elected I will work towards including the total membership, including the younger breed enthusiasts in moving the breed and the council forward with renewed enthusiasm, vigor and respect. The way forward is to be united with a common focus.

As caretakers of the breed we must work towards achieving a robust and sound breed fit for its intended purpose. The breed must be sound in mind and body to fulfil these requirements.

I believe I have the experience and the background to fulfil the position of NBC Chair and I will undertake this role to the best of my ability

Thank you for considering my nomination.

Stephen J Collins