

## General Meeting Minutes - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Attendance Register

| Person                                | Position          | In attendance |
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| President                             | Jessica Kada      | Yes           |
| Vice President                        | Grant Morton      | Yes           |
| Secretary                             | Cassandra Booth   | Yes           |
| Treasurer                             | Jacqueline Fabian | Yes           |
| Show Manager                          | Jeff Rapley       | Yes           |
| Show Secretary                        | Kurt Morton       | Yes           |
| Merchandising                         | Deb Martin        | Yes           |
| Point Score                           | Jessica Lynch     | Yes           |
| Training Co-ordinator                 | Cathy Shayler     | Yes           |
| Shepherd News                         | Jessica Bird      | Yes           |
| Puppy Listing                         | Pam Jarvis        | Yes           |
| Membership Registrar                  | Nev Kirkham       | Yes           |
| Webmaster                             | Fran McAdam       | Yes           |
| Social Secretary                      | Artie Tatian      | Yes           |
| Publicity                             | Karen Stevenson   | Yes           |
| Breed Affairs                         | Melanie Groth     | Yes           |
| State HD & Elbow Scheme Administrator | Mel Turoczy       | Yes           |
| Youth Officer                         | Chelsea Bird      | Yes           |

*Attendance – As per Microsoft Teams Register 44 in attendance*

*Apologies received: Jacqueline Fabian*

Meeting opened at 7.31pm

| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Facilitator</b> | <b>Actions &amp; Notes</b>  |
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| 1. Meeting opened and members welcomed                      | President          | President opened meeting and welcomed members. Reminded members of our house keeping duties with virtual meetings and explained the process on how voting would be done on the team's system.   |
| 2. Minutes from previous General Meeting moved and accepted | President          | Minutes ratified, Accepted by J.Rapley, seconded L.Lynch  |
| 3. Matters and actions arising from previous minutes        | President          | <p>G.Stevenson requested that previous committee minutes be read. Secretary read to the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion was raised by A.Tatian in relation to the normal procedures in General Meetings, that committee meeting minutes should not be read, in place, each portfolio holder provides an update to the membership and questions are raised.</p> <p>K.Graham – asked the question from the committee minutes regarding a new logo which was discussed by the committee. Had there been correspondence sent out about this. President advised that at this stage it was purely committee discussion and designs had been thrown around. Once the committee came to a decision whether this is something the members may be interested in, then it will be sent to the members to vote on whether they wish to change.</p> <p>K.Graham also raised the questions regarding the Christmas Party, she felt that the Christmas Party and presentation should be held on a different day to the December Show. President advised again this had been discussed by the committee and was still in discussion. Issues surrounded people being busy in December, lack of number attending the presentation/Christmas nights and the cost to the club to do so if minimal attendance numbers are reached. The membership need to support the night.</p> <p>President advised that the committee will discuss this further.</p> <p>N.Bland – also raised the issue of re-reading minutes to the meeting. She also advised she is all for a full weekend of events such as the upcoming February Members Comp, ZAP and Survey.</p> |

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|                   |                  | <p>G.Stevenson – Update on Puppy Booklets, awaiting approval to proceed with costs from treasurer</p> <p>G.Stevenson raised the question of the new logo. Can you give the members a costing for this to happen when new banners need to be reprinted.</p> <p>G.Stevenson – Raised regarding the shields and the engraving of the plaques. What should be done with these. Disputes the cost for the new quote obtained by the committee.</p> <p>Terry had been organized to develop 4 x new shields for the LSC variety.</p> <p>Badges – new badges are in process for the membership years – due in at end of February.</p> <p>G.Stevenson – requested an update on Nicholas &amp; Leishmann membership conduct– President advised this update would be provided through the committee once resolved. The outcome once resolved will be put through to the General Meeting.</p> <p>Badges for Perpetual Trophies – G.Stevenson questioned the price that the President had advised she could obtain the new badges for. President advised that the quote had been sent to the treasurer to review. The quote was for \$2.20 as opposed to \$8.50.</p> |
| 4. <i>Reports</i> | Treasurer - Mani | <p>Have engaged auditors for the 2022 financial year. Amendment to the assessment of about \$3700 for auditors' fees and preparation of the audit, as well as refunds from Dogs NSW. Adjustment will be shared once available</p> <p>Puppy Booklets – We have discussed via email that we would like to see another quote to come to the committee before proceeding with printing.</p> <p>Overall Update – Update for the month of January – Expenses of \$3350 and income of approximately \$9000. Details will be shared as a finance update at next general meeting once audit is finalized.</p>  |

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|  |                                     | <p>Treasurer commented to say that she feels that the committee is the most transparent she has seen in a number of years, from their feedback to members and information on the financial status, and planning sessions taking place. Our plan is to try and least to break even and making sure the members have the best benefits, this is what we are working towards.</p>   |
|  | Show Manager – Jeff                 | <p>As this was his first time as Show Manager all went very well, Jeff thanked all those who helped both set up and pack up the ring equipment on the day – it was appreciated and made for a smooth-running show.</p> <p>Jeff also thanked Leanne Lynch as our stenographer, Ken Northcote as our steward and commented that Jean Butterfield made mention to him that she thoroughly enjoyed the day.</p> <p>Karen Stevenson mentioned the issue with the PA system, Jeff advised he is looking into the issue.</p> <p>He also thanked those who helped on the day, including his wife in the canteen.</p> |
|  | Show Secretary - Kurt               | <p>Show went very well – lovely to be able to hold the Show at our home grounds.</p> <p>All is in readiness for our February Show with Salvatore – moving forward we are going to be re using ribbons we will only need to fill in the gaps which will be a cost saving effort to the Club.</p> <p>In addition – Last General Meeting we voted on the Easter 2023 judge. Signed contract has been received, and once approved by Dogs NSW then the show will be opened up and communicated to the wider GSD community.</p>   |
|  | Communications/Shepherd News - Jess | <p>Calendars will be finished at the end of the week, asked for input regarding page set up and where to place the spiral connection.</p> <p>Approval sought for the printing of 25 calendars – cost will be approx. \$10 each and selling them for \$20 each plus postage. We can purchase more as required.</p>  |

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|  | Point score – Jess  | Thank you to Cathy Shayler for supplying an excel spreadsheet with all dogs' names for me to start my role. The December show is complete and up to date |                 |                                |                   |
|  | Membership – Nev    | Neville advised that we have 198 financial members, 10 new members to be ratified – new members read out   |                 |                                |                   |
|  |                     | 23/023   | Domenici        | Glenn & Nereda                 | Gooburrum         |
|  |                     | 23/026   | Finch           | Hannah, Colin, John, James     | Dalgety           |
|  |                     | 23/024   | Gray / Bloem    | Bailey / Joshua                | Calremont Meadows |
|  |                     | 23/025   | Kosovich        | Anna & Samantha-Josephine      | Minchinbury       |
|  |                     | 23/027   | Schoebel        | Peter, Marlene, Monique, Jessy | Orchard Hills     |
|  |                     | 23/028   | Darby           | Dean                           | Mount Olive       |
|  |                     | 23/029   | Harris          | Mark                           | Oyster Bay        |
|  |                     | 23/030   | O'Connor        | Sean & Jodie                   | Old Tonngabbie    |
|  |                     | 23/031   | Williams / Hine | Sarah / Christopher            | Shalvey           |
|  |                     | 23/032   | Hendricks       | Samantha                       | Tungamull         |
|  | Web – Fran          | New Committee contacts have been updated on the Web and emails have been updated – Fran will be able to list the calendar for sale when it is ready.     |                 |                                |                   |
|  | Publicity – Karen   | GSDL report for the Quarterly review is due on the 15 <sup>th</sup> December, other than that it is vey quiet at the moment due to the time of year      |                 |                                |                   |
|  | Breed Affairs – Mel | Zap coming up on Feb 11th  |                 |                                |                   |

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|                                      | HDED – Mel                   | Nothing to report – all up to date  |
|                                      | Youth – Chelsea              | Nothing to report at the moment   |
|                                      | Merchandising - Deb          | Marketing took in \$130 at the December Show – Deb will organize to obtain some quotes re increasing stock to sell with more leads & collars. To discuss with President over the break  |
|                                      | Puppy Listings - Pam         | <p>Whelping Box,<br/>We have 1 litter on there</p> <p>Puppy Listings</p> <p>have 8 litter stock coat and 2 litters of Long stock coats,<br/>Have been getting enquiries and giving out phone numbers, so only hope They follow through</p> <p>Welfare</p> <p>It has been pretty busy lately, people needing to rehome animals, (going overseas)<br/>moving interstate, man next door passed away, unfortunately these things happen and we can only try our best to help them, have kept them in touch with our welfare group, but it seems the same all over and some of the people ringing are from down south passed Canberra way.</p> |
|                                      | Training Coordinator - Cathy | Working towards details for October Trial   |
| 5. <i>Discussion of Agenda Items</i> |                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSDCA AGM Motion 20.4 – Membership voted FOR (78%)</li> <li>• Judges Voting for 2024 – Breed Affairs Mel Groth outlined to the meeting that the committee had held discussions regarding the results of voting for judges and the financial impact on the GSDL. The committee felt it important that the judges chosen should suit a criteria in order to increase the clubs entry numbers and therefore our financial position. The criteria was for judges that would draw a decent entry and ones who have not judged here or in close proximity in recent times. Therefore the</li> </ul>    |

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|  |  | <p>committee had put forward an extensive list of judges to the members who would meet this criteria for the membership to make their selection.</p> <p>Voting took place for the following shows, and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices were voted upon:</p> <p>State Breed 2024<br/> 1 – Melanie Groth<br/> 2 - Jo Cathie<br/> 3 – Vince Tantaro</p> <p>Easter Show 2024 – Championship Show<br/> 1- Carol Sykes – carried over from 2023<br/> 2- Nancy Herms<br/> 3- Dirk Sheerer</p> <p>October 2024 – Championship Show<br/> 1 – Roberto Caputi JNR<br/> 2 – Robert Lang<br/> 3 – Nicki Messler</p> <p>Easter 2024 – Members Comp/Open Show<br/> 1 – Greg Green (VIC)<br/> 2 – Vince Tantaro (VIC)<br/> 3 – Sharon Ballantyne (QLD)</p> <p>October 2024 – Members Comp/Open Show<br/> 1 – Karen Hedberg<br/> 2 – Robert Zammit<br/> 3 – Fay Stokes</p> <p>June 2024 Members Comp<br/> 1 – Sharon Ballantyne (QLD)</p> |
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|                            |                  | <p>2 – Stephen Collins (SA)<br/>3 – Fay Stokes</p> <p>February 2024 Open Show<br/>1 – Matt Morris<br/>2 – Glen Gregory<br/>3 – Fay Stokes</p> <p>December 2024 Open Show<br/>1 – Chelsea Bird<br/>2 – Robert Zammit<br/>3 – Stephen Collins</p> <p>Coffs Harbour 2024<br/>1 – Nicky McDermott<br/>2 – Robert Zammit<br/>Obedience<br/>Phil Evans &amp; Pauline Hartwell</p>   |
| 6. <i>General business</i> | <i>President</i> | <p>G.Stevenson – Has committee considered placing the public officer onto the committee. President advised that the Office of Fair Trading do not require this person to be a member let alone a committee member.<br/>Terry as Branch Manager should be on the committee. President advised that this was not in the constitution and has never been the case and therefore would be discussed at committee level.</p> <p>Night Shows – B.Adams asked a question regarding Night shows and the lights. Asked could the committee look at having at least the members comps as night shows. President advised that the committee last year had discussed this at lengths and due to the unsafe nature of holding shows until 2am the next day, the judge's welfare, and the members and committee driving home at 4am, the decision had been made to hold these shows as day shows were possible.</p> |



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|                                 |  | <p>There was no atmosphere at the night shows after around 10pm. No one is around. Advised the committee can look at it again if the members wish.</p> <p>N.Bland - Perhaps a twilight show, if you start the show at midday. Show secretary advised this cant be done due to Dogs NSW rules, you must start shows at or before 8am or after 5pm/6pm between months of December and February.</p> <p>The committee will include this question in our Survey Monkey for 2024 shows.</p> <p>Seminars &amp; Sessions – N.Bland asked if more of these events could be offered. President advised that this is already in place and the members should be “watching this space” as the committee is already planning events for members.</p> <p>Lights - Discussion took place again regarding the use of lights. Dogs NSW advised the committee that there was no written contract in place for the lights and they were trying to charge us for the lights for shows, not training. Fay Stokes advised she had a copy of the contract/leasing agreement and it was arranged that the secretary would contact her to obtain a copy.</p> <p>F.Stokes asked if a copy of the Audit balance sheet for 2021 could please be uploaded to the website and shepherd news. President advised this will be organized through the treasurer.</p> |
| <i>Meeting closed at 9.33pm</i> |  |   |