

GSDL General Meeting Minutes

Monday the 8th May 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 | Mani Singhal | No |
| Show Manager | Jeff Rapley | Yes |
| Show Secretary | Kurt Morton | Yes |
| Merchandising | Deb Martin | No |
| Point Score | Jess Lynch | No |
| Training Co-ordinator | Cathy Shayler | No |
| Shepherd News | Jess Bird | Yes |
| Puppy Listing | Pam Jarvis | Yes |
| Membership Registrar | Nev Kirkham | Yes |
| Webmaster | Fran McAdam | Yes |
| Social Secretary | Artie Tatian | Yes |
| Publicity | Karen Stevenson | No |
| Breed Affairs | Melanie Groth | No |
| State HD & Elbow Scheme Administrator | Mel Turoczy | Yes |

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| Youth Officer | Chelsea Bird | Yes |
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Apologies: Sharon and Bruce Laughlin, Mani Singhal, Deb Martin, Melanie Groth and Cathy Shayler.

Attendance General Membership – As per Microsoft Teams Register

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

| | <i>Facilitator</i> | <i>Actions</i> |
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| 1. Meeting opened and members | President | President opened meeting and welcomed members, |
| 2. Minutes from previous General Members Meeting | President | Minutes from previous meeting moved as read and accepted - Jeff Rapley, seconded Kurt Morton. Minutes from previous Committee Meeting held 20 March 2023 read |
| 3. Business Arising from minutes | President | Mr. Glenn Gregory informed the President that the upcoming dates for the trainee judges evening had been incorrectly reported as they have been changed and is now to be held on the 22 May, 2023. |

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| 4. Reports | Secretary – Correspondence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSDCA Executive Meeting Minutes from 28th March • WUSV World Championship - Weltmeisterschaft 2023 - Team-Meldungen - Registration Teams • WUSV Vollversammlung - Antragsformulare - General Annual Assembly - Proposal Forms • WUSV Extraordinary Assembly - German Translation Judge Regulation - WUSV außerordentliche Vollversammlung - Übersetzung Richter-Ordnung • Correspondence from Newcastle Branch to GSDCA re GSDCV exemptions • Email from Sanne Pederson to Management committee regarding offer for paid training • Correspondence re reprinting of National Quarterly magazine • Invitation Letter - Agenda - Proposals WUSV Extraordinary General Assembly - Lerma - April 15, 2023 • Correspondence to Dogs NSW regarding GSDL Ring improvements at Orchard Hills • Correspondence regarding the holding of a GSDCA Obedience Meeting • GSDL Survey monkey questions – 1st round • WUSV World Championship 2023 • Minutes of the GSDCA Obedience Meeting • Letter to members regarding reprint of 2022 National Magazine • Letter from P. York to GSDCA re Public Relations Position • Report from GSDCA re incoming & outgoing GSDCA correspondence February and March <p>President referred to the proposal for training offered by Sanne Pedersen to the management committee and that it is currently in discussions with the committee re her offer of paid training.</p> <p>Mr. Glenn Gregory enquired regarding the offer by Sanne Pedersen and what is exactly entails. Discussion took place and president advised that Sanne's offer was for her to provide paid training services which either the GSDL would pay her for, or alternatively, those seeking additional training could pay her directly for these private training sessions.</p> <p>President advised that once Training Coordinator Cathy Shayler has liaised with Sanne, more information could then be disseminated to members.</p> |
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| | | <p>President also advised that we are still awaiting a response from DogsNSW regarding ring improvements and maintenance around the building.</p> |
| | Treasurer- Mani Singhal | <p>President advised that the Treasurer's Report is as per the Committee minutes as she is overseas. However, a few extra matters need to be included.</p> <p>The fixed account has been set up for six months with the NAB with interest @ maturity @ 4.25% and St. George Bank @ 4.45% for twelve months.</p> <p>The approximate figures for the April Show shows an approximate loss of \$1,500 as opposed to the expected loss of \$5,000, so a huge effort by the committee for the reduction in anticipated loss.</p> <p>No matters arising or questions in regards same</p> |
| | Show Manager – Jeff Rapley | <p>Reported that a message was received from the Show Secretary that a Steward was unavailable at this stage for our upcoming June Show under Mrs. Jan Brabham, and our State Breed however enquiries are being made to secure a Steward for that Show.</p> <p>Reported that he had made further enquiries with the NSW Firearms Registry regarding the application for a permit to discharge the starter's pistol.</p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p> |

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| | Show Secretary – Kurt Morton | <p>Thanks to those members who participated in our Easter Show in April. Further thanks to Stenographer Leeanne Lynch, Ken Northcoate and Carolyn Becker for their support in his role as Show Secretary.</p> <p>Things are on track for the June Show and State Breed, apart from requiring a Steward as Ken Northcoate is overseas at the time and unavailable.</p> <p>Kurt advised that he will commence organising October and December show bookings for both judges.</p> <p>Kurt further advised that he is currently awaiting confirmation from DogsNSW regarding the 2024 show dates proposed.</p> <p>Has already had approval for the change to add a Member's Competition on the alternate days to our Championship Shows as per the January General Meeting. Once confirmation has been received for these dates he will then commence contracting judges.</p> <p>There is a judges training scheme for the 22 May and Kurt requested that members who are available to attend the grounds at 7pm that evening.</p> |
| | Communications – Shepherd News – Jess Bird | <p>Shepherd News was mailed out on the 7 April. If anyone had missed out on receiving their copy to contact Jess so she can re-forward it.</p> <p>Currently in the process of the new Shepherd News where she is doing a National edition and is seeking stories from members in relation to obedience and show results and achievements. Everything else on track.</p> |
| | Point Score – Jess Lynch | Nothing to report |
| | Membership – Nev Kirkham | <p>Currently have 235 financial members and are also in the second half of the membership year, hence any new memberships which come in will now pay at half the annual membership price. Nothing further to report.</p> <p>President asked that Neville liaise with Shepherd News and Web to start to advertise that renewals will be due in September.</p> <p>New members ratified as per the previous committee meeting</p> |
| | Web- Fran McAdam | <p>The current pointscore from the April Show is up and the website is also up to date. Two new links have been placed on the front page of the website to assist users through to items such as membership renewal and forms to make it easier to get to.</p> |

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| | Merchandise – Deb Martin | Nothing to report |
| | Publicity – Karen Stevenson | Nothing to report |
| | Training - Cathy Shayler | Nothing to report. |
| | Social Secretary – Artie Tatian | Made a small profit from the canteen at the last April show Menus will be out for the upcoming June Show and State Breed in the next couple of weeks. On the recent survey monkey, some questions were put forward in regards to a social function at the end of the year. If members could please respond as it would be helpful to assist the committee and social secretary in the organising. Nothing further to report. |
| | State HD and Elbow Scheme – Mel Turoczy | Not a lot to report. Was quiet leading up to the National but is picking up in the last few days. |
| | Breed Affairs – Mel Groth | Nothing to report |
| | Puppy Listings/Welfare – Pam Jarvis | Puppy listings - going along slowly. Puppies are selling and a few litters going on all the time so people are still purchasing puppies from the GSDL. German Shepherd Welfare - has had a few busy weeks particularly with one family as the mother had sold the house and one son lived in the house while another son lived in a caravan. They had three dogs and the mother needed them gone and contacted Pam requesting her to collect them and care for them, which Pam explained she was unable to do. The woman was then put in touch with welfare. The gentleman from welfare took two of the dogs as one of the sons would not allow the third dog to go, discussions eventually resulted in welfare collecting the third dog. Currently awaiting an outcome in regard to the dogs' placements. There is an outstanding vet bill to Vineyard Vets in the sum of \$391-90 and has requested that this outstanding amount be covered by the League. |

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| | Youth Officer - Chelsea Bird | <p>Not much to update, apart from acknowledging the youth handlers at the National and would be encouraging more to get involved in the League Shows.</p> <p>A plaque was made available for Isabella at the National however she did not receive it and thought it would be appropriate if a presentation could be made to present her with this plaque at our next show in June. Apparently, Isabella is the grand daughter of members Graeme and Karen Stevenson. An email will be forwarded by the secretary to Graeme and Karen in order to arrange the presentation of this plaque.</p> |
| 5. Discussions/Agenda Items | President | <p>First agenda item - the German Shepherd Social Walk booked in for the 21st of May. Organiser Mel T. advised that a planned social walk was from the bridge to bridge at the Nepean River at Penrith and the distance would be a 6.8 ks loop or perhaps they could only do a partial walk before returning to the Coffee Club cafe. The walk is scheduled to commence at 10am and members are encouraged to assemble outside the Coffee Club cafe. Non members are more than welcome to attend, hopefully we can sign them up on the day.</p> <p>Second agenda item - Judges Field Night Members are reminded of the Dogs NSW Judges Field Night on the 22 May, and we are seeking members who can provide their animals of both coat varieties for aspiring judges to examine. Dogs who are presented to aspiring judges must be of sound temperament as there will be a number of aspirants examining each dog.</p> <p>Karen Johnson advised that Graeme and Karen Stevenson are unable to join the meeting as there is a blackout at their premises which precludes them from accessing the internet.</p> <p>Third agenda item - President mentioned that our first round of survey monkey questions had been distributed to members and requested that all respond to the survey to assist the committee.</p> |

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| <p>6. <i>General business</i></p> | | <p>Paul York advised that the NBC meeting will be held in August and there is a National shortage of Breed Surveyors Paul proposed that a the nomination be put forward for Glenn Gregory to be considered as a prospective Breed Surveyor. Paul moved that the GSDL Support Glenn Gregory as a aspiring breed surveyor. Motion seconded by Fran McAdam Secretary to put this nomination to the GSDCA NBC</p> <p>President offered her congratulations to all GSDL members who participated in the National Show at Melbourne, NSW has some really great success.</p> |
| <p>Meeting closed at 8:06pm</p> | | |