

GSDL General Meeting Minutes
Monday 18th September 2023
Attendance Register

Person	Position	In attendance
President	Jessica Kada	Yes
Vice President	Grant Morton	Yes
Secretary	Cassandra Booth	Yes
Treasurer	Mani Singhal	Yes
Show Manager	Jeff Rapley	No
Show Secretary	Kurt Morton	Yes
Merchandising	Deb Martin	Yes
Point Score	Jess Lynch	No
Training Co-ordinator	Cathy Shayler	Yes
Shepherd News	Jess Bird	Yes
Puppy Listing	Pam Jarvis	Yes
Membership Registrar	Nev Kirkham	Yes
Webmaster	Fran McAdam	Yes
Social Secretary	Artie Tatian	No
Publicity	Karen Stevenson	Yes
Breed Affairs	Melanie Groth	No
State HD & Elbow Scheme Administrator	Mel Turoczy	Yes
Youth Officer	Chelsea Bird	No

Apologies: Jess Lynch, Arti Tatian

Attendance General Membership – As per Microsoft Teams Register

Meeting opened at 7.32 pm

	Facilitator	Actions
1. Meeting opened and members	President	President opened the meeting and welcomed members.
2. Minutes from previous meeting	President	General Meeting minutes from 10 th July accepted - N. Kirkham, seconded K. Morton Previous Committee meeting minutes from 28 th July – read to meeting by secretary
3. Business Arising - Matters and actions arising from previous committee minutes		Survey monkey results: Discussion took place regarding evening shows which members have selected they would like to see back again. Mention was made that strict controls need to be in place so that shows do not finish too late. Evening shows will start again in 2024. Discussion took place regarding reduction of place ribbons from 10 to 5 for shows to reduce show expenses. Discussion item referred to general business.

4. Reports	Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email to Tony D’Arcy re enquiry from Training Co-Ordinator • September GM notification to members • AGM Notification to members • Email from Royal Canin confirming 2024 Sponsorship • Email from N. Nicholas query re AGM info • WUSV-GAM Agenda (emailed to members) • Information WUSV (emailed to members) • GSDCA July correspondence (emailed to members) • Email to committee re Treasurer Position • Reminder to Committee re Zap assessment feedback • Email from merchandising re Puppy Booklet Draft • Email to Committee re WUSV Breeding Program – Feedback required • GSDCA monthly update (emailed to members) • Postal Vote application reminder sent to members • Email sent to GSDCQ re GSDL Member • Response from GSDCQ re GSDL Member • 2024 AGM – GSDCA (emailed to members) • WUSV – Judge Regulation – Draft & Comments (emailed to members) • Minutes from the Judges and NBC Meeting – 19th & 20th August (emailed to members) • Email sent to members re renewal reminder for GSDL Membership • GSDCA Executive update August 2023 – emailed to members • WUSV World Championships – emailed to members • Invitation WUSV General Annual Assembly – emailed to members • Email to members – reminder for Breed Survey being held 5th August • Email to members advising of the postponement of the Zap Assessment • WUSV BSZ Confirmation Show tickets for guests – emailed to members • Results of WUSV World Championships Universal 2023 in Switzerland – emailed to members • WUSV Greetings from new President – emailed to members • GSDCA June Correspondence – emailed to members • Email from Dogs NSW requesting funds for the re-surfacing of the bottom rings
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	Treasurer- Mani Singhal	<p>We hope to be able to make a small profit this year – main reason for this result is the interest from fixed deposits.</p> <p>In general, the main expense and loss has been from show expense and training. The Calendar that we promoted made a profit for the club this year which was a great initiative from the committee.</p> <p>\$600,000 Term Deposit & \$300,000 Term deposit</p>
	Show Manager – Jeff Rapley	Not in Attendance
	Show Secretary – Kurt Morton	No further update from the committee meeting – everything is planned for the coming years shows (2024), just waiting on two judges contracts to be returned. All is set and ready for the October show.

	Communications/ Shepherd News – Jess Bird	In the process of preparing the next Shepherd News Already have four enquiries re advertising for the 2024 calendar. Hope to have more information out to members and advertised by the end of October if possible, to push for sales for Christmas.																																
	Point Score – Jess Lynch	Not in attendance																																
	Membership – Nev Kirkham	<p>Have organized for a new Eftpos machine through St George Bank to be sorted.</p> <p>New Members to be ratified – All below taken as ratified by the meeting</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>LAST NAME</th> <th>NAME</th> <th>SUBURB</th> <th>STATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fakhoury</td> <td>Matthew, Mark, Emal, Nancy</td> <td>Greystanes</td> <td>NSW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feeney / Kellows</td> <td>Emily / Luke</td> <td>St Clair</td> <td>NSW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lee</td> <td>Takai, Zac</td> <td>Rydalmere</td> <td>NSW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sudulic</td> <td>Rick, Ivan, Karlo, Eva</td> <td>Claremont Meadows</td> <td>NSW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winkler</td> <td>Shannon & Brad</td> <td>Wingham</td> <td>NSW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mazzetti</td> <td>Peter & Frances</td> <td>Horningsea Park</td> <td>NSW</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Van Den Brink Hourany</td> <td>Karen Charbel</td> <td>Cranebrook Glenmore Park</td> <td>NSW NSW</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	LAST NAME	NAME	SUBURB	STATE	Fakhoury	Matthew, Mark, Emal, Nancy	Greystanes	NSW	Feeney / Kellows	Emily / Luke	St Clair	NSW	Lee	Takai, Zac	Rydalmere	NSW	Sudulic	Rick, Ivan, Karlo, Eva	Claremont Meadows	NSW	Winkler	Shannon & Brad	Wingham	NSW	Mazzetti	Peter & Frances	Horningsea Park	NSW	Van Den Brink Hourany	Karen Charbel	Cranebrook Glenmore Park	NSW NSW
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	Web- Fran McAdam	<p>All up to date</p> <p>On-Line applications for HDED are all available on the Website and so far working well</p>																																
	Merchandise – Deb Martin	Nothing to report, will offer items that are currently not selling for a discounted price at the October Show.																																

	Publicity – Karen Stevenson	Doglovers event went well – Thanked all those that came and offered assistance on the day.
	Training - Cathy Shayler	October Trial is all on track, and nice entry numbers coming in which is great to see, nothing further to report.
	Social Secretary – Artie Tatian	Made enquiries to have the end of year event at St Marys Leagues Club on the 15 th December, \$30 for adults and \$12 for children, will need to obtain numbers to make the booking. Food will be pizzas and there will be a bar available, and we can create some fun social activities to involve everyone on the night. Final booking date will be advertised soon.
	State HD and Elbow Scheme – Mel Turoczy	Not a lot to report – have processed the first on-line application which all went smoothly.
	Breed Affairs – Mel Groth	Not in attendance
	Puppy Listings/Welfare – Pam Jarvis	Nothing further to report.

	Youth Officer - Chelsea Bird	Jess Bird reported that Chelsea had organized for Jess L and Mel G to assist with running the Handlers Class in October on the Sunday after the trial.
5. Agenda Items	<p>1. Special Resolution –</p> <p>2. AGM Postal Vote Applicants for Ratification</p> <p>3. Treasurer Position</p>	<p>Motion:</p> <p>That the association, The GSDL of NSW Inc, adopt our complete constitution incorporating all previous amendments into one complete document to supply to Fair Trading to update their records Majority Vote = FOR Secretary to now forward complete document to Fair Trading for their records.</p> <p>Postal Vote applications received – Confirmed as ratified by the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James and Lisa Murray • Diane Morton • Vanessa, Dave, Zachary and Harrison Bland • Wayne and Therese Curry • Glenn and Kim Gregory • The Tatian Family, Hagob, Patricia, Mardiros, Elizabeth, Victoria and Fade Khoshaba <p>Vacant as at 1st October (GSDL EOFY) – Position to be voted on & filled</p> <p>President called for nominations from the floor. No nominations received.</p>

6. General Business		<p>Membership fees</p> <p>committee put forward that this need to be reviewed. Discussion took place with the meeting.</p> <p>Treasurer spoke for reviewing the fees and schedule. Advised that in order for this club to continue into the future moving forward, we do need to look at areas which can be of benefit. Membership is a good place to start.</p> <p>Membership registrar advised what other clubs rates were and that we were the second cheapest club in Australia and we are well cheaper some of the other clubs. The fees haven't been raised in a long time even with CPI so this needs to be considered asap.</p> <p>M.Morris asked if Mani was to put together a spreadsheet with the new fees for this years figures to see what difference an increase would make.</p>
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Meeting closed at: 9:04pm		