

MINUTES

General Board Meeting

October 31, 2002

Noccalula Falls, Alabama

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Michael Hamilton called the meeting to order at 7:18 am. Diane Madigan took roll call, 18 Executive Board Members and 74 Club Delegates were present. Five additional club delegates arrived shortly after roll call for a total of 97 voting delegates.

II. OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report: President Michael Hamilton welcomed the General Board to the 2002 National SchH3 Championship and International Police Dog Competition hosted by the Jefferson- St. Clair County SchH Club and the Southeast Region. Mike asked for a moment of silence for USA's past President and Executive Director Paul Meloy who passed away on September 23, 2002. Others we were asked to remember were Egon Vollrath, Susan Barwig, Bill Fields, and Penny Harris.

Mike recognized the accomplishments of our USA/FCI team that finished third out of twenty-four competing teams. Also recognized was our WUSV team that finished fourth in Steyr, Austria.

Mike reported on our excellent relationship with the WUSV world body. Mike reported that we have had a 10% increase in membership and that we are in the best financial condition we have been in for the last decade. Mike suggested that in order to become more time and cost efficient, we streamline the Executive Board. Mike also supported a bylaw change for dual member officers and judges. Mike suggested that we eliminate the World Championship Committee.

Mike reported that he attempted to resolve the WUSV Team unification issue twelve times by contacting David Landau, Kenneth Downing, and Wayne Davis. We have been assured by the director of the SV and the WUSV that the GSDCA will not be allowed to send a full team to the 2003 WUSV Championship. USA and the GSDCA are both full voting members to the WUSV. All WUSV teams will consist of no more than five members instead of six.

Mike recognized John Mulligan for being the WUSV obedience beirichter in Steyr, Austria and also our representative at the second WUSV Meeting. In closing, Mike thanked his wife, Patsy for her support.

Vice-President's Report:

Vice-President, Jim Elder congratulated both our WUSV and FCI teams for their representation at the World Competitions. Jim presented an award to acknowledge David Puzzo for his contributions as team captain to our 2001 and 2002 WUSV Teams, Tim Crusier accepted in

behalf of David. Bob Winski, from the Inner City SchH Club of the New England Region was also awarded a plaque for the fantastic job of hosting the 2001 National Championship.

Jim reviewed a report that was done by independent consultants that addressed our current operations and future development of the organization.

- **Problems and Solutions**
Office

Jim conducted a review of our Office operations and gave a report to the Executive Board

1. A serious backlog in the Registration Department. New office procedures were implemented; within 45 days, these departments were current.

2. Computers, operating programs, and Data Base outdated and in some cases inoperable.

After consulting with several computer techs, it was determined our computer systems were outdated. After several quotes, 4 new computers and a Server that will meet our future needs were ordered and installed at the office. Diane Madigan also graciously donated a computer.

Our original database never functioned properly and has not been in use; a new database covering all of our needs has been designed and will soon be installed on the new office computers. Jim thanked USA members Martin Gnyp, Jerry Wilkins, and Erika Butler for their help and expertise in this area.

Starting with the Sept. /Oct. issue, the USA magazine was brought in-house to reduce production costs and is currently managed by Kelly Hope, Cheryl Morris, and Jim Elder. A meeting will be scheduled with the Office staff in November, for operations of the new database and to implement new quality controls and procedures. Jim will meet with the Editorial Committee to implement changes to the magazine that will increase advertising revenue and decrease production costs, and also will begin to formulate the production of a monthly online newsletter.

3. Procurement of SV Judges.

Jim asked that all delegates return to their regions and clubs and make it clear that if an SV Judges request is not received 6 months prior to the scheduled event will no longer be processed. The SV will no longer accept any requests outside of this time frame.

- **WUSV**
Meetings with Herr Lux

Jim reported that during 2002, we have had several meetings with Mr. Lux of the SV. At each of the meetings with Mr. Lux, we expressed our sincerity in improving a long term working relationship with the SV while presenting our concerns regarding the SV/USA breed registry, recognition of breed and performance titles awarded by our judges and the 2003 one team issues.

Through all of our discussions it is clear that the SV is concerned that USA concentrate more effort towards the area of breeding. While only SV titles and breed ratings will be accepted within the SV breeding system all titles and breed

ratings awarded by USA performance and breed judges will be recognized in the USA section of the SV breed book. The SV supports and encourages USA to adopt policies and programs that will strengthen our position as a breed organization including the use of our own breed judges.

The one-team issue for 2003 has been discussed at each meeting; we explained that USA is very receptive to discussions with the GSDCA, but our attempts at meeting to resolve this issue have not been successful. He asked that we send a letter to inform him of our difficulties in this area and he would do what he could do to help resolve this issue. We have been assured that our standing in the WUSV is equal to that of any other organization and that it would be in the best interest of both organizations to come to a resolution in this matter. He also informed us that there would be discussions regarding changing the numbers of entries a country could send based on membership size and also an increase in WUSV dues on the same basis.

WUSV Meetings

At the first WUSV meeting following the Sieger Show there were 50 delegates present out of 66 member countries. The SV National Training Director, Hans Rudenauer, presented a program to the WUSV that was voted upon and approved. The program was about bringing all WUSV countries into compliance with the SV breeding requirements within a 10-year time frame; this program offered a progressive approach for WUSV clubs to meet these standards starting with a minimum requirement of a scenting program & temperament testing. The presentation began with pictures of the AKC Champions and dogs being produced through the AKC requirements (or lack of). The presentation presented AKC breedings as "cruel and inhumane treatment of man's part in selective breeding". After the presentation Dr. Landau spoke against the proposal and stated that the AKC/GSDCA will never be able to meet these requirements in 10 years, a vote followed and the motion passed.

The second WUSV meeting was at the WUSV Championship in Austria, USA representative John Mulligan filed a report with the President. Jim included a brief summary:

There were 17 delegates present from 66 member countries; the goal of the WUSV is to have 120 maximum entries. This process will start in two steps, step one begins in 2003 in which all countries can only send 5 entries. In proceeding years if necessary, team size will be based on the number of members belonging to a given club, 1000 members and less can send 3, 1000 to 4000 can send 4, and over 4000 can send 5.

The GSDCA asked for more time to meet the breeding requirements adopted in the previous WUSV meeting, and was approved.

While USA is dominant in the area of schutzhund or performance the time has come that our efforts be focused

on being the dominant GSD breed organization. While we are closer to meeting all the WUSV/SV breeding guidelines than many other countries and certainly those in America, there is still much more that we must do in order to make a substantial difference for the breed.

ONE TEAM ISSUE

While it is in the best interest of our country to send the best team we can each year to the WUSV championship, that decision has not been entirely left up to USA. With that intention in mind it would only seem reasonable that a championship or some method be designed whereby only the best of the best could represent our country.

The leadership of both organizations must accept that neither organization is going away and that in order to do the right thing for the GSD in this country we should at least submit to some form of coexistence. At this point in time the issue is unresolved, Jim assured the membership that every effort will be made to encourage the GSDCA to commit to a resolution for the 2003 team. *Report in Secretary's File*

Jim expressed his gratitude to those individual's that have volunteered their time to benefit USA and for their dedication to our organization, especially to the Line Officers, and Executive Board members. And to Mike Hamilton, Jim expressed his deepest thanks; for these last four years have been the most productive that Jim could remember. Thank you. *Standing Ovation for Mike Hamilton*

Treasurer's Report:

Annual Financial Statements as well as a First Quarter Report with a comparison to last year were distributed. Treasurer, William Plumb reported that not long after our FY-2001-2002 budget was approved, the IRS assessed us taxes, penalties, and interest slightly over \$25,000 and a computer virus repair in the Office cost \$8000. We setup payments plans for both of these non-budgeted expenses. Thanks to contributions from many clubs our IRS debt has been completely paid. Tax relief contributors were printed in the Nov/Dec. magazine and on our website.

Free cash is our cash in the bank, less cash that has been earmarked according to the budget. Last year at this time we were out free cash. At the Executive Board Meeting, a budget was approved plus some immediate measures that reversed our cash flow position. We still ended last year with a \$3000 negative cash flow. As of today, we have \$13,000 in free cash.

We have purchased new computers for the office. The only outstanding debt we now have is with Davison Printing.

Membership revenue is up over \$9000 from last year. This reflects a 9.4% increase in membership. Membership revenue is absolutely critical to our well being. We now have positive total capital. We are no longer technically bankrupt, as compared to last year's figure of negative < \$64,000 >.

Bill thanked the board, especially the line officers for getting us back on the right path. *Report in Secretary's File*

Secretary's Report:

Secretary, Diane Madigan thanked the Southeast Region, Jefferson-St. Clair SchH Club for hosting the 2003 National. Special thanks went to Pam Hanrahan, Vicki Keller, Dennis VanderLinde and Lee Wilcox for their attention to detail and their "can do or knows someone who can" commitment.

Eighty-Seven delegate letters were received prior to the meeting. Diane thanked the Executive Board Members, for their cooperation and timely response to the Twenty-Two mail ballots that were issued. Diane also thanked our committees for providing their report early enough to be sent with the Agenda.

In response to questions from many members, Diane was asked to give a **Sportsmen's Insurance Report.**

At the present time, there are no bite exclusions written for our Hanover policies. New policies and renewals will be asked to submit a "Starter Pistol/Ammunition Statement." This statement will also be included with paperwork received when applying for insurance through Sportsmen's. Please note our rules with regard to gunfire state that gunfire will be (6mm / 22 caliber) and it must come from a pistol with a closed barrel that does not release a projectile.

With regard to insurance purposes for dual member clubs, these clubs need only to add an AKA or DBA to their Sportsmen's policy and provide a current membership list. Sportsmen's has written hundreds of policies for dual member AKC breed clubs. Should an incident happen at a WDA or DVG event where the club has the same name, there is a risk that the wrong organization could be listed in a lawsuit. It is important that our organization acknowledge this risk, and enforce our bylaws with regard to dual member clubs. If you have any insurance questions, please feel free to contact Sportsmen's Insurance Agency.

It is Diane's intent, to update our "Rules and Regulations" bringing forward conflicting past procedures that need to be, reviewed, amended if needed and approved. The National Events Manual also needs to be corrected to reflect our current approved policies. After the corrections are made, these documents need to be reviewed and approved by the board. *Report in Secretary's File*

Welcome New Clubs Since Last Reported 2001 GB Meeting

Southwest Working Dog Assoc (SW).
Piedmont SchH Klub (SE)
Orange County SchH Club (SW)
O.G. Solano SchH Club (NW)
O.G. West Penn SchH Club (NE)
Spirit SchH Club (SE)
Alpha K-9 SchH Club (NE)
O.G. West Penn moved to (ME)

Piedmont SchH Klub (SE)
Colorado Alpine SchH Club (Rocky)
Liberty SchH Club (New E)
Pikes Peak SchH & Police Assn. Rky Mtn./Grt Plains

NAME CHANGES

From: Silver State SchH Club (SW)
To: Vegas Valley SchH Club USA

From: Greater Orlando SchH Club (SE)
To: Central Florida Police & SchH Club

From: Western Maine SchH Club (NE)
To: Maine SchH Club

From: Brandon SchH Verein (SE)
To: Nature Coast Sport Dog Club

Motions that were passed at this meeting and now become standing rules:

Regional Directors

- . The Regional Directors will not grant trial authorizations to clubs that fail to submit both annual dues and membership lists.
- . The Regional Directors will approve waivers of the annual trial requirement; provided the club's dues and membership list are current.
- . Regional Directors will receive copies of club's membership lists.
- . The Regional Directors will recommend to the Board, appropriate disciplinary action for affiliate status clubs that do not progress towards full member status.
- . Executive Board members may not be governing members of competing US German Shepherd Dog organizations.

Judges

- . Judges may not be governing members of competing US German Shepherd Dog organizations.
- . New Probationary Working Judges: Jim Elder, Nathaniel Roque, and Johannes Grewe
- . Approval of the Revised USA Working Dog Judges Program. *Diane will print and send with Minutes*

National Events

- . No USA club shall schedule a trial or breed event on the same date as the USA SchH3 National Championship. In addition, no trial authorizations will be issued for trials which occur on the same date as a national event in that region.

USA-GSD Championship Entry Requirements

Restricted to SchH3 German Shepherd Dogs registered with the SV/USA Breed Registry.
Limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.
Scorebooks must be registered with the USA Office.
Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the US are exempt from these requirements.

Revised H. O. T. Criteria for National Events

Dogs must have been titled from "B; to current degree with

listed owner/handler (any age). Verification will be done through evidence the owner/handler provides and also copies of the scorebook pages showing the titles and the date the event was held including the judge's name.

Director of Judges Report:

Mike Hamilton recommended that we change the title of DOJ to, National Performance Judge. Mike deferred this to a bylaw change. Mark Przybylski reported that a new SchH rulebook including IPO and DPO should be available in December. The Judge's College reviewed the rulebook to clarify any discrepancies. Our present list of apprentice judges includes, Paul Schnieder, Ray Blomberg, Patty Garcia, Brian McNulty, Uwe Doose, Lyle Roetemeyer. Our apprentice judge applicants that will be moving up to apprentice judges are Julia Priest, and Karen MacIntyre. Our apprentice breed judge is Ricardo Carbajal. Tonya Purcell has been dropped from the apprentice judge program due to lack of progress. The judge's seminar/workshop will be hosted by Cascade Working Dog Assn. We hope to have GSSCC judges as well as SV judges in attendance. The Judge's Committee will be asking for confirmation of the following judges: Jim Elder, Johannes Grewe, and Nathaniel Roque.

National Breed Warden's Report:

Johannes Grewe acknowledged O.G.Valencia and its club members, for their help in making the 2002 Sieger Show a success.

With Lori Curser's help, we will participate in the COAPA Championship. This will be the first year that a Schutzhund competition will be available. Johannes will attend the COAPA General Board Meeting and give a report in the magazine.

Johannes believes it is important for our organization to make the move from a primarily sport-oriented club to a complete GSD organization. Johannes also believes that breeding must be the center of activity in our organization and should be a common goal between the schutzhund enthusiasts and the show enthusiasts. He also believes that we must drastically increase our breeding activity. Our breeding efforts can only be carried out at the local club level. We need to become an inclusive organization that has room for more than just training. Johannes also believes that there is a competition between USA and other GSD organizations in the US, by being a member of another organization at the same time, you have neutralized your devotion and do not give a clear message.

Johannes described a meeting he and Jim Elder had with Herr Lux, the Executive Director of the SV. Our registry was discussed as were the SV elections that are due to take place in December. Johannes also reported on the WUSV Board Meeting that he Jim Elder, and Stephanie Dunion attended. The relationship between the SV and FCI appears to have differences with regard to protecting the GSD, and the SV asked for WUSV support. Hans Rudenauer, The SV National Training Director, presented a program to the WUSV that was voted upon and

approved. This program would bring all WUSV countries into compliance with the SV breeding requirements within a 10 year time frame. Mr. Rudenauer's presentation included pictures of American bred champion dogs, and presents these breedings as "cruel and inhumane treatment of man's part in selective breeding." Mr. Rudenauer estimated that about 25,000-30,000 puppies are born worldwide every year without any selective requirements.

Mr. Rudenauer went on with his proposed worldwide breeding plan:

. All WUSV countries must develop a program for breeding selection that include temperament testing (perhaps based on the Swiss model) and some kind of olfactory sensory testing.. These requirements should be achieved in 5 years.

All WUSV counties must develop a program for breeding selections that is based on BH and SchH requirements.

These requirements should be achieved in 10 years.

Johannes stated that, "USA has these requirements in place and as a USA member we are already supporting this breeding plan."

At this point Johannes presented a slide show, much like they did at the WUSV meeting to inform our membership the kind of breedings we support and promote when we join the GSDCA-WDA. The photos were taken from the "German Shepherd Dog Review."

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion by Kay Koerner to approve the minutes for the 2001 General Board and the 2002 Executive Board meetings. Kay also motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded, by Peggy Park. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.** Thank you Kay.

IV. BYLAW CHANGES

The by-law changes are listed below. The removal of words is shown by ~~strikeouts~~ and the addition of words is shown in **bold**

REMOVAL OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

It has been proposed that the Regional Directors be removed from the Executive Board. They would still be part of the General Board of Directors

Vote: Yes-6, No-91. **Motion Failed.**

ANNUAL DUES

This amendment would provide for the Executive Board to establish the amount of dues instead of the General Board.

Vote: Yes-9, No-82, Abstained-0. **Motion Failed**

ADDITIONAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S DUTIES

ARTICLE V SECTION 2 d.

CHANGE FROM:

A complete and current membership list including full addresses must be included with the club's annual dues. This information will be sent to the USA Office for ~~approval by the Treasurer.~~ Clubs that fail to submit both annual dues and membership lists will not be granted trial authorizations. Should club lists and dues not be submitted by the due date, any previously approved

trial authorizations will be recalled. Trial authorizations will be restored when dues and membership lists are submitted and approved.

TO:

A complete and current membership list including full addresses must be included with the club's annual dues. This information will be sent to the USA Office for **verification**. Clubs that fail to submit both annual dues and membership lists will not be granted trial authorizations **by the Regional Director**. Should club lists and dues not be submitted by the due date, any previously approved trial authorizations will be recalled. Trial authorizations will be restored when dues and membership lists are submitted and approved.

VOTE: Yes-91, No-5, Abstained-1 **Motion Passed**

In the future, a copy of the club membership list will be sent to the RDs.

ARTICLE V SECTION 1 b (v)

CHANGE FROM:

Each full member club shall hold at least one (1) sanctioned USA schutzhund trial or HGH Herding Dog Trial per calendar year beginning January 1 of the year after the year in which the club is granted full member status. The ~~Board of Directors~~ shall approve any waiver of this requirement. Failure to comply with this provision will reduce.....

TO:

Each full member club shall hold at least one (1) sanctioned USA schutzhund trial or HGH Herding Dog Trial per calendar year beginning January 1 of the year after the year in which the club is granted full member status. The **Regional Director** shall approve any waiver of this requirement, The Regional Director will advise all the clubs in the region of the proposed waiver and the reasons thereof. Failure to comply with this provision will reduce.....

Motion by Diane Madigan seconded by Nia Cottrell to amend the proposed change to read: The **Regional Director** shall approve any waiver of this requirement; **provided the club's dues and membership list are current.**

VOTE: Yes-96, No-1, **Motion Passed**

ARTICLE V SECTION 4 d.

CHANGE FROM:

If no justification for lack of progress is shown, the ~~Executive Board~~ shall take appropriate disciplinary action which may include:

1. Probation under the supervision of some person appointed by the Board of Directors.
2. Expulsion of the club from USA.

TO:

If no justification for lack of progress is shown, the **Regional Director** shall recommend to the Board, appropriate disciplinary action which may include:

1. Probation under the supervision of **the Regional Director** or someone appointed by the Board of Directors.
2. Expulsion of the club from USA.

VOTE: Yes-92, No-4, Abstain-1 **Motion Passed**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The present nominating committee can only nominate one person for an office even if there is more than one qualified person desiring the office. Thus the committee controls who will be nominated by their vote.

ARTICLE X Section 1b. (v)

CHANGE FROM:

The committee shall nominate ~~a single slate of~~ candidates for Officer, Directors at Large and standing committee positions in USA excluding regional directors.

TO:

The committee shall nominate candidates for Officer, Directors at Large and standing committee positions in USA excluding regional directors.

VOTE: Yes-94, No-3 **Motion Passed**

BREED ADVISORY MEMBER

ARTICLE X SECTION 1, e (ii)

This proposal is to correct an omission in the by-laws. The Director of Judges is a member of the Breed Advisory Committee.

FROM:

- (ii) The Breed Advisory Committee shall consist of all Regional Breed Wardens, the USA President, and the National Breed Warden. This committee shall become effective at the General Board meeting in October 2001

TO:

- (ii) The Breed Advisory Committee shall consist of all Regional Breed Wardens, the USA President, **Director of Judges**, and the National Breed Warden. This committee shall become effective at the General Board Meeting in October 2001.

VOTE: **Approved Unanimously**

SELECTION OF JUDGES

Steve Robinson asked to include this proposed change with another change to the World Championship Committee change that is listed later on the Agenda.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

This proposal eliminates the conflict of interest of by policy-setting members that belong to competing organizations.

ARTICLE III

ADD a new paragraph 5 as follows:

USA Judges may not be a governing members or judges of competing US Schutzhund organizations.

Motion by Johannes Grewe seconded by Dale Brett to amend the wording to read:

USA Judges may not be a governing members or judges of competing US German Shepherd Dog organizations.

Vote to amend the proposal Yes-96, No-1 **Motion Passed**
Vote on final wording Approved-83, Opposed- 11, Abstained-3 **Motion Passed**

ARTICLE VI SECTION 2

ADD NEW PARAGRAPH (h)

Executive Board members may not be governing members of competing Schutzhund organizations.

Motion by Johannes Grewe seconded by Mo Weldon to amend the wording to read:

Executive Board members may not be governing members of competing US German Shepherd Dog organizations.

Vote to amend the proposal Yes -93, Opposed -4, **Motion Passed**

Vote on final wording Approved- 89, Opposed -6, Abstained-2 **Motion Passed**

INCREASED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE POWERS

This proposal increases the responsibility of the World Championship Committee.

ARTICLE X SECTION 1 f.

CHANGE IN ENTIRITY FROM:

It is the duty of this committee to recommend rules for the selection of a team to represent USA at the World Schutzhund III Championship for German Shepherd Dogs. The committee will also recommend sites and judges for qualification trials to the Board of Directors. The committee selects a person to act as team captain. The Committee consists of four (4) members and the President of USA. The committee will be elected every even year by the General Board of Directors.

TO:

- 1) It is the duty of the committee to: Recommend rules for selection of a team and team members to represent USA in all international competitions and events, including, but not limited to, the WUSV World Championship, the FCI Championship, and team representatives to participate at COAPA.
- 2) To serve as consultants and make recommendations for the selection of events that will determine team member eligibility for all international working dog events.
- 3) To serve as consultants and make recommendations regarding discussions with other Schutzhund organizations as it pertains to participation in international events.
- 4) To select a person to serve as team captain, and set rules for this person's duties and responsibilities.
- 5) At the President's discretion, to send a representative to attend, along with other USA

designees, the annual WUSV meeting held on the Monday after the World Championship.

The Committee consists of four (4) members and the President of USA. The committee will be elected every even year by the General Board of Directors.

Motion by Mo Weldon seconded by Dean Calderon to table the WCC proposed bylaw change to New Business.

Dean Calderon called for the vote.

Mike Hamilton re-read the proposed bylaw change.

VOTE: Opposed-? (No count) Abstained- 5, 14, 12, 5 = (36) Approved – 7, 10, 16, 18, 5 = (56)

Due to problems counting opposing votes a revote was taken: No-1, Abstain 6, 15, 12, 10, 3 (46), Yes 4, 5, 14, 1, 12, (36) **Motion Failed**

NAME CHANGE FOR DIRECTOR OF JUDGES

Change the Title of our Director of Judges to our National Performance Judge.

VOTE: Yes-10, No-72, Abstain-1 **Motion Failed**

V. ELECTIONS

Roll Call taken 101 voting delegates. Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Kay Koerner thanked the members of this committee for their involvement in the election process.

President: The Nominating Committee (NC) nominated Jim Elder. Mike Hamilton asked for nominations from the floor, Greg Bennett nominated Howie Rodriguez. Kris Taves motioned to close the nominations seconded by Nathaniel Roque. Howie and Jim spoke briefly. VOTE: **Jim Elder-66**, Howie Rodriguez-33.

Vice President: The NC nominated Lyle Roetemeyer Mike Hamilton asked for nominations from the floor, Dean Calderon nominated Vicki Keller, Willi Ortner moved seconded by Richard Greba to close the nominations. Vicki Keller spoke briefly and then took questions. Following the election of Jim Elder for President, Vicki Keller withdrew herself from the election. Mo Weldon moved seconded by John Koerner that **Lyle Roetemeyer** be elected by acclamation. VOTE: Yes-94, No-1, Abstained-6. **Motion Passed**

Secretary: The NC nominated Diane Madigan. Jim asked for nominations from the floor. Having no additional nominations, Mo Weldon moved to close the nominations. Kay moved seconded by Vicki Bartley to elect **Diane Madigan** by acclamation. VOTE: Yes-100, Opposed-0, Abstained-1. **Motion Passed.**

Treasurer: The NC nominated Bill Plumb. Jim asked for nominations from the floor. Having no additional nominations, Mo Weldon moved to accept **Bill Plumb** by acclamation, seconded by Nathaniel Roque. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**
There are now 18 EB Members in attendance

Director of Judge's: The NC nominated Mark Przybylski. Jim asked for additional nominations from the floor Mo Weldon moved to accept **Mark Przybylski** by acclamation, seconded by Ronnie Hill. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

National Breed Warden: The NC nominated Johannes Grewe. Jim asked for additional nominations from the floor. Bill Plumb moved to accept **Johannes Grewe** by acclamation, seconded by Nathaniel Roque. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Executive Board Members at Large: (4 Positions): The NC nominated Al Govednik, Mike Gardner, Steve Robinson, Jim asked for additional nominations from the floor. Diane Miller nominated Dean Calderon, seconded by Molly Graff, Nathaniel Roque nominated Howie Rodriguez seconded by Karen Henkel, Willie Ortnr nominated Kay Koerner seconded by Diane Madigan, Vicki Bartley nominated Dena McGowan, seconded by Ledda, Diane Madigan nominated Mike Hamilton seconded by Bill Plumb. **VOTE: Howie Rodriguez 66, Al Govednik, 61, Kay Koerner 49, Mike Hamilton 46,** Other Votes: Steve Robinson 35, Dean Calderon 32, Floyd Wilson 27, Dena McGowan 25, Mike Gardner 4. *There are now 20 EB Members in attendance to be seated in New Business. A total of 86 voting delegates present at this time.*

Judges Committee (1 USA Judge): The NC nominated Mike Caputo; Diane Madigan nominated Mike Hamilton seconded by Ronnie Hill. Mo Weldon moved to close the nominations seconded by Nathaniel Roque. **VOTE: Mike Hamilton 62, Mike Caputo 24.**

Board of Inquiry (5 Positions + 2 alternates): The NC nominated Jeff Lawless, John Koerner, Mo Weldon, Dale Brett, Dawn Marie Hernandez, Jeff Pomeroy, and Randy Kromer. The Secretary received and read a letter of intent from Shelley Neill. Joe Marcantonio nominated John Genovese. John Genovese, Jeff Lawless, John Koerner, Mo Weldon, Dale Brett spoke briefly Jim Elder read Dawn Marie Hernandez's and Jeff Pomeroy's letters of intent. **VOTE: Mo Weldon 86, Jeff Lawless 78, John Koerner 66, Dale Brett 50, Randy Kromer 44, Alternates Shelly Neill 32, Jeff Pomeroy 32.** Other votes; John Genovese 24, Dawn Marie Hernandez 8.

World Championship Committee (4 positions): The NC nominated Gary Hanrahan and Steve Robinson, John Oliver nominated Howie Rodriguez seconded, Richard Greba was nominated and seconded, Gordie Esslemann was nominated and seconded. Mo Weldon moved to close the nominations seconded by Nathaniel Roque. **VOTE: Steve Robinson 71, Gary Hanrahan 71, Howie Rodriguez 63, Gordie Esslemann 61, Richard Greba 48.**

Auditing Committee (3 positions): The NC received one letter of intent from **Mike Gardner**. The Secretary did not receive any letters of intent for this committee. **Kay Koerner** was nominated by Lyle seconded by Dale Brett. **Kris Taves** was nominated and seconded. Motion to accept by acclamation seconded **VOTE: Approved Unanimously**
The newly elected Execs at Large were seated (Howie Rodriguez and Mike Hamilton).

VI. APPROVAL OF NEW JUDGES

Director of Judges and Chair of the Judges Committee, Mark Przybylski presented the following judges for approval: **Jim Elder Approved Unanimously, Nathaniel Roque Yes-71, No-1 Approved, Johannes Grewe Yes-64, No-8 Approved**

Diane Madigan asked that all newly elected officers and committee members provide her with their contact information, including e-mail contact info for the magazine, website, and her files.

VII. NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

PROPOSED USA-GSD CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Restricted to SchH3 German Shepherd Dogs registered with the SV/USA Breed Registry.
- Limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.
- Scorebooks must be registered with the USA Office. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the US are exempt from these requirements.

VOTE: Approved Unanimously

2. E-BALLOT #12-02

Subject: Breeding Regulation 4.1.1

Motion to ratify the EB decision to accept the Breed Advisory Committee's recommendation to extend the USA Breeding Requirements as set forth in the USA Breeding Regulations under 4.1.1. Eligible for Breeding.

From:

Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book who, on the day of breeding have a training title awarded under the training regulations (SchH 1-3, HGH, or a training title of equivalent value) under a USA recognized judge. In addition, have received a show rating of at least "good" under a USA recognized conformation judge, when not already breed surveyed under USA or SV regulations and have an acceptable hip dysplasia rating.

To:

Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book who, on the day of breeding have a training title awarded under the training regulations for BH under a USA recognized judge. In addition, have received a show rating of at least "good" under a USA recognized breed judge, when not already breed surveyed under USA or SV regulations and have an acceptable hip dysplasia rating.

Motion to ratify the Executive Board decision in E-ballot #12-02. Johannes spoke for 30 minutes in favor of this ballot, followed by an additional 25 minute question/answer and member input session.

VOTE: Yes-22, No-36, Abstained-4 Motion Failed

3. E-BALLOT #13-02

Subject: 2003 Sieger Show

Motion to ratify the EB decision for USA to host the 2003 Sieger Show in Bakersfield, California.

VOTE: **Approved Unanimously**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM OFFICER'S REPORTS

President's Report: Motion by Donna Rednour seconded by Lyle Roetemeyer, to revise the definition of a H.O.T. dog for our National Events to the same criteria as for the H.O.T. Tournament.

"Dogs must have been titled from "B; to current degree with listed owner/handler (any age). Verification will be done through evidence the owner/handler provides and also copies of the scorebook pages showing the titles and the date the event was held including the judge's name"

VOTE: Yes- 60, No-2, **Motion Passed**

IX. NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judge's Committee:

Approval of the revised USA Working Dog Judge's Program. Mike Hamilton moved to accept the revised USA Working Dog Judges Program seconded by Gordie Esselmann. VOTE: **Approved Unanimously** *Approved Program Enclosed*

Approval of the USA Breed Judges Program "Draft"

Motion to Table by Nathaniel Roque seconded by Mike Hamilton.

VOTE to Table: **Approved Unanimously**

Kay mentioned that no proposal should be brought before the board without sufficient time for review.

X. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by Kay Koerner seconded by John Oliver, no USA club shall schedule a trial or breed event on the same date as the USA SchH3 National Championship. In addition, no trial authorizations will be issued for trials which occur on the same date as a national event in that region. VOTE: **Approved Unanimously**
- Motion by John Oliver that USA makes an exception to the VDH rule, of 2 dogs per handler per trial.

Motion to amend by Kris Taves seconded by Howie Rodriguez, to extend the VDH trial rule of 2 dogs per handler per trial to 3 dogs per handler per trial.

VOTE: **No-14, Yes-24. This was an illegal vote as there wasn't a quorum.**

- Joe Marcantonio: Discuss USA recognized judges. Joe Marcantonio was not in attendance at this time, this issue was **tabled** until the EB Meeting.

- Steve Robinson: Discussion regarding a one time waiver from the USA membership requirement to purchase a USA scorebook for alternate breeds showing for the "BH" **Tabled to EB Discussions.**
- Kris Taves motioned to change our DBA name to the German Shepherd Dog Club of USA. No second. Mike Hamilton moved to **table** discussion to the next meeting, and be placed on the Agenda. Newly elected President Elder, added that he would like name change proposals be opened to the entire membership, possibly through a name and/or logo contest.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Dale Brett seconded by Mike Hamilton Jim Elder adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm

To the best of my knowledge, these minutes are an accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Madigan

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