

# EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS

## 2004

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

### **E-Ballot #30-04 (Regional Participation for Entry to GSD National Championship)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer to defer indefinitely the adoption of the 2005 requirement of a passing score at a regional championship to participate at the GSD National Championship.

**Vote: Yes-17** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriquez/Ray Blomberg/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund), **NFD-2** (Mike Hamilton/Carl Johnson), **NR-2** (Bill Bimrose/David Wood).

**Motion carried 10/18/04. Ratified at 2004 GBM-Nashville.**

### **E-Ballot #29-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to include \$2,000 for the Judges Committee.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriquez/Bill Bimrose/Ray Blomberg/Jerrold Gray/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund), **NR-2** (Julia Grayson/David Wood).

**Motion carried 10/8/04.**

### **E-Ballot #28-04 (Amend Budget) – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #27-04 (Sponsorship Merchandise)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to support the National Events including the HOT by contributing merchandise to those events that is contributed to USA by sponsors.

**Vote: Yes-16** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriquez/Bill Bimrose/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund), **NR-5** (Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Ray Blomberg/Randy Kromer/David Wood).

**Motion carried 10/2/04.**

### **E-Ballot #26-04 (Scheduling Regional Championships)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that, beginning in 2005, USA Regional Championships for SchH/VPG competition shall not be scheduled the weekend before or the weekend of the FCI IPO Championship and WUSV World (SchH/VPG) Championship.

**Vote: Yes-10** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Howie Rodriquez/Bill Bimrose/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund), **No-8** (Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Kay Koerner/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Randy Kromer/John Oliver), **NR-2** (Ray Blomberg/David Wood), **NFD-1** (Vicki Keller).

**Motion carried 9/14/04. Rescinded at 2004 GBM-Nashville.**

### **E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that the VDH requirement for having a tattoo or microchip on your dog is not required at local events only. Effective January 1, 2005, all entries to our championships (regional and national) are required to be tattooed or microchipped. Owners of dogs that are microchipped are responsible for providing the necessary equipment for the identity check.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Jim Elder/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriquez/Bill Bimrose/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund), **No-1** (David Wood), **NFD-3** (Diane Madigan/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer), **ABS-1** (Ray Blomberg), **NR-1** (Lyle Roetemeyer).

**Motion carried 9/3/04. Ratified at 2004 GBM-Nashville. Superseded by E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs).**

### **E-Ballot #24-04 (Board of Inquiry Case: USA vs. Thomas Sauerhoefer)**

Motion to accept the Board of Inquiry's recommendation of a five-year expulsion of Thomas Sauerhoefer's membership from the USA organization. This expulsion is to include, but not limited to, all USA activities of club membership, training, trialing, showing, breeding - registration, and advertising.

Also recommend that Mr. Sauerhoefer make restitution to the Laurita's in the amount of \$1,000.00, as it is the amount he charged them to attain the BH which never occurred. Mr. Sauerhoefer may reapply for membership after the five-year expulsion has been completed, and his application shall be reviewed. However, this may not guarantee renewal of his membership depending on the circumstances leading up to his application.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriquez/Ray Blomberg/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund), **NR-2** (Bill Bimrose/David Wood).  
**Motion carried 9/9/04.**

#### **E-Ballot #23-04 (Tattoo Variance) – Withdrawn**

#### **E-Ballot #22-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Vicki Keller to amend the budget to include \$3,000 to go to the host club of the 2005 North American Championship. This money will be used for judge and helper expenses and stadium and tracking field expenses.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriquez/Bill Bimrose/Ray Blomberg/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund/David Wood).  
**Motion carried unanimously 8/31/04.**

#### **E-Ballot #21-04 (Regional Director Waivers for Regional Participation)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to allow the regional director to consider the circumstances and either issue or deny a waiver for the required regional participation for entry to the 2004 National Championship. The Office will verify the waiver with the regional director.

**Vote: Yes-8** (Diane Madigan/Al Govednik/Howie Rodriquez/Jerrold Gray/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque), **No-6** (Lyle Roetemeyer/Bill Plumb/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Bill Bimrose/Diane Vegsund), **NFD-5** (Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Julia Grayson/Randy Kromer/David Wood), **NR-2** (Jim Elder/Ray Blomberg).  
**Motion carried 8/15/04.**

#### **E-Ballot #20-04 (Exemption for Regional Participation) – Withdrawn**

#### **E-Ballot #19-04 (Election of Helper Committee Members)**

Motion by Diane Madigan that members of the Helper Committee be elected at the General Board Meeting for a two-year term.

**Vote: Yes-7** (Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Kay Koerner/Ray Blomberg/Jerrold Gray/Carl Johnson/Randy Kromer), **No-12** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Bill Bimrose/Julia Grayson/Vicki Keller/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/David Wood), **NFD-2** (Howie Rodriquez/Diane Vegsund).  
**Motion failed 7/23/04.**

#### **E-Ballot #18-04 (Helper Program)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer to accept the attached Draft of the USA Helper Program with the attached appendices.

**Vote: Yes-13** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Bill Bimrose/Ray Blomberg/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund/David Wood), **No-7** (Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Kay Koerner/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/John Oliver), **NFD-1** (Howie Rodriquez).  
**Motion carried 8/6/04. Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville.**

#### **E-Ballot #17-04 (RH Program)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to accept the RH program as written by the SV.

**Vote: Yes-7** (Jim Elder/Bill Plumb/Al Govednik/Bill Bimrose/Ray Blomberg/Jerrold Gray/Vicki Keller), **No-6** (Lyle Roetemeyer/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Mike Hamilton/John Oliver/David Wood), **NFD-8** (Diane Madigan/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriquez/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Randy Kromer/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund).  
**7/26/04. With a NFD majority vote, this item will go before the General Board. (Approved by the 1985 General Board: If a majority votes for “More Discussion Needed,” the item goes to the next meeting.)**

#### **E-Ballot #16-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to increase expenses to include up to \$5,000 to finish the development of a breed registry system. The minimum will be \$4,000, with \$2,000 advance to start work, \$2,000 upon completion, and \$500 per week for changes and additions beyond the current scope.

**Vote: Yes-16** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Bill Plumb/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriquez/Bill Bimrose/Ray Blomberg/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Randy Kromer/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/David Wood), **No-3** (Diane Madigan/Carl Johnson/Diane Vegsund), **NFD-2** (Mark Przybylski/Vicki Keller).  
**Motion carried 7/21/04.**

### **E-Ballot #15-04 (Sportsmanship Statement)**

Motion by John Oliver to add following statement:

USA encourages and supports sportsmanship and camaraderie among all USA members; however, local clubs reserve their right to refuse entries at their events. In the interest of good sportsmanship, entries should not be unreasonably denied.

The exception to this rule will apply to the host club for national and regional events where the right of refusal rests with the sponsoring organization. National Events are: USA National Championship, North American and FH Championship, *H.O.T. Championship, Sieger Show*, and regional championships.

**Vote: Yes-10** (Jim Elder/Mark Przybylski/Mike Hamilton/Howie Rodriguez/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Vicki Keller/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund), **No-7** (Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Kay Koerner/Al Govednik/Carl Johnson/Randy Kromer/David Wood), **NFD-1** (Lyle Roetemeyer), **NR-3** (Johannes Grewe/Bill Bimrose/Ray Blomberg).

**Motion carried 6/22/04. Amended at 2004 GBM–Nashville to include H.O.T. Championship and Sieger Show as shown in semibold italic. Supersedes 1986 EBM–Sacramento (Club’s Right to Refuse Trial Entries).**

### **E-Ballot #14-04 – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #13-04 (Trial Entries) – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #12-04 (Trial Entries) – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #11-04 (Rescind Clubs’ Right to Refuse Trial Entries) – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #10-04 (National Event Trial Processing Fees)**

Motion by Vicki Keller, as recommended by the NEC, to increase trial processing fees for national events from \$6 to \$10.

**Vote: Yes-18** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Mark Przybylski/Howie Rodriguez/Al Govednik/Kay Koerner/Mike Hamilton/Bill Bimrose/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund/David Wood), **No-2** (Bill Plumb/Ray Blomberg), **NR-1** (Johannes Grewe).

**Motion carried 4/13/04.**

### **E-Ballot #9-04 (Event Authorizations)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque that the Regional Director has the authority to automatically suspend a club for one year if it is found to have hosted another organization’s event on the same day as that given on a USA Event Authorization. This will also incur if a club is found to have hosted an event that is not authorized on a particular day, i.e., Friday afternoon, without an event authorization. All suspensions will be printed in the magazine. Suspended clubs will need to be re-affiliated and that club’s trial will not count toward the club’s annual trial requirement.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriguez/Bill Bimrose/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund), **ABS-2** (Ray Blomberg/David Wood).

**Motion carried 4/3/04.**

### **E-Ballot #8-04 (Education Program)**

Based upon Vicki Keller’s response to a questionnaire, Vicki asked that we develop a mock trial/fun trial program. Recommend that helper education receive priority in USA education efforts in 2005. This education would be delivered at the regional level.

**Vote: Yes-18** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriguez/Bill Bimrose/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund), **No-2** (Al Govednik/David Wood), **NFD-1** (Ray Blomberg).

**Motion carried 4/3/04.**

### **E-Ballot #7-04 (Scheduling Flights at National Events)**

As recommended by the NEC, events follow a one phase per day schedule. The dog handler team would do tracking one day, obedience another day, and protection another day.

**Vote: Yes-17** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriguez/Bill Bimrose/Jerrold Gray/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/David Wood), **No-2** (Ray Blomberg/Diane Vegsund), **NFD-2** (Julia Grayson/Randy Kromer).

**Motion carried 4/3/04.**

### **E-Ballot #6-04 (Bid Proposal for National Events)**

Motion by Vicki Keller to recommend to the General Board that a bid solicitation process for national event sites be used beginning in 2005. Potential host clubs will be asked to submit written bids by August 1. Bids will be presented to the General Board and sites chosen by General Board vote. Regional directors are responsible for recommending potential sites to the NEC.

The bid proposal *should* include the following information: Host club and officers, insurance information, funds available for financing event expenses, and past regional and national event experience. Contracts for tracking, stadium and practice facilities, motels, and draw night location should be included. Also a video or photos of the stadium (with a dog working) and tracking are necessary. Finally, the number of USA members willing to help and availability of sponsorship money should be included in the bid proposal. Regional directors must be involved in soliciting bids.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Jim Elder/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriguez/Bill Bimrose/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque), **No-2** (Johannes Grewe/David Wood), **NFD-3** (Lyle Roetemeyer/Al Govednik/Diane Vegsund), **ABS-1** (Ray Blomberg).  
**Motion carried 4/3/04. Amended at 2004 GBM–Nashville to substitute “should” for “will” as shown in semibold italic.**

#### **E-Ballot #5-04 (2004-2005 Budget)**

From the 2004 EBM, motion by Bill Plumb to accept the budget as amended: Total Revenue \$536,750, Total Expenses \$524,520, Net Income \$12,230.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriguez/Bill Bimrose/Ray Blomberg/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/John Oliver/Nathaniel Roque/Diane Vegsund/David Wood).  
**Motion carried unanimously 4/3/04.**

#### **E-Ballot #4-04 (2004 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

Motion to approve the Breed Advisory Committee's recommended slate of judges for the 2004 Sieger Show:

Male Classes – Erich Orschler (SV Vice President)

Female Classes – Johannes Grewe (USA)

Progeny and Kennel Groups – Erich Orschler (SV Vice President)/Johannes Grewe (USA)

**Vote: Yes-14, NFD-4, ABS-1, NR-2**

**Motion carried 3/2/04.**

#### **E-Ballot #3-04 (Membership Recognition Program)**

Motion by Bill Plumb that USA begin a membership recognition program by awarding pins for years of continuous membership beginning at five years and progressing in five-year increments. We would need about \$5,000 to purchase an initial supply of pins and the ongoing expense would be about \$1,000 per year. The design of the pins would be a GSD head with Schutzhund USA in a banner below the head and the number of years below that.

**Vote: Yes-18** (Jim Elder/Lyle Roetemeyer/Diane Madigan/Bill Plumb/Mark Przybylski/Johannes Grewe/Al Govednik/Mike Hamilton/Kay Koerner/Howie Rodriguez/Bill Bimrose/Ray Blomberg/Jerrold Gray/Julia Grayson/Carl Johnson/Vicki Keller/Randy Kromer/Nathaniel Roque), **No-2** (John Oliver/Diane Vegsund), **NR-1** (David Wood).  
**Motion carried 2/25/04.**

#### **E-Ballot #2-04 (2004 National Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the Judges Committee recommended slate of judges for the 2004 National Championship:

Tracking – Al Govednik (USA)

Obedience – Günter Lanfer (SV)

Protection – Michael Hamilton (USA)

**Vote: Yes-17, ABS-2, NR-2**

**Motion carried 2/25/04.**

#### **E-Ballot #1-04 (2004 North American and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the Judges Committee recommended slate of judges for the 2004 North American and FH Championship:

Tracking – Al Kerr (USA)

Obedience – Frank Mensing (GSSCC/SV)

Protection – Eckhard Roddewig (SV)

**Vote: Yes-20, NR-1**

**Motion carried 1/30/04.**