



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC
JUDGES COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Saturday 21st July 2018

Time: 1.00pm to 5.00pm

**Venue: "Airport Motel & Convention Centre",
33 Ardlie Street, Attwood, Victoria**

A G E N D A

1. Opening & Welcome:

Chair Mrs. Robyn Knuckey – GSDCA Judges Committee Chair
Meeting opened at

2. Present & Apologies: As per the signature sheet.

"That apologies be accepted".

Moved:..... Seconded:.....

3. Adoption of the Agenda:

3.1 Adoption of the Agenda for the Judges Committee meeting.

"That the Agenda for the Judges Committee Meeting as circulated, be adopted".

Moved:..... Seconded:.....

4. Confirmation of the Minutes:

4.1 ***"That the minutes of the Judges Committee Meeting held on Saturday 29th July 2017 in Adelaide, South Australia be accepted as a true and accurate record"***.

Moved:..... Seconded:.....

5. Business Arising from the 2017 Minutes:

5.1 Education Pack:

Judges Chair to develop a package to send to people who start in the Judges Extension Course.

The GSDCA Aspirant Judges Education Pack Completed

5.2 8.7 – Presentation of animals in a natural stance for measuring and critiquing.

Chair to send out a Directive to all Judges and Surveyors, include in QNR to advise the membership that:

- *No touching, pulling collar down etc. presenting the dog in a natural stance.*
- *The up and back to be on a loose lead, stopping the dog pulling on the lead.*

Completed

5.3 9.1 – The GSDCA Secretary will prepare a letter that is to be sent to Member Clubs confirming that Visiting Overseas Conformation Judges' Evaluation does not apply to specialist judges coming from overseas. Completed

5.4 Results of Motions presented to the 2018 GSDCA AGM:

- 7.1 Size – Not to award gradings – Lost.
- 8.1 Aggressive Dog Reporting – Carried.
- 8.5 Changes to Excellent Merit and Excellent at SBE's – Carried.
- 8.6 Measuring and recording height and depth of chest in Junior, Intermediate and Open classes – Carried.
- 8.8 Specialist Judges Extension Course:
 - 6.2.1.4 include in regulation – “unable to handle and/or” and
 - 6.2.3.2.3 include in regulation – “or previous NBC Executive members” – both Carried.
- 9.3 SBE to be terminated - Lost
- 9.4 Judges Service Agreement – Carried.
- 9.5 Specialist Judges Disciplinary & Appeals Procedures – Carried.

6. Judges Committee Chair's Reports

- 6.1 Judges Committee Chair's Report – Mrs. Robyn Knuckey
 - 6.1.1 National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie
 - 6.1.2 Tail Male Charts – Robyn Knuckey

7. Matters Arising from the Judges Committee Chair's Report

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8. Matters Referred to the 2018 Judges Committee Meeting from GSDCA Member Clubs:

- 8.1 **Moved – GSDCV**
“That Malcolm Griffiths (UK/Colombia) be added to the National Judges List”.
- 8.2 **Moved – GSDCV**
“That Mrs Heather McDonald (UK) be added to the National Judges List”.
- 8.3 **Moved – GSDCV**
“That Mr Luciano Mussolino (Italy) be added to the National Judges List”.

Rationale for all three motions above:

All the above judges have officiated at least two times at GSDCA Member Club Specialist shows, and in the opinion of Victorian members possess the required breed knowledge, demeanour and skill sets to adjudicate at our National Show.

9. Any Other Business:

9.1 Discussion Item - National Show Regulations – NBC Executive

1. Judges must insist that handlers let the dog stand 4 square and handlers do not manipulate and must stand back from the animals and only hold the lead.
2. Should a formal approach be made to the ANKC that would see the following apply at National shows?
 - That Open Class is only eligible for animals that are 2 years and over.
 - Animals exhibited that are not GSDCA Breed Survey or equivalent as recognised by GSDCA and shown in the Open Class will be at best placed in the Very Good grouping.
 - Animals exhibited that are 18 months and above that do not have both A, Z or equivalent as recognised by GSDCA will be ungraded.
 - That animals exhibited in Open Class be subject to a gun test.

9.2 Discussion Item - Update to GSDCA Medals – NBC Executive

Mementos: - GSDCA Treasurer to provide an update regarding costings for the new memento's.

Generic National Excellents: - An approximate cost for the new generic National Excellents which will have the new head, copied from the memento, and on the back the clubs will be removed and replaced with GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA.

9.3 Amendment to Regulation - National President's Dinner – NBC Executive

Current Regulation:

25 Social Functions - Friday Night

The President's Dinner Opportunity for the Host Club President to welcome the Judges, GSDCA Executive/Representatives and other Club Officials.
This Function is open to all exhibitors.

Proposed Amendment:

25 Social Functions – Friday Night

The President's Dinner Opportunity for the Host Club President to welcome the Judges, GSDCA Executive/Representatives and other Club Officials.

- This Function is open to all exhibitors.
- ***That the holding of the GSDCA National Show & Trial President's Dinner by the host Club be optional.***
 - ***If the dinner is not held, it is expected that the host Club will hold a dinner on the Thursday evening that will see all Judges (both conformation and Obedience), GSDCA Executive and Club Committee members invited.***

9.4 Discussion Item - National Judges List - Vince Tantaro

Should GSDCA Judges who are also GSDCA Breed Surveyors be considered to be added to the National Judges List?

- Judge ALL puppy classes
- Cost benefit analysis
- Credibility?
- Members decide?

9.5 Discussion Item - Main Breed Exhibition - Vince Tantaro

Should the Main Breed Exhibition be re- introduced?

- Real benefits?
- Utilise SBE better?
- Additional GSDCA Grading to be offered in OPEN CLASSES: Excellent Select, **Excellent Merit**, Excellent, Very Good, Good?
- Have we matured?
- Judges vs popularity test?
- Credibility?

11. Date & Venue for 2019:

Date and Venue for the 2019 National Breed Commission Meeting

Weekend of 20th & 21st July 2019 in Sydney, New South Wales.

12. Close of Meeting:

Meeting closed at :