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Mr Ian Marr
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Head Trainer - Headquarters	Mr John Glenny
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Webmaster	Mr Rob Pritchard
Identification Officer	Mrs Margaret Adams
Tattoo Officer	Mrs Jenny Boekelman
Hereditary Diseases Registrar	Mrs Vicki Knight
Club Registrar	Mrs Vicki Knight
Puppy List Registrar	Mrs Margaret Adams
Stud Dog Registrar	Mrs Margaret Adams
Membership Officer	Mrs Faye Ramsden
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Show Committee: -

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DWD/Working Trials Group: – Diane Webb,

Agility: – Mark Wellock & Kaye Brotherhood.

Breed Affairs Committee: -

Natalie Humphries (Chair), Robyn Knuckey, Bruce Knight, John Fenner, Honey Gross-Richardson, Ian Marr (Minute Secretary), Vicki Knight (Club Registrar), Margaret Adams (Identification Officer, Stud Dog Registrar & Puppy Listing Officer) and our Veterinary Advisor - Dr Candice Wedge BVSc

Trainers' Committee: -

Honey Gross-Richardson (Chair) plus ALL Qualified Obedience & Agility Judges, all Instructors, Head Trainers and Assistant Head Trainers.

Judges' Committee: -

Bruce Knight (Chair), John Fenner, Honey Gross-Richardson, Robyn Knuckey, Natalie Humphries

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Booklet Compiled by Margaret Adams

July 2016



The German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia (Inc)

**Annual General Meeting
Sunday August 7th 2016 noon
At our Headquarters, Passmore Street, Southern River W.A.**

Agenda

- 1 Open the Meeting
- 2 Acceptance of the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 9th May 2016
- 3 Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous General Meeting
- 4 Correspondence and E-mails
- 5 **REPORTS**
 - 5.1 As tabled in the Annual Report Book 2016/2017
- 6 **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS - NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**
 - 6.1 Club Patron
 - 6.2 Honorary Vet
 - 6.3 Auditor
 - 6.4 Editor – Club Magazine
 - 6.5 Membership Officer
 - 6.6 Webmaster
 - 6.7 Ground Managers – Headquarters and Otago Park
 - 6.8 Public Relations Officer
 - 6.9 Puppy Listing Officer
 - 6.10 Stud Dog Registrar
 - 6.11 Identification Officer
- 7 **GENERAL BUSINESS**
- 8 **ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS**
- 9 Close the Meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am very pleased to submit this report on behalf of the Management Committee of the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA (Inc) and I welcome you all to the 2016 Annual General meeting.

I thank Margaret Adams for again taking on the task of producing this Report Booklet for the GSDA of WA AGM,

This Booklet contains all the reports from the various Office Bearers of the club and all the sub-committee chairs and is a valuable part of the history of the club. Thanks Margaret for a job well done.

The Committee has worked really well together again during the past 12 months dealing with any issues, that have arisen, in a very professional and efficient way. They have once again shown the ability to accept and support all decisions made by the Committee even when the vote has gone against their own personal feelings on the matter being voted on.

They have all embraced the ideal of the motto that I introduced almost four years ago. The motto is **'We CAN make a difference if we put aside our personal likes and dislikes and ALL work together for the sake of our Breed'** I am sure that we have been able to function so well during the past 12 months because we have all tried to follow this ideal.

The other pleasing aspect has been the submitting of written reports prior to all meetings which does help to complete the meetings in a timely manner.

I would like to recognise and thank the following members of the Management Committee:-

John Crace – Vice President.

John has once again been hard at work dealing with the club sponsors and being available whenever I have called on him for help, especially if I needed someone to be at the grounds for any reason.

He has also been actively involved with ground maintenance and makes himself available to help out whenever needed. He is part of the Ground Working Party which I put together when we lost our Ground Manager, Maurie Read. (More on the Ground Working Party later in this report). Well done John and thanks for your commitment to the club and for your friendship. John has stood again for this position and has been elected unopposed.

Anna Mitchell – Secretary.

Anna has just completed her second year in this very important position. She is very organised and efficient in what she does.

I am delighted to have her as part of the team and I look forward to working with her again during the coming year.

Anna has spent many hours working for the club and I am very pleased that she has agreed to stand again and has been elected unopposed.

Eric Herson – Treasurer.

Eric has once again completed another great year as the club Treasurer. Eric's efficiency in the role is a large part of the strength of our financial position as a club.

You will see from his report and the report from the Auditor that we are in a reasonable financial position but we are only just breaking even regarding the money coming in and the everyday expenses. In fact if it wasn't for the great donations from our sponsors we would be really struggling. There will be more on this matter during the meeting.

My thanks to Eric for the time and effort he has put into the role, He has decided not to stand for the position of Treasurer for this coming year and I offer him my grateful thanks for a terrific job well done. I look forward to working with the new Treasurer, Joan McMulkin who has been elected unopposed. Welcome on board Joan.

Bronson Pereira – Show Chair

Bronson has just completed his first year in this role and I am sure that he has experienced many ups and downs during the year, however, I am delighted with the way he takes an active part in all of our meetings and he is growing into the role with each passing month. Thank you Bronson for your input during the year and I look forward to working with you during the next year. Bronson has renominated for this position and has been elected unopposed.

Natalie Humphries – Breed Affairs Chair.

Natalie has once again been very pro-active in this role and has organised a number of lectures which have been well attended by the members. She continues to be a willing participant at all of our Management Committee Meetings and always has input at our Quarterly General Meetings.

I am delighted that Natalie has nominated once again for this role and has been elected unopposed. I look forward to working with her again during the next year and feel sure that she will continue to develop in the role.

Honey Gross-Richardson – Obedience Chair

As always, Honey has been very active in this role and, of course, continues to look after the interests of the Otago Park members as she has once again taken on the role of Head Trainer at that ground.

Honey has been involved for many, many years and continues to put in many hours on behalf of the club and the members.

I thank you Honey, the time and effort that you have given to our club for so many years is very much appreciated.

Honey has again nominated for this role and has been elected unopposed.

Margaret Adams – Minute Secretary.

What can I say about this lady? I once again thank Margaret for the many roles that she takes on for our club. As minute secretary Margaret is responsible for taking and producing accurate minutes of all meetings and her minutes are always of a very high standard and she is to be congratulated on the accuracy of the minutes.

She works equally as hard in her many roles within the club, namely – Editor of the club magazine, I D Officer, Puppy list and Stud Dog Registrar; she is also the Breed Specific Legislation Officer for the National Council. As I have already recognised at the start of this report Margaret is also responsible for the publication of this report book.

As always she looks after the two charities that we run fund raising events for, namely the Jane McGrath Foundation and the Ted Whitten Foundation, these two charity fundraisers have been supported by our club for some time now and I hope will be supported by us for many more years.

Once again I am happy to recognize the super work that Margaret continues to do on behalf of the members and the club. Margaret has once again nominated for this role and has been elected unopposed.

I am delighted to offer thanks and recognition to all of our club officers, committee members and volunteers:-

Kym Glenny – Public Relations Officer, **Eric Protti** – Ground Manager Otago Park, **Vicki Knight** – Club Registrar, Hereditary Disease Registrar & HD/ED Registrar, **Margaret Adams** as thanked above, **Mark Wellock & Kaye Brotherhood** – German Shepherd Dog Rescue and Agility training, **Rob Pritchard** – Webmaster, **Angela Boeyinga & Jean Jones** – Shop, Tamara Touzel – Canteen on Sunday and on show days, **Wayne Martin** – Point Score Officer, **Faye Ramsden** – Membership and Trophy Officer, **John Glenny** – Head Trainer, Gosnells, **Honey Gross-Richardson** – Head Trainer, Otago Park,

I offer my grateful thanks to all members of the show & trials sub-committees, also to all involved in the Judges sub-committee and the Breed Affairs sub-committee, All of the Grounds Working Party particularly Ian Heard who regularly cuts the grass for us, and finally all the Instructors who give up every Sunday to take classes to help our members get the very best of their furry friends.

I also thank **Bryn Lubbock** for continuing to print all of our show catalogues, his work is greatly appreciated and finally thank you to **John Fenner** for doing the Front & Back covers for all of our show catalogues plus any 13 year certificates that we require from time to time.

I do hope that I haven't missed anyone; if I have then I offer my sincere apologies. This is always a danger when you try to thank everyone by name but I do like to recognise the great work done by our many volunteers.

The members mentioned above are the heart and soul of our great club and it is safe to say that without the commitment and hard work done by them this club would be unable to function.

Well done to you all and thank you so much, I am always amazed, grateful and proud of what you all do for the club.


I once again encourage our newer members to consider taking on a role within the club and becoming more involved in the everyday running of the club.

As usual we have been well supported by our Sponsors and I am happy to once again recognise their continued support of the GSDA of WA during the past 12 months.

Mars Pet Care (Advance)

Mars Pet Care have been Sponsors and Supporters of our club for many years and we need to keep in mind that to encourage their continued support we must continue to encourage our members to purchase the Advance biscuits that we sell. These biscuits are sold by us at a very competitive price and the savings to our members means that purchasing 2 to 3 bags of biscuits per year pays for your next year's membership. It is worth mentioning that you can only purchase these biscuits at the price we sell them if you are a member of the club. We really need to keep up the sales or increase them if we want Mars Pet Care to continue with their Cash and bags of Biscuits sponsorship which is worth in the region of \$18,000 to \$20,000 per year. **I cannot over emphasise the importance of increasing our biscuit sales.** My thanks go to Mars Pet Care for their long term support which I believe is mutually beneficial to both of our organisations.

Breeder Program Members....
You can order your free Puppy Sampling Kits at
www.advancepuppykitten.com.au



Animal Health (Bio John/Triangle Agencies)

I thank Troy Lyon and his team for their continued support of our club through the biscuit sales and the Child Handler Sponsorship. It is thanks to Troy that we are able to purchase the biscuits at a great price which in turn allows us to sell them to our members at the price that we do. We also purchase most of the shop supplies now from Troy and we are always offered the goods at a very reasonable price. Once again Troy many thanks.



Scarboro Toyota

Scarboro Toyota has also been a long-time supporter of our club and I once again thank them sincerely for their ongoing sponsorship. On a personal level I would also like to thank Rob van Helvoort for his continued support and friendship.



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Armadale Mower World

Craig and Armadale Mower World have been supporters of our club for some time now and I would like to thank them for the continued support that they give us with regards to the servicing on a regular basis, and occasional repairs to our ride on mower. We also run an annual fundraiser in support of Craig's favourite charity, the Ted Whitten Foundation. This arrangement is a win/win for our two organisations.

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Canning Vale Fish & Chips

Canning Vale Fish & Chips are into their third year as sponsors of our club. They supply us with vouchers for raffle prizes and also sponsor our Obedience Child Handler of the Year. I offer my thanks to Anita for the ongoing support. The connection with the Canning Vale Fish & Chips is through Anita's husband Terry who is heavily involved with the Archery Club. The Archery Club use our grounds every Monday morning throughout the year and on Tuesday nights during the summer months. This has been a very good arrangement and brings in a steady flow of money to the club.



I encourage all of our members to support the sponsors that support us.

I am very grateful and humbled by the ongoing support of all the above named Sponsors for without this support we would find it very difficult to offer the financial help to our sub-committee to run and promote the shows and trials.

About a year ago I put together a grounds working party to look after the grounds and as we still don't have a ground manager we are still reliant on the members of the ground working party helping out on the ground. I would hope that this working party would continue to function in the event that we are lucky enough to get someone to stand for the position of Ground Manager. My thanks go to John Crace, Dorothy Marr, Angela Boeyinga, Ian Heard, Iain McIntosh, Kym Glenny & Kerrie Pearce who all help out in their own way. I thank you all for helping us to keep the grounds looking as good as they do at the moment.

I would also like to thank Margaret Adams and her band of helpers who come in and clean the canteen, clubrooms and toilets as required. Thanks guys, you know that your help is always appreciated by me.

As always we have had some expenses in keeping up with the maintenance of the club rooms and grounds. We are very fortunate to own our own grounds but this comes with extra costs which we always have to be mindful of whenever we need to action any problem that may occur from time to time.

There are a couple of issues that we have to deal with which have been ongoing problems for many years now and don't seem to be improving despite many requests for members to do as we ask.

I refer of course to once again having to comment on the number of times some of our members leave dogs faeces on the ground for someone else to pick up. This is without doubt the most frustrating and annoying problem within our club. This irresponsible behaviour is totally unacceptable and needs to stop.

If you bring your dogs onto the club grounds during the week to let them have a run off lead then you need to be aware of where they are and whether or not they have done a toilet while off lead. We are so lucky to own our own grounds and with that comes the responsibility of us all to take pride in what we have and PICK UP after our dogs. This also includes the members that utilise the Greyhound straight track.

The other issue is the matter of smokers dropping their cigarette butts on the grounds which is dangerous to our dogs, particularly the puppies. I have asked for this to stop on so many occasions with little or no success therefore we have decided to adopt the same system that is in place at the Dogswest grounds and create two smoking zones on the grounds. These two zones will be the only places where smoking will be allowed on the grounds. We hope to eventually put a roof over the zone near the clubrooms for the times that it is raining and until this occurs then the green shed near that particular zone can be used. I would emphasise that this shed is only to be used when it is raining. I regret having to bring in this rule but asking people to stop dropping the butts on the grounds hasn't worked.

I take this opportunity to reiterate the times and places that we are allowed to fire the starting pistol on our grounds:-

- a) It should **only** be fired **at the gate end of the grounds.**
- b) It can be fired each Sunday at training, at all Breed Surveys and during the State Breed Exhibition, **always at the gate end of the grounds.**
- c) It cannot be fired earlier than 1 hour after dawn (**Preferably not before 9.00am**) and no later than 1 hour before dusk (**preferably not after 5.00 pm**)

We need to always consider the impact on our neighbours and how it would impact on us with regards to Breed Surveys and the running of the open classes during the State Breed Exhibition if Gosnell Council refused permission for us to fire the gun.

Our membership numbers are holding very steady and we currently have about 454 members which is very close to last year's figures. These are great numbers in comparison to the membership numbers of three years ago when we were down to about 380 members. I believe that the four free lesson certificates are the main reason for the continuing steady numbers plus the great work being done by our obedience instructors.

The numbers at training every Sunday are up around 80 and each class now has large numbers including the older classes where we used to lose them. I encourage all our breeders to give out these certificates or at the very least encourage all of your puppy buyers to join the club and we will supply the certificate to them.

We have had a much better year in regards to ground maintenance matters with no major issues other than some reticulation problems again. This has now been fixed and is working well again as can be seen by the great condition of the grounds. We replaced the cisterns in the Ladies toilet due to the old cisterns being too small, and all seems to be OK again now, thanks to Steve Adams for changing the cisterns for us. We had to replace the old chest freezer in the canteen and we were able to obtain a new one from Masters at a reasonable price. I offer my thanks to John Crace for arranging to replace the old freezer. It is now installed and working well. We have finally been able to get rid of the pile of rubbish that has built up over a period of time near the Agility equipment shed. My thanks to all the members that came down on Friday the 8th July to help throw all the rubbish into the skip that we hired. Well done Guys and thank you so much.

Once again we had a group of members making the long trek to the National Show and Obedience Trial which was held in Sydney during the Easter Week-end. The numbers from WA were down on the usual number of members attending the National Show & Obedience Show and this was, without doubt, caused by the Dog League persisting in holding the National over the Easter Week-end which adds greatly to the already costly exercise of getting their dogs to the National along with the extra costs of flights, accommodation and hiring vehicles during a public holiday week-end. Our members did very well again.

We had the Gold Medal Dog with Penny Alders Labo vom Schollweiher (Deu) a ED and the Bronze Medal Bitch with Robyn's Pedra Deglia Achai (Italy) a ED, congratulations and well done to you both and well done to all who attended.

Your commitment to supporting these Nationals and your ability to continually overcome the Tyranny of Distance is awesome.

Because the Children's Christmas Party at the end of 2015 was such a tremendous success with the Bouncy castle, The Animal Farm and the Face Painting the Management Committee decided that we should try and make the 2016 Christmas Party at least as good as last years. However, last year's party was sponsored by the company that erected our new fence and as we don't have any sponsorship for the party this year the committee agreed for me to run a 100 club – Lucky Number's Raffle.

The details have been sent out to all members and I ask everyone to help us look after the young members of our association by supporting this endeavour and hopefully helping us to sell all 100 numbers.

I have nominated again for the position of President of the GSDA of WA and have been elected unopposed for a further 12 months. I will, as always, endeavour to look after the interests of ALL our members whether their interests are in Showing, Obedience or Breeding. I am fortunate to have a

good understanding of both the show side of the club and the obedience side having been active in both for many years.

My love of the breed is what drives me to continue my involvement both as President and as an obedience instructor, which is a role that I absolutely love being part of. I will be cutting back a little during this coming term of office and I will not be joining any of the sub-committees during the next twelve months but will attend each of the sub-committees at least once during the year.

I encourage our newer members to consider getting involved in the running of the club. There are many ways that you can be involved and if you are interested but unsure how to get involved, I will be happy to speak to you and offer you help and advice. We have a very active and hard working group of members that have been volunteers for many years and we really need some of the new younger members to become involved.

Finally, as I always do, I offer my heartfelt thanks to the partners of our volunteers for their support throughout the year. Our volunteers could not put in the hard work, and time, that they do without the total support of their partners. I especially thank my wife, Dorothy, who continues to support me through the good times and the sometimes not so good times. Dorothy has always given me total support in my many roles within the club, often putting up with many evenings alone at home while I am at the club attending meetings etc. Well done everyone and once again, many, many thanks.

Ian Marr
President.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again it has been a fairly busy year again and I offer my thanks to everyone who has helped during the past 12 months. I have put in full reports to all of our Management Committee Meetings and all of the Quarterly General Meetings as required.

As always I have spent some considerable time looking after the interests of our sponsors and it is important that we continue to look after them as they in turn look after us. I look forward to continuing the relationship with all of our sponsors during the next year.

My portfolio includes the Ground Managers, the Public Relations Officer and the Webmaster. The named Officers will submit their own reports for the AGM Reports Booklet and this report will give an overview on various issues we have dealt with during the past year. It is worth noting at this point that from next year the Webmaster will come under the portfolio of the Secretary.

The reticulation system is working really well at present after a number of problems with it during the year. We continue to check the trees around the ground and currently they seem to be going OK. We need to keep checking them as they are prone to dropping branches for no apparent reason. We will, of course, take action if we see any signs that any trees have the potential to become dangerous.

We are still looking for someone to take over the role of HQ Ground Manager to take the pressure off the members that have been looking after the grounds since we lost Maurie to Victoria. I particularly want to thank those members that put their names forward to be part of the Ground Working Party they are doing a great job on our behalf. The grounds are looking great. Thank you to this dedicated group.

I have once again nominated for the position of Vice-President and I have been elected unopposed for the next 12 months. I look forward to serving the members once again.

John Crace
Vice-President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Another year has passed, where has the time flown to.

I have had a very pleasant and enjoyable year of being the Association's secretary and I will happily continue in this position for next year. At times this can be quite challenging and time consuming but the portfolio is very rewarding and I have enjoyed representing our association. I have been elected unopposed for the next 12 months. I look forward to serving the members once again.

Fortunately we have been free of dramas and everything is going very smoothly and with the help of my fellow committee members who are very helpful when needed, a very big thank you to you all. A positive team produces positive results.

At the beginning of our new year Terri Gumpert has set up the new Domain & Hosting with Webcity. There are not enough Thank-Yous for your and Stephan's help and generosity in donating the fee, time and effort to get this organised for our benefit. Obtaining our details from Eftel -our old web site – proved difficult but with her perseverance she got the job done and everything is running smoothly.

We have had quite a few enquiries about hiring out our venue from other dog clubs and we even had a wedding about a month ago which was very successful. The hiring out of our Club Venue brings in some very nice dollars to help boost our coffers and helps keeps our head above water as our expenses are ever increasing.

I wish to thank those members that have helped out with cleaning the club house and surrounds on a regular basis for our own events or when we are hiring out the venue for outside events. It is greatly appreciated as many hands make light work.

My portfolio requires me to keep in contact with the Membership Officer - Fay Ramsden, Minutes Secretary & Editor - Margaret Adams, Web Master - Rob Pritchard and Historian – Ian Marr who all do a great job. Thank you all very much for your input into this portfolio..

Anna Mitchell
Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello fellow battlers.

Well we find ourselves at another AGM. Another 12 months has whizzed by. I offer many thank yous for to the continuing support of the management committee.

What a successful 12 months it has been for the club. In fact the last 4 years has seen the club power ahead to financial security and stability. We have faced bumps on our travels and more will follow. There have been many, many challenges faced by the management committee and there will be more to come. What I'm pleased at achieving is we now live within our means after facing those challenges. Also all the many ground improvements at Headquarters that have been undertaken while facing those challenges. Well done to all of you.

The main concern in my view is generating income to sustain the expenses we incur.

Sponsorship is what keeps the club in the black.

I personally wish to thank Mars (Advance) and Animal Health Solutions for their support.

Also I wish to thank Scarboro Toyota for sharing our passion.

And the continued the support we receive from Bio-John, Armadale Mowers and Canning Vale Fish and Chips.

Please consider showing your appreciation by supporting these people.

It's been a pleasure to be involved with so many people who share our passion for the breed. .

Furthermore the increase in revenue from the ground hire is a very welcome addition to our cash flow which benefits all our members.

Many thanks to Angela, Cracie, Tamara and Faye for all their efforts in the time I've been treasurer. It's made my job so very easy.

Super big thanks to my tech support team (computer) Margaret and Steve.

In past years the audit has been completed with time to spare and presented to the AGM. With regrets this year is a little different due to family circumstances but I will still make every attempt to present it to the AGM. If I'm unsuccessful it will be soon after.

Please give your full support to our new treasurer Joan. I wish her every success and I will be happy to provide any assistance if she needs it.

Eric Herson
Treasurer



BREED AFFAIRS CHAIR'S REPORT

We have had a busy year in this portfolio as always the registrars will be submitting their own reports they specialise in.

Our breed affairs meetings have been informative and expansive ranging from health matters to the G.S.D.C.A. National show, Junior Handlers to Character & Working Assessments.

We have had two very interesting talks this year the first from Dr Claire Sharpe on G.D.V. (Gastric dilatation volvulus) and one on Canine Reproduction from Dr Nadine Gruenthal from the Pet Practice. The talks were well attended and those who took the time to sit, listen and contribute came away better informed.

Dr Sharpe will be returning in November to give us a talk on the topic of haemangiosarcoma – this condition is of extreme importance in our breed. I would like to thank Dr Candy Wedge, our veterinary advisor for her support in securing these talks on such topical matters.

The importance of Dr Sharpe's research has been recognised by a donation of \$5000 which has been earmarked by the G.S.D.C.A. at the 2016 A.G.M. this will fund further research and I look forward to updates on the research into G.D.V.

We managed to combine the Canine Reproduction talk with a Breeder's Forum and opportunity for members to voice their opinions on the direction the show discipline (in particular the S.B.E.) needs to focus on. The frank and honest comments can now be addressed to make progress with the support of those it affects.

Thanks to the BBQ team who help to feed the supporters of the ideals of the Breed Affairs Committee- much appreciated.

With the members' support we will be updating the Breeding side of the website in the next quarter with a Breeders' Directory and Stud Dog Page. It will be clearly stated that it is the vendor's responsibility to check whether their puppy is bred according to our standards – the Recommended Breeding Practises. We will also be looking to link such items as the G.S.D.C.A. Health forms and encourage members to submit them to better help our breed and its health problems.

The G.S.D.C.A. had requested input from members regarding the Breed Survey scheme via a survey online and also we were asked to conduct an evaluation evening. Thank you to all of those who either provided comment or attended. As a result we have some good feedback to pass on to Council.

As always we are kept busy with questions from those seeking information on our breed - ranging from buying and raising a puppy to health matters and concerns people have.

Thank you to everyone to contributes in helping our breed's development and continued success.

Finally I will be proud to represent you at the upcoming Judges' and N.B.C. meetings and I will submit a full report on my return in accordance with the agreement with the members.

Natalie Humphries
Breed Affairs Chair



SHOW CHAIR'S REPORT

The 2015/2016 year was my first working in an active role on the Management Committee. It has been a learning curve I tend to be easy going and trust that things will work out well – and they have thanks to those people on the committee who are experienced – special mention needs to go to Ian Marr and John Crace for their efforts in setting the rings etc and to Kim Harris for her attention to Andrew and Rachel while they were in W.A.

Thanks to the members of the Show Committee who have worked hard to make this a successful year, especially considering many are younger members of the club who are also learning, this enthusiasm needs to be nurtured for our future. To be even better we make sure that we are working together as a team in a POSITIVE MANNER supporting each other and not being critical. I am looking forward to the rest of the show calendar and trust they will be relaxed and filled with good humour and great sportsmanship.

The on-line entries has worked particularly well so easy, you receive a receipt there and then, saving time and money for members as you do not have to post and worry about them getting there on time and it also saves time for the person accepting the entries as they do not have to receipt entries etc.

It is worth noting that the Working Dog Club of W.A. has their members send their postal entries to the Show Manager's address and then they produce the catalogues for a very small fee.

Thanks must go to our stenographers who do an amazing job year in year out – we would be lost without you.

Our shows in 2016 to date have been –

We ran a Building and Amenities Show for DogsWest – the help we received from outsiders was amazing and we are very grateful to all who pitched in.

The Working Dog Club of W.A. teamed up once again with our association to give us an extra point score with Luis Pinto Teixeira (Portugal) returning to judge in Perth.

The State Breed Exhibition – adjudicated by John Fenner & Robyn Knuckey & Natalie Humphries. Our First Members' Competitions - adjudicated by Andrew Jones (Vic.) and

Our Second Members' Competition – adjudicated by Bruce Knight (W.A.) was run in conjunction with our First Open Show – adjudicated by a trainee judge - Ambre Smith.

The remaining shows are:

The Double Header on 20 and 21 August with Honey Gross-Richardson (W.A.) and Greg Green (Vic) judging the Rick Richardson Memorial and Walter Martin Memorial Championship Shows

Our Third Members' Competition	Natalie Humphries	2/10/2016
Our Second Open Show	Penny Kelly	2/10/2016

The West Coast Challenge	Herr Harald Hohmann S.V.	23/10/2016
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I am very pleased to be able to continue the work in this portfolio on behalf of the members. Thanks to everyone who has helped me settle in.

Bronson Pereira
Show Chair



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OBEDIENCE CHAIR'S REPORT

It is great to see that our breeder members are making good use of the 4 weeks FREE training vouchers that set their puppies off to a good start in their new homes and in their training. Both our Gosnells HQ in Passmore St. Southern River, and the Otago Park Training at Craigie are well attended with our Head Quarters showing the full complement of training from Pre-Kindy, where our babies start, through to Advanced-Pre-Kindy for the members with older dogs, from 5 months to 10 years, graduating up into Kindy, Class One and then CCD Class, ready to embark on an exciting trials career. Head Trainer John Glenny is in charge of the CD, CDX, UD and UDX class training, with his full complement of trainers being led by the President Ian Marr, who, starting with training the CGC Classes in Ocean Reef for the Canine Association, has been taking the Pre-Kindy Class at the GSDA for over a decade. A President with Grass Roots experience, who also ably assists the judges in our show rings, working at every show and Members' Competition as Ring Steward extraordinaire! Our team of Instructors at Gosnells HQ is filled in between these two sections, our beginners and top triallers, by Trainers Kym Glenny, Karen Westmacott, Jean McCowan, Iain McIntosh, Kerrie Pearce, and Trainee Trainer Laurel Cowell, with Rachael Laubsch too, hoping to start her studies soon. Gosnells HQ with its well equipped Club House, successful and full of interesting sales items; sales shop run by Angela and Jean, and our kitchen fairy, Tamara Touzel being a major contributor to keeping body and soul together on those icy winter's mornings with her superb home cooking, all help to make our HQ the vibrant, successful training ground that it is.

Equally enthusiastic handlers and dogs are found albeit in smaller number, at our Otago Park grounds where, as Training Supervisor, I need to assume Head Trainers' duties that keep me on my toes, ably assisted by Pre-Kindy and Advanced Pre-Kindy trainers Tina Ash and Gerald Lazdins. The handlers from Kindy to CCD work with me in one mixed group. Our Ground Manager Eric gets some pieces of equipment out for versatility training for the youngsters, and his wife Cathy look after the sales table with our training equipment and does the honours keeping the kettle boiling.

Karen Westmacott, just recently retired Trials Committee Secretary has produced a splendid booklet highlighting all handlers and their dogs in the various performance sports, so have a look at the link, and see who has been having fun doing what, in the GSDA of WA. 2015 GSDAWA Trial Results Final Report Check the C&WA field day!

For our SBE Report on the Obedience Rings, you can read all about it on: <http://gsdawa.org/show-and-trial-results/>

16/04/2016 – SBE Obedience Trial - Beginners' classes

Many of our Obedience pups are found in the Critique Only class, where the brothers and sisters of our illustrious show dogs are critiqued by our Specialist Judges and Breed Surveyors, to round off the overall picture of the State Breed Exhibition, for we wish to see the total picture of the State of the Breed here, in Western Australia!

You will find them within the Show Results, Look for Critique Only:

16/04/2016 – 17/04/2016 State Breed Exhibition

We have had splendid results with our C&WA Field Days, see the President's Report

And if you are really intrigued and wish to learn a little more about what we train for in our various classes, and how the events are judged and evaluated, have a look at our most recent graduation results! We are pretty quick about getting the results to our handlers in time, and will work just about around the clock to make sure the editor has it ready for posting in time for the next training session.



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Trials Results are coming in fast and steady, with some major wins gained by our dedicated and enthusiastic triallers.

2015/16 year.		2013/14	
CCD	2	CCD	3
CD	1	CD	3
CDX	1	CDX	3
UD	1	UD	1
ET	5	ET -	
RN	6	RN -	
RA	2	RA	1
RE	1	RAE	2
RM	1	-	
TD	3	TD	3
TDX	2	TDX	3
TCH	1	TCH	1
TSD	2	TSD	1
TSCH -		TSCH	1
FSN	1	TSGCH	1
FSS	1		
HTM Int	2		

My thanks and appreciation to all who have contributed to the training and support work at the club be it at Gosnells HQ or at Otago. To Trials Committee Chairperson Carol-Anne Davies, for keeping me up to date with facts and figures, and during training days, doubles as Ground Secretary or Card Lady, meeting and greeting all new members and looking after them until settle in their respective classes.

Our trials committee especially, needs our appreciation, for it is in the obedience rings, that our members will have fun with their dogs, competing against club members and dog owners with other breeds in good sportsmanship and fellowship. For this to happen, we need our trusty team who will prepare all that is required for the Obedience and Rally Trials, the ET, and also come to the party for the SBE. At Graduation time, all helpers man the deck and many hands make light work. We are hoping for a good entry for this year's ET, have a look at this light hearted account of our ET's history in our: Winter Newsletter now available for viewing, also GSDCA NBC Meeting agenda & Judges Committee Agenda <http://gsdawa.org/news-and-notice/>

Let's make this year an especially exciting and successful year, to help us all celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the lifting of The Ban! Although the page seems unavailable at present, when our web pages are complete again, you can read all about the early history in a trip down memory lane!

Honey Gross-Richardson
Obedience Chair

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TRIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The last financial year the trials committee has run 1 endurance test, 2 rally o trials, 3 obedience trials (including the SBE) and the closed club trial.

Next year, 2017, we will be running extra trials, holding an extra rally o trial and an obedience trial. These will be added to our existing dates so we will get more entries but use the same amount of judges.

At our trial in July we took on line entries for the first time. We received more entries by mail but it may take a while for people to get used to the fact we are doing on line entries.

This year we have concentrated on training some of our committee to steward UD. John Glenny has done this for many years but as with most jobs it is important that more than 1 person knows the job.

Diane Webb has once again done our catalogues for us freeing up the secretary so they have more time to organise the trials. Tamara Touzel has been opening the canteen for us and is now helping with catering for the judges. At our last trial the judges commented on what a lovely "spread" it was. A big thank you is sent to both of these ladies.

A big thank you also to Rob Van Helvoort and Penny Alder, for once again, making a donation to the trials committee.

The trials committee for the last year has been John Glenny, Chris Stone, Jean McCowan, Karen Westmacott (secretary), Cliff Warner, Andy Crace, Joan McMulkin (treasurer), Kerrie Pearce, Kym Glenny, Sue Peters, Rachael Laubsch, Trish Latter, Glenda Wellman and Mick Harrison. Without these people we would not have been able to run our trials smoothly. On the day we often see handlers helping John to take down the rings. One of people who always helps is Wayne Martin.

Unfortunately Karen has resigned from the trials committee effective the 26th July this year. Karen has done a great job as secretary and will be missed by everyone on the trials committee. Glenda Wellman has taken over this position and I am sure she will quickly learn the ropes.

Thank you to everybody who has contributed in the running of our trials this year.

Carol-Anne Davies
Trials Chairperson



JUDGES SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

We have had several Meetings this year where discussion was focussed on motions to the AGM Agenda and NBC Meeting Agenda.

Other topics have been:

The finer points of animals and the problems we see in the breed and what we should be doing about them.

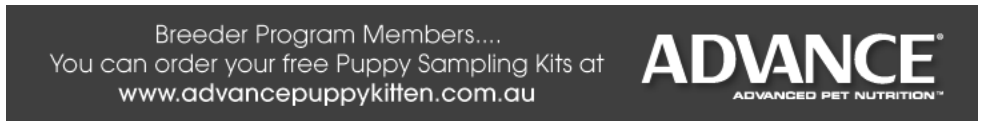
Breed Surveys - on how they are conducted

Judges for 2017 - also discussed were Judges for the Shows throughout the coming year.

Prior to and after the SBE meetings were held to discuss the merits of the dogs exhibited and also suggestions to go forward to the Quarterly meetings for consideration of the members such as the future of the SBE.

It is sad that we are at the point where the membership no longer supports some of the Judges and the numbers are so low the question arises about the viability of the event. Personally I don't think bringing in Judges from interstate is beneficial since their local knowledge is very limited. I believe we need to look at the local Judges and perhaps consider one Judge adjudicating the whole show and rotating every one or two years. Just an opinion but one I believe to be worthy of consideration.

Bruce Knight
Judges' Sub Committee



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MINUTES SECRETARY'S REPORT

This role is particularly beneficial to me as Editor to keep me up to speed with the happenings within our association. Adding the Webmaster to this grouping makes an effective Communications Department to ensure all information is at hand for all members. This year we have been able to provide a team which can work together for one purpose - to provide the best management the association can have. Sadly my sidekick Eric will be moving on this year and I look forward to working with Joan in the upcoming year.

I thank the Management Committee for the opportunity to work for and with them and thank Ian as the Chair of the meetings for giving me the respect to impart my feelings on subjects that I am involved in and I remind all members that the Management Committee meetings are open for all to attend and observe.

Margaret Adams
Minutes Secretary

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

I have finally completed the task of going through all the old records including Minutes from all the past committee meetings and of course all the General meetings of the club that we have on file. This has been very time consuming.

I have now started to put all my notes from this into some sort of order and I will tie the notes with the brief history of the club which is on our website and also use the information from the Golden Jubilee Edition that John Fenner submitted to the GSDCA for inclusion in the GJE.

I will soon be starting to put all of this information onto the computer and will then ask for any old photos that the members may have from the old days of the club plus any information on past

members and past animals that may have had a significant impact on our club and our wonderful breed.

If you give me any old photographs for use I will of course look after them and return them once I have scanned them for inclusion in the book.

This has been a long running task which I started some 8 or 9 years ago and I can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel so to speak. I am aiming to have completed the task within the next 12 to 18 months when I will hopefully be ready to have the history of the GSDSA of WA printed into a book form for sale to the members.

Ian Marr
Historian

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

The past year has seen great improvement in the regular updating of information onto the website. I have tried to get all results up on the website as quickly as possible. I feel there is still more to improve on with the website soon to be overhauled and changed for a more user friendly site with the addition of the mobile app and more exciting things to come!

The use of social media has been really successful together with links to the website and other affiliated club information for members and the general public.

Our Facebook page has been a continuing source of information for members and I would like to thank Kym Glenny for the work she has done in assisting with the Facebook page as well as the others who have recently been added to help with promoting the club.

Very pleased to see the introduction of online entries and it seems to have been accepted very well by the majority of exhibitors.

There is still work to do, as always, a concerted effort is required so we can streamline information regarding breeders, puppies and stud dogs. Hopefully I can get together with Margaret soon and we can get started. Our first step is to set up the Stud Dog page which I hope to have finished by the end of September and we can finalise the Breeders' Directory and Information pages before Christmas.

We are always looking for ways to make the site interesting and more user-friendly. If any members have any ideas or recommendations please contact me and I will try to oblige.

Once again, thanks the GSDA of WA and its members for the opportunity to become the webmaster once again and look forward to carrying on the work in the future!

PS. Don't forget to join our Facebook page for updated information, news and events.

Rob Pritchard
Webmaster



PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

The Perth Royal Show is always a busy day for our breed representatives - we had a great bunch of exhibitors who have many years of experience with the breed and also the public. Copies of our newsletters and various handouts especially those that reflect children's interaction with dogs were available for all those people who stop to chat and have their photographs taken with our dogs.

We hold a Fun Day the week after our Closed Club Trial and final graduation for the year. It went off extremely well with lots of fun and agility games for all to join in with and it gives the members the opportunity to let down our hair and be a little bit silly. This was followed in the afternoon by another successful Character & Working Assessment. Despite the excessive heat our enthusiastic members turned out. Good on you all.

The following weekend we held the Children's Christmas Party – FUN FUN FUN was the theme – with face painting, a bouncy castle and an animal farm. Lots of ice creams and lollies until Santa rocked up and handed out gifts. It was a wonderful way to thank our members' children/grandchildren/nieces and nephews who are "dragged" out to training every week. Later in the afternoon members stayed for our annual presentations of the Obedience and Show winners and achievement awards followed by a well-earned BBQ dinner for all to share and enjoy a bit of R & R after a long year's work.

Kym Glenn
Public Relations Officer

BREED SURVEY REGISTRAR'S REPORT

BREED SURVEY REGISTRAR'S REPORT 1.7.15 – 30.6.16

Totals y/end June	2016	Comparison y/end 2015	Comparison y/end 2014
Class 1 Males	6	7	8
Class 2 Males	1	3	2
Class 1 Females	14	21	17
Class 2 Females	3	3	2
Failures	1	1	4
Total	25	35	33

PLEASE NOTE – Thanks so much to those owners who are regularly forwarding breed survey photos in good time. As is with human nature, we still struggle with a minority to acquire suitable photos. There is the continuing dilemma of owners not forwarding the best quality photo possible of their dog. The breed survey stays with your dog for life (and generations thereafter), therefore, if your surveyor goes to the trouble of pointing out the virtues of your dog and noting them on a Breed Survey, then please ensure that you partner this with an image which reflects said virtues, instead of something that resembles a completely different animal.

Vicki Knight
Breed Survey Registrar

HEREDITARY DISEASES REGISTRAR'S REPORT

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

There has been a recent increase to the costs of HD/ED Applications:

\$68.00 for hips and elbows

\$50.00 for hips only

\$33.00 for elbows only

The total number of WA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme contracts issued to date for 2016 (January – June incl.) = forty **(40)**.

For the information of the members interested, the annual figures for the past four years are as follows:-

Total Number of State Contracts Issued	
1.7.15 – 30.6.16	68
1.7.14 – 30.6.15	76
1.7.13 – 30.6.14	87
1.7.12 – 30.6.13	60

Vicki Knight

Hereditary Diseases Registrar

***Congratulations to the owners/breeders of the below mentioned animals.
Their successful hip and elbow results have been submitted to me over the past year:***

NAME OF DOG	OWNER	SIRE & DAM
Iccara Double Destiny	Mr JM Glenny	S: *Bluemax Tiger Town D: Hausosin Rogue Trader AZ
Jentol Ginas Katchen	JE Boekelman	S: *Tracalex Bracken (Imp UK) D: *Ch Jentol Glams Inafield Ofdreams
Madrodish The Bitch Is Back	RA Spencer	S: *Homer von Amasis (Imp Ita) D: Davor Wicked Ways
Sabaranburg Liquid Fire	B & L Lubbock/H Squires	S: *Ch Orrinshir Elton John D: *Ch Bruvic Kontiki
Shaygar Willo The Wisp	D Freegard	S: *Ch Hinterhaus French Liaison CD ET D: *Shaygar Golden Skye
Volscaro River Of Champagne	KR, RT & CA Knuckey	S: *Seigen Suris Alfie D: *Volscaro Ciao Bella

The above number of submissions from breeders and owners is disappointing to say the least. I have released 68 contracts over the past 12 months. It's obvious there are a LOT more A/Z certificates being issued than the above list indicates. Is everyone just too busy? Or is the level of apathy rising? Come on guys, be proud, it's a great achievement the day your dogs' gain their A/Z certificate. Let us ALL know. Cheers, Vicki.

PUPPY LISTING REGISTRAR'S REPORT

This portfolio continues to be a busy one. It is often the first port of call to anyone wishing to not only purchase a G.S.D. but wish to do their research – this is to be encouraged in future members. The time spent with potential puppy buyers is time well spent as it arms people with solid information prior to that most important of purchases. My reward is to see the people you have spoken with come and attend classes with their new family members. FINALLY the Breeder's Directory is on its way to fruition, now that we are finally united in promoting our beautiful breed. A prominent notice will be included to ensure that people are aware that they should check that the parents of their new puppy are breed surveyed and have been bred in accordance with our recommended breeding practices.

Margaret Adams
Puppy Listing Officer

STUD DOG REGISTRAR'S REPORT

This project will be underway next week – the proposal is to write to our current breeder's list asking if they would like to advertise their stud dogs – the stipulation of course would be that they are breed surveyed.

Margaret Adams
Stud Dog Registrar

EDITOR'S REPORT

As part of this portfolio I continue to distribute the Information updates with important details being distributed to members on most Fridays. Often it is hard to work out what people would like to read about and I try to find informative topics for you all. It gives me the opportunity to put a personal touch on good and sad news within our community. As always this portfolio gives me a great deal of pleasure as it allows me to keep in contact with our members. We only have a few members who are unable to access the magazine via email but with the help of Peter Abetz M.L.A. we are able to get some printed for those who require them. It seems that 4 editions are enough (Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter but I am happy to do a mid-season edition where we have articles to produce. I apologise if I repeat some articles but please remember we have a constant turnover of members who may find them helpful. Possibly more articles will be saved and posted on our webpage for all to see and review from time to time.

I also try to keep our profile up to date as I submit our State reports to the National Review. I look forward to continuing this role for the forthcoming year if the members wish me to.

Margaret Adams
Editor



MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

As of the 30th June 2016 we have a total of 474 Members.

This is made up with 168 double memberships and 191 single memberships making a total of 432 members plus 42 life members. 16 double memberships and 10 single memberships.

For the year July 1st 2015 to June 30th 2016 we have had 155 new members join our association.

Faye Ramsden
Membership Officer

TROPHY OFFICER'S REPORT

I enjoy working for the club but in this instance it has caused me so much stress I have decided not to take this on again so it has been agreed that the various disciplines will manager their own trophies, ribbons and rosettes.

People need to accept and must follow the guidelines which have been put into place to make these positions easier to manage, to save money, decrease waste and increase efficiency.

We are all supposed to be working for the members.

Faye Ramsden
Trophy Officer

IDENTIFICATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Searching for lost dogs has declined this year but occasionally I get asked to check details on dogs which are in the pound or have been rescued.

Margaret Adams
Identification Officer

GROUND MANAGER HEADQUARTERS REPORT

As this position is vacant matters involving this portfolio are covered by the President and Vice-President's reports however if you are able to help either to take on this role to oversee or be part of the maintenance team please let us know we are always looking for volunteers

AGM BOOKLET PRODUCER'S REPORT

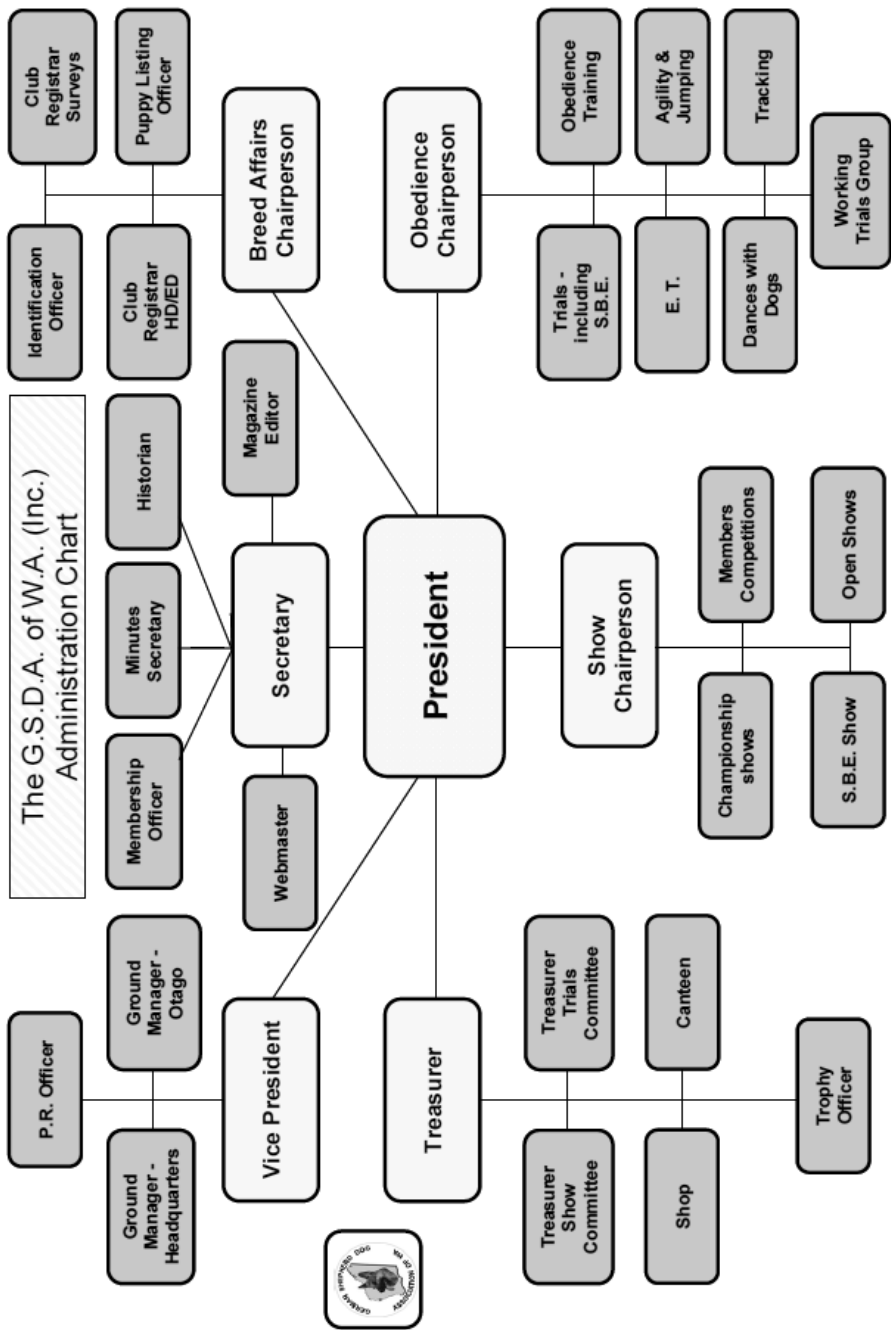
This booklet shows how dedicated the office bearers, committee members and registrars and officers of this association are. Please take this opportunity to thank those people who work so hard without any form of compensation or benefit – just the reward of doing something good for others. Working together in a positive manner and rejecting negativity to enable this association to move forward into the future. I thank the association for their continued support and faith they put in me.

Margaret Adams
Booklet Production



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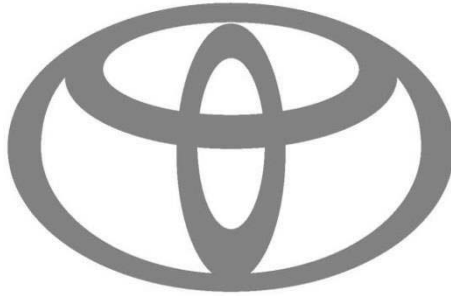
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