

**The 51st Annual General Meeting of the
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.**

to be held on 11th & 12th February 2012
at "Twin Towns Outrigger Resort",
Cnr. Griffith Street, Coolangatta, Qld &
Wharf Street, Tweeds Heads, NSW.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held prior to the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 11th February 2012 in Queensland, commencing at 8:30am.

Changes to the Constitution – Moved GSDC of SA

Current Clause

7 VOTING

- 7.6 Votes may be recorded orally at meetings, but otherwise shall be in writing, delivered by hand or sent by post or by telegram.

Proposed amendment

- 7.6 Votes may be recorded orally at meetings, but otherwise shall be in writing, delivered by hand, electronically or sent by post.

Rationale:

This brings the Constitution up to date to include all types of electronic media.

In the Definitions in Clause 33 it states – “in writing means written, printed, partly written, duplicated or any other recognized means of written communication” The words “telegraphic” and “telegram” should be removed from the Constitution altogether.

Current Clause

9 NOTICE OF BUSINESS

- 9.1 A Constituent Body may move a motion or put forward a proposal or nomination for the consideration and decision of the Council at any time without the need for a seconder.
- 9.2 At other than constituted meetings of the Council such motions, proposals or nominations shall be submitted in writing or by telegram addressed to the Honorary Secretary. When submitted for the consideration at constituted meetings, they shall be in writing or telegraphic form and shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than 10 weeks before the date of such meeting. Motions not submitted shall not be accepted unless otherwise agreed by the Council.

Proposed amendment

9 NOTICE OF BUSINESS

- 9.1 A Constituent Body may move a motion or put forward a proposal or nomination for the consideration and decision of the Council at any time without the need for a seconder.
- 9.2 Motions put forward, voted on and passed at constitutionally organized meetings be automatically placed on the next AGM Agenda by the Honorary Secretary.
- 9.3 At other than constituted meetings of the Council such motions, proposals or nominations shall be submitted in writing addressed to the Honorary Secretary. When submitted for the consideration at constituted meetings, they shall be in writing and shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary not less than 10 weeks before the date of such meeting. Motions not submitted shall not be accepted unless otherwise agreed by the Council.

Current Clause

23 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 23.1(j) the consideration of any other business of which notice shall have been given by a Constituent Body or by the President not less than 14 weeks before the date of the meeting; and

Proposed amendment

23 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 23.1(j) the consideration of any other business of which notice shall have been given by a Constituent Body, or from a constitutionally organized meeting or by the President not less than 14 weeks before the date of the meeting; and

Rationale:

Any motions passed at the Judges, Obedience and National Breed Commission meeting currently need to be endorsed by a Constituent Body (a Club) and placed on the AGM Agenda. If motions are placed directly onto the AGM Agenda by the National Council Honorary Secretary from meetings, there is less likelihood for Clubs to double up on putting motions forward. This will alleviate the need for a Constituent Body to place the items on the AGM agenda. It will reduce the risk of items being omitted from the AGM Agenda.

Current Clause

17 FINANCE

- 17.6 All accounts exceeding \$1.00 shall be paid by cheque, and such cheques shall be signed by any two of the following

persons, namely President, Honorary Secretary and any member so authorized in writing by the Executive body.

Proposed amendment

17 FINANCE

17.6 All accounts exceeding \$1.00 shall be paid by cheque or Electronic Funds Transfer, and such cheques or transfers shall be signed by any two of the following persons, namely President, Honorary Secretary and any member so authorized in writing by the Executive body.

Rationale:

The use of electronic banking would make payments by Council more efficient as well as more secure, accounts could be processed faster. The Westpac system is designed that two or more persons must sign a transaction. It would eliminate the need for "half signed" cheques to be held by the Honorary Treasurer or "half signed" cheques being sent across the country for a signature.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Voting Strength

| Member Club | Representative | Voting Strength |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | Mr. Wolf Meffert | |
| Broken Hill | TBA | |
| GSD League | Mr. Graeme Stevenson | |
| Newcastle & Hunter Region | Mrs. Leeanne Lynch | |
| Northern Territory | Mrs. Margaret Adams | |
| Queensland | Ms. Sharon Thorp | |
| South Australia | Mr. John DeLucia | |
| Tasmania | TBA | |
| Victoria | Mr. Vince Ebejer | |
| Western Australia | Mr. Brian Lubbock | |
| Total votes: | | |

Voting Strength - To be advised by the GSDCA Treasurer, as per the affiliation fees paid to the GSDCA Inc.

1 Opening

2 Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes from 50th AGM.

1.2 Matters Arising from 50th AGM.

Page 5 – GSDCA Treasurer to ensure that list of debtors is not included in the Treasurers Report to the AGM.

Page 5 – GSDCA Treasurer will circulate a GJE financial report upon receiving the mail house invoice.

Page 9 – An audit will be completed on the GJE magazine and details forwarded to the Clubs.

Page 9 – QNR Editor will request a return address for each Club in case some magazines are returned. Finalised.

Page 9 – That the regulations go out for 120 days which gives the R&R Committee 60 days to prepare the template with the new format. Finalised.

Page 16 – The Judges Committee Chairman would check regulations regarding Judges for the Nationals and provide a list of names. Finalised.

Page 16 – The President to communicate with the ANKC regarding a set date for the National.

Page 18 – The Tattoo Registrar was asked to investigate the issue of micro-chipping. Finalised.

Page 28 – A plaque be organized for the Inaugural MacKay Show with a letter of congratulations from the GSDCA Secretary. Finalised.

Page 32 – It was agreed that the GSDCA Executive would offer the NT Club "Associate Membership" in the interim until their affiliation fees are paid. Finalised.

1.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 50th AGM under the 60 day rule:

1 "That the motion passed in 1994 as detailed below:

"That surveyors receive a copy of the survey books free of charge." be rescinded and replaced with the following:

"That the GSDCA Breed Survey books be sold to the Breed Surveyors at cost price". **LOST**

2. "That a GSDCA Junior Showmanship Point Score competition be introduced, to encourage young handlers to attend and compete at our National Show and Trial each year. The competition will be held throughout each Australian State and the winning representative will be sponsored to attend the National Show and Trial the following year".

Regulations for the conduct of the GSDCA Junior Showmanship Point score competition are as follows:

- Competitors must be 12 to 17 years of age and must be a member of a GSDCA affiliated club or their parent or guardian must be a member of a GSDCA affiliated club;
- Clubs public liability should cover the event;
- Competitors will accumulate points at GSDCA affiliated shows during the preceding calendar year, eg 1 January to 31 December;
- First place will receive 10 points;
- Second place will receive 7 points;

- Third place will receive 4 points;
 - Points will only be accrued in the competitors state of domicile except in the case of NSW/ACT;
 - The final will be six representatives from the following states:
 - NSW/ACT, Victoria, SA/NT, WA, Queensland, Tasmania
 - The winners from each state will qualify to represent their state in the Junior Showmanship Point score final;
 - In the case where the National Show and Trial is held in their home state the winner will qualify for a return flight to attend an interstate GSDCA affiliated Club show;
 - Shows will be nominated by each GSDCA affiliated club at the beginning of the year and the dates advised to the Chair of the Youth Committee. **CARRIED**
3. "That the current "Declaration of Membership" form be amended to indicate the breakdown of the membership units, that is single membership unit, double membership unit, family membership unit and Life Members". **CARRIED**
 4. "That the name Chief Surveyor be changed to State Breed Survey Coordinator, and any reference to the Chief Surveyor in the GSDCA Regulations Manual and GSDCA Breed Survey Manual is amended to reflect that change". **CARRIED**
 5. "That the GSDCA AGM agenda be circulated by the GSDCA Secretary to the affiliated Clubs electronically and placed on the GSDCA website, and that it be the responsibility of the affiliated Clubs to disseminate the agenda to their members before the 31st December". **LOST**
 6. "That the Main Breed Exhibition be terminated". **CARRIED**
 7. "That the NBC Registrar position be listed on the agenda after being nominated by the NBC Chairman to be ratified by the AGM. **CARRIED**
 8. "That Junior Showmanship Classes conducted at the National GSD Show and Trial is conducted accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the State Control in which the National is being held". **CARRIED**
 9. "That Child Handler Classes outside those stated by the State Control may be organized by the host club at their discretion". **CARRIED**

3 President's report – Mr. B. Knight

4 Treasurer's report – Mr. S. Lynch

Auditor's report – Mr. Stewart Brock, Brock Commercial Services, Whitebridge

5 Secretary's report – Mrs. V. Moody

6 Club Reports and Financial Statements – President's/Delegates

- ACT GSDA – Wolf Meffert
- Broken Hill GSDC –
- GSD League – Graeme Stevenson
- Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC – Leeanne Lynch
- GSDC of Northern Territory – Margaret Adams
- GSDC of Queensland – John Hansen
- GSDC of South Australia – John DeLucia
- GSDC of Tasmania – Rob Doyle
- GSDC of Victoria – Vince Ebejer
- GSDA of Western Australia – Brian Lubbock

7 Chairperson, National Breed Commission – Mrs. J. Neddermeyer

Hereditary Diseases Committee,
National Haemophilia Scheme,
National Tattoo Scheme,
National Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme,
National Breed Survey Scheme.

8 Chairperson, Judges Committee – Mr. Barry O'Rourke

9 Chairperson, Obedience Committee – Mrs. Julie Urie

10 Editor National Review – Mr. Dale Halling

11 Sub-Committee Reports:

National Show Coordinator – Mr. Ian Urie
National Database Working Party – Mr. Frank Moody
Breed Specific Legislation Committee – Mrs. Margaret Adams
Editor Golden Jubilee – Mr. James Rodger
Rules & Regulations Officer – Mrs. Joylene Neddermeyer
Webmaster – Mrs. Helen Galbraith
Public Relations Officer – Sharon Thorp

12 WUSV Meeting (2011) report – Minutes from the WUSV Meeting was distributed to all Member Clubs on 4/11/2011.

13 Determination of scale of fees for financial year 2011-2012

"That the fee for an "Appeal" through the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme be increased from \$66.00 to \$100.00

including GST”.

“That the fee for an “Appeal” through the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme be increased from \$66.00 to \$100.00 including GST”.

Rationale:

It was stated at the NBC meeting that an increase was necessary as the current charge of \$66.00 for an appeal was insufficient as the reading charges alone are \$75.00 (for hip only and elbow only).

When you take into account the costs for postage, having to retrieve plates, forwarding results to the owners etc, this increase is necessary.

14 Election of Office Bearers.

The following nominations have been received:

14.1 Executive

| Position | Nominee | Term | Nominated by |
|--------------------|---|--------|--------------------------------------|
| President | Vince Tantarò Sean Lynch John DeLucia | 2 Year | GSDL, VIC. N&HR. SA. |
| Treasurer | Jane Pike Yvonne Yun | 2 Year | SA, VIC. ACT. |
| Judges Chairperson | Barry O'Rourke John Fenner Louis Donald | 2 Year | GSDL, N&HR, QLD. WA. QLD, VIC. |
| QNR Editor | | 2 Year | |

14.2 Expression of Interest for Other Positions

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| Public Officer | Lenore Harris | |
| HD/ED Registrar | Doug West | GSDL, SA, VIC. |
| Tattoo Registrar | Frank Moody | GSDL, VIC. |
| NBC Registrar <i>(as nominated by NBC Chair for ratification at AGM)</i> | Gill Cafari | |
| Hereditary Diseases Committee Chairperson | Karen Hedberg | GSDL, VIC. |
| National Show Coordinator | Ian Urie | VIC. |
| Public Relations Officer | | |
| Historian | Diane Ballantyne | VIC. |
| Website Officer | Kim McGregor | GSDL, VIC. |
| Rules & Regulations Officer | Joylene Neddermeyer | VIC. |
| Trophy Officer | Terry Jarvis | GSDL, VIC. |
| Breed Specific Legislation Officer | Margaret Adams | WA, VIC. |

15 National Show Reports

2011 – 39th National

Host – German Shepherd Dog League of New South Wales – **Report**

Conformation Judges – Herr Norbert Wettlaufer, Herr Lothar Quoll.

Obedience Judges – Tiki Freizer, Maryanne Fazekas, Peter Franks.

Dates – 22nd, 23rd & 24th April 2011

2012 – 40th National

Host – Newcastle & Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club – **Progress Report**

Conformation Judges – Margit Van Dorssen (SV) - Dogs & General Specials

Herr Heinz Scheerer (SV) - All Bitches

Obedience Judges -_Ms. Tiki Friezer (NSW) - Novice Dog & Bitch & CCD.

Mrs. Judy van der Vegt (NSW) Open Dog & Bitch

Mrs. Dawn Howard (VIC) – Utility & UDX Dog & Bitch & Winner of Winners

Dates – 18th, 19th & 20th May 2012.

Entry Fees – Initial entry = \$44.00, subsequent \$34.00 per class.

Baby Puppies - Initial entry - \$37.00, subsequent - \$27.00 per class.

Obedience – Initial entry - \$37.00, subsequent - \$27.00 per class.

2013 – 41st National

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia – **Progress Report**

Conformation Judges – Herr Richard Brauch (SV) – Dogs & General Specials

Herr Christoff Ludwig (SV) - Bitches

Obedience Judges – Mr. Brian Fielder, Mr. Michael Vigor and Mrs. Alison Rumble

Dates – 10th, 11th & 12th May 2013.

Entry Fees – To be advised.

2014 – 42nd National

Host –German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland

Conformation Judges – To be advised.

Obedience Judges – To be advised.

Dates – To be advised.

Entry Fees – To be advised.

As provided by the Judges Committee refer item 17.2.

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| Herr Eric Bosl, | Herr Joachim Stiegler, | Herr Bernd Weber, |
| Herr Frank Goldlust, | Herr Hans Joachim Dux, | Herr Rainer Mast, |
| Herr Andreas Rudolph | Herr Reinhard Meyer (Breed Chairman SV) | |

16 Matters referred to AGM from National Breed Commission

16.1 Motion:

”That Section 4.3 and Section 4.4 of the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual which currently reads:

4 STRUCTURE OF THE BREED SURVEY SCHEME (cont.)

4.3 Criteria for Aspiring Breed Surveyors

- 4.3.1 The applicant must be a financial member of an affiliate member club of the GSDCA.
- 4.3.2 The applicant must have owned, exhibited and bred German Shepherd Dogs for a minimum period of six (6) years and his or her breeding activity to have included a minimum of five (5) litters, from which resultant dogs or bitches individually achieved five (5) Breed Survey Classifications, ten (10) ‘A’ stamps for HD and three (3) Excellent gradings in Specialist Shows.
- 4.3.3 The applicant must have served in an elected position on the committee of an affiliate member club of the GSDCA for a term in excess of two (2) years.
- 4.3.4 The applicant must provide evidence of successful breeding.
- 4.3.5 The applicant, as a ANKC Licensed Show Judge of the German Shepherd Dog, must have passed the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course and have officiated at a minimum of five (5) shows judging adult classes (Junior and up) conducted by associated clubs, as approved by Council, where critiques and gradings were awarded.
- 4.3.6 The applicant must have adhered to their State’s and National Council’s Codes of Ethics.
- 4.3.7 The applicant must have their application endorsed by a member club of the GSDCA in their State or Territory of domicile. Upon endorsement, the applicant must be recommended by the NBC Executive to the NBC and if Breed Survey status is approved the appointment must be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting of the GSDCA.

4.4 Procedure for Aspiring Breed Surveyors

- 4.4.1 Breed Surveyors accredited to the Scheme who do not fulfill the criteria listed in Section 4.3 will remain accredited, but are required to take all reasonable steps to fulfill those criteria, particularly Sub-section 4.3.5.
- 4.4.2 Persons wishing to become Breed Surveyors shall make application to the Chief Surveyor of their State with supporting evidence of fulfilling the pre-requisite criteria listed in Section 4.3.
- 4.4.3 The State Chief Surveyor shall recommend on the application in writing to the NBC Executive. The NBC Executive shall make its recommendation to the full NBC. In turn, the NBC shall confirm its decision in writing to the State Chief Surveyor and the aspiring surveyor.
- 4.4.4 Endorsement of an application by a General Meeting of a member club is necessary.

be amended to read as follows:-

4.3 Criteria for German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Aspirant Breed Surveyors

- 4.3.1 The applicant must be a financial member of a GSDCA member club of the GSDCA in their State or Territory of domicile.
- 4.3.2 The applicant must have
 - Owned, exhibited and bred German Shepherd Dogs for a period of ten (10) years
 - His or her breeding activity to have included a minimum of ten (10) litters
 - Bred ten (10) animals which have passed the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme,
 - Five individual (5) animals have received an excellent grading at GSDCA Member Club Specialist Shows or GSDCA approved Shows
- 4.3.3 The application must provide with their application a resume of their involvement and dedication at their club of domicile and/or GSDCA level.”
- 4.3.4 The applicant must provide evidence of successful breeding.
- 4.3.5 After completing the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course, the aspirant must have officiated as a Judge at a minimum of five (5) shows conducted by GSDCA member clubs or at approved shows where gradings are awarded and both written and verbal critiques are given from the Junior classes upwards.
- 4.3.6 The applicant must have adhered to their State’s and National Council’s Codes of Ethics.
- 4.3.7 The applicant must have their application endorsed by the committee of a GSDCA member club in their State or Territory of domicile.
- 4.3.8 The applicant shall forward all supporting documentation to the National Breed Commission (NBC) Chairman for inclusion on the NBC Agenda If the NBC Executive agree that all of the criteria has been met, the NBC Executive shall make its recommendation to the NBC meeting for the applicant to become a GSDCA Aspirant Breed Surveyor
- 4.3.9 The NBC Chairman shall advise the applicant and the GSDCA member clubs that the application has been successful.
- 4.3.10 If successful the applicant shall agree to undertake a twelve (12) month training period to advance their knowledge of the German Shepherd Dog. They must attend at least three breed surveys in their State or Territory and at each breed survey shall complete a GSDCA Breed Survey Worksheet independently from the officiating Breed Surveyors on the day.

- 4.3.11 At the end of the twelve (12) month probation period the applicant will undertake an additional oral examination with (one or two) members of the NBC Executive or a duly designated GSDCA Breed Surveyor of significant experience.

1.4 APPLICATION PROCEDURE TO BE AWARDED GSDCA BREED SURVEYOR STATUS

- 1.4.1 Breed Surveyors previously accredited to the Scheme who do not fulfil the criteria listed in Section 4.3 will remain accredited, but are required to take all reasonable steps to fulfil those criteria, particularly sub-section 4.3.5.
- 4.4.2 The awarding of GSDCA Breed Surveyor status shall not be automatic and full appointment may be deferred until a vacancy arises.
- 4.4.3 If the application is successful the appointment must be ratified at the next GSDCA Annual General Meeting (AGM). A summary of their pre-requisite qualifications and achievements shall be published in the GSDCA Quarterly National Review in conjunction with the GSDCA AGM Agenda

Rationale:

There is no doubt that the highest and most privileged position that you can achieve in this organisation is to become a GSDCA Breed Surveyor. It is a position of huge responsibility not only to the GSD but to the fraternity as a whole. Being awarded GSDCA Breed Surveyor status should not be automatic and the applicant should have an inbuilt desire and belief in the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and the ideals of this Council.

The position means that you want to give a commitment to the further development of the breed and assess the breed worth of the animal in front of you without favour and address in a fair and open manner the current problems within the breed.

All facets of the criteria were discussed at the Working Party Meeting and it was agreed that the criteria and procedure be amended to incorporate and clearly defined the criteria for an aspirant breed surveyor, the application and appointment process while incorporating an education and training process to ensure that the aspirant breed surveyor continues to improve the knowledge in all aspects of the German Shepherd Dog.

The suggestions from the Working Party were not made lightly and were discussed at some length at the 2011 NBC meeting and it was agreed that the new regulations be placed on the 2012 GSDCA AGM Agenda. A copy of the previous requirements are available from the GSDCA Secretary upon request.

Moved Broken Hill

16.2 MOTION:

SINGLE BREED SURVEY CLASSIFICATION

- a) "That as from the start of the 2013 Breed Survey season, there will be one classification for the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme.
- b) That as from the start of the 2013 Breed Survey season, the criteria remain the same apart from height, where there will be a maximum height of 67cms for dogs and 62cms for bitches through the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme.
- c) The criteria to be classified through the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme will be as follows:-
- Are above the breed average anatomically
 - Faultless gapless, healthy dentition Double P1's allowed. May have slightly level bite but without wear.
 - **Maximum size is 67cms for dogs and 62cms for bitches**
 - **Minimum size is 60cms for dogs and 55cms for bitches.**
 - Character and temperament must be firm and self assured.
 - Must be in possession a GSDCA 'A' stamp or any other GSDCA recognised scheme for hips.
 - Must be in possession of a GSDCA 'Z' stamp or any other GSDCA recognised scheme for elbows.
 - Imported males and sons of imported dams must have a GSDCA 'H' Neg certificate.
 - Can have a not quite correct scissor bite.
 - Can have a missing only premolar 1 or molar 4
 - Can have missing two only premolar 1's or one only Premolar 2.
 - Can have missing one only Premolar 1 plus one only incisor,
 - Slightly level bite, slightly worn teeth. Not due to age.
 - Must be firm or sufficiently firm on reaction to the gun test.
 - **Animals born after 1 July 2011 to be classified at breed survey must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3)**

Animals which cannot fulfill the above described requirements and display any of the following must be denied classification in the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme.

- Are not anatomically above the breed average.
- **The measurement recorded is more than 67cms for dogs and 62cms for bitches.**
- **The measurement recorded is less than 60cms for dogs and 55cms for bitches.**
- **Animals born after 1 July 2011 that have linebreeding of (1:2), (2:1) or (2:2) will be deemed to have failed breed survey and are not recommended for breeding".**
- May have no more missing teeth than the following:
 - missing only premolar 1 or molar 4.
 - missing two only premolar 1's or one only Premolar 2.
 - missing one only Premolar 1 plus one only incisor.
- Overshot or undershot mouths:
 - The condition of an overshot mouth is deemed to occur when the incisors of the upper jaw protrude a distance of two (2)mm or more from the incisors of the lower jaw.
- Soft non-erect ears.
- One sided or double sided cryptorchidism or uneven or undeveloped testicles.

- Long coat without undercoat.
- Fail the gun test.
- Show trepidation, are overly suspicious, apprehensive, wary, visually fearful or are aggressive without provocation.
- Albino characteristics (i.e. lack of pigmentation and with pink noses, near whites or with near white coats, even with black noses, or dark eyes or dark nails).

Any animal that has been deemed to have failed breed survey on two separate occasions for the same reason shall not be eligible to present to breed survey on any future occasion.

The loss of teeth through accident, or mechanical means provided they are attested to by a GSDCA Certificate shall be counted as though they are present and considered as such when making a classification for either class.

No other form of documentation shall be accepted.

Rationale:

The issue of one classification at breed survey has been discussed by the GSDCA numerous times but on those occasions was not successful. After a lengthy discussion at the 2011 NBC Meeting, it was agreed to place the item on the GSDCA AGM Agenda again for the consideration by the members. A number of opinions were expressed however it was generally felt that nobody wants a Breed Survey class 11 classification. This classification creates a great deal of upset and animosity by recipient owners towards GSDCA Breed Surveyors. It was noted that whilst this is a move to bring people into the fold and increase better breeding guidelines, it could not be introduced before the commencement of the 2013 Breed Survey Season. If the changes outlined above are carried at the 2012 GSDCA AGM, the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual will be required to be amended to reflect those changes accordingly.

Moved Broken Hill:

16.3 Motion:

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA (GSDCA) NATIONAL BREED SURVEY SCHEME. FOR LONG STOCK COAT (WITH UNDERCOAT) GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS (as at 1st March 2012).

- a) That as from 1st March 2012 the GSDCA will commence a National Breed Survey Scheme for Long Stock Coat (with undercoat).
- b) Breed Surveys for Long Stock Coats (with undercoat) will be conducted in conjunction with Breed Surveys for Stock Coats (normal).
- c) The requirements for entry to GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme for Long Stock Coats (with undercoat) and the criteria for classification as outlined below:-

For animals to entry a GSDCA Breed Survey (Long Stock Coat German Shepherd Dogs) the following criteria must be adhered to.

1. Only entries on the official **application form for breed survey GSDCA BS1** will be accepted.
2. The animal must be 18 months of age and not over 8 years of age.
3. The animal must be tattooed within the GSDCA National Tattoo Scheme or any other Tattoo scheme recognised by the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia or **micro chipped**.
4. The animals must be in possession of an 'A' stamp for hips and a 'Z' stamp for elbows, or passed any other GSDCA approved evaluation scheme for hips and elbows.
5. The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar prior to the survey date. The paperwork must include the following;-
 - a. The required fee.
 - b. ANKC Certified pedigree identified with a **ANKC Long Coat Registered Number**.
 - c. Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
 - d. Five generation pedigree.
 - e. A coloured photograph is to be submitted on the day of the breed survey, or post/e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey.
 - f. For all imported animals a copy of the letter received from the National Breed Commission Chairman that details and any titles have been verified.
 - g. All imported males dogs must possess a GSDCA H neg. certificate prior to being submitted to breed survey.
 - h. All male progeny from imported bitches must possess a GSDCA H neg. certificate prior to being submitted to breed survey.
 - i. **All relevant original documentation** (pedigree, hip and elbow results/certificate etc) is to be brought to the survey and shown to the SURVEYOR.

Please Note: Dogs which are listed on the Limited Long Coat Registrar cannot be accepted for breed survey.

The requirements for German Shepherd Dogs – (Long Stock Coat) to receive Breed Survey Class 1 in the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Breed Survey Scheme are as follows:-

- Anatomically far above the breed average
- Long stock coat with undercoat
- Faultless gapless, healthy dentition Double P1's allowed.
- Maximum size is 66cms for dogs and 61cms for bitches
- Minimum size is 60cms for dogs and 55cms for bitches.
- Character and temperament must be firm and self assured.
- Must be firm on reaction to the gun test.
- Must be in possession a GSDCA 'A' stamp or any other GSDCA recognised scheme for hips.
- Must be in possession of a GSDCA 'Z' stamp or any other GSDCA recognised scheme for elbows.
- **Animals born after 1 July 2011 to be classified at breed survey must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3)**
- Imported males and sons of imported dams must have a GSDCA 'H' Neg certificate.

The requirements for German Shepherd Dogs – (Long Stock Coat) to receive Breed Survey Class 11 in the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Breed Survey Scheme are as follows:-

- Are anatomically above the breed average.
- Long stock coat with undercoat.
- It is preferred that the maximum size is 66cms for dogs and 61cms for bitches. However animals outside these size measurements that meet all of the other listed requirements and are of above average anatomical worth may be considered to be classified Breed Survey Class 11.
- It is preferred that the minimum size is 60cms for dogs and 55cms for bitches. However animals outside these size measurements that meet all of the other listed requirements and are of above average anatomical worth may be considered to be classified Breed Survey Class 11.
- **Animals born after 1 July 2011 to be classified at breed survey must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3)**
- Can have a not quite correct scissor bite.
- Can have a missing only premolar 1 or molar 4.
- Can have missing two only premolar 1's or one only Premolar 2.
- Can have missing one only Premolar 1 plus one only incisor.
- Slightly level bite, slightly worn teeth. Not due to age.
- Must be firm or sufficiently firm on reaction to the gun test.
- Character and temperament must be firm and self assured.
- Must be in possession of a GSDCA 'A' stamp or any other GSDCA recognised scheme for hips.
- **Must be in possession of a GSDCA 'Z' stamp or its GSDCA recognised scheme for elbows.**
- Imported males and sons of imported dams must have a GSDCA 'H' Neg certificate.

Animals which cannot fulfill the above described requirements and display any of the following must be denied classification in the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme.

- Are not anatomically above the breed average.
- The measurement recorded is more than 66cms for dogs and 61cms for bitches and are not of above average anatomical worth.
- The measurement recorded is less than 60cms for dogs and 55cms for bitches and are not of above average anatomical worth.
- **Animals born after 1 July 2011 that have linebreeding of (1:2), (2:1) or (2:2) will be deemed to have failed breed survey and are not recommended for breeding”.**
- May have no more missing teeth than the following:
 - missing only premolar 1 or molar 4,
 - missing two only premolar 1's or one only Premolar 2,
 - missing one only Premolar 1 plus one only incisor,
- Overshot or undershot mouths.
 - The condition of an overshot mouth is deemed to occur when the incisors of the upper jaw protrude a distance of two (2)mm or more from the incisors of the lower jaw
- Soft non-erect ears
- One sided or double sided cryptorchidism or uneven or undeveloped testicles.
- Long coat without undercoat.
- Fail the gun test.
- Show trepidation, are overly suspicious, apprehensive, wary, visually fearful or are aggressive without provocation.
- Albino characteristics (i.e. lack of pigmentation and with pink noses, near whites or with near white coats, even with black noses, or dark eyes or dark nails).

Any animal that has been deemed to have failed breed survey on two separate occasions for the same reason shall not be eligible to present to breed survey on any future occasion.

The loss of teeth through accident, or mechanical means provided they are attested to by a GSDCA Certificate shall be counted as though they are present and considered as such when making a classification for either class.

No other form of documentation shall be accepted.

Rationale:

With the changes to the standard for the German Shepherd Dog by the SV and the ability of Long Stock Coats able to be shown in 2012 at All Breed Shows and Specialist Shows the GSDCA needs to introduce a National Breed Survey Scheme for Long Stock Coats with undercoat as the number increase at member club shows in the future.

Moved Broken Hill

16.4 Motion:

“That the alterations approved at the 2010 GSDCA AGM be rescinded and the GSDCA BS4 form as approved in October 2005 be re-instated as the current GSDCA BS\$ form with the following amendments:-

- Chief Surveyor amended to read: State Breed Survey Coordinator
- The inclusion of the microchip number

Rationale:

(NBC Minutes) A copy of the revised form is available from the GSDCA Secretary.

Moved Broken Hill

17 Matters referred to the AGM from the Judges Committee

17.1 Motion:

“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia National Show Manual (2007) Section 18 which currently reads:

Section 18 Breeders Group

A Breeders Group Team must consist of a minimum of five (5) animals from the one kennel. A minimum of two (2) sires and two (2) dams are required to make up the group. A separate entry form indicating entry to the class is required prior to the close of entry. The list of animals competing in each group must be handed into the Show Secretary by completion of judging of Day One. The winning group will be awarded a Tri-colour Sash.

Be amended to read:

Section 18 Breeders Group

A Breeders Group must consist of **five (5)** animals from the one kennel. A minimum of two (2) sires and two (2) dams are required to make up the group. A separate entry form indicating entry to the class is required prior to the close of entries. The list of animals competing in each group must be handed into the Show Secretary by completion of judging on day one. The winning group will be awarded a tri-colour sash.

Rationale:

The changes to the requirement will be implemented as from the 2013 National Show and Trial to be held in Adelaide. The changes to be requirement means that all groups presented will be of the same number and it is easier to assess the degree of difficulty in regards to the number of sires and dams. The above changes means that there shall be a minimum and maximum of five animals from at least two sires and two dams. Some minor grammatical changes have also been made to the motion.

Moved GSD League

17.2 Motion:

"That the following list of judges be placed on the GSDCA Agenda under item 2014 National Show and Trial to be held in Brisbane".

Herr Eric Bosl, Herr Joachim Stiegler, Herr Bernd Weber, Herr Frank Goldlust, Herr Hans Joachim Dux, Herr Rainer Mast, Herr Andreas Rudolph and Herr Reinhard Meyer (Breed Chairman SV)

Rationale:

As the GSDCA Regulation passed at the 2002 AGM, the Judges Committee meeting discusses a list of judges to be placed on the GSDCA AGM Agenda for the member club to approve a list of four judges to be forward to the host club. The host club will select two judges from that list as well as allocating the sexes for each judge. The member club shall advise the GSDCA of their selection. This ensures that member clubs not able to host a National Show and Trial on behalf of the GSDCA have direct input into the selection of judges for this very important event.

Moved GSD League

17.3 Motion:

Section 3:-GSDCA JUDGES COMMITTEE

3.1 GSDCA SPECIALIST JUDGES EXTENSION COURSE

3.1.1. Application Procedure to Participate in the GSDCA Judges Extension Course

To participate in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course an applicant shall meet the criteria listed below, be fully conversant with and prepared to undertake the requirements listed below and submit the appropriate application form.

- **A supporting statement from the applicant's Club/s of domicile shall accompany the application.**
- **The Judges Committee Chair shall be responsible for the conduct of the course; this includes receipt and verification of applications; the organisation and coordination of all aspirant appointments, including the required liaison with Member Clubs, Examining Judges and coordinating the examination and adjudication process.**
- To become a Specialist Judge, Applicants are required to successfully complete all components of the course.
- Attendance and active participation at GSDCA and Member Club activities is an expectation of aspirants, this includes shows, seminars, surveys, judges meetings, practical days and breed meetings.
- Applicants are unable to handle at Shows where they are officiating as an aspirant.
- **It should be noted that aspirants undertaking this course incur any expenses involved.**

3.1.2 Required Criteria to be obtained prior to application to the GSDCA Specialist Judges' Extension Course are:

- a) Has been a member of an ANKC Member Body for a period of eight years (8) during the ten years (10) immediately prior to the date of application
- b) Must be a current financial member of a GSDCA Member Club in their State or Territory of domicile.
- c) Must currently hold an ANKC Judges License for German Shepherd Dogs.
- d) Must provide evidence of their involvement in their Member Club/s. Areas of involvement include Member of Club/s; Committee/s; Club Instructor. May also included involvement at Kennel Control level. This information should be detailed to include level of involvement i.e. positions held; type of involvement e.g. Breed Affairs; Show Instructor; Registrar and the date, including the length of time served in that position.
- e) **A supporting statement from the applicant's Club/s of domicile shall accompany the application.**
- f) Must provide evidence of their experience as a breeder as outlined hereunder:
 - (i) Have bred at least five litters under his/her own prefix or has a proven involvement in a shared prefix for no less than **eight years**.
 - (ii) Have bred at least five animals that have been classified in the GSDCA Inc Breed Survey Scheme.
 - (iii) Have bred at least five animals that have been classified with an 'A' and 'Z' stamp under the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme.

It will be the responsibility of the Judges Committee Chair to advise the applicant of the acceptance/ refusal of their application, following discussion with the GSDCA NBC Executive.

Following acceptance and approval of the application to undertake the GSDCA Specialist Judges' Extension Course, Aspirants are required to successfully complete the following requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ASPIRANTS

3.2 RINGCRAFT/ METHODOLOGY APPOINTMENTS

- 3.2.1. The aspirant shall undertake three (3) **ringcraft/methodology** appointments at a Show conducted or hosted by a GSDCA Member Club. This can be a Championship/Open or a GSDCA approved Show conducted in conjunction with an All-Breeds show e.g. Working Dog Club Vic.
- 3.2.2. Following the completion of the three (3) **ringcraft/methodology** appointments a written report, Aspirant Judge **Ringcraft/Methodology** Report, is to be completed by the applicant and sent to the Chair of the GSDCA Judges Committee, within two weeks of the completion of their **ringcraft/methodology** appointments. Should the report not be received within this time frame, the aspirant's **ringcraft/methodology** appointments will not be acknowledged as counting towards the requirements for the successful completion of the course.
- 3.2.3. **The successful completion of these ringcraft/methodology appointments deems the applicant eligible to undertake the next part of the course. Notification to the applicant is made by the Chair Judges Committee.**

3.3 ASPIRANT JUDGES APPOINTMENTS (EXAMINATIONS)

- 3.3.1 **A minimum of six weeks (6) where practicable, will apply between applicants' appointments.**
- 3.3.2 **There is to be only one (1) aspirant appointment per judge at a GSDCA show. Only one examination is allowed over a double weekend per participant.**
- 3.3.3 The applicant shall complete three (3) practical examinations under three different examiner judges from the judging or any substitute judge appointed by the Chair Judges Committee. One examination is to be under the President, Chair NBC or Chair Judges Committee, if the position holders are qualified examiner judges.
- 3.3.4 Examinations can be held during any GSDCA approved show other than the National Show and Trial.
- 3.3.5 **Aspirants where possible should only complete one examination at a show conducted by their affiliate of the GSDCA.**
- 3.3.6 The aspirant will be assessed on the following:
- (a) Suitability of attire
 - (b) Punctuality
 - (c) Application of the standard (knowledge)
 - (d) Writing critiques - The aspirant will simultaneously, as the examining judge is completing his/her individuals, write his/her critiques on the class presented. This will be from junior class onwards.
 - (e) Devise a call out order of the exhibits critiqued. -The aspirant will give a copy of their call out order, immediately upon the completion of the individuals, to the examining judge after each class critiqued. Should the call out order vary dramatically from the examining judge's, the reasons including application of the standard, are to be discussed and explained.
 - (f) Award gradings to the exhibits critiqued prior to the exhibits being placed 'on the pegs' by the examining judge on the approved form
 - (g) A minimum of twenty (20) dogs shall be critiqued at each examination.**
 - (h) Overall performance.
- The aspirant will be required to answer questions on methodology, critique writing, anatomy, grading and any other area the examining judge deems appropriate.
- 3.3.7 The aspirant must submit a copy of their critiques, including gradings, to the examining judge and the Judges Committee Chair, within three (3) weeks of the Show.
- 3.3.8 Critiques to include:
- (a) Name of Club conducting Show, Date and Place
 - (b) Place and grading of each exhibit
 - (c) Name of exhibit and known titles e.g. Breed Survey, 'A' 'Z' etc
 - (d) Age of exhibit
 - (e) Sire and Dam
- 3.3.9 The aspirant must also submit a show report to the examiner judge and Chair Judges Committee, within three weeks of the Show.
- The report should include:
- (a) Show, date and venue.
 - (b) A general critique on the animals judged including the virtues and faults.
 - (c) Any observed notable bloodline contributions.
- 3.3.10 Upon receipt of the aspirant's paperwork, the examiner judge will submit an examination report on the aspirant, stating whether the examination was satisfactory or unsatisfactory, to the Judges Committee Chair. A copy of this report will be sent to the aspirant by the Judges Committee Chair.
- 3.3.11 If the required paperwork is not received from the aspirant within three (3) weeks of the Show and the aspirant does not offer any reason for the paper work not being presented within the required time frame to the Judges Committee Chair, the examination will not be counted towards the three (3) examinations required for the completion of the course.

3.4 COURSE COMPLETION:

The GSDCA Judges' Extension Course must be completed within three (3) years from application. An extension of this time may be granted by the Judges Committee Chair following an application by the applicant stating the extenuating circumstances.

3.5 APPEALS:

- 3.5.1 If the aspirant is unsuccessful in an examination, an appeal should be lodged with the Chair Judges Committee in

- writing within a week of the result being known and the ground for appeal being clearly stated.
- 3.5.2 The appeal will be reviewed by three (3) examiner judges who have not been involved in the unsuccessful examination process, including, if possible, the Judges Committee Chair. The result of that review will be made known to the aspirant and the examining judge as soon as practicable.
- 3.5.3 The applicant will be advised, as a result of the appeal, their next stage of continuing in the course.

3.6 AWARDING OF THE GSDCA SPECIALIST JUDGES EXTENSION COURSE BADGE AND CERTIFICATE

- 3.6.1 Aspirants successfully completing the GSDCA Specialist Judges' Extension Course will be awarded a Badge, a Certificate and their name added to the GSDCA Specialist Judges' List. Presentation of this award will be made at a National, **or at a show/event determined by the Chair Judges Committee.**

Moved GSD League, GSDCV.

17.3 Motion:

"That effective 1 July 2013, only animals with a grading of Normal or Grade 1 on both or either elbows will be awarded the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) "Z" stamp.

Rationale:

The motion reflects the Councils desire to gradually improve its Breed Improvement Schemes scheme and for us to follow current accepted international standards. The high heritability factor associated with Grade 2 elbows poses a real threat to the health and breeding of the German Shepherd Dog. The time frame for introduction, as in the past allows, for gradual transition that will see the current GSDCA requirement that allows for a 'Z' Stamp for Grade 2 Elbow Dysplasia (with less than 3 mm of arthritic change) be changed and GSDCA only accept Normal or Grade 1 graded elbows on both or either elbows and are free from the condition of Ununited Anconeal Process (UAP).

Moved GSDCV.

17.4 Motion:

"That the GSDCA makes representation to the ANKC in order to amend Litter Registration Limitations for German Shepherds to reflect the same standard as applies to animals awarded a GSDCA "A" and "Z" stamp".

Recommendation to ANKC would be that:

Litter Registration Limitations (LRL's) are to be amended as follows and will apply for litters born from 1st July 2014.

1.1 Both parents of every litter must be screened for Hip Dysplasia through an official Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme and record a score of no more than 8 on either hip with no more than 3 in any one area, or in the case of imported animals, a grading that is deemed to be acceptable for breeding in their country of origin.

1.2 Both parents of every litter must be screened for Elbow Dysplasia through an official Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme and record a grading of Normal, or Grade One on both or either elbows, and must be free from the condition of Ununited Anconeal Process (UAP).

Rationale:

*As members of the fraternity already adhere to current GSDCA requirements for awarding of A & Z stamps, it is only logical that those who wish to breed German Shepherds should also breed to same standard as recommended by the subject matter experts that have advised us and helped implement standards that have not only gradually been implemented but have over some 30 years seen the improvement of both the hip and elbow dysplasia status in Australia. The current system sees two standards apply and defies logic. It allows for ambiguity as to which standard is that which should be followed by GSD breeders. The current ANKC limitations allows for animals to be bred with whose scores are well above what the GSDCA considers acceptable to award the GSDCA 'A' & 'Z' Stamp. The changes as proposed allows sufficient time for implementation and reflects a common approach that will see **one rule apply** for all breeders of the GSD and will if adopted further improve the health and well being of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.*

Moved GSDCV.

18 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Obedience Committee –

18.1 Motion:

Effective 1st July 2012, where a pedigreed, registered German Shepherd Dog gains the grading of "Excellent" at any ANKC approved Tracking Trial, and the owner is a member of a GSDCA Member Club, the owner may apply to their Club for the award of a GSDCA "Excellent" medallion. Application must be in writing and be accompanied by a copy of the relevant Trial certificate.

Rationale:

*The awarding of Excellent medallions is not possible where the trial is not conducted by a GSDCA Member Club. As very few GSDCA clubs conduct Tracking trials, All Breed trials are in most States the only opportunity for a German Shepherd Dog to gain an Excellent grading in this discipline. In order to recognise the outstanding achievements of those GSD's which have demonstrated this very high level of working ability, it is fitting to award these dogs the GSDCA Excellent medallion. **Moved GSDCV.***

19 Other Matters referred to the AGM

1.1 Motion:

National Show & Trial

States hosting the National Show and Trial be on a rotational basis by State or Territory NSW, SA, QLD, VIC, ACT. If a State or Territory chooses to be omitted from the set rotation then the next State or Territory on the list shall conduct the Show and Trial.

Rationale:

The show and trial is to be conducted on a rotational basis by State or Territory from 2013 onwards.

Moved GSDC of SA

1.2 Motion:

"That at the National an individual Breeders/ Kennel Group shall consist of five (5) GSDs only. The criteria stay the same.

Rationale:

It is more challenging for a breeder to present a group displaying a high degree of difficulty with a group consisting of five animals only than in a much larger group.

At the Sieger Show in Germany, the Breeders /Kennel groups consist of five GSDs only. We should strive to retain this size and not have larger groups of eight or ten presented. Limiting the number per group would also make it fair and equitable for all breeders. If a breeder wishes to exhibit two groups, they may enter two groups of five.

By limiting the numbers in the progeny group those exhibitors travelling long distances to a National would have an equal chance in presenting a breeders group.

Moved GSDC of QLD

19.3 Motion:

"Effective from 1st December 2012, the printing of the GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate be changed to record the Breed Surveyor's choice of wording ONLY.

The new Certificate will be in a similar format to the current Certificate, except that it will not show all wording choices with the required wording underlined (as per current practice)".

Rationale:

The GSDCA Database Sub-Committee is about to commence work on the Breed Survey section.

The data needs to be recorded in the database in a way that will enable reports to be generated to identify statistics and trends on any area of the survey worksheet, which will be invaluable to the GSDCA in the future. This will be achieved by the choice of numerous selections (pre-defined in a drop-down menu) that will cover ALL possible options that the Surveyor can choose.

There will be no change to the Breed Surveyors Worksheets, just in the way the data is captured in the database and printed on the certificate.

This change is necessary so that the Breed Survey database will be able to generate ALL reports and certificates from the one source avoiding the need for duplication of effort, and possibility of errors. (i.e. The "Breed Survey Certificate" that the Owner receives, and the page in the "Breed Survey Year Book" plus any statistical reports in the future).

The timing of Dec'2012 is targeted for the start of the 2013 Breed Survey Year because there is a considerable amount of work required to design and implement the programming involved.

Moved GSDCV.

20 General Business

20.1 Motion:

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland requests that the GSDCA grant permission for:

Mr. Greg Green to award excellent medallions and give written critiques for minor upwards at the Townsville Kennel Association Inc. show in Townsville on Saturday the 30th June, 2012.

Moved GSDC of QLD

20.2 Motion:

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland requests that the GSDCA grant permission for:

Mrs. Faye Stokes to award excellent medallions and give written critiques for minor upwards at the Working Dog Club of Queensland Show to be held on Saturday the 5th May, 2012.

Moved GSDC of QLD

20.4 Discussion Item:

Discussion item relating to accidents in the show ring.

The recent incident in the double handler ring at the ACT October Show, as well as past events when handlers have collapsed (and died) in the show ring, it seems important that National Council set up an action procedure. Thus for example the judging in the affected ring must be halted until such time as the individual involved has been moved to a secure location (if possible) where they can be attended to.

It may not always be possible to move an injured person until first aid has been provided or an ambulance has attended. It is therefore important that an agreed process is followed providing for compassion as well as minimising the length of the disruption to the running of the show.

Considering that many affiliates are quite happy to have lengthy lunch breaks the consequence of an accident related delay should not create a major issue.

ACT GSDA

20.5 53rd Annual General Meeting

Discussion to take place regarding which Club will host the 53rd GSDCA AGM.

| AGM | LOCATION |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 52 nd AGM - 2013 | Melbourne |
| 53 rd AGM – 2014 | |
| 54 th AGM – 2015 | Sydney |
| 55 th AGM – 2016 | |
| 56 th AGM - 2017 | Melbourne |

GSDCA PRESIDENT - VINCE TANTARO



My interest in dogs began in 1977 when together with my wife, Frances we purchased our first dog, a German Shepherd. We became members of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria (GSDCV) and soon were both involved in the administration of the Western Suburbs Training Branch. We began showing dogs in 1980 and our kennel TANVELD, participates, supports and promotes all German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Breed improvement schemes. Our Kennel has been awarded the GSDCA HD Schemes Bronze Medallion. The interest instilled by showing, handling, and training dogs lead me to qualify in 1993 as a GSD Judge and in 1996 I was appointed a GSDCA Breed Surveyor. I have judged GSD's throughout Australia and overseas.

I have held a number of positions in the GSDCV and was President from 1987-1995 and then again from 1998-2000. I was the Club delegate to the GSDCA, for 10 years and Chairman, Judges Committee, GSDCA during 1995. I was elected as President, GSDCA, in 2000, and stood down in 2006. I continue to be actively involved at GSDCA and GSDCV Sub-Committee level.

In recognition of service to the breed I have been awarded the GSDCV Outstanding Service Award and Life Membership, and GSDCA Service Pin and Service Medallion.

I believe my open, proactive approach, experience in GSD administration and proven history of working for the breed both at Club and National level places me as the best candidate for the position of President, GSDCA.

The time has come when we need to re-establish our mission and goals for the future. It is essential that the organisation embraces and utilises its Member Clubs. This will allow all of us to own decisions and to collectively take responsibility and progress them in order that we can all act as the true guardians of the German Shepherd Dog.

If elected I would see my role as providing leadership and contributing to achieving the following goals:

- A review of the GSDCA Constitution, Executive and Structure.
- A strategic plan that defines goals for the next 5 and 10 years.
- Strategies on how to counter breed restrictive legislation and how best to demonstrate and raise awareness to both government and public that the GSD is both in mind and body a sound and healthy breed.
- A review on how best, as a collective, can we make savings for members, Clubs and GSDCA.
- A Promotional Plan - how best to utilise our events in order to promote the GSD.
- National GSD Obedience Trial - all disciplines to be offered.

We must continue to seek to learn and to do things better. I have seen both sides, that of the President and that of the exhibitor, breeder and German Shepherd owner. I believe that my past experience as President, and what I have learnt since, will enable me to provide better leadership and service to the members. Thank you for your consideration.

Vince Tantaro

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GSDCA PRESIDENT - SEAN LYNCH



I have been a small breeder since 1984 with my wife Leeanne when we started Fremont Kennels. We have two children Jessica and Conor, Jessica being widely known, as she handles most of our dogs including Fremont Too Hot To Handle, we have also imported a number of animals hoping to improve the GSD in Australia.

Personally I have always worked in the business sector of sales and over the last number of years, management. My roles in management have been to improve systems already in place to see better outcomes for the future. In the business world, to be successful you constantly need to access not only the business but the way it performs in the ever changing world, and I see National Council in similar terms.

I have been involved with National council for the last 12 years, currently serving on the executive as Treasurer which I have held for the last 2 years and club President of N&HRGSDC the last 12 years. As President of Newcastle I have overseen the club turn around its poor financial position into a very healthy position, Newcastle also held the MBE in 2006 and will hold the National in 2012. Our membership grows at a steady pace and we now have a very good obedience section with up to 25% of our members attending every week. We have a small but excellent committee dedicated to improving the club.

I believe I am the right person for this position as I am at grass root level being a current breeder and show exhibitor, I know the problems and challenges we face every day with our breed and as I am not a Judge or Surveyor I believe this puts me more in touch with the everyday challenges we face.

Those that know me, know that I am a very positive person always looking forward and never back, we have had a great history but we need to look to the future and embrace what's ahead of us. Someone said recently that "you don't change for the sake of changing" but we need to realise that we need to keep ahead of the game, and that means looking forward and implementing what is needed. There is no mistaking things are changing in the dog world and we must adapt to this to ensure our breed carries on with our high profile.

I believe we need to work on some important projects for the future, below is just a few.

1. Succession Planning – we need to look at this for Judges, surveyors and future position holders of council. In business if I have a member of staff that shows a lot of promise, I take this person and train them, don't forget we were all in our 20's when we started and sadly we are all aging and need to think where the breed goes in the next fifty years.
2. Dangerous Dogs – this is certainly a problem now and needs to be addressed.
3. Promotion of our Younger members – this is something I have been working on but needs to be taken to the next level.
4. Self-improvement of National Council – we need to be going forward and I believe we can achieve this. Vince actually brought this up at the last NBC meeting and I believe it has a lot of merit as with any business we all need to take stock and look at how we can improve.

I believe I will be a breath of fresh air and give a new dimension to National Council and this is the time for change, if anyone would like to speak with me regarding my nomination please feel free to call me on 0407 287 600, I am always available.

GSDCA PRESIDENT - JOHN DELUCIA



To the German Shepherd enthusiasts across Australia.

I would like to take this opportunity to put forward my resume for your perusal to outline the reasons why I am standing for Council President.

In my professional life, I am the Technical Operations Officer for an international door company. Privately, I am the silent partner in Babenberg Kennels as my role has been taken over by my 12 year old daughter, Isabella.

I have been a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of S.A. for over 25 years and have been active within the club and the Committee for most of that time having held many positions; Obedience Instructor, Branch Manager, Grounds, First Vice President and Social/Fund-raising. I have held the position of Club President for the past 12 years and became a Life Member of the SA Club in 2004. During my tenure as Club President, I have attended all GSDCA AGM's and NBC meetings to ensure fair representation of the SA club and to have an active and positive input on all matters concerning the welfare of the German Shepherd Breed.

With all the challenges facing the breed today, including the dangerous dog legislation, now is not the time for a caretaker attitude. The Council must engage in serious proactive campaigning to ensure that the German Shepherd Dog is not, amongst other things, added to the list of banned breeds. Government, in conjunction with pressure groups, are very quick and silent in acting on issues concerning dogs and we cannot sit back and maintain a wait and see approach.

When talking with members it is evident to me that the main criticism of Council is the lack of communication between Council Executive and the Member Clubs which in turn, denies the general membership the right to know exactly what is taking place within the canine fraternity at large. This is something high on my list of priorities. Correspondence both in and out of Council should be shared with the members as it happens and not annually as it is and has been for many years. Input from you the members before decisions are made is of the utmost importance for after all, it is your hobby and you should have a say in what is going on. The other criticism would be the view of a them and us mentality. The Council needs to become more 'amongst the people and for the people' and not just pass concerns onto 'working parties' who then bury issues. Some of the current candidates have been on the Council Executive before and nothing really changed. Too many people are frustrated with a Council that to them, 'does their own thing anyway' regardless of the wishes of the member clubs.

If elected to the position of Council President, I look forward to a positive future with some fresh ideas and a positive outlook for our organisation.

GSDCA JUDGES COMMITTEE - BARRY O'ROURKE



I purchased my first German Shepherd in 1969 in Canberra and two years later moved to WA with my wife, Carol, and our dog.

In 1971 I became one of the founder members of the WA Breed Affairs Committee and worked with the now patron, James Clarko MLA, for the lifting of The Ban. We were successful and the ban was lifted on 24 December 1976.

With the Secretary of the club, Dot Parry, I imported the bitch English Champion Kingsmens' Witchcraft in 1973 and bred the first litter under the Parourke prefix. Witchcraft won the National in 1974 and the Royal Sydney Best-in-Show in the same year.

I became a Group 5 Judge and in 1976 judged my first show and together with Carol, we launched the Duval Prefix that year. This bloodline has been the foundation of many kennels in Australia.

The GSDCA was headed by a dynamic team, including myself, with great foresight and tremendous drive for progress across the nation and became founding members of the National Breed Commission in 1977.

Bearing in mind the great importance of good PR and harmonious relationship with the Kennel Controls and their affiliates, I became a Governing Councillor of the Canine Association of WA and worked for the purchase of the Canine grounds in WA and was the Founding President of the Working Dog Club of Western Australia.

In 1978 I moved for the introduction of the West Coast Challenge and a year later, on the CAWA Scene, was appointed a Foundation Co-ordinator of the Western Classic, WA's Premier Show.

By now a Breed Surveyor, I was presented with Life Membership of the GSDA of WA in 1980.

In 1988 I applied for, and was awarded, my SV Licence and have judged throughout Australia, including the National and Main Breed Show as well as judging in New Zealand and SE Asia. I represented German Shepherd Dog Council at the WUSV in 1982, 1988 and 1996.

In 1989 I became founder of the State Breed Assessment in Perth and successfully campaigned for its acceptance by all States.

In 1990 I was presented with GSDCA Meritorious Award for service to the Breed in Australia.

1994 I was elected Chairman of Judges' Sub Committee of GSDCA and campaigned successfully with the ANKC for the approval of the German Shepherd Dog Specialist Licence within the ANKC, and as I had already fostered the Judges Sub Committee in WA for the purpose of training aspiring judges for their GSD Specialist Licence my intention was to expand this training nationally.

In 1996 I was elected Chairman of the National Breed Commission of the GSDCA and in the same year was also elected Patron of the Breed by the GSDA of WA.

I held the Position of State Breed Administrator until 2001 and Chief Surveyor until June 2009.

As you know I have published the tail male chart from the German Sieger of 2009 – 2010 followed by the result for 2011 of the Tail Male Chart for Australia including the excellent merits animals from State Breed Shows and it is my intention in the future to publish the Tail Male Chart for male and females.

I consider the Tail Male Charts to be an invaluable tool for our breeders. It is also intended to publish Tail Mail Charts from the Open Dog and Bitch classes of the National.

Since taking office as Chairman Judges Sub-Committee GSDCA Inc., in 2010 I have formulated a new training scheme highlighting Tutoring and Methodology. This gives our aspirant judges a better understanding and procedural base before they are actually called on to judge. We have now tried this several times and the scheme has been really well received by both teacher judges and aspirants. We can also look forward to creating a syllabus based on our experience.

I am nominating again this year for the position of Chairman Judges Sub-Committee and intend continuing the education of our judges and look forward to your continued support.

GSDCA JUDGES COMMITTEE - JOHN FENNER



General :

John joined the GSDA of WA in 1971, awarded Life Membership in 1982 and Gold Pin for 25 years service. Member of the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) since 1978, awarded the SV Silver Pin for 25 years breed service. Licensed Obedience, Agility and Endurance Judge (1977). Licensed GSD and Group 5 Judge (1984), Specialist GSD Judge (1984), GSD Breed Surveyor (1991). Has judged shows and obedience in all major states of Australia, including MBE's (1989, 1992, 2006), WA SBE's (1989-2011), plus GSD and other Breed's National obedience. Also, he has judged many GSD and some Group 5 shows in New Zealand.

GSDA of WA Activities :

President (1979-1981). Vice President (1975-1976), contributing to introduction of ET's for GSD's and lifting the GSD breeding ban in WA. Breed Affairs Chairman (1977-1978), being instrumental in the introduction of GSD Specialist Shows, Breed Surveys, Recommended Breeding Practices and Code of Ethics. Committee Member (1973-1981, 1984, 1994-1995, 2005-2011). From 1974-1981 contributed to development of GSD HQ in Southern River. Editor, GSD News. Obedience Instructor, since 1973. Show Instructor (1978-2011). Secretary (2005-2006). Junior Vice President (2006-2007). Webmaster (2001-2011). Current State Breed Administrator (2007-2011).

GSDCA Activities :

Specialist GSD Judge (1984-2011), Breed Surveyor (1991-2011) and Chief Surveyor 2011. Webmaster (2002-2011). Co-developer of GSD Extended Breed Standard (ANKC/GSDCA). Past National Show Coordinator. Assisted NBC with Breed Survey Manual development. WA Delegate 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, and 1981. WA Delegate to NBC 2007-2011. GSDCA Gold Medal Service Award recipient in 2007.

CAWA/ANKC Activities :

ANKC/CAWA Group 5 Accredited Assessor/Examiner Judge and Lecturing Judge. Member of CAWA, serving on Appeals Board (Chairman), Judges Board, Measuring Committee (Chairman) and Show Judges Training Committee (Group 5 Convenor 2005-2010). As G5 Convenor and G5 Specialist, presented lectures on breeds within the Group. Lectured and set Exams on Anatomy for Trainees in all seven Groups. Set all Theory and Practical Exams for Group 5 Trainees over those six years, producing 18 Group 5 Judges. Past member of P&D Tribunal, Conformation Committee and Computer Committee. Committee Member of WDC of WA 1995-2006 and 2007, Vice President (1998-2005 and 2007).

Breeding Activities :

John breeds under the kennel prefix of Saarbachtal. Saarbachtal Angelique was 1st Open Bitch and SV Gold Medalist at 1984 GSD National. At 2003 National, Saarbachtal Olivia ET was 9th Open Bitch and became State Siegerin at 2003 WA SBE. Her sister, Saarbachtal Oschi ET was 4th in that Open Class, and 6th Junior Bitch at 2000 GSD National. Saarbachtal Pure Zarbo and Saarbachtal Pure Zambo were 6th and 7th in Junior Dog at 2002 GSD National. Saarbachtal Pure Zambo ET was 9th Open Dog at 2003 GSD National and 8th Open Dog at 2005 GSD National.

Attributes that John offers the GSDCA Members and Executive :

Team skills, teaching/mentoring proficiency and communication abilities,
Sound knowledge of GSD Breed disciplines (show, breed survey, sport and working),
Vast experience with GSD, Club and Kennel Control management,
Encourages and assists new and young members participation in breed activities, and passion, idealism and honesty.

GSDCA JUDGES COMMITTEE - LOUIS DONALD



Louis' passion is the health, wellbeing and improvement of the GSD. His involvement spans 50 years. He has been a German Shepherd Dog judge for 30 years, adjudicating internationally and locally. He is highly regarded as an authority on the German Shepherd Dog throughout the world and considered to be a person of integrity, deep knowledge and great understanding of the breed. Louis has been a successful breeder and exhibitor, serving as an office bearer and training coordinator on many club committees and the GSDCA.

His passion for the GSD encompasses the ongoing training and educating of anyone that is interested in the German Shepherd Dog. It is in this regard, he believes he can bring to the Judges forum fresh and innovative ideas that will invigorate, motivate and enhance the involvement of the Australian judges in the GSDCA and bring to the exhibitor a more informed and consistent appraisal of their dogs in the ring.

GSDCA TREASURER - JANE PIKE



I have bred and shown dogs since 1991 with Peter Damarell who established Vonpeta kennels in 1973. We understand the pitfalls, heartache and enjoyment that breeding and showing brings.

As active breeders we are strong supporters of the GSDCA (Council) and its breed improvement schemes. The kennel has been awarded the Bronze/Silver Medal for Hips, bred 26 Excellent Graded animals, 5 national class winners including the 2008 Gold Medal, Grand Champion Vonpeta Taykall by Storm AZ Class I.

I have been a member of the GSDC of SA since 1992 and was first elected to Committee as Social Coordinator in 1996/97. I was elected as Treasurer in 1998/99, then again from 2001-2011. I am currently a member of the GSDC of SA Breed Affairs Committee, a Group 5 Judge since 2006, GSDCA Specialist Judge since 2009 and have judged GSD specialty shows in five states of Australia and both Islands of NZ. I am an aspiring Breed Surveyor and regularly attend GSDCA NBC/Judges meetings.

It is my desire to contribute at a National level to the development and welfare of the GSD in Australia, therefore I have nominated for the position of Treasurer.

I am confident I can make a positive contribution to the affairs of the GSDCA as I possess a strong financial/IT background. I have worked in the finance industry and education sectors for over 31yrs and am extremely proficient in the use of MYOB and Microsoft Office products. I have strong organisational skills and have demonstrated that I am able to work as a member of a team, both in my employment and within the Club.

In my current position as Finance Officer I am responsible for:

- management of budgeting, expenditure and grant payments for Capital Works in schools from Federal funding;
- preparation of and reporting for financial year end and management reports for Government programs; and
- preparation of balance sheet and profit loss reporting for audit purposes including cash flows.

The Council and its Member Clubs all face similar challenges in the future. Restrictive legislation related to dog ownership, declining memberships, youth participation and communication are the main areas of concern. I believe that all organisations need to embrace change and conduct reviews of their purpose and operation on a regular basis. A review of any business or organisation is an ongoing process and is needed to ensure that the structure and how it operates, serves its goals.

I believe we all must only accept the highest ethical standards and promote a spirit of openness and mutual trust between the Council, Clubs and their members. If elected I look forward to being a member of a team that will see Council move forward, embrace change and continue to be a progressive advocate for our breed, working in a vigorous, optimistic and unified manner.

I ask that you please consider my nomination and I look forward to your support for the position of GSDCA Treasurer.

JANE PIKE

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GSDCA TREASURER - YVONNE YUN



It is my belief that in coming times, the role of Treasurer for Council will be critical to our capacities to function in the manner expected of us by the member clubs. All readers can appreciate that we are in an era of diminishing revenues and significant costs and without careful management of Council's finances and very regular reporting to the member clubs, there is an ever present risk that we will not have the funds to undertake necessary projects.

Having a background in the field of accounting in a professional sense gives me the confidence to suggest that I can do the role justice. For a period of 13 years before shifting my career focus, I was the financial controller for two companies; the first was a medium sized printing company with a significant property portfolio and the second, a clothing manufacturing company with significant retail operations and property portfolio. Whilst I cannot claim to be contemporary in my corporate and taxation law knowledge, the principles and practices of accounting, including consolidation accounting, remain very much within my skill set. This competency extends to both manual record keeping and computerized systems.

In terms of my involvement within the world of German Shepherds, the majority of you will be familiar with my background. For those who are not, I will try to make it as brief as possible. A GSD breeder since 1991 under the kennel name of Siobahn, I have been privileged to breed and own several successful animals. These have included National place getters and with the help of a young partner, Jessica Kada, I am now campaigning a Junior male. Past roles within the dog world have included:

- Established and ran for 8 years the GSDL Welfare group, with the assistance and support of some fabulous people
- Past Marketing Officer, Secretary, Social Secretary and Treasurer for GSDL Inc.
- Former Branch Manager of Hawkesbury Branch of the GSDL. Qualified Obedience Instructor with the GSDL.
- Former editor of GSDCA Review.

As we progress, members will be more and more concerned about keeping the costs of breeding at an affordable level. We all know how the costs of this hobby mount up and the task of keeping any rises to a minimum and seeking other ways to economise or generate revenue, other than from members coffers is, in my view, the task of Treasurer.

Going forward, key strategies that I would advocate would be :

- Quarterly reporting to member clubs
- The development and implementation of budgeting for the various activities of Council. Budgets, once adopted, would be monitored and any variance reported, before commitment to spending was made.

If you agree, then I ask for your vote.
