Annual General Meeting Agenda

The GSDCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 13th February and commence at 8.30am.

Voting Strength

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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 54th Annual General Meeting

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes from 54th AGM.

2.2 Matters Arising from 54th AGM.

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<td>National Database – “What next – GSD Database?” Item to be placed on NBC Meeting agenda.</td>
<td>Refer NBC Meeting minutes. Completed.</td>
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<td>That the GSDCA oversee a voluntary DNA profiling scheme for GSD DNA specific tests: Degenerative Myelopathy, Dwarfism, Ivermectin Sensitivity.</td>
<td>Not supported by Member Clubs and referred to GSDCA Breed &amp; Health and Welfare Committee Chairperson. Still Ongoing.</td>
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<td>GSDCA Secretary to write to ANKC regarding an amendment to LRL’s Regulations Part 6 – Section 8.9 re: Hip &amp; Elbows.</td>
<td>Letter sent 25th March 2015 and 28th September 2015. Completed.</td>
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<td>GSDCA Secretary to write to the ANKC to rescind the requirement regarding current verification process.</td>
<td>Letter sent 20th September 2015. Completed.</td>
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<td>GSDCA Secretary to write to Member Clubs regarding new changes to “Conduct of Junior Handler Classes at the GSD National Show &amp; Trial”.</td>
<td>Letter sent 8th November 2015 Completed.</td>
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<td>State Breed Exhibition Regulations.</td>
<td>Referred to Judges Committee meeting.</td>
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<td>GSDCA Secretary to write to the Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club requesting status on whether they want to remain or qualify to be part of this organisation.</td>
<td>Letter sent 19th February 2015 and the 21st October 2015. Completed.</td>
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<td>John DeLucia to arrange for an Obedience Meeting around April-May 2016.</td>
<td>J. DeLucia (Obed Chair) Still Ongoing.</td>
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2.3 **Ratification of Matters Arising from the 53rd AGM under the “60 day rule”**.

1. **Motion**: “That the following Queensland ANKC licensed Obedience Judge who is “friends of the breed” be put forward for inclusion on the GSDCA Supplementary Obedience Judges list – Mrs. Annie Tamblyn.

2. **Motion**: “That Police Bitch “Angel” be presented with the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award”.

*Both motions were “Carried” by Member Clubs.*

3  President’s report – Mr. V. Tantaro
4  Treasurer’s report – Ms. J. Pike
4.1 Auditor’s report – Grant Thornton Australia
5  Secretary’s report – Mrs. V. Moody
6  Club Reports and Financial Statements – President’s/Delegates

- ACT GSDA – Mr. Wolf Meffert
- Broken Hill GSDC – Member Clubs advised 21st October that Broken Hill withdrew its membership with the GSDCA. Final report will be part of 2015 Annual Report.
- GSD League – Mr. Greg Jones
- Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC – Mr. Sean Lynch
- GSDC of Northern Territory – Ms. Margaret Adams
- GSDC of Queensland – TBA
- GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia
- GSDC of Tasmania – Mr. Ken Millhouse
- GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Vince Ebejer
- GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Ian Marr

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

- Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chairperson, Dr. Karen Hedberg/Dr. Candy Baker
- National Haemophilia Scheme Registrar, Dr. Karen Hedberg
- National Identification Registrar, Mr Adam Toretto
- National Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar, Mr Doug West
- National Breed Survey Scheme Registrar, Mrs. Dawn Evans

8  Chairperson, Judges Committee – Mrs. Robyn Knuckey
9  Chairperson, Obedience Committee – Mr. John DeLucia
10 Editor Quarterly National Review – Mrs. Yvonne Yun

11 Sub-Committee Reports:

- National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie/Ms. Sharon Thorp – (Report on 2015 National Show & Trial)
- National Database – Mr. Frank Moody
- Regulations Officer – Ms. Sharon Thorp
- Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis
- Historian – Ms, Maya Bar-Tor
- Communication Officer - Mrs. Yvonne Yun
  - Breed Specific Legislation – Margaret Adams
  - Website Officer – Jacinta Poole
  - Public Relations Officer – N/A

12 **WUSV Meeting (2015) report** – Minutes from the WUSV Meeting was distributed to all Member Clubs on 8th October 2015.
13.1 Motion:  
“That as from the 1st July 2016 the cost of a GSDCA Tooth Certificate will increase from $35 to $40.”

Rationale:  
To ensure that costs are covered for this service it is recommended that the fee for application for a GSDCA Tooth Certificate is increased by $5. This fee has not increased since 2002.

13.2 Motion:  
“That as from the 1st July 2016 the cost for a GSDCA Hip Dysplasia/Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Appeal will increase from $100 to $130.”

Rationale:  
We are currently making a loss on the reading of HD/ED Appeals as the current charge from the adjudicator is $110. By increasing the fee to $130 we will cover the fee plus our administration costs to process the Appeal.

13.3 Motion:  
“That as from the 1st July 2016 the cost for GSDCA Hip Dysplasia/Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Application forms be increased by $3 as follows:

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<td>HD/ED Form – Hips &amp; Elbows</td>
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<td>HD/ED Form – Elbows Only</td>
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Rationale:  
The increase is necessary to cover the increased cost of GSDCA readers fees, consumables used to produce certificates, postage and database maintenance. This fee has not increased since 2011. It should be noted that the fees for the GSDCA readers are indexed by the ABS CPI on the 1st October each year.

13.4 Motion:  
“That as from the 1st July 2016 the cost of a QNR Subscriptions Private Subscribers increases by $5 as follows:"

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<td>UK/Europe/USA/Canada</td>
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Rationale:  
This fee was not increased last year when the magazine went from $4.40 per edition to $5.50. This would ensure that postage costs are met.

13.5 Motion:  
“That as from the 1st July 2016 the cost increases for the National Show Obedience Excellent Medal (Triangle) will be increased from $18.45 to $22.00.”

Rationale:  
This medal is purchased “on shore” due to the low numbers required. Over the past 4 years the cost of this medal to purchase has steadily increased to $18.92.
13.6 Motion:

Rescind Current Regulation

3.6.3.3 Any animal with a recognized imported title/classification prior to entry into GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme shall provide the following documentation to the NBC Chairperson.

   e) No fee is applicable however should any discrepancy arise then the SV or controlling body is contacted and any costs incurred by this GSDCA shall be payable by the owner of the animal.

New Regulation

3.6.3.3. Any animal with an imported title/classification/registration prior to entry into GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme and prior to advertising in the Quarterly National Review shall provide the following documentation to the NBC Chairperson.

   e) That as from the 1st July 2016 a charge of $25 is applicable for all GSDCA Title Verifications. In the case of any discrepancy arising and the SV or controlling body is contacted, any additional costs incurred by the GSDCA shall be payable by the owner of the animal.

Rationale:

The administration of this requirement, by the GSDCA warrants a charge to be applied for a GSDCA Title Verification, which is a prerequisite for the animal to be accepted for breed survey and prior to advertising in the Quarterly National Review. Please note: In addition to the individual animal the GSDCA Title Verification confirms the registration, working titles, HD & ED results and breed survey status of the animals within the pedigree.

14 Election of Office Bearers

The following nominations have been received:

14.1 Executive

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<td>Vince Tantaro</td>
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<td>Jane Pike</td>
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## 14.2 Expression of Interest for Other Positions

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<td>NBC Registrar</td>
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<td>Ian Urie</td>
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15 National Show Reports

15.1 43rd National - 2015
Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria – Final Report (refer Annual Report)
Conformation Judges:
All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes - Herr Lothar Quoll (SV)
All Stock Coat Dog classes - Herr Lothar Quoll (SV)
All Stock Coat Bitch classes - Herr Heinz Scheerer (SV)
Obedience Judges:
Ms Jill Houston (WA) – UD, Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B
Ms Amanda Houston (WA) – Open, Rally Advanced A and Rally Excellent A
Ms Dawn Ayton (VIC) – Novice, Open and Rally Novice
Mr Ross Carlson (VIC) – UDX and Community Companion Dog (CCD)
Winner of Winners – To be advised
Junior Showmanship Judge – Ms Candy Baker
Entry Fees Initial entry = $46.00, subsequent - $36.00 per class.
Baby Puppies Initial entry = $39.00, subsequent - $29.00 per class.
Obedience Initial entry = $39.00, subsequent - $29.00 per class.

15.2 44th National - 2016
Host – German Shepherd Dog League – Progress Report
Conformation Judges:
All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Richard Brauch (SV)
All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Richard Brauch (SV)
All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Frau Margit van Dorssen (SV)
Obedience Judges:
Miss Tiki Friezer (NSW) – CCD, Novice Dog & Bitch
Ms. M. Fazekas (NSW) – Open Dog & Bitch
Miss V. Etherington OAM (NSW) – Utility & Utility Excellent Dog & Bitch
Junior Showmanship Judge:
Mr. C. Rice (UK)
Dates – 25th, 26th, & 27th March 2016 (Easter Weekend)
Entry Fees Initial entry = $46.00, subsequent - $36.00 per class.
Baby Puppies Initial entry = $39.00, subsequent - $29.00 per class.
Obedience Initial entry = $39.00, subsequent - $29.00 per class.

15.3 45th National - 2017
Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland – Progress Report
Conformation Judges:
All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Frank Goldludt (SV)
All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Frank Goldlust (SV)
All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Herr Joachim Steigler (SV)
Obedience Judges: To be advised
Junior Showmanship Judge: To be advised
Dates – 19th, 20th, & 21st May 2017
Entry Fees Initial entry = $46.00, subsequent - $36.00 per class.
Baby Puppies Initial entry = $39.00, subsequent - $29.00 per class.
Obedience Initial entry = $39.00, subsequent - $29.00 per class.
15.4 46th National - 2018
Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia – Progress Report

Conformation Judges:
As nominated by NBC Executive: Lothar Quoll, Christoph Ludwig, Rainer Mast, Erich Bosl.

Note: Host Club will select 2 with remaining 2 acting as reserves.

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes
All Stock Coat Dog classes
All Stock Coat Bitch classes

Obedience Judges: To be advised

Junior Showmanship Judge: To be advised

Dates – 27th, 28th, & 29th April 2018

Entry Fees

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Confirmed and proposed list of judges for:

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<td>2014 Canberra</td>
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<td>2015 Melbourne</td>
<td>Herr Lothar Quoll (LSC Dogs &amp; Bitches and Stock Coat Dogs)</td>
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<td>Herr Heinz Scheerer (Stock Coat Bitches)</td>
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<td>2016 Sydney</td>
<td>Herr Richard Brauch &amp; Frau Margit Van Dorssen, Reserve Herr C. Ludwig (D) &amp; Herr J. Mayer (B)</td>
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<td>2017 Queensland</td>
<td>Herr F. Goldlust, Herr J. Steigler</td>
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<td>Reserve Herr E Bosl</td>
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16 Matters referred to AGM from National Breed Commission

16.1 GSDCA BS1 Form application for Breed Survey.

Motion:
"That the attached amended GSDCA BS1 Form – Application for Breed Survey is ratified as per the decision at the 2015 NBC Meeting". (Refer to Page 23)

Rationale:
As per the motion carried at the 2015 GSDCA AGM, the GSDCA BS1 form was amended and presented to the 2015 NBC meeting for approval and adoption. The form was amended to reflect the following:

- PREFERED CHOICE OF OFFICIATING BREED SURVEYOR...........................(Optional)
- After reviewing the amended form, it was suggested that the words "published in the database" be changed to "published".

The amended form has been circulated to Breed Survey Club Registrars, Member Clubs, GSDCA Breed Surveyors and placed on the GSDCA Website.
16.2 Changes to the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual

Motion:
That 7.9 Character and Temperament of the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual be amended to allow animals that are deemed to be sufficiently firm in nerves to obtain a Breed Survey Class 11 classification.

Currently 7.9 of the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual reads:

Character and Temperament
For dog and bitches to obtain a Breed Survey Class I or Breed Survey Class II classification, they must be firm and self-assured in character. Animals that display any deviation shall be deemed to have failed breed survey.

Dogs or bitches that either show trepidation, are overly suspicious, are apprehensive, wary, visually fearful, or are aggressive without provocation, shall be deemed to have failed breed survey.

Dogs and bitches displaying continuous aggressive behaviour towards other animals at the breed survey are to be excused from the breed survey with the agreement of the officiating breed surveyors on the day. The owners are to be requested to work /socialise the animal to reduce the level of aggression towards other animals. The animal may be represented to breed survey at a later date. The findings re the aggressive behaviour should be noted on the GSDCA BS7 worksheet.

The amended 7.9 section will read as follows (with the changes highlighted in bold):

For dog and bitches to obtain a Breed Survey Class 1 classification, they must be firm and self-assured in character. For dogs and bitches which are deemed to be sufficiently firm in condition of nerves they shall only be able to obtain a Breed Survey Class 11 classification. Animals that display any deviation shall be deemed to have failed breed survey.

Dogs or bitches that either show trepidation, are overly suspicious, are apprehensive, wary, visually fearful, or are aggressive without provocation, shall be deemed to have failed breed survey.

Dogs and bitches displaying continuous aggressive behaviour towards other animals at the breed survey are to be excused from the breed survey with the agreement of the officiating breed surveyors on the day. The owners are to be requested to work /socialise the animal to reduce the level of aggression towards other animals. The animal may be represented to breed survey at a later date. The findings re the aggressive behaviour should be noted on the GSDCA BS7 worksheet.

Rationale:
At the 2015 NBC meeting the GSDCA BS7 worksheet was reviewed by the GSDCA Breed Surveyors. The meeting discussed the wording of "sufficiently firm" under the Condition of Nerves. It was felt that assessing an animal to be sufficiently firm was acceptable, similar to assessing an animal to be sufficiently firm on the gun test. It was agreed that the requirements for animals to obtain a Breed Survey Class 1 classification remains unchanged and that animals deemed to be sufficiently firm in condition of nerves will receive the same penalty applied as an animal being marked as sufficiently firm on the gun test with the animal only being eligible for a Class 11 classification. It must be noted that currently if an animal is marked as sufficiently firm in condition of nerves it is deemed to have failed breed survey.

16.3 To add an additional section in the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual under “Section 7 Specific Requirements”.

Motion:
New section to be listed as 7.10 Hindquarter Angulation.

For dogs and bitches which are deemed to display excessive hindquarter angulation and/or instability of the hindquarter, shall only be able to obtain a Breed Survey Class 11 classification”.

The GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges meeting discussed the problem regarding the stability of and over angulation of the hindquarter. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that excessive and unstable hindquarter angulation are now major faults affecting the breed. Whilst we have had loose hock joints in the breed since the lifting of the importation ban, the increase of animals displaying an unstable hindquarter has increased and is far more common place. It must be noted that these faults do impede the working capability of the breed. The meeting also acknowledged the fact that both these problems need to be penalised and comment made regarding the severity of each fault recorded in critiques. It was highlighted at the meeting that the owners of pets with these major faults pay a high price when it comes to keeping animals that can hardly walk or have been convinced by vets that we as breeders are irresponsible for breeding such deformed animals and need questionable corrective surgery. There are now a number of bloodlines in Australia and Germany which produce slightly deep to over-angulated animals and it is imperative that these faults are
recorded and penalised as such and linebreeding on these animals could see this problem ingrained in our breed in a very short period of time.

16.4 Changes to the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual

Motion:
If the above amendments to the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual are adopted then,
Section 15.8 - GSDCA FORM BS 8 -REGULATIONS FOR BREED SURVEYS and
15.9 DEFINITIONS FOR BREED SURVEYS be amended by the NBC Chairman to reflect the agreed changes.

Rationale:
The above motion is self-explanatory and identifies the sections which need to be amended if the proposed changes are adopted.

16.5 Adoption of the proposed amendments to GSDCA BS7 Breed Survey Worksheet.

Motion:
“That the changes (highlighted) to the GSDCA BS7 Worksheet for Breed Survey be adopted”.
(Refer to Page 24 and 25)

Rationale:
At the 2014 NBC Meeting a Working Party was asked to review the GSDCA BS7 Breed Survey Worksheet. This review was completed and the revised GSDCA BS7 worksheet was discussed at length at the 2015 NBC Meeting by the Member Clubs, GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges present at the meeting. After consultation with the GSDCA Database Coordinator to ensure easy implementation on the GSDCA Database and for the preparation of the GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate. After further discussion the NBC Executive suggest the following amendment to the GSDCA BS7 worksheet to read as follows:

23) Tail: very good length, slightly long, not quite correct carriage.

Any other comments relative to the tail should be recorded under Section V Particular Virtues and Faults.

16.6 Changes to access for Members of the GSDCA Member Clubs on the GSDCA Database.

Motion:
“That access for the GSDCA members on the GSDCA Database is increased to include search options by sire and dam on data from the GSDCA HD/ED Scheme and GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme be ratified”.

Rationale:
The 2015 NBC meeting agreed that access to these fields of information would greatly enhance the utility of the database by the membership.

16.7 Approval for changes for access for GSDCA Members on the GSDCA Database.

Motion:
“That to ensure the further development of the GSDCA Database, the NBC Executive is able to suggest and approve changes for access for GSDCA members on the GSDCA Database as and when required”.

Rationale:
The 2015 NBC meeting agreed that the GSDCA Database is supported and further developed to maximize its potential and provide additional access by the membership to the data stored therein. The motion allows for the NBC Executive to be proactive and ensure enhancements are made without the need for formal approval at either NBC Meetings and/or AGM. Any improvement will as a matter of course be communicated to Member Clubs and the membership.
Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges Meeting.

17.1 Motion:
“That a closed meeting of ALL GSDCA Breed Surveyors, Judges and Trainee judges will be held at the Annual NBC & Judges Committee Meeting”.

Rationale:
Past practice saw the holding of a closed GSDCA Breed Surveyors meeting at the annual NBC meeting, which provides an opportunity for the NBC Executive and GSDCA Breed Surveyors present to constructively discuss in confidence matters relating to conduct of surveys and breed virtues and faults as observed over the previous twelve months. Further, the meeting provided a vehicle by which the NBC Executive gave direction as to “where to next” and review the performance of the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Specialist Judges. With the advent of more openness and an insistence by some Member Club Presidents that they should be present at this meeting, the meeting has become more about procedure rather than a full open review born from frank and fearless discussion amongst the peer group. The proposed motion will have no impact on the current meeting or its business however a closed meeting of all GSDCA Breed Surveyors, Specialist Judges and Trainee Judges will allow the group itself to be more accountable with peer group review. It is envisaged that this initiative will foster team solidarity which will see an agreed direction, which in turn can only benefit the breed and enhance this groups credibility amongst the fraternity.

18. Matters referred to the AGM from the Judges Committee

18.1 Motion:
Sam Bonifacio Trophy
“That the scoring system for the Sam Bonifacio Trophy, be changed to introduce a "sliding scale" for classes with less than ten exhibits competing in a conformation class, and less than 5 exhibits competing in an obedience class and the following apply”:

The Sam Bonifacio Trophy: Notes & Scoring Criteria
1. The scorer shall be appointed by the GSDCA Executive.
2. The trophy will be awarded at the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial to the Kennel that receives the highest aggregate score based on the following:
   - The points awarded for the Baby Puppy, Minor Puppy and Puppy class winners are one point for each animal placed on the pegs, up to a maximum of 10, and will reduce by one point for 2nd, 3rd, etc.
   - The points awarded for the Junior, Intermediate and Open class winners are two points for each animal placed on the pegs, up to a maximum of 20, and will reduce by two points for 2nd, 3rd, etc.
   - The points awarded for the Obedience class winners are two points for each animal placed on the pegs, up to a maximum of 10, and will reduce by two points for 2nd, 3rd, etc.
   - Additional points will be allocated for:
     - Each animal exhibited and or trialed 2 points
     - Each animal graded Excellent in Show or Obedience 5 points
     - Breeder's Group winner 10 points
     - Dual Performance winner 20 points
     - Gold Medal winners 20 points
     - Silver Medal winners 15 points
     - Bronze Medal winners 10 points
3. There shall only be one winner, so in the event of a tied score the following will be used to establish a winner:
   - The Kennel with the highest number of Excellents in Show and Obedience, If still a tie;
   - The Kennel with the most excellent graded dogs behind the kennels highest placed animal in the Open classes, If still a tie;
   - The Kennel with the most excellent graded dogs behind the kennels 2nd highest animal in the Open classes, and so on until a winner is decided.
Rationale:
The current scoring method allocates a fixed number of points to the winning dog in each class, regardless of the number of dogs exhibited. This gives an unfair advantage to the Kennel that bred dogs competing in the smaller classes. The proposed change provides the maximum number of points in each class to be based on the number of dogs placed on the pegs in that class. To avoid the potential of two or more Kennels having a tied score, the criteria to establish a winner has been drafted.

18.2 Standardise major trophies for the National.

Motion:
“That the GSDCA investigate some samples of major trophies for the GSDCA National and that these trophies be only used at GSDCA Nationals”.

Rationale:
The GSDCA look into the possibility of obtaining a trophy to be struck, that is unique to the National, rather than a set of crystal one year, cutlery the next etc. that do not relate to the dog. Recommend the German Shepherd Dog statues similar to those given in SA in 2013 and Victoria in 2015 year be considered”.

18.3 Motion:
“That the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course Regulations be amended to reflect the following changes:

6.2.3.1 Ring Craft/Methodology Appointments currently, to
6.2.3.1 STAGE 1 – MENTORING
If successful, replace wording in the regulations of ring craft/methodology with Stage 1.
6.2.3.2 Aspiring Judges Appointments (Examinations) currently, to
6.2.3.2 STAGE 2 – EXAMINATIONS

Rationale:
The current naming has created confusion for participants and mentor judges alike. The changes as proposed give greater clarity as to process for all involved and provide a better learning experience for participants in the Extension Course. This was an action from the 2015 GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting.

18.4 Motion:
“That the GSDCA Proposed format for State Breed Exhibitions for all Affiliate Clubs as tabled be approved”.
(Please refer to SBE procedures – Page 26 -28)

Rationale:
The GSDCA State Breed Exhibition (SBE) was introduced initially to meet the GSDA WA requirement to have an event that could serve as a tool for breed direction because of the tyranny of distance their membership was disadvantaged as to participation at the Main Breed Exhibition. Initially, this event was restricted to be conducted in that State however it was later accepted by other Member Clubs as it was a tool to complement the Main Breed Exhibition, as it was conducted with the same ideals and purpose. Further it gave Member Clubs another “show” that by canine control rules was not deemed as one.

The SBE prime function is to instil ideals, promote GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and to add further to our goal of breed improvement and therefore used as a tool that the Council can utilise to further educate the fraternity and for breeders to review the status of the breed within their own state on an annual basis.

The NBC Executive is of the opinion that despite the SBE being run annually by a number of Member Clubs that ‘local’ rules apply and in fact one could easily demonstrate that the special awards as introduced to highlight and reward animals that are of a high anatomical worth and or who are proven producers has been devalued by awarding such awards without due consideration to overall quality and type.
18.5 Motion:
“That the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course Regulations be amended to reflect the following changes from:

6.2.3.1.2 Following the completion of each of the three (3) ring craft/methodology appointments a written report after each appointment, the Aspirant Judge ring craft/methodology report is to be completed by the applicant and sent to the Chair of the Judges Committee, within two weeks of the completion of their ring craft/methodology appointments. Should the report not be received within this time frame, the aspirant’s ring craft/methodology appointments will not be acknowledged as counting towards the requirements for the successful completion of the course.

6.2.3.1.3 The successful completion of these ring craft/methodology appointments deems the applicant eligible to undertake the next part of the course. Notification to the applicant is made by the Chair of the Judges Committee.

Recommended changes are:

6.2.3.1.2 Following the completion of each of the three (3) mentoring appointments a written report is to be completed by the applicant and sent to the Chair of the Judges Committee, within two weeks of the completion of their mentoring appointments. Should the report not be received within this time frame, the aspirant’s mentoring appointments will not be acknowledged as counting towards the requirements for the successful completion of the course.

6.2.3.1.3 During Stage 1, all Aspirants are to complete 50 written critiques that can be completed at shows, breed surveys or on training days. They need to be reviewed and signed by a GSDCA Specialist Judge on the day and then sent to the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair.

6.2.3.1.4 The successful completion of Stage 1 deems the applicant eligible to undertake the next part of the course. Notification to the applicant is made by the Chair of the Judges Committee.

(Please refer to Page 29 - 33 for GSDCA Examination Judging Forms)

Rationale:
With the changes to the ANKC Trainee Judges Scheme, a number of judges are qualifying as Championship Judges without having any ring experience. The recommended change of adding the requirement for 50 written critiques, is to provide participants in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course an additional learning opportunity prior to judging for the first time. In general, participants commence or complete their Stage 1 prior to having a judging appointment. This will then provide the participant greater experience prior to judging in their own right. This is an action from the 2015 GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting.

18.6 Motion:
“Changes to current GSDCA National Show Manual”.

18. BREEDERS GROUPS

A Breeders Group Team 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 by the close of entry. The list of animals competing in each group must be handed to the Show Secretary by completion of Judging on Day One. Breeders Groups should consist of only one coat type, (however Breeders may enter more than one group).

The Winning Group will be awarded a Plaque and a Tri-colour Sash.

Proposed Amendment:
18. BREEDERS GROUPS

- A Breeders Group Team 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, and are at least 9 months of age.
- A separate entry form indicating entry to the class is required by the close of entry.
- The list of animals competing in each group must be handed to the Show Secretary by completion of Judging on Day One. Breeders Groups should consist of only one coat type, (however Breeders may enter more than one group).
- The Winning Group will be awarded a Plaque and a Tri-colour Sash.
Rationale:
The aim of a breeder when presenting a Breeders Group is to have a group that displays uniformity with regard to variety, type, colour and overall anatomical construction. It must be noted that ideally all animals presented should be over 1 year old, however noting the limited ability for some breeders to get together a group, an age limit of 9 months has been proposed. It is most important that minor puppies and baby puppies are not eligible to compete as size variation and fact they have yet to achieve their final anatomical structure are important factors that sees them as not to be able to be judged against much older dogs in the group.

18.7 Motion:
“Changes to current GSDCA National Show Manual”.

21. SHOW SCHEDULE
Should be lodged with the Host Club’s Canine Control in accordance with local regulations as they exist at the time and the ANKC requirements for overseas Judges, i.e., Special contracts and clearances (refer Appendix “F”). The Judges contracts are currently required to be with the ANKC twelve (12) months prior to the show. The approved Schedule to be printed in the National Review, in the issue that will allow approximately six (6) months prior to the event, (e.g. should the National be in May the suitable issue of the Review would be December).

The Host Club must apply to their Kennel Control not less than two (2) years prior, or as required by their Kennel Control for their approval to conduct the National.

The GSDCA Secretary of Council must also write to the ANKC Administrator (in accordance with the “ANKC Regulations for the conduct of National Breed Councils”) seeking approval for the Host Club to conduct the National – Allow two (2) years (as above).

Serious thought should be given to the scheduling of classes at the National (i.e. The number of dogs to be judged each day, the comfortable inclusion of Sire’s Progeny and Breeders Group, as well as considering the climate at the time that the National is to be conducted). Consideration should also be given to exhibitors who must feel that they have been given equal time to each class.

It is suggested that a senior class (i.e. Junior, Intermediate and Open) are judged each day, balanced with Puppy classes and Sire’s progeny, and Breeders group, which shall be detailed in the schedule.

Current Wording
A National Report, including the proposed entry fees should be presented to the Council at the AGM in the year prior to the National being held. Council approves the proposed entry fees.

Proposed Amendment – From the GSDCA Judges.
A National Report, including the proposed entry fees should be presented to the GSDCA AGM. The GSDCA approves the proposed entry fees, at the GSDCA AGM 2 years prior to the event.

Rationale:
This can be a very tight time frame for National Schedules being submitted to Canine Controls for approval. With having this in place, it allows hosting clubs to have the schedule completed, reviewed by the GSDCA National Show Liaison Officer, with comments, if required. Once the document is finalized then can be submitted to the relevant Canine Control with adequate time for all parties.

18.8 Motion:
“Changes to current GSDCA National Show Manual”.

Currently 2.6 states
Responsible for the financial records, payment and collection of all monies relating to the Show. The Treasurer should present an updated statement of income/expenditure at each Show Committee meeting, prior to and after the Show. A full financial report should be submitted to National Council no later than 31st August of the year of the National has this changed. Ensure that the Levy from entries are sent to the Treasurer GSDCA within 21 days of the closing date of entry.

Proposed change 2.6
Responsible for the financial records, payment and collection of all monies relating to the Show. The Treasurer should present an updated statement of income/expenditure at each Show Committee meeting, prior to and after the Show. A full financial report should be submitted to National Council at the next AGM following the
National Show. The levy will be calculated immediately after the show by the GSDCA Treasurer based on entries catalogued and an invoice sent to the Club.

18.9 Motion:
“That the GSDCA National Show Manual as amended and tabled be approved”.
(Please refer to National Show Manual attached.)

Rationale:
The updates, are around:
- Issues of current practice that are not clear or incorrect in the manual eg the number of gold, silver & bronze medallions has increased from two to four of each with the inclusion of LSCs in the conformation ring. Addition of points with GSDCA Secretary submitting the National application to the ANKC etc.
- Changes of titles eg changing National Council to GSDCA. These changes do not change the intent of the document.
- These changes are highlighted as Track Changes in the Manual for ease of reviewing.

19 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Obedience Committee – Nil.

20 Matters referred by Member Clubs to the AGM

20.1 Motion:
“That the GSDCA consider supporting the research being undertaken by Dr. Claire R. Sharp BSc BVMS, MS, DACVECC on Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus (GDV).

Rationale:
Dr. Sharpe recently gave an interesting and exciting lecture to the GSDA of WA members. She outlined her research into GDV and her specific interest in German Shepherd Dogs. This research could be of enormous value to our breed and we hope the Member Clubs would support this project. (Resume below).

Moved GSDA WA

Dr. Claire R. Sharp BSc BVMS, MS, DACVECC
Section of Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care
Senior Lecturer; School of Veterinary and Life Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Murdoch University, Murdoch, Western Australia
Adjunct Assistant Professor; Department of Clinical Sciences, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Tufts University, Massachusetts, USA
Visiting Scientist; Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

Dr. Claire Sharp is a specialist in small animal emergency medicine and critical care and a senior lecturer at Murdoch University.

Dr. Sharp studied veterinary medicine and surgery at Murdoch University, in Australia, graduating in 2002. She completed her rotating small animal internship at Oklahoma State University in the United States, followed by an internship and residency in small animal emergency and critical care at the University of Missouri. Dr. Sharp received her Masters of Veterinary Clinical Sciences and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care in 2010.

Dr. Sharp worked for 6 years in the section of emergency and critical care at the Tufts University Veterinary School outside of Boston, MA, and recently returned to Murdoch for an academic position. Her primary clinical interests are the diagnosis and management of the systemic inflammatory response syndrome, sepsis, shock, GDV (gastric dilatation and volvulus, or bloat), polytrauma, and respiratory distress.

Dr. Sharp’s research endeavors have involved epidemiologic studies of trauma and sepsis in dogs and cats, and identifying clinically relevant biomarkers for the diagnosis and prognostication of emergency room diseases such as sepsis, feline asthma and hemangiosarcoma.

Dr. Sharp’s current research includes a large study to investigate the causes of bloat in dogs, including the genetic features of at risk breeds that make them predisposed. At Murdoch, Dr. Sharp is involved in the clinical instruction and mentoring of 5th year students, 2 critical care residents and 1 intern, as well as lecturing for the third and fourth year students.

Western Australia feels very strongly that our breed should be more than a show dog - it is a Working Breed and we support either of the two motions below where either would act as a pre-requisite for survey.
20.2 Motion:
“That as of 01/01/2017 the Character & Working Assessment Test (C&WA) will be a prerequisite for Breed Survey.

Rationale:
It has been noted that the new President of the S.V. was again asking why Australia did not do defense work – we have been warned time and time again to prepare for this eventuality. One day our privileges will be withdrawn, we have to act now. These motions are put forward in an effort to demonstrate to the S.V. that we are eager to do all we can to comply with their wishes. If we keep ignoring them we could lose our ability to obtain S.V. judges for our shows. The time for procrastination is over.
Moved GSDA WA

20.3 Motion:
“That from the 2017 German Shepherd National Show and Trial the three judges for the Sires Progeny groups shall be selected from the Australian Breed Surveyor lists by the Member Clubs. The selection of these three panel members will occur at the same time as the conformation judges are selected for each National.”

Rationale:
At the moment the Sires Progeny is judged by the NBC Chairperson, the GSDCA President and the Judges Committee Chairperson. In some instances, these position holders are held by long standing members and the fraternity are receiving the opinions of a select few. Giving the fraternity the option of voting the Breed Surveyors in, allows us to utilise the expertise of others who may not be in a position to hold a role on National Council but who also has valuable knowledge of Australian and German bloodlines and therefore beneficial knowledge to be imparted onto the fraternity.
Moved NHR GSDC

20.4 Motion:
“That the selection panel of Breed Surveyors to judge the Sires Progeny for the 2016 and 2017 National, be selected at the 2016 Annual General Meeting and hence forward yearly at the AGM in conjunction with the selection of the conformation judges.”

Rationale:
This process will allow the fraternity to choose Breed Surveyors they feel have valuable knowledge and completing this process at an AGM allows all Member Clubs to participate in discussion and voting.
Moved NHR GSDC

20.5 Motion:
“That Member Clubs should be offered advertising of their Specialist Championship Shows in the National Review at a greatly reduced rate. It is suggested that a quarter page advertisement be free of charge, a fee of $50.00 for a half page ad and $100 for full page ads, if a Club wishes to maximise their exposure. Hence forward charges will be in accordance with CPI.”

Rationale:
The National Review is designed to promote the German Shepherd Dog and its Member Clubs, so this would assist Clubs to better advertise their shows and perhaps see greater entries.
Moved NHR GSDC

20.6 Motion:
“That affiliated German Shepherd Clubs not be charge for advertising the GSDCA National Show & Trial in the Quarterly National Review which clubs host on behalf of the GSDCA Inc.”

Rationale:
Under the new rules of the ANKC, National Shows & Trials now have to be advertised in all State Canine Journals, seven in all, and proof of this sent to the ANKC. At a cost of $50 each (and we are not certain that this is the amount) makes a total of $350 plus $750 for the Review a total of $1100.00. As well the National Schedule is also published on the State web page making it readily available to everyone.
Moved GSD League
20.7 Motion

“That all recommendations made by the National Breed Commission (NBC), Breed Surveyors Meeting, Judges Meeting and Obedience Meeting shall be presented to the next GSDCA AGM for acceptance. Urgent matters can be dealt with as an SGM.”

Rationale

The GSDCA is run by the Council which is represented by the affiliated clubs. Decisions and recommendations made at the above meetings can have an impact on club memberships and matters such as the conduct of events by the individual clubs. Recommendations accepted at the AGM will take effect after the AGM. Some examples are the appointment of breed surveyors. While the NBC puts forward a name for ‘Ratification’ to be rubber stamped at the AGM the person concerned will have already commenced as a breed surveyor. Other recent examples are the ‘Notice to all Specialist Judges’ regarding a policy on size. This was implemented on 1 September 2015 without reference to the Council. The other item was a decision by someone that Neuter Classes would not be graded.

Both these items should have been a recommendation to Council at the AGM. Neither issue has great urgency attached. The size issue has been talked about for many years with no discernible differences in the size of our animals over that period.

The issue of Neuter classes should be addressed once we have an understanding of how these classes will be run within the confines of a Specialty Show.

Moved ACT GSDC

20.8 Motion

“That critiques from National Shows shall be posted on the GSDCA website as soon as possible after the National. Publication in the National Quarterly Review will be limited to the Conformation placings 1 to 10, and Obedience Placings 1 to 5.”

Rationale

The original intent of the restriction on publishing the critiques was to create a demand by exhibitors and interested persons, who are not club members, to purchase a subscription to the QNR. This was intended to emulate the sale of the December issue of the SV Zeitung which contains the Sieger Show critiques and is in demand by International GSD enthusiasts who are not members of the SV. This motion will allow exhibitors to have quicker access to the critique of their exhibit, which often is their only interest.

Moved ACT GSDC

20.9 Motion

“That an annual ‘Presidents Meeting’ shall be held over the AGM weekend. Attendance will be limited to Club Presidents or their nominated representatives only. The GSDCA Constitution Clause 22.2 shall not apply to this meeting.” (Constitution as amended Feb 2014).

Rationale

This meeting is intended to discuss current or potentially future club issues in an informal manner. Many matters affect clubs differently due to local regulations and varying club structures. Discussion items will not require prior formal motions. Any resolution(s) from the meeting may either go back to the clubs for consideration, or be presented at the AGM as a General Business 60 day motion.

Moved ACT GSDC
20.10 Motion

“That the requirement (5.5.3.1 a) for National Conformation Judges to be German resident SV shall be rescinded and replaced with: Any SV licensed Judge (not SV Foreign list) shall be eligible to judge at the National, subject to the restrictions regarding previous Australian Judging appointments”.

5.5.3.1 Conformation Judges:

The criteria for conformation judges to be selected and included on to the GSDCA National GSD Show Judges List is that:

a) **They are resident German SV Judges:**
   b) They must have judged on two separate occasions at GSDCA Member Club or sanctioned shows after which they can be nominated by a Member Club to be added to the list;
   c) The list of approved judges will be reviewed at the annual GSDCA Judges Committee (JC) Meeting where judges may be added and or removed upon a request from a Member Club;
   d) The list as reviewed by the JC Meeting will be presented to the AGM.
   e) Member Clubs hosting the National will have the right to choose 2 of, plus 2 reserves from a shortened list as nominated by the GSDCA Executive;
   f) The GSDCA SV Liaison Officer will contact judges as selected. In the event that none of the 4 chosen judges are able to accept the invitation the GSDCA Executive will liaise directly with the host Member Club and agreement sought to approach other judges as listed;
   g) Judges will be offered the appointment on the understanding they cannot judge in Australia for two years prior to the date of the National they have been invited to Judge.

Rationale

With the opening of the East Block and Asian Countries the demand for SV judges has increased significantly. These countries are often able to offer Business Class travel on long haul flights, something which is not financially viable for our National Shows.

Moved ACT GSDC

20.11 Motion

“That all motions presented at an AGM shall demonstrate that they help to achieve one or more of the following:

- Contribute directly to the welfare of the German Shepherd Dog.
- Promote the memberships of affiliated clubs.
- Promote the image of the German Shepherd Dog as a companion dog.
- Encourage members and their German Shepherd Dogs to participating in community type events.
- Encourage sharing of information and resources between affiliated clubs.”

Rationale

We are attempting to minimise motions which increase the administrative or bureaucratic burden on clubs without providing positive outcomes for the German Shepherd Dog or the Club membership. The above list can be readily expanded as required.

Moved ACT GSDC
21 Other Matters referred to the AGM

Motions 21.1 to 21.5 are recommended by the President, German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

Note: The below motions have been discussed by the Executive and placed on the agenda via the President as required by the Constitution - Annual General Meeting Clause 23.1 (j).

21.1 Motion: “That the Executive set the venue of the AGM and NBC meetings on a rotational basis as determined by the ‘cost effectiveness’ of the venue”.

Rationale:
Presently Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide are the most cost effective venues to hold National Council Meetings when considering flight costs and venue hire. It is deemed a privilege for a Club to host these meetings as it gives the GSDCA Specialist Judges/Surveyors and Club members an opportunity to attend meetings in their home state without the expense of flights and accommodation. The intention of the GSDCA Executive is to negotiate the best possible rates to ensure cost effectiveness for all Member Clubs. The current practice (Regulation 2.6.5) will continue to see the host Club pay the room-hire for the meeting, which is $350 - $450 per day depending on venue.

The following schedule of meetings will apply and be updated on a yearly basis to ensure meetings as held are cost effective.

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Rationale:
These capital cities are presently the most cost effective venues to hold National Council Meetings considering flight costs and venue hire. It is deemed a privilege for a Club to host these meetings as it gives the GSDCA Specialist Judges/Surveyors and Club members an opportunity to attend meetings in their home state without the expense of flights and accommodation. The intention of the GSDCA Executive is to negotiate the best possible rates to ensure cost effectiveness for all Member Clubs. Current practice (Regulation 2.6.5) is for the Club to pay the room hire for the meeting which is between $350 - $450 per day depending on venue.

21.2 Motion:
Clubs, other than the host Club, will be offered a subsidy towards their costs incurred based on a maximum outlay by the GSDCA National Council of $1,000 split by a ratio of kilometres travelled. If a Club chooses not to attend a meeting they are removed from the calculations, which effectively will increase the support given to the other Clubs in attendance.

Rationale:
As it is becoming increasingly difficult for some Clubs to finance a delegate to attend these meetings, to support and encourage their attendance, a subsidy to be offered. Example ratio basis to be used:

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Source: http://www.worldatlas.com/travelaids/flight_distance.htm
21.3 Motion:
Rescind Current Regulation
2.6.4 The NBC Registrars are required to attend the NBC Meeting and will be afforded the equivalent travel/accommodation reimbursement that applies to the GSDCA Executive.

New Regulation
2.6.4 The reimbursement of expenses related to the attendance of any GSDCA officer at a meeting will only be approved by the GSDCA Executive if there is an essential requirement for that officer to report and or participate directly in the meeting.

2.6.4.1 If an officer is requested to attend a meeting of Council then travel, accommodation and meals will be reimbursed as applies to GSDCA Executive

Rationale:
The GSDCA Executive is mindful of the ever increasing cost of conducting meetings and note that not all GSDCA Officers need attend, at Council expense, meetings as has been the practise to date. An example of this is where NBC Registrars that currently provide a written report for the meeting and attend, will only receive reimbursement for travel/accommodation for attendance at the NBC Meeting if the NBC Chair can put forward a case for that person to attend in person in order to deal with and or report on major changes or issues within their portfolios. In the majority of the portfolios, the information to be conveyed can be done so by a written report without the need for the Officer to be present, thereby saving the Council between $1500 - $2000 per NBC meeting.

21.4 Motion:
“That the “Draft GSDCA Character & Working Assessment Manual” as tabled, be adopted and that the document shall be known as “The GSDCA Character & Working Assessment Manual”.

Rationale:
The Manual is submitted for approval by the GSDCA Character & Working Assessment Manual Working Party. As discussed at the NBC Meeting, the Manual was again sent to Member Clubs for comment and then those comments have been taken on board by the Working Party to prepare the final document. This document provides clear direction on all procedures that Member Clubs would need to understand when organising an assessment. The Working Party submits this for approval.

21.5 Motion:
Rescind Current Regulation:
2.3 Procedure for SV Judges Clearances
2.3.1 The Member Club hosting the Show must write to the GSDCA Secretary no later than 12 weeks before the show date requesting an SV Judges Clearance, providing:
   a) The name of the Judge/s
   b) The date of the event
   c) The venue the event will be held
   d) Request current Fees from the Secretary.

2.3.2 Method of payment can be either Bank Cheque or Credit Card
   Option 1 – Payment by Bank Cheque
   A Bank Cheque from the Member Club made payable to the “Verein Fur Deutsche Schaferhunde (SV)” for the SV Judges Clearance Fee. A separate cheque from the Member Club made payable to the “GSDCA Inc” for the GSDCA Fee for processing and registered postage.

   Option 2 – Payment by Credit Card Member Club to provide Credit Card details:
   a) Type of card – “Visa” or “Mastercard” (Only),
   b) Card Number (16 digit),
   c) Card Expiry Date (4 digit)
   d) Charges to the credit card will include the SV Judges Clearance Fee and associated bank charges (Charge in Australian dollars will depend on exchange rate).
   e) Note: Credit Card information will be kept confidential at all times.
PLUS - A separate cheque from the Member Club made payable to the “GSDCA Inc.” for the GSDCA Fee for processing and registered postage.

Proposed New Regulation

2.3 Procedure for SV Judges Clearances

2.3.1 The Member Club hosting the Show must write to the GSDCA Secretary no later than 12 weeks before the show date requesting an SV Judges Clearance, providing:
   a) The name of the Judge/s
   b) The date of the event
   c) The venue the event will be held
   d) Request current Fees from the Secretary.

2.3.2 Payment by Credit Card - Member Club to provide Credit Card details to the GSDCA Secretary:
   a) Type of card – “Visa” or “Mastercard” (Only),
   b) Card Number (16 digit),
   c) Card Expiry Date (4 digit)
   d) Charges to the credit card will include the SV Judges Clearance Fee and associated bank charges. (Charge in Australian dollars will depend on exchange rate).
   e) Credit Card information held by the GSDCA Secretary will be kept confidential at all times.
   f) The Member Club must also forward a Member Club cheque for $10.00 made payable to the “GSDCA Inc.” for the GSDCA Administration Fee, for processing any request.

Rationale:
The GSDCA needs to amend our Regulation as the SV/WUSV will no longer accept bank cheques for payment of an SV/WUSV Judges Clearance, each Member Club will need to follow the above process and payment must be made by credit card ONLY.

22 General Business

22.1 Discussion Item
Whether the Character and Working Assessment is accepted by the clubs, or not, we should discuss the idea of eventually having the BH Test as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey.

Discussions need to start now on this matter as there will be a number of logistic problems in bringing it in. For example - Who would run it? Where will the expertise come from? How long would it take to actually be able to run a BH Test? Etc.
It may prove too difficult to hold a BH Test but that shouldn’t stop us from discussing the matter.

Rationale:
It has been noted that the new President of the S.V. was again asking why Australia did not do defense work – we have been warned time and time again to prepare for this eventuality. One day our privileges will be withdrawn, we have to act now. These motions are put forward in an effort to demonstrate to the S.V. that we are eager to do all we can to comply with their wishes. If we keep ignoring them we could lose our ability to obtain S.V. judges for our shows. The time for procrastination is over.

GSDA WA

22.2 Motion:
“That the 2016 GSDCA Breed forum be held in conjunction with the 2016 NBC & Judges Committee Meetings and that Member Club Presidents and their Breed Affairs Delegate, GSDCA Breed Surveyors, GSDCA GSD Judges and Trainees and GSDCA Executive are invited to participate”.

Note: If there is consensus such a forum should be held then I will ask the following to be supported.

GSDCA Breed Surveyors, GSDCA GSD Judges and Trainees attending the 2016 GSDCA Breed Forum will be reimbursed $100.
**Note:** The following is a guide only and not final and will be further fine-tuned by the GSDCA Executive, Mel Groth & Lou Donald.

- A strategy will be drawn up by the organising group: What is it we want to achieve?
- Sets of questions prepared, which can be used with an online open survey of the membership.
- Member Clubs will be asked to hold their own open forums where members can raise their concerns and or praise regarding the scheme and the findings documented and brought together.

**GSDCA Breed Forum**

**Friday: 29th July 2016**

- 0600 - 1200 delegates arrive- make own arrangement for lunch
- 1230 - 1800 GSDCA Judges Committee meeting
- 1930 - Dinner

**Saturday: 30th July 2016**

- 0830 - 1800 GSDAC Breed Forum
- 1930 - Dinner

**Sunday: 31st July 2016**

- 0900 - 1700 NBC meeting

**Breed Survey Scheme: Discussion**

- Perceptions rumour and innuendo: Real or Not?
- Conduct of Breed Survey
- Retirement age for Breed Surveyors

**Presentations and Discussion**

- Learning and communication
- Maintaining competency
- Training needs analysis: what tools can we make available for further education
- Current Bloodlines
- Virtues & faults
- Hind Quarter Angulation & the Croup
- Measuring, Character and Gun testing
- What’s next CWA, SV Character test, BH

**Rationale:**

A protracted email exchange by the leadership group over a decision that was made in November 2015 by the GSDCA Executive, saw much discussion regarding Breed Survey, its conduct, credibility and processes employed. It became apparent that there continues to be concern expressed on how Breed Survey is conducted. It must be noted that the motions should be supported as the conduct of this Forum is another essential step in what has become a united goal of the Executive in reviewing, and restructuring GSDCA practices in order to better meet the needs of the Breed and membership.

**GSDCA Executive**
22.3 GSDCA Restructure

Motion:
“That a GSDCA Constitutional Review Working Group whose membership shall be President, GSDCA, Secretary GSDCA, President GSDL, President ACTGSDA & President GSDAWA be formed.

The Working Group will:
- Review the Constitution and make recommendations as to enhancing its content to better direct the business of the GSDCA and its prime mission.
- Rewrite and amend clauses pertaining to the restructure of the NBC Executive from 3 to 5 members: President, Secretary, NBC Chairperson, Judges Chairperson and Obedience Chairperson.
- Report back to a Special General Meeting (SGM) to be held prior to 2017 GSDCA AGM.

Rationale:
At the Special General Meeting held in July 2015, further discussion regarding the restructure of the GSDCA took place. The matters discussed were a follow on from what was proposed at the SGM that was held prior to 2015 AGM.
The meeting resolved the following:
- The raising of the position of Vice President was not warranted.
- The restructure of the NBC Executive was seen as a positive step forward and one that will allow more experience from what has been traditionally non breed judge/breed surveyor held positions.

*This would see the NBC Executive have an additional 2 members and consist of: President, Secretary, NBC Chairperson, Judges Chairperson and Obedience Chairperson*

GSDCA Executive

23 56th GSDCA Annual General Meeting

The 56th GSDCA Annual General Meeting will be on the 11th & 12th February 2017 at …………………………..
GSDCA FORMS RELATING TO THE GSDCA NATIONAL BREED SURVEY SCHEME.
APPLICATION FORM FOR BREED SURVEY (GSDCA BS 1)

CHOICE OF OFFICIATING BREED SURVEYOR. (Optional) ....................................................... 

To: The Club Survey Registrar/Club Secretary, 

Postal Address: 

Applicants Name: ________________________________ Telephone: ( ) ________ 

Address: 

State: ____________________________ Post Code: 

I submit the following animal to the Breed Survey being held on ___/___/____, with the fee of $____ enclosed, and declare that this animal has / has not been previously presented to the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme, (if in doubt it is the responsibility of the owner to check with the National Breed Commission Chairman). If the animal has been previously presented to breed survey please supply details of such presentation.

Name of Dog: ________________________________ Stock Coat/Long Stock Coat 

Born ___/___/___ ANKC Reg No: ____________________ Sex: Male / Female Tattoo No: ________________ 

Microchip: ________________________________ 

HD status: A ______ Elbow status: Z ____R____/____ Haemophilia status (if applicable): I neg Yes / No 

I have enclosed copies of the following documentation, ANKC Certificate of Registration, a Five (5) Generation Pedigree and the Certificates/Result Sheets for HD pass, Elbows pass and Haemophilia Result, as applicable. Failure to provide all of the above documentation with this application will result in the animal being unable to participate in this particular survey. All relevant original documentation must be brought to the breed survey and shown to the officiating Breed Surveyor.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations pertaining to the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme and consent to the results of this breed survey being published.

I understand that a false declaration will result in the breed survey result being made null and void and any award that has been achieved as a result of this false declaration will be revoked.

I agree to submit a coloured photograph on the day of the breed survey, or post/leave a photo to the NBC Chairperson within seven (7) days of the Breed Survey.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ___/___/____ 

This application must reach the Club Survey Registrar no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of the breed survey. Only entries on the official GSDCA application form BS1 will be accepted. The application form is to be retained by the Club Survey Registrar and a copy forwarded to the NBC Chairman with the GSDCA Breed Survey Worksheet.

GSDCA BS1 Application Form for Breed Survey
IV. STRUCTURAL EVALUATION WHILST STANDING AND DURING MOVEMENT.

(1) Sex Characteristics: pronounced, present, sufficient.

(2) Proportions: very good length of body, very good fore chest development, very good under chest development, sl short underchest, very good length of foreleg, sl short forelegs substantial, sl long, sl deep, sl shallow, sl heavy, sl fine, flat ribbed, barrel ribbed, excessive tuck-up.

(3) Bones: strong, well shaped, medium strong, sl fine, sl coarse, round.

(4) Muscular Development: well-developed, firm, dry, sl soft.

(5) Constitution: strong, medium strong, just medium strong, sl fine

(6) View (Stance) Front: straight, not quite straight, tendency to stand wide / sl east-west, lower arm sl bowed, toes in, bow-legged.
Rear: straight, sl wide, sl narrow, sl cow-hocked, sl bowed

(7) Firmness in Stance: Front: firm, sl loose, loose.
Rear: firm, sl loose, loose.

(8) Feet: very good front and rear, sl long front and rear, flat and open front and rear.

(9) Toenails: dark, medium, light.

(10) Hock Joints: firm, strong, sl loose, sl cow-hocked, sl long.

(11) Pasterns: firm, sl infrm, weak, upright, sl short, sl long.

(12) Elbows: firm, tight, sl loose, very loose, open.

(13) Head: well-formed, broad, sl narrow, sl coarse, sl short, sl long, sl fine, incorrect planes, roman nose.

(14) Upper Jaw: strong, sufficiently strong, sl narrow, sl long, sl short.

(15) Lower Jaw: strong, sufficiently strong, sl narrow, sl long, sl short.

(16) Expression: noble, lively, alert, sl dull.

(17) Eyes: correct shape and size, dark, medium, light, sl round, sl protruding.

(18) Ears: very good shape; size; set, not quite correct shape; size; set, sl large, sl small, sl broad, set too close, one/both sl turned in, too broad, one/both sl soft.

(19) Neck: very good length, very good lay, sl short, sl erect.

(20) Withers: high, long, normal, level, low.

(21) Back: firm, straight, tight, sl nick behind wither, sufficiently firm, sl long, sl reach, sl weak.

(22) Croup: very good length and lay, sl short, sl flat, sl steep, steep.

(23) Tail: very good length, slightly long, not quite correct carriage.

(24) Angulations Front: very good length and angle of shoulder blade and upper arm, sl short sl steep upper arm, sl steep shoulder blade.
Rear: very good length and angle of upper thigh and lower thigh, sl short / sl long lower thigh, sl short / sl long upper thigh, slightly deep, excessive hindquarter angulation

(25) Gait: trotter, well sprung, very good ground covering, good back transmission, moves correct, not quite correct, front / rear, sl narrow front / rear, sl wide front / rear, moves sl bow-legged, tendency to pace.

Drive: powerful, very good, good, sl restricted, sl infrm.
Reach: fair-reaching, very good, good, sl restricted, falls slightly/ heavily on the forehand, high stepping.

(26) Dentition: healthy, strong, without gaps, scissor bite, some minor damage, sl underdeveloped, partly discoloured, irregular spacing of teeth, sl misalignment of side teeth middle incisors level/dropped due to age yes / no.

(27) Dentition faults:

V. PARTICULAR VIRTUES AND FAULTS: (IN ADDITION TO SECTION II)

VI. ADVICE FOR SELECTION OF A BREEDING PARTNER: (recommendations and warnings).

BREED SURVEYOR: REGISTRAR GSDCA: DATE:
GSDCA STATE BREED EXHIBITION

AIM & PURPOSE
The SBE prime function is to instil ideals, promote GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and to add further to our goal of breed improvement and therefore be used as a tool that the Council can utilise to further educate the fraternity and for breeders to review the state of the breed within their own State on annual basis.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE STATE BREED EXHIBITION

The event will allow:
1. For a comprehensive evaluation of the breed in each state on an annual basis.
2. Breed direction that compliments the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme and gives due recognition to animals that are of high anatomical worth and or have proven they can produce animals that are far or above average in terms of type and quality.
3. Demonstrate the worth of major bloodlines and more importantly the predictability when combined.
4. GSDCA Specialist Judges and GSDCA Breed Surveyors an opportunity in addition to viewing Sires progeny parade at the GSDCA Nationals Show & Trial an avenue to assess the breed worth as a group.
5. An opportunity for sires not being able to present groups at the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial Sires Progeny to present groups within their State.
6. Further education of the fraternity / exhibitors through the judgments, commentary and summations as made by the officiating judges.

SPECIAL AWARDS

GSDCA Excellent Merit:
The GSDCA Excellent Merit grading may only be awarded in the Open Class and

a) Animals must be exhibited in the open Class and be classified: GSDCA Breed Survey Class 1 or equivalent as recognised by the GSDCA.
b) Animals must display high anatomical worth, type, quality and a potential for or demonstrated attributes that will produce animals that are of above or far above average in terms of type and quality.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE STATE BREED EXHIBITION

JUDGES
In states where more than one GSDCA Specialist Judges / Breed Surveyor resides a meeting will be held for all GSDCA Specialist Judges/ Breed Surveyors s to discuss the attributes and failings of each of the major bloodlines represented in their State.

➢ Two (2) Judges GSDCA Breed Surveyor Judges who are resident should be appointed.

➢ In cases of Member Clubs that has no resident judge who is a GSDCA Breed Surveyor one judge may be appointed.
   o In these cases the appointed Judge will liaise with other judges and read their reports of shows judged in the twelve (12) months before.

➢ Judge #1 will judge Open Classes and Baby Puppy Classes.
   o The Open Classes are judged with pedigrees, with type, quality, family and progeny taken into consideration for placing and grading.
   o A five (5) generation pedigree must accompany each entry in the Open Classes.

➢ Judge #2 will judge Minor, Puppy, Junior and Intermediate Classes, and must be from the state of domicile, where practicable
   o Baby to Intermediate is judged as a normal conformation show.
**Sire Progeny Parade:**
Comment will be provided by Judge #1: note comment will be made as a result of discussions with judge #2 (what has been seen over the show) & discussions as held at GSDCA Specialist Judges / Breed Surveyors meetings held prior to the event

**SHOW CLASSES & CONDITION OF ENTRY.**
Age Classes for Stock Coats and Long Stock Coats with no intersex or inter-variety competition:

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**Open Class:**
- Exhibits will
  - be subjected to a gun test as prescribed in GSDCA Breed Survey Manual
  - be subjected to a one on one temperament test.
  - be measured and height recorded in critiques
  - need to complete an off lead gaiting exercise immediately after their on-lead presentation

**Junior & Intermediate**
- Exhibits will
  - be measured and height recorded in critiques
  - be subjected to a one on one temperament test.

**Minor – Open Classes:** Critiques

**There is no inter-variety or inter-sex judging.**

**SIRE & DAMS PROGENY**
The prerequisite for a sire or dam’s progeny group are as follows:-
- The sire or dam must be successfully breed surveyed;
- There must be a minimum of five (5) progeny aged nine (9) months or older
- The progeny of the sire or dam as exhibited will partake in the progeny group
- The Dam or Sires progeny must come from a minimum of two different sires or dams for the relevant group;
- Dam & Progeny groups to be assessed by the Open Class judge as outlined above.
- The sire need not be present
- Where practical the resident breed surveyors will be invited into the ring and participate in the assessment.
- The Open Class judge providing final commentary.

**BREEDERS GROUP**
- Judged by the Open Class Judge
- Animals in this group must carry the Breeders Prefix;
- Each Breeders Group must consist of five (5) animals from more than one sire or dam and be nine (9) months or older.
- Must be of one (1) coat variety and ideally of the same colour and pigmentation: eg: sables not to be included with Black & Gold.
**VETERANS PARADE**
Dogs must be seven years and over and can be entered on the day.

*A non-competitive class entry is free (please supply a short resume of the animals achievements to accompany the entry form).*

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP will be conducted at SBE**
Junior – 7 years to under 10 years  
Intermediate – 10 years to under 13 years  
Senior – 13 years to under 18 years

**TITLES & AWARDS**
The title **State Sieger** and **State Siegerin** will be awarded to the winner of the Open Dog and Bitch class who have been awarded the grading of Excellent Merit at that show respectively.

**Excellent Merit:** May only be awarded to animals exhibited in the Open Class and classified: GSDCA Breed Survey Class 1 or equivalent that the judge is of the opinion, they are of high anatomical worth, type, quality and have a potential to or have demonstrated attributes that will produce animals that are of above or far above average in terms of type and quality.

**Excellent:** May only be awarded in the Open Class and to animals that are successfully classified through the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or recognised as such by the GSDCA.

**Very Good & Good:** may be awarded in the Open, Intermediate Class and Junior Class.

**Very Promising & Promising:** may be awarded in the Baby Puppy, Minor Puppy and Puppy Classes.  
A trophy & sash will be awarded to the winners and as a minimum sashes for placegetters to 5th place are to be awarded.

Animals that are ungraded in any class do not receive any trophy or sashes.

**NOTE:** Excellent Medallions have been specifically struck for the SBE in NSW and WA.
GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course
Judging Practical Examination Form

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**Procedure:** Examiner Judge to rate aspirant on 7 areas, with 4 ratings in each area. To be deemed competent, the aspirant must have at least an **good** rating in all areas to pass the examination. The examiner judge must TICK the appropriate rating and comment on the rating given.

**Section 1 - Time and Approach to Decision Making**

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Section 2 – Dress

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<td>Has a very confident and professional approach, courteous manner</td>
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- Poor
- Good
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<td>Good</td>
<td>Handles dogs in a satisfactory manner, makes good use of ring. In control</td>
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<td>Well in control, methodical in examination, Ring used to best advantage</td>
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<td>Inconsistent performance, below average decisions and call out orders, inconsistent with application of GSDCA guidelines</td>
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<td>Good</td>
<td>Generally good decisions, call out orders well-constructed, applies GSDCA guidelines generally</td>
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<td>Above Average</td>
<td>Very few errors, demonstrates very good understand and ability to apply knowledge, very good call out orders, good application of GSDCA guidelines</td>
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- Unsatisfactory
- Poor
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**Section 6 – Critiques on the Pegs**

| Unsatisfactory | Makes frequent errors, unable to explain decisions on the pegs, unable to apply the standard to decisions, appeared extremely nervous, comments did not reflect the animals presented. |
| Poor | Inconsistent performance, was inconsistent with finding positive aspects of animals, did not explain decisions to exhibitors. Focused on the faults of the animal, comments generally did not reflect gradings. |
| Good | Generally good microphone manner, was apply to explain decisions most of the time, able to vary descriptions, comments generally reflect gradings. |
| Above Average | Very good microphone manner, demonstrates very good understanding and ability to articulate reasons on the pegs, gave clear reasons for why animals very placed where they were, clear comments reflect gradings and animals presented. |

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**Section 7 – Critiques**

| Unsatisfactory | Critiques incomplete, poor construction, lack detail, do not reflect the dog and placement, do not follow GSDCA guidelines. |
| Poor | Lacks consistency in format, some incomplete, do not always reflect the grading given, do not always follow GSDCA guidelines |
| Good | Critiques generally well-constructed, generally reflect gradings and animals presented, follow GSDCA guidelines |
| Very Good | Critiques very well constructed, very good detail, correctly describe the animal and reflect the gradings given, follow GSDCA guidelines. |

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Procedure for Practical Examination Prior to the Show

1. Aspirant is to apply to the GSDCA Judges Committee Chairperson at least 8 weeks prior to the appointment, where practicable
2. The GSDCA Judges Committee Chairperson is to contact the Club hosting the show, to discuss the Practical Examination and seek permission for the Examination to occur at the Show.
3. Once the Club has given permission for the Examination to take place at the nominated show, then the GSDCA Judges Committee Chairperson is to contact two GSDCA Specialist Judges from the state where the show is conducted, where practicable, to act as Examiner Judges on the day.
4. A show for Examination can only be approved if there are two GSDCA Specialist Examiner Judges of at least 5 years’ experience available at the Show to complete the Examination. The GSDCA is unable to bear any cost involved for the Examination to take place.
5. GSDCA Judges Committee Chairperson is to forward the relevant documentation to all parties, once the arrangements have been made.

Procedure for Practical Examination on the Day

1. This examination is the final step in the completion of the aspirant’s training in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course, and is to be completed when the Aspirant is the officiating judge.
2. There are to be two examiner judges, the Aspirant meets with the examiner judges for approximately 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the Show to discuss the procedure and expectations of the day.
3. The Aspirant then commences judging as required by the hosting club.
4. The examiner judges complete the forms, as the judging proceeds, some sections will need to be filled out towards the end of the day to comment on overall performance.
5. The Aspirant is to complete the same assessment form, as a critical reflection of their own performance
   - How well did I do?
   - How do I know?
   - What have I learned?
   - What can I do to improve?
6. At the completion of judging, and the examiner judges have finalised their assessment sheets as well, a short chat to reflect on the day, would help the Aspirant to think on the feedback while the classes are still fresh in their minds.
7. The GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course is not completed, until the Aspirant is deemed competent in this examination process.
8. If unsuccessful, then another Practical Examination will need to be completed at the next judging appointment for the Aspirant.