



## MONTEREY BAY GREAT DANE CLUB

### Monterey Bay Great Dane Club General Meeting Monday, September 9, 2024 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Munro at 6:31 p.m. via Zoom. Present at the Zoom meeting were Laura Munro, Dail Koehler, Mary Vinciguerra, Gail Pinnell, Carrie Michaelson, Kate Jackson, Lucretia Marcus and Brianna Montague.

*Motion made by Kate Jackson and seconded by Mary Vinciguerra to approve the minutes of the 8/12/24 meeting. Motion passed.*

President's Report - Laura Munro reported that the club now has access to the club bank accounts. We need to make sure that minutes are recorded on club letterhead that also has the address of the Treasurer on the footer. Our club Treasurer, Dail Koehler, now has access to account information electronically.

Corresponding Secretary's Report - Dail will work with Lucretia Marcus to transition her to assume the Corresponding Secretary position as soon as possible. Dail reported that she has emailed AKC updates to members as they have become available.

Treasurer's Report - Dail reported that the Treasurer's Report was sent electronically to board members prior to the meeting. She also reported that our recent filings with the Department of Justice were accepted and we are in good standing. A discussion was started about whether or not the club should invest funds into a Certificate of Deposit.

*Motion made by Mary Vinciguerra and seconded by Gail Pinnell that Dail Koehler investigate Certificates of Deposit (CDs) at Wells Fargo Bank and report to the board. Motion passed.*

#### Committee Reports

2025 Specialties - Laura reported that AKC denied our original request for our April Independent Specialties with GDCNC, but is reconsidering based upon additional information provided by Redwood Empire that they are excluding Great Danes in the Salty Dog Show. Laura reported that Lori Cornelius is judging the morning show; Cat Urner is judging the afternoon show; Heather Dawson is doing sweeps; and Wendy Corr is judging 4-6 month puppies.

Woofstock Independent Specialties - Laura reported that Paula Nykei already has a specialty assignment and Joyce Vanek has not responded to emails/phone calls. Valerie Metcalf may be provisional by then, but if Joyce Vanek gets back to Laura, we will hire her and give Valerie Metcalf the option of judging sweeps. If Joyce is unavailable, then we will consult our existing list of potential judges. Additionally, Fay Rogstad can not judge this year but is interested in April, 2026. Laura would like to reach out to Dana Cline. She stated that once we know if we are going to do 2 shows with GDCNC and 2 with Woofstock, we can hire all judges for 2026.

Ribbons - Brianna Montague reported that she is interested in making the show ribbons. She agreed to produce a ribbon prior to our next meeting for us to see. Brianna stated that she will not charge for making the ribbons, it will just be the cost of materials. Laura asked that ribbon samples be taken to a show in order for members to actually see them.

Carrie Michaelson reported that she researched the AKC website looking for ways to increase club membership. Discussion ensued about ways to market our club, especially via the internet/social media. Brianna volunteered to assist since her background is in Marketing. Posting current pictures on our website/Facebook page were discussed. Providing a flyer in a welcome bag was also discussed.

Old Business - Laura reported that the trailer inventory will be done as soon as she can. She will order an Amazon Gift Card and have it sent to Elizabeth and Jim to thank them for allowing the club to store the club trailer on their property.

Dail reported that she will now be able to order trophy plaques.

New Business - Planning a social gathering at the Candy Cane Cluster will be an agenda item for our next meeting.

Dail shared that she will investigate getting a PayPal account for the club.

The date for the next general meeting will be October 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.