



## MONTEREY BAY GREAT DANE CLUB

### Monterey Bay Great Dane Club General Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2025

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Munro at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom. Present at the Zoom meeting were Laura Munro, Dail Koehler, Mary Vinciguerra, Gail Pinnell, Carrie Michaelson, Lucretia Marcus, Kate Jackson and Barbara Sexton.

*Motion made by Mary Vinciguerra and seconded by Kate Jackson to approve the minutes of the 2/10/25 meeting. Motion passed.*

President's Report - Due to Laura's planned travel, the next MBGDC meeting is on 4/21. The GDCNC started doing the 3rd Monday for their meetings so that is a conflict. Laura & Denise discussed it and Denise agreed to move the GDCNC meeting to the next day or another day that week.

2025 Specialties - Laura reported that all of our 2025 Specialty Shows have been approved and the Premium Lists have been published. At the April shows, lunch will be provided by our club for all participants, including the judges. For the June shows, Laura will check to see if food vendors will be available on the Friday that we have our specialties. and we will discuss lunch plans, as well as breakfast at a future meeting. Toys/trophies have all been picked up except the frames and leashes. Laura will be providing transportation for judges. Shannon will be delivering exhibitor toys to Lucretia who will get them to Kate. Laura will deliver 4 toys to Carrie Michaelson who will take them to Woodland for the Salty Dog Show. Mary shared that we will provide sandwich fixings and salads on Friday for lunch for the April Specialties. Kate said that the Northern Club will be doing hamburgers on Saturday and pizza on Sunday. In reference to our specialty dedications to John Garcia - Mary will purchase the poster board, will speak to Barbara Garcia to get pictures, information and perhaps music/poetry/sayings that can be used to create the poster. The catalogs will have a page dedicating the shows to John Garcia.

Corresponding Secretary's Report - Kate Jackson reported that she will be selectively passing AKC communications to the membership. She recommended members go to the AKC website to access additional information on items that are of interest to them.

Kate shared her screen to show the following information regarding correspondences:

#### **Incoming:**

- Dail shared 2/14 email from GDCA: 2025 National Info; shared with members 2/14
- 2/20 via email from GDCA: March 15 is deadline to elect DCRs for 2027 National; noted to Laura & Dail that we don't have a meeting scheduled before deadline
- Dail shared 2/21 email from AKC: February 2025 Update to Clubs

- 2/28 via email from AKC:
  - [California: Bill Seeks to Regulate Hobby Breeders – American Kennel Club](#)
  - [California: Protect Owner Exemption for Specific Animal Medical Care on Tuesday \(3/4\) – American Kennel Club](#)

Shared with members 3/4 and sent link for members to subscribe to the AKC publications they want to receive ([Email Subscription – American Kennel Club](#).)

- 3/9 via email: GDCA 1Q2025 Bulletin; shared with members 3/10

## **Outgoing:**

- 2/25: Sent club's DCR (Division Club Rep) form to GDCA

Treasurer's Report - Dail Koehler reported that she emailed the current Treasurers Reports to members prior to the meeting. She shared a copy of the report on Zoom during the meeting. She stated that all of the required club filings have been paid. Dail also reported that she attended the GDCA and ACR Meetings on 10/30/25 and shared the following notes that she took:

### GDCA Meeting 10-30-2024

- The plan is to move all voting to an electronic platform. Each GDCA member will need to have their own email in order to keep track of the voting (so, no one email for a family/couple).
- State of NY changed their law to allow corporations to vote electronically. The GDCA system will be modeled on the American Whippet Club procedure. They WILL make sure there is a way for folks who don't have email to vote.
- Reimbursements are still being offered for echocardiograms.
- There was much discussion about reducing the number of puppy classes at the National. It's becoming cost prohibitive to buy trophies when all puppy classes are color divided.
- For example, with color divided puppy classes, trophy cost is approximately \$4630. With puppy classes not divided by color, cost is only \$681.
- They're going to propose that puppy classes not be divided by color, strictly due to the cost factor. It's becoming harder and harder to make trophy donations totals, they fell short in 2024.

### ACR Meeting 10-30-2024

- Linda Cain has resigned as ACR due to her husband's health issues. Jason Hoke is filling in for now, and there will be an election for a new ACR.
- Next National is Eastern Division

Old Business - Laura will do the trailer inventory some time in June.

New Business - Dail has updated our club membership form.

The date for the next general meeting will be April 21st via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Laura will be in Portugal for the normal April meeting date, so the April meeting date has been changed. Dail will send out the reminder email for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.