



MONTEREY BAY GREAT DANE CLUB

Monterey Bay Great Dane Club General Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2026

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, Kate Jackson, Lucretia Marcus, Connie Andronico, Carrie Michaelson, Sharon McCrary and Guest Alex Ampleman

Guest, Alex Ampleman explained that he has a number of items that our club may be interested in choosing two from, to use in a Silent Auction at our April Specialties, where 50% of the profit would go to our club and 50% would go to the Charitable Trust. The items are currently in Cincinnati and arrangements could be made to get the items to us for our April Specialties. Connie Andronico will also be donating items for the Silent Auction. Laura explained that the NCGDC is also interested in having two items donated for their Silent Auction as well. Alex agreed to send pictures to Laura of possible items that we can select from.

Motion made by Mary Vinciguerra and seconded by Kate Jackson to approve the minutes of the 11/10/25 meeting. Motion passed.

President's Report- Laura Munro thanked the Nominating Committee (Kate Jackson, Mick Galvin, Sharon McCrary) for creating the 2026 Slate of Officers. The slate, as follows, will be up for approval at the February Annual Meeting:

President : Laura Munro (*incumbent*)

Vice President: Denise Matulich (*incumbent*)

Recording Secretary: Gail Pinnell (*incumbent*)

Director: Mary Vinciguerra (*incumbent*)

Director: Sharon McCrary

Corresponding Secretary's Report - Kate Jackson reported the following correspondence that took place from 11/11/25 to 1/12/26:

Incoming:

- 11/13 via email: GDCA 4Q2025 Bulletin; shared with members 11/14
- 11/20 via email from the GDCA Charitable Trust:

- **Reimagining Dollars for Dogs**

Affiliate clubs hosting a concurrent and/or independent specialty show can add \$1.00 to each entry fee to contribute to the GDCA-CT & note in PL: A portion of the proceeds of this show will be contributed to the GDCA Charitable Trust

- **Charitable Trust Establishes One-Time Hardship Grant**

\$100 one-time hardship grant was made available to people impacted by the recent Government Shutdown to help feed/vet their Great Danes

- 12/1 via USPS from the AKC: Laminated AKC® Code of Sportsmanship and Civility poster for display at our events; here's a link to it FYI: https://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC_code_of_sportsmanship.pdf
- 12/4 via email from the GDCA: 2027 National Futurity & Conformation and 2026 Performance/Companion judges selected; shared with members 12/9
- 1/9 via email from the GDCA: GDCA 2026 South Division National Specialty; shared with members 1/12
- 1/12 via email from Everett (Western Division Chair): 2027 National Theme and Logo Ideas; shared with members 1/12

There was no outgoing correspondence.

Treasurer's Report - Dail Koehler reported that she sent members the current Treasurer's Reports via email. She is continuing to reach out to members who have not paid 2026 dues. She stated that the club insurance premium is coming due.

Motion made by Gail Pinnell and seconded by Lucretia Marcus that we pay the premium for our club insurance. Motion passed.

Dail is continuing to follow through with the necessary paperwork to acquire approval for our club to do a raffle at our April Specialties.

2026 Specialty Report - Dail volunteered to chair a raffle but needs members to assist at the raffle table during the show. Items are also needed to raffle off. The number of toys needed were discussed. Laura is continuing to work with the Sweeps Judge to get the contract signed. Mary recommended that we place a tub ringside for anyone who would like donate the dog toys that they receive to go to the local dog shelter.

Old Business - Dail reported that she sent the \$100 gift card to Jim and Elizabeth to thank them for storing the club trailer. Jim and Elizabeth thanked the club for the gift card and are donating it to a horse therapy organization.

Dail also reported that she is working on publishing our meeting minutes on our club website and will send an email to club members to announce when the link to the minutes becomes available.

The date for the next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on February 9th, 2026 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.