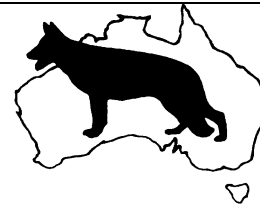


**The 62nd Annual General Meeting of the
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.**
to be held via Zoom Meeting 4 (and possibly 5 February) 2023



AMENDED - Annual General Meeting Agenda

PLEASE NOTE:

The GSDCA Annual General Meeting (AGM), will commence 9.30 am (NSW) on Saturday 4th February 2023 via Video link and continue through to Sunday (if necessary) to conclude once all business has been dealt with. Details in relation to the Zoom meeting will follow closer to time.

Voting Strength

Member Club	Representative	Voting Strength
Australian Capital Territory GSDA	Sasha Beljanski/Wolf Meffert	
GSD League	Jessica Kada	
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC	Paul York/Kay York	
GSDC of Queensland	Sharon Thorp	
GSDC of South Australia	Stephen Collins	
GSDC of Tasmania	Janet Haase/Gabrielle Peacock	
GSDC of Victoria	Vince Ebejer	
GSDA of Western Australia	Ian Heard	
Total Votes		

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

1 Opening

2 Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes from 61st GSDCA AGM

Motion: That the minutes of the 61st GSDCA Annual General Meeting held on the 5th February 2022 via Zoom link be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved:

2.2 Matters Arising from 61st AGM

ACTION	Actioned by	Date Completed
That National Council should write to the Veterinary Board giving our background, the xray scheme, the statistics of passes now in relation to the rising number of vets recommending JPS Surgery Jenny Delucia, NBC Chair and Dr Candy Wedge work together to draft a joint letter	Jenny Delucia, NBC Chair & Dr Candy Baker	Ongoing

Inter variety breeding of long stock coats to stock coats. The GSDCA approach the ANKC to allow inter variety breeding of long stock coats to stock coats for an initial period of 7 years	NBC Chair to correspond with ANKC	Letter sent 6.3.2022 Approval given by ANKC 19.07.22
Ineligibility to Participate in the GSDCA Improvement Schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any person or persons that is suspended/ banned from a State Canine body will be ineligible to participate in the GSDCA breed improvement schemes for the length of the suspension/ban. Any person or persons that have been expelled/ suspended from a GSDCA Affiliate club will be ineligible to participate in the GSDCA breed improvement schemes for the length of the suspension/ban. Legal advice to be sought before motion can move forward	GSDCA Secretary	Not completed Ongoing

2.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 61st AGM under the “60 Day rule”.

Motion 1	Motion: “Additional Accredited Readers for the GSDCA hip & elbow schemes” That Mariano Markara and Dr Ana Hayes be approached to be additional accredited readers for the GSDCA hip & elbow schemes	Carried
Motion 2	Motion: “GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme” That as of 1st July 2023 the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme only allows ‘Z’ stamp for animals who have NORMAL elbows, Grade 1 – less than 1mm of osteophytes or Near Normal immeasurable osteophytes or displaying slight irregularities (less than 0.5mm osteophytes).	Lost
Motion 3	Motion: Advertising fee for Stud dogs That a reduction of the advertising fee for stud dogs be reduced to \$165 per page	Carried
Motion 4	Motion: That a GSDCA Judges and Breed Surveyors service agreement be adopted Effective as from 1 July 2022	Lost

3 President’s report – Mr. S Lynch

4 Treasurer’s report – Mr. P Flynn

4.1 Auditor’s report – William Buck, Adelaide. South Australia.

5 Secretary’s report – Mrs. L Phillis

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

- 6.1 ACT GSDA – Mr. Wolf Meffert
- 6.2 GSD League – Mr Jess Kada
- 6.3 Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC – Mr. Paul York
- 6.4 GSDC of Queensland – Ms Sharon Thorp
- 6.5 GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia

- 6.6 GSDC of Tasmania – Ms Janet Haase
- 6.7 GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Vince Ebejer
- 6.8 GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Ian Heard

7 Chairperson National Breed Commission – Mr Ian Urie

- 7.1 National Breed Survey Registrar – Ms. Melanie Groth
- 7.2 Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chairperson, Dr. Candy Baker
- 7.3 National Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar, Mr. Doug West
- 7.4 National Title Verification Officer – Mrs. Jenny DeLucia

8 Chairperson Judges Committee – Ms Melanie Groth

9 Chairperson Obedience Committee – Mr John Delucia

10 Editor Quarterly National Review – Mrs Yvonne Yun

11 Sub Committee Reports:

- 11.1 National Show Liaison Officer – Mr Stephen Collins
- 11.2 National Database Coordinator – Mr. Frank Moody
- 11.3 Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis
- 11.4 Website Officer – Ms. Jacinta Poole
- 11.5 GSDCA Youth Officer – Mr. Kurt Morton
- 11.6 Public Relations Officer – Mr. Paul York
- 11.7 Historian – N/A
- 11.8 Breed Research and Legislation Officer – Mr John Fenner

12 WUSV Meeting (2022) Report:

WUSV Meeting Report – Nuremburg by Ms Melanie Groth (Executive – Judges Chair) previously forwarded to all member clubs on 18 October 2022. A copy will be printed in the Annual Report.

13 Determination of scale of fees for financial year 2022/2023

No increases to be considered for the 2022/2023 year.

14 Election of Office Bearers – (The following nominations were received by the due date)

14.1 Executive

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Term
NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIR	Mr. Ian Urie	GSDCT, GSDL, GSDCV	2 Year
SECRETARY	Mrs Janet Haase	GSDCT, GSDL	2 Year
	----- Mr. Paul York	NHRGSDC	
OBEDIENCE CHAIR	Mr. John Delucia	GSDCSA, NHRGSDC	2 Year
	----- Mr. Alastair Henderson	GSDAWA, GSDCT, GSDL, GSDCV	

NOTE: Resumes for candidates for the positions of GSDCA Secretary and Obedience Committee Chair are placed at the end of the agenda on pages 16-19 for your information.

14.2 Expression of Interest for Other Positions

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Term
Public Officer	Mr. Brenton Lowes	ACTGSDA, GSDL	1 Year
HD/ED Registrar	Mr. Doug West	GSDL	1 Year
NBC Registrar (To be selected by the NBC Chair with agreement by the NBC Executive).	Ms. Melanie Groth	GSDL	1 Year
Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair	Dr Candy Baker	GSDAWA, GSDL, GSDCV	1 Year
National Show Liaison Officer	Mr. Stephen Collins	GSDL	1 Year
	----- Mr. Vince Tantaro	GSDCV	
Website Officer	Ms. Jacinta Poole	GSDL, GSDCV	1 Year
Trophy Officer	Mr. Terry Jarvis	GSDCSA, NHRGSDC, GSDCT, GSDL, ACTGSDC	1 Year
Breed Research & Legislation Officer	Mr. John Fenner	GSDAWA	1 Year
Public Relations Officer	Mr. Paul York	GSDL	1 Year
Historian	No nomination		1 Year

15.2 49th National – 2023 - GSDCV

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria

Dates – 28, 29 & 30 April 2023

Major Sponsor: Royal Canin

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Mrs Heather Macdonald (UK)

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Mrs Heather Macdonald (UK)

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Mr. Malcolm Griffiths

Reserve – GSDCA/NBC Executive accredited judge.

Obedience Judges:

CCD – Laura Schimke (QLD)

Novice – Mrs Kim Houlden (VIC)

Open – Mr Charlie Giles (ACT)

UD – Mrs Elaine Temby (ACT)

UDX – Mrs Kim Houlden (Vic)

Rally Judges:

Novice – Ms Laura Schimke (QLD)

Advanced (Ms Elaine Temby (ACT)

Excellent -Mrs Kim Houlden (VIC)

Master – Mr Charlie Giles (ACT)

Junior Showmanship Judge: Ms Chelsea Bird (NSW)

Entry Fees:

Junior to Open: Initial entry = \$48.00, subsequent \$40.00 per class

Minor Puppy to Puppy: Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00 per class

Baby Puppies: Initial entry = \$28,00, subsequent \$20.00 per class

Obedience: Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00 per class

15.3 50th National – 2024 – GSDC of South Australia

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

Dates – 3 – 5 May 2024 (approved Dogs Australia 17.02.22)

Major Sponsor is: TBC

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Bernd Weber

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Bernd Weber

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Her Eric Bosl

Reserve – Herr Wolfgang Hassall & Herr Harald Hohmann

Obedience Judges: TBA

Junior Showmanship Judge: TBA

Entry Fees: TBA

Junior to Open: Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Minor Puppy to Puppy: Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Baby Puppies Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Obedience Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

15.4 51st National – 2025 – For discussions in General business 22.1

Host: TBC

Dates: TBC

Confirmed and Proposed List of Judges for Nationals:	
2014 Canberra	Herr Joachim Stiegler (D) and Herr Frank Goldlust (B)
2015 Melbourne	Herr Lothar Quoll (LSC Dogs & Bitches and Stock Coat Dogs) Herr Heinz Scheerer (Stock Coat Bitches)
2016 Sydney	Herr H. Buss (LSC & SC Dogs) & Frau Margit Van Dorssen, (SC Bitches) Reserve – Herr Christoph Ludwig (D) & Herr J. Mayer (B)
2017 Queensland	Herr Frank Goldlust (LSC & SC Dogs), Herr Joachim Stiegler (SC Bitches) Reserve – Herr E Bosl
2018 South Australia	Herr Hans-Peter Schweimer (LSC & SC Dogs) (<i>replacement</i>) Herr Christoph Ludwig (<i>unavailable due to work commitments</i>) Herr Rainer Mast (SC Bitches), Reserve – Herr Lothar Quoll
2019 Melbourne	Herr Lothar Quoll (SC Bitches) (<i>Advised not available due to health reasons, replacement TBA</i>) Herr Harald Hohmann (SC Males & All LSC's) Herr Richard Brauch (All SC Bitches) Reserve
2020 & 2021	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
2022 Sydney (48 th National)	Mr Louis Donald (Qld) (All LSC & SC Dogs) Mrs Jenny Yuen (Vic) (All SC Bitches)
2023 Melbourne (49 th National)	Mrs Heather MacDonald (UK) (All LSC's & SC Dogs) Mr. Malcolm Griffiths (UK) (All SC Bitches)
2024 South Australia (50 th National)	Herr Bernd Weber (all LSC & SC Dogs) Herr Eric Bosl (all SC Bitches)
2025	For discussion (General business 22.1) as Melbourne is hosting the 49 th National Show and Trial in 2023.

16.1 Ratification of appointment of new GSDCA Breed Surveyors:

Motion: That the appointment of Jenny De Lucia and Joanne Cathie as GSDCA Breed Surveyors be ratified.

Rationale:

At the 2022 NBC meeting the appointment of two new Breed Surveyors was approved – Mrs. Jenny Delucia and Ms. Joanne Cathie.

As per Regulation 6.4, resumes of the two Surveyors will be printed in the Quarterly National Review, and as NBC Chair I now recommend these two Surveyors for ratification of their appointment.

They have both conducted surveys in their States since their appointment by the NBC meeting.

16.2 Application for HD/ED forms by breeders

Motion: That HD/ED forms may be supplied to the breeder of animals at the normal members price, on behalf of owners of dogs bred by that kennel.

Rationale:

At the 2022 NBC meeting after discussion, it was agreed that the practice of breeders applying for HD/ED forms on behalf of the owners of animals bred by their kennel be allowed to continue. This enables collection of valuable health related data for our breed, while removing the disincentive of paying a non-members surcharge, which could discourage newer owners who may not have joined their State Club

16.3 New Zealand members participation in the GSDCA HD/ED schemes

Motion: That GSD owners residing in New Zealand may submit x-rays to the GSDCA HD/ED schemes with microchips, instead of the previous requirement for tattoos only, under the following conditions:

(i) the owner is a member of the GSD Advisory Council (New Zealand);

(ii) the dog has a microchip which has been verified by and is recorded by the GSDAC along with its pedigree, on a database to be established by the GSDAC;

(iii) the microchip number is printed on the official pedigree/registration certificate from Dogs New Zealand (NZKC) and a copy is supplied with the application;

(iv) the Vet signs the declaration that he has read the microchip at time of x-ray and the number is also embedded digitally on the x-rays.

Rationale:

The previous requirement for NZ dogs to be identified only by GSDAC tattoo was put in place because NZKC (now Dogs New Zealand) did not record microchips on pedigrees at time of registration. We have been advised by the GSD Advisory Council that whilst microchips are required for all NZ dogs for local council registration, as they are in Australia, the relevant databases only record pet names with owner's details, and are not linked to pedigrees, but they can be added to DOGS NZ registration certificates on request. Tattooing is no longer widely used by breeders in New Zealand, and could very soon be banned by authorities. Because of our requirement for a tattoo to be recorded on x-rays, very few NZ members have been using the GSDCA schemes, which has resulted in less data being available in our own records. Most NZ members have been using CHEDS (who accept microchips) in the absence of any HD/ED schemes in their Country, to comply with their requirements for Breed Survey.

The GSDAC (NZ) has written to us requesting that we consider changing our Regulations, and they have committed to establishing their own database which will record microchips verified by the GSDAC and recorded along with pedigrees, in a similar way to what used to be done with their tattoo records. (See necessary amendments to GSDCA Regulations in following motions.)

16.4 Motion: Amend GSDCA Regulation 3.2.2.2 - Acceptance of Microchips for GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes:

Existing Regulation 3.2.2.2

3.2.2.2.1 FOR AUSTRALIAN BRED ANIMALS Effective 1st January 2012 the GSDCA will accept a microchip as a positive form of identification for any ANKC registered pedigree German Shepherd Dog bred within Australia, into the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.

3.2.2.2.2 FOR OVERSEAS BRED ANIMALS (except New Zealand bred dogs) In the case of overseas countries the GSDCA will recognise a microchip identification from that country provided that complete litter records including the microchip are maintained by the controlling Canine Body, and such information is available from the controlling Canine Body to the GSDCA for verification.

3.2.2.2.3 FOR NEW ZEALAND BRED ANIMALS New Zealand (NZ) bred dogs must still be identified by a tattoo controlled through the NZ German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (NZGSDAC) system, and the tattoo is verified by the NZGSDAC. At this stage Microchips will NOT be accepted for New Zealand (NZ) bred dogs.

Proposed amended Regulation:

Amend clause 3.2.2.2.3 to read:

3.2.2.2.3 FOR NEW ZEALAND BRED ANIMALS New Zealand (NZ) bred dogs must be identified by a microchip controlled through the NZ German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (NZGSDAC) system, and the microchip number is verified by the NZGSDAC and is also recorded on the Dogs NZ pedigree supplied with the application.

Rationale: (see previous motion)

16.5 Motion: Amend Regulation 3.3.2.1.3 by removing the “Note” (highlighted in Red below)

Motion: Amend Regulation 3.3.10 Qualifications for a GSDCA ‘Z’ Stamp

3.3.2 Participation in the GSDCA HD/ED Control Schemes

3.3.2.1.3 The animal must be positively identified: a) For animals born prior to 1st July 2017, by Tattoo through the GSDCA National Tattoo Scheme, or a GSDCA recognised Tattoo scheme; or by microchipping. b) For animals born after 1st July 2017 the only acceptable identification method will be microchipping.

~~NOTE! The GSDCA will only accept tattoo as the only form of positive identification for animals in New Zealand.~~

Rationale: (see previous motions)

16.6 Motion : amend Regulation 7.2.2 (advertising of National schedules) –

Existing Regulation:

7.2.2.2 The cost of advertising the schedule for the National Show and Trial to the hosting Member Clubs will be offered at a fifty (50) percent reduction.

Proposed amendment:

7.2.2.2 The advertising of the schedule in the Quarterly Review for the GSDCA National Show and Trial is offered free of charge to the hosting Member Club.

Rationale:

The National is an event held on behalf of the GSDCA by a Member Club, and the Council benefits from a 15% levy on entries. Due to reduced numbers, the days when clubs could make a healthy profit running a National are long gone, and those clubs willing to take it on invariably show a financial loss. With the reduced advertising rates now in place, the loss to Council income would be minimal, and this change will offer some small benefit to the hosting club.

17 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges Meeting

NIL

18 Matters referred to the AGM from the Judges Committee

18.1 NIL

19 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Obedience Committee

19.1 NIL

20.1 Motion: **Moved: GSDCQ That all results, pertaining to the GSDCA National show and Trial be reprinted as a supplement edition.**

Rationale:

The edition that has been printed and circulated fails to comply with the GSDCA regulations, and due to errors or omissions is not a true and accurate record of this Historical event.

Omissions

1. No recognition or pictures of Silver and Bronze Medal Winners for either dogs or bitches in direct contradiction to Regulation 7.2.1.2.1 and 7.2.2.1.
2. No recognition of the Memorial Awards as per Regulation 7.2.2.1b
3. No Critique's from the Obedience Trial (I believe this is not possible as wasn't done)
4. No pictures of the Obedience Winners or Medal Winners
5. No Best in Show and Trial.

Errors

1. The critiques published in the review were NOT the final critiques supplied by the judges and therefore, are a draft and shouldn't have been published.
2. Photographs were supplied by owners and not used, and alternate images used.

Other

1. To present a Breeders group at a National is an incredible achievement, and to have this placed on the inside back cover with no photographs is felt not to give these breeders the recognition they deserve.

Due to COVID restrictions, and not having any face-to-face meetings the GSDCA has saved significant funds, and the GSDCQ believes that some of this money should be put into printing a supplement edition of this year's National Show and Trial, in order to give the dogs, breeders, exhibitors the credit they deserve, and to ensure that the historic record of the event is accurate.

20.2 Motion: **Moved: ACTGSDA GSDCA Inc request that Dogs Australia do not accept the SV hip and elbow results ('a' stamp) of Australian bred dogs who were x-rayed in Australia and whose x-rays have been sent to the SV for reading and grading.**

Rationale:

Some SV 'a' stamps do not meet the standard of the GSDCA 'A' stamp, particularly at the 'Noch Zugelassen' (Still Acceptable) grading which would be a clear failure in Australia. It should be noted that some Sporting Dog Club working line dogs have had their x-rays submitted to the SV for reading. This is detrimental to the Dogs Australia Litter Registration Limit. This requires that in order for pups to be entered on the General Register both parents have to meet minimum hip and elbow standards. Accepted are the GSDCA and AVA Hip and Elbow schemes.

At present the SV 'a' stamp on imported dogs is also accepted.

20.3 Motion: **Moved GSDCSA That Breed Survey Class 1 and Class 2 be reintroduced to the Breed Survey scheme.**

Rationale:

The current system of one classification does not give new members of the fraternity any clear guidance or distinction between far above average or above average. The one classification system has not increased the number of animals presented through the scheme. The reintroduction of a two class system will clearly provide that distinction and give clearer guidance to all members of the fraternity. Being able to distinguish animals into class 1 and class 2 on the day provides a visual picture which is far better than expecting a member to read a critique and make the distinction.

20.4 Motion: Moved GSDCV That the GSDCA put forward a request to Dogs Australia for a partial exemption from the ANKC Regulation Section 4 Exhibitors. 4.1.2 specifically for an exemption for specialty showing of German Shepherd Dogs from items b, c, d, e, f & h

Note: the entire regulation is included for clarity. Items *a* and *g* are orange and do not form part of the request

Current Regulation

ANKC Regulation Section 4 Exhibitors. 4.1.2:-

A person may not enter, exhibit or handle under a judge officiating at a conformation show where:

- a. The person is a member of the judge's family and/or resides at the same address as the judge.*
- b. The judge has or has had any proprietary interest in a dog or dogs solely or in partnership with the member within a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show.
- c. Where the judge has handled any dog owned, leased or part leased by the person within a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show.
- d. The person has handled any dog owned or part owned or leased, or part leased by the judge in a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show.
- e. The person has accommodated the judge or been accommodated by the judge within a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show or intends to accommodate the judge within 24 hours after the conformation show.
- g. The dog was bred by the judge or the judge's family.*
- f. The judge has trained or groomed for reward, for gift or favour a dog owned, or part owned, leased or part leased by the person in a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show.
- h. Either the exhibitor or the judge has used a stud dog belonging to the other within the last 6 months.

Rationale:

- Given the relatively small number of enthusiasts who are involved in the specialty showing of German Shepherd Dogs in Australia and that a substantial number of them are judges, trainers, handlers and stud dog owners who are constantly in contact with the general members of the GSDCA member clubs there are aspects of the regulation that are unduly prohibitive.
- Many of our judges are active in handling for themselves and others in the specialty show ring. If multiple dogs are exhibited by the one exhibitor or a judge and/or handlers are handling multiple dogs, the impact of this regulation on our show entries cannot be underestimated.
- Parts of this regulation reduce the opportunity for a judge to be an exhibitor at our events. Due to the low number of judges and exhibitors in our fraternity, there will be a connection between judge and exhibitor through social events, normal training activities etc leaving few shows available to exhibitors.
- Regulation b reduces owner opportunity to compete or retain an interest in a dog (or dogs) who have retired from conformation shows while the partnership remains, the '12 month' period referred to in the regulation has not yet begun and affects all of the animals in the members name.
- Part of our success as a breed organisation is the ideal that we help each other, given the nature of our events, and the dwindling number of specialty show handlers, there is a distinct possibility that this may reduce further as members will evaluate whether they will handle a dog at an event if it may impact them later. Furthermore, it would be unfair if a member was penalised if they helped out an exhibitor whose handler was unable to continue or needed a 'spell' during a particularly long physically active event.
- The more popular a stud dog within that GSD community, the higher the probability of individual competitors/judges exposing themselves to be in breach of this regulation and therefore unable to exhibit.
- Often multiple owners are required to cover the expenses involved when importing GSD stud dogs and quality females. It is often Judges involved as they have the breed knowledge. Regulation *h*, will limit studs &/or impact entries for a judge. The regulation not only impacts the progeny of the stud, it impacts all other animals owned by the exhibitor or judge.
- It is an unreasonable expectation that a judge will "know" every exhibit's ownership or stud dog history to be able to excuse a dog from a ring as the judge is not privy to a catalogue.

20.5 Motion: **Moved GSDCV** GSDCV Reimbursement

That the GSDCA reimburse the GSDCV the cost of the mail out to notify our members of the Special General Meeting set by the GSDCA Executive for 13 July 2022 to discuss remaining a member of the WUSV being \$2014.70

Rationale:

Earlier in June this year, the GSDCA Executive set a date for an affiliate Clubs SGM on 13 July to consider whether the GSDCA would remain a member of the WUSV at the time of the next renewal (2023). This was undertaken after a hastily arranged SGM of affiliate clubs was cancelled.

Despite the GSDCA Executive being advised prior of our constitutional requirement to give GSDCV members 21 days' notice of an SGM in writing, the GSDCA Executive took no notice of this constitutional requirement and set a date which meant that the ability to incorporate a notice in the GSDCV Shepherd News (which would have incurred no additional cost to our membership) to notify our members was removed. A delay of meeting date by 3 weeks was all that was required and requested.

To comply with the GSDCV constitution, the GSDCV was therefore required to undertake a physical Australia Post mail out on 9th June to all financial members at a unnecessary cost of \$2014.70 (and a great deal of extra work) to ensure that all financial members had the opportunity to have a say in the decision making process. The GSDCV is entitled to govern our Club as required, and as an affiliate Club of the GSDCA, it is expected that this required governance is respected.

As the date for the renewal of our WUSV membership is in 2023, which was the subject of the SGM, and plans were in place to make a submission to the WUSV, there was absolutely no need to set a date so soon when it was known by the GSDCA that the GSDCV could not correctly advise its membership.

Subsequently the GSDCV wrote to the GSDCA Executive with an invoice attached asking for reimbursement of the costs involved. The response given was that the GSDCA Executive did not have the authority to pay the invoice. The GSDCV asks that the affiliate Clubs authorize the payment and reimburse the GSDCV membership for wasting their money.

20.6 Motion: **Moved GSDCV** Amendment to GSDCA Regulation 2.14.1

That Amendment be made to clause 2.14.1 of the GSDCA Regulations Manual with the following deletion and addition.

Current Motion

2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part 1) Puppy Test (2022).

The GSDCA will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part 1Puppy Test), effective February 2022 on a voluntary basis.

- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months. The ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test) shall be conducted as per the GSDCA ZAP Character Test Manual [version July 2020].
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a GSDCA certificate and a pass shall be added to the GSDCA Database for the information of breeders.
- An animal that fails may be presented one more time.

Rationale:

In 2022, the majority of GSDCA member clubs voted for the GSDCA to remain a member of the WUSV. With this in mind, we should now undertake to implement areas of the Harmonisation program that are achievable in Australia. This test is one area which is easily achievable and is a valuable tool for the uniform development of the German Shepherd Dog Breed and to consolidate and ensure the character and temperament as part of the breed's inherent working qualities is maintained. The ZAP Character Test is a very important part in evaluation of the German Shepherd Dog. It allows determination of behavioural characteristics and depending on the strengths/weaknesses displayed in each element, can be used in making future breeding decisions.

20.7 Motion: **Moved GSDCV** Nomination for GSDCV –Outstanding Canine Service Award – German Shepherd

Police Dog (PD) Zeus and Leading Senior Constable Knight

The GSDCV wishes to submit the following dog for acknowledgment at the 2023 GSD National.

Police Dog Zeus's birth date is 1/5/2016

Six years ago, Leading Senior Constable Knight, a police member for 22 years and a Dog Handler for 8 years, was teamed up with Police Dog (PD) Zeus and commenced novice training with him before qualifying and being attached to the East Team.

There have been many memorable moments in jobs including falling in muddy creeks, being dragged face down on muddy slopes, cats attaching themselves to Zeus's face, or even tracking for up to 70 mins and getting the arrest. They all make for an interesting career in dog handling.

PD Zeus is a very independent dog who has a high prey drive and a willingness to work. Even when the going gets tough and he looks exhausted, he will keep going if there is a track or wind scent to chase up. Not too long ago during what was his most successful night shift, he was responsible for 8 people being arrested in the one week, and all from tracking and searching.

The following are snap shots from some of the jobs attended by PD Zeus. They stand out because the offenders involved would never have been located, identified and held accountable without his amazing capabilities.

1. This incident is firmly imprinted in my mind because of the work we did to get the offender.
Offenders had entered the property in the early hours of Sunday morning. They stole a truck, motorbikes and a 1950's Porsche worth over \$150,000. They had all but escaped, but the driver of the Porsche stalled it at the end of the street and could not get it started again. A local divisional van doing one last patrol before knock off observed the Porsche stopped at an intersection with no one inside. One phone call later and the crime had been uncovered. A sharp eyed constable saw a person of interest who was now hurriedly walking away from the car. When they attempted to speak to him, he ran and disappeared somewhere along the security fencing to an old quarry. We attended about an hour later and PD Zeus quickly located the offender's exit point. There was a small depression in the ground and the bottom of the fence was pushed up slightly. I made my way under it on my belly but quickly realised we were in a blackberry thicket and a maze of blackberry tunnels doing its best to stop me at every turn. It was one of those days where you remind yourself "trust your dog" on repeat. After what seemed like an hour we were through the tunnel system, but confident we were going the right way. We had located items of clothing including both of the offenders runners now permanently wrapped up in blackberry vines as we worked our way through. I was now covered head to foot in mud and who knows what else but I didn't care as we were determined to locate the offender. Once clear of the hedge of blackberries, PD Zeus was becoming very frustrated with my lack of pace and was in a hunting track. It was like being behind a sled dog. I was constantly getting caught by ankle high blackberry vines but eventually cleared them into open paddocks. As it turns out, we were now in a disused quarry. PD Zeus led me to a pile of abandoned mining equipment and I could see that the track had ended and Zeus was now wind scenting. A short time later we located the offender who was looking worse for wear and near naked after his high speed jaunt through the blackberries!
2. Another task that stands out was when a multi break alarm was activated at the BMW dealership/service centre in Prahran at around 2.30am. Local units arrived on scene and observed a male in the rear of the showroom. The offender spotted police and ran around frantically looking for exit. A security guard arrived on scene allowing members entry to showroom. On hearing that police were entering the building I advised the patrol supervisor that due to the size of the complex, they should exit and hold an external cordon. I arrived on scene and deployed PD Zeus for a search. The building is very large with multiple underground levels. Over the course of an hour we systematically cleared all levels but could not locate the offender. I started to suspect that the offender had successfully made it out a back door before the cordon could be set up. PD Zeus kept wanting to return to the lower basement service department, so I took him back down to the area, at which time PD Zeus started to indicate at the door to a fan room. On entering the fan room, PD Zeus gave strong indications and started barking. There was nowhere to hide in this room so I started thinking the offender had somehow climbed inside of the industrial sized ventilation fan unit. There was no obvious way in and I was about to walk away but PD Zeus was still very animated, so I climbed on top of it and to my surprise, located an opening in the wall to the void space under the building. I looked through and using my torch could make out a dark object that was different to the soil approximately 20 metres from me and wedged in a crevice against the outer wall. I yelled out assuming that it was the offender and he eventually made his way to my location. He climbed out and was arrested without incident. It was a great lesson in relation to trusting the dog!
3. A stolen BMW X5 taken during an Aggravated Burglary and involved in several other Agg burgs, was being tracked by Dandenong Crime Unit. A person of interest likely to be in the vehicle was involved in High Harm,

High Impact offending including the use of this vehicle. The police helicopter was in the Caulfield area looking for the vehicle. It managed to get intermittent sightings as did other patrolling units but they were unable to maintain observations. Tracking showed the vehicle was now stationary and at the same time, there were multiple calls to Triple zero regarding two youths observed jumping fences in XXXXXX Road, the vehicle was confirmed to be stationary nearby where these calls were coming from. We were in the area in case the vehicle was abandoned. We attended the scene and PD Zeus was deployed for a track and search. PD Zeus gave indications of human scent in a rear yard where the two youths had been seen. PD Zeus indicated up the rear fence so we tracked over it in to XXXXXXXX Street with PD Zeus giving indications that the offenders had continued to jump side fences south in XXXXXXXX Street. While moving through rear yards, I spoke to a resident who confirmed seeing two boys run through their yard jumping fences south bound and PD Zeus gave indications through to the fence line of XXXXXXXX. The access on the side fence to number XX was dangerous for PD Zeus so went in to number XX, but PD Zeus was not giving any indications of fresh human scent. We returned to number XX, satisfied that the offenders had not moved beyond the property there and I scaled the side gate. Once PD Zeus reached the fence area where the offenders crossed, he again indicated the presence of human scent and commenced tracking. He dragged me to a large shed/workshop at the rear of the property and I challenged at the door and got no response. I then advised the police member with me to call all units to surround the property. PD Zeus became very animated but I could not see anyone in the shed and could not see anywhere that could hide two people. I again announced the presence of a Police Dog and sent PD Zeus in to the shed off lead to search. PD Zeus quickly honed in and indicated at the rear right of the shed where there appeared to be some small workshop machinery under covers. PD Zeus showed a lot of interest and started to try and push through the covers. I immediately called Zeus to my side and put him back on lead. The offenders, including the original person of interest, were located laying against the shed wall behind the machinery and were arrested without incident. This was a great result and drastically reduced high harm offending throughout the southern region for some time.

20.8 Motion: **Moved GSDCV Removal of an Obedience Judge from the GSDCA Preferred Performance Judges List**

That Mrs. Vyvyan Mannion (GSDCQ) be removed from the list of GSDCA Preferred Performance Judges.

Rationale:

Mrs. Mannion was contracted to judge CCD and Novice Obedience classes at the GSDCA National Show & Trial held in Sydney in 2022. The judging standard exhibited by Mrs Mannion at this event was below what is expected from judges contracted for our premiere trial, or any trial. It appeared that she did not have a clear understanding of the rules, as some exercises were not judged/executed accordingly. On at least one occasion, a competitor who should have passed was failed because of this. When competitors mentioned her deviation from the rules to her, she dismissed their concerns. Our Obedience fraternity put a lot of time, effort and money into bringing a dog to compete at our premiere trialing event. They deserve to be judged by the best judges available.

21 Other Matters referred to the AGM

21.1 NIL

22 General Business

22.1 Discussion item – 51st National Show & Trial

Victoria was due to host this National but are hosting the 49th National as Queensland are presently not on the National rotation. Discussions need to take place as to which Club wants to and is willing to host the 51st National.

22.2 Discussion item - Change of rates – Quarterly National Review

As a result of the reduction in rates for general advertising in the Quarterly National Review, it is proposed that from this meeting, the following rates are adjusted to align with the current advertising fee more closely:

Front Cover: \$130 (Currently \$225 Non-Advertising)

Back Cover: \$115 (currently Non-Advertising)

Full Page: \$165

Annual advertising package: For the same copy in 4 editions for Full, Half or Quarter pages a discount of 10% will apply

Other advertising spaces available on request. Non-Members and/or Commercial Rates available upon request

Justification: Advertising in print media is increasingly threatened by the capacity of advertisers to access other forms of promotion at little or no charge. Advertising revenue supports the QNR and individual members to promote their animals in a lasting manner.

23 60th GSDCA Annual General Meeting - 2022

Year	Annual General Meeting	National Breed Commission Meeting
2016	ADELAIDE	SYDNEY
2017	MELBOURNE	ADELAIDE
2018	SYDNEY	MELBOURNE
2019	ADELAIDE	SYDNEY
2020	MELBOURNE	ADELAIDE (cancelled due to Covid' 19)
2021	Via video link (Sydney)	Held video link (Melbourne)
2022	Via video link (Adelaide)	Video Link (Sydney)
2023	Via video link (Melbourne)	ADELAIDE – TBC if face to face
2024	To be confirmed whether via video link or in Sydney	MELBOURNE – TBC if face to face

Future Venues for NBC & JC Meetings to be confirmed whether held via video link or face to face.

The 63rd GSDCA Annual General Meeting will be held on the 3rd and 4th February 2024 and is to be confirmed whether via video link or physically in Melbourne.

Meeting Closed at :.....

Resume for GSDCA SECRETARY – MR PAUL YORK



My involvement with the German Shepherd Dog began in 1981 with the purchase of my first Shepherd. Since that day my love of the breed has only grown.

Throughout my forty year journey with the German Shepherd, I have been fortunate to be able to import (in partnership) some wonderful animals from Europe. VA Mischalands Calvin was my first followed by As Du Domaine Du Val D'Aulnoy (Silver Medalist Sydney) and most recently Ypsilon Di Cassa Caputi.

The objective of importing bloodlines has always been to improve my breeding program and like all of you, I have encountered the highs and lows, the heartbreak and joys of being a dog breeder. All of this has led to successes such as having the good fortune to have bred some wonderful dogs, including National medal winners and National Class winners. All who remain with me until their natural end comes.

My club involvement has included several committee positions with NHRGSDC serving several years as Treasurer, and then Secretary. Currently President of the NHRGSDC . My wife and myself were both honoured in 2020 by being made Life Members of the Newcastle Club. This is an honour that we both cherish.

The roles I have undertaken have provided me with insights into the challenges that clubs across the country face at several levels – be it running a show, trying to remain financially viable, managing relationships with DOGS NSW as secretary or setting a strategic direction that will insure growth and resilience for my club. All of this experience and many other skills would be available to the role of secretary of GSDCA should I be elected.

In my day to day life, I work for a Multi-National Electrical Manufacturing Company, Eaton. Eaton are a fortune 500 USA Company based in Cleveland. They have a turnover in excess of 20 billion Dollars a year. I manage a \$20Mil segment of that business based in Australia. I am lucky to be able to work from home, and by managing my workload efficiently, I have the luxury of time with my dogs and the capacity to contribute to National Council as and when required.

My motivation for seeking your support comes from a review of the landscape in which we find ourselves at the present time. Across the country, we are again being threatened by the legislative process, with law and regulation being developed in each state that will ultimately threaten our activities. Most recently, NSW has witnessed an assault from the Animal Justice Party that has sought to label us as “puppy farmers” and attempted to impose draconian measures that would have made it impossible to continue as breeders. We are still not out of the woods yet, but some progress has been made. The outcome of the Victorian legislation leaves us in no doubt as to the objectives of minority political groups with a single agenda.

Going forward, I argue that strong leadership and constant vigilance is the only option for us and I would make this a priority of my service. I strongly support animal welfare, what I do not support is ill informed, emotive campaigns that threaten us, whether they are in NSW or anywhere else across the country. We have rights that need to be defended.

Over the past three years, the other main issue that has caused disunity has been the requirements of Harmonisation. The WUSV demands for compliance are nothing new, but as an organization, we failed to fully appreciate, as far back as 2011, what these would mean for us. A great deal of work has been done to resolve the discord, but much remains. I would work to support any resolution that is respectful of both organisations. Noting that as a democratic organization, our members will have the final voice in what is implemented in Australia. Australia has been a world leader in the implementation of health schemes, has developed amazing resources and tools to develop and advance the standing of our breed.

Similarly, Germany has been an outstanding custodian of the German Shepherd Dog. With some goodwill we could move forward collaboratively and this would be my objective as secretary – to support the development of compromise that is acceptable to our members

Thank you

Resume for GSDCA SECRETARY – MRS JANET HAASE



My involvement with German Shepherds started in 1975 when we bought our first German Shepherd puppy, Coeus Anita. Our interest in obedience, showing and breeding was encouraged by a committed group of enthusiasts at the Malvern Branch in Victoria.

Walter Reimann took us under his wing and helped us purchase Dina vom Reststrauch and Condor von Arminius, the foundation animals of our kennel, Hasenway. He instilled in us a strong commitment to breed improvement and its associated schemes. We have been privileged to own, show, and breed a number of highly successful dogs; Hasenway Putz, Dorsten Monte Cito and most recently Zicke von Feuermelder and Macho vom Lamorak.

I love my dogs. They are an integral part of our family. I love having them with me; walking them, training them, and making sure they have an active, stimulating life. It's a daily pleasure to take them on adventures, to the beach, the bush, or the coffee shop. Last year I completed an introductory scent work course with Macho.

I have held a variety of club positions over the years at state and National level giving me a clear understanding of the workings of National Council. The roles I've held include Vice President of the GSDCV, branch manager, branch secretary, show committee member, National Breed Survey Registrar for three years, editorial team member for the Quarterly National Review. I am currently President of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania.

Val Moody and Lyn Phyllis have both been extraordinary secretaries of the GSDCA. Very big shoes to fill! I know I can rely on their guidance and assistance to support me to maintain the high standard they've established.

I am confident I have the skills and experience to take on the role of secretary. I am organised, efficient, confidential, and capable. I develop good working relationships with colleagues and can step aside from personal views to provide fair and balanced opinions. I look forward to working with the executive and clubs across Australia to provide effective, timely communication and administration. My loyalty will always be to the breed, the ideals of Council and its member clubs.

I am retired and have the time and skills to take on a more active role within National Council. The skills and knowledge I gained during my career as a teacher, school principal, school district director and school reviewer will support me fulfil the role effectively.

For me it's time to give back to the breed that has given me so much.

I wish all the candidates for positions in 2022 the best of luck.

Resume for Obedience Committee Chairperson – MR JOHN DE LUCIA



I have been a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of S.A. for over 35 years and have served on the committee of the Club for a good part of those years.

I had the honour of Life Membership bestowed upon me in 2004 and was deeply humbled when in 2004, I was the recipient of a GSDCA Service Award

Positions that I have held have been:

- President GSDCSA (24 years),
- First Vice President,
- Grounds Manager,
- Fundraising and Shepherd News Editor.

I am a qualified obedience instructor and still actively instruct obedience classes at the club. I am also the “go-to” person for problem dogs having also been the head trainer for a number of years.

Through my long history with the club holding various positions, I have an extensive knowledge of the workings of both the GSDCA and the member clubs. I have participated in most Obedience Council Meetings which were held over the past 20 years and have been involved with Council Working Parties established to formulate an obedience test to bring to all clubs. During my term on Council as the Obedience Chairperson, I oversaw the implementation of the Character and Working Assessment which has been taken up by a number of clubs which is pleasing.

I have served on the Dogs SA Obedience Council in the past and am currently a Dogs SA Councillor. I was involved with the organisation of the Inaugural Obedience Trial for Dogs SA which was held at the Wayville Showgrounds. I also organised the most successful and profitable State Obedience Trial for Dogs SA which was held indoors at the cycling velodrome State sports park.

I have liaised with officials on local and state government levels seeking to actively promote and protect the breed from breed specific legislation and unnecessary restrictions.

I believe the position of Obedience Committee Chairperson should not be quantified by those candidates actively involved in obedience trialing. I believe that it is a position that requires an understanding of obedience. Paramount is having an animal that is sociable and therefore accepted by members of the general public which is vital in these political times of correctness and change.

I hope that you will support my nomination for this position once again

Resume for Obedience Committee Chairperson - MR ALASTAIR HENDERSON



I put myself forward as a candidate for the position of GSDCA Obedience Chairperson as I am confident that I have the experience and knowledge needed to fulfill the requirements of this role, and to adequately represent our trialling fraternity. I would be grateful if you consider my nomination as worthy of support.

As you will see below, I have actively participated and supported both conformation and the performance disciplines over many years, and have a clear understanding of the intricacies of all disciplines.

I was first initiated into the dog world about 40 years ago when I was given a pedigree Collie which I started to show. While exhibiting Collies I became interested in German Shepherd Dogs and soon started attending speciality shows and found myself handling German Shepherds for many of the top Australian kennels. I have also handled in the UK and New Zealand

Along with my wife Fiona, we bred a number of litters under the 'ALLINKA' prefix. Progeny from these litters have succeeded in gaining Excellent Select, many Excellents, 'AZ' stamps, Breed Survey classifications, in show awards and obedience titles.

I have imported a couple of male German Shepherd Dogs, and recently the female Ica Von der Zenteiche for breeding, showing, and performance disciplines.

Since obtaining my licence as a GSD Conformation Judge in 1988, I have judged in all states of Australia, both islands of New Zealand on a number of occasions, and also China, Taiwan, Philippines, and 2019 in Finland.

I qualified as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor in 1996, and have Surveyed dogs in Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Over the years I have held various positions within the GSDCV including Tattoo Officer, Show Manager and Assistant Breed Affairs Chairperson. Currently I hold the positions of Branch Manager, Show Training Administrator, Show Training Instructor, State Breed Survey Coordinator and State ZAP Coordinator.

I am very keen to support the working aspect of German Shepherd Dogs and have trained and titled my own dogs in various disciplines, including Obedience, Tracking, Track and Search and Endurance. I have also won two Dual Performance Trophies at the GSDCA National Show/Obedience Trials. I continue to be active in all these areas and am currently training my bitch, Ica Von der Zenteiche to compete in Obedience and Tracking.

In 2021 I qualified as an ANKC Endurance Test Judge and have since adjudicated at two Endurance Tests.

I travel regularly overseas and while there have taken the time to attend Shows, Breed Surveys, ZAP assessments, and various training Clubs.

I believe we should strive to showcase the German Shepherd Dog as an all-round working animal, demonstrating not only its physical beauty, but also its working ability and strength of character. In my opinion, the position of GSDCA Obedience Chairperson requires someone who is actively involved and genuinely interested in the working aspect of our breed, combined with conformation and breed improvement.

I am confident that my credentials support my nomination for the role of GSDCA Obedience Chair, and trust you will support my ambition to energize and further develop the role for the benefit of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.