

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.

Proposed Motion

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

A pass in the working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test) shall be a pre-requisite for Breed Survey effective from 1 January 2024.

- 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.