

# GDCCNC Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2009

**Location: Home of Pam and Rick Blackmon, Clayton, NC**

## Attendance / Roll Call: 9 Members in Attendance

- John Rider – President
- Wanda Hepler – Recording Secretary
- Chris Hepler – Corresponding Secretary
- Sandy Hann – Treasurer
- Pam Blackmon – Board Member
- Patty Thomas – Member
- Jim Hann – Member
- Rick Blackmon – Member
- Amy Dean – Member

## Meeting Called to order by John Rider at 2:49 PM

- The November 8 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Chris Hepler and seconded by Pam Blackmon. The minutes passed as read.

## Report from the President – John Rider

- We achieved all of our goals in 2009 except for adding \$500.00 to the GDCCNC Checking Account Balance. John will review the 2008 goals and make any necessary adjustments for 2009 and provide them to the club for review and consideration.
- John recognized every family who achieved a title or championship in 2008 that responded to his email inquiry sent out to club members in November. A certificate of acknowledgement and achievement was presented to the following families;
  - Dean Family – CH Alyeska's Big Bang v. Dogma
  - Thomas/Rider Family – SierraDanes Mask of Zorro CDX RE
  - Lyon Family – CH Lyonhearts Guardian of the Forest

John asked if any other club members received a title that was not recognized. **Wanda Hepler** said that she believed **Kaye Gallagher** and Diva may have received a title in 2008. John said that he did research on the GDCA website to search for additional club members who obtained titles but that the information was difficult to obtain unless the dog's name was familiar to him. The recognition was well received by the group and we would like to consider expanding it next year.

- **Rick Blackmon** donated trophy/ recognition plaques to the club for use in the future. While he had the floor, Rick also suggested that we hold a carwash as a fund raiser in the future and re-sell old cell phones.

## Report from the Corresponding Secretary – Chris Hepler

- Chris asked all club members to update their email address if there has been a change. This will ensure receipt of important club communications.

### Recording Secretary – Wanda Hepler

- No Report

### Report from the Treasurer – Sandy Hann

- Money taken in at November Meeting: \$100 Membership Dues, \$50.00 Gripes and Grins
- Expenses: Insurance - \$265.00
- Current Balance: \$1285.78

Two checks were cut for insurance payment, but they were returned unpaid. A third check was issued and sent to the broker, Bob Caswell. There was no lapse in coverage.

- **Sandy Hann** plans to send out a dues notification to all members by email no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. Payments will be considered late after April 1.

### Committee Reports

- **A Match** – John Rider announced that as Match Secretary, he received a letter from the AKC granting us approval to hold the A Match, March 20, 2009. A meeting was scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> to immediately follow the general meeting, but no meeting was held due to time constraints.
- **Nominating Committee** – **Chris Hepler**, Corresponding Secretary, did not receive any correspondence from additional members who were interested in running for office. **Pam Blackmon** made a motion to accept and approve the slate of officers into office effective immediately and **Chris Hepler** seconded the motion.
- **2009 Elected Officers**
  - President – John Rider
  - Vice President – Chris Hepler
  - Treasurer – Sandy Hann
  - Corresponding Secretary – Wanda Hepler
  - Recording Secretary – Patty Thomas
  - Board Member – Amy Dean
  - Board Member – Kay Gallagher

**John Rider** recognized and thanked the Board Members who will no longer be serving on the board for their faithful service: Pam Blackmon, Mike Morse, and Neil Dean.

### Membership – Wanda Hepler

The applications were read for the following Candidate Members:

- Linda Osborne, VA (Associate Member)
- Alice and Devon Corrigan, VA (Associate Member)
- Christy and Matt Balazs, NC (Regular Member)
- John and Jen DeVaney, VA (Associate Member)

The Candidate Member's names will be posted in the upcoming Newsletter and they will be voted on at the next club meeting.

- Shannon and Steven Buchlew's application was not reviewed because the application was not available for this meeting.
- Amanda, Linda and Theodore Benton's application was available, but they did not secure the required sponsorship, so their application was deemed incomplete. Previously, they paid dues and a membership application fee. The Corresponding Secretary, **Wanda Hepler** will insure they receive a refund in the amount of \$20.00 for the dues and provide notification that their application was incomplete and lacked sponsorship. They will be invited to apply again at a later date once they obtain sponsorship.
- **Follow Up on Renewals** - Amy Harris is not going to be renewing her membership due to health reasons. Cornelia Todd plans to renew her membership in 2009.

### Unfinished Business

- **Hann Family Donation** – **Pam Blackmon** reported that a group of glass items was selected from the donation to be used as special prizes for the upcoming A Match. She suggested that we hold a private auction open to club members January 15 – February 15 for the purchase of the remaining items. A considerable amount of crystal and silver is included in the donation. Several of the pieces have Great Dane Etching. During the auction, club members will be able to view the items available online and place bids. In addition, appointments can be made to see the items in person during open bidding. The person with the highest bid will be awarded the item. Reserve Bids will be held on some of the more expensive items. Winners will be required to pay for shipping if they choose to have their item shipped. Any items leftover will be considered for future events or may be auctioned on Ebay. **John Rider** made a motion to approve the private auction and **Chris Hepler** seconded. **Pam Blackmon** will be coordinating the bid process. All of the proceeds from the auction will return to the club.
- **GDCA 2009 National Commitment** – **John Rider** did some research about the cost and level of interest for the nametags. The SE Division was interested in the idea and John found a quote for 600 name tags for about \$300.00. Several club members suggested that each individual should be responsible for writing their own name on the name tag. John suggested that we include our club logo on the name tag. John will do some detailed name tag shopping. **Wanda Hepler** plans to do some research as well.

### New Business

- **Club Event Schedule** - **John Rider** provided a tentative 2009 Club Schedule for group discussion. The group decided to go ahead with the tentative schedule for now. The schedule will be modified based on upcoming information and expected entry at dog shows. John also opened up discussion about the location to hold club meetings. The group decided to continue to hold most regular meetings at the 40/42 Golden Corral, Clayton, NC location until further notice.
- **2nd A Match for 2009** – The group would like to consider holding our 2nd A Match in conjunction with the Raleigh, Labor Day Shows. Patty Thomas will contact the AKC to see if that date will be accepted within their 6 month guidelines. Additional venues and dates were discussed as possibilities. In addition, John Rider stated that we need to identify a Match Chair for the 2nd Match in the near future.

- **Booth Space at the 2009 National** – Pam Blackmon reported that at this time no location has been identified for additional vendors. **Pam** is continuing to follow up on this project with the SE Division Contact.
- **Website updates** – No one has contact information for Bev Bozeman, **Chris Hepler** will follow up with Paul at Great Danes Online to reset our password for the website. **John Rider** volunteered to update the site.

### Gripes and Grins

- **Wanda Hepler** announced that Raintree Dixie Sweet Iced Tea v Winterlochen took a 3 point major at the Winston Salem Show at 15 months of age. She is owned by Wanda Hepler, Lori Cornelius and Pam DeLoria.
- **John Rider** complained about Tango's veterinarian's poor bedside manner.
- **Amy Dean** complained about someone else using her Dogma kennel name.

Chris Hepler moved the meeting be adjourned. Jim Hann seconded the motion. **Meeting was adjourned at 4:14PM.**

John Rider 2/16/09  
PRESIDENT  
Wanda Hepler CO-SECRET