

**GDCCNC Meeting Minutes for September 4th, 2011**

**Location: Raleigh Fairgrounds, Raleigh Dog Show, Raleigh, NC**

**Attendance/Roll Call**

- Chris Hepler, President
  - Pam Blackmon, Vice President
  - Christy Balazs, Corresponding Secretary
  - Wanda Hepler, Recording Secretary
  - John Rider, Treasurer
  - Richard, McMillion – Board member
  - Trace and Aaliyah Cyr-McMillon
  - Amy Dean-Board member
  - Patty Thomas
  - Phyllis Lyon
- Darlene Bergan  
Terri Dillistin-Guest  
Memory Armstrong

**Meeting called to order by Chris Hepler 10:47 AM**

**Please sign the roster being passed around.**

**Reading of Minutes:** Reading of the GDCCNC Meeting Minutes from August 13th 2011.

- Chris Hepler noted to include the entire Grin from Christy Balazs.
- Motion to approve the minutes with corrections by Pam Blackmon, seconded by Memory Armstrong. All in Favor – minutes approved with Correction.

**Report from President: Chris Hepler**

Chris wanted to give a Big Thank you to Pam Blackmon and Phyllis Lyon and Christy Balazs for working hard to make our Sweepstakes run so smoothly and caring for our Judge. Congratulations for the wonderful Trophies, Prizes donated for a successful Sweepstakes.

**Report from Corresponding Secretary: Christy Balazs-** no report

**Report from Recording Secretary: Wanda Hepler-** no report

**Report from Treasurer: John Rider**

- No changes to account but noted the ending balance appears incorrect. He will follow-up later.

**Report from Committees:**

**Supported Entries Spring March 2012 Chris Hepler Chairperson**

**Events:** No Fall Meet and Greet.

**Membership: Christy Balazs-** No new members.

New guest – Moved here from California- Terri Dillistin shows Harlequins.

- Pam Blackmon received member's dues at the show yesterday.
- Avery Hester and Angela Shue- paid in cash 2011 dues.
- Gavin Britz –paid in cash for 2 years. 2011 and 2012.

PRELIMINARY FOR REVIEW

- Cornelia Todd Walker paid with a check- **2011**.  
Money was given to John Rider.

**Ways and Means: Pam Blackmon** –Thanks everyone that donated prizes and those volunteering the time.

**Rescue: Brittany West-** none- Absent

**Election of New members: none**

**Supported Entries March 2012-**

Chris Hepler opened by stating we need to move quickly on our sweepstakes and specialty judges as we move toward the future. We were unable to utilize the judge selection procedure because of pressing deadlines. Other club's are three years ahead for their sweeps and specialty judges. We missed the 3/12 breed judge because of timing as we sit here today have a deadline by Monday to vote on our Sweeps judge.

- The Bob Bubsy suggested judge was Deb Tolie. She has agreed to judge. What is the accepted procedure, lodging etc; as a club do we want to offer?
- Darlene Bergan stated their sweeps judges were given one night stay, one meal and today our club gave \$200.00 for this sweeps judge.
- Motioned by Chris Hepler to offer \$200.00 for a sweepstakes judge and they can use this money for lodging etc. Seconded by Memory Armstrong. Motioned passed.
- Sweepstakes judges suggested for back up from the floor Loraine Rainwater from western part of NC.
- Three motions on the floor 1) offer sweeps to Maine judge. 2) Colleen Assell Temira-Pam said she declined because of puppies being shown. Darlene Began states you want handlers to bring the dogs. 3) Loraine Raintree.
- Christy Balazs suggested Amy Dean to judge our March 2012 Sweepstakes since we have a pressing timeline. Amy Dean accepted.
- Christy Balazs to volunteer Amy Dean to judge our March 2012 sweepstakes, seconded by Patty Thomas, All in favor. Motioned passed.
- Christy will send in the papers to AKC. Chris Hepler will call DKC Connie Howard with information for premium.
- New need a Specialty chairperson for 3/13 now, Christy Balazs will email club asking for volunteers.

**Unfinished Business:**

Judges Selection Procedure: At our last meeting, John Rider-chairperson was absent; we tabled the discussion about suggesting changes to the JSP until this meeting- opened for discussion from the floor.

- The changes in verbiage-remove "Futurity" from the procedure -we will never have one.
- Judges being selected every three years stays but once the judge is selected or cannot do our event name goes to the bottom.
- Judges cannot do the same assignment in 4 years- remove.
- When new judges are added in three years their names go to the bottom.
- A member in good standing "with" GDCCNC.
- Add rule that the Judges committee Chairperson cannot show that day.

PRELIMINARY FOR REVIEW

- Rule for how often you change members of the Judges Committee.
- Motioned by Chris Hepler for John Rider update changes made to Judges Selection Procedure as suggested by members today and send out to all members for review. At next meeting vote on changes made JSP, Seconded by Pam Blackmon. Motioned passed.
- Patty Thomas made a point that we need to make sure our club members can express their choice in voting without influence.

Expansion Letter-Chris Hepler-no news

Specialty Match Fall 2012 update-Amy Dean

- Darlene Bergan suggested moving quickly when we have a judge and start advertising this match and other events on Dane Review and GDCA. They advertise for free.
- Darlene also noted having a specialty on Saturday and Sunday –she does not like the idea of night showing.
- Amy Dean will ask for volunteers from the club to put together her committee.
- The Club members agree an independent show is not an option with our young club.

Tax update: John Rider- Chris Hepler needs to scan the articles of incorporation of the club to proceed.

**New Business:**

- Phyllis Lyon will consider volunteering as Nominating chairpersons for 2012 Board of Directors. She will check her schedule. Chairperson cannot be on the board. Chris will email club for volunteers if Phyllis Lyon does not volunteer.
- Darlene Bergan suggested a club teleconference with an experienced speaker that will give our club advice and experience as our club moves toward specialty etc.
- Club agrees on a week night would be better to have the teleconference. Darlene will contact Chris Hepler with speaker, time information then send out to the club.
- Richard Cyr-McMillon will send out the GDCA Club affiliate judge's 2013 ballot to the club.
- Christy Balazs will update new members list with the newly voted in associate members to regular members then sent out to the board. (Darlene Bergan, Memory Armstrong, Phyllis and Bill Lyon) also include the members that have paid dues today.
- Terri Dillistin -new guest would like to be included on the club emails for future events etc. We will send her the Facebook invite as well. She lives in Oxford, NC.

**Reading Membership Application:** none

**Gripes and Grins:** Ch Valhalla's Ascent at Rochford went BISS at the Great Dane Club of Milwaukee, and then followed the next week by going Best in Show under Judge Keke Kahn! "Sierra" was bred by Darlene Bergan and Sara Wooten

**Motion to Adjourn by Amy Dean and seconded by Chris Hepler. Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm**

Next meeting: October 1st, 2011 on Saturday at 11:00 at South Point Mall in Durham, NC, in the food court.

Minutes transcribed by Wanda Hepler, Recording Secretary

Minutes submitted Chris Hepler, Christy Balazs.

Cc/Wanda Hepler