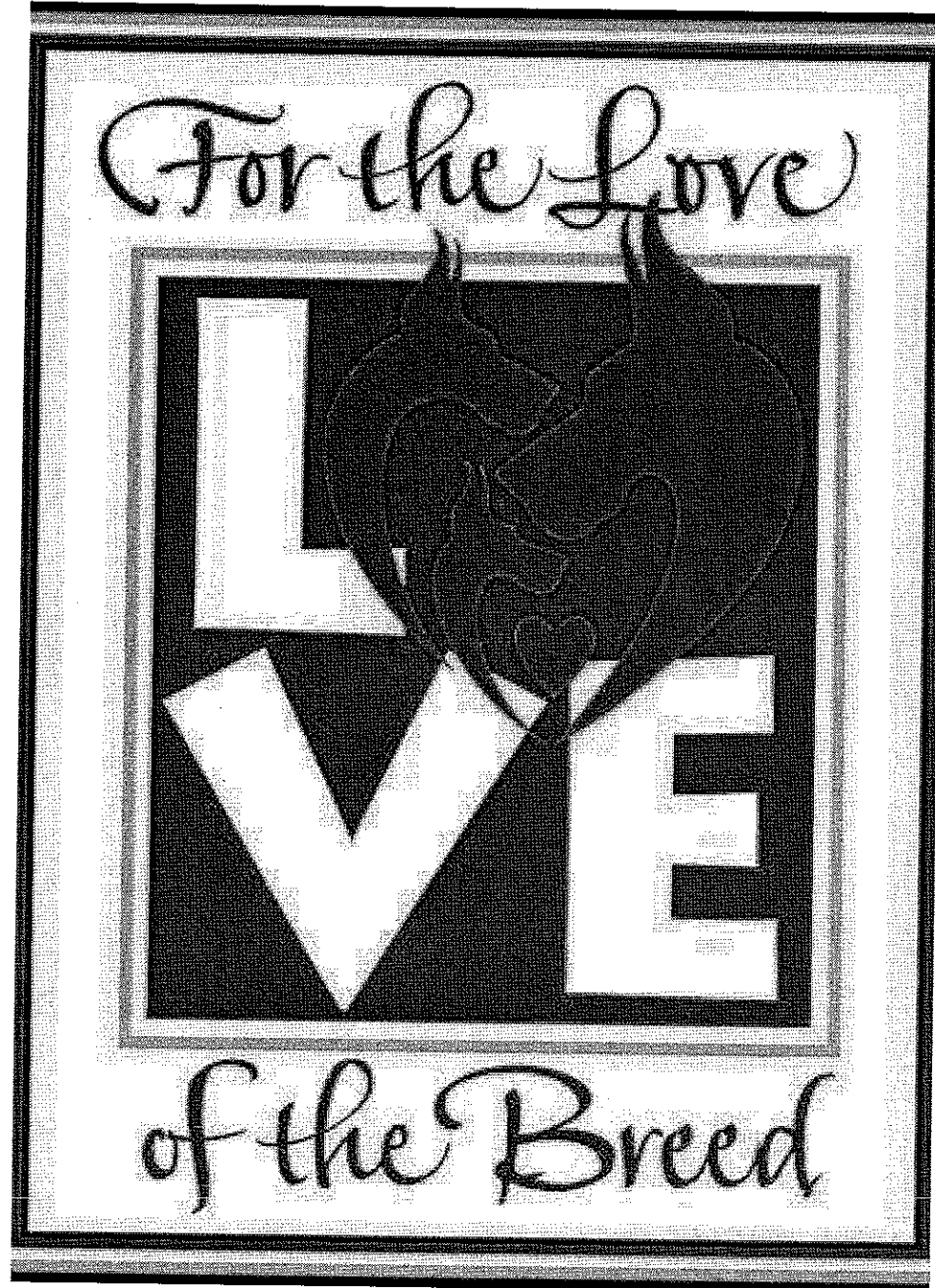


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Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Minutes of the January 18, 2012
Membership Meeting
Merchants House
4 Little Falls Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by President Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (14): Cathy Dlugosz, Mary Fran Cini, Kira Wright, Jeffrey Ball, Ken Bocian, Diane Bocian, David Litke, Zuzanna Zajdel-Kounin, Deema Kounin, Rose Ann Tucker, Carol Farro, Gay Ann Wayne, Betsy Ball and Jean Snyder.

Guests in attendance (3): Jack Keenan, Carol Keenan and Matt Slattery.

I. Minutes - The Minutes of the December Meeting were tabled.

II. Corresponding Secretary - Mary Fran received the GDCA Bulletin and distributed some copies to interested members.

III. Recording Secretary - No report.

IV. Treasurer - Diane reported that the GDCA and Sportsmen's Insurance cashed our checks leaving a balance of \$2732.42 and that six (6) people have not paid their dues. She also noted that Valley National Bank will be instituting a Service Charge on dual signatures on checking accounts. It was decided to keep the dual signatures since we write so few checks. Jeffrey asked Diane to check on the Club's tax filing status.

V. Committee Reports:

Therapy - Kira distributed the "Bright and Beautiful" Therapy Dog Test to the members along with a Pre-Test Quiz. She has been asked to conduct Therapy and CGC Testing on June 10, 2012 at the Club's Match Show.

Rescue - MAGDRL will be at the Super Pet Expo on February 10, 11, and 12 and also at Rockland County on February 25 and 26 where they will have a table. Mary Fran reminded everyone to renew their membership in MAGDRL by February 3, 2012.

Health & Welfare - The Red Cross CPR/First Aid Course will be given on 1/22/2012. Fourteen people have signed up for the course.

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Match Show - The Club's Match Show will be held on June 10, 2012 at the Montville Community Park.

Fund Raiser - Cathy reported that the iGive account has a balance of \$484.75. A Garage Sale will be held on April 21, 2012 with a rain date of April 28, 2012 at the home of Carol Farro. Carol will get the permit.

Membership - Jeffrey will send letters to those members who have not as yet paid their dues. As of this date, we have 48 members. A special Club meeting will be held on 1/22/2012 (after the Red Cross Course) to discuss the GDCA National Specialty on October 19-26, 2013 and our Club's participation. The meeting is scheduled for 4:00pm at the Merchant House Tavern.

VI. New Business:

The Board met and formulated the following Calendar of Events for 2012:

January - Red Cross CPR/First Aid Course
March - Eye Clinic
April - Garage Sale
June - Match Show & Therapy/CGC Testing
November - Photos with Santa
December - Holiday Party

We hope to fill in the other months with Speakers and Lecturers.

There being no further business, Diane moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mary Fran and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Snyder

Jean Snyder
Recording Secretary



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Memorandum for AKC BOD and AKC Delegates Subject: Group Realignment - The time has come

In October, 2007, the AKC Board of Directors appointed a committee to evaluate the existing alignment of breeds within the seven variety groups and determine if a different alignment would better serve the Sport.

In 2009, the committee reported its recommendations to expand the number of groups from seven to ten and to move breeds from the current groups to the new groups. The proposal was scheduled to be voted on at the March 2010 Delegate meeting.

At the March, 2010 Delegate meeting, the Committee recommended that the proposal be referred back to the BOD, as additional information had rendered a vote premature. The BOD subsequently referred the action back to a re-formed Realignment committee, which began its work in 2010.

In accomplishing its task the Realignment Committee met in person, via conference call and through email coordination. In its study, the committee considered the current groupings, the previous comments from all stakeholders, the development of AKC record keeping and event management software, the numbers of breeds in the recognition pipeline and AKC plans for streamlining the breed recognition process, and the parallel work of the AKC Judging Approval Process committee. A composite of Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers) that provide detail is included in this summary. Significant changes in the Groups include splitting the Working Group into three groups, the Hound Group into two groups and the Sporting Group into two groups. A listing of proposed Groups as well as a suggested composition is included in this summary.

Note that this is a two-step process. The first step will be the approval by the Delegate Body for the addition of four groups. The Board of Directors will then be tasked with the placement of breeds within those groups. It is expected that the reasoned input of the fancy will be an integral part of the placement. The committee recommends the addition of four groups to the listing currently in place (7 groups). This change which requires Delegate approval to amend Chapter 3, Sections 1, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20, and Chapter 6, Section 3 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Concurrently, the committee notes that it may be useful to remove the reference to the number of groups from all of the above sections, except Chapter 3, Section 1. In addition, Chapter 2 of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline refers to the number of groups, and would require Delegate approval to amend. The committee, by submission of this report, requests the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club, in accordance with Article XX of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, propose and submit the necessary amendments to the Delegate body, to be read at the December, 2011 meeting of the Delegate Body, published in two issues of AKC Gazette, and voted upon at the March, 2012 meeting of the Delegate Body.

The Realignment Committee

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The Groups – projections with breeds currently in the Groups, Miscellaneous Class *and Foundation Stock Service* (numbers based on inclusion of new breeds and some movement within the groups, as some breeds are recommended for reassignment)

Group 1: Sporting – Pointers & Setters (18 breeds)

Bracco Italiano
Brittany
Drentsche Patrijshond
Pointer
Pointer (German Shorthaired)
Pointer (German Wirehaired)
Portuguese Pointer
Setter (English)
Setter (Gordon)
Setter (Irish)
Setter (Irish Red & White)
Small Muenstenlander Pointer
Spinone Italiano
Stabyhoun
Vizsla
Weimaraner
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon
Wirehaired Vizsla

Group 2: Sporting - Retrievers & Spaniels (21 breeds/varieties)

Barbet
Koolkerhondje
Lagotto Romagnolo
Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)
Retriever (Curly-Coated)
Retriever (Flat-Coated)
Retriever (Golden)
Retriever (Labrador)
Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)
Spaniel (American Water)
Spaniel (Boykin)
Spaniel (Clumber)
Spaniel (Cocker) ASCOB
Spaniel (Cocker) Black
Spaniel (Cocker) Parti-color
Spaniel (English Cocker)
Spaniel (English Springer)
Spaniel (Field)
Spaniel (Irish Water)
Spaniel (Sussex)
Spaniel (Welsh Springer)

Group 3: Scent Hounds (21 breeds/varieties)

American Foxhound
American English Coonhound
Basset Hound
Beagle (13 in)
Beagle (15 in)
Black & Tan Coonhound
Bloodhound
Bluetick Coonhound
Dachshund (Longhaired)
Dachshund (Smooth)
Dachshund (Wirehaired)
English Foxhound
Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen
Harrier
Otterhound
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
Plott
Portugese Podengo Pequeno
Redbone Coonhound
Treeing Tennessee Brindle
Treeing Walker Coonhound

Group 4: Sight Hounds (15 breeds)

Afghan Hound
Azawakh
Basenji
Borzoi
Cirneco dell'Etna
Greyhound
Ibizan Hound
Irish Wolfhound
Italian Greyhound
Pharoah Hound
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Saluki
Scottish Deerhound
Sloughi
Whippet

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Group 5: Working-Utility (19 breeds)

Anatolian Shepherd
Appenzeller Sennenhunde
Bergamasco
Bernese Mtn. Dog
Black Russian Terrier
Dalmatian
Doberman Pinscher
German Pinscher
Giant Schnauzer
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Great Pyrenees
Entlebucher Mountain Dog
Komondor
Kuvasz
Newfoundland
Portuguese Water Dog
Saint Bernard
Slovensky Cuvac
Standard Schnauzer

Group 6: Working-Mollosser (20 breeds)

Boerboel
Boxer
Bullmastiff
Cane Corso
Caucasian Ovcharka
Central Asian Shepherd Dog
Chinook
Dogo Argentino
Dogue De Bordeaux
Estrela Mountain Dog
Great Dane
Leonberger
Mastiff
Neapolitan Mastiff
Perro de Presa Canario
Rafeiro Do Alentejo
Rottweiler
Spanish Mastiff
Tibetan Mastiff
Tosa

Group 7: Working-Spitz (24 breeds)

Akita
Alaskan Malamute
American Eskimo Dog
Chinese Shar-Pei
Chow Chow
Eurasier
Finnish Lapphund

Finnish Spitz
German Spitz
Icelandic Sheepdog
Jindo
Kai Ken
Karelean Bear Dog
Keeshond
Kishu Ken
Norrbottenspets
Norwegian Buhund
Norwegian Elkhound
Norwegian Lundehund
Samoyed
Schipperke
Siberian Husky
Shiba Inu
Swedish Vallhund

Group 8: Terriers (31 Breeds/varieties)

Airedale Terrier
American Staffordshire Terrier
Australian Terrier
Bedlington Terrier
Border Terrier
Bull Terrier (Colored)
Bull Terrier (White)
Cairn Terrier
Cesky Terrier
Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Fox Terrier (Smooth)
Fox Terrier (Wire)
Glen of Imaal Terrier
Irish Terrier
Kerry Blue Terrier
Lakeland Terrier
Manchester Terrier (Standard)
Miniature Bull Terrier
Miniature Schnauzer
Norfolk Terrier
Norwich Terrier
Parson Russell Terrier
Rat Terrier
Russell Terrier
Scottish Terrier
Sealyham Terrier
Skye Terrier
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Welsh Terrier
West Highland White Terrier

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Group 9: Toy

(23 breeds/varieties)

Affenpinscher
Brussels Griffon
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua (Long Coat)
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)
Chinese Crested
English Toy Spaniel (B& PC)
English Toy Spaniel (KC & R)
Havanese
Japanese Chin
Maltese
Manchester Terrier (Toy)
Miniature Pinscher
Papillon
Pekingese
Pomeranian
Poodle (Toy)
Pug
Russian Toy
Shih Tzu
Silky Terrier
Toy Fox Terrier
Yorkshire Terrier

Group 10: Non-Sporting

(14 breeds/varieties)

Bichon Frise
Boston Terrier
Bolognese
Bulldog
Coton de Tulear
French Bulldog
Lhasa Apso
Lowchen
Poodle (Miniature)
Poodle (Standard)
Peruvian Inca Orchid
Tibetan Spaniel
Tibetan Terrier
Xoloitzcuintli

Group 11: Herding

(30 Breeds/varieties)

Australian Cattle Dog
Australian Shepherd
Bearded Collie
Beauceron
Belgian Lakenois
Belgian Malinois
Belgian Sheepdog
Belgian Tervuren
Berger Picard
Border Collie
Bouvier des Flandres
Briard
Canaan Dog
Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Catahoula Leopard Dog
Collie (Rough)
Collie (Smooth)
Czechoslovakian Vicak
German Shepherd Dog
Lancashire Heeler
Mudi
Old English Sheepdog
Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Puli
Pumi
Pyrenean Shepherd
Schapendoes
Shetland Sheepdog
Spanish Water Dog

MARMADUKE

Brad Anderson



"If you really want him to like you,
drop your cookie."

GROUP REALIGNMENT LETTER

The Great Dane Club of America asks friends of the breed and affiliate clubs to send the letter below to the AKC, objecting to the proposed group realignment. Simply insert your name, address and date. Then print and mail.

Realignment Letter

Your Address

Your City, State and Zip

Dr. Thomas Davies

c/o American Kennel Club
260 Madison Avenue - 4th floor
New York, NY 10016

Re: *AKC Breed and Group Alignments*

Dear Dr. Davies:

At the Great Dane National Specialty in Phoenix, Az, last week, the general membership met to discuss AKC's proposed realignment of breed groups.

After much thought and discussion, [I] [we] oppose this realignment proposal. [I] [We] specifically object to placing the Great Dane in the Molosser Group, which is defined as a short-legged, heavily bodied dog, with a short, thick neck, short muzzle and pendulous ears. The Great Dane Standard states that the Great Dane is a square breed with a long, tapered neck with a finely chiseled head with parallel planes. Further, at this time, some of the breeds in the Molosser Group are known to have human aggression problems, or known to be sparring dogs. The Great Dane Standard considers our breed to be "gentle giants, spirited, courageous, always friendly and dependable, and never timid or aggressive".

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

Your Name

Great Dane Owner

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**Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club
Membership Application**

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE:(home) _____

(work) _____

ADDRESS: _____

(cell) _____

(fax) _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ E-MAIL _____

Are you a member of the Great Dane Club of America? Yes No

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

List other All-Breed or Specialty Clubs to which you now belong or have belonged and offices held (if any): _____

If elected to Membership, are you be willing to serve on a Committee(s): Yes No

Committee(s) interested in working on: (please check ANY of interest)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Catalog | <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Roster | <input type="checkbox"/> The Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Therapy/Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Handling Classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breed Trophies | <input type="checkbox"/> Match Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Point Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget / Audit | <input type="checkbox"/> Material/Property | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Hospitality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Librarian | | |

If elected to Membership, I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey and the Rules and Regulations of the Great Dane Club of America and American Kennel Club.

Signature of Applicant

Annual Dues, check application box

ONE time Application Fee: \$10.00
Individual Membership \$25.00
Two Members of Immediate Family \$40.00
Junior Membership \$10.00

Note: 1) Application fee must be included with membership application and is not refundable.
2) Annual Dues should not be paid until membership is accepted.

Sponsorship

Name of Sponsor

Signature of Sponsor

Length of time known

There must be two sponsors from different families for each applicant.
Letters of Recommendation from each Sponsor must accompany this application.
Please forward completed application along with application fee to:

FOR CLUB USE ONLY

Received by Membership Chairperson _____

Read at meeting _____

Voted on: _____

Notice to membership _____
Accept Decline

DATES TO REMEMBER

Membership meeting

February 15, 2012

7:30 p.m.

Merchant House Tavern
4 Little Falls Road
Fairfield, New Jersey

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

**NNJGDC
11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450**

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