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Presidents Message

The unification of teams representing the United States of America at the 2003 WUSV Championships in Ravenna Italy may be a small step towards a possible new beginning and era for the German Shepherd Dog in our country. While no further communication has occurred between GSDCA President and I the unified teams will move forward into the inevitable, and I am confident work well together during the event with or without our influence. Congratulations not only to the USCA representatives;

Gary Hanrahan and Bastin von Kokeltal, Deb Zappia and Escobar von Adelrik, Thomas Vollrath and Nykos von Grysycos but also to the GSDCA representatives; Charlie Meszeros and Torro v.h. Bleckhof, Edward Gutekanst and Sioux von der Berkelau, Wayne Curry and Rabauke vom Braunschweiger Wappen, Congratulations to you all, we wish you the Best of Luck in bringing home the gold for the United States of America!

On behalf of the team I wish to thank Mike Andrel for his efforts in obtaining the beautiful uniforms for the WUSV Team, the Vollrath Family for their generous donation to the team from the Egon Vollrath Memorial Fund, Mr. Plunkett for his most generous contribution and continued support and to all the members that included contributions with their membership renewals, Thank you!

It is never to late to support your WUSV and FCI Team members, just send your contribution earmarked “Teams” to the USA Office.

Congratulations and good luck to all of our members that will participate SV-Bundessiegerzuchtshau September 5 – 7 in Ulm, Germany, I look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,
Jim Elder

USA

Vice President’s Message

No updated news

Lyle Roetemeyer, Vice-President

USA

Secretaries Message

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Trial Scoresheets (Bewertungsliste), and appropriate filing fees (\$4 per entry \$6 for National Events) should be sent to the USA Office no later than 48 hours after the completion of your trial. Please be sure that any scorebook bonds (\$50 for entries without scorebooks) are also included. Trial Secretaries and helpers must be USA Members. Trial Results are not printed in the magazine until all the above criteria are met. Future trial requests will not be considered until paperwork from a previous trial is complete. There has been some discussion recently of a late processing fee for delinquent trial scoresheets.

Executive Board

Ever wonder who we are referring to when we say that certain items are Executive Board (EB) approved? The Executive Board consists of (21) elected members: The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Judges, National Breed Warden, (4) Board Members-at-Large, and the (11) Regional Directors. The EB, upon a majority vote make policy changes and recommendations to the General Board to improve and maintain a smooth operation of the organization. They also make recommendations for bylaw changes to the General Board. The EB represents the membership. Any decision made by the EB may be modified or rescinded by the General Board.

Twelve electronic ballots in the month of July have kept your Executive Board very busy reviewing current bylaws, and making changes to entry requirements for future National Events. In an attempt to better concentrate our efforts, the Executive Board has begun the process of reworking our National Events. Some of the changes require additional research and consideration by the Bylaw Committee. To give you an overview of what has been accomplished so far: The EB recommends that we change the name of our current USA National Championship to “The USA-GSD National Championship” and make this a GSD only event. There will no longer be a spring GSD Championship. The World Championship Committee is currently reworking a qualification process for our World Teams. Our working events will now be the North American and the USA-GSD National Championship.

A ballot to no longer recognize WDA received overwhelming support. A request for a variance to the 2-dog per handler, per trial rule was once again brought before the Board and accepted. This rule must be ratified by the General Board as do all changes to the Bylaws and GB approved programs. Another item that has been approved by your EB is an entry requirement for Regional Championship for entry into the USA-GSD National Championship. In **2004**, you must **show** your dog at a Regional Championship to enter the 2004 USA-GSD National. To enter in **2005**, you must receive a **passing score** at a Regional Championship.

Mail ballot decisions by the EB are not without thorough consideration. Two weeks of discussion and member input are reviewed by the EB for each ballot. This Board represents the membership and should take direction from the members that it is representing.

The month of August also promises to be a busy month for your Executive Board. A completed Regional Policy and Revised Helper Program will run its course through mail ballots and sent to club contacts with the Agenda hopefully by September 1.

This is a Regional Election year. The organization needs active Regional officers that will represent the majority's interests. Please support your elected officials; active EB members that are responsive and who will actively participate in our organizations governance are needed. Please encourage any members with good people skills and progressive ideas to represent your region.

General Board Meeting Delegate Letter

The procedure for seating your club's delegate at the October 30, 2003 General Board Meeting is found on the home page, Member's Area, just under the Help Wanted Announcement from the Nominating Committee. Should you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact me. Diatbda@aol.com

Very Best Regards,

Diane Madigan, Secretary

USA

Treasurer's Message

No Updated news

Bill Plumb, Treasurer

USA

Director of Judge's Message

No Updated news

Mark F. Przybylski, USA Director of Judges

USA

National Breed Warden's Message

We have created a new web-page, "The Breeders Directory".

This was long overdue and has become now reality.

Thousands of people click on to our web-site and perhaps a lot of them are searching for a breeder where they can find their new puppy. We offer this service to all of our members who have a kennel name registered with us. In order to be listed on this page you need to send a note to the USA office stating

your kennel name, name and address, phone number and e-mail address. Also send proof of current membership. Litters for sale will only be listed when our office receives the litter application registration form. The office will automatically list these litters for two months. Please visit us at www.germanshepherd.com.

Johannes Grewe, National Breed Warden

USA

World Championship Committee Message



Congratulations and Best of Luck to the 2003 USA World Team who will be competing in Ravenna, Italy on October 2-5:

Gary Hanrahan and Bastin von Kokeltal

Deb Zappia and Escobar von Adelrik

Thomas Vollrath and Nykos von Grysycos

Special thanks to the Vollrath family who again, for 2003, has made a generous donation to the Team from the Egon Vollrath Memorial Fund.

USA

National Events Committee Message

No updated news.

USA

Nominating Committee Message

HELP WANTED

The **Nominating Committee** is currently seeking USA members who feel they are qualified to serve OUR organization. Hopefully the entire membership has evolved to the point that we understand that we must be involved in taking care of the business of USA. It should be understood that the membership of USA must do more than "JUST TRAIN DOGS." USA will continue to grow and prosper if more members are willing to take care of the responsibilities and growth of our organization.

This is a regional election year; there are now 5 positions that need to be filled;

Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Training Director. Regional Directors will also need to appoint a Youth Director and Helper Committee. Should you be interested in these regional positions please contact your current Regional Director.

The following eleven positions will be filled at the General Board Meeting to be held in Reno, Nevada on Thursday, October 30, 2003:

Judges Committee (2) Members-at-Large

National Events Committee (4)

Nominating Committee (5)

It is the job of the Nominating Committee to solicit the membership for the National positions. If you are interested in serving OUR United Schutzhund Clubs of America in one of the previously mentioned positions, please send a letter announcing the position in which you are interested along with a summary of your qualifications to the Chairman of the Nomination Committee:

Kay Koerner

Chair, Nominating Committee

1926 Hillman Ave,

Belmont, CA 94002

650 591 1917

K9KOERNER@AOL.COM

All letters must be received no later than August 15, 2003.

This deadline was set to insure that the Nominating Committee has sufficient time to do their job and announce their nominees to the membership no later than September 1, 2003.

USA

Police/K9 Committee

No updated news.

USA

Helper Committee

No updated news.

USA

Bylaws Committee

No updated news.

USA

Comments From USA Members Forum:

Give us your opinion on these comments or send in one of your own, go to the USA Members Forum:

<http://www.germanshepherddog.com/members/Members%20Forum.htm>

USA

USA Web Site Links:

Events page

www.germanshepherddog.com/eventcalendar.htm

Members Page Sign On

www.germanshepherddog.com/memberssignupstaging.htm

2003 National Championship

<http://www.webhund.com/2003Natls/index.htm>

USA