

Great Dane Club of the Mid-South, Inc.

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Newsletter for October, 2009

**Next Meeting: 8PM, Wednesday, November 10th, in Atlanta at our NEW location –
across the street from the Georgia Tech location at the City Café**

Address is: 525 10th Street, NW; phone 404/724-0407

There **WILL be a board meeting at 7:50 pm.**

Dear Members and Friends,

October is over and so is the 2009 GDCA National - SE Division. Many thanks to those who volunteered your time and efforts to make it the huge success that it was. Our own Willie Crawford did a fantastic job as Show Chair. Gabrielle was our Treasurer. Connie Adams put together an excellent crew of friends (including Heather Fick) to handle the Welcome Bags. Darcy Quinlan and Trish Thurow were both ring stewards at the Top 20 competition and Chuck Quinlan was the announcer. Ways and Means sold all of the items that were available and had people wanting more (note - next year make sure you preorder). Dave Miller is the incoming GDCA President and he and Jay were both around to handle or assist with whatever was needed.

Other clubs in our division did tremendous jobs as well - Nancy Franklin with the rooms, Jennifer Jacobs with decorations, the Niskes keeping up the grounds, Lori and Pam with the catalogs, Kathleen Fennell keeping everyone up-to-date and assisting in announcing, Nikki announcing, Terry Wagner with the hospitality and raffle room...the list goes on and on... I am sure that I have overlooked someone, and if that is the case, please accept my sincerest apology now as I am going completely on memory here and after last week that is not such a wise thing... Everyone there seemed to be assisting in some form or fashion and as a result the division received many accolades from our visitors from other divisions and other countries. Not to mention the Choo Choo went above and beyond - they were fabulous!!!!

As for GDCMS, it is now November and we have to prepare for our end of year board elections. Please consider stepping up into a role on the board or to head up one of the committees. We have a lot to accomplish in 2010 with the changing of our Specialty schedule and meeting our education requirements, etc. We cannot do it without you.

Lastly, I almost forgot to congratulate those of you who had significant accomplishments at the National. We look forward to hearing about them during Brags at the meeting.

See you November 11th!

Take care,
Angela

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**Minutes, Board Meeting
October 14, 2009**

Called to order at 7:50 pm.

Board present: Angela Stillwell, Connie Adams, Chuck Crawford, Gabrielle Kostiuk and Darcy Quinlan

There was no business, so the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

**Minutes, General Meeting
October 14, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Angela Stillwell, at 8:00 pm.

Guests in Attendance: Denise Brooks and Deidre Parmer

Members in Attendance: Connie Adams, Jay Berkowitz, Chuck & Willie Crawford, Heather Fick, Gabrielle Kostiuk, Chuck and Darcy Quinlan, Angela Stillwell, Trish Thurow.

President's Report:

Secretary's Report: Motion to approved Minutes as received was made and seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Attached.

GDCA: No report.

Awards: Angela will take awards not given out at the meeting to the National.

Combined/Prestige: Darcy sent in all the paper work for the April shows.

Decoration: Heather is preparing for the Springs shows.

Education: Anyone volunteering?

Rescue: Five have been adopted and we still have eight on the list.

SE Division: Going to the Choo Choo.

Trophies: Susanne waiting on one/two people to pay for the Fall 2009 trophies donations. Please get your checks in as soon as possible.

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Ways & Means: No fall raffle

Website: No report

Old Business: Dog Daze at Wills Park went on well, think this year had more attendees than last year and we met all our AKC requirements there.

Darcy Quinlan made a motion to offer Veterans in the Sweepstakes, Trish seconded, all approved.

Darcy Quinlan made another motion to hold back-to-back Specialties in April two years in a row...basically to needed to hire judges, etc... Trish seconded. 7 were in favor, 3 abstained, motion passed. We would hold back-to-back Specialties in April thru year 2011.

New Business: Darcy Quinlan made a motion that our club makes a donation out of the Rescue account in Carol Elwood's name to the GDCA Charitable Trust. Connie seconded, all were in favor.

Deidre Parmer's membership application was read to the general membership to vote on: Chuck made a motion to accept the application for new membership, Trish seconded, all approved. Welcome Deidre!!!

Chuck informed us that a check sent to the ADO for \$35 on 2/25/09 has not been cash. Chuck made a motion to credit the check back into the Treasurer's account, Jay seconded, and all were in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 8:30 pm and Brags were held.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabrielle Kostiuk,
Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

September, 2009

Balance 8-31-09 General: \$2,749.23 Rescue: \$1,658.48 Total: \$4,447.71

RECEIPTS:	GENERAL	RESCUE
1. Brags	1.00	0.00
2. Sweepstakes	108.00	0.00
3. Combined	310.57	0.00
4. Fall Trophies	60.00	0.00
5.	<u>.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total receipts	479.57	0.00
EXPENDITURES:		
1. Sweeps	70.20	0.00
2. Steward	75.00	0.00
3. Sweeps Judge	75.00	0.00
4. Conf. Judge	355.00	0.00
5.	.00	0.00
6.	<u>00.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	575.20	00.00
NET	(95.63)	(00.00)

Balance 9-30-09 General: \$ 2,653.60 Rescue: \$1,658.48 Total: \$ 4,312.08

**Chuck Crawford
Treasurer
October 12, 2009**

Check book balances

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME AND OBJECTS

SECTION 1. The Name of the Club shall be The Great Dane Club of the Mid South, Inc.

SECTION 2. The objects of the club shall be:

- a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Great Danes and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- b) To encourage the membership to a lifetime responsibility for their Great Danes, their Dane's offspring and to the education of others as all are necessary for the protection and advancement of the breed.
- c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows and obedience trials and other events.
- d) To conduct sanctioned matches and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, Companion events and other events for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club and to generate publicity on any matter affecting the welfare of the breed.
- e) To encourage dedication to the health and welfare of the breed.
- f) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed by which Great Danes shall be judged, as approved by The American Kennel Club and to encourage the study of the standard by breeders, judges, dog show committees and others interested in the advancement of the breed.

SECTION 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

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BRAGS

Jay Berkowitz: On Oct. 3, Anya took Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite in Augusta, GA under Barry Roland.

Trish Thurow: Trish's Brindle bitch, Justie, Legacy's Just Imagine, went Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at our Fall Specialty.

Marmaduke's Corner



“How deep do you think he’s planning to dig?”