

Great Dane Club of the Mid-South, Inc.

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Newsletter for July, 2009

**Next Meeting: 8PM, Wednesday, August 12th, 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,

Summer is most definitely in full swing and we are well on our way back to school starting... Where does the time go?

Our Fall Specialty will be here before we know it too and we will need volunteers (food, decorations, etc.). Please step up and be a part of it. We also need donations for the Raffle, if indeed we are going to have one this time around.

Right on the heels of our Fall Specialty is the GDCA National – hosted by our very own SE Division. It is exciting to be the host division but it also involves a lot of work. Volunteers are definitely needed here. Please, if you are going to the National; set aside some time to help the Division. The National does not happen on its own and all workers are volunteers. If you enjoy the National then you need to be a part of the process and one of the volunteers. Our division has scheduled certain days that each club is responsible in various areas – find out what days and areas those are and get signed up for a couple of hours of volunteer work (see emails sent by Gabrielle). It will be greatly appreciated not only by your fellow club members but also by our guests from across the country and around the world.

In the meantime, if you are showing and/or competing, may you bring home the “appropriate” colored ribbon.....

Take care,
Angela

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**Minutes, Board Meeting
July 8, 2009**

Called to order at 7:50 pm.

Board present: Angela Stillwell, Connie Adams, Chuck Crawford and Trish Thurow

Angela asked the Board's opinion as to put our club purpose/objective statement on our monthly minutes from the constitution. Everyone agreed that was a good idea and so she will bring it up at the general meeting.

There was no business, so the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

**Minutes, General Meeting
July 8, 2009**

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

Guests in Attendance: Denise Brooks, Deidra Parmer.

Members in Attendance: Connie Adams, Jay Berkowitz, Chuck & Willie Crawford, Heather & Hannah Fick, Carol Hunerwadel, Gabrielle Kostiuik, Courtney Roberts, Susanne Roberts-Phillips, Angela Stillwell, Trish Thurow

President's Report:

Secretary's Report: Motion to approved Minutes as received was made and seconded, all approved. Received GDCA roster and read election of reinstated GDCA officers.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Chuck received the iGive check from Angela

GDCA: No report.

Awards: Angela will mail out awards not given out at the meeting or will give them out at the various shows this fall.

Combined/Prestige: Darcy has been working long hours and no longer has time for this committee so we need a volunteer. Willie volunteered for the Fall Specialty. In addition, Prestige has moved to the 3rd weekend in October in 2010 which will conflict with our National. A suggestion was made to have 2 Specialties in the Spring, possibly on the same day. Willie will look into having our 2 Specialties on Sunday in Perry for Spring 2010.

Decoration: Still need a decoration chair. Anyone?

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Education: Anyone volunteering?

Rescue: Adopted off our list in June was 1 and another rescue took 1 off our list. Danes needing new homes (as of 7/8/09) is 10 with 2 more pending. Rescue also donated \$300 to help 2 Great Danes with heartworm treatments that Tanya Dennis took in at Pound Puppies and Kittens. (They are now listed on our adoption list) She will provide us with paid invoices so we can get reimbursed thru the GDCA.

SE Division: 2009 Website is www.gdca-se.org

Our club must staff the Hospitality/Raffle room on Monday of the Nationals: volunteers are as follows: morning shift – Connie Adams, noon shift – Jay Miller, afternoon shift – Susanne Roberts. We should have 2 people for each shift, so please email Gabrielle if you would like to volunteer for a shift.

Trophies: Susanne passed out bills for the Fall 2009 trophies donations. Please get your checks in as soon as possible, also, if you feel extra generous, there are a few classes not sponsored, please email Susanne for more information.

Ways & Means: Seriously need donations for the Fall raffle...Angela currently has nothing. If someone has any other ideas for raising money at our specialty please pass it on to Angela.

Website: No report

Old Business:

- At our May meeting a lot was brought up regarding our April meeting based on an email acquired by Rob and Amy Wilson from Michael Liosis from the AKC stating that “per our permanent records, effective 1951 designate the territory as Atlanta” and as a result of that email everything from the Perry meeting had to be revoked on. Well, during some research it ends up that our permanent records were revised in 2007 to state that “Meetings of the Club shall be held within the greater Atlanta area at least bi-monthly at such hour and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting”. Therefore, because the email by Michael Liosis did not state the correct wording from our current By-Laws, it was unnecessary to revoke on items at the April meeting. However, those revotes stand until further notice. Angela is currently working with Michael Liosis on a map of our current membership to outline “the Greater Atlanta area” correctly.
- **iGive:** Jay made a motion for the iGive funds be deposited into the general fund and that Angela will update the GDCMS description on iGive. Willie seconded and all approved, motion passed.

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New Business:

- Shannon Soafer's Aunt made a \$50 donation in the honor of Shannon's high school graduation which will be deposited in the general fund.
- Chuck made a motion to publish the purpose of the club as stated in the GDCMS Constitution in the monthly newsletter. Trish seconded, all approved, motion passed. (See attached)

Voted on 2011 judges for the nationals. Results as follows:

Specialty judges:

Margaret Shappard

Sharon Hennessey

Nikki Riggsbee

Futurity judges:

Winkie Assell

David Miller

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 8:45 pm and Brags were held.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabrielle Kostiuk,
Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

May & June, 2009

Balance 4-30-09 General: \$2,428.37 Rescue: \$1,958.48 Total: \$4,386.85

RECEIPTS:	GENERAL	RESCUE
1. Brags	21.00	0.00
2. Trophies, Spring '09	185.00	0.00
3. Trophies, Fall '09	75.00	0.00
4.	.00	0.00
5.	<u>.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total receipts	281.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES:		
1. Shipping for pens	19.26	0.00
2. GDCA Charitable Trust	25.00	0.00
3. Rescue	.00	300.00
4.	.00	0.00
5.	.00	0.00
6.	<u>00.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	44.26	300.00
NET	236.74	(300.00)

Balance 6-30-09 General: \$ 2,665.11 Rescue: \$1,658.48 Total: \$ 4,323.59

**Chuck Crawford
Treasurer
July 8, 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.

Revised Sept. 2007

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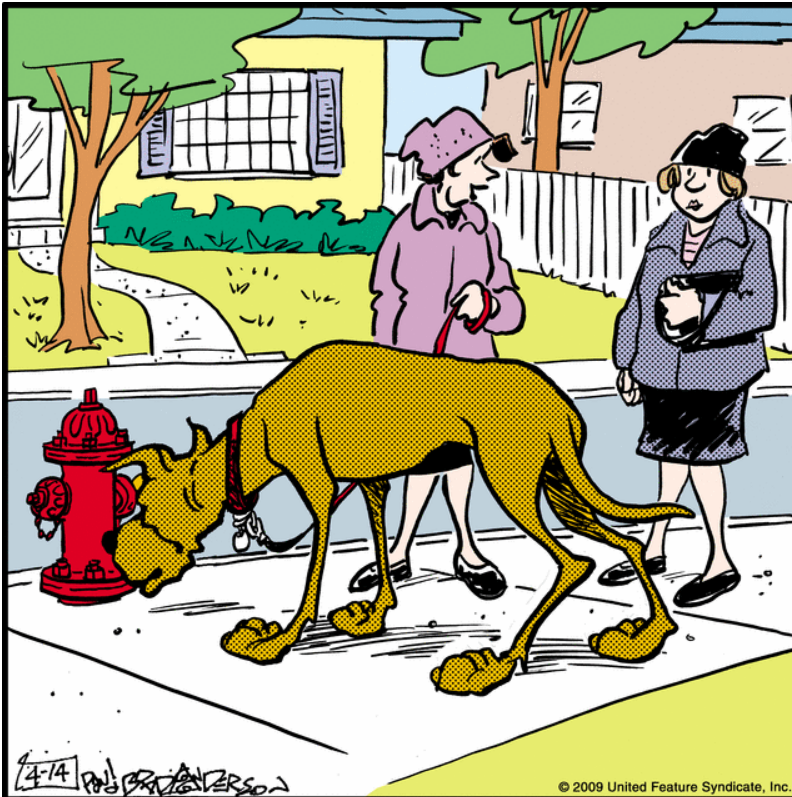
Brag

From Chuck and Willie Crawford: Walker was Winners Dog at the Oak Ridge Kennel Club Show. Willie won Best Puppy in Working group with Noel's pretty brindle boy at the Griffin match.

Jackie Dilworth: Jackie is proud to announce that she is the new grandmother of 11 fawn puppies, 7 boys and 4 girls . Sire is Lambs Creek-Thorncrest Chimo and the dam is a Wiltor daughter out of Sandor, they are located in Canada.

From Angela Stillwell: Lobato's Code Red (Cody) took a Best In Show on May 23 at Key City Kennel Club in Minnesota then the following week took another Best In Show at the Stone City Kennel Club in Illinois on May 31, Cody is co-owned by Angela, Joy Lobato, Tracy Miller & K Lyons and shown by Earl Shore.

Marmaduke's Corner



“Street smells are to him what mall windows are to us.”