

Great Dane Club of the Mid-South, Inc.

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Newsletter for December, 2009

**Next Meeting: 8PM, Wednesday, January 13th, in Atlanta at the City Café,
525 10th Street, NW; phone 404/724-0407**

There *WILL* be a board meeting.

Dear Members and Friends,

First of all let me thank the people who stepped up to serve in some form or fashion either on the board or on a committee. It is these volunteers who keep our club going forward each and every year. We do have a few slots open so if you feel so moved we are happy to have you pitch in somewhere. Let's make 2010 a great year!

We had a fun time at our Christmas party - enjoyed those who came and missed those who didn't. Of course, there are some who thoroughly enjoy the stealing of gifts during the "exchange" and they quickly develop a strategy to ensure that they end up with their coveted gift.... Regardless, we all went home with something (I forgot I had put mine in my purse until about 3 days later while checking out at Publix I pulled out a tennis ball "bumper" and a bag of treats from the bottom of my bag - but I'm still missing that coffee table book)....

Remember that we are having both of our 2010 specialties back-to-back in Perry in the Spring (no Fall specialty this year). So those of you who sponsor trophies please make sure you get back with Darcy quickly with your payments for these shows.

Looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting. We have a few things to get accomplished so please make an effort to be there and on time.

Happy New Year!

Angela

In addition, we have received membership applications for the following:

Denise Michelle Brooks

2709 Tucker Valley Rd.

Tucker, GA 30084

[email danediva@gmail.com](mailto:danediva@gmail.com)

Sponsors: Karen Yoder, Jay Berkowitz, and Heather Fick

According to our revised Bylaws, the names have to be published in two newsletters prior to voting on by the General Membership. (This is the second posting.) We will vote at the January meeting.

Upon receipt of the completed application, the Secretary shall publish the name and address of the applicant, as well as the names of the endorsing Members in the succeeding two (2) Club Secretary's letters.

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**Minutes, Board Meeting
December 9, 2009**

Called to order at 7:15 pm.

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

Angela brought up that a member of our club has an issue with another member of our club that put out an email to some of our club members that was not club related or represented. The member in question is a legislative chair for an organization and her email list includes several breed clubs not just ours and not the entire GDCMS roster. We decided as a Board to ask the person/member who sent the email in question to add to her emails a place that people can “opt out or unsubscribe from” future emails from her.

There was no further business so the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

**Minutes, General Meeting
December 9, 2009**

Meeting was called to order by President, Angela Stillwell at 7:28 pm

Guests in Attendance:

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

President’s Report:

Secretary’s Report: Minutes were approved and seconded

Treasurer’s Report: Attached. Dues are due.

GDCA:

Awards:

Combined/Prestige: Darcy did inform Prestige that we will no longer be with them.

Decoration:

Education:

Rescue: Six were adopted and 8 are on the list looking for that new forever home. Two invoices were submitted to the GDCA Charitable Trust to request reimbursement for

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\$320 for 2 great danes we helped that Tanya Dennis took in for us and spayed/neutered and both were HW+ treated.

SE Division: Tallies are not yet completed as to what the clubs of the SE Division will be getting.

Trophies: Sadly, Suzanne has resigned as Trophy chair due to personal and family reasons. Thank you Suzanne for all the hard work you did as the Trophy chair. Fortunately Darcy Quinlan has graciously stepped in to fill Suzanne's shoes. Darcy is following up with everyone for your trophy donations.

Ways & Means: We will have a raffle in the Spring thanks in part from a huge donation from Darcy Quinlan. We still need additional donations.

Website:

Old Business:

New Business: Elections: Willie made a motion to accept the slate of officers given by the Committee, Darcy seconded, all approved. Our new officers for 2010 are as follows:

President:	Angela Stillwell
Vice President:	Gabrielle Kostiuk
Secretary:	Heather Fick
Treasurer:	Chuck Crawford
Board Position:	Connie Adams

A Committee was selected to audit the books, which has to be done in January. The committee is Chuck Crawford, Jay Berkowitz and Dave Miller.

Angela also brought up an IRS statement that was sent out by the AKC regarding tax filing, etc.... It was decided to table this discussion until January so everyone can familiarize themselves with it. (added as an attachment if you would like to view)

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:52 and open holiday presents.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabrielle Kostiuk,

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Treasurer's Report

November, 2009

Balance 10-31-09 General: \$2,643.79 Rescue: \$1,558.48 Total: \$4,202.27

RECEIPTS:	GENERAL	RESCUE
1. Brags	0.00	0.00
2. Trophies, Fall'09	135.00	0.00
3.	0.00	0.00
4.	0.00	0.00
5.	<u>.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total receipts	135.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES:		
1.	.00	0.00
2.	.00	0.00
3.	.00	0.00
4.	.00	0.00
5.	.00	0.00
6.	<u>00.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	0.00	0.00
NET	(135.00)	(00.00)

Balance 11-30-09 General: \$ 2,778.79 Rescue: \$1,558.48 Total: \$ 4,337.27

**Chuck Crawford
Treasurer
December 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.

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BRAGS

Chuck and Willie Crawford: Walker (Shirwin Luke Skywalker V Charma) was Winners Dog and Best of Opposite Sex at the Greater Venice Florida Dog Club Show on November 28.

Marmaduke's Corner



“Very helpful, Marmaduke. Now go home and do some volunteer work for Phil.”