

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting
Memphis, Tennessee
June 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Terry Chandler, President, at 0804 CST. Terry welcomed everyone.

Roll call taken-

Present:

Terry Chandler, President
Renee Lara, Vice President
Dean Browning, Treasurer
Lynn Pettinato, Corresponding Secretary
Cynthia (Cyndi) Boysen, Recording Secretary
Diane Prohaska, NE Director
Christy Featherston, EC Director
Sharon Fitzpatrick, NC Director
Gene Moseley, SC Director
Dean Goodding, NW Director
Liz Jennings, SW Director
Debbie King, SE Director

All BOD members were present.

STATE OF CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Terry C stated that since the January BOD meeting, he attended the NSS and presided over the Annual Meeting of the Membership and the Annual Awards Banquet. He wrote three president's messages: one for the Yearbook, one for the NAGDC catalog and one for the NSS catalog. He stated that he felt the Annual Meeting went well. He stated that the membership is excited about all the changes happening in the GSPCA. He stated that the Illustrated Standard was introduced during a presentation by Patte Titus. Mrs. Titus handed out several copies of the Illustrated Standard for the membership to view. He stated that Debbie King was present and discussed the upcoming changes on the GSPCA website. He stated that Liz Jennings was present and discussed the changes with the *Shorthair Journal*. Terry C stated that this is his fifth year as GSPCA President. He stated that he is extremely proud of the BOD. He stated that he sent out a letter to the membership on how great the BOD is, and that the elections were held unopposed. He stated that this represents a happy membership. He stated that he has been associated with the BOD since the 1970's and he has never seen such a cohesive BOD.

MOTION: Accept report as presented. Made by: Diane P/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Renee L states that she has no report at this time. She also stated that she felt that everyone on the BOD was doing a great job.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Dean B handed out his written report and reviewed it with the BOD. The balance sheet is "as of May 31, 2015." Dean B still needs the paperwork from the hotel in Denver for the NSS expenses to have the correct totals. He reviewed the GSPCA assets, in which the bulk is in cash. Total assets for the Club are \$138,000. Cash on hand is \$119,940. The difference represents checks still needing to be cashed and donations from corporate sponsors. He is still waiting on Purina to submit their payment. Two items of liability are the money collected for the field futurity and the 2016 show futurity. Dean B took over as treasurer in 1997. There are some funds that are earmarked for special purposes: Rescue (\$15,477.75), Health & Welfare (\$18,194.79, exclusive of the partnership) and the GSP Bronze (\$4626.78). The money for Rescue has decreased significantly due to their donation to the Ohio GSP hoarding case. Dean B reviewed the bank statements. Liz J questioned Dean B on page 1's reference to the Shorthair Journal of \$750.00. Dean B stated that is money for advertisements that still need to be collected. He stated that they are corporate ads that are not typically paid up-front and that this is standard practice. Dean B stated that an individual's ad must be paid up-front. Diane P questioned about the funds for the Illustrated Standard. Dean B stated that the money spent on the Illustrated Standard came out of the general fund. Gene M stated that in 2010, the GSPCA got \$17,000 from estates and a BOD member requested that the Illustrated Standard be dedicated to this person. Dean B stated the monies earmarked are only Rescue, Health & Welfare and the Bronze. He stated that all other money belongs to the GSPCA general fund.

MOTION: Accept report as presented. Made by: Diane P/Second: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT- Lynn P stated that one of her duties is to approve Regional Specialties and Specialty Shows. She stated that more Regional Specialties have been applied for and approved than in the past. She would like a published rule list for holding an event. She gave an example of the rule list would prevent shows having non-approved judges. She ordered more medallions. Her action item is to approve a standard for holding Regional Specialties. Renee L asked if judges are already picked prior to applying for specialties. Lynn P stated that she has concerns and therefore wants "Running Rules." Christy F questioned if there can be a statement to follow the NSS Running Rules for judging criteria. Dean G stated that there cannot because a list of judges are given. Diane P stated that some judges don't qualify due to the "Three Year Rule." Renee L stated that an application should have judges on it. Sharon F stated that most clubs don't have judges yet when applying for their specialties. Dean B questioned Lynn P on how she wants this issue resolved. Lynn P stated that she wants to state that the show would be approved pending judges approval. Terry C stated that stakes form is a good example because it should have that listed on it. Lynn P questioned modifying the existing form to include the judges' names. She questioned what would happen if a club picks a judge not on the list once approval has been given. Dean G suggested adding a statement on the

form about pending approved judges. Christy F stated that the AKC requires an 18 week approval. Therefore, Lynn P should be able to add it because the time limits would overlap. Lynn P questioned when to set the Regional Specialty approval time limit. The BOD agreed that six months was reasonable. Lynn P stated that the Mason-Dixon Club wants to have a Regional Specialty at the 2016 NSS. She stated that Regionals are held by Sections. Christy F stated that a club cannot host a Regional in the same region or section as the NSS, the same year as the NSS, other than in conjunction with the NSS. Renee L stated that there is no rule. Christy F stated that this comes from the AKC, but may not be a rule anymore. Lynn P stated that the Mason Dixon Club has officially asked to have this Regional show.

ACTION ITEM: RENEE L TO FIND OUT FROM THE NSS EC IF THE MASON DIXON CLUB CAN HOLD A REGIONAL WITH THE 2016 NSS.

Diane P stated that last time the NSS was held in Gettysburg, the Mason Dixon Club held a regional show after the NSS and that the Schuylkill Valley Club held theirs before the NSS. Diane P stated that the Mason-Dixon Club needs permission from the Schuylkill Valley Club. Terry C requested that this issue be tabled until Renee L comes back with the NSS EC's reply.

ACTION ITEM: LYNN P WILL ADD, "...PENDING JUDGES APPROVAL FROM THE GSPCA APPROVED JUDGES LIST' TO THE REGIONAL SPECIALTY APPLICATION.

Motion: Accept the report as presented. Made by: Christy F/Second: Gene M. Motion carried unanimously.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT- Cynthia B stated that she recorded the minutes for the January 2015 GSPCA BOD meeting and the minutes for numerous conference calls of the NSS EC and the H&W committee. She stated that she set up conference calls for the BOD, the NSS EC, the H&W committee, the Rescue committee, the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award committee, and the Web Design committee. She stated that she set up the agendas for the Delegates meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Membership and this BOD meeting. At the NSS in Denver, she attended and recorded minutes for the Delegates meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Membership and the NSS EC meeting. She stated that she recorded and did a write up of all the judges' critiques of the placed dogs at the NSS. The written critiques were submitted to the *Shorthair Journal* for publication. She stated that she managed and recorded the following motions via email:

*Carried unanimously on February 19, 2015: Motion: Accept new members and waive the five day discussion period (2015-0216). Made by: Sharon Fitzpatrick

*Carried by majority on March 1, 2015: Motion: Terry Chandler is to reach out to Ken Marden, our AKC Delegate, regarding the AKC decision to post on their site photos of the GSP bitch who is currently being campaigned. We would like to know what their criteria is for posting breed information. We would like to know if we, the GSPCA, can submit photos. The five day discussion period is to be waived. Made by: Debbie King

*Carried by majority on March 2, 2015: Motion: Accept the minutes as presented in draft 2 for the Jan 2015 BOD meeting. Waive the five day discussion period. Made by: Christy Featherston

*Carried by majority on March 12, 2015: Motion: Accept the attached proposed 2018 NSS site locations to be presented at the 2015 NSS Delegates Meeting. Made by: Renee Lara

*Carried by majority on March 17, 2015: Motion: Approve the Illustrated Standard's request to approve the

second estimate (\$2065) which still allows a profit from the sales of each booklet at \$10 and to consider this request quickly to stay on schedule for the IS to be available at the NSS in May and to waive the 5 day discussion period. Made by: Diane Prohaska

*Carried unanimously on March 27, 2015: Amended Motion: Accept all new member apps (2015-03) and waive the five day discussion period. Made by: Gene Moseley

*Lost by majority on April 16, 2015: Motion: Accept the addition of Champion Tracker to our list and we do so for this year awards. Made by: Gene Moseley

*Carried unanimously on April 19, 2015: Motion: Accept the new members, waiving the 5 day discussion period (2015-0415). Made by: Lynn Pettinato

*Carried by majority on April 21, 2015: Motion: The GSPCA BOD approves Grant Stanfill as the recipient of the 2015 GSPCA and AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. A 5 day discussion period is waived. Made by: Diane Prohaska

*Carried unanimously on May 2, 2015: Motion: Accept the members listed and to waive the 5 day discussion period (2015-0429). Made by: Dean Goodding

*Carried by majority on May 3, 2015: Motion: That an award as Shorthair Journal Editor be made to Ms. Patricia Busso of *All About Show Dogs*. (An official contract will be generated and signed by Ms. Busso and an officer of the GSPCA.) Note: 1) I request that we waive the 5 day discussion period as questions were addressed in a BOD teleconference held on Tuesday April 28, 2015. 2) I request that results of the final vote not be made public until Liz has had time to notify April Leonetti of the Board's decision and vote. Made by: Liz Jennings

*Carried by majority on April 23, 2015: Motion: Present a plaque to the Champion Tracker at the NSS Awards Banquet, recognizing their accomplishment. (This would not be a GSPCA annual award.) Waive the five day discussion period. Made by: Christy Featherston

*Carried by majority on May 22, 2015: Amended Motion: Accept draft 3 of the phone conference meeting on April 28, 2015 and waive the 5 day discussion period. Made by: Christy Featherston

Cynthia B submitted 2 lists of new member applications (2015-0530 and 2015-0610) to review, as both lists had already been sent to the BOD to vote on.

Motion: Accept new members as listed. Made by: Sharon F/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Made by: Renee L/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS- No reports were submitted.

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT- No report was submitted. The BOD recognized the passing of Ken Marden. Diane P read a report that GSPCA member Cathy Iacopelli submitted since she is an AKC Delegate for another breed club:

"There was a meeting on Monday June 8, 2015 of the AKC Delegates in Newark, NJ. It began with a presentation on the Canine Health Foundation and after various officers' reports, there were two items on the agenda. The first was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Sections 1-16, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Making Application to Hold a Dog Show, in which with the deletion of Section 2, brings the Rules into compliance with current operating procedures. Changes to Section 3, requires clubs to (1) hold events in their territory to retain exclusivity and (2) only provides exclusivity for a defined period

of time surrounding the show date. Additionally, an appeals process is outlined for clubs that believe permission to hold a show within another club's territory has been unreasonably withheld. The deletion of Sections 5-7 removes outdated and repetitive language. Sections 8-16 will be renumbered. Changes to new Section 14 allows clubs to have digital rather than paper copies of documents at events. All items were passed by majority vote with the exception of the proposed amendment of Chapter 2, Section 3. This item was sent back to the committee for clarification on the language and intent of the change. The second agenda item was a read on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, in which a new Section 1 would allow for the awarding of CM points in the regular puppy classes. All other sections will be renumbered accordingly. Dogs that earn a CM title will be awarded one point toward its CH title. There was discussion on this proposed amendment in which several delegates shared opposition to allowing a championship point to be awarded. It should be noted that dogs with breed disqualifications are permitted to show in the 4-6 month puppy competition (which awards CM points), and therefore dogs with disqualifying faults could theoretically be awarded a championship point if this amendment were to pass. The next AKC Delegates meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 12, 2015 in Newark, NJ.
Cathy Iacopelli"

Motion: Acknowledge AKC Delegates' report provided by GSPCA member Cathy Iacopelli. Made by: Dean G/Second: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: TERRY C WILL CONTACT CATHY IACOPELLI AND THANK HER FOR HER REPORT.

The BOD discussed the now vacant position of the GSPCA AKC Delegate. Diane P suggested an email blast announcing the open position, position requirements and a resume submission deadline. The BOD agreed that the deadline should be June 30, 2015. Diane P stated she will take this item on as hers. She will have the resumes sent to her. She stated that there will be two readings of the applicant and then final approval from AKC. The BOD discussed the term of the Delegate position. The BOD agreed on a six year commitment with a two year review cycle.

NATIONAL EVENTS

NSS FUTURITY REPORT- Holly Faught stated in her report that the online submission of Futurity Nominations and Forfeit Payments was up and running. Fees for 2016 were raised by \$5 for each. The payout for the 2015 NSS Futurity was \$5,720.00. There were 24 Dogs and 35 Bitches entered in this year's Futurity. There was a total of 61 litters nominated consisting of 245 males and 208 females- This breaks down to 10% of the male pups and 6% of the female pups were represented at the National event.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Gene M/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

NAGDC REPORT- Chuck Parietti stated in his report that the recently completed 2015 NAGDC was the 10th running and a success. He stated that they drew 41 entries from throughout the Eastern half of the US. He gave a special thanks to Bill Monk and members of the Mingo sportsman Association for providing exceptional service of hosting. He also expressed appreciation for: the members of the EC

who made all this happen; Ken Lynch, Chairman, for the hundreds of hours he put in leading and attending to all the details; Tim Molony for being the Secretary and help in the running; Caleb Bryson for being the stake manager; Art Terstage for all the bird planting and other help with the FT work. He stated that the event made a profit of approximately \$2000. He stated that they are already in the planning stage for the 2016 NAGDC at Lehi, Utah. He stated that the EC would like BOD approval for 2017 at Pickneyville, IL and 2018 returning to Mingo. He stated that they chose Pickneyville because of its Easterly location in the Midwest region, and, like Mingo, it should be great for attracting entries. If so, it could become one of the 3 home locations in future years. He stated that in response to the BOD input from the January meeting, he had discussions with Tom Maneely of the AKC on trying to get the AKC Walking CH and GSP NAGDC in close sync. He stated that they will work together to determine what works best going forward but most likely post 2016. He stated that as a minimum, they agreed that more date coordination is needed. He thanked the BOD for their support. He did request some level of BOD member attendance in future years to help promote the NAGDC as an important venue to the GSPCA leadership.

Gene M questioned why the AKC event and the NAGDC event are not in the same place. Dean G stated that he contacted the AKC and the AKC does not know where they are holding their future events.

Motion: Approve Pickneyville, IL as the 2017 NAGDC event site and Mingo, Ohio as the 2018 NAGDC event site. Made by: Gene M/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Renee L questioned the BOD presence at the NAGDC events. Terry C made his apologies as he was planning on attending the NAGDC, but was unable to at the last minute. Terry C stated he will attend the 2016 NAGDC. Dean G stated that he will be attending. Sharon F stated that she could attend in 2017, when it will be held in Pickneyville, IL.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Gene M/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

NFT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT- Mike Aldrich stated in his report that the planning for the 2015 GSPCA National Championships and Futurity is underway. The site will again be the Bechtel Ranch near Eureka, Kansas and will start on Monday, October 12th. He stated that stake managers will be Dan Hoke – Amateur, Jerry Paddock – Futurity, Ray Dohse – All Age, and Brooks Carmichael – Open Gun Dog. Karen Niffenegger will be Catalog Chairman and should be sending out a flyer regarding advertising in June. He asked for approval of the selected 2015 Judges:

National Amateur: David Downing, Mike Beach and Bill Monk

Futurity: Keith Bryant and Andy Gerdes

National Championship (All Age): Helmut Schoen and David Taylor,

National Open Gun Dog Championship: Chris Streitenberger and Stan Williamson

He stated that he submitted a proposal from the Executive Committee asking for approval of a Running Rules change for the upcoming event and beyond. This change has been voted on and passed by the NFTEC. *Some changes are housekeeping due to the Secretary Split.* He also submitted a projected National Field Trial budget for 2015. Projected Income: Entries OGD, AGD, OAA = 200@200 = 40,000,

Futurity = 60@150=\$9,000, Purina Donation \$1,000, Garmin/Tritronics \$1,000, Trophy Donations \$1,500, Raffle \$1,000, Merchandise \$2,000, Catalog \$2,000, Birds sold \$1,000, Total Income \$58,500. Projected Expenses: Judges & Marshals \$10,000, Judges/Marshals gifts \$1,800, Birds \$10,000, Bechtel contract plus etc. \$15,000, FT Sec. \$600, Caterer/Judges marshals meals/Banquet \$2500, Horses \$3500, Misc. trial \$1500, Futurity payout 10% \$900, FTC & Stake Mgr. Misc. ex. \$1000, Trophies \$10,000, Total Expense \$56,800.

Gene M stated that the judges list for 2015 had already been submitted. Gene M questioned the projected income. Dean B explained and stated that the income statement is correct. Gene M stated that the changes involving the secretaries, including DNA and including Canada are valid and necessary. He doesn't want the changes in Gun Dog and adding Amateur as these were not brought up to the NFT Delegates as they should have been. He stated he is against dropping retrieving in Open All Age and in Open Gun Dog. Gene M requested that the requested changes be sent back since the changes submitted are not following protocol by having the correct format of the existing language and using strikethrough for changes. Changes were only indicated in red. Gene M stated that the DNA is necessary in order to accept from AFT or AKC with futurity and stakes. Gene M stated that the delegates did not get to decide on all requested Running Rule changes submitted. Gene M stated that it should go before the delegates, then the EC, then the BOD. Christy F stated that the retrieving changes were discussed, but the delegates were against it. Renee L stated that the EC can change the Running Rules without going to the delegates. Christy F stated that the changes should be voted on line by line. Requested change:

1. Qualifications for National Championship Stakes

DNA (AKC or AF) numbers are required upon entry.

Motion: Accept changes to qualifications for the National Championship Stakes. Made by: Gene M/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

1.1 National Open All Age Championship

The National Open All Age Championship is open to any German Shorthaired Pointer **six months of age or older that has placed in a two (2) points or greater All Age stake in the United States or Canada;** or is currently a Field Champion of record **in the United States or Canada**, but not solely an Amateur Field Champion **in the United States or Canada**. Placements in derby stakes will not qualify.

For Open All Age change- Gene M stated that it goes back to protocol. He stated that the requested changes did not go through delegates. Christy F agreed. There was some confusion as to what the existing Running Rules state. Several BOD members located the Running Rules on their computers from the GSPCA website. Lynn P read the current rule to the BOD.

Motion: Accept changes to the National Open All Age Championship. Made by: Renee L/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried with Lynn P, Dean G, Gene M and Diane P opposed. Terry C abstained.

Requested change:

1.2 National Gun Dog Championship

The National Gun Dog Championship is open to any German Shorthaired Pointer six months of age or older that has placed first **(1), second (2) or third (3)** in a three (3) point or greater **Amateur**, Open or

Open Limited Gun Dog stake **in the United States or Canada**, or is currently a Field Champion of record **in the United States or Canada, but not solely an Amateur Field Champion**. Placements in derby stakes will not qualify.

Lynn P stated that there were significant changes in the language from the current to the requested. She read the current Running Rule to the BOD. Terry C stated that the requested changes need to be sent back to the NFT EC and resubmitted with strikethroughs.

Motion: Accept all changes in the NFT running rules related to the addition of DNA, the addition of Canada and the change in secretary duties. The BOD requests that the NFT EC committee resubmit the remaining requested changes after strikethroughs are added to the original language. The BOD recommends that proposed changes in the running rules be brought up to the delegates prior to submitting them to the BOD. Rescind prior motion and vote made on 1.1 National Open All Age changes. Made by: Gene M/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynn P requested that the remainder of the proposed changes be put on the NFT Delegates meeting agenda, and then resubmit with the strikethroughs.

Motion: Approve 2015 NFT judges as submitted. Made by: Christy F/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Christy F/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

NFT FUTURITY REPORT- Terry Bomer submitted a written report that gave an explanation of what the futurity field events are. She then stated an overview including:

Futurity 51 run in October 2014: Litters Nominated: 48 Litters (155 male puppies (51%) & 149 female puppies (49%) for a total of 304 dogs) for a nomination amount of \$ 1,860.00. Puppies: 79 puppies re-nominated which was 26% of the puppies nominated in the litters (36 male puppies for 46%) & 43 female puppies (54%) for a re-nomination amount of \$2,120.00. 53 puppies ran in the Futurity which was 61% of the eligible puppies nominated. The total amount paid out in the 51st Futurity was \$4,510.00, which included the additional \$10.00 per entry.

Current Year (Futurity 52 run in October 2015): There are currently 54 litters nominated with 356 dogs (198 males, 56% and 158 females, 44%) eligible for re-nomination. The litters nominated brought in \$2,250.00 in litter nomination fees. 68 puppies or 19% out of the 356 eligible puppies have been re-nominated for the 52nd Futurity to be run in October 2015. The amount of re-nomination fees are \$1,290.00.

Futurity 53 run in October 2016: There are currently 14 litters nominated with 97 puppies eligible for re-nomination with \$490.00 in litter nomination fees. There are 4 puppies currently re-nominated with \$60.00 re-nomination fees.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Gene M/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING BREAK AT 0939

MEETING RESUMED AT 0951

NSS EC REPORT- Jane Handschumaker stated in her report that the NSS will have only one conformation judge at the NSS unless the NSS EC deems it necessary to have two, beginning in 2018. She stated that they added a new “fun” activity during the NSS which was well received. She stated that they solicited GSP clubs for donations to assist with funding for the hospitality room. She stated that the NSS EC will also review the entry fees for the upcoming 2016 NSS. She stated that Dave Nauer successfully managed a 4 day agility event in conjunction with the 2015 NSS. She stated that it was well attended. She stated that the decision to have only one Conformation judge is necessary in order to maintain financial responsibility to the GSPCA. She stated that they were able to purchase beverages with non GSPCA funds, additional food, the morning coffee and snacks for exhibitors. This was very well received by the exhibitors. She stated that the above changes provided an increase in revenues and provided performance events venue. She stated that she would like to expand on hospitality donations to ensure that morning coffee and snacks can be provided to exhibitors without incurring additional costs to the GSPCA. She stated that the NSS EC will also review the entry fees for the upcoming 2016 NSS. She stated that they are considering a dock diving event at the 2016 NSS, but have not yet received a proposal. As far as finances, she stated that for the past year: There was a positive bottom line from the 2014 NSS. She stated that for the current year: It is her very crude estimate that at best they will break even for 2015 or have a possible loss. She stated that she is still negotiating with the host hotel at this point. The 2016 NSS planned budget she will defer to Dean B. The NSS EC is taking steps to ensure financial responsibility. She stated that the decline or loss can be contributed to: lower entries; very late room cancellations, some because of the incoming weather (they had at least 5 or 6 “full term cancellations” at the last minute);

This year they had to purchase additional trophies and ribbons of which some will actually go into inventory; the four days of agility was a success; there was positive revenue if the ribbon expense is prorated. She requested of the BOD to support the project Patty Crowley has suggested: creating chair back covers and selling them with a reserved seat for NSS. She stated that this will also help finance hospitality activities. She stated that she would like the BOD to review and approve the revised Running Rules. The changes at this time address the need for only one conformation judge. This change is necessary and appropriate in order to maintain financial responsibility.

Requested Running Rule changes are in bold, italics and underlined:

IV-GSPCA National Specialty Show Conformation Judges

A. Selection Process

12. **Beginning with the 2018 NSS and forward there will be only one NSS Conformation judge for all regular and non-regular classes, unless otherwise deemed necessary by the NSS Executive Committee. If it is necessary to add an additional judge he/she will be chosen from the alternates drawn for that NSS year.**

13. The minimum number in each assignment for final selection at the NSS banquet will be **4** for BOB, regular and non-regular classes, 3 each for Futurity or Sweepstakes. If after step 10 the minimum number is not met, the chairman will contact the next nominee on the list ask for the bios/fee/schedules. The deadline to send out these notices is March 20th with a return date of April 10th.

14. Selection of **the judge** will occur at the National Specialty Show Banquet. The drawing to select the

judge and alternates will be done by Best Junior Handler if in attendance. A junior class winner will do the honors if the Best Junior is not present. If no Juniors are present then the GSPCA President will draw the names.

Dean G questioned why only one judge. Renee L stated that the NSS is too small. The question was raised as to how the chair covers would increase funds. Renee L stated that at the Vizsla NSS, they sold the chair covers and they raised an enormous amount of money.

Motion: Approve the NSS Running Rules revisions. Made by: Diane P/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Dean G/Second: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

VERSATILITY REPORT- Dave Nauer stated in his report the following statistics: New GSPs awarded titles has totaled 32 since January 2014. 21 new VC titles – with 314 awarded since program start. 4 new VCA titles – with 69 awarded since program start. 7 new VCX titles – with 71 awarded since program start. He stated that at the 2015 GSPCA NSS there were 9 VCA/VCX Plaques awarded. He stated that the Committee to review changes to the program has been formed and the initial contact sent out after the 2015 Denver NSS (he is starting the review process at this time). Regarding this, he stated that the draft schedule ends up with a board recommendation by the end of August 2015. And he stated that an initial communication copied to Board Liaison Liz J and President Terry C. He stated that a discussion on a NSS “versatility” award associated with NSS offered events is being discussed again in multiple places. He’s not sure whether that comes under the purview of this committee or if it is strictly within the confines of the NSS committee. He would request the BOD consider whether that is worth pursuing and whether it is in the confines of the NSS Committee or joint with the Versatility Committee as well. He stated that the Acrylic Trophy provider used since 1998 went out of business and destroyed their original artwork. Cindy Smullen found another vendor to use and he recovered the artwork from copies he had in storage – these were used for new (and improved!) trophies given at the 2015 NSS. He stated that no changes have been made, but the committee has been formed and kicked off to review the program and make change recommendations by end of August 2015. In his Financial Summary, he stated that for the past year he does not know what the VCA/VCX trophy and the associated mailing costs that Cindy Smullen submitted are, but that should be the only costs to the program. He stated that it should be the same for the current Year. He stated that pin inventory is in great shape, so only the annual trophy costs and mailing of those trophies are planned in 2016. He stated that he had no action items for the board directly. However, an adjunct to the versatility discussion is the explosion of additional activities that are now recognized and titled by the AKC, some of them (e.g. Therapy Dog, Dock Diving, Barn Hunt, Flyball, and Search & Rescue) are actually programs by other associations than the AKC, but are recognized (after application) and put on the dogs AKC pedigree. He noted that:

- a. Today the Board recognizes the Dual Champion with a small trophy, and recognizes the AKC Companion Event Championships (e.g. MACH/PACH, OTCH, and CT) with a plaque for the first award of each of those titles.

- b. CH, AFC, and FC are not separately recognized

c. Recommend the TC (e.g. Triple Champion) be officially put on the list of recognitions, and a definition of that title be firmly defined (e.g. is it only a CH/FC/OTCH, or would we recognize a CH/FC/MACH or a CH/FC/CT – all of which are now defined as a “TC” by the AKC).

d. Recommend the almost impossible VCCH (e.g. OTCH/MACH/CT) combined companion event title be added to the GSPCA recognition – no GSP has earned this title, and only a small number of dogs of any breed has earned it in AKC history – it is unlikely that more than one would be awarded every decade (if at all) to a GSP.

e. The “new” programs include some championship levels (for example the FDCH title in Flyball and the RATCh in Barn Hunt). Since these are outside organizations – he’s not sure they are core achievements that should receive GSPCA recognition at the NSS or via a plaque.

f. The Versatility Committee is considering how these titles could be incorporated into the GSPCA Versatility program – he’s not sure if that is enough, but at least in the list to include and how to recognize it within the Versatility program, then decide what other recognitions (if any) are appropriate.

Liz J stated that she has been following up on the status of revisions to the Versatility Program. Dave Nauer was super busy with running the obedience and agility events at this year’s NSS. Now that the NSS is over, the committee should be able to proceed with the program changes. Gene M stated that he wants the award requests discussed during the Annual Awards Report. Christy F stated that Dave Nauer will be adding Versatility photos to the PowerPoint presentation at the Awards ceremony.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Gene M/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

FIELD TRIAL DATE COORDINATOR REPORT- Jan Erbe stated in her report, as of May 31; 90 field events were approved: 65 Horseback and 23 Walking. Of the 90 approved trials, six were cancelled or moved to another date leaving 84 actual completed trials. Two of the completed field trials were regional trials - North Central and South East; one of the trials was a national - National Amateur Gun Dog and ten of the trials were NGSPA dual sanctioned trials. She submitted a list of the approved field trial dates.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Renee L/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

OBEDIENCE/RALLY REPORT- No report was submitted.

AGILITY REPORT- No report was submitted.

COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP REPORT- In her report, Cynthia McCracken stated that she implemented database changes required by Memberclicks regarding User password security. She stated that the grace period column had been added to replace Paid Thru so we may send renewal notifications starting October 15 @ 45, 30 and 7 days before January 1; then sending grace period with expiration notifications starting 45, 30, and 7 days before members are moved to the Expired classification and taken off of the Membership rolls as of March 1st. Members will receive 6 email renewal notifications with links to the renewal form and 2 renewal notification inserts in the Shorthair Journal. With the last expiration notification, a link to the New Membership

form has been created. Also, she implemented an automatic link to those expired members who want to renew to the New Member form. These changes cover all member types, Juniors included. She stated that the result of this change hopefully will increase our renewal rate.

a. Monitoring changes from the Memberclicks, and implementing as they upgrade their service to a completely reengineered product.

b. Implemented use of the ad hoc invoice system to better serve our Members who wish to change from Individual – Family membership. They may now pay by Credit Card without having to create individual PayPal invoices and capturing payments. This is done automatically. This is being utilized for Additional Awards and Trophy donations if a member wished to donate after the renewal process.

She stated under “Recommended Future Event or Activity Changes”:

1. Contact Local Member Clubs to obtain their respective membership applications so we may include them in the GSPCA Membership packets. This may assist them in building their membership rolls and help retain GSPCA members thru renewal. (Need approval from the Board to proceed)
2. Please refer to the Club tab in the 2015-0527 membership list.

Note the following clubs that are **unpaid** for 2015 - her recommendations are listed below in **red**

YUCCA – 2012 - Delete club from roles – there has been no communication from this club in the past 2 years. Notify AKC of Dissolution inactive status? They have been in trouble for a number of years – no members, no communication to GSPCA.

OZARK – 2013 – Remove club from Shorthair Journal list – have their Director communicate with them to find out their viability and desire to continue as a Local club member and ask what the GSPCA can do to assist them.

SOCALIFORNIA – 2013 – Remove club from Shorthair Journal list – have their Director communicate with them to find out their viability and desire to continue as a Local club member and ask what the GSPCA can do to assist them.

ELPASODELNORTE – 2014 – Remove club from Shorthair Journal list – have their Director communicate with them to find out their viability and desire to continue as a Local club member and ask what the GSPCA can do to assist them.

HIGHSIERRA – 2014 – Remove club from Shorthair Journal list – have their Director communicate with them to find out their viability and desire to continue as a Local club member and ask what the GSPCA can do to assist them..

ROCKRIVERVALLEY – 2014 – Remove club from Shorthair Journal list – have Director communicate with them to find out their viability and desire to continue as a Local club member and ask what the GSPCA can do to assist them.

UTAHGSP – 2014 – Remove club from Shorthair Journal list – have their Director communicate with them to find out their viability and desire to continue as a Local club member and ask what the GSPCA can do to assist them.

WESTERNNY – 2014 – Remove club from Shorthair Journal list – have their Director communicate with them to find out their viability and desire to continue as a Local club member and ask what the GSPCA can do to assist them.

She stated that in a discussion with Terry Chandler, she was in agreement with his proposal to issue 1 year free membership to **NEW** puppy buyers purchased from a breeder. Details will be worked out as

to pricing challenges for online applications with Missy, Dean and the Memberclicks staff. Upon approval of his proposition, she will need approx. 1-2 months to design an online and analog version of the application - which can be downloaded and mailed or executed online. She stated: Is this still under consideration - what information members may access within the Members Only Section of the website (See June 2014 Report)? She had received requests regarding members searching for members in the Members Only section. Regarding Membership numbers, she reminded the BOD that Membership numbers traditionally drop yearly after Feb 28 due to non-renewals. She stated that we have picked up former members as will be reflected in her addendum. This is the traditional cycle. Changing the timing of renewal notifications and continued Directors' support will improve renewals over the next year.

Terry C questioned why the GSPCA notifies the AKC of inactive status of clubs. He is concerned that local clubs are in trouble with decreased membership and financial troubles. Dean G stated that directors need to communicate with their clubs. Liz J stated that emails received from Cynthia McCracken indicate that we will lose several member clubs. Liz J stated that directors need to maintain closer contact with clubs within their region. She stated that clubs need to know what the GSPCA can do for them.

Motion: Directors of the listed clubs are to contact the clubs and report back to the recording secretary within thirty days. Made by: Gene M/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry C questioned the BOD as to how many of them call new members and/or notifies the local clubs of the new member. Dean G was the only director that does this. Terry C stated that the directors need to do this. Renee L wanted to know about the welcome packs to new members. Christy F stated that she emails most of her new members welcoming them. Terry C stated that he spoke with Cynthia McCracken, as referenced in her report, regarding the free membership to new puppy buyers from GSPCA breeders.

Motion: Accept new puppy buyer proposal of: Issue a one year free membership to the GSPCA to all new puppy buyers that purchase a puppy from a GSPCA member breeder. Made by: Gene M/Second: Dean B.

Dean G stated that he wanted to know if this proposal was looked at from a financial aspect. Dean B stated that in reference to the strategic planning, #3 of working with local clubs. #4 is accomplished with the revisions made to the website and the *Shorthair Journal*. In progress is the redesign of the GSPCA form that is given with registration papers. Dean B stated that it is too wordy and verbose. He would like it redesigned to be concise and colorful form. Dean B handed out a revision that he had come up with. Terry C questioned if the free membership was for new puppy buyers or for new puppy buyers that purchased their puppies from a GSPCA member. Dean B stated that it could be either or both. Christy F stated that she only wants buyers from GSPCA breeders to have the free membership so that breeders will remain members. The BOD agreed to table this discussion for now and revisit in New Business. Gene M rescinded his motion.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Renee L/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

JUNIORS REPORT- The report was submitted by Valerie Nunes-Atkinson and Yvonne Detering, Co-chairs of the GSPCA Junior Program. The report stated that this year Becky Feigh worked with her Purina rep to make the Junior Welcome Bags. The Welcome Bags were well received. The Juniors personally thanked the Purina Reps at the NSS. The photographer spoke with the Juniors at the

handling class and gave instruction to get the most out of the show photos. They stated that Nancy Ward did a great job on the Junior Certificates. They stated that they have some very excited kids as a result of all their changes. They are looking into adding a Juniors corner at the NSS. Next year they are planning on a Juniors Clothing exchange. Once they have board approval, they will announce the details to the GSPCA Membership. The clothing exchange will be free to Juniors and then opened to all on the last day of the NSS for monetary exchange. The proceeds will be divided with ½ going to the Junior Fund and ½ going to the Health and Welfare Committee. They have also looked into the Juniors selling Candy Bars at the NSS and at the table. They have also looked into renting a popcorn machine at \$40 per day. They are just getting started with these ideas and will continue their research, if approved. Proceeds would go to the Junior Fund. They have also discussed a raffle of 1 big ticket item, proceeds going to the Junior Fund. This would also be set up in their Juniors corner. The Junior Fund will be used for buying something special for all Juniors attending the NSS. They are looking into the possibility of Jackets for the kids. They are requesting one copy of the illustrated standard to be included in each of the juniors bags at NSS only. They are currently using other dogs to show what juniors should be looking at. Regarding their finances, for the past year they have used their allotted budget for NSS items as previously reported. They still need to send receipts to Dean Browning. As for the current year, their planned budget for the future, they would like to continue with their \$500 budget towards the Junior Fund for Specialty items. They listed the following action items: Approve Clothing Exchange at next year's NSS; Approve \$500 budget; Approve Fund Raising for Candy/Popcorn; Approve Raffle; Approval of board to supply a copy of the Illustrated Standard to each of the NSS Juniors bags.

Lynn P, liaison, expanded on the submitted report. Dean B questioned why he had a request for \$150 and for \$250. Lynn P stated that it is to go to the first and second placed Juniors to attend Eukanuba and/or Westminster. Lynn P was questioned as to who decides which Juniors receive scholarships. She stated that the NSS has a committee that oversees this. Renee L stated that only the budget action item should be presented to the BOD. She stated that the other items need to be presented to the NSS EC. Christy F asked what the "Junior Fund" was. Dean B stated that all money goes into the general fund.

ACTION ITEM: LYNN P IS TO NOTIFY JUNIORS CO-CHAIRS THAT THERE IS NO DESIGNATED JUNIORS FUND. THAT ALL MONEY GOES INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND THE BOD GIVES BUDGET MONEY TO THE JUNIORS.

Renee L stated that the Juniors can always ask for a budget increase. She also stated that the money they raise does not need to be for the Health & Welfare committee. She stated that they just need to keep a running tally of the funds that they raise.

Motion: Accept the following action item requests from the Juniors committee: Approve a clothing exchange at the 2016 NSS; Approve a \$500 budget; Approve to supply a copy of the Illustrated Standard to each of the NSS Juniors bags. The Juniors committee must approach the NSS EC regarding their requests for fund raising by selling candy/popcorn and holding a raffle. Made by: Renee L/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

JUDGES EDUCATION REPORT- Christy F presented her report to the BOD. She stated that there was an issue with the Judges Education schedule at the recent NSS. She stated that there was a time conflict with the Annual Meeting of the Membership. Gene M stated that more of the membership needs to attend the Annual meeting. Christy F stated that it did not work well for the Judges Education participants. She stated that their classroom starts one hour before classes begin. Terry C questioned when the Annual meeting should be held. No decision was made. Christy F recognized the following GSPCA members as dedicated ringside mentors: Renee L, Debbie K, Janet Chandler, Carol Chadwick, Jan Bradfeldt, Steve Herman and Karen Nauer. Christy F stated that she had a new program as part of the Judges Education- "Breeder Panel." She stated that it was a success, had positive feedback and that she intends to incorporate it in the Judges Education seminar from now on. She stated that she tried to include many field breeders. She stated that she also added field to her information. She stated that she has the following upcoming workshops: Next weekend on the Sporting Dog, October 15-16, in Texas and she will add the breeder panel. Oregon Judges on Jan 22-24. She stated that in December, Eukanuba requested that a Judges Education seminar be held.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Made by: Sharon F/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

BREED EDUCATION/MEET THE BREEDS REPORT- In her report, Patte Titus stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Gene M. Motion carried unanimously.

BREEDER REFERRAL REPORT- No report was submitted. Diane P, liaison, stated that she received a written report from Melissa Campbell. Diane P read the report to the BOD: "Provide a Brief Summary of the Event or Activity: Continue to answer email regarding breeder/puppy inquiries; Current practice has been to refer any interested party to the home state via cut/past directly from website; Average approximately 6-10 inquiries a month. The majority of the inquiries is interested in puppies and found the website through the AKC. Indicate changes made to improve the Event or Activity from the previous six months or year (if any): None. Recommended Future Event or Activity Changes: Phone conversation with Missy Neal (Webmaster) on redesign of the Breeder Referral Listing. Suggestion below would be on webpage redesign timing; suggest using format similar to other National Clubs. Each breeder would fill out a form yearly to keep information up to date. Information would include the following: Kennel Name, Breeder Name, Breeder City/State, Phone, Website (if available), Email Address, GSPCA Member, Health Testing Conducted, Area of Activity (Conformation, Hunting, FT, etc.), Additional Information (i.e. AKC Breeder of Merit), Ad Renewal Date; With the changes in health testing requirement for Breeder Referral the following disclaimer should be included on webpage: Listings in this directory are paid classifieds, and the breeders are not endorsed by the GSPCA. The listed agree to abide by the Code of Ethics adopted by the GSPCA. Dogs and kennels advertised in the Breeders Directory or elsewhere do not constitute an endorsement by the GSPCA. Persons using this directory must decide for themselves which breeder is most suitable for their purpose. Financial Summary: No change in breeder listing from previous year. Planned Budget for Future: NA. Committee needs (please

list in order of importance): NA. Action Items for Board consideration: Approval and/or revisions of suggested items to move forward on Breeder Referral changes on web page redesign timing.”

Sharon F brought up that the old forms are still in use. Diane P stated that when the new website is up and running, the new form will be displayed. Renee L suggested that Melissa Campbell institute a program to solicit breeders to advertise on the breeder referral listing.

Motion: Accept report as read by Diane Prohaska. Made by: Renee L/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT- In her report, Karen Nauer stated that the H&W Committee continues to be busy with various projects. She stated that they sponsored health clinics at the 2015 NSS with the following results: 22 cardiac exams by a Board certified Cardiologist, and happy to surpass the \$2,000 minimum (12 Auscultations and 11 Echocardiograms); 18 samples submitted to Optigen for CD testing, with the 25% discount for the NSS; 98 DNA samples collected and submitted to the OFA CHIC data base, OFA waived half of the \$20 fee and the GSPCA paid \$980.00 to cover the other \$10.00. She expressed special thanks to Dr. Renee Lara and Dr. Gary McNeil for drawing the samples, and all the volunteers that held dogs and assisted with the paper work required for submission. She stated that the H&W Committee continues to submit articles to the *Shorthair Journal* on health related topics. She also stated that they will continue to work with Missy to update the H&W section of the website in the next quarter. She stated that Phyllis McNall and Sherry Thrall have expressed interest in joining the Committee. She requested approval or thoughts from the BOD. Karen Nauer also stated that the Committee is requesting the BOD’s support to fund the Cancer Research Study sponsored by the Canine Health Foundation at the \$10,000 level from their Purina Fund. She stated that cancer is the number one health concern identified by the health survey completed by the H&W Committee in the Fall of 2014. She submitted a pamphlet from the Veterinary Comparative Oncology Research Foundation (VCORF) for additional information. She stated that the researchers leading this project are the most recognized researchers in canine cancer and this research looks promising for identifying a genetic marker. She stated that she would like to request Sandra Kretz attend the Canine Health Foundation Conference in August, 2015. Karen stated that she is unable to attend. She stated that the cost would be the air fare and a few meals as CHF pays for all the other expenses. She will ask Sandra to have a more detailed estimate based on the BOD’s approval for Sandra to attend. The GSPCA is guaranteed one participant and others can attend if there is space available. Leita Estes has asked to attend the conference at her own expense. Karen requested the BOD’s thoughts on allowing her to attend as a GSPCA member. Karen stated that the Committee has received information from Ann Jeglum, DVM on the Mya Fund. Karen submitted a flier for more information. She stated that it is their understanding the fund would assist with funding treatment for GSPs with cancer. She stated that the majority of the committee members support the idea of the Mya Fund. She suggested that the BOD should use caution in supporting one private fund over any other private fund as the GSPCA will not have any influence on the decisions made by the Mya Fund to assist certain individuals. She submitted a quote from one of the Committee members: “Finally, I’m sure there will eventually be applicants (who may be GSPCA members) who will get turned down for support. I think our endorsement could put the H&W Committee in a somewhat tricky situation in this case between the complaints of a member and the

independent decision making of the fund. Again, I think it is commendable for individuals to raise money for something they feel strongly about. It's just out of the H&W Committee's sphere other than to wish them well for doing a good deed. We are an official arm of a 501c3 corporation. I think that puts a responsibility on us to be thoughtful in our deliberations beyond our personal concern for cancer or our personal relationships with the individuals responsible." Karen stated that the Committee can place the information about the Mya Fund in their section on the GSPCA website under resources for cancer as we have with other cancer resources.

Renee L stated that the cardiac clinic and the DNA draws at the NSS went well. Renee L stated that the articles that Dean G sends out to his regional members are good and asked that he submit them to the *Shorthair Journal* for publication. Dean G stated that he sends weekly articles out and does send some of those to the *Shorthair Journal*. Liz J stated that she always verifies copyrighting approval. Terry C stated that the BOD does not get involved with who the committee chairs choose to join their committees.

Motion: Donate \$10,000 to fund the Cancer Research Study sponsored by the Canine Health Foundation with the donation coming from the H&W's Purina Fund. Made by: Dean B/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Approve to send Sandra Kretz to attend the Canine Health Foundation Conference in August, 2015. Made by: Christy F/Second: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry C stated that it is up to the H&W Committee as to whether or not Leita Estes attends the conference. He also stated that it is up to the H&W Committee as to whether or not they support and/or endorse the Mya Fund. The BOD discussed the Mya Fund efforts and their right to turn down dogs. It was a concern that if a GSPCA member was to be turned down, that this may reflect poorly on the GSPCA. Renee L suggested that the H&W Committee place the Mya Fund under their "resources" listings. Renee L suggested a donation instead of an endorsement. Renee L stated that this is being discussed with the H&W Committee.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

RESCUE REPORT- Missy Neal stated in her report that they: educate GSPCA members about Rescue; that they recommend Rescue groups in members' regions and encourage involvement; they send regular email notifications to member Clubs regarding rescue activities in their part of the country and encourage support; they set the standard for GSP rescue groups in USA; they provide mentorship and funding for startup groups and provide financial support for seniors in need, or for GSPs with special circumstances on a case-by-case basis. She stated that the GSPCA supported 26 GSPs that were seized in a hoarding situation in Ohio. The dogs were in poor condition and many needed more than the usual neuter/shots to become adoptable. To date it has cost over \$14,500 in vetting, boarding and transport to the rescue groups that took the dogs. They will be writing up a story about this to be published in the *Shorthair Journal*, so the member donors can have some idea of what all their donations have supported. She stated that they had a contest to design t-shirts for Rescue, the winner getting a \$250 donation to the charity of their choice. The winner, by a landslide, submitted a design that as it turned

out could not be reproduced via silkscreen on t-shirts. So they printed the second place design. The winning design charity was Southeast GSP Rescue, and the runner up (winner) sent her donation to the Ohio hoarder case. The shirts sold well at the NSS. They sold out or close to it. They have already reordered and the shirts will be put on the site for online sales, by the middle of June. Melissa Campbell ran the Rescue silent auction at NSS this year. Missy stated that she was not in attendance, nor was Dean Browning to count the funds raised at NSS. Melissa Campbell reported that the silent auction brought in \$2042 cash/check sales and shirt & quilt ticket sales onsite totaled \$320. Per Holly Faught, the auction did \$705.50 in credit card sales and shirts did \$375 in credit card sales. They had \$560 in PayPal sales for quilt tickets, for a total of \$4,002.50. Missy stated that they had 8 groups apply for their Participating Rescue program. This was about a 50% response. Missy stated that they are planning other fundraising efforts for this summer and fall to replenish the Rescue fund.

Sharon F, liaison, reviewed the report with the BOD. She commended the safety net that Rescue supplies. Liz J requested that Missy Neal assign request a committee member to submit an article regarding the Ohio hoarding case.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Renee L/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

Hall Of Fame Nominations- Show Dogs- No nominations were submitted.

Hall Of Fame Nominations- Field Dogs- No nominations were submitted.

Hall Of Fame Nominations- Obedience Dogs- No nominations were submitted.

Hall Of Fame Nominations- People/Life Members- No nominations were submitted.

GSP BRONZE REPORT- Gene Moseley reviewed his submitted report. Gene M stated that on May 15 2015 the Life Size GSP Bronze and the Pedestal Bronze were installed at the National Bird Dog Museum. He stated that the unveiling is set for Saturday June 13, 2015. In regards to his financial summary, Gene M stated that \$40,000 was collected for this project with about \$15,000 for appreciation gifts. He stated that about \$2000 of expenses and about \$20,000 for actual cost of Bronzes and Granite. He stated that he expects about \$3,000 to \$5,000 left after project for donation to Endowment Fund for Museum Wing. He will have final dollars after unveiling and final costs. He stated that the project is almost over with and that he has no action items at this time. He stated that he would like to give a check to the office crew instead of the foundation. He stated that the office crew has some needs. He stated that his club, Gulf Coast GSP, gave them a video camera and tripod. Gene M stated that he would like to give \$1000 to the office and then the remainder of the money to go to the endowment. Gene M stated that the left over gifts have been donated to the museum's gift store, with 75% of money made going to the endowment on behalf of the GSPCA. Gene M stated that he purchased T-shirts that promotes the museum but is focused on the GSP. He donated those as well, with the same 75% going to the endowment on behalf of the GSPCA. Gene M had two samples of the shirts and handed them out for the BOD members to view. Gene M stated that the endowment is money to take care of the future of the museum. Gene M stated that the Brittany people have covered their endowment fund in full. Gene M stated that in hindsight, there are things that he would have done differently regarding the Bronze project. Gene M stated that Andy Gerdes, a museum committee member and the architect for the GSP wing, will come by the meeting later and give a report.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

NATIONAL BIRD DOG MUSEUM REPORT- Terry C stated that the GSP has an unusual situation in that there are two parent clubs: the NGSPA (National German Shorthaired Pointer Association) which is under the American Field Sporting Dog Association, and the GSPCA which is under the American Kennel Club. Both clubs are responsible for the GSP wing in the museum. He stated that we are working hard to maintain a good relationship with the NGSPA as there is an unfavorable history. Terry C stated that tomorrow the BOD will get to view the wing, many for the first time. He stated that it is not completed. He stated that the Hall of Fame Dogs and People are from both clubs. There are questions as to how to share the wing. Terry C stated that the two clubs are competing over the back wall. Terry C would like for it to be half GSPCA Nationals and half NGSPA Nationals. He stated that it can eventually be changed, but the GSPCA has to establish ground. He stated that this is strictly a field trial museum. He stated that we need a footprint in the museum, so we need to work with the NGSPA. Gene M stated that the Bird Dog Foundation is an umbrella for the NGSPA HOF. Terry C stated that there is a delay to finishing the wing due to the museum replacing the roof. He stated that the timeline is to be an exhibit depicting the history of the GSP. Gene M stated that every year the National Bird Dog Museum holds a Bird Dog Hall of Fame ceremony and produces a catalog. Gene M proposed that the GSPCA place a club ad in it. He stated that the cost of the color ad would be \$250.00. The discussion is tabled until after lunch.

MEETING BREAK AT 1154 CST
MEETING RESUMED AT 1250 CST

Motion: Place a color ad in the 2016 National Bird Dog Foundation Hall of Fame catalog. Made by: Gene M/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Made by: Sharon F/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

YEARBOOK REPORT- Gene M, liaison, reviewed his submitted report. He stated that the yearbooks have been paying for themselves each year and Deb Broad has done a great job of each year trying a few new ideas. He stated that they placed an ad in the NSS Catalog and asked for discount ads from catalogs to be placed in Yearbook. He stated that Holly Faught helped with sales at NSS. He stated that they will again have a campaign on getting GSPCA Clubs to take advantage of a special two year offer for ads in the upcoming yearbook. He stated that the committee needs are to find three volunteers (one show, one field, one performance) that would help follow up on a category and to make calls on their lists to solicit for ads. He stated that he still needs help from database for their ATP and ROM area. He needs a new database person. He stated that there were no Action items at this time.

ACTION ITEM: LYNN P TO PHONE BELINDA VENNER TO SEE IF SHE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH THE YEARBOOK AND ALSO CONTACT AGILITY AND RALLY PEOPLE.

Gene M stated that the ads in the NSS catalog can be the same ad in the Yearbook. He said his goal is to get people active in it. Liz J suggested that Gene M have Deb Broad join in on conference calls with the web design and the *Shorthair Journal*.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Made by: Liz J/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

HISTORIAN REPORT- In her report, Patte Titus stated that she did not have anything to report at this time.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Renee L/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

ILLUSTRATED STANDARD REPORT- In her report, Patte Titus stated that the first Illustrated Standard for the GSP breed was completed on time as promised. To assure the GSP coat color was accurately portrayed the May 1st deadline for delivery to the NSS had to be changed to May 7th. The original plan was to have enough copies available for purchase but because of the delayed printing schedule only twenty-five copies were sent overnight for the presentation at the Annual Meeting. Officers and Directors, Committee members and Seminar attendees each received their copy. For those not attending their copies were mailed to them. She stated that upon completion of printing the order, 500 were shipped to Sue Clemons for mailing to all GSP approved AKC Judges. The list was provided (\$25) by AKC Judges Education Department with Purina providing the envelopes at no cost. 349 copies with a cover letter were mailed on 19 May. Total expense for this mailing: \$632.01. Sue then provided the mailing list to the Parent Club secretaries and NSSEC Chair. She stated that the remaining 475 copies were shipped to her. Of the 475, 150 were sent to the JE Coordinator. Patte Titus retained 25 for use at the AKC Sporting Dog Institute to be held during the 2015 Eukanuba Championships. The remaining 300 plus the 151 Sue has will be sent per the BOD decision/direction at this meeting. She stated that the reception for the Illustrated Standard has been well received by the Judging community. Individuals are inquiring as to where it can be purchased. Note: One typo discovered on p. 9 has been corrected for future printing. Patte Titus recommended a letter of appreciation and plaque for Pam Fullford, Illustrated Standard Artist and to each of the Committee members: Sue Clemons, Ruth Ann Freer-Godfrey, Jan Hill & Betsy Yates. Patte Titus submitted a breakdown of the expenses: Artist: Contract with Artist/Illustrator - Pam Fullford - signed 25 Jan 2013. Contract stipulates - 30 total illustrations @ \$100 ea. Supplies plus 10 initial Illustrations \$1K. Remaining 20 illustrations - \$2K. Two Additional Illustrations after the initial 30 @ \$100 each. Per contract Artist paid: \$3200. Graphic Layout and Production Management: BOD approved contract with Cynthia Moorhead - signed 12 Aug 2014. Contract stipulates - Payment to be made when both parties agree on the final proof and designated printer to print the Illustrated Standard. Per contract Graphic Layout/Production Mgt. paid: \$1500. Printer - Metropolitan, An RR Donnelley Company - Indianapolis, IN. Initial quote: 16 pp + cover, 1K copies, 2 inks (\$1215.00) 2015 Jan BOD Mtg. 16 March 2015 - request BOD approve total of 3 inks, estimate \$2065. 18 March 2015- BOD approved 3rd ink - Liaison email. 22 May 2015 - Final invoice cost includes: 3 inks, paper, set-up, 2 proofs, one ink color change (illustrations only), final edition run of 1000 copies, collating, trim, saddle stitch, box and shipping to include 25 copies overnight to NSS for Annual Meeting. Total Printing Cost: \$2232.88. AKC Judges (349 complimentary @ \$10 = \$3490). Postage: \$ 632.01. Total Overall Cost: \$7564.89.

ACTION ITEM: TERRY C TO SEND A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO EACH OF THE ILLUSTRATED STANDARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

ACTION ITEM: LYNN P TO HAVE PATTE TITUS TO SEND 25 COPIES OF THE ILLUSTRATED STANDARD TO THE JUNIORS COMMITTEE.

Diane P read an email that she received from the Long Island GSP Club President Cathy Iacopelli which requested that the BOD make the Illustrated Standard available to the membership via the GSPCA website. BOD members stated that they had received similar requests from the membership. Dean B stated that it is something we are proud of. It is intended to educate members as well as the public, so it needs to be available to everyone. He suggested that it be placed on the website and offer to sell the hard copies. Gene M suggested using a watermark online.

Motion: Place the Illustrated Standard on the GSPCA website with a "web copy" watermark. Sell the printed hardcopy at \$10 (including postage) each in Merchandise on the website. Made by: Diane P/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: DIANE P TO DISCUSS WITH PATTE TITUS REGARDING MAILING OUT THE ILLUSTRATED STANDARD HARD COPIES.

ACTION ITEM: DIANE P WILL DISCUSS WITH MISSY NEAL REGARDING ADDING THE ILLUSTRATED STANDARD HARD COPY TO THE GSPCA ONLINE STORE.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Diane P/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

REGISTRY OF MERIT REPORT- A report was submitted by Yvonne Hassler-Deterding & Valerie Nunes-Atkinson who wish to become the Co-chairs of the C-ROM Program as the position is vacant. In their report, they stated that they became aware that the C-ROM program had not been updated since 2012. They thought the previous Awards Chair was compiling the ROM's off AKC Title Reports. They have since received all AKC Title reports and started to get the C-ROM program current. They plan to have the website current by Sept 1, 2015 for all C-ROM's thru 2014. They would like to continue to have all AKC Title Reports forwarded to Yvonne Hassler-Deterding for tabulation. They would like to announce the new ROM recipients at the NSS Banquet – no Award Certificate handed out – reading names of Sires and Dam and Titles only. They would like to have display boards made listing the names of all previous ROM dogs and displayed at the NSS Awards dinner. In addition, they have volunteered to make the boards for the P-ROM and F-ROM for display consistency. They have a Planned Budget for Future: \$100 for NSS Display Boards, Award Certificates and Mailing. They would like for the BOD to approve all of their requests.

Gene M, liaison, stated that the ROM needed to be redone. He is excited at Yvonne's and Valerie's interest and enthusiasm. Gene M stated that there was no chair for this committee. Renee L volunteered to chair the ROM committee. The suggestion was made to keep the separate ROMs (C-ROM, P-ROM, F-ROM, D-ROM and H-ROM). Renee stated that she will come up with the formula for tabulating the ROMs. The BOD felt that the action items requested should be deferred until the new chair makes changes.

Motion: Defer all action items until the new chair has had time to evaluate. Made by: Christy F/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL AWARDS REPORT- In her report, Cynthia McCracken stated that she compiled and prepared Year End Awards utilizing reports from AKC and her committee members using the reports with established values and calculated the results. She stated that the Excel formulas are working properly. She stated that the committee was polled regarding the Annual Awards currently given, what awards could be eliminated, and which awards should be added or deleted. She stated that the committee was adamant that no awards should be deleted. The awards program promotes GSPCA membership by working towards and earning the awards. They do not wish to discourage membership by eliminating any awards. She requested approval for the following changes and additions:

(Change to include PACH)

MACH - MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION: (First earned MACH awarded Plaque) (Committee feels that the first Agility Championship should receive a plaque whether it is a PACH or MACH then receive certificates for additional titles e.g. MACH 2 -... or PACH 2 - ...)

AKC Requirements - In order to acquire the title, a dog must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores obtained from the master standard agility class and the master jumpers with weaves class.

(Add)

PACH – PREFERRED AGILITY CHAMPION: (First earned PACH awarded Plaque) (Committee feels that the first Agility Championship should receive a plaque whether it is a PACH or MACH then receive certificates for additional titles e.g. MACH 2 -... or PACH 2 - ...)

AKC Requirements - In order to acquire the title, a dog must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores obtained from the master standard agility class and the master jumpers with weaves class.

(Add)

CT - CHAMPION TRACKER Committee - 100% agreement that this be an Annual Award due to the difficulty of earning the title and the rarity.

AKC Requirements - dog must hold all 3 tracking titles (TD OR TDU, TDX AND VST)

(Add)

TC – TRIPLE CHAMPION: (Committee feels that this should be awarded a LG 8x12 plaque if achieved)

Any dog that has been awarded the title of dual champion (dc) and the title of obedience trial champion (OTCH) or tracking champion (CT) or agility champion (MACH or PACH) may be designated as a triple champion. VCCH versatile companion champion:

(Add)

VCCH - VERSATILE COMPANION DOG CHAMPION: (Committee feels that this should be added to the annual awards list - note: this is different from our Versatility Awards Calculated by Dave Nauer)

(Add)

CGCA - AKC COMMUNITY CANINE: The advanced level of canine good citizen. Committee discussed but did not come to a conclusion - Possible certificate for Advanced Level

AKC Requirements: Must be a CGC and put in a verifiable number of community

(Add)

THDD - Therapy Dog Distinguished - Must have completed 400 visits (Committee would like to recognize with a plaque - I would opt for a certificate)

(Add)

North America Diving Dog (NADD) - possible addition of 30 Titles (GSPs are participating in the sport)
10 Dock Diving titles awarded to GSPs (Committee would like the Board to consider recognizing Advanced titles)

He included a pdf document of GSPCA awards that was extensive- 19 pages – so that document was sent to each BOD member several days prior to the BOD meeting for their review.

Gene M submitted a liaison report that included a Financial Summary: 2014 Annual Awards: 40 - 7" x 9" plus 7 - 9" x 12" Plaques & Postage Monarch Trophy \$1946.29, 8 Dual Awards & Postage SGR \$1469.51, Postage single mailings \$101.00, total \$3516.75. He stated that there seems to be a need for a list of awards that are given out. He stated that he asked Cynthia McCracken for that list plus a list of committee request to add to list. He stated that he would like some discussion about Top Ten listings and how they are counted on the horizon. He also stated that he would like some discussion about how information is given to Yearbook, Slide Show, Trophy, Website, Journal people. He stated that he would like for the BOD to review the list of awards and add to if so desired.

The BOD discussed the extensive list of awards. Comment was made that when a GSP becomes a field champion, that no award is given, yet the GSP that earns a CGC gets an award. The comment was made that an award should be given to the dog that had the goal of obtaining something difficult. Renee L suggested that the BOD look at each award individually. Diane P stated that she wants to only acknowledge the top awards. Dean B stated that the GSPCA Constitution and By-Laws state that the first object of the Club is "To encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred German Shorthaired Pointers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection." The BOD agreed to review each award individually.

The BOD reviewed and discussed the requirements of the MACH (Master Agility Champion) and the PACH (Preferred Agility Champion).

Motion: Keep the current award of MACH (Master Agility Champion) only on the list of GSPCA Annual Awards; do not accept the PACH (Preferred Agility Champion). Made by: Gene M/Second: Lynn P. Motion carried with Christy F, Renee L, Diane P and Cynthia B opposed. Terry C abstained.

The BOD reviewed and discussed the requirements for the title of CT (Champion Tracker).

Motion: Do not add the CT (Champion Tracker) to the list of GSPCA Annual Awards. Made by Lynn P/Second: Christy F. Motion carried with Renee L and Cynthia B opposed. Terry C abstained.

The BOD reviewed and discussed the requirements for the title of TC (Triple Champion).

Motion: Add the TC (Triple Champion) to the list of GSPCA Annual Awards. Made by: Christy F/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried with Dean B and Gene M opposed. TC abstained.

The BOD reviewed and discussed the requirements for the title of VCCH (Versatile Companion Dog Champion).

Motion: Do not add the VCCH (Versatile Companion Dog Champion) to the list of GSPCA Annual Awards. Made by: Renee L/Second: Dean B. Motion carried with Terry C abstaining.

The BOD reviewed and discussed the requirements for the title of CGCA (AKC Community Canine).

Motion: Do not add the CGCA (AKC Community Canine) to the list of GSPCA Annual Awards. Made by: Renee L/Second: Dean G. Motion carried with Terry C abstaining.

The BOD reviewed and discussed the requirements for the title of THDD (Therapy Dog Distinguished). Motion: Do not add the THDD (Therapy Dog Distinguished) to the list of GSPCA annual awards. Made by: Diane P/Second: Dean B. Motion carried with Terry C abstaining.

The BOD reviewed and discussed the requirements for the title of NADD (North America Diving Dog). Motion: Do not add the NADD (North America Diving Dog) to the list of GSPCA annual awards. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Dean G. Motion carried with Terry C abstaining.

Diane P requested that the BOD go back and discuss the MACH and OTCH. Dean G stated that the Club will be faced with AKC continuing to add awards. Renee L stated that she would like to have MACH and OTCH Sire and Dams of the Year awards. Christy F suggested that all titles be recognized by listing in the awards program and only hand out awards for HOF, Dual and Dogs of the Year. Dean B stated that in order to discuss which awards might need to be removed from the list, he would like to defer this at this time and allow the awards committee to collect data first, and then discuss this issue via a conference call. Terry C reminded the BOD that the GSPCA Code of Ethics refers to the GSP as a "hunting breed." He read the Code of Ethics to the BOD: "Breed only with the intention of improving the breed, using sire and dam of appropriate qualities in relation to the official breed standard and soundness in health, physical structure and temperament. Promote and breed with the intention of producing high quality hunting dogs that strongly represent what the breed is intended to be, a hunting breed." Liz J stated that the BOD needs to clarify the Code of Ethics as guidance to the Awards Committee. Terry C stated that the issue is complicated, but to keep in mind that the focus of the breed is primarily hunting. Diane P stated that she agrees and only wants to recognize the core titles. Renee L stated that the GSP is recognized as the most versatile sporting dog and that a large portion of the membership believes that "versatility" outranks hunting. Sharon F stated that there is a big gap when recognition is given for certain titles and not for others. Sharon F stated that there are not a set of principles for which the awards are handed out.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Gene M/Second: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry C stated that there needs to be direction in regards to the awards. Lynn P stated that she thinks Dean B's reading of the object of the Club should be the guidance that the awards committee needs to abide by. She would like to make this an agenda item for the January BOD meeting. Liz J asked Sharon F if she would like to form a committee to address this. Sharon F (chair), Dean G, Lynn P, Diane P and Liz J all agreed to be on this committee.

Motion: Accept Gene M's Annual Awards Committee liaison report. Made by: Dean G/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry C stated that he will soon send out an email blast notifying the membership that they can order and pay for a Dual Champion trophy if their dog received that title in the past.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT- In her report, Missy Neal stated that the GSPCA web site is often the first point of contact for individuals wishing to learn about GSPs. She stated that she and the web design committee are redesigning the web site and have a prototype for Board approval. She stated that not all the sections are built out (because this is a prototype) and that she'd like to have it completely built out before the NFT activities start (posting premium/online entries and

merchandise) by the first part of August. She stated that when they go live with the site, she'll put up a notice on the home page and take down the old site/activate the new site. This is not an instantaneous transition; it will take place over the course of maybe a 12 hour period, most of the activity being overnight to cause as little disruption as possible. After the site goes live, will be inevitable growing pains as we have members unable to find things even with the search feature. She stated that the new site will be optimized to Google search, but it takes a few days for an old site to be "uncached" and a new site to be recognized by search engines. This is all normal and no cause for alarm; but sometimes things really are not working as they should and will need her attention, so please just direct any complaints to her. She stated that she has had issues with the emails since Network Solutions (host our website and email) system upgrade in December 2014. She stated that we upgraded each email account (32 total) and made some other adjustments server side, which should have rectified the emails bouncing from one Board member to another. However it didn't, so she is still working on that with NetSol. Regarding MemberClicks, she and Cynthia are, this summer, rebuilding all the online forms per her January report. MemberClicks will build their own template to transition our current Member site to look like the template we are designing for our public site. That will cost \$750. She stated that she had spoken with Melissa Campbell about putting the Breeder Referral form on the member only site and allow people to pay via that system rather than simple PayPal button on the public site. The listings, however, will remain on the public site. She has also spoke with Patte Titus about putting the Illustrated Standard online for member viewing, and about putting the books on sale on the site. She understands and agrees with the plan to wait to publish a digital version online until we have sold at least enough of the inventory to pay for their production. She stated that she has been in touch with Patty Busso, new *Shorthair Journal* Editor. She stated that they both realize the roles their separate products play in member education and interest, and plan to work together to create a cohesive product. She proposed that a Communications committee be created, which will include both Web and *Journal*. The idea being to provide a united brand image for GSPCA, ensure the content is consistent across both platforms, and generate ideas for continually improving both GSPCA products.

Diane P, liaison, stated that the web design committee consisted of Missy Neal, Renee L, Debbie K, Sharon F and herself. Diane P stated that they are ready to go live if the BOD approves. She stated that Missy Neal needs people committed to keeping the website up to date. She stated that the goal for completion is August 1st. Renee L wants Terry C to provide content for Dual Champions section. She stated that the banner on the home page will be changed out seasonally. Diane P wants to send out an email blast to the membership when the new website is up and running. Renee L stated that there are only three buttons on the home page, but rotated constantly. She also stated that Missy will inform the committee of any complaints. Dean B suggested a "payments" tab on the home page.

Motion: Bring the new GSPCA website live by August 1st. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Approve MemberClicks cost of \$750. Made by: Dean B/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Sharon F/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING BREAK AT 1442 CST
MEETING RESUMED AT 1450 CST

Gene M introduced Andy Gerdes, architect for the GSP Wing at the National Bird Dog Museum. Mr. Gerdes showed the BOD diagrams of the new GSP Wing. He stated that there is approximately 2000 square feet of floor space and 15,000 square feet of wall space. He showed the design layout and the criteria of the objects. He defined the timeline wall and had miniatures of the panoramic photos to be displayed like murals. He indicated where the area of National Champions would be located, the educational area, the timeline wall, and the Hall of Fame Dogs and the Hall of Fame People. He displayed the current and future organizing formats of the wall displays. There will be an area for Purina's annual award of Dog of the Year and Handler of the Year. He discussed the lighting used and praised how good it is. Gene M stated that the BOD will have a better understanding once we actually view the museum. Terry C stated that everyone is excited about the GSP wing. Mr. Gerdes exited the meeting.

Diane P reminded Dean B that Missy Neal was promised a bonus if she completed that web design change within a given time frame and that Missy had done so. Dean B stated that he will send the bonus to her.

SHORTHAIK JOURNAL REPORT- Liz J, liaison, submitted the report and reviewed it with the BOD. She stated that she submitted the report since Patty Busso, the editor, is new. Liz J stated that the position of Editor of the GSPCA Shorthair Journal was awarded to and accepted by Patricia Busso of *All About Dogs Media Group*, Pennsylvania. Liz J stated that the transition from April Leonetti to Patty Busso is on schedule. She stated that most of the requested material has been provided to both Patty and Liz. She stated that Patty is 'on a targeted timeline' to publish the July/Aug NSS issue. Liz J handed out some samples of upcoming pages. She stated that she and Patty have held multiple transition conference calls; a draft script of inclusions has been developed for each issue and she submitted it along with her report. She stated that a draft will be developed for each issue to expedite the gathering of content material and advertising. Liz J stated that regarding the financial summary: *Shorthair Journal* Costs for May/June 2015 issue- 1,641 copies of the *Shorthair Journal*, May/June 2015. 60 pages, self-cover. Invoice total: \$2,56.29. Shipping and handling charges: \$234.32. Their deposit to the post office account: \$744.63. Invoice total: \$978.95. Shipping and handling charges per the enclosed for the May/June 2015 issue 234.32. Dean B will apply to Johnson Press for credit status, which should reduce the number of days to go to print from about 6 to 1. Liz J stated that they recommend obtaining a GSPCA SJ Drop Box Subscription at a cost of approximately \$10 month to be able to receive large megabyte files that occur with a high resolution publication. She also stated that they request names from the board of people they can solicit to become members of the SJ Committee – particularly in Field/Hunting, Agility. She also stated that the SJ Editor's contract needed to be finalized. She stated that Patty Busso and Missy Neal will work closely together, including monthly phone calls, to coordinate the *Shorthair Journal* with the website. She stated that they want to form a communications committee. She believes that Deb Broad should be a member. Dean B stated that he would like for Patty Busso to put together an email outlining the bullet points on what she thinks her contract is, and have her send that to you and I. We would agree that these are the terms that you are operating under and you can expect this to be formalized in a contract by June 30th. Dean G questioned what

requirements the field person for the committee would need to have. Liz J answered that the person would need to submit pertinent field related articles.

Motion: Approve Drop Box subscription and development of the communications committee. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION REPORT- No report was submitted. Liaison, Sharon F, stated that Terry Brumbaugh has drawn up a draft of a brochure of information and abbreviations pertaining to legislation. She stated that Terry Brumbaugh has also created a Facebook page, "GSPCA Legislation News," to bring awareness of dog legislation issues and educating the public.

WATER TEST REPORT- Dean G, liaison, submitted the report since the committee chair position remains vacant. He stated that he did not realize how much activity the former Water Test chair was involved in. Dean G stated that he is currently chairing the events. Currently there are 3 clubs that have requested approval for Water Tests, and 3 additional have called asking how to hold the event or what paper work to submit. He stated that he needs to finalize either a new chair person, or committee. Dean G stated that he needs to make more clubs aware of the water test activity. He suggested an article in the *Shorthair Journal*. In discussions with people, Dean stated that they aren't aware of the possible impact for their individual clubs; that they found the event or heard about the activity by word of mouth. He stated that he may need a future budget for certificate printing. He stated that he spoke to Doug Lundgren of the AKC to add GSPCA Water test as an official title for GSPs to be shown on Pedigrees and official AKC records. He stated it would take around \$ 4,000 to make the programming changes, and stated he would consider a proposal on how to get the funds to do it. He suggested a possible additional fees paid by participants to GSPCA from the Water Test. The current cost is \$ 4.00 per participant. Dean G stated that there were four people that applied for the Water Test chair position. He stated that there is an increase in that position's responsibilities. He stated that he wants the Water Test chair position to evolve because he has a higher expectation of what he wants. Dean G stated that he would like to appoint a chair in January.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Sharon F/Second: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

MERCHANDISE REPORT- In her report, Holly Faught stated that for the NSS: The NSSESC has some preliminary sketches for the 2016 logo and have made decisions to change some of the design layout for the 2016 shirts. We are expected to make final decisions by June 15, 2015. This is the second year for her to bring home leftover NSS merchandise. With the aid of friends, she has been able to sell all but one t-shirt without having to put them online. The final shirt will be offered for sale at a discounted price online soon. She was contacted by Corporate Images concerning approximately 15 NSS mugs in their possession. She is not sure how they had these mugs which were in excess of the quantity that she had ordered. She has agreed to advertise the mugs online. If, we have any interest, Corporate Images will ship directly to the buyer saving the expense of shipping the mugs to her for distribution. We will only be billed for the mugs that are sold. She attached a P&L for the 2015 NSS Merchandise. She stated that she is very happy to have a profit of over \$4600 before the cost of Judges Gifts. The pre-sales were very good, being the largest pre-sale on a "regular" National year (The 50th Anniversary remains the largest). Pre-sales were just under \$7000. It's very difficult to judge the reasoning for the increased pre-sale.

Was it the new design on the shirts having the GSPCA on the sleeves, some shirts printed both front & back, maybe the design appealed to so many more since it covered 5 venues (show, agility, obedience, tracking and hunting) or has the majority of people finally figured out that pre-ordering actually gets them the size and items they want? Since this was the first year for pre-sales to be so high, she was undecided whether or not to order the same amount of items for inventory. She elected to go with the same amounts. She was pretty worried at the NSS when items were not selling. There was a lot of talk about people waiting because they knew we would put items "on sale" near the end of the National. We did have several sales on the last two days of the National due to lack of interest at the table. She stated that the first day's sales were good at almost \$3000, the second day was very poor at only \$1094, the third day was downright scary at \$642 and then we had a rise on the final day with our multiple sales. She stated that accepting credit cards was still a plus. We were also able to help out Rescue, Raffle, Catalog and Top 25 with our credit card reader. She stated the increase in the amount we were charging in shipping fees was a success as well, covering our postage bill. For the 2016 NSS Merchandise, she recommended decreasing the amount of inventory to sell at the event. We will advertise this in our Blasts and try to keep the pre-sale figures up. Regarding the NFT Merchandise, two designs for the 2015 NFT logo were presented to the NFT Committee. One design was selected and it was requested that the dog be changed. Several photos of dogs were presented to the Committee for a vote to select the new dog. The new dog photo was then sent to Corporate Images and the logo has been completed and approved by the Committee. The Committee has submitted a list of items to be sold at the NFT this year. These items include T-shirts, both short and long sleeve, Sandwich Caps (the same style sold at the NSS), and medium weight vests. Mike Aldrich has also let her know that he will be ordering vests for judges' and marshals' gifts. The Committee has also picked the colors of the tees and the vests. The Tees will be available in 5 colors and the vests in 4 colors. We will offer 2 colors in caps. With the majority of the decisions made for the NFT merchandise, we plan to have the items available online very early this year for pre-orders. Corporate Images is working on the images for the website now and Missy Neal will be able to work on building the pages very soon. The Committee has been more hands on in the selection of merchandise items and the logo.

GSPCA 2015 Merchandise: Income-Pre-Sold PayPal \$6963.00, Sold @ NSS \$6466.50, S&H collected by PayPal \$280.00, A/R sold after NSS \$227.50, total \$13,937.00. Expenses-Invoices to Corporate Images \$9134.95, Shipping of Pre-Orders \$245.49, total \$9380.44. Profit: \$4556.56, Judges gifts at cost to GSPCA \$321.50. Actual Profit: \$4878.06. GSPCA Duck Toss 50/50 Raffle: Income-Sale of ducks \$965.00. Expense-payout of 50% \$482. Winner said to "Keep the change" profiting us \$1 extra.

Dean B reviewed Holly Faught's report with the BOD.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Christy F/Second: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

TOP 25 REPORT- A report was submitted by Leita Estes and Lynne Duncan, co-chairmen of Top 25 committee. Their report stated that the Top 25 had 109 people that had dinner and came to enjoy the Gala and Art Auction. They were told by one of the judges, Sydney Marx, that he was so impressed with our event he was sending a report to Dog News, hopefully it will be printed. Our event is self-sufficient and we advertise the proceeds will be transferred to the GSPCA Health and Welfare Fund. We would like

to request that our profit of \$3732.33 be transferred to the H&W fund. It hasn't been published on the Top 25 section of the website in the past but we would like to include this so the people that support the event can be proud of this donation. We have discussed a change we would like to propose about eligibility to compete in the event. Since this is a GSPCA event we feel that all owners should be members of the GSPCA. We will use the official AKC list of the top 25 and invite only those that are members to compete. This can make it that some years there won't be 25 invited. We propose that in Sept. we will purchase the official AKC list and make every attempt to contact owners of dogs that are included on the list that aren't members to join. They listed Action Items: Transfer \$3732.33 to Health and Welfare; Website addition of funds raised to transfer to H&W; Advise on our proposed change in eligibility. They submitted income and expenses. Expenses included: Photo, catalog signs, gift bags, tissue paper, bag stickers, ribbon, copy, slip leads, DJ, winners trophy, judges gifts, thank you notes, refreshments for a total of \$2595.67. Income included: catalog sales, art auction, entries, extra ribbons, for a total of \$6328.38. Total profit: \$3732.33.

Dean B questioned why money was earmarked for H&W. Renee L stated that the committee wants to be self-supporting with their excess going to H&W. Dean B stated that the BOD did not approve earmarking the money and that this may set precedence where all committees will want to earmark their money for specific funds. He stated that events are run to fund and further the Club. Christy F stated that room rent and additions are not added to expenses. Dean B stated that the committee has made money for the last few years. He stated that H&W has segregated funds. Diane P questioned if the money made will still go to H&W. Dean B stated that it will have to be given to H&W since it was advertised that way.

ACTION ITEM: RENEE L TO INFORM LEITA ESTES THAT THE BOD SUPPORTS THEIR EVENT, BUT FUNDS MADE MUST GO TO THE GENERAL FUND.

Motion: Accept the report with the exception that the BOD will approve this one time transfer of money made, after verification by Dean B. Made by: Gene M/Second: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Liz J stated that the GSPCA awards state that recipients have to be a member by March 1, but the rankings are in September. Renee L stated that the change is so that the Top 25 are GSPCA members. Renee L stated that in September, the committee wants to contact the top 25 dogs and say that they will be invited to the GSPCA Top 25 event if they join by December 31st. Christy F questioned that perhaps they need to be a member during the year that they would compete in the Top 25 vs the year that they earned the ranking. Dean B stated that membership follows the calendar year; if the person joins by December, they will need to renew by March 1st.

ACTION ITEM: RENEE L WILL DISCUSS THE TOP 25 WITH LEITA ESTES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOD.

DATABASE REPORT- Gene M, liaison, reviewed his submitted report. He stated that Deborah Longtin resigned as the Database chair and he needs to find a replacement. He has no financial report. He stressed that he needs help in finding a database person. This person would need to be able to work with mass quantities of data. Sharon F suggested an email blast to the membership. Gene M stated

that the person would need to know how to set up formulas for information for future access as resources.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Christy F/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS FROM JANUARY 2015 BOD MEETING

1. ACTION ITEM: Cynthia B. to locate past BOD meeting minutes, regarding the failed ballot vote on accepting black as a GSP color, to validate discussion. Cynthia B reported that there was no documentation referencing time limitations. She stated that the only moratorium is directed by the AKC. It is five years on changes that passed by ballot. Renee L stated that the AKC frowns on clubs that petition to add any new disqualifications. Renee L stated that she would like to see height as a disqualification. Sharon F stated "white" is still an accepted color on the AKC standard. Christy F stated that she thought it had been assigned to a member to have corrected. Renee L recommended a "Standard committee" be formed to review. Dean G stated that he would like to chair the committee. Renee L and Christy F stated that they would like to be on the committee. Renee L stated that too many proper sized dogs are penalized in the show ring for being on the shorter side of the standard in height. Christy F stated that she stressed the height range in her Judges' Education seminars.

ACTION ITEM: NEWLY FORMED STANDARD REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW EXISTING STANDARD AND MAKE REVISION REQUESTS AS NECESSARY.

2. ACTION ITEM: Renee L. to contact Golden Retriever Club and get information on their database program for the H&W. Renee L stated that she still needed to do this.

3. ACTION ITEM: Terry C. is to talk to Ken Marden about the complaint process/procedure for field vs show and express dissatisfaction. Terry C stated that he did not do this.

4. ACTION ITEM: Dean G. will contact Missy Neal and ask her to send out an e-mail blast requesting advertisements for the NAGDC catalog. Dean G stated that this was done and he had a good response.

5. ACTION ITEM: Dean B. will notify Mike Aldrich that to change the requirement of the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer to attend the NFT, it falls under a change in the CB&L, not the Running Rules. Dean B stated that this was done.

6. ACTION ITEM: Dean B. will send a Profit and Loss statement to the NFTEC co-chairs. Dean B stated that this was not done and that a P&L statement was not received. Lynn P suggested that he send a template.

7. ACTION ITEM: Diane P. will contact webmaster about increasing Futurity exposure, including ease of finding forms. Diane P stated that this was done and is evident in the redesigned website.

8. ACTION ITEM: Renee L. to contact Nancy Ward about providing the Juniors' Award Certificates. Renee L stated that this was done and certificates were very nice.

9. ACTION ITEM: Lynn P. will contact Juniors co-chairs to get a budget amount. Lynn P stated that this was done.

10. ACTION ITEM: Diane P. (liaison) to contact Melissa Campbell and inquire as to why online forms have not been updated and why breeder listings have not been updated. Diane P stated that this was done.

11. ACTION ITEM: Dean B. will come up with a plan on how the GSPCA can implement offering a one year free membership to new puppy buyers that purchase their puppy from a GSPCA member. This will

be discussed in "New Business."

12. ACTION ITEM: Terry C., Diane P. and Debbie K. will look into updating the GSPCA pamphlet that AKC sends out with new GSP registrations. Terry C stated that this is in progress.

13. ACTION ITEM: Renee L. will discuss with Jane H. the NSS budget amount. Renee L stated that this has been done.

14. ACTION ITEM: Terry C. will donate excess GSPCA merchandise in his possession to the NSS EC to sell at the May 2015 NSS. Terry C stated that this was done and no merchandise was left over.

15. ACTION ITEM: Lynn P. will revise the judge's signature page on the contract. Lynn P stated that this was done.

16. ACTION ITEM: Diane P. to get contract to Missy Neal for signature. Diane P stated that this still needs to be done.

17. ACTION ITEM: Liz J. will send documentation to April Leonetti expressing dissatisfaction with her lack of a submitted report. Liz J stated that this is no longer an issue to address.

18. ACTION ITEM: Dean G. will contact all Water Test Chair applicants and notify them of their appointment. Dean G stated that this was done.

19. ACTION ITEM: Lynn P. to send Joseph Wolak a thank you letter for his years of service to the GSPCA. Lynn P stated that she still needs to do this.

20. ACTION ITEM: Gene M. will notify NFT EC and Holly F. that the EC will have input with Holly on selection of merchandise. Gene M stated that this was done.

21. ACTION ITEM: Submit agenda item for NSS Delegates meeting for vote on whether or not to discontinue Delegates-STILL TO BE DONE. LAS CRUSES CLUB WILL SUBMIT. This was not done.

22. ACTION ITEM: Lynn P. will notify Valerie and Yvonne that the Juniors' scholarship needs to be addressed and updated-LYNN NEEDS TO FOLLOW-UP ON THIS. Lynn P stated that this was done. Dean B stated that he just found out that one of the 2014 scholarship winners did not receive her money. Dean B stated that he needs to know what college to send it to. **LYNN P TO GET COLLEGE**

INFORMATION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNER FOR DEAN B.

23. ACTION ITEM: Terry C. will send out email blast on retrieving revision-STILL NEEDS TO DO. Terry C stated that he spoke with Mr. Lundgren of the AKC and that they are not planning on making any revisions in the retrieving standards as of now.

24. ACTION ITEM: Dean B. will find out if Kent Harter will be in attendance at the 2015 NSS or NFT to receive Volunteer of the Year award. Dean B stated that Kent Harter will be in attendance at the 2015 NFT.

25. ACTION ITEM: Liz J. will be responsible for a request for proposal that will go out by February 27 and will require a response by March 27. Liz J. will send out a membership email blast. Liz J stated that this was done.

26. ACTION ITEM: Terry C. will send out an email blast to the membership requesting a volunteer for HOF Obedience. Terry C stated that he still needs to do this and will add HOF People.

27. ACTION ITEM: Diane P. will discuss with webmaster the use of a logo link button and use of a flash page for membership websites. Diane P stated that this is still in progress.

MEETING BREAK AT 1623 CST

MEETING RESUMED AT 1628 CST

NEW BUSINESS

1. Diane P stated that she wanted to start New Business with an item she received from a GSPCA member. The member requested that "the GSPCA take the position that the deliberate breeding of dogs that may produce gray or lemon colors (carriers) to each other is detrimental to the breed and therefore any member producing these colors should not be eligible for membership in the parent club for a period of three years after such a litter is produced." Renee L stated that the GSPCA cannot control non-club members. She stated that the requesting member needs to bring forward the names of any member breeders and the GSPCA can then address each breeder on an individual basis. She stated that this is a legitimate concern and needs to be reported. Christy F suggested that the website place a statement addressing this issue.

Motion: Add to the GSPCA website, under "Buying a puppy," that lemon or gray color is undesirable.
Made by: Terry C/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: HAVE PATTE TITUS, BREED EDUCATION CHAIR, CONTACT AKC REGARDING REGISTRATION OF PUPPIES WITH LEMON OR GRAY AS COLOR.

2. The BOD discussed the passing of AKC Delegate Ken Marden.

Motion: Dedicate the 2016 NSS to Ken Marden. Made by: Christy F/Second: Debbie K. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: RENEE L TO NOTIFY NSS CHAIR, JANE HANDSCHUMAKER, THAT THE 2016 NSS WILL BE DEDICATED TO KEN MARDEN.

3. The BOD discussed the passing of Nancy Conrad's spouse, Galen.

ACTION ITEM: DIANE P WILL CONTACT ONE OF HER LOCAL CLUBS REGARDING DEDICATING A SHOW TO MR. GALEN CONRAD.

4. 2018 NSS location and list of judges.

Motion: Approve the 2018 NSS location of Boise, Idaho and the list of judges approved by the NSS Delegates. Made by: Terry C/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Liaison position list. Renee L will chair the ROM. Terry C will replace Liz J as liaison for Field Trial Date Coordinator. The GSP Bronze will be removed as a committee. Alexandra Silvera will be removed as co-chair of the Legislation Committee as she had resigned. Communication Committee will be added with Liz J as liaison and no chair at present. Standard Review Committee will be added with Dean G as liaison and Christy F as chair. Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Committee will be added with Diane P as liaison and chair for the present. Diane P stated that, regarding the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Committee, she would like more committee members and a chair. She stated that as of now, Mike Aldrich, Jane Handschumaker, Dave Nauer and she are the committee members. Renee L stated that Diane P needed to establish some guidelines for committee members. Lynn P suggested adding the previous year's recipient to the committee.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	LIAISON
Membership*	Cynthia McCracken	Lynn Pettinato
Shorthair Journal*	Patty Busso	Liz Jennings
GSPCA Website*	Missy Neal	Diane Prohaska
Field Trial Date Coordinator*	Jan Erbe	Terry Chandler
Regional Field Trials*	Terry Chandler	Terry Chandler
Regional Specialty Shows*	Lynn Pettinato	Lynn Pettinato
National Field Trial Futurity*	Terry Bomer	Gene Moseley
National Specialty Show Futurity*	Holly Faught	Renee Lara
Versatility Award*	David Nauer	Liz Jennings
Agility*	Jeri Fishack	Lynn Pettinato
Obedience*	Eleanor Campbell	Lynn Pettinato
Yearbook*	Deb Broad	Gene Moseley
Judges Education*	Christy Featherston	Christy Featherston
Breed Education*	Patte Titus	Christy Featherston
Rescue*	Missy Neal	Sharon Fitzpatrick
Health & Welfare*	Karen Nauer	Terry Chandler
Hall Of Fame (Field)*	Jerry Paddock	Debbie King
Hall Of Fame (Show)*	Inge Clody	Debbie King
Hall Of Fame (Obedience)*		Debbie King
Hall Of Fame People/Life Member*		Debbie King
National Bird Dog Museum*	Terry Chandler	Terry Chandler
Registry Of Merit	Renee Lara	Gene Moseley
Breeder Referral	Melissa Campbell	Diane Prohaska
Historian	Patte Titus	Christy Featherston
Illustrated Standard	Patte Titus	Diane Prohaska
Database		Gene Moseley
Annual Awards	Michael McCracken	Gene Moseley
Juniors	Valerie Nunes-Atkinson Yvonne Deterding	Lynn Pettinato
Legislation	Terry Brumbaugh	Sharon Fitzpatrick
Water Test	Dean Goodding	Dean Goodding
Merchandise	Holly Faught	Dean Browning
NFT EC	Mike Aldrich Phil Mateowetz Peter Wilkin	Gene Moseley
NSS EC	Jane Handschumaker	Renee Lara
NAGDC EC	Chuck Parietti	Dean Goodding
Standard Review	Christy Featherston	Dean Goodding
Communications		Liz Jennings
Outstanding Sportsmanship Award	Diane Prohaska	Diane Prohaska

ACTION ITEM: RENEE L WILL SET UP A PROTOCOL FOR SELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD COMMITTEE.

6. Dean B brought up the subject of the database information. He would like to use “Dropbox” as a central location to place this information. He stated that the GSPCA will be the master folder with subfolders of the different areas. The subfolders could be set up with access codes.

ACTION ITEM: DEAN B TO SET UP A GSPCA DROPBOX ACCOUNT.

7. Nominating committee appointment. For the South Eastern Section: Ray Wertz, alt. Tina Wilchar. For the East Central Section: Lisa Fineis, alt. Nancy Alder. For the South Central Section: Nancy Ward, alt. Andy Gerdes. For the North Western Section: Nancy Lane, alt. Dan Mack. At large: Sharon F, who will also chair. Dean B stated that in his 18 years as a BOD member, that this is one of the most productive boards.

8. The BOD discussed trying to coordinate the BOD meetings to coincide with the NSS and the NFT. The BOD decided that this was not feasible. The BOD decided on Charleston, South Carolina as the next location of the BOD meeting, to be held January 29-30, 2016.

9. The BOD discussed which BOD member to send to the 2015 NFT.

Motion: Dean G to attend the 2015 NFT as a BOD representative. Made by: Dean B/Second: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Dean B addressed the topic of increasing the membership numbers. Ideas included giving free memberships to new owners, giving free membership forms to GSPCA member breeders to give to puppy buyers, offer one free issue of the *Shorthair Journal*, coupons and free merchandise. Christy F stated that by giving new puppy buyers from GSPCA breeders a free membership, this would be giving member breeders a greater value to their membership dues. She stated that this could help retain memberships of those members who come and go with futurity entries. Dean B stated that the GSPCA flier that the AKC sends with registration papers needs to be updated. Dean B handed out a sample of an updated flier for the BOD to review. Dean B stated that he would like for the updated flier to be in color. Terry C stated that the form should be changed first and then determine its’ effects.

ACTION ITEM: TERRY C WILL HAVE HIS COMMITTEE WORK ON THE UPDATING OF THE GSPCA FLIER THAT AKC SENDS OUT, AND ALSO CHECK INTO COUPONS. TERRY C WILL HAVE THIS DONE WITHIN A THIRTY DAY TIMEFRAME.

Motion: Adjourn meeting. Made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1822 CST.