German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 29-30, 2016

The GSPCA BOD meeting was called to order by Terry Chandler, President, at 1703 EST. Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Terry Chandler (President), Renee Lara (Vice President), Dean Browning (Treasurer), Lynn Pettinato (Corresponding Secretary), Cyndi Boysen (Recording Secretary), Sharon Fitzpatrick (North Central Director), Christy Douglas-Featherston (East Central Director), Debbie King (South Eastern Director), Gene Moseley (South Central Director), Liz Jennings (South Western Director), and Dean Goodding (North Western Director). Absent was Diane Prohaska (North Eastern Director).

STATE OF CLUB

President's Report- Terry Chandler stated, "Since the last BOD meeting, I have attended the 2015 NFT. Prior to that event, the NFT EC had requested that the BOD approve three items. The first of the items was to remove the retrieve requirement for the Open Gun Dog and the National (All Age) Championship. The second request was that the National Amateur Championship be changed from a two series event to a one hour event. The third item was a request to lower the qualifications for a dog to enter the NFT. These three items were presented in the form of the running rules with changes already made in these rules. The BOD decided that these changes were too important to make without hearing from our membership in the form of a delegates meeting held at the event. Therefore, the BOD decided to not make the changes requested until the delegates had voiced their opinion on these topics. At the delegates meeting held at the NFT, the majority who were attending resoundingly voted to not approve the first two items. The third item was approved and a suggested qualification for the event was voted on. The reason behind this vote was to hopefully aid in our decreasing entries at the event.

"As your President, I have been working very hard behind the scenes to get the support of the retrieving breeds in the AKC to change the requirements for the retrieving points required for a Field Champion. I believe at this time that I have the full support of all of these breeds. We will be petitioning the AKC in the next few weeks to try to enact these changes.

"I am pleased to say that our new AKC Delegate, Barbara Schwartz, has been busy and the input we have been getting from her concerning AKC topics has been exciting. With the Illustrated Standard finally completed, this BOD has been busy redesigning our webpage and our GSPCA *Shorthair Journal*. I hope the members are pleased with all of the changes that have come about with these two items. I applaud all of the people, especially our Board members, who have worked so hard to get this done.

"Last of all, I would like to say that I am entering the last year of my term as President. This last year, I am going to focus on several items. The first item is to develop a plan to increase our membership. We, the BOD, will be implementing several new programs to achieve this. Secondly, with our Treasurer's help and guidance, I want to develop a business plan for the Club that can be followed for years to come, exercising fiscal responsibility for future BOD.

"I would like to thank all of the members of the BOD for their support and hard work that they have put in for this Club. I would also like to thank the members of the GSPCA for their support and wonderful comments that are continually coming in on the work this Club is doing."

MOTION: Accept report as presented. Made by: Dean B/Second: Renee L. Motion carried with Gene M casting an opposing vote.

Vice President's Report- Renee Lara stated that she has no report at this time.

Treasurer's Report- Dean Browning stated that he has no handouts. Dean B stated that to summarize, the Club has approximately $120,000 cash in the bank. He stated that Purina still needs to send the Club $13,000. He stated that the Club only made approximately $1000 for 2015. The 2015 NSS had a loss of approximately $5000. He stated that the *Shorthair Journal*'s cost has increased to approximately $6500 an issue. The matter of the *Shorthair Journal* not being a

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money maker is a constant. Lack of advertisers is a problem. He stated that the Agility trials put on by June Johnston, the NFT and the NAGDC were profitable.
MOTION: Accept report as presented. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary's Report- Lynn Pettinato stated that she attended the NSS in May, assisting with the Annual and Delegates meetings. She stated that she had approved Regional Specialties in the North Central, South Central, North East, and North West.
MOTION: Accept report as presented. Made by: Dean B/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

Recording Secretary's Report- Cyndi Boysen stated, "I attended and recorded the minutes for the June 2015 GSPCA BOD meeting. I attended the dedication of the GSP Bronze statue at the National Bird Dog Museum. I recorded the minutes for the BOD conference call, and the numerous conference calls of the NSS EC and the H&W committee. I set up conference calls for the BOD, the NSS EC, the H&W committee, the Rescue committee, the Performance committee, the Nominating committee, the Communication committee, and the Web Design committee. I prepared the agenda for this BOD meeting. I attended the NFT at Eureka, Kansas in October. At the NFT, I attended and recorded minutes for the NFT Delegates meeting and the NFT EC meeting. I managed and recorded the following motions via email:
--Carried by majority on June 18, 2015: Motion: Send out the GSPCA Club Delegate Outreach memo and waive the 5 day discussion period. Made by: Diane Prohaska
--Carried unanimously on July 8, 2015: Motion: Accept all new members listed (see attached) and waive the 5 day discussion period (2015-0702). Made by: Dean Goodding
--Carried by majority on July 27, 2015: Amended motion: Remove Yucca GSPC and the GSPC of Utah from the GSPCA roster of member clubs, and waive the 5 day discussion. Made by: Lynn Pettinato
--Carried unanimously on August 12, 2015: Motion: Accept the attached list of new members, and waive the 5 day discussion period (2015-0728). Made by: Lynn Pettinato
--Carried by majority on August 5, 2015: Motion: Accept draft 4 of the June 2015 BOD meeting minutes, and have a 48 hour discussion period. Made by: Dean Goodding
--Carried by majority on August 18, 2015: Motion: Accept the attached rules for holding regional specialties. Accept the regional specialty requests for the following regions: North Central (Ft. Dearborn), Mason Dixon in conjunction with the NSS, Northwest (GSPC of No. Sac Valley) Made by: Lynn Pettinato
--Carried by majority on September 9, 2015: Motion: Accept Draft 2 of the BOD conference call meeting minutes. Made by: Debbie King.
--Carried unanimously on September 17, 2015: Motion: Accept new member applications (2015-0828), waiving the 5 day discussion. Made by: Lynn Pettinato
--Carried by majority on September 26, 2015: Motion: Dedicate the 2016 NSS to Ken Marden, waiving the 5 day discussion period. Made by: Lynn Pettinato
--Carried by majority on September 27, 2015: Motion: Dedicate the National Field Trial this year to Mr. Roy Pelton, waiving the five day discussion period. Made by: Dean Goodding
--Carried by majority on September 29, 2015: Motion: Approve David Gontz as the futurity judge for 2016 specialty show. Waive the 5 day discussion period. Made by: Renee Lara
--Carried unanimously on October 10, 2015: Motion: Accept these new membership requests, waiving the 5 day discussion period (2015-1010). Made by: Lynn Pettinato
--Carried by majority on November 1, 2015: Motion: Give approval to the South Central region for the Lone Star GSPC to have a Regional Specialty show, and waive the 5 day discussion. Made by: Dean Goodding
--Carried unanimously on November 24, 2015: Motion: Accept all the new members listed and waive the five day discussion period. (2015-1113). Made by: Dean Goodding
--Carried by majority on November 30, 2015: Motion: Notify Barbara Schwarz to vote against the Changes to the AKC By Laws regarding Term Limits. Made by: Liz Jennings
--Carried by majority on December 10, 2015: Motion: Approve the Sleepy Hollow Club's Regional Specialty show and waive the 5 day discussion. Made by: Dean Goodding
--Carried unanimously on December 16, 2015: Motion: Accept new member apps and waive the five day discussion period (2015-1208). Made by: Lynn Pettinato"
MOTION: Accept report as presented. Made by: Dean G/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

Regional Directors' Reports- No reports were submitted

AKC Delegate's Report- In her submitted written report, Barbara Schwartz stated that she **a**ttended the AKC Delegates' Meeting and the Delegates' Committee Meetings for both Parent Clubs and Field Trials and Hunting Tests. In referencing the Committee for Field Trials and Hunting Tests, she stated that Jeffrey Drogin is the Delegate from Eastern

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GSPC and is a committee member, which gives the GSP a solid voice on this committee. She stated that Doug Ljungren, AKC staff, reported that entries in the various performance events are up 1%, with Hunt Tests entries going up and Field Trial entries going down. This committee is working on a survey which will be sent to the President, Corresponding Secretary and Delegate for all clubs licensed for Field Trials and Hunt Tests. Its purpose is to find out the concerns of these clubs. She stated that AKC Senior Executive Field Rep, Tom Meyer was inducted to the Bird Dog Hall of Fame. She listed the results of the motions which were voted on:
Motions- Eliminate term limits for AKC Board – Did not pass; Electronic documents for Shows permissible: Premium List/Entry Forms – Passed, Judging Program – Passed, Catalog – Passed; Acknowledgement of Multiple Levels of Grand Champion Awards – Passed. Barbara had the following Action Items for Board consideration: 1. Regarding a proposal (changing the requirements for the Open Field Champion title) presented by Jeff Drogin at the Field Trial and Hunt Test Committee meeting, advise if there is interest in or support for by the GSPCA. 2. A request for each Parent Club to provide information on health tests/Guidelines that are required or recommended for the breed. 3. Provide updated information for the Club Fliers that are sent with new registrations. 4. BOD input on the AKC BOD elections in March. 5. Advise her on how the BOD wants her to handle getting pertinent information to them in a timely manner. She also informed the BOD of the launch of the AKC Marketplace, a new platform that will first allow AKC clubs to market and promote themselves directly to dog lovers visiting AKC.org. Through interactive profile pages, unlimited event listings and email outreach, AKC Marketplace will help clubs attract spectators to their events and recruit new members. Later this year, the platform will expand to include breeders, groomers, veterinarians, trainers, and other dog-related service providers.
MOTION: Advise Barbara to vote against the proposal presented by Jeff Drogin at the Field Trial and Hunt Test Committee meeting. Made by: Dean B/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.
Renee L stated that the health statement had already been submitted to AKC. The Club flier is currently in the process of being updated.
MOTION: Advise Barbara to vote for Karolynn McAteer for AKC BOD. Made by: Dean B/Second: Gene M. Motion carried unanimously.
ACTION ITEM: Terry C will become liaison to the AKC Delegate.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Renee L/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

NATIONAL EVENTS
NAGDC Executive Committee Report (Chuck Parietti/liaison-Dean Goodding) In his submitted written report, Chuck stated that the 2016 NAGDC starts April 1st at Wasatch Wing and Clay at Lehi, UT. The AKC Walking Championship follows on the same grounds. He stated that Tom Workman, FT Chairman, and his team from the GSP of Utah Club have the details planned out for a successful 2016 NAGDC. He stated that this Championship will be an important benchmark for the West Region to determine both the support for the central location as well as the overall financial support for the event. He stated that the costs of the NAGDC are covered by entry fees, catalog ad support, local/regional GSPCA club support, and donations. He reminded the BOD of their prior approval of NAGDC sites of Pickneyville, IL for 2017 and Mingo, OH for 2018. He stated that he submitted his retirement as Chairman of the NAGDC Executive Committee effective 12-31-15. He stated that there has been significant progress over the past 5 years in establishing the structure, quality and reputation of the NAGDC. "The future of this Gun Dog Championship is in good shape with very strong support and capable leadership thru the dedication of the Executive committee." He stated, "In 2011 I argued very passionately to maintain geographic rotation as the key feature of the NAGDC. As I depart I still firmly believe this aspect is critical for the future." He stated, "National inclusiveness is a feature the GSPCA should cherish. The dogs that have won the NAGDC are all very top tier GSPs that have proven the depth of their ability to be good horseback dogs but also the versatility and teamwork to be great foot handling Gun Dogs. One final point is to recognize the number of GSP Gun Dog owners and handlers that the NAGDG attracts over the three year rotation." He stated, "Beyond any doubt it will grow and thrive in the future. A strong NAGDC is very important to the GSPCA because it really reinforces the core values underpinning our club and breed standard." He stated that the NAGDC Running Rules need to be revised and that he will begin working on that.
NAGDC Liaison Report- In his submitted written report, Dean G stated that Chuck is stepping down from the chair position this year. He stated that Chuck's recommendation to replace him is Tom Workman. Chuck will stay through the

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2016 NAGDC in Utah as almost a co-chair, until the event completes. He stated that the committee continues to find better grounds in key locations. The one in the West this year will complete the three locations. He stated that hopefully the grounds will prove to be acceptable. He stated that the amount of entries will be the deciding factor. He stated that the NAGDC will be held ahead of the AKC walking trial, both being held at the same location. He stated that goals are to try to establish the 3 locations and dates so people can plan a year in advance to attend, and to work with the AKC representative to coordinate our event to be at the same place and convince them to go together and hold theirs at the same time as ours. He stated that currently the running rules state that the Board will appoint the chair. The committee would like that changed to having the committee appoint the chair. The BOD discussed the reports.
MOTION: Do not approve a change to the NAGDC Running Rules on chair appointment. The NAGDC EC Chair is to remain appointed by the BOD. Made by: Dean G/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION: Appoint Caleb Bryson as NAGDC Chair. Made by: Dean G/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

NSS Executive Committee Report (Jane Handshumaker/liaison-Renee Lara) In her submitted written report, Jane stated that the 2016 NSS was moved from the Gettysburg site to Harrisburg PA in order to provide a quality site. This move necessitated a change of dates for one year only, May 25 – 28, 2016. Members of the NSSEC visited the Gettysburg site and found it unacceptable. The new venue, The Best Western Premier Hotel, is a newly renovated facility and offered a considerably better contract. The room nights are less (150), and there is no food or beverage minimum. The management has been most cooperative and positive. She stated that as of 1/4/16, 331 room nights have been reserved. She stated that the NSSEC took steps to maintain financial responsibility by approving the change of selecting only one conformation judge for the NSS, but keeping the option to add/elect a second judge as needed. She stated that the 2015 Eukanuba Regional Specialty Show had 70 entries (an increase of 12.5% from 2013, and 11.3% from 2014). There was a $711.70 approximate net profit. She recommended that the GSPCA continue to support the Eukanuba Regional Specialty and consider providing the Eukanuba medallions. She stated that it is her understanding that the 2015 NSS will show a loss, as she is awaiting the final figures. She stated that the reasons for that loss include an inordinate number of room cancellations and early departures due to inclement weather, and that the hotel was not at all cooperative. She stated that the NSSEC has deleted that venue from any future consideration. She stated that her "Committee Needs" include: improvement with the online judges voting, that Missy is aware and is working on it; the NSS BOB trophy inventory is low and the NSSEC will need to consider a new trophy or try to find the vendor for our past traditional BOB trophy; she would like to approach the NSSEC about adding "At large" committee positions, noting that this will be a discussion for 2016 and would require a revision of the Running Rules. Her only Action Item for Board consideration was for the BOD to consider two possible times for the 2016 Annual Meeting as she anticipates a larger entry, which in turn requires an earlier start time for judging.
Renee L presented to the BOD the 2019 NSS Site Locations from which the 2016 NSS Delegates will vote on. The sites included Sturbridge, MA, Harrisburg, PA, Boxborough, MA, and Warwick, RI.
MOTION: Approve the submitted 2019 NSS Site Location Options to be presented to the 2016 NSS Delegates. Made by: Renee L/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.
Renee L stated that the 2015 Eukanuba show was run nicely and without any significant issues. Liz J stated that she took care of the medallion issue where a winner did not receive her medallion. She stated that the winners were not aware that the GSPCA paid for the medallions handed out by AKC. There will be no change regarding trophies. The committee needs to present a proposed change to the BOD of the running rules regarding the "At Large" committee position. The BOD will revisit the Annual meeting time change after entries are tallied.
ACTION ITEM: Renee L to notify Jane Handschumaker that she will need to amend the NSS Running Rules and submit for BOD approval regarding the "At Large" committee position.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Christy F/Second: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

National Specialty Show Futurity Report (Holly Faught/liaison-Renee Lara) In her submitted written report, Holly stated, "The 2016 Futurity is made up of 63 nominated litters consisting of 441 puppies (232 males & 209 females). First Forfeits are due by December 31st so they are just now beginning to creep in. As of December 20, 2015, I had received First Forfeits for 61 pups. Reminders have been emailed to all breeders encouraging them to mail their forfeits early as well as renew their GSPCA membership early as a 2016 membership number is required on their Second Forfeit Cards by

February 28, 2016. The 2017 Futurity is making a slow start. Eligibility began on October 1st; to date we have 4 litters nominated. I would like to commend Missy and Cynthia (McCracken) for all the work they have done this year to get the Futurity online. We are now live and running, accepting nominations, first and second forfeit payments as well as late fees. Forms can also be downloaded from the website for those wishing to pay by check. Being the first year to be online, people are getting used to the system and we are getting a few kinks worked out but so far so good! No Committee Needs or Actions are needed at this time."
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Renee L/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

NFT Executive Committee Report (Phil Mathiowetz/liaison-Gene Moseley) In his submitted written report, Phil M stated, "The 2015 National Field Trials were again held at the Bechtel Ranch in Eureka, Kansas beginning October 11. This year's trials generally went off without a hitch. We saw reasonable weather and no delays in running other than some fog one morning. For the first time in a number of years there was a run off for the National Championship. While rare, it does occasionally happen and I think the committee handled it in stride. We did lose one of our amateur judges on the first day of the Amateur Championship due to a family emergency. Because we had three judges assigned, we were able to simply continue so no time was lost.
"This year found us looking for a new cook. Karen Wagner had to back out due to other commitments. Sharon Heinemann (wife of our bird supplier) helped locate potential candidates and we hired Shelly Stone from Iona, KS to cook for the first week. Cooking was provided by a husband and wife from SE Kansas for the last half of the trial. The Chairs' are coordinating all of next year's cooking and hospitality through Christy Featherston who has done a phenomenal job in the past and has graciously accepted the assignment again.
"Our annual delegates meeting and elections were held and several new members were elected to the Field Trial Executive Committee. Dave Walker returns to the committee replacing Ben Coller. Andy Gerdes replaces Kirk Bomer. Dan DiMambro replaces Jerry Paddock. And Don Dalton replaces Stephanie Casdorph. The committee welcomes all of the new members and looks forward to their hard work and dedication. As much as we welcome our new members we cannot thank our old members enough for their past service and complete dedication to the club. All of these people never once hesitated to accept a task and always provided great insight into the committee. Each of these people have continued to offer their assistance and support if needed.
"The delegates meeting saw a spirited discussion regarding retrieving at the National Championships. After an excellent discussion where I think everyone was allowed to voice their opinions, the delegates voted to maintain the existing requirements for retrieving. This was a good discussion that the committee feels is necessary from time to time to gauge the pulse of the competitors.
"The delegates also discussed and approved a change in the requirements for entry into the championships. Essentially, any placement in a three point or greater stake will qualify for the two gun dog stakes, and any placement in a two point or greater all age stake will qualify a dog. A formal request for change from the Board is attached from the Field Trial Executive Secretary.
"After many years Mike Aldrich has decided to step down from the Field Trial Chair position. Mike and I have shared this position for a number of years and Mike was the long time chair before I came on board. Mike's dedication to this club is hard to match, and his guidance and council to me has been invaluable. While he won't be the co-chair next year, Mike will still be around for advice if needed and will be a stake manager. As a result of Mike leaving, Peter Wilkin, who acted as a tri-chair member in 2015 will move to a co-chair position along with Phil Mathiowetz for 2016.
"Our future goals for the committee include helping Peter get up to speed with the committee, securing a cook for this year, and beginning the process to get judges committed and approved. We will be working on a proposed budget, and should have a more detailed report for the June Board meeting."
Attachment:
Board Approval is requested for the following:

1. Add a third judge for all stakes to eliminate the Field Trial Marshal unless needed because of judge inability to complete assignment for any reason.
2. The NFT EC requests the approval of the change in qualifications for the National Open Championship, National Championship, National Gun Dog Championship & National Amateur Championship, presented to and approved by the NFT Delegates and the Executive Committee.
   Qualifications for National Championship Stakes

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- The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America will sponsor and hold the annual National ~~Open All Age~~ Championship, National Gun Dog Championship, National Amateur Championship, and National Futurity for German Shorthaired Pointers.
- DNA (AKC or AF) numbers are required upon entry.

National ~~Open All Age~~ Championship (change in title to correspond with AKC to avoid confusing AKC)

- The National Championship (run as Open All Age) is open to any German Shorthaired Pointer six months of age or older that has placed ~~first, second or third~~ in a two (2) point or greater All Age stake in the United States or Canada; or is currently a Field Champion or Amateur 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.
- All placements must be obtained annually between the closing of the entries for the previous German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America National Championship and the closing of the entries for the current year's German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America National Championship.
- The qualifying trial, location, and dates must be listed on the space provided on the entry form.

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 or Amateur Limited, or Open or Open Limited Gun Dog stake ~~first in a four (4) point or greater Open or Open Limited Gun Dog stake; first or second in a five (5) point or greater Open or Open Limited Gun Dog stake~~ in the United States or Canada or is currently a Field Champion or Amateur 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.
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- The qualifying trial, location, and dates must be listed on the space provided on the entry form.

National Amateur Championship

- The National Amateur 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 or Amateur Limited, or Open or Open Limited Gun Dog stake ~~first in a four point or greater Open Gun Dog, Amateur Gun Dog, or All Age stake; first or second in a five (5) point Open Gun Dog, Amateur Gun Dog, or All Age stake~~, or is currently a Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion of record in the United States or Canada. Placements in derby stakes will not qualify.
- All placements must be obtained annually between the closing of the entries for the previous German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America National Championship and the closing of the entries for the current year's German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America National Championship.
- Dogs must be amateur owned and if co-owned the co-owner must be an amateur. The handler of each dog shall, in the opinion of the National Field Trial Executive Committee, meet the definition of an Amateur Handler for Point Breed Field Trials that is contained in the AKC Field Trail Rules and Standard Procedures.
- The qualifying trial, location, and dates must be listed on the space provided on the entry form.

The BOD reviewed and discussed the proposed changes. The BOD discussed the running of the NFT delegates meeting. Several members of the BOD were present at the delegates meeting and all had suggestions of improving the running of the meeting.

MOTION: Approve requested changes submitted by the NFTEC. Made by: Dean B/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

An "Economic Impact Study" was conducted and submitted by Sharon Heinemann to the NFTEC and forwarded on to the BOD. The study showed the positive financial impact the GSPCA NFT had on Eureka and Kansas.

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

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NFT Futurity Report (Terry Bomer/liaison-Gene Moseley)- In her submitted written report, Terry Bomer stated, "The Futurity field event is run each fall in conjunction with the GSPCA National Field Trials. Owners and co-owners (if applicable) must be members of the GSPCA. The National Field Trial committee manages the Futurity field event. They select judges, marshals and bird planters, set the date, entry fee, course and running time, produce and distribute premiums, receive entries and fees and draw the running order. The entry fee is established yearly and is used to pay all direct and indirect expenses of the Futurity program and event. The Futurity field event is a thirty minute stake judged for consistency and future potential as either an All Age or Gun Dog. Dogs must find and point birds on course. A blank cartridge is fired but steadiness to wing and shot is not required. The Futurity field event is not a retrieving stake. The Futurity Prize Money is calculated as follows: Futurity purse is created from the nomination and re-nomination fees and any penalties paid plus $10.00 from each Futurity entry. The purse is divided 40/30/20/10 to the four placements with 60% to the owner and 40% to the breeder. The Futurity Manager receives and processes all Field Futurity Litter Nominations and re-nomination of puppies. The Futurity Manager keeps an excel spreadsheet on each year's futurity and calculates the payout for the breeder and the owner & the club Treasurer also calculates and writes the checks for the Futurity payout." She stated that there are no changes needed at this time. She submitted the following Financial Summary:

"Futurity 51 run in October 2014: 50 litters nominated with 304 dogs eligible for re-nomination. The litters nominated brought in $1860.00 in litter nomination fees. 79 puppies out of the 304 eligible puppies (26%) eligible puppies have been re-nominated for the 51st Futurity that ran in October of 2014. The amount of re-nomination fees are $2,120.00. The total amount of payout (before the additional $10.00 per entry) would is $4,080.00.

Futurity 52 run in October 2015: 58 litters were nominated with 356 dogs eligible for re-nomination. The litters nominated brought in $2,510.00 in litter nomination fees. There were 103 puppies that paid re-nomination fees for a total of $2,965.00. Only 29% of eligible puppies were re-nominated. The payout including the $10.00 per entry was as follows: 1st Place Owner $1,498.80, Breeder $999.20, 2nd Place Owner $1124.10, Breeder 749.40, 3rd Place Owner 749.40, Breeder 499.60, 4th place Owner 374.70, Breeder 249.80. The total amount of the Futurity 52 payout was $6,245.00.

Futurity 53 to be held in October 2016: There was 58 litters nominated with 356 dogs eligible for re-nomination. The litters nominated brought in $1,925.00 in litter nomination fees. There are currently 30 puppies that have been re-nominated for a total of $465.00. Only 9% of eligible puppies have been re-nominated.

Futurity 54 to be held in October 2017: There are currently 8 litters nominated with 52 dogs eligible for re-nomination. The litter nomination fees paid are $240.00."

She stated that she has no committee needs at this time. She stated that the new webpage does make it easier to find the Field Futurity Forms. She stated that she has noticed that all of the past historical data for the National Field Trial has been lost or not transferred to the new website.

Debbie K stated that the website is still in the process of transferring information. The BOD discussed the decreasing numbers of nominated puppies. There was discussion of the breeders' responsibility to nominate litters.

ACTION ITEM: Terry C to include Futurity information on the updated AKC breed flyer.

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

Meeting break at 1835 EST/Meeting resumed at 1901 EST.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

Agility Report (Jeri Fishack/liaison-Lynn Pettinato) In her submitted written report, Jeri stated that the 2016 NSS Agility Trial will not take place due to the date changes. She stated, "We may offer 1 day of all breed tacked on to another club's trial and one evening of GSPs only. If we do this, it will take place during breed and obedience. It's all we can do. We are waiting on committee approval."

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

Obedience/Rally Report (Eleanor Campbell-Swank/liaison-Lynn Pettinato) In her submitted written report, Eleanor stated that in regards to the 2016 NSS, there will be two days of Obedience and Rally. Wednesday, May 25 will be the supported trials and Thursday, May 26 will be the NSS trials. Karin Stiefel will co-chair the trials. The show site has only one ring for both obedience and rally, so long days are expected.

Eleanor stated that AKC has new Obedience classes. She stated, "As of December 1, 2015 there is a Preferred level track

in Obedience. This change consolidated the three "pre" classes. Just as in the Regular track, dogs must qualify three times under two different judges to earn a title. Requirements are slightly different: jump heights are lower and there are no stays at the Open level. This year, we will NOT be offering the Preferred classes."
Eleanor stated that she became involved with Obedience when she was 13, therefore she would like to encourage Juniors to participate in Obedience and Rally. She stated that she would like to offer prizes for Juniors at every NSS. She stated that Junior prizes would be pledged just as other Obedience prizes are. She stated that for this year, she would suggest that a prize, such as a nice leash, be offered to any Junior qualifying in Obedience or Rally. She also suggested a rosette for Highest Scoring Junior in the Regular Classes (Trial).
The BOD agreed that the awarding of prizes to Juniors needs to be addressed by the NSSEC.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Christy F/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Field Trial Date Coordinator Report (Jan Erbe/liaison-Terry Chandler) In her submitted written report, Jan stated the following summary for 2015: "123 field trials were approved: 91 Horseback, 31 Walking, and 1 Water Test. Of the 123 approved trials, 13 were cancelled leaving 110 actual completed trials. Two of the 110 completed field trials were regional trials - North Central and South East; two of the trials were nationals - National Amateur Gun Dog and the National Championships and 12 of the trials were NGSPA dual sanctioned trials. Here's a comparison of 2012 & 2013 & 2014 & 2015:

		App	HB	Wlk	WT	Cncl	Comp	Reg	Ntl	NGSPA
2012	128	94	34		12	116	2	2	5	
2013	129	94	35		16	113	2	2	7	
2014	123	91	31	1	13	110	2	2	11	
2015	123	91	31	1	13	110	2	2	12	

"Almost all applications are received by internet files and after verifying the dates and checking club compliance, I am able to electronically sign the documents and e-mail to AKC. The signed documents are then e-mailed back to the applying club."
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Renee L/Second: Gene M. Motion carried unanimously.

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Annual Awards Report (Michael McCracken/liaison-Gene Moseley) In his submitted written report, Gene M stated the following regarding Plaque costs: Price increases from 2011 (7 x 9 GSPCA Plaques 2010/$31.50 2011/$33.00 2013 /$34.00) and 9 x 12 GSPCA Plaques (2010/$44.50 2011/$46.00 2013/$47.00). He stated that there is no price increase at this time. In his financial summary, he stated the following approximate costs: 2013- $2307 (54/ 7x9, 7/ 9x12,), 2014- $1668 (39/ 7x9, 4/ 9x12). Dual Champion Awards: 2013- $1275 (Molding/3DC), 2014- $1153 (6DC).
Gene reviewed his report with the BOD.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Christy F/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

Breed Education/Meet the Breeds Report (Patte Titus/liaison-Christy Featherston) In her submitted written report, Patte stated that she, "Responds to breed related inquiries/questions generated from the GSPCA, Inc. Website and/or *Shorthair Journal*; Directs individuals to appropriate sources in their local area for information that may be able help with basic training issues or to Local GSP Clubs to meet other GSP owners and learn about events/activities in the area."
She stated, "Per the new business action item, June 2015 BOD meeting. While in Orlando, I spoke with MariBeth O'Neil about the issue. I am to follow up with her in 2016 when things have settled down. To my knowledge there is no code for either of these colors on the AKC form to register a GSP pup."
Regarding Action Items, Patte asks, "Does the Board have information that GSP pups have been registered with either lemon or gray coats? Or does the Board want me to find out if there are any GSP pups that are being registered with either lemon or gray coat colors?"
ACTION ITEM: Terry C to ask Barbara Schwartz to look into Lemon, Gray and White color registrations.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Dean G/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

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Meet The Breed/Orlando (Patte Titus) In her submitted written report, Patte stated that the GSPCA participated in Meet The Breed activity held in conjunction with the 2015 AKC/Eukanuba National Championships. This event was the best year for participation and representation of the Breed at the booth by owners and their dogs. She stated that an email blast was sent to GSPCA members to participate with their dogs. She stated that it "resulted in a great turnout of dogs both days of the event. Breed information was made available via the documents developed the previous year. Also available was information to the GSPCA, Inc. website and one page of recipes for game birds. Participant Dick Hodge provided his laptop with a slide show of the GSP and others engaged in various activities of the breed."
Regarding her Financial Summary, expenses incurred were- Past Year: $961.82 and Current Year: $1135.64. Future Budget- $1200 - $1500
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Dean B/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

Breeder Referral Report (Melissa Campbell/liaison-Diane Prohaska) In her submitted written report, Melissa stated that she, "Continues to answer email regarding breeder/puppy inquires. Current practice has been to refer any interested party to the home state via cut/paste directly from website. On average Breeder Referral receives 30-35 inquires per month with many of those inquires having follow up questions."
She stated that she has implemented the following changes: Board approved recommended changes for Breeder Referral; Email has been sent to membership outlining Breeder Referral changes; Breeder Referral listing are being renewed and updated for website/*Shorthair Journal;* Response has been positive and minimal glitches with electronic signatures and form submissions. She stated that the changes have resulted in, "To date 5 new Breeder listings have received. Additionally, multiple inquiries have been received on how to sign up for Breeder Referral."
Melissa is working on a program to track the now staggered expiration dates.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Christy F/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications Report (Liz Jennings) Liz presented her submitted written report. "The Communications committee held its first teleconference on 12/30/15. The purpose was to formally introduce the three GSPCA people who have responsibility for media communications within the GSPCA – Web Site (Missy Neal), *Shorthair Journal* (Patty Busso) and Yearbook (Deb Broad). Agenda items included: (1) use of the Drop Box to exchange large files required of Web Site, *Journal* & Yearbook; (2) Coordination of GSPCA branding across the web site, Journal and Yearbook; and (3) sharing the GSPCA & internet resources available to make each of the jobs, easier. The discussion included the use of the drop box as a repository of GSPCA club information, to form a historical link to past efforts for the Web Site, *SJ*, and Yearbook; the need to edit files and to restrict access within the Drop Box subfolders. It is the best way now to handle the very large MB files required by the Web Site, *SJ* & Yearbook. Branding – goal of coordinating the color palette between the *SJ*, Web Site & Yearbook as feasible as well as National Specialty & National FT catalogs. GSPCA & Internet Resources – discussed ways of marketing the yearbook, including ads in the SJ and advertising on Social Media and email blasts. Missy can help coordinate those marketing venues for the Yearbook and Patty offered to work with Deb to use posting on Social Media to increase awareness of what the yearbook is. There appears to be a need for an article in the SJ to refresh everyone's memory about what the YB is and why it is important and FUN to own.
"Result of Changes: Introduced the members who deal with internet and hard copy media for GSPCA; Reviewed the goals of branding & creating a unified look among GSPCA publications; Discussed ways to increase awareness & revenues for the Yearbook and to increase communications to help each other and not have to reinvent the wheel where we already have templates, colors, and/or design mediums in place; Missy (who owns the GSPCA social media site) will give Patty Busso administrative privileges, with a goal of marketing the SJ & Yearbook here.
"Recommended Future Event or Activity Changes: Meet by teleconference twice a year; Deb will send Patty Busso and Missy Neal samples of the Yearbook; Patty will send Deb the Pantone Matching System (PMS) colors in use for the Web Site and SJ with a goal to their eventual incorporation into the Yearbook (as practicable)."
Liz J stated that they need to know who on the BOD is in charge of administering the GSPCA Drop Box so that this committee can exchange files and edit files. She also asked about the security of material in Drop Box.
Lynn P answered Liz J's questions regarding Drop Box, reassuring her on its security. As Yearbook liaison, Debbie K will assist Deb Broad with Yearbook files.
MOTION: Accept report as presented. Made by: Dean G/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

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Database Report (vacant/liaison-Gene Moseley) Gene M stated that the Database was intended to be a history of all titles so that information such as "All Time Top Producers" and ROMs could easily be retrieved. Gene stated that Deb Longtin no longer works on the program since the reports received from AKC have a new format and do not enter into the existing program. Since Deb Longtin resigned, no one has been working on the program. Gene stated that a program needs to be devised so that the information can be formatted and entered. Renee stated that Deb Longtin is no longer able to house the information in her personal computer due to its size. Dean B suggested that a file be created in the GSPCA Drop Box for Database for Deb Longtin.

ACTION ITEM: Renee L to communicate with/assist with Deb Longtin on the Database information.

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

Hall Of Fame Nominations- Show Dogs (Inge Clody/liaison-Debbie King) Inge stated that she has no report. She requested that the BOD remove her and appoint an Obedience HOF chairman.

ACTION ITEM: Debbie K to have Inge Clody's name removed as Obedience HOF Chair on website.

Two nominations were submitted:

--NSC BIS MBISS URO1 UCDX CH CAN MEX NATL INTL JU.A CH Ehrenvogel Daredevil CROM JH RAE BN TD2 OF OAP OJP VCD2 (CDX TD OA OAJ) VCA ASCA-CDX NGC GSO NAC RSO JSO CGC (Dev)

--AM/CAN CH White River's Ziggy Stardust, JH, GSPCA C-ROM (Ziggy)

Inge Clody recommends that both dogs be accepted into the GSPCA HOF. Cyndi B requested that the application require photos of the nominee. Cyndi B requested that applications be submitted in both hard and electronic copies. Cyndi B requested that there be consistency with the HOF applications. Debbie K stated that the application does need to be updated.

ACTION ITEM: Debbie K will update the HOF application process.

MOTION: Accept "Dev" into the GSPCA HOF. Made by: Christy F/Second: Gene M. Motion carried with Dean G casting an opposing vote.

MOTION: Accept "Ziggy" into the GSPCA HOF. Made by: Dean G/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Hall Of Fame Nominations- Field Dogs (Jerry Paddock/liaison-Debbie King) Jerry stated that he had little to report. He stated that he did send the qualification sheet to one person. He spoke on the phone and by email with another. No nominations were submitted.

Hall Of Fame Nominations- Obedience Dogs (vacant/liaison-Debbie King) No nominations were submitted.

Hall Of Fame Nominations- People/Life Members (vacant/liaison-Debbie King) No nominations were submitted.

MOTION: Accept all HOF reports as submitted. Made by: Dean B/Second: Cyndi B. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting break at 2020 EST/Meeting resumed at 2029 EST.

Versatility Report (David Nauer/liaison-Liz Jennings) The BOD meeting resumed with a scheduled conference call with Dave Nauer, chair of the Versatility Committee. Dave had requested to meet by conference call so that he could present and discuss the recommendations of the Versatility Rules committee. An eight page handout had been submitted by Dave to the BOD prior to the meeting. Dave reviewed his handout. Dave stated, "When several new programs were introduced by the AKC, the GSPCA Board requested recommendations on how to improve the versatility program. A committee was formed composed of experts in various disciplines in which the GSP can compete. These experts provided feedback for revisions to the program." He stated, "The committee agrees with the Board of Director guidance that the main purpose of the GSP is as a versatile hunter – an all-purpose gun dog capable of high performance in the field and water. But the GSP is capable of doing many amazing things ranging from Performance events such as hunt and field to Companion events such as obedience and agility – it is this program that maintains touch with the core skills including mandatory field/hunt skills, while recognizing the wide range of activities the breed can accomplish. Those abilities translate to trainability, proper temperament, often hunt related skills, and non-hunt skills reflective of a GSP with proper structure and athleticism. The committee also understands the considerable efforts involved in achieving mid- and high-level titles in disciplines not directly related to the purpose of the breed. The committee strongly recommends that a proper training program and interest in a sport (and success!) could be a part of this program. The goal is to include these non-core activities but not adversely impact the Versatility Certificate Excellent (VCX) or in any meaningful way overweight the Versatility Certificate Advanced (VCA) titles." He stated, "The committee believes the best interests of the breed and the membership are served by controlling the impacts of these activities that ***MANY***

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GSPCA members participate in. We ask the board to carefully consider our recommendations which we believe are still in the spirit of that direction." He stated, "Titles from organizations such as NAVHDA, NSTRA, UKC, USDAA, NADAC, CPE, etc. are not eligible for consideration in this program. Since GSPCA is an AKC Member Club, only AKC and GSPCA titles and certifications are allowed. Recently AKC introduced the "Title Recognition Program" where titles earned in other organizations are recognized by AKC and included in an AKC pedigree – the committee recommends these programs be included since they are AKC recognized titles that are listed with the GSP's official name and AKC record. The committee recommends modifications to all six present silos, and to add a seventh silo that would contain disciplines the committee and board do not want full recognition for – the seventh silo would allow only minor point achievements that could be used in the VC and VCA minor point categories. We believe the seventh silo solves the overall need to recognize sports our membership is passionate about while still maintaining focus on the core purpose of the breed at the highest levels of the VCX and VCA programs."

Dave presented the following:

MAINSTREAM SILO CHANGES

Conformation – One change is recommended – dropping the Group Placement in the 4 point category. The committee noted this is a one time achievement, and given the small size of some shows, could be accomplished with a non-champion at a show with less than 50 dogs. The committee believes this skews the 4 point category used for "major achievement".

Field – No changes were recommended for the Field Category

Hunt – The committee reviewed the Advanced Hunt Test titles and recommended they not be included in this program, but that the Retriever Hunt titles (JH-R, SH-R, and MH-R) remain as is. The committee discussed the GSPCA Water Test recognitions and recommended they remain as listed. Presently the GSPCA Water Tests are not considered "Field or Hunt" credit. The committee recommends the RDX and RD titles be considered "Field or Hunt" credit going forward, but the NRD (Novice Retrieving Dog) not qualify for this distinction, but still remain at 1 point in the silo.

Obedience and Rally – The committee discussed the optional titling obedience titles and recommend these titles not be included in the program. The committee discussed the proposed Preferred Obedience titles and recommend that the P-UD be used for the VCX – and that the P-CD be 2 points; P-CDX three points; P-UD five points; P-UDX and P-OTCH at 6 points. This is contingent on the AKC publishing the final rules changes for Preferred. We request the board to approve the concept pending that final review by the committee when final rules are released by AKC.

The committee reviewed the use of the RAE Rally title for a VCX. After examining historical titles, the committee recommends the VCX requirement for Rally be increased (made more difficult) by changing the RAE requirement to a RAE-3.

Agility – The committee decided that Agility levels have become outdated. A decade ago around 10 Agility dogs a year earned the Excellent A titles; today we have more than double that earning MACH/PACH titles annually. The committee recommends the following changes which increases the difficulty for agility:

1) VCX title entry increased to the Masters Level from the Excellent Level – allowing MX or MXP or MXJ or MJP to qualify
2) Increase the difficulty of the core agility levels on the point chart, making the Excellent Standard achievement (AX or AXP) the "major" achievement
    a. Novice levels one point
    b. Open Level two points
    c. Excellent Jumpers levels three points
    d. Excellent Standard levels four points
    e. Master level titles five points
    f. PACH and MACH six points
3) The committee did not recommend adding Time 2 Beat (T2B) to the program
4) The committee believes FAST should be added, but not to the VCX program
    a. Novice 1 point
    b. Open 2 points
    c. Excellent 3 points
    d. FTC and FTCP at 6 points
5) To add difficulty to Novice and Open, the committee requires two titles at that level to count out of Standard, Jumpers, or FAST (e.g. a NA and NAJ; or NAJ and NF as two examples would be required for that one point).

Tracking – The committee recommends the Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) be added as a three point achievement. The committee confirmed the continued recognition of the Tracking Certificate at one point documented by a photocopy of one of the signed certificates.

PROGRAM MAINTENANCE

Since the inception of the program in 1998, the program was substantially changed once (proposals from 2005). Minor changes and additions have been made in the past decade. The committee discussed two requirements for program maintenance going forward:

1) Use the Seventh Silo to introduce new activities (for example the Canine Freestyle achievements may be recognized by AKC soon). Adding a MINOR addition to the seventh silo would take a simple vote by the GSPCA Board at a normal board meeting as presented by the Chairman of the Versatility Committee.
2) Require a 5 year committee review (similar to this review) to ensure growth and changes in the program are considered on a regular basis. Assuming this review is approved in January 2016, the next committee review would occur in 2020 with a target January 2021 review.

CHANGES TO THE CHARTS

If all recommendations are accepted by the GSPCA board, the following changes to the charts would occur:

THE TOP TITLE: VERSATILITY EXCELLENT (VCX)

This is the "original" GSPCA program. It is not point based like VC and VCA, and requires a dog to achieve three titles from the following rows. Any dog achieving three titles below where all do not come from Field or Hunt will also have to achieve at least a 1 point Field or Hunt recognition. Note the changes below reflect adapting the Preferred Requirements for Obedience which is pending final review.

- Champion (**CH**)
- Amateur Field Champion (**AFC**) ***OR*** Field Champion (**FC**)
- Master Hunter (**MH**) ***OR*** Master Hunter Retriever (**MH-R)**
- Utility Dog (**UD**) ***OR*** Utility Dog Preferred (**UD-P**) ***OR*** Rally Advanced Excellent Three (**RAE3**) ***OR*** Therapy Dog Distinguished **(THDD)**

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- Master Agility Excellent (**MX**) ***OR*** Master Agility Excellent Preferred (**MXP**) ***OR*** Master Excellent Jumpers with Weaves (**MXJ**) ***OR*** Master Excellent Jumpers with Weaves Preferred (**MJP**) ***OR*** Flyball ONYX (**ONYX)**
- Tracking Dog Excellent (**TDX**) ***OR*** Variable Surface Tracker (**VST**) ***OR*** Search and Rescue Urban (**SAR-U)**) ***OR*** Search and Rescue Wilderness (**SAR-W)**

THE OTHER TITLES: Versatility Certificate (VC) and Versatility Certificate Advanced (VCA)
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Versatility Certificate (VC) and Versatility Certificate Advanced (VCA) Criteria

Points	Conformation	Field	Hunt	Obedience	Agility	Tracking	Other
6	National Show Champion or BIS (must have CH in either case)	NFC or FC & AFC		UDX or Higher (UDX-P, OTCH, etc)	MACH or PACH or FTC or FTCP or ONYX (Flyball)	CT	
5	Best in Specialty Show or Sporting Group One (Must have a CH in either case)	FC or AFC	MH or MH-R	UD or UD-P or THDD (Therapy Dog)	MX or MXP or MXJ or MJP	VST	
4	CH		SH or SH-R	CDX or RAE or THDX (Therapy Dog)	AX or AXP or FM (Flyball)	TDX or SAR-U or SAR-W	
3	10 Championship Points with a Major	Field Major	RDX	RE or CDX-P	AXJ or AJP or XF	TDU	
2	At least one Major	Broke Points	JH or RD or JH-R	CD or RA or CD-P or) or THDA (Therapy Dog)	OA, OAJ, OF, OAP, OJP or OFP – Two required – or FDCH (Flyball)	TD	RATS (Barn Hunt) or Dock Diving (DS, DSA, DSX, AS, ASA, ASX)
1	5 Championship Points, No Major required	Any Field Points	NRD	RN	NA, NAJ, NF, NAP, NJP or NFP – Two required	Tracking Certificate	CAA (Coursing)

Only Highest Point total from each area will be counted (e.g. a dog with a MH/RDX earns 5 points in hunt; a dog with a CD and RAE earns 4 points, etc).

GSPCA Versatility Certificate (GSPCA VC) requires 7 points, including minimally at least one point from each of THREE columns, one being a 4-point or higher value award from those three columns. At least one point *must* come from either the Field Column or the Hunt Column (The GSPCA RD and RDX also count for this requirement)

GSPCA Versatility Certificate Advanced (GSPCA VCA) requires 11 points, including minimally at least one point from each of FOUR columns, two being 4 point or higher value awards from those four columns. At least one point *must* come from either the Field Column or the Hunt Column (The GSPCA RD and RDX also count for this requirement)

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Dave answered several of the BOD questions. Gene M asked for clarification of the differences of the VC, VCA and VCX. Sharon F asked for clarification of field/hunt points and the NRD.
MOTION: Accept the recommendations for the changes to the Versatility Program. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION: Accept report as presented. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.
Dean G requested to chair HOF People. The BOD agreed.
MOTION: Adjourn meeting until 0800. Made by: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

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Terry C called the GSPCA BOD meeting to order at 0806 EST.

Illustrated Standard Report (Patte Titus/liaison-Diane Prohaska) In her submitted written report, Patte stated that the printed Illustrated Standard for the GSP was made available for sale through the GSPCA website August 2015. **C**opies Sold: August – 68, September – 21, October – 11, November – 3, December – 2. Total sold: 105 @ $10 = $1050 (this includes foreign sales to Australia, Brazil, Canada and the United Kingdom). Of the 1000 copies, 349 Illustrated Standards were sent courtesy of the GSPCA to all AKC Judges approved for the Breed. From the 651 remaining, 25 copies were sent for the 2016 NSS Juniors packets. One box (150) was sent to Christy, JE Coordinator, 151 remained with Sue Clemons, 151 with Chairman. They are also provided in: Judges Education packets for approved AKC and GSPCA Judges Education Seminars; AKC Judges Education Department; upon request from Sweepstakes Judges for the breed; the Vizsla Club of America, Illustrated Standard Chairman. 302 copies remain with me and Sue. It is my understanding a JE Seminar is scheduled in January that copies for that event will be sent. Financial Summary: Postage/Envelopes $248.41 - May - Dec 2015, Past Year: N/A, Current Year**:** $248.41. Planned Budget for Future: Considering sales drop October - December 2015 and plans to print it in segments in the 6 issues *Shorthair Journal* in 2016, none at this time. If there is a loss or decline in revenue please provide reasons. Potentially, because it was made available on the website about the same time the printed version was being offered for sale. Committee Needs: Assurances that the Illustrated Standard, a standalone document with its primary purpose to educate future judges of the breed will be published as it appears in the final printed document. And the illustrations and text found therein will not be separately or independently used in other articles to be published in *Shorthair Journal*. Quoting with source is a commonly accepted practice but quotes that are incomplete or out of context if done in conjunction with added commentary may create confusion or lead to the wrong conclusion of the original intent. Action Item for Board consideration: Lead each segment published with the following found on the IFC of the Illustrated Standard. All rights reserved by the GSPCA, Inc. "No part of this publication may be reproduced, transmitted or stored in a retrieval system or by electronic, mechanical, recording or otherwise, without prior written permission of the GSPCA, Inc."
MOTION: Add requested Action Item of leading each segment published with the following found on the IFC of the Illustrated Standard. All rights reserved by the GSPCA, Inc. "No part of this publication may be reproduced, transmitted or stored in a retrieval system or by electronic, mechanical, recording or otherwise, without prior written permission of the GSPCA, Inc." Made by: Lynn P/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

***Shorthair Journal* Report (Patty Busso/liaison-Liz Jennings)** In her submitted written report, Patty B stated that the *Shorthair Journal* is the official publication of the GSPCA. Each member receives a subscription as a part of membership; additionally 345 issues are sent to GSP judges approved by the AKC. It is a hard copy magazine published 6 times a year. Issues and 'themes' are and have historically been: Jan/Feb- National Field Trial, Mar/Apr- Puppies, May/June- Stud Dog, Jul/Aug- National Specialty Show, Sep/Oct- National Amateur Gun Dog Championship, Nov/Dec- Appreciation.
In regards to changes she has made to improve the *Shorthair Journal*, she stated, "First and foremost I updated the look and feel of the publication to make it more reader friendly. Specifically: Updated and redesigned the masthead; Updated and redesigned the cover moving away from an "ad" to an attractive image focusing on our breed; Redesigned internal pages- Typeface and type size, More use of color and photographs; Content has been expanded to include articles in each issue, dealing with field, hunting, conformation/show, and the performance areas of Rally, Agility, Tracking and Obedience." She stated that the feedback from the membership has been very positive. She stated that she is planning to add a section each issue to focus on the breed standard to continue educating the membership and judges. She will focus on shortening the production time and getting contributors to provide information in a timelier manner. She also stated that 2016 will have a more aggressive effort to bring on more advertisers: members and corporations. She listed the following needs: Request the names of at least two Field Trial folks who might be willing to be on the SJ Committee and source article of interest for the Journal; Request the names of at least two Performance (Obed/Rally/Agility) folks who might be willing to be on the SJ Committee and source article of interest for the Journal.
Her Action Items:

1. We would like to create advertising package discounts and recommend the following to the BOD for approval:

Bronze Package	6 Black & White ads (1 per issue) @ 100 per ad less 20% discount or $480.	50% to be paid with placement of 1st ad 50% with placement of 2nd ad

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Silver Package	3 color ads @ 250/page less a 20% discount or $600	50% paid with placement of 1st ad 50% with 2nd ad
Gold Package	4 color ads @ $250 per page less 20% discount or $800	50% paid with placement of first ad 50% paid with placement of 2nd ad
Platinum Package	6 color ads @ 250 per ad less 20% discount or $1200	50% paid with placement of first ad 50% paid with placement of 2nd ad

2. Offer breeders to purchase extra issues to give to puppy buyers at a discount.
    a. If they purchase multiple issues
        i. 2-6 issues, $xx.oo per issue plus S/H
        ii. 6+ issues, $xx.oo per issue plus S/H
3. Offer business card size ads 2" L x 3" high
    a. Color only – 1 photo plus dog's name & titles & owners name & email address - $40 per issue
4. Request permission to publish "real statistics" in the Stats Section versus statistics adjusting out non-GSPCA members. This would make the statistical reporting much easier for the FT, Conformation, OH and Performance statisticians. And it would make the statistics 'factual'. *We would keep the disclaimer, which is at the bottom of each SJ issue, in place. It states that you must be a member of the GSPCA in order to compete for GSPCA year-end trophies AND that you must be a member with dues paid by March 1st each year in which the ranking is earned*.
5. Permission to rework the themes for the Mar/Apr (Puppies); May/June (Stud Dog) and Nov/Dec (Appreciation) issue with a focus towards encouraging more advertising. We would maintain the following issue theme dedications. Jan/Feb – National Field Trial; Jul/August - National Specialty Show and Sep/Oct – National Amateur Gun Dog Champion.

The BOD agreed with the package deals. It was recommended that a membership blast be used to remind those of deadlines. It was suggested that the lists of member clubs and the BOD be decreased in size to reduce the space that it takes to publish. It was requested that "Dogs Defeated" be removed. The BOD discussed the topic of the themed covers.

ACTION ITEM: Liz J will contact Committee Chairs for submission of articles for the SJ.

ACTION ITEM: Lynn P will obtain real Top 10/Top 25 lists and contact those non-members to request that they apply for membership.

The BOD reviewed requested Action Item #4. The BOD discussed recognizing members vs members and non-members.

MOTION: Approve the Action Item to publish "real statistics" in the Stats Section versus statistics adjusting out non-GSPCA members. *We would keep the disclaimer, which is at the bottom of each SJ issue, in place. It states that you must be a member of the GSPCA in order to compete for GSPCA year-end trophies AND that you must be a member with dues paid by March 1st each year in which the ranking is earned*. Made by: Gene M/Second: Dean B. Motion failed with Liz J abstaining.

MOTION: Lynn P is to obtain the Top 10 list of each venue and contact those non-members to request/encourage membership. Made by: Renee L/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Approve requested Action Items 1 (Creating advertising package discounts Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum), 2 (Offer breeders to purchase extra issues to give to puppy buyers at a discount: If they purchase multiple issues- 2-6 issues/ -$xx.oo per issue plus S&H/ -6+ issues, $xx.oo per issue plus S/H), and 3 (Offer business card size ads 2" L x 3" high, Color only – 1 photo plus dog's name & titles & owners name & email address - $40 per issue). Made by: Christy F/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

The BOD discussed having a "Letters to the Editor" article. They also discussed the themed issues of the *SJ.*

ACTION ITEM: Dean B to contact a newspaper editor to ask for guidelines for "Letters to the Editor" articles.

MOTION: Approve the requested Action Item 5 (Rework the themes for the Mar/Apr (Puppies); May/June (Stud Dog)

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and Nov/Dec (Appreciation) issue with a focus towards encouraging more advertising. We would maintain the following issue theme dedications. Jan/Feb– National Field Trial; Jul/August- National Specialty Show and Sep/Oct– National Amateur Gun Dog Champion) with the ultimate goal of earning $5000 per issue. Made by: Christy F/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Terry C to submit names to Liz J of Field Trial people to source articles for the SJ.

Names that could help source articles on obedience, rally and agility were given to Liz J. It was suggested to contact AKC for articles.

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

Health & Welfare Report (vacant/liaison-Renee Lara) In her submitted written report, Karen Nauer announced her resignation as Committee Chair as of September 14, 2015. She recommended the following: appointment of a new Chair; organize activities for the 2016 NSS; completion of an article on the different labs for health testing (Sandra Kretz was working on this); update H&W committee members on the GSPCA website; submit articles on health issues for the *Shorthair Journal*.

She did include the AKC Health Statement:

The GSPCA supports and encourages health testing to maintain the health and stamina of our breed to compete in both conformation and field events in addition to the many other AKC activities requiring a GSP with a sound body and intelligent mind. Physical and mental health is critical to a GSP being successful as a companion and competitive in any event his owner participates in. The testing recommended by the GSPCA focuses on the heart, orthopedic soundness and vision. The GSPCA encourages our members to participate in the CHIC program. The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

Effective May 1, 2014 the **required tests** are: **Cardiac**: Exam (auscultation or echo) by a Board Certified Cardiologist at the Minimum age of 24 months, with results posted to the OFA site. The age of 24 months is a change to this requirement. In addition, the exam must now be performed only by a board certified cardiologist. Detailed Criteria (GSPCA Article) MORE from OFA. **Hip Dysplasia**: OFA Evaluation at Minimum age of 24 months or PennHIP. MORE. **Elbow Dysplasia**: OFA Evaluation at Minimum age of 24 months. This is a new requirement based on the rising incidence of elbow dysplasia in all sporting breeds including GSPs. Previously elbow dysplasia had been an optional test. Elbow Dysplasia is a crippling hereditary disease. MORE. **Eye Exam:** Eye examination by a Board Certified ACVO Ophthalmologist annually until Age 6. Results registered with OFA. There is no recommended age to start as long as the eyes are open. MORE. **Cone Degeneration:** Optigen test results registered with the OFA. Only one subsequent generation of two CD tested dogs may be cleared by parentage. The following generation will have to be tested. MORE. **Optional Tests: Autoimmune thyroiditis:** Evaluation by an OFA approved laboratory with results posted to the OFA site. It is recommended that the test be repeated every two years. MORE. **Von Willebrands Disease:** Clearance using the vWD Type 2 genetic test from VetGen. (Genetic Test) Results to be posted to the OFA site. **A special note about Lupoid Dermatosis (LD).** In June 2013 the GSPCA Board of Directors reviewed information from a retest of dogs previously tested for LD by cheek swab. Because some of the different results obtained from the blood sample retest have not been explained and because the results of the LD research have not been published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal, the Board has taken a neutral position on this test at this time. Breeders need to consult with PennGen at the University of Pennsylvania to determine the usefulness of this test for their breeding programs. (Please see the Members Section of the GSPCA web site for more information.) *Note – In addition to the breed specific requirements above, a CHIC requirement across all participating breeds is that the dog must be permanently identified via microchip or tattoo in order to qualify for a CHIC number.

Renee L explained the health statement to the BOD. The BOD discussed appointing a Chair. Mr. Bob Reynolds, DVM was discussed and is a current member of the committee.

ACTION ITEM: Lynn P to send Health Statement to Barbara Schwartz, AKC Delegate for the GSPCA.

MOTION: Appoint Bob Reynolds, DVM as H&W Chair, upon his acceptance. Made by: Renee L/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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Historian Report (Patte Titus/liaison-Christy Featherston) In her submitted written report, Patte stated that it is an ongoing process to sort and catalog archived material of the Parent Club. She stated that she is working toward using a Drop Box for previously scanned materials. She made no requests.

ACTION ITEM: Lynn P will add a Historian file in the GSPCA Dropbox account for Patte Titus to use. The Shorthair Journal will have access to this file.

ACTION ITEM: Christy F to obtain a timeframe from Patte Titus as to when the archived material will be completely cataloged.

MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting break at 0936 EST/Meetng resumed at 0941 EST.

Judges Education Report (Christy Featherston) Christy F reviewed her submitted written report. She stated that since the last report, Judges Education had provided the following seminars: Michigan Sporting Group workshop in June (Christy Douglas-Featherston); Belton Texas Sporting Group Seminar in October (Patte Titus); AKC Seminar Florida in December (Patte Titus). Her future Seminars and Workshops are: GSPCA NSS (Christy Douglas-Featherston); Oregon Dog Judges, held in conjunction with the Rose City Cluster January 24th (Maxine Moinier and Moe Farley have graciously agreed to present at this event). Recent improvements to her program include writing a series of articles for the S*horthair Journal* to inform the membership of what is being taught to upcoming judges in Judge's Education. This has resulted in positive feedback including receiving emails from Judges and members that have comments and questions regarding the articles and JE, opening up the lines of communication and stimulating discussion. Also included in Christy's report was a report submitted by Patte Titus. Patte T stated that she attended the AKC/DJAA Advanced Sporting & Toy Breeds Institute, Orlando, FL, 8-11 December 2015. She stated that it is organized and run by the Dog Judges Association of American in conjunction with the AKC. Four days of Judges Education Seminars and Hands-On Workshops for all Sporting Breeds represented. Cost to attend Institute $425, pre-registration required. 22 signed up for the GSP Breed Seminar. This event is on a rotational basis and the Sporting breeds are not held every year. It is at the request of the AKC for Parent Clubs to participate. She stated, "Since my MTB plans put me in Orlando at the same time Christy Douglas-Featherston current JE Coordinator asked if I would do the JE presentation, thus saving the Parent Club an additional expense. We were commended on our "to the point" presentation and handout materials with multiple compliments made about the Illustrated Standard. The Hands On session was organized and run by a DJAA representative. For this session nine Shorthairs were present for the attendees to go over and place. Per the 2006 Board decision no dogs/bitches currently being campaigned were used. To help prospective judges to see an age range in the Breed there were a couple of veterans and dog/bitches less than two years old. Evaluations of the JE Seminar and Hands-On Workshop were turned into the AKC Judges Department and will be provided once all the paperwork is processed and closed out."
Respectfully submitted, Patte Titus, Presenter
GSP JE Seminar & Hands-On Workshop
The BOD discussed who the GSPCA has as approved mentors. It was noted that the AKC has their own list that is posted on their website.
MOTION: Christy F to bring the revised GSPCA Approved Mentors list to the June BOD meeting for BOD approval and to then be posted on the GSPCA website. Made by: Renee L/Second: Debbie K. Motion carried with Christy F abstaining.
MOTION: Accept report as presented. Made by: Renee L/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Juniors Report (Valerie Nunes-Atkinson & Yvonne Detering/liaison-Lynn Pettinato) In their submitted written report, Valerie and Yvonne stated that they are ready to send out letters requesting items for Welcome Bags. Becky Feigh has been in contact with her Purina Rep for Purina Items for Juniors. They have sent out a letter to all Juniors informing them of upcoming activities. It also explains the Junior Membership program- benefits and activities, informs Juniors of their own Facebook page, and shares information of what to expect at the NSS this year. Plans for the NSS include Welcome Bags, a Seminar, a Luncheon, a Handling Class and the Parade of Juniors. They will have a special gift for all that attend. They will also be having a Quilt Raffle and "Juniors Clothing Exchange." Their only need is an area at the NSS for the clothing exchange. Lynn P reviewed the report with the BOD.

ACTION ITEM: Lynn P to notify co-chairs that they need to contact Jane Handschumaker, NSS Chair, regarding area for clothing exchange.

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ACTION ITEM: Lynn P to have co-chairs contact the Shorthair Journal to place ad and Missy Neal for email blast regarding clothing exchange.

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

Legislation Report (Terry Brumbaugh/liaison-Sharon Fitzpatrick) No report was submitted. Sharon F stated that legislative issues on the federal level are decreased. She also stated that there has been no progress on the brochure. Liz J stated that she has attempted to contact the chair for articles to publish in the *Shorthair Journal*, but has been unsuccessful. Sharon F will contact chair to try to remedy this.

Membership Report (Cynthia McCracken/liaison-Lynn Pettinato) In her submitted written report, Cynthia Mc stated that she has, "implemented changes to member notifications to reflect the security changes seem to be increasing response to online membership renewals. Renewal notifications started October 17 @ 45, 30 and 7 days before January. Grace period with expiration notifications start 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 are receiving 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, 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 also stated that she continues to evaluate Memberclicks. "The ability to update and integrate form creation and use by both members and administrators is paramount and has been severely compromised. Reinstitution of search for membership database companies for consideration to replace Memberclicks will begin after March 1. Consideration will be made as to cost vs benefits of changing to a new company. Missy and I will evaluate the GSPCA membership and website needs against what Memberclicks is providing today. Since they have rolled out their new system the "Classic" system (which we continue to use) has had major irritating problems during both the NFT entry season continuing through the Renewal season."

She stated that there was an issue with timing and the renewal insert in the Shorthair Journal. She stated that if the BOD goes forward with the proposal to issue a 1 year free membership to **NEW** puppy buyers purchased from a breeder, she will need approx. 1-2 months to design an online and analog version of the application. She stated that there is still the issue of Clubs that are in danger of dissolution/inactive because of serious financial and membership numbers difficulty.

She stated, "Clubs in red remain unpaid and continue to be listed and receive a Shorthair Journal suggestion listed per club. Suggestion: Consider reducing dues to $75 /year so they may continue to hold Hunt Tests as an effort to gain new membership. Any club holding Specialty shows and/or Field Trials would not receive a discounted rate.

-OZARK – 2013 – Remove club from Shorthair Journal list –there has been no communication from them nor has their Director indicated that there has been any communication 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 – there has been no communication from them nor has their Director indicated that there has been any communication 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.

-YUCCA – 2012 - Deleted club from roles.

-EASTERN IOWA – HAS DISOLVED AND HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP ROLES per their request.

-GSPC of Orange County CA - has indicated that they will defer paying their 2016 because they will not hold any events this year. Email notification has been received, indicating that they will make a decision in June. They have not replaced their officers and do not plan to until June. Their options are to dissolve the GSPCOC or continue.

-Eastern GSPC (does not need to be a member or our approval to hold events). They have yet to replace Robin Young as Secretary since her untimely death – Request Diane Prohaska to contact them to inquire of their intentions to continue their GSPCA Local Club Membership."

Cynthia Mc stated that the following has still not been resolved, "What information can members access within the "Members Only Section" of the website? She stated that regarding membership numbers at this time, they are similar to last years. She submitted a statistical dashboard with the membership numbers.

The BOD voiced a serious concern regarding losing clubs. It was discussed that AKC is approving "All Breed Hunt Clubs"

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MOTION: Allow GSP "hunt only" clubs at a reduced club membership fee of $75/year. Made by: Dean B/Second: Dean G. The BOD discussed the pros and cons of this proposal at length. Dean B withdrew his motion and stated he would like it tabled until the June BOD meeting.
The BOD discussed the offering of a free membership to puppy buyers of member breeders.
MOTION: Approve the program of giving a one year membership to new owners of puppies sold by breeders that are GSPCA members. Made by: Dean G/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.
Regarding issue with the membership renewal insert, the BOD discussed that the *Shorthair Journal* must tighten their deadlines. Liz J stated that this will be done.
MOTION: Remove Ozark GSP Club and El Paso Del Norte GSP Club from the member club list. Made by: Dean B/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.
ACTION ITEM: Dean B will contact Eastern GSP Club treasurer and find out why they have not been paying their dues.
Sharon F volunteered to create and chair a "Member Club Advisory Committee." The BOD agreed that this would be a good idea. Regarding allowing shared information of members in the "Members Only Section," the BOD agreed that there is to be no shared information.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

Merchandise Report (Holly Faught/liaison-Dean Browning) In her submitted written report, Holly F stated that the NFT merchandise should make a profit. She recommended that the new merchandise chairman should begin work on the 2016 logo to allow for an early release of merchandise online just after the completion of the NSS. She stated that the logo is complete for the 2016 NSS Merchandise. Inventory to be sold has not yet begun. She has delayed in doing this in hopes that the new chairman could be involved. Her requested action item: "As per my previously submitted resignation letter, the new chairman will need to be prepared to do all duties pertaining to the merchandise at the NSS. At this point in time, I do not plan to attend."
The BOD discussed the idea of each venue having a merchandise person and what the pros/cons would be. Gene M stated that he will assist with the 2016 NAGDC and NFT merchandise.
ACTION ITEM: Gene M to contact Caleb Bryson about doing the NAGDC merchandise.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Christy F/Second: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

National Bird Dog Museum Report (Terry Chandler) Terry C stated that he would like to have Gene M present an update. Gene M stated that he was in contact with the architect of our GSP wing at the museum. The "Timeline" is up and decisions need to be made. He stated that we need to come up with the design for the right half of the back wall. He stated that a metal image the GSPCA logo should be placed, some signage, and the video screen. He suggested a "Design Committee" be created. He stated that once design proposals are made, the museum's own committee has final approval.
Motion: Gene M to give a presentation for approval to the National Bird Dog Museum Committee of a preliminary layout of the GSPCA side of the back wall in the GSP wing. Made by: Gene M/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Outstanding Sportsmanship Report (Diane Prohaska) Diane P is absent from the meeting but had previously stated that there has been no activity to report. She had also requested that she be removed as chair/liaison.
Lynn P stated she would take over for Diane P.
ACTION ITEM: Debbie K to have open chair position posted on GSPCA website.

Registry Of Merit Report (Renee Lara/liaison-Gene Moseley) Renee L handed out a written proposal for a new point system for the ROM. Renee L stated that she contacted several venue chairs for their input for this proposal. She stated that the ROM has not been updated on the website since 2012. She stated that the new program that is she is proposing would start with 2016. Renee L stated that she would like to have members apply for ROM and receive a certificate. Renee reviewed the point schedule and the ROM, ROMX, and ROMXX. She stated that the disadvantage of the current system is that it doesn't promote the versatility of the breed and the Dual Champion is not recognized.
Proposed Point System for Registry of Merit:
ROM-given to a sire that meets following criteria

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Total of 12 pts earned by a minimum of 5 titled get

ROM-given to a dam that meets following criteria

Total of 8 pts earned by a minimum of 3 titled get

ROMX-given to a sire that meets following criteria

Total of 30 pts earned by a minimum of 10 titled get

ROMX-given to a dam that meets following criteria

Total of 12 pts earned by a minimum of 6 titled get

ROMXX-given to a sire that meets following criteria

Total of 60 pts earned by a minimum of 20 titled get- Points for this level must come from 2 areas. The areas include Field, Conformation, Performance, Tracking and Hunt Test

ROMXX given to a dam that meets following criteria

Total of 20 pts earned by a minimum of 8 titled get. - Points for this level must come from 2 areas. The areas include Field, Conformation, Performance, Tracking and Hunt Test

Point Schedule

AKC Championship----------1pt
AKC Grand Champion Platinum----------2pts
NSC (National Specialty Champion) ----------3pts
FC or AFC----------2pts
Dual Champion*----------3pts
NFC (National Field Champion) ----------3pts
Master Hunter----------2pts
Performance/TD----------2pts
MACH----------1pt
OTCH----------1pt

*There is no doubling of points: A Dual Champion does not also receive the AKC Championship point and the FC/AFC points.

ACTION ITEM: Debbie K will make sure the ROM is updated on the website through 2015 using the old system.

Meeting break at 1203 EST/Meeting resumed at 1235 EST.

Renee L reviewed the points and explained that there would be no doubling of points. The ROMXX would be points from 2 venues, one of which would be either Field or Hunt Test.

MOTION: ROMXX criteria to state- "Points for this level must come from at least two venues- One venue must be either Field Trial or Hunt Test and one venue must be from Conformation." Made by: Dean B/Second: Lynn P. Motion carried with Renee L, Dean B, Lynn P, Cyndi B, Debbie K, Liz J casting favorable votes and Sharon F, Christy F, Gene M, Dean G casting opposing votes.

MOTION: Accept Renee's written proposal for the ROM point system with the change to the ROMXX wording. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Dean B. Motion carried with Renee L, Dean B, Lynn P, Cyndi B, Sharon F, Debbie K, Liz J, Dean G casting favorable votes and Christy F, Gene M casting opposing votes.

Gene M announced his resignation as liaison to the ROM committee. Renee L stated she would be liaison and was appointed.

Rescue Report (Missy Neal/liaison-Sharon Fitzpatrick) Sharon F presented a report. She stated that the Committee consists of Missy Neal-Chair, Amber Miller, Tracy Landauer, and Dorothy Thompson. Terri Roehrig, president of the Wisconsin GSP Rescue will be joining the committee. She stated that they had a "mixed response" to the "Member Rescue" program that was created in 2014, so they have decided to end it. Instead, they will institute a screening system for new groups that wish to be included in their published list of GSP rescues. Rescue has approximately $13,000. They are considering additional fundraising activities. They will have auction tables at the 2016 NSS and are currently looking for volunteers to assist them.

MOTION: Accept report as presented. Made by: Renee L/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

Standard Review Report (Christy Featherston/liaison-Dean Goodding) Dean G reviewed his submitted written report with the BOD. He stated that the committee was formed in June. It started with Christy F, Renee L and himself as Liaison. Additional members have been added: Karen Nauer and Lucretia Coonrod. He stated that it is planned to ask Betsy Yates to join the committee. They plan on having a conference call in February to discuss goals.

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

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Water Test Report (Dean Goodding) Dean G reviewed his submitted written report with the BOD. He stated that Water Tests conducted were: 6 clubs with 55 entries and 37 new titles. He stated that there is a lot of interest from clubs for 2016. He stated that he encouraged clubs to supply ribbons for accomplishments, and that most of them did. He also requested that they were to submit a summary with pictures to the *Shorthair Journal*. He stated that the NSSEC considered a water test at the NSS, but couldn't coordinate for this year. He stated that he has new certificates that are being issued. He had one as a sample for the BOD to view. The certificate was very impressive. He stated that he has also helped clubs find grounds, coached them on how to do it, and in some cases, helped them find grounds and sent the information to them. He stated that he expects that there will be more water tests this year. He stated that he would like to make the form fillable, instead of hand written entries. He stated that he is planning water tests to be included at the 2017 NSS and the 2017 NFT. For his Financial Summary: Current Year *$201.50;* Planned Budget for Future $100 due to additional club participation; tentatively 10 clubs to schedule for 2016. Net $114.13. He stated that his committee needs are: approve written changes for the water test. Cleans up language and sets new standards; approve the Chair / Committee on doing a Petition to submit to the AKC to accept the GSPCA water test as an official title (Every club and member that did the water tests supports this action); contact individuals that submitted emails of interest to be on the committee during 2016. He stated that his Action Items is for the BOD to consider a possible rate increase for 2017. He stated that he is planning a rewrite of the Water Test Rules and will submit them for approval to the BOD at the June 2017 meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Terry C to contact Barbara Schwartz and Doug Ljundgren regarding having AKC recognize the GSPCA Water Test title.

MOTION: Approve Water Test fee increase to $6. Made by: Dean G/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Webmaster's Report (Missy Neal/liaison-Diane Prohaska) In her submitted written report, Missy stated that she has completed the Website and Member site redesign including the change of the public site host (website server/emails) – launched August, 2015. She stated that she also launched the Futurity online payment forms (Nomination, First forfeit, Second forfeit) and the launch of the Breeder Listings online payment form. She stated that the redesign has received positive feedback from members and other breed clubs. She stated, "Many, many thanks to the Board members who took time out of their busy schedules to participate on the redesign committee!!!" She stated that some sections are still in various stages of buildout- the Event results (NSS/NAGDC), the Dual Champion, HOF, Annual Awards, archive (dog database), and the ROMs. She stated that the Membership database site has given Cynthia McCracken and herself issues for several months. She noted that the level of customer and tech support from MemberClicks has significantly declined. She plans on searching for a viable alternate solution for our member database.
Debbie K reviewed Missy's report with the BOD. She stated that they are researching other possible companies/programs to replace Memberclicks.
MOTION: Accept report as submitted. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

Yearbook Report (Debra Broad/liaison-Gene Moseley) Gene M reviewed his submitted written report with the BOD. He stated, "The GSPCA Yearbook over the last couple of years has changed the covers each year instead of the usual Logo/date cover in past. We have added club ads with a two for the price of one. We have rearranged some of the flow of the book. We are looking to start transferring all old books to a PDF file for future storage and database. We are giving good deals to people that are advertising in NFT and NSS catalog ads (Same ad in Yearbook $40 B&W Full page, $65 Color Full page). He stated, "Yearbooks are $40.00 at present. Yearbook has made a profit since Deb has taken over and looking for another good profit year in the 2014 book. Deb Broad is selling and handling all sales of yearbook with coordination with website." Regarding committee needs, Gene stated, "Always can use help in photos and correct data from all winners. Could use some help with people to help get ads for book."

ACTION ITEM: Debbie K to have Missy Neal un-block late ads for the Yearbook.
ACTION ITEM: Debbie K to add Yearbook position need on website.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ACTION ITEMS from the June 2015 BOD meeting

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1. ACTION ITEM: RENEE L TO FIND OUT FROM THE NSS EC IF THE MASON DIXON CLUB CAN HOLD A REGIONAL WITH THE 2016 NSS. This was completed. 2. ACTION ITEM: LYNN P WILL ADD, "…PENDING JUDGES APPROVAL FROM THE GSPCA APPROVED JUDGES LIST' TO THE REGIONAL SPECIALTY APPLICATION. This was completed. 3. ACTION ITEM: TERRY C WILL CONTACT CATHY IACOPELLI AND THANK HER FOR HER REPORT. This was completed. Terry stated that he sent a letter. 4. 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. This was completed. 5. ACTION ITEM: LYNN P TO PHONE BELINDA VENNER TO SEE IF SHE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING WITH THE YEARBOOK AND ALSO CONTACT AGILITYAND RALLY PEOPLE. This was completed. 6. ACTION ITEM: TERRY C TO SEND A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO EACH OF THE ILLUSTRATED STANDARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS. This was completed. 7. ACTION ITEM: LYNN P TO HAVE PATTE TITUS TO SEND 25 COPIES OF THE ILLUSTRATED STANDARD TO THE JUNIORS COMMITTEE. This was completed. 8. ACTION ITEM: DIANE P TO DISCUSS WITH PATTE TITUS REGARDING MAILING OUT THE ILLUSTRATED STANDARD HARD COPIES. This was completed. 9. ACTION ITEM: DIANE P WILL DISCUSS WITH MISSY NEAL REGARDING ADDING THE ILLUSTRATED STANDARD HARD COPY TO THE GSPCA ONLINE STORE. This was completed. 10. ACTION ITEM: RENEE L TO INFORM LEITA ESTES THAT THE BOD SUPPORTS THEIR EVENT, BUT FUNDS MADE MUST GO TO THE GENERAL FUND. This was done but Ms. Estes is not in agreement. Terry C also phoned and spoke with her. Renee is continuing to talk with her. 11. ACTION ITEM: RENEE L WILL DISCUSS THE TOP 25 WITH LEITA ESTES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOD. This was completed. 12. ACTION ITEM: NEWLY FORMED STANDARD REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW EXISTING STANDARD AND MAKE REVISION REQUESTS AS NECESSARY. This is in progress. 13. ACTION ITEM: LYNN P TO GET COLLEGE INFORMATION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNER FOR DEAN B. This was completed. 14. ACTION ITEM: HAVE PATTE TITUS, BREED EDUCATION CHAIR, CONTACT AKC REGARDING REGISTRATION OF PUPPIES WITH LEMON OR GRAY AS COLOR. This was not completed.

ACTION ITEM: TERRY C ILL DISCUSS THE AKC REGISTRATION OF PUPPIES WITH LEMON OR GRAY AS COLOR WITH BARBARA SCHWARTZ.

15. ACTION ITEM: RENEE L TO NOTIFY NSS CHAIR, JANE HANDSCHUMAKER, THAT THE 2016 NSS WILL BE DEDICATED TO KEN MARDEN. This was not completed.

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

16. ACTION ITEM: DIANE P WILL CONTACT ONE OF HER LOCAL CLUBS REGARDING DEDICATING A SHOW TO MR. GALEN CONRAD. This was not completed. 17. ACTION ITEM: RENEE L WILL SET UP A PROTOCOL FOR SELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD COMMITTEE. This was not completed.

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

18. ACTION ITEM: DEAN B TO SET UP A GSPCA DROPBOX ACCOUNT. This was completed. 19. 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. Terry C stated that this is still in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NFT Delegates Members Dean G submitted that he requests that at the NFT Delegates meeting, signed forms be received prior to the meeting. He requested that only confirmed members and confirmed delegates be allowed at the meeting. He also suggested assigned seating at the front of the meeting for Delegates only. He also requested that the running rules be followed of only calling on delegates for remarks. This was addressed in the NFTEC report.

2. Merit member levels Dean G submitted a proposal that would help retain paying members. There would be no additional costs to the Club. It is to create levels based on length of membership and would benefit the member by giving them a reduced membership fee. It would also give members a logo that can be used on their websites. Dean G's idea was discussed and expanded on.

ACTION ITEM: Dean G to create logos for membership levels.

ACTION ITEM: Lynn P is to send letters to members notifying them of their membership level and the benefits involved.

MOTION: Create membership levels: Merit Level- 20 years, Gold Level- 25 years, Diamond Level- 30 years, Platinum

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Level- 40 years. Each level will have its own logo for that member to use. Made by: Dean B/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Water Test changes Dean G submitted changes that he would like to make to the Water Test program. This was addressed in the Water Test report.

4. NFT Judges Dean G submitted a request to have 3 judges for all levels of Judging at the NFT and AKC reps to attend. This was addressed in the NFTEC report.

5. NAGDC Chair Position Upon resigning his position of NAGDC Executive Committee Chairman, Chuck Parietti makes the recommendation to appoint Caleb Bryson as his replacement. Dean G submitted a request to have a change of Running Rules-For the NAGDC committee to appoint Chairman vs. BOD. These items were addressed in the NAGDC report.

6. Membership assistance Dean G submitted the request that of the members that are non-renewals, to have Cynthia McCracken send a list to the Directors. The Directors can then phone the non-renewals in their section and inquire as to why they chose to non-renew. The BOD discussed getting this list during the lapse period before the membership ends.

ACTION ITEM: Lynn P to contact Cynthia McCracken and request that she send non-renewal lists to Directors.

7. Membership Email Articles Dean G submitted the request to discuss establishing a weekly/monthly article to be sent out via email blast to the membership. The benefit would be to help educate the membership. Dean G offered to send his weekly club articles to Missy Neal to send out. The BOD agreed that the articles be limited to monthly email blasts.

ACTION ITEM: Dean G to send a monthly article to Missy to send as an email blast to the membership.

8. Judges Education travel expenses Dean G raised these questions regarding Judges Education travel expenses: Once or twice a year? Or have Directors attend local JE Seminars and report back to Judges Education on how they were presented? Christy F stated that Directors are always welcome to attend the Judges Education seminars.

9. Jan Erbe submitted two Regional Field Trial applications: a. North Central Regional Field Trial, sponsored by the GSPC of Neb: May 9-12, 2016, Branched Oak Field Trial Area, Raymond, NE. Stakes offered: GALGD, GOLGD, OLAA, OD; Chairman - Bob Erbe, Secretary - Jan Erbe. The GSPC of Nebraska has met the requirements by paying 2016 GSPCA dues and completing a magazine write-up for the 2015 NC Regional Field trial and will complete a write-up for 2016.

MOTION: Approve the North Central Regional Field Trial. Made by: Sharon F/Second: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

b. South East Regional Field Trial, sponsored by the North Florida GSPC: Feb 10-12, 2016, Double C Ranch, Bunnell, FL. Stakes offered: ALGD, OLGD, OD; Chairman - Bob Erbe, Secretary - Jan Erbe. The North Florida GSPC has met the requirements by paying 2016 GSPCA dues and completing a magazine write-up for the 2015 SE Regional field trial and will complete a write-up for 2016. This has already been approved by the BOD.

10. Proposal for AKC regarding Veterans shown in BOB Diane P had a proposal from a member, but that proposal has been withdrawn.

11. Breeder Listing fee change for Merit Members Debbie K would like to propose a revised fee for MERIT members only for the breeder listings. Merit Members are members with 20 or more consecutive years.

The Current Fee Schedule:

	Length of Listing		
Type of Listing	One (1) Year: Full Price	Two (2) Years: 5% savings	Three (3) Years: 10% Savings
Website Only	$ 60	$114	$162
Journal Only	$ 60	$114	$162
Website and *Journal*	$ 90	$171	$243

Proposed is: (Half off the current rates)

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Type of Listing	Length of Listing		
	One (1) Year: Full Price	Two (2) Years: 5% savings	Three (3) Years: 10% Savings
Website Only	$ 30	$57	$81
Journal Only	$ 30	$57	$81
Website and *Journal*	$ 45	$85	$121

Debbie K stated, "I would like to make this proposal as a "thank you" for being a Merit member. After paying dues for more than 20 years (sort of like working for one company, and the longer you are there the more vacation you get) , many folks getting up in age have to watch their monies and many times on fixed incomes. I believe that lowering this to ½ price will attract many folks which will generate more income than folks looking at the full price cost and electing not to spend money at all."
The BOD discussed this idea and agreed it was a good one.
MOTION: Approve the proposal of reduced Breeder Listing advertising fees for Merit Members (20+ years). Made by: Dean G/Second: Debbie K. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Another Bronze Statue Dean G submitted a request that the GSPCA place a bronze of a GSP on the wall entering the town at the Bird Dog Museum. He withdrew his request as the space for a bronze had been assigned to another breed.

13. Club Sponsors-- Form Committee Dean G submitted the following: Committee Objective: To think of companies that could contribute to the overall operations through contributions. Empower the committee to represent the GSPCA and its members. Contact: The list by phone/letter and briefly explain the club and exposure they would have. Set it up with the sponsor that it would renew yearly. Objective: To have them contribute monetarily by donation $ XXX Minimum or supply merchandise for events, inform of XX Coupons, discounts, merchandise, etc. GSPCA Current Sponsors: Purina, Garmin, Dogs Unlimited. Dean G submitted a list of potential sponsors to contact. The BOD agreed that this is a great idea. Lynn P offered to do a preliminary reach-out. She stated that she has had success on a local Club level.

ACTION ITEM: Lynn P to start the groundwork for the "Sponsorship Committee" with assistance from Dean G.

14. Reassign Outstanding Sportsmanship Committee Chair/Liaison Diane P made this request based on her current health issues. This was addressed during the Outstanding Sportsmanship report.

15. Inactive Club Diane P received a request from a club for assistance regarding holding an event. The issue involves a club that would like to hold events in a city outside their territory. The territory belongs to an inactive club. The BOD agreed that the AKC would be the only entity to resolve this issue.

ACTION ITEM: Lynn P to contact AKC and inform them of the issue of the club wanting to change their territory.

16. Regional Specialty approvals Several BOD members submitted: When 2 or more clubs in the same region wish to hold a Regional Specialty how is it decided who will receive approval? It was noted that it is typically a first come basis and also year to year, following BOD approval.

Meeting break at 1458 EST/Meeting resumed at 1505 EST.

17. Annual Awards discussion Sharon F stated that during the last BOD meeting, she had issues with the lack of recognition of field and show championship titles earned. She proposed to recognize those that earn any title by posting it on the Annual Awards section of the GSPCA website and publishing it in the *Shorthair Journal*. She also would like for the directors to send a letter to each member congratulating them. Also, for non-members, send a letter to those owners and encourage them to join. The BOD discussed end of year vs an ongoing basis. This would create a new section in the *Shorthair Journal* of "New Titles." Certificates were discussed.

MOTION: The following will be the awards given at the Annual Awards Banquet: Producers of the Year, Dogs of the Year, Dual Champions, Junior Handler of the Year, all Hall of Fame inductees, Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding

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Sportsmanship recipient, and other people awards. This is to be effective for the awards earned during 2016 for the 2017 Annual Awards Banquet. Made by: Renee L/Second: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Recognize all titles earned, beginning January 1, 2016, with published announcements in the *Shorthair Journal*. Non-members that earn titles will receive a letter requesting that they join the GSPCA so that they can be included in the publication. Current members will receive an email of congratulations and notifying them of the publication. Directors are to send the letters and emails. Made by: Sharon F/Second: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

18. AKC registration- color options It was brought to the GSPCA's attention that the AKC is registering "white" shorthairs. White, as a color that can be registered, needs to be removed from the AKC website and the registration paperwork. This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

19. Honoring Bob McKowen and John Remondi Christy F made the recommendation that the GSPCA honor their passing.

MOTION: Dedicate the 2016 NSS to Ken Marden and Bob McKowen. Made by: Renee L/Second: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Dedicate the North West Regional Specialty in October 2016 to John Remondi. Made by: Lynn P/Second: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Terry C to notify Barbara Schwartz of the dedication of the 2016 NSS to Ken Marden and Bob McKowen.

20. Member with Co-ownership issue Barbara Schwartz submitted information regarding a member. This member's dog is not eligible for the GSPCA NSS Top 25 due to the co-owner's status with the GSPCA. A copy of Mrs. Schwartz' written complaint was emailed to each BOD member on January 12th by Terry C. On January 29, 2016, just prior to the BOD meeting, this member sent an email to each BOD member requesting that the GSPCA allow their dog to show in the Top 25 at the 2016 NSS.

MOTION: Deny the member's request to allow their dog to show in the Top 25 at the 2016 NSS. Made by: Dean G/Second: Debbie K. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Accomplishments of the GSPCA BOD- Terry C stated that the accomplishments of the BOD since he has been president have been many. Among those accomplishments are: had AKC remove the Q Registry from field competition; created the current Code of Ethics; created and published the Illustrated Standard; erected the GSP Bronze at the National Bird Dog Museum; created the Dual Trophy; redesigned the *Shorthair Journal*; redesigned the GSPCA website; Health & Welfare became more active; Rescue became more involved; increased the benefits of membership (i.e.: Merit members, new puppy buyers, Breeder listings). He stated that the BOD still needs to focus on: membership, fiscal responsibility, retrieve changes, AKC new member flyer, and increase parent club outreach to member clubs. Gene M stated that he wants to create a format that allows ease of access to all BOD decisions from the past.

22. Assign meeting date and location for June 2016 BOD meeting

MOTION: Hold June BOD meeting in Sacramento, CA. Made by: Gene M/Second: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

It is to be held June 24-25, 2016.

MOTION: Adjourn meeting. Made by: Dean G. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1556 EST.

UPDATE- FOLLOWING THE MEETING, THE JUNE MEETING DATES WERE CHANGED TO JUNE 17-18, 2016.

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