



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America Board Of Directors Conference Call Minutes March 8, 2017

The special conference call meeting of the GSPCA BOD was held March 8, 2017. Presiding over the meeting was Terry Chandler, President. The meeting was called to order at 1706 CST. Roll call was taken. Present were: Terry Chandler, Renee Lara, DVM- Vice President, Lynn Pettinato- Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cyndi) Boysen- Recording Secretary, Diane Prohaska- Northeastern Director, Dean Goodding- Northwestern Director, Christy Featherston- East Central Director, Debbie King- Southeastern Director, Liz Jennings- Southwestern Director, and Gene Moseley- South Central Director. Absent were Dean Browning- Treasurer and Sharon Fitzpatrick- North Central Director,

New Business

1. New Membership applications (2017-0301) -- A list of membership applications was submitted by Cynthia McCracken for BOD consideration.

Motion: Accept membership list as submitted. Motion made by: Diane Prohaska. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Standard Review Committee Proposals—The BOD discussed the submitted proposals one at a time.

Proposal #1. The BOD discussed the proposal regarding General Appearance.

--At 1912 CST. Dean Browning- Treasurer, joined the conference call.

The BOD also discussed the presentation of the proposals and how they would be presented to the membership.

Motion: Accept Proposal #1 as submitted. Motion made by: Dean B. By Roll Call Vote, the Motion carried with Renee L, Dean B, Lynn P, Cyndi B, Diane P, Christy F, Liz J, Debbie K, Dean G voting for; Gene M voting against.

Proposal #2. The BOD discussed the proposal regarding Size.

Motion: Accept Proposal #2 as submitted. Motion made by: Dean B. By Roll Call Vote, the Motion carried with Renee L, Dean B, Lynn P, Cyndi B, Diane P, Christy F, Liz J, Dean G voting for; Debbie K and Gene M voting against.

Proposal #3. The BOD discussed the proposal regarding Bite.

Motion: Accept Proposal #3 as submitted. Motion made by: Dean B. Using Roll Call Vote, the Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #4 and Proposal #5. The BOD discussed both proposals regarding Color.

Motion: Accept Proposal #4 and Proposal #5. Motion made by: Diane Prohaska. Using Roll Call Vote, the Motion carried unanimously.

The BOD discussed the recommendation that will be made to the Membership regarding the proposals. Proposals #1, #3 and #5 pertain to "clean up" of verbiage, explanation and correction of a mistake.

--At 1950 CST, Liz J exited conference call.

Motion: The BOD recommends that the Membership vote for Proposal #1, Proposal #3 and Proposal #5.

Regarding Proposal #2 and Proposal #4, the BOD recommends that the Membership vote what they believe is best for the Breed. Motion made by: Dean B. Using Roll Call Vote, the Motion carried with Renee L, Dean B, Lynn P, Cyndi B, Diane P, Christy F, Debbie K, Dean G voting for; Gene M voting against.

Action Item: Lynn P will add to the ballots that Proposal #5 is recommended since the existing statement references something that is genetically impossible.

Action Item: Lynn P will add to the ballots that a 2/3 vote is needed to pass any proposal.

Motion: The BOD will view the final wording of the ballots before it is sent to the Membership. Motion made by: Gene M. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry C called for any other new business. The subject of suspended members and their family members was referenced.

Action Item: Cyndi B to add "Suspended members and Family Membership" to the June 2017 BOD meeting agenda.

The subject of the GSPCA being absent from the Westminster Meet the Breeds was referenced.

Action Item: Cyndi B to add "Westminster Meet the Breed" to the June 2017 BOD meeting agenda.

Motion: Adjourn meeting. Motion made by: Dean B. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2001 CST.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Board of Directors of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America from the conference call meeting held on March 8, 2017.

Cynthia (Cyndi) Boysen
GSPCA Recording Secretary

March 15, 2017

Members of the BOD,

On behalf of The Breed Standard Review Committee I am happy to report we have a new proposal on the Bite as well as revisions to our previous proposals to present for your consideration.

When AKC sent back the question regarding bite giving the committee more time for consideration, we took advantage of that time to work on the area AKC requested but also to make sure the current proposals were what the committee believes is best to go to the membership for vote.

Please take note that all changes including the new proposal are now a unanimous decision by the committee. As acting chair I voted only if there was a need for a Tie breaker. I am happy to report my vote was not needed.

In the General Appearance section the change is a simple editing of the sentence and phrasing change adding the word "horse" and rewording "standing over plenty of ground" so new breeders may better understand.

Under height we added a bottom to the DQ and phrased so that dogs under twelve months would be exempt from the bottom.

In both color proposals we removed the phrase about color "ranging from light liver to dark liver". The committee believes the shade variations are not needed.

It is the committee's sincere request that the BOD consider and approve the changes to our previous proposals as well as the new proposal regarding bite to be sent to the membership for vote.

Sincerely

Christy Douglas-Featherston, Acting Chair for the Breed Standard Review Committee

And all members of the committee

DR. Renee Lara DVM, Committee Chair

Betsy Yates

Karen Rooks Nauer

Lucretia Coonrod

STANDARD REVISION PROPOSALS

Proposal one:

General Appearance

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Proposal 2:

Size--height of dogs, measured at the withers, 23 to 25 inches. Height of bitches, measured at the withers, 21 to 23 inches. Deviations of one inch above or below the described heights are to be severely penalized. Weight of dogs 55 to 70 pounds. Weight of bitches 45 to 60 pounds. Proportion--measuring from the fore chest to the rearmost projection of the rump and from the withers to the ground, the Shorthair is permissibly either square or slightly longer than he is tall. Substance--thin and fine bones are by no means desirable in a dog which must possess strength and be able to work over any type of terrain. The main importance is not laid so much on the size of bone, but rather on the bone being in proper proportion to the body. Bone structure too heavy or too light is a fault. Tall and leggy dogs, dogs which are ponderous because of excess substance, doggy bitches, and bitchy dogs are to be faulted.

Change to:

Height of dogs measured at the withers, preferred height 23 to 25 inches. Dogs measuring more than 26 inches or less than 22 inches will be disqualified.

Height of bitches measured at the withers, preferred height 21 to 23 inches. Bitches measuring more than 24 inches or less than 20 inches will be disqualified.

The minimum height ranges set forth in the paragraph above shall not apply to dogs or bitches under twelve months of age.

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Added to Disqualifications:

Dogs measuring more than 26 inches or less than 22 inches will be disqualified.

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Proposal 3

The bite is a true scissors bite. A perfect level bite is not desirable and must be penalized. Extreme overshoot or undershot disqualifies.

Change to:

The bite is a true scissors bite. A level bite is not desirable and must be penalized. Extreme overshoot, undershot or a wry mouth is a disqualification. Extreme would be a space 1/4 inch or greater.

Proposal 4:

This is how it reads now

Head

The head is clean-cut, is neither too light nor too heavy, and is in proper proportion to the body. The eyes are of medium size, full of intelligence and expression, good-humored and yet radiating energy, neither protruding nor sunken. The eye is almond shaped, not circular. The preferred color is dark brown. Light yellow eyes are not desirable and are a fault. Closely set eyes are to be faulted. China or wall eyes are to be disqualified. The ears are broad and set fairly high, lie flat and never hang away from the head. Their placement is just above eye level. The ears when laid in front without being pulled should extend to the corner of the mouth. In the case of heavier dogs, the ears are correspondingly longer. Ears too long or fleshy are to be faulted. The skull is reasonably broad, arched on the side and slightly round on top. Unlike the Pointer, the median line between the eyes at the forehead is not too deep and the occipital bone is not very conspicuous. The foreface rises gradually from nose to forehead. The rise is more strongly pronounced in the dog than in the bitch. The jaw is powerful and the muscles well developed. The line to the forehead rises gradually and never has a definite stop as that of the Pointer, but rather a stop-effect when viewed from the side, due to the position of the eyebrows. The muzzle is sufficiently long to enable the dog to seize game properly and be able to carry it for a long time. A pointed muzzle is not desirable. The depth is in the right proportion to the length, both in the muzzle and in the skull proper. The length of the muzzle should equal the length of skull. A dish-shaped muzzle is a fault. A definite Pointer stop is a serious fault. Too many wrinkles in the forehead is a fault. The nose is brown, the larger the better, and with nostrils well opened and broad. A spotted nose is not desirable. A flesh colored nose disqualifies. The chops fall away from the somewhat projecting nose. Lips are full and deep yet are never fleshy. The teeth are strong and healthy. The molars intermesh properly. The bite is a true scissors bite. A perfect level bite is not desirable and must be penalized. Extreme overshot or undershot disqualifies.

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Reads Now

Color

The Coat may be of solid liver or a combination of Liver and white such as liver and white ticked, liver patched and white ticked, or liver roan. A dog with any area of black, red, orange, lemon or tan, or a dog solid white will be disqualified.

Change to

The coat may be of solid liver or any combination of liver and white such as liver and white ticked, liver patched and white ticked or liver roan. **Or the coat may be of solid black or any combination of black and white such as black and white ticked, black patched and white ticked, or black roan. Any other color or color combination is a disqualification.** A dog with any area of ~~black~~ red, orange, lemon or tan or a dog solid white will be disqualified.

Under Disqualifications: Reads Now

A dog with any area of black, red, orange, lemon or tan or a dog solid white, will be disqualified.

Change to: Disqualifications

Any color or combination of colors other than Liver or black as described in the standard.

A dog with any area of ~~black~~ red, orange, lemon or tan or a dog solid white

Proposal 5:

Under color section:

Reads now:

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Change To:

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Under Disqualifications:

Reads Now: A dog with any are of black, red, orange, lemon or tan or a dog solid white is a disqualification

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CORRECTED PROPOSAL

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