



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes January 26-27, 2018

The regular biannual meeting of the GSPCA BOD was held January 26-27, 2018 in Orlando, Florida. Presiding over the meeting was Terry Chandler, President. The meeting was called to order on January 26, 2018 at 1712 EST. 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, Christy Featherston- East Central Director, Gene Moseley- South Central Director, and Liz Jennings- Southwestern Director. Absent were Dean Browning- Treasurer, Sharon Fitzpatrick- North Central Director, Debbie King- Southeastern Director, and Dean Goodding- Northwestern Director. One guest was noted in attendance- Doug Featherston, GSPCA member. It was noted that a quorum existed.

President's Report- Terry Chandler reviewed his activity as President since the previous BOD meeting in June. He stated that he attended the first week of the 2017 NFT in Eureka, Kansas in October. He noted that the entries of the NFT were up. He stated at all GSPCA National Events were profitable. He stated that the GSPCA had a profitable year.

1714- Debbie King, Southeastern Director, entered meeting.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Treasurer's Report- Dean Browning was absent from the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary's Report- Lynn Pettinato reviewed her submitted written report. It covered the performance of her duties as corresponding secretary, which included facilitating ballots and mailings, approving local specialties, and handling daily correspondence with the membership. She noted her duties and involvement with committees as liaison. Lynn noted that the firm used for GSPCA balloting, Jensen Accounting & Consulting, contacted her regarding a negative Social Media post received from one of our membership. The BOD discussed the very negative comment that was posted by member Ann Michaud. The GSPCA has been contracting with Jensen Accounting & Consulting for many years and has been pleased with their services. The BOD is hopeful that the accounting firm will not hold this unfortunate incident against the GSPCA in the future.

Action Item: Terry C will contact Michelle Jensen at Jensen Accounting & Consulting to apologize for the abhorrent behavior of our member regarding the negative Social Media post.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Recording Secretary's Report- Cyndi Boysen reviewed her submitted written report. It included the performance of her duties as recording secretary, which included attending/recording the minutes for the previous BOD meeting, scheduling and recording minutes for the NSSEC conference calls, corresponding with the AKC regarding the GSPCA Regional in Florida, scheduling conference calls for numerous committees, preparing the agendas for this BOD meeting and the NFT Delegates meeting, and managing and recording the following motions via email:

--Carried by majority on June 27, 2017: Motion: Approve the 2017 NFT judges listed below- **Amateur Gun Dog** Todd Schaff (17992) 106 389th St. Woodland, WA 98674-3608 (503) 267-4853/ Chris Streitenberger (69079) 6830 Trent Church Rd. NE Lancaster, OH 43130-9390 (740) 703-7740/ Lisa Pollock (27697) 305 Medford Mt. Holly Rd. Medford, NJ 08055-641 (908) 963-7994 **Futurity** Dennis Hidalgo 29100 148th Ave Brighton, CO 80603 (303) 717-8670/ Terry Bomer (45367) 2615 Shady Bayou Ln. Spring, TX 77373 (281) 413-2149 **All Age** Stan Truska (100599) 29400 S. 120th St. Firth, NE 68358 (402) 791-5171/ John Schoonover (Z3085) RR 3 Lagrange, IN 46761(260) 463-3733/ Jim Schultz (53511) 7601 E Old Walnut Canyon Rd. Flagstaff, AZ 86004-4402 (928) 774-5002 **Gun Dog** Diane Vater (ZD846) 95 Fire Points Rd. Burgettstown, PA 15021 (661) 400-1847/ Pat Sheehan (Z7648) 159 Caldwell St. Jacksonville, IL62650-1809 (217) 491-0201/ Bill Van de Weerd (15490) 142 Orchard Hill Drive Amherst, OH 44001-1753 (440) 984-3580. Motion made by: Renee Lara

--Carried by majority on July 5, 2017: Motion: Appoint Sandra Kretz for Health, and Patti Titus for Breed Standard and History, as

representatives for the GSPCA for AKC Media purposes. This position excludes Social Media releases, unless approved by the Board of Directors. Motion made by: Dean Goodding

--Carried by majority on July 16, 2017: Motion: Accept Patte Titus' proposal for the *Meet The Breed* booth panels so we can have it at December MTB. Waive the 5 days discussion. Motion made by: Renee Lara

--Carried unanimously on July 23, 2017: Motion: Accept all new members (New Member Apps 2017 0717) and waive 5-day. Motion made by: Debbie King

--Carried by majority on July 25, 2017: Motion: Approve the proposal changes to go to printer and add the following introduction statement and waive the 5-day discussion period: GSPCA Members: The following five proposals are being sent out for a membership vote. These proposals were put forth by the standard review committee and approved to go to the membership by the GSPCA and AKC board. Each proposal is a separate vote and passage requires 2/3 vote to be in favor for each individual proposal. Proposal one was altered after being published in AKC Gazette due to membership input to AKC. It is the board's belief that members should vote for proposals 1,2,3 and 4 in a manner that you believe best supports our breed and the future of the GSP conformation. Proposal 5 has been proposed to correct a long-standing problem with the GSP standard. Since you cannot have a black spot on a liver dog (i.e. brown nose) there is confusion among judges when a really dark rich liver (appears black) is presented in the ring. Proposal 5 will take care of this concern. IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT IF PROPOSAL 4 (ACCEPT BLACK) PASSES PROPOSAL 5 IS AUTOMATICALLY CORRECTED. PROPOSAL 5 IS BEING SUBMITTED FOR MEMBERSHIP VOTING IN THE EVENT PROPOSAL 4 DOES NOT PASS AND THE BOARD WOULD RECOMMEND YOU VOTE YES. Motion made by: Renee Lara

--Carried by majority on July 31, 2017: Motion: Accept Draft 3 of the June 2017 BOD meeting minutes, waiving the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Liz Jennings

--Carried unanimously on August 7, 2017: Motion: Accept the new member applications attached as excel 2017-0803; waive the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by: Liz Jennings

--Carried by majority on September 3, 2017: Motion: The GSPCA will donate \$1000 to the AKC Reunite Pet Disaster Relief Fund Challenge Grant to support efforts for the families and pets in Texas and Louisiana affected by Hurricane Harvey. Waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Dean Browning

--Carried unanimously on September 12, 2017: Motion: Accept into GSPCA Membership the new member applicants as listed in 2017-0901 (see attached). And waive the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by: Liz Jennings

--Carried unanimously on September 27, 2017: Motion: Accept new member apps 2017-0925 and apps 2017-0926, waiving the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Lynn Pettinato

--Carried unanimously on October 5, 2017: Amended Motion: Accept all members (New Member Apps 2017-0929), waiving the five-day discussion period. Amended Motion made by: Gene Moseley

--Carried by majority on October 11, 2017: Motion: To appoint Lynn Pettinato, Cyndi Boysen and Dean Goodding as the sub-committee to provide for a 2-year review for Patty Busso, Editor of the *Shorthair Journal*. Waive the 5-day period of discussion. Review to occur as soon as practicable/Review to be based on agreement with editor/Results to be provided to the SJ liaison and distributed to Patty Busso and the BOD. Motion made by: Liz Jennings

--Carried unanimously on November 1, 2017: Motion: Add another \$200 to the already approved \$300 for computer issues for Deb Broad to purchase a new computer. Motion made by: Gene Moseley

--Carried unanimously on November 17, 2017: Motion: Approve members (see attached New Member Apps 2017-1110) and waive 5-day discussion period. Motion made by: Diane Prohaska

--Carried unanimously on December 7, 2017: Motion: Accept applicants from the 2017-1204 List for membership. Waive 5-day discussion period. Motion made by: Christy Featherston

--Carried by majority on December 26, 2017: Motion: The GSPCA BOD will not accept Sue Harrison as a judge for the Regional Specialty in Idaho. Waive the 5-day discussion. (Sue Harrison is not on the GSPCA list of approved judges) Motion made by: Lynn Pettinato

--Carried unanimously on December 28, 2017: Motion: Accept these new members (2017-1221), waiving 5-day discussion. Motion made by: Lynn Pettinato

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Regional Directors' Report- No reports were submitted.

AKC Delegates Report- Terry C reviewed Barbara Schwartz' submitted written report.

Action Item: Gene M will discuss with Patte Titus, Historian Chair, the archival services offered by the AKC. 1732—Sharon Fitzpatrick, North Central Director, entered meeting.

Motion: Advise Barbara Schwartz to vote for Chris Sweetwater for the AKC Board of Directors. Motion made by: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Advise Barbara Schwartz to vote for Jan Ritchie Gladstone for the AKC Board of Directors. Motion made by: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Advise Barbara Schwartz to vote for Harold "Red" Tatro for the AKC Board of Directors. Motion made by: Renee L. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Terry C will contact Barbara Schwartz and notify her of the BOD's choice of candidates to vote on for the AKC BOD.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

NAGDC Report- Terry C reviewed Caleb Bryson's submitted written report.

Action Item: Liz J will contact Caleb Bryson for a liaison to handle ads and *Shorthair Journal* exposure.

Action Item: Gene M will contact Caleb Bryson to obtain NAGDC logo to use for Social Media posts and email blast.

Action Item: Gene M will contact Caleb Bryson to inquire on the status of the caps donated by Purina.

Action Item: Terry C will contact Katie Tazza and offer her the opportunity to be the NAGDC liaison from the East due to Ken Lynch's resignation.

Action Item: Liz J will address Caleb Bryson's request to increase the NAGDC presence in the *Shorthair Journal*.

Motion: The BOD approves the replacement of Art Terstage with Greg Jennings. Motion made by: Diane P.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

NSSEC Report- Renee L reviewed Jan Handshumaker's submitted written report. Renee L elaborated on the scheduling issues that arose at the Florida Regional.

Action Item: Renee L to discuss with the NSSEC regarding the GSPCA hosting the 2019 Florida Regional.

Action Item: Lynn P to contact the Florida Club and inquire if they plan on hosting a Specialty for 2018.

Action Item: Renee L will request that Jane H create a proposal regarding her statement wanting "boots on the ground" at NSS chosen sites.

Renee L stated that the 2021 Show Site proposals have not been submitted. Renee L will present them to the BOD as soon as Jane H submits them.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

NSS Futurity Report- Renee L reviewed Holly Faught's submitted written report.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

NFTEC Report- A written report by Phil Mathiowetz was handed out to each BOD member by Gene M.

Terry C submitted in the agenda a timeline of events that took place at the 2017 NFT and a letter from an exhibitor. The BOD had an extensive discussion concerning the secretarial and leadership functions of the NFT with a number of different recommendations being made and considered.

Motion: The BOD will draft a letter to the NFTEC expressing that the GSPCA BOD is very disturbed about the events that occurred at the 2017 NFT. The BOD will require that the NFTEC review and adhere to all AKC rules.

Also, prior to placements, the NFTEC must verify wins of all placed dogs. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried with Lynn P, Diane P, Sharon F, Christy F, Debbie K, Gene M, Liz J voting for. Cyndi B, Renee L voting against, citing that the disciplinary action was not strong enough.

Meeting recessed at 1941 EST. Meeting resumed at 2021 EST.

Motion: Diane P will draft a letter on behalf of the BOD to Phil Mathiowetz, NFTEC Chair, expressing the BOD expectations. The letter will stress that the BOD finds him personally responsible and will be held accountable for the actions taken at the 2017 GSPCA NFT. The GSPCA NFT is a world class event and the BOD expects world class behavior. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried with Renee L, Lynn P, Cyndi B, Diane P, Sharon F, Debbie K, Liz J voting for. Christy F, Gene M voting against.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Sharon F. Motion carried with Cyndi B opposed.

NFT Merchandise Report- Gene M reviewed his submitted written report. Gene M expressed that he would like for non-GSPCA local club members to receive event merchandise information. Discussion ensued without result.

Action Item: Gene M will contact the webmaster to send out an email blast for the position of NFT Merchandise Chair.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

NFT Futurity- No report was submitted by committee chair Terry Bomer.

Versatility Report- Liz J reviewed Dave Nauer's submitted written report.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Liz J. Motion carried unanimously.

Agility Report- Lynn P reviewed Dave Nauer's submitted written report.

Action Item: Lynn P will contact the webmaster to send out an email blast requesting volunteers for the Agility Trial to be held with the NSS. Lynn P will contact Dave Nauer for specifics.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Obedience/Rally Report- Lynn P reviewed Eleanor Campbell-Swank's submitted written report.

Action Item: Lynn P to contact Eleanor Campbell-Swank and remind her to appoint an Obedience/Rally Chairman for the upcoming NSS since Eleanor will not be attending.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Field Trial Date Coordinator's Report- Terry C reviewed Jan Erbe's submitted written report. The BOD noted the decrease in the number of Field events held.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Gene M. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Awards Report- Gene M reviewed Cynthia McCracken's submitted written report. Lynn P stated that she received numerous resumes for the Annual Awards Chair position.

The BOD entered Executive Session at 2118 EST. The BOD exited Executive Session at 2130 EST.

Following Executive Session, Lynn announced that Tiffany Harvey would replace Cynthia McCracken as chair of the Annual Awards Committee next year, and work with her for the 2017 awards.

Motion: Accept Cynthia McCracken's resignation as Annual Awards Chair. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Continue to send monthly New Title and Field Trial reports to Cynthia McCracken post 2017 results.

Motion made by: Diane P. Motion failed with all opposed.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Awards Liaison Report- Gene M reviewed his submitted written report.

Action Item: Gene M will contact Dual Champion trophy producer, Bill Richardson, regarding ownership of the DC mold and number of trophies that the producer can supply now.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Breed Education Report- A written report by Patte Titus was handed out to the BOD. Christy F reviewed the report.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Meet the Breeds Report- A written report by Patte Titus was handed out to the BOD. Christy F reviewed the report. The BOD discussed having a South East and a North East director, in which each would create a committee to host the Meet the Breed events in Florida and New York respectively. Patte Titus would be the coordinator.

Action Item: Christy F will coordinate with Patte Titus to develop the plan of having area directors for the two main Meet the Breeds events.

Motion: Approve Jan Budnick to act as the liaison at the 2018 Meet the Breeds New York event, with the understanding that: this is a GSPCA MTB event; must follow the same protocols as the MTB Event in Orlando; only Parent Club approved materials will be used and made available at the booth. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Breeder Referral- Diane P reviewed Terina Chernich's submitted written report.

Motion: Breeder Referral Chair shall receive a free listing of their kennel. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Communication Report- Liz J reviewed her submitted written report. Liz J expressed that the Committee was created to assist with communication between the webmaster and the *Shorthair Journal* editor. Liz J stated that this can be accomplished without the confines of a committee.

Motion: Disband the Communication Committee. Motion made by: Liz J. Motion carried unanimously.

Database Report- Debbie K reviewed Deborah Longtin's submitted written report.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

HOF Report- Debbie K reviewed her submitted written report. Debbie K stated that the website needed to be corrected regarding the Dog Nomination application. The application reads:

"Production record of offspring (Get) Males: 15 Show titles or 10 Field titles Females: 5 Show titles or 5 Field titles" Debbie K stated that it should read: "...Show titled get ...Field titled get"

Debbie K had an updated form to present, but she requested that it be tabled until she clarified recommended changes submitted by HOF Field Dog Chair Mike Aldrich.

HOF Field Dogs Report- Debbie K reviewed Mike Aldrich's submitted written report. No nominees were submitted. Mike A had submitted recommended changes to the Field Dog nominee requirements. There were several abbreviations that were not clear. The BOD recommended that the report be sent back to Mike A for clarification.

Meeting recessed at 2253 EST. Meeting resumed at 0804 EST, January 27, 2018.

HOF Report- (Continued)

Action Item: Debbie K will contact the webmaster to correct the nomination form to read '...Show titled get...Field titled get'

Action Item: Debbie K will have Mike Aldrich clarify his recommended changes.

The BOD discussed Debbie K's proposed changes. The BOD recommended that "this is a GSPCA award for GSPCA members with AKC titled dogs" should be included. It was agreed that the paragraph starting with, "Dogs born January 1, 1975..." should be deleted. It was recommended that, "is or has been" to replace "currently" in Debbie K's revised sentence, "They can be eligible if multiple owned, provided one of the owners of record is currently a qualifying minimally three-year Parent Club member."

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

HOF Show Dogs Report- Debbie K reviewed Deborah Longtin's submitted written report. No nominations were submitted.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Gene M. Motion carried unanimously.

HOF Obedience Dogs Report- No report/nominees were submitted.

Motion: Return and clarify Mike Aldrich's HOF Field Dog report. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

HOF Individuals Report- Debbie K reviewed Fred Lowry's submitted written report. One nomination was received: Inge Clody.

Motion: Accept Inge Clody into the GSPCA HOF. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Shorthair Journal Report- Liz J reviewed Patty Busso's submitted written report. An evaluation of the editor's performance was conducted by a review committee headed by Lynn Pettinato. Lynn P explained the evaluation process. The BOD expressed their approval of the appearance and content of the magazine. The BOD expressed their disapproval of the continued disregard of publication deadlines that result in late issues. Action Item: Lynn P to draft a letter from the review committee to Patty Busso regarding the BOD's feedback on her performance review and their expectations, including that the BOD will no longer accept delays to press without liaison approval.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

Health & Welfare Report- Renee L reviewed Sandra Kretz's submitted written report. The committee is planning on conducting clinics at the upcoming NSS.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

Historian Report- A written report by Patte Titus was handed out to the BOD. Christy F reviewed the report. Lynn P recommended that Patte T contact AKC regarding their digitalizing services. Debbie K stated that she received some items of historical value from an estate of a deceased member. Debbie K will advise Patte T and Gene M of the items.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Illustrated Standard- A written report by Patte Titus was handed out to the BOD. Diane P reviewed the report. Action Item: Diane P will contact Patte Titus to send a batch of Illustrated Standards to Christy Featherston for Judges Education use.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Judges Education Report- Christy F reviewed her submitted written report. Christy F stated that the email sent to AKC judges prompted a lot of positive feedback.

Action Item: Christy F will contact the webmaster to post the GSPCA Mentor application form on the website.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting recessed at 0940 EST. Meeting resumed at 0957 EST.

Presentation- The GSPCA BOD had a live presentation by Carmen Battaglia- AKC BOD, Mark Dunn- AKC Senior Vice President of Registration and Customer Development, and Sergeant Steve Hearth- Polk County Sheriff's Office, K-9 Unit. Mr. Battaglia's and Mr. Dunn's presentations regarded Explosives Detection dogs. The presentations covered the demand of detection dogs since 911 and the issues involved. Following their PowerPoint presentations, Sgt. Hearth discussed the involvement of the K-9 Unit in the law enforcement community. Sgt. Hearth then lead the BOD outdoors where he had detection dogs demonstrate their skills through simulated situations. One of the two detection dogs was a GSP.

Juniors Report- Lynn P reviewed the submitted written report by Yvonne Deterding.

Action Item: Lynn P will discuss with the Juniors co-chairs the acknowledgment of Junior achievements on the GSP website in place of a HOF.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting break at 1218 EST. Meeting resumed at 1311 EST.

Legislation Report- A written statement was submitted by Scott Roker.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership Report- Lynn P reviewed the submitted written report by Cynthia McCracken.

Action Item: Lynn P will research the Club renewal number error.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

The BOD entered executive session at 1321 EST. The BOD exited executive session at 1350 EST.

Motion: Due to the critical nature of the Membership Chair position and the data associated with it, the BOD will appoint a person as backup Membership Chair. This person will begin training for this position immediately. Motion made by: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Lynn P will send out an email blast to the membership for the Membership Chair backup position.

National Bird Dog Museum- Gene M presented his report. Gene M stated that he will be setting up a budget. He also stated that a storage closet has been created for use in the GSP wing of the museum.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Outstanding Sportsmanship Report- No report was submitted. Diane P stated that the committee will be meeting soon to begin the nomination process for 2017 applicants.

Member Club Advisory Report- No report was submitted. Sharon F stated that she would like to create a committee. Diane P offered to assist. Diane P suggested reaching out to the local clubs through Facebook.

Registry of Merit Report- No report was submitted. Renee L stated that it is ongoing and running smoothly.

Rescue Report- No report was submitted.

Retrieve, Retain & Recognize Report- Debbie K reviewed her submitted written report. Debbie K stated that the committee had met via conference calls. She stated that they initiated the email Christmas card. She stated that the committee has other ideals that will be implemented.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Sharon F. Motion carried unanimously.

Social Media Report- Lynn P reviewed her submitted written report.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Sponsorship Report- No report was submitted.

Standard Review Report- No report was submitted.

Water Test Report- No report was submitted. The BOD discussed that the Water Test chair position had become vacant. Several of the BOD noted that they had received complaints from the membership that Water Test Certificates were not being received. It was noted that the Water Test Liaison had enlisted some help to assist with sending out the certificates.

Motion: Every time a BOD appointed position becomes available, it will be required to have an email blast sent to the membership requesting applicants. Motion made by: Renee L. Motion failed with Diane P, Sharon F voting for. Renee L, Lynn P, Cyndi B, Christy F, Liz J, Debbie K, Gene M voting against.

Action Item: When Dean Goodding is able, he will contact the webmaster to send out an email blast for the Water Test Chair position.

Webmaster Report- No report was submitted.

Yearbook Report- Gene M reviewed his submitted written report. He noted that the All Time Top Producer-Master Hunters will be added.

Action Item: Gene M will contact Cleats Sports Company regarding accepting their advertisement.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by: Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS FROM JUNE 2017 BOD MEETING

1. Action Item: Gene M will communicate to Caleb Bryson the need to limit expenses for judges' gifts. Done. 2.

Action Item: Renee L will contact Jane Handshumaker for clarifications regarding the hotel contract for the 2018 NSS. Done. 3.

Action Item: Gene M is to have Terry Bomer clarify what NFT information has been lost. Done. Gene M stated that Terry Bomer wanted older events, photos and the scribe's reports from the NFTs posted on the website. 4.

Action Item: Diane P. will have an email blast sent for the Annual Awards chair position. Done. 5.

Action Item: Gene M will change the advertisements for the Bronze Dual Trophies to \$300 instead of \$299. He will also add that shipping will be an additional charge. Done. 6.

Action Item: Christy F to have Patte Titus present specifics to the BOD regarding the *MTB* permanent backdrop materials that she requested to purchase. Done. 7.

Action Item: Lynn P to contact AKC as to why Parent Club input is important when allowing a Member Club to hold the *Meet the Breeds* event. Done. 8.

Action Item: Christy F to have the updated *Meet the Breeds* protocols posted on the GSPCA website. Not done. 9.

Action Item: Terry C to write and send letter to the Long Island GSP Club informing them of the BOD's discontent of their handling of the GSP booth at the AKC *Meet the Breeds*-2017 Westminster Show. He will attach a copy of the *Meet the Breeds* protocols. Done. 10.

Action Item: Lynn P will join the Communication Committee and has volunteered to be the GSPCA Social Media Chair; coordinating the postings to GSPCA FB, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Done. 11.

Action Item: Liz J to have a telephone conversation with Patty Busso and communicate the BOD wishes regarding the *Shorthair Journal*. Done. 12.

Action Item: Debbie K to offer Deb Longtin the HOF Show Dog chair position. Done and accepted. 13.

Action Item: Renee L to inform Sandra Kretz that the BOD appreciates her well written letters on Social Media. Done. 14.

Action Item: Lynn P to contact Juniors Committee and inform them that they need to work out the details regarding the perpetual trophy. Done. 15.

Action Item: Lynn P to obtain a Membership Chair job description from Cynthia McCracken. Done. 16.

Action Item: Lynn P to contact Mary Beth O'Neill regarding an AKC staff member who is suggesting to owners to falsify GSP registration paperwork, and regarding color options on the registration forms. Done. The BOD was unsatisfied with the response.

NEW Action Item: Lynn P will contact Barbara Schwartz for assistance regarding color options on the AKC registration forms.

17. Action Item: Dean B will follow up with submission of the recommended paperwork in clarifying AKC policy of email practices. Dean B is absent. 18.

Action Item: Gene M to receive quotes for cabinets for the Museum.

(This was an action item from the previous meeting that was not done.) Not done. 19. ACTION ITEM: Sharon F will contact Barbara Schwartz to assist her with the issue with AKC and a member club event. (This was an action item from the January 2017 BOD meeting that was not done.) Not done due to a change in the issue. 20. ACTION ITEM: Sharon F will contact Cynthia McCracken regarding contacting member clubs to obtain their respective membership applications to include them in the GSPCA Membership packets. (This was an action item from the January 2017 BOD meeting that was not done.) Not done. 21. Action Item: Lynn P will remind the Membership Chair of existing policies regarding Suspended Members and Family Membership. Done. 22. Action Item: Diane P will have the Webmaster place the policy regarding Suspended Members and Family Membership under Membership on the GSPCA website. Not done. 23. Action Item: Diane P to contact the member (that suggested that the GSPCA create a comprehensive educational program on GSPs for the membership, breeders and judges) and request a complete project and curriculum to submit to the BOD for consideration. In progress.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Volunteer of the Year- The BOD selected Brooks Carmichael as the 2017 GSPCA Volunteer of the Year.
2. Bomb Detection Dogs – A PowerPoint presentation by Carmen Battaglia. This took place earlier in the meeting.
3. Discussion regarding GSPCA Regional Running Rules- Lynn P had emailed AKC regarding the number of specialties given to a club when one of their specialties is in conjunction with a National Specialty. She is waiting for their response.
4. Discussion regarding the 2017 GSPCA NFT- This was addressed during the NFTEC Report.
5. GSPCA Members involved in alleged Animal Abuse- The GSPCA Rescue Committee did not get involved. It was noted that charges had been filed. The trial date is set for February 6. It was noted that the two members had not renewed their membership for 2018 but are in the grace period.
Action Item: Lynn P will contact the Membership Chair to notify the BOD if the members involved in the alleged Animal Abuse case renew their membership.
6. Request from a Member for the BOD to consider a membership discount for Senior Members- The BOD discussed the existing low membership fee. The BOD chose not to take any action on this matter.
7. Conducting kennel inspections- The process of AKC kennel inspections was discussed. The BOD noted the information. The BOD chose not to take any action on this matter.
8. Water Test certificates- This was addressed earlier in the meeting.
9. Regional Specialty judge request from Sleepy Hollow GSP Club.
Motion: Approve Henri Tuthill to judge the Sleepy Hollow GSP Club Regional in June. Motion made by: Christy F. Motion carried with Diane P abstaining.
10. Assign meeting date and place for the June 2018 BOD meeting. The BOD will meet in St. Louis, Missouri on June 15-16, 2018.
Motion: Adjourn meeting. Motion made by: Sharon F. Meeting adjourned at 1610 EST.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America Board of Directors' meeting held on January 26-27, 2018.

Cynthia (Cyndi) Boysen
Recording Secretary
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

February 16, 2018