



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes February 1-2, 2019

The regular biannual meeting of the GSPCA BOD was held February 1-2, 2019 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Presiding over the meeting was Terry Chandler, President. The meeting was called to order on February 1, 2019 at 1706 MST. Roll call was taken. Present were: Terry Chandler, Christy Featherston- Vice President, Dean Browning- Treasurer, Lynn Pettinato- Corresponding Secretary, Cynthia (Cyndi) Boysen- Recording Secretary, Diane Prohaska- Northeastern Director, Liz Jennings- Southwestern Director, Dean Goodding- Northwestern Director, Becky Feigh- East Central Director, and Will Barbee- South Central Director. Absent was Debbie King- Southeastern Director and Sharon Fitzpatrick- North Central Director. Three guests were noted in attendance- Doug Featherston- GSPCA member, Barbara Schwartz- GSPCA AKC Delegate, Don Schwartz- GSPCA member.

President's Report- Terry C opened the meeting by welcoming the BOD members and the meeting guests. Terry C stated that this would be his final BOD meeting as his tenure as President would end at the upcoming Annual Meeting in May. Terry C reviewed all the accomplishments that were achieved during his tenure as President: The Illustrated Standard; the GSP Bronze statues and the GSP wing at the National Bird Dog Museum; the Code of Ethics; the Dual trophy. Terry C voiced his concern regarding keeping focused on the promotion of the GSP as a hunting breed. Terry C recognized the continued support of the membership throughout his tenure. He stated that the Club attained financial soundness and has maintained it. Terry C thanked Purina for all their support.

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

Vice President's Report- Christy F stated that she had no report.

Treasurer's Report- Dean B deferred his report until tomorrow.

Corresponding Secretary's Report- Lynn P reviewed her submitted written report.

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

Recording Secretary's Report- Cyndi B reviewed her submitted written report including the following motions via email:

--carried unanimously on June 19, 2018- Motion: Accept all new member applications (see attached 2018-0616) and waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Dean Goodding

-- carried by majority on June 26, 2018- Motion: Approve the Schuylkill Valley GSP Club Regional Specialty Show to be held on the Tuesday before the start of the 2019 GSPCA National Specialty Show (which is tentatively scheduled to be hosted in York, PA). Motion made by: Will Barbee

-- carried by majority on June 28, 2018- Motion: Accept the changes to the GSPCA Water Test (see attached). Waive the 5-day discussion. Motion made by: Dean Goodding

-- carried by majority on July 9, 2018: Motion- The GSPCA will contribute \$500 each to the following three Non-profits in Eureka for disaster relief: **Verugris Valley Foundation, c/o Marcie Harrison, 2149 Highway 58, Madison KS. 66860* (This would go towards the kids' loss of the Eureka Rec bldg. with all the sports equipment.); **Eureka Foundation, 302 N. Main St., Eureka, KS. 67045*; **Eureka Area Ministerial Alliance, c/o Kenneth Baker, Treas., Eureka United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 286, Eureka KS. 67045*

Motion made by: Dean Goodding

-- carried unanimously on July 17, 2018- Motion: Accept the attached new member applications (2018-0703), waiving the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Sharon Fitzpatrick

-- carried by majority on July 25, 2018- Motion: Accept Draft 3 of the June 2018 BOD meeting minutes, waiving the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Lynn Pettinato

-- carried by majority on July 26, 2018- Motion: Appoint Debbie King's choice of Ginger Sammonds for Obedience Hall Of Fame Chair, and waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Christy Featherston

-- carried by majority on August 6, 2018- Motion: Accept Patte Titus' suggestion for Andy Gerdes' proposal (see attached) for the archiving of GSPCA historical documents. and waive the 5-day discussion. Motion made by: Debbie King

-- carried unanimously on August 10, 2018- Motion: Accept the new member apps (see attached 2018-0803) and waive the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by: Liz Jennings

-- carried by majority on August 11, 2018- Motion: Accept the 2 proposals (1. Any dog with a broke placement in any gun dog stake or Master Hunter title be allowed to enter. 2. Reduce the requirement of three judges for the event to allow for cost savings on this break-even event.) brought forward by the NAGDC committee, waiving the 5-day discussion. Motion made by: Sharon Fitzpatrick

-- lost due to a tie vote on August 13, 2018- Motion: Accept the recommendation to rescind Ms. Laura Myles' judging assignment of the 2019 NSS brought forward by the NSS Executive committee, waiving the 5-day discussion. Motion made by: Becky Feigh. In favor: Terry C, Christy F, Dean B,

Lynn P, Becky F, Will B. Opposed: Cyndi B, Diane P, Liz J, Debbie K, Sharon F, Dean G.

-- carried by majority on August 17, 2018- Motion: Rescind Laura Myles judging contract based on the new information provided by Terry Chandler regarding this matter and AKC Judging Guidelines, waiving the 5-day discussion. Motion made by: Becky Feigh. In favor: Terry C, Christy F, Dean B, Lynn P, Diane P, Dean G, Becky F, Will B. Opposed: Cyndi B, Liz J, Debbie K. Abstain: Sharon F.

-- carried by majority on August 24, 2018- Motion: Approve revised letter of complaint to the AKC regarding Laura Myles, waiving the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Cyndi Boysen

-- carried unanimously on August 29, 2018- Motion: Accept the new members (2018-0827), waiving the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by: Sharon Fitzpatrick

-- carried by majority on September 1, 2018- Motion: Approve Brenda Abraham (the 1st alternate as selected by the membership for the 2019 NSS) as the Breed Judge for the 2019 National Specialty Show, waiving the five-day discussion period. Motion made by Becky Feigh

-- carried by majority September 6, 2018- Motion: Accept Karen Nauer as acting Health & Welfare Committee Chair. Waive five-day discussion. Motion made by Diane Prohaska

-- carried by majority on September 6, 2018- Motion: Accept the NSS changes for the *Shorthair Journal* as corrected by Diane, minus Barbara Schwartz, waiving 5-day discussion.

Judge Change: In August The GSPCA BOD voted to support the recommendation of the National Specialty Show Executive Committee (NSSEC) to remove Ms. Laura Myles from the 2019 National Specialty Show (NSS) judging panel. This action was taken due to negative comments made on social media that were deemed unsportsmanlike per the AKC Judges Guidelines. Ms. Myles was notified of this decision. The acting event Show Chairman, Barbara Schwartz, on the behalf of the NSSEC following procedure, contacted Ms. Brenda Abraham, the first alternate as originally selected for the 2019 NSS, to fill the 2019 NSS judging panel. She has since accepted and has been approved to judge by the BOD.

Premium Distribution: The 2019 NSS Premiums will be emailed to members to help save costs. Members need to ensure their email addresses listed on their profiles are up to date. Individuals will still be able to request a hard copy mailed to them once they will become available from the show superintendent. Information will follow on to how to have a copy mailed to them. Please direct any questions or comments to your director. Motion made by: Lynn Pettinato

-- carried by majority on September 7, 2018- Motion: Approve the NE Regional Specialty request (see attached application) from Schuylkill Valley GSP Club, waiving the five-day discussion period.

Motion made by: Lynn Pettinato

-- carried by majority on September 12, 2018- Motion: Accept this regional specialty request from Sleepy Hollow GSP Club, waiving the 5-day discussion period. (see attached). Motion made by: Lynn Pettinato

-- carried by majority on September 18, 2018- Motion- approve Rayanne Lehman as the on-site Show Chair for the 2019 NSS. Waive the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by: Christy Featherston

-- carried unanimously on September 24, 2018- Motion: Accept this list of new members (2018-0919). Waive 5-day discussion period. Motion made by: Liz Jennings

-- carried by majority on September 26, 2018- Motion: The Breeder Referral Group will place an advertisement in the National Field Trial Catalog (at no charge), waiving the 5-day discussion.

Motion made by: Lynn Pettinato

-- carried unanimously on September 27, 2018-Motion: Approve these members (2018-0926), waive five-day discussion. Motion made by: Debbie King

-- carried by majority on October 1, 2018- Motion: Accept all Judges Education mentors listed below: Janene Bradfeldt, Pamela Stillman, Gereth Stillman, Sandy Garlinger-Torres, Kipp Whelan, Dianna James, Tina Parker-Craig (pending signature). Waive the five-day discussion. Motion made by: Debbie King

-- carried by majority on October 3, 2018- Motion: Accept the judges slate for the 2019 NAGDC as listed and waive the 5-day discussion. The judges are: Dan Campbell and Willie Stevens. Motion made by: Dean Goodding

-- carried unanimously on October 13, 2018- Motion: Accept the member applicants and waive the 5-day discussion period (2018-1005). Motion made by: Liz Jennings

-- carried by majority on October 30, 2018- Motion: Approve granting permission for the AKC Judges Department to use the GSPCA Illustrated Standard and PowerPoint as part of the GSPCA's online judges' education for the German Shorthaired Pointer. The online Canine College will not replace the GSPCA judges' education seminars or mentoring program, but rather be a quick resource for both new and seasons judges for review. Waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Christy Featherston

-- carried by majority on October 31, 2018- Motion: Accept the H&W's proposal to raise funds for Hemangiosarcoma research, waiving the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Cyndi Boysen

-- carried unanimously on November 9, 2018- Motion: Accept the new members (New member apps 2018-1107), waiving the discussion period. Motion made by: Sharon Fitzpatrick

-- carried by majority on December 4, 2018- Motion: The GSPCA will pay for a booth at the National Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic and make our (Meet the Breeds) display available for the local clubs (possibly: GSPC of Illinois, Ft Dearborn GSPC, GSPC of Wisconsin) to use as well as supply GSPCA membership applications and other breed materials. The booths are discounted at 50% for clubs so the cost would be \$475. Motion made by: Sharon Fitzpatrick. In favor: Christy F, Diane P, Liz J, Debbie K, Sharon F, Becky F, Will B, Opposed: Terry C, Dean B, Lynn P, Cyndi B, Dean G.

-- carried unanimously on December 9, 2018- Motion: Accept the pending members and forgo the five-day discussion period (See attached 2018-1201). Motion made by: Liz Jennings

-- carried by majority on December 18, 2018- Motion: Approve the Regional Specialty Show request from Ft Dearborn GSP Club, NC Region to be held July 11, 2020, and waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Dean Goodding

-- carried unanimously on January 3, 2019- Motion: Accept new members as listed (New Member apps 2018-1230) and waive the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by: Dean Goodding

--carried by majority on January 11, 2019: Motion: Accept HOF Field requirements revision 2 proposal as submitted by Debbie King with the added language suggestion discussed (revision 3). Revision 2 language: **Also provide a listing of the titled Grand get.** Revision 3 language: **Also provide a listing of the titled Grand get to show the everlasting impression of the dog.** Amended Motion made by: Lynn Pettinato

--carried by majority on January 13, 2019: Motion: Revise the just approved HOF Field requirements replacing, "List ALL AKC titles in Show, Field and Obedience" with "List ALL AKC titles in **Conformation, Performance and Companion.**" Waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by: Sharon Fitzpatrick

Addendum to include the following motions voted on since the report was submitted:

--carried unanimously on January 17, 2019: Motion: Accept the new members list (2019-0116) and waive the 5-day discussion period. Motion made by: Dean Goodding

--carried unanimously on January 28, 2019: Motion: Accept the new members (pending new members list 2019-0126) and waive the five-day discussion period. Motion made by Debbie King

Becky F noted language error in report. Report will be revisited.

AKC Delegate's Report- Barbara Schwartz reviewed her submitted written report.

Motion: Direct AKC Delegate to cast votes for the following AKC Board of Directors candidates for the Class of 2023: Charlie Garvin, Steve Hamblin and Karen Burgess. Motion made by Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Direct AKC Delegate to vote in favor of the following proposals:

1. Proposed amendment to Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Article VIII, Section 1, that would require that the Board in its appointment of the 5-member nominating committee include three (3) Delegates that have each been selected by a Delegate Committee in accordance with a proposed new standing rule.
2. Proposed amendment to Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club. Delegate Standing Rule on Committees, Section VI, that would change the nomination process by requiring that the Delegate Committees select three members of the nominating committee and would change the nomination process timeline.

Motion made by Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Recording Secretary's Report- Language in report was corrected.

Motion: Accept report as submitted including language correction and addendum. Motion made by Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Regional Director's Reports- No reports were received. Terry C announced that Debbie K has submitted a letter of resignation. Terry C stated that Debbie K's recommendation for replacement is Joe Boteler. Terry C handed out copies of Joe Boteler's resume.

Motion: Accept Debbie King's resignation. Motion made by Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Appoint Joe Boteler as Southeastern Director to replace Debbie King until the end of her term (May 2020). Motion made by Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Terry C will notify Debbie K that she is not able to continue as Website liaison as this is a BOD position.

NAGDC Executive Committee Report- No report was submitted. Terry C stated that the event will be held in April and that Chuck Parietti will be chairing the event. Discussion ensued regarding AKC approval for Brittanys to hold Open Gun Dog Walking events. Barbara Schwartz stated that the approval process was lengthy, taking at least one year.

Action Item: AKC Delegate Barbara Schwartz to submit a proposal to the AKC requesting that the GSPCA be able to hold Open Gun Dog Walking events.

NSS Executive Committee Report- Becky F reviewed the written report submitted by Jane Handshumaker.

Action Item: Becky F will notify Jane Handschumaker that the section in the premium list regarding fines must include a statement that the fines are not inclusive of any hotel fines.

Becky F handed out list of five names to be considered for the NSS dedications.

Motion: Approve that the 2019 NSS be dedicated to the following: Lynn Blackbourn, Ken Clemons, Dr. Beth Cochran, Robert Keegan, Frank Washabaugh. Motion made by Dean B. Motion carried with Dean G opposed.

Motion: Each GSPCA Executive Committee will create a criteria and process for each National Event Dedication. No future dedications will be made until that National event Executive Committee has a Board approved criteria and process in place. Motion made by Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting recessed at 1812 MST. Meeting resumed at 1846 MST.

Barbara Schwartz reviewed her handouts regarding site prospects to be presented to the NSS Delegates in May for the 2022 NSS: Delta Baltimore, Hunt Valley, MD; Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville, NC; Radisson, Camp Hill, PA; York Wyndham Garden, York, PA.

Motion: Approve all NSS sites presented. Motion made by Lynn P. Motion failed with Lynn P, Cyndi B, Liz J and Dean G for. Diane P, Dean B, Christy F, Will B, Becky F opposed.

Motion: Approve the 2022 NSS site prospects: Delta Baltimore, Hunt Valley, MD; Radisson, Camp Hill, PA; York Wyndham Garden, York, PA. (removing Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville, NC). Motion made by Diane P. Motion carried with Diane P, Dean B, Christy F, Will B, Becky F for. Lynn P, Cyndi B, Liz J and Dean G opposed.

The Annual Meeting will be at 0800 on Friday of the NSS. The Delegates Meeting will be Thursday at 0800.

Motion: The GSPCA will award Betsy Yates a service plaque. Motion made by Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

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

National Specialty Show Futurity Report- No report was submitted.

NFT Executive Committee Report- Will B handed out and reviewed a written report by Phil Mathiowetz.

Action Item: AKC Delegate Barbara Schwartz will contact Doug Ljunggren, AKC Director of Performance Events, regarding AKC policy and procedural materials on Field Trial hearing procedures.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

NFT Merchandise Report- Will B handed out and reviewed his written report. A correction was noted decreasing profit by \$40 and increasing expense by \$40.

Motion: Accept report with corrections. Motion made by Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

NFT Futurity Report- No report was submitted.

Versatility Report- Liz J reviewed the written report submitted by Dave Nauer.

Motion: Approve all recommendations presented in report:

Regarding Dock Diving:

- i. We leave Dock Diving “as is” today: an “other” category recognizing the senior titles in the NADD sport – this is what we have today. OR
- ii. We “promote” Dock Diving as a primary skill. The board will need to decide whether it be a part of “Hunt” and substitute for a JH/SH/MH as credit for “hunt”, or if it should be created as its own stand-alone category. If stand-alone the board would have to decide if this would get credit as “field” or “hunt”, or if it would be stand-alone like Agility/Flyball, or Obedience/Rally/Therapy, or Tracking/Search-Rescue – this would create an eighth category – you’d still need 3 for VCX with some kind of field/hunt (non-dock diving) credit – or 2 majors/2 minors for VCX where one of the four areas would be field/hunt (non-dock diving). I’d recommend the “Senior” level remain the 2 point in that category, the Four Point VCA being “Master” level, and the “Elite” needed for the VCX.
- iii. NEED: Please decide if you do (i) above – leave as is – or (ii) and create a new non-field/hunt category dedicated to Dock Diving only.
- iv. If (ii) is adapted, make the change effective 1 April 2019

Regarding Coursing:

- i. The “DCAT” title from the FAST CAT program be added to the “Other” category of the Versatility program – this requires 500 points of accumulated speed and qualifying runs – and would only be able to be used as a 1 point credit in the VC title, or as a “minor” credit in the VCA title (along with Barn Hunt and the existing CAA coursing title). This is a minor upgrade to the program but recognizes exceptional achievement in this sport and allows some credit in this program for enthusiasts with fast and consistent athletic GSPs.
- ii. Make this effective 1 April 2019.

Regarding Scent Work:

- i. AKC Scent Work titles be added to the “Tracking” Columns/area in our program. This would mean a GSP could meet this column’s credit with successful work in AKC Tracking Test, AKC Scent Work Tests, or in

the recently recognized AKC's Search and Rescue Title Recognition Program, which was added to this category last year.

- ii. The titling program for Scent Work is COMPLEX – there are different levels (Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Master) for each order search division (Container, Interior, Exterior, and Buried); there is combined Scent work titles (combining the container, interior, exterior, and buried at each level together); elite element titles; odor search elite combined titles; and Handler discrimination leveled titles; and handler discrimination elite titles. Frankly, I'm not sure what we should place in each point level, and what set of titles should be qualifying for our very difficult VCA and VCX awards. I do not want to make this too easy or unreasonable.
- iii. As such RECOMMEND, I assemble a small group of GSPCA members who are experts in the Scent work sport and determine a recommended leveling for the Versatility Chart, and a title set for the VCX award – and report back to the Board the recommendations of that sub-committee.
- iv. I further recommend I head that sub-committee, and Cindy Smullen (my co-member of this committee), and Liz Jennings, my GSPCA Board Liaison, attend – and we find 3 or 4 enthusiasts that are (a) GSPCA members, and (b) have advanced titles in the sport – to do the recommendations.
- v. This means we'll target Scent Work for approval in June 2019 if the board approves this approach – and target an effective date of the approved recommendations on 1 October 2019

Motion made by Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Approve cost for 100 VC Pins (approximately \$300). Motion made by Lynn P. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Agility Report- No report was submitted.

Obedience/Rally Report- Lynn P reviewed the written report submitted by Eleanor Campbell-Swank.

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

Field Trial Date Coordinator Report- Terry C reviewed the written report submitted by Jan Erbe.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by Will B. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Awards Report- Diane P reviewed the written report submitted by Tiffany Harvey-Cessna.

Action Item: Diane P will remind Awards Chair that the list of awards is sent to the BOD prior to notifying the membership.

Motion: Add Owner/Handler Dog of the Year Award to the GSPCA Annual Awards list. Motion made by Diane P. Motion failed with Diane P, Cyndi B, Lynn P, Liz J for. Will B, Becky F, Dean G, Dean B, Christy F opposed.

Motion: Add Agility Grand Champion of the Year to the GSPCA Annual Awards list. Motion made by Diane P. Motion failed with Cyndi B for, all remaining BOD opposed.

Motion: Award a plaque to those that submit donations above \$1000 made to the Hemangiosarcoma fund with the Health and Welfare Committee. Motion made by Diane P. Motion died for lack of a second.

Action Item: Christy F will have Kristen Swinford send a copy of last year's Awards presentation to Tiffany Cessna.

Action Item- Diane P will request Tiffany Cessna to create the awards presentation for upcoming NSS.

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

Meeting adjourned until tomorrow, February 2, 2019.

Terry C called the meeting to order at 0806 MST on February 2, 2019. Present were Terry C, Christy F, Dean B, Lynn P, Cyndi B, Diane P, Liz J, Dean G, Becky F, Will F, and Sharon Fitzpatrick, North Central Director. Absent was Debbie King, Southeastern Director. Noted guests were Barbara Schwartz, GSPCA AKC Delegate and Don Schwartz, GSPCA Member.

Treasurer's Report- Dean B handed out and reviewed his written report. Dean B noted that no National event was profitable.

Action Item: Will B will discuss suggestions of cost saving measures with the NFTEC.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

The agenda will be adjusted regarding sequence of topics per AKC Delegate Barbara Schwartz' request.

New Business Item #4- Member concern regarding AKC acceptance of color/pattern anomalies upon registration. It was noted that a formal complaint should be filed with AKC. AKC will then follow-up with DNA testing and proceed as necessary based on results.

Action Item: AKC Delegate Barbara Schwartz will contact Mark Dunn at AKC regarding a flagging system within the registration process that would call attention to genetically impossible coat colors.

New Business Item #12- Updating AKC Breed TV videos. It was noted that the GSPCA has outdated breed videos with AKC.

Action Item: Terry C will send letter to AKC requesting that the GSP video be removed.

Action Item: Terry C will head the project of producing a new GSP Breed film with a completion date of July 1, 2019. Terry C will engage a film crew to oversee and edit the film.

New Business Item #13- Member concern regarding airline travel. AKC has in place a committee that would address this issue.

Action Item: Terry C will send a letter to AKC requesting that they become involved with the GSPCA regarding crate issues with airline travel (specifications, recommendations for sizes of crates).

New Business Item #14- Dock & Crop Initiatives. Barbara Schwartz stated that the new breeds just joining the AKC have both dock/cropped and un-dock/un-cropped standards (when appropriate).

Action Item: Sharon F will have the Legislation committee create a subcommittee for the AKC Dock & Crop Initiative and assign a liaison to AKC.

Meeting recessed at 0919 MST. Meeting resumed at 0937 MST.

Action Item: Diane P will notify Awards Chair, Tiffany Cessna, that the complete awards list is in the GSPCA Dropbox account.

Breed Education/Meet the Breeds Report- Christy F reviewed the Breed Education written report submitted by Patte Titus.

Action Item: Barbara Schwartz will contact Mari-Beth O'Neill at AKC to inquire about acceptable colors listed on registration forms and option of "other."

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by Will B. Motion carried unanimously.

Christy F reviewed the Meet the Breed written report submitted by Patte Titus.

Action Item: Christy F will direct Patte Titus to provide the MTB booth banners for the upcoming NSS.

Action Item: Becky F will contact the NSSEC Chair to determine if the MTB booth can be set up at the upcoming NSS.

Action Item: Christy F will direct Patte Titus to have the MTB banners available to Sharon Fitzpatrick for the GSP Club of Illinois and Ft Dearborn GSP Club to have at Pheasant Fest in February and for the GSP Regional in July.

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

Breeder Referral Report- No report was submitted.

Database Report- The BOD reviewed the written report submitted by Deborah Longtin.

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

Hall Of Fame--Field Dogs- Terry C reviewed a handout of the written report by Mike Aldrich.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by Will B. Motion carried unanimously.

Hall of Fame--Show Dogs- The BOD reviewed the written report submitted by Deborah Longtin.

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

Hall Of Fame--Obedience Dogs- Terry C reviewed the written report submitted by Ginger Sammonds.

Motion: Table the request to approve the updated HOF Obedience requirements until further explanation of the criteria thought processes can be provided for the requested changes. Motion made by Dean B. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Diane P will communicate the request of the BOD to Ginger Sammonds and/or Debbie K.

Hall Of Fame—Individuals- Terry C reviewed the written report submitted by Fred Lowry.

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

Health & Welfare Report- Becky F reviewed the written report submitted by Karen Nauer.

Motion: Approval to send Karen Nauer to the 2019 AKC CHF National Parent Club Canine Health Conference in August 2019. Motion made by Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Becky F will clarify with the H&W Committee that their funds cover all expenses.

Motion: Table fundraising ideas at this time until further discussion with the H&W committee to clarify funding, coordinating with and approval from the NSSEC, and relaying some of the concerns expressed by the BOD. Motion made by Becky F. Motion carried unanimously.

Historian Report- Christy F reviewed the written report submitted by Patte Titus.

Action Item: Christy F to receive quote of cost to copy the listed items (Early NSS portfolio photos, NFT catalogs, Shorthair magazines and other like historical printed materials).

Action Item: Christy F will get clarification of location of scans and the medium in which the currently scanned items are preserved.

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

Illustrated Standard Report- Diane P reviewed the written report submitted by Patte Titus.

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

Meeting recessed at 1050 MST. Meeting resumed at 1100 MST.

Special Guest Presentation: Scott Thomas with the AKC Detection Dog Task Force. Scott Thomas discussed the AKC Pilot Detection Puppy Rearing Program.

Meeting recessed at 1202 MST. Meeting resumed at 1243 MST.

Judges' Education Report- The following letter was received by Terry C, Lynn P and Cyndi B:

Dear Terry, Cyndi, Lynn

I am writing you to request that this letter as well as the Breeder Education Committee proposal that was presented to the GSPCA BOD in June 2018 in plenty of time to be addressed at the meeting be revisited and NOT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. This full letter as well as the proposal needs to be included in the full minutes for the membership to see and send in comments. This is far too important to be discussed behind closed doors as it affects everyone in our breed. I would also like a written response to our proposal since none was provided after the June meeting. I have also complied with the call for volunteering to be the JEC.

I am very disturbed by the handling of our well thought out proposal and the BOD's lack of communication about it. Following the June 2018 BOD meeting.

First the current committee of one has done nothing to improve the program for many years, but when we send in a proposal ALL OF A SUDDEN our proposal is Hijacked and now being presented as a change. This is inexcusable. And I am not buying it was in the works before we submitted our proposal because it took 6 months after the B June 2018 meeting for anything to be published.

No one from the BOD communicated to us what was decided and what would happen moving forward. Except a request after the meeting for people interested in mentoring would be requested (which took more that 6 months) Since you went into executive session there is no public record or private record as to what would be done. Very unprofessional.

We presented our well thought out proposal thinking we would be given the task of implementing and addressing areas that needed to be tweaked after the BOD comment and the membership comment. Since the proposal wasn't made public and no written communication from the BOD how on earth can we have membership comment?

Our proposal sees the importance for many qualified mentors/ tutors for all areas of the country. This hasn't been established as a reported actual list for many years. Just because someone wants to be listed doesn't mean they are qualified. A criteria and committee should review the qualifications not one person.

The fact that training to be good qualified presenters was included in our proposal so judges get a well thought out useful training session is important. This has been nonexistent.

I spent my own \$25 to attend the AKC Judges Education Seminar presented in Orlando in December. What was taught as the best learning tools and what judges want is non existent in our current program and even in the illustrated standard. Everything needs to be updated to make learning our breed effective and fun.

This is disgusting that we have been treated in such a manner! You wonder why no one wants to be involved with the club? I'll tell you that treating people that volunteer and bring a proposal forward are treated this badly no wonder. I have many many years of contribution to this club in many areas, so obviously I follow through with tasks that I have. Including having to write this letter. I am very upset and saddened that I even have to write this letter but you forced my hand.

Action items

- 1. Include letter and proposal in minutes.*
- 2. NO executive session so the members are fully informed and know what "their" BOD is saying and doing.*
- 3. Respond to me in writing.*

*Sincerely
Leita Estes*

*The referred to proposal is attached following these BOD meeting minutes.

A copy of this letter was handed out to each BOD member. Christy F reviewed the letter and her handouts. Christy F stated that the JEC job description has been updated. Christy F stated that the Canine College project has taken the top priority of the JEC. Current JEC members are Barbara Schwartz (acting JE Advisory Committee chair), Don Schwartz, Patte Titus, Betsy Yates, Sharon Fitzpatrick, Maxine Moinier, and Christy Featherston. Christy F stated that she has received 2 applicants for JEC Coordinator so far.

The BOD entered executive session at 1323. The BOD exited executive session at 1335.

Motion: An email blast requesting applicants for JEC Coordinator with a 14-day deadline will be sent to the membership as soon as possible. The decision to appoint the JEC Coordinator will be made no later than March 1, 2019. Motion made by Will B. Motion carried with Christy F abstained.

Motion: Approve Shelley Schwerdt to be a member of the JEC. Motion made by Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: The Judges Education Committee Coordinator will serve a three-year term with no understudy time period. Motion made by Dean B. Motion carried with Diane P opposed, Christy F abstained.

Action Item: Christy F will provide a list of names in which Terry C will send "Thank you" letters.

Action Item: Terry C will write "Thank you" letters to the list of provided names received from Christy F.

Action Item: Lynn P will send letter to Leita Estes stating that the JEC will proceed as is and that Judges Education Committee members and Coordinator applications are being accepted.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by Will B. Motion carried unanimously.

Juniors Report- Becky F reviewed her handout. The BOD took no action regarding the request of setting the scholarship amount at \$500 for Best Junior at the NSS. Becky F stated that webmaster has failed to update Junior information that was provided in June 2018.

Action Item: Diane P will contact webmaster to have Junior information updated on the GSPCA website.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by Will B. Motion carried unanimously.

Legislation Report- Sharon F reviewed her handouts. Sharon stated that four applications have been received for the co-chair position. The BOD tabled appointing a co-chair for two weeks to allow for all applicants to be interviewed.

Action Item: Sharon F will complete Legislation Co-Chair interviews and make a recommendation to the BOD by February 16, 2019.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by Will B. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Club Advisory Report- No written report was submitted. Sharon F gave an oral report. She stated that a survey had been sent to the member clubs and that results have not been assessed yet.

Action Item: Sharon F will contact all member club presidents to obtain each member club's contact person information.

Membership Report- Lynn P reviewed her handouts. She discussed problems with the current system.

Action Item: Lynn P will contact MemberClicks regarding possible complications related to updating the current system.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

National Bird Dog Museum Report- Terry C gave an oral report. Terry C stated that Mr. Gerdes has resigned from the National Bird Dog Museum and Mr. Moseley is his replacement.

Action Item: Terry C will contact Mr. Moseley for National Bird Dog Museum GSP wing update.

Outstanding Sportsmanship Report- Terry C reviewed the written report submitted by Colleen Scruggs. The BOD took no action on the requested Action Items.

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

Registry Of Merit Report- Terry C reviewed the written report submitted by Renee Lara, DVM.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by Will B. Motion carried unanimously.

Rescue Report- No report was submitted.

Retrieve Retain & Recognize Report- Terry C reviewed the written report submitted by Debbie King.

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

Shorthair Journal Report- Liz J reviewed her handouts. The BOD took no action on the requested Action Items. Action Item: Liz J will direct the *SJ* Editor that for every *SJ* issue, the *SJ* Editor will have an email blast sent out to the membership informing them that the magazine has been mailed and an electronic copy is available in the 'Members' section of the GSPCA website.

Action Item: Liz J will have an email blast sent to the membership requesting volunteers for New Title Document Coordinator and New Member List Coordinator for the *SJ*.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

Liz J handed out and reviewed the *SJ* composite information.

Action Item: Liz J will have a satisfaction survey of the *SJ* sent to the membership.

Motion: Accept report as presented. 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 Will B. Motion carried unanimously.

Sponsorship Report- Dean G gave an oral report. Dean G stated that he has not been successful at obtaining sponsorships. He stated that most companies that he has contacted would rather donate merchandise instead of monies.

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

Standard Review Report- This committee has been disbanded.

Water Test Report- No report was submitted. Dean G noted that the Water Test held at the 2018 NSS was a huge success.

Webmaster's Report- No report was submitted. Diane P reviewed email correspondence from the webmaster, Missy Neal. Missy Neal stated that she is currently working on a solution to the BOD email account issues. Missy Neal also stated that the Membership Committee handles the member section login and the membership renewals.

Motion: Accept report as presented. Motion made by Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

Yearbook Report- Terry C reviewed the written report submitted by Debra Broad.

Motion: Accept report as submitted. Motion made by Dean G. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS will be addressed at this time.

1. Volunteer of the Year Award, Thank You Awards and Appreciation Award.

Motion: Award Deb Broad as the "Volunteer of the Year" for 2018. Motion made by Christy F. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Guest Speaker (11:00am Saturday, February 2, 2019). This occurred earlier in the meeting.

3. Suggested GSPCA cost saving measure. A member suggested that the BOD only meet in person once a year instead of twice. The BOD discussed the pros and cons of this. The BOD deferred this topic.

4. Member concern regarding AKC acceptance of color/pattern anomalies upon registration. A member asked, "Would it be possible for the GSPCA to work with the AKC to flag color and pattern anomalies at the time puppy owners register their GSPs?" This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Action Item: Diane P will contact this member and inform the member of steps in place regarding indicated color upon registration.

5. Member request for Agility Grand Champion recognition award. A member requested, "I would like it proposed that any GSP earning the incredibly hard agility grand champion title be given a plaque." This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

6. Member concern regarding the GSPCA Mentor program. A member asked, "Could they look into when Christy will finish her work on the Mentor program? I applied quite a long time ago and have not heard an update or projected time for final approvals."

Action Item: Christy F will email and phone this member to address her concerns.

7. Recognition of the Top 10 GSP Owner Handlers. A member asked, “if there is any way to recognize the Top 10 GSP Owner Handlers from the previous year at Nationals?” This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Action Item: Becky F will inform the member of no action taken.

8. Member requesting that Local Clubs offer continual learning opportunities/mentorship in all realms. A member writes, “Hello, being newer to this breed, it would be most appreciated if there were some more frequent learning opportunities about activities that help to develop a well-rounded GSP through our local clubs. A one-day education is great but if you are unable to make it that day, you have generally another year before that opportunity comes again. I understand I can attend events and observe what goes on and also, utilize trainers familiar with various events, however, we all benefit by learning from others, and this would allow sharing experiences and reinforcement from those that know the breed very well, and foster better understanding of steps to accomplish what this breed is capable of doing, once the owner knows what they are supposed to do!! In addition, one might certainly benefit from a mentorship program, as well.

Thank you for consideration of these points.”

Action Item: Diane P will contact this member and discuss options.

9. Modifying the code of conduct to include a statement about cyber/social media bullying. A member requested this item be discussed. The BOD reviewed the GSPCA Code of Ethics and believes that this is already in existence. The BOD took no action.

10. Member questions entry of Black GSPs in the Field. A member wrote, “I sent a note...requesting clarification on why we allow “black shorthairs” in field trials.

Action Item: Becky F will contact this member and explain the reasons for this.

11. Member requesting 2018 NSS financials. A volunteer with the NSSEC wrote, “Still interested in seeing an itemized financial report for the 2018 National Specialty. If we lost money-where? We cannot learn from our mistakes if we don’t know what they are. Hope this can be addressed at the Board meeting.”

Action Item: Dean B will contact member and provide information requested.

12. Updating AKC Breed TV videos. A member noted that the current video is outdated. This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

13. Member concern regarding airline travel. This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

14. Dock & Crop Initiatives. This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

15. Assign dates and meeting place for June 2019 BOD meeting. The next biannual meeting of the GSPCA BOD will be held on June 14-15, 2019 in Sacramento, California.

16. A member requested that there be daily updating of the status at the NFT while it is being held.

Action Item: Dean G will contact webmaster to set up connection for the NFT to have daily update posted on the home page of the GSPCA website.

Action Item: Lynn P will take the daily NFT update information and post on the GSPCA Facebook page.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- ACTION ITEMS FROM JUNE 2018 BOD MEETING- 1. Action Item: The Recording Secretary will continue the practice of sending out email blasts to the membership prior to BOD meeting agenda deadline. Done. 2. Action Item: Will B will inform NFTEC Chair that Recording Secretary can set up conference calls for the NFTEC. Done. 3. Action Item: Terry C will inform the AKC Delegate that the GSPCA wants to be proactive with AKC’s Canine College in the development of the online course for GSP’s. Done. 4. Action Item: Terry C will inquire if online balloting is legal in Missouri. Done. Terry C stated that it is legal. Motion: Amend the GSPCA bylaws to allow for the option of online balloting. This bylaw amendment will be included for membership vote on the upcoming election ballots. Motion made by Diane P. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Sharon F will write up the proposed bylaw amendment to be added to the upcoming election ballots. *Following the meeting it was noted that this proposed amendment could not be processed in time for the upcoming election as the process involves consideration and approval from AKC prior to presentation to the membership.

5. Action Item: Christy F will have the Breed Education Committee create a GSPCA position statement regarding GSP colors. This position statement will be posted on the website. Not done. 6. Action Item: Christy F will collaborate with the AKC Delegate to draft a letter for Judges Ed regarding the dilute/grey color. Done. 7. Action Item: Becky F will supply Christy F with photographs depicting the various GSP colors, markings and patterns for use on the GSP website. Not done. 8. Action Item: Terry C will request from the AKC Delegate to remove "Black Roan" and "Liver Roan" from the AKC registration form under color, and to add "roan" under "Markings." Terry C will also request that "Markings" be changed to "Markings and Patterns." Terry C will also request to add "Other" under color. In progress. 9. Action Item: Terry C will request our AKC Delegate to have the AKC website updated. Done. 10. Action Item: Diane P will contact the webmaster to determine what NFT Futurity historical data is missing from the website. Done. 11. Action Item: Sharon F will chair a committee to re-examine new title recognition by the GSPCA. Not done. 12. Action Item: Becky F will inform the NSSEC that all NSS Veteran Events minimum age is 7 years old. Done. 13. Action Item: Diane P will remind Awards Chair that the BOD receives the list of the awards to be presented prior to notifying the winning members. Done. 14. Action Item: Diane P will have Awards Chair send out all the qualifying 2017 top producers' plaques with a letter of explanation. Done. 15. Action Item: Terry C will inform Terina Chernich to create the Breeder Referral flyer and send to Diane P for the North East Regional next week in New York. Done. 16. Action Item: Lynn P will have webmaster send out an email blast for the HOF Obedience Chair position. Done. 17. Action Item: Christy F will have Patte Titus enlist the aid of an assistant and report back to the BOD with specifics regarding contents of storage unit and amount of documents currently scanned. Done. 18. Action Item: Christy F will have Patte change the ownership of the storage rental unit to the GSPCA with the BOD having access to the storage unit. AI is void. 19. Action Item: Diane P to discuss with Patte Titus when to reorder more Illustrated Standard booklets. Done. 20. Action Item: Christy F will have the webmaster send out an email blast for a Judges Education chair, committee members and mentors. Done. 21. Action Item: Christy F will contact the webmaster to have the JE website updated. Done. 22. Action Item: Christy F will give the current GSPCA Mentor List to the webmaster by July 1, 2018 to post on the website. Not done. 23. Action Item: Becky F to verify with the NSSEC that the Juniors can conduct their fundraisers and clothing exchange at the 2019 NSS. Done. 24. Action Item: Lynn P will investigate ways to improve recognition of Juniors in all venues. Done. 25. Action Item: Lynn P will update the Junior Grant for travel expenses to include attendance at the National Field Trial, the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship and all AKC performance event championships. Not done. 26. Action Item: Lynn P will clarify why the amount for the Best Junior was \$1382.50. Done. 27. Action Item: Lynn P will have the webmaster send out an email blast re-announcing that the Junior Scholarship and Junior Program is open to Juniors in all venues. Done. 28. Action Item: Sharon F will discuss the Legislation Chair job description with the Legislation Chair. Done. 29. Action Item: Sharon F will have the webmaster send out an email blast for a Legislation Committee Co-Chair. Done. 30. Action Item: Lynn P will have the Survey Monkey account placed in the name of the GSPCA. Done. 31. Action Item: Debbie K will contact Kurt Cress regarding membership packet merchandise. Not done. 32. Action Item: Liz J will have *SJ* editor remove Garmin from her list of potential buyers of advertising packages. Done. 33. Action Item: Liz J will have *SJ* editor clarify and update magazine advertisement rates. Done. 34. Action Item: Liz J will have *SJ* editor improve her corresponding response time. Not done. 35. Action Item: Liz J will have *SJ* editor always send PDF of *SJ* to the BOD when it is sent to the publishers. Done. 36. Action Item: Liz J will bring to the January 2019 BOD meeting a proposal of the organizational structure of the *Shorthair Journal*. Done. 37. Action Item: All liaisons will have their committee protocols posted and up-to-date on the GSPCA website. Not done. 38. Action Item: Terry C will work on an aggressive campaign to promote the 2019 NAGDC. Done. 39. Action Item: Terry C will contact Gene Moseley regarding the Dual Champion trophy mold ownership and trophy supply. Done. 40. Action Item: Terry C will draft a letter to Doug Ljungren, AKC Executive VP of Sports and Events, addressing the GSP retrieving points requirement. Done. 41. Action Item: Will B will contact the member that submitted the letter regarding the retrieving points requirement and inform him of the BOD's actions. Done. 42. Action Item: Becky F will bring this request of adding Performance, Companion and Title Recognition events to the NSSEC. Done. 43. Action Item: Becky F will present the concern regarding NSS judges being biased to the NSSEC. Done. 44.

Action Item: Sharon F will send a written biography of Joe Vicari to Lynn P by June 29, 2018. Done. 45. Action Item: Liz J will send a written biography of David Nauer to Lynn P by June 29, 2018. Done. 46. Action Item: Diane P will have Awards Chair order and send appreciation plaques. Done. 47. Action Item: Lynn P will draft appreciation letters. Done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS FROM JANUARY 2018 BOD MEETING- 1. Action Item: Liz J will contact Caleb Bryson for a liaison to handle ads and *Shorthair Journal* exposure. Done. 2. Action Item: Terry C will contact Katie Tazza and offer her the opportunity to be the NAGDC liaison. Done. 3. Action Item: Christy F will contact the webmaster to post the GSPCA Mentor application form on the website. Done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS FROM JUNE 2017 BOD MEETING- 1. Action Item: Christy F to have the updated *Meet the Breeds* protocols posted on the GSPCA website. Not done. 2. Action Item: Dean B will follow up with submission of the recommended paperwork in clarifying AKC policy of email practices. Done. 3. Action Item: Gene M to receive quotes for cabinets for the National Bird Dog Museum (This was an action item from the January BOD meeting that was not done). Done. 4. 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.

Motion: Adjourn meeting. Motion made by Dean G. Meeting adjourned at 1647 MST.

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 February 1-2, 2019.

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

March 11, 2019

WEEK	CLUB	YEAR	2018 Dates	DAYS	LOCATION	TYPE	RECEIVED	To AKC	NOTES
1	Gulf Coast GSPC	2018	Jan 06 - 07	2	West Point, TX	Walking	11/29/17	12/4/17	2018 cancelled 2018 chg location
2	~~GSPC of Atlanta~~	~~2018~~	~~Jan 11 - 14~~	~~x~~	~~Dry Branch, GA~~	~~Horseback~~	~~9/14/17~~	~~9/14/17~~	
2	Lone Star GSPC	2018	Jan 11 - 14	4	Alvord, TX	Horseback	11/28/17	11/29/17	
2	Florida Panhandle GSPC	2018	Jan 12 - 14	3	Milton, FL	Horseback	11/19/17	11/26/17	
3	Lone Star GSPC (Quail)	2018	Jan 16 - 25	10	Ardmore, OK	Horseback	11/28/17	12/7/17	
4	Southern Arizona GSPC (Region 12)	2018	Jan 25 - 30	6	Sonoita, AZ	Horseback	8/15/17	8/25/17	
4	GSPC of San Antonio	2018	Jan 27 - 28	2	Cibolo, TX	Walking	10/11/17	10/13/17	
5	GSPC of Santa Clara Valley	2018	Feb 02 - 04	3	Porterville, CA	Horseback	12/5/17	12/7/17	
6	~~GSPC of San Antonio~~	~~2018~~	~~Feb 07 - 09~~	~~x~~	~~Freer, TX~~	~~Horseback~~	~~1/4/18~~	~~1/5/18~~	2018 cancelled
6	GSPCA SE Classic (NF GSPC)	2018	Feb 08 - 09	2	Gainesville, FL	Horseback	11/16/17	11/26/17	2018 chg location
6	Gulf Coast GSPC	2018	Feb 10 - 11	2	Freer, TX	Horseback	12/19/17	12/21/17	
6	Sunflower GSPC	2018	Feb 10 - 11	2	Howard, KS	Walking	12/13/17	12/21/17	
6	North Florida GSPC	2018	Feb 10 - 12	3	Gainesville, FL	Horseback	11/16/17	11/26/17	2018 chg location
7	Gulf Coast GSPC (Region 7)	2018	Feb 12 - 18	7	Freer, TX	Horseback	12/19/17	12/21/17	
7	GSPC of North Carolina	2018	Feb 16 - 18	3	Statesville, NC	Horseback	1/22/18	1/25/18	2018 chg date from 10 to 7 we
7	GSPC of South Georgia	2018	Feb 16 - 18	3	Arabi, GA	Horseback	11/17/17	1/13/18	
7	GSPC of Oklahoma	2018	Feb 17 - 18	2	Ponca City, OK	Walking	1/12/18	1/13/18	
9	Heart of America GSPC	2018	Mar 03 - 04	2	Osborn, MO	Walking	1/2/18	1/4/18	2018 chg date from 8 to 9 we
10	GSPC of Atlanta	2018	Mar 08 - 11	4	Arabi, GA	Horseback	2/6/18	2/7/18	
10	Florida Panhandle GSPC	2018	Mar 09 - 11	3	Milton, FL	Walking	11/19/17	11/26/17	
10	San Joaquin GSPC	2018	Mar 09 - 11	3	McKittrick, CA	Horseback	2/12/18	2/14/18	
11	GSPC of Las Cruces	2018	Mar 16 - 18	3	Las Cruces, NM	Horseback	1/19/18	1/24/18	
11	~~Sunflower GSPC~~	~~2018~~	~~Mar 16 - 18~~	~~x~~	~~Howard, KS~~	~~Horseback~~	~~12/13/17~~	~~12/21/17~~	2018 cancelled
11	GSPC of Central Iowa	2018	Mar 17	1	Columbia, IA	Walking	12/3/17	12/4/17	
12	GSPC of California	2018	Mar 23 - 25	3	Porterville, CA	Horseback	2/26/18	2/28/18	2018 chg date from 13 to 12 we
12	Ringneck GSPC (w/ Region 17)	2018	Mar 23 - 28	7	Raymond, NE	Horseback	2/13/18	2/14/18	
13	GSPC of Utah	2018	Mar 30 - Apr 01	3	Cedar Fort, UT	Horseback	1/4/18	1/13/18	
13	Heart of America GSPC	2018	Mar 30 - Apr 01	3	Osborn, MO	Horseback	3/9/18	3/9/18	
13	Mason Dixon GSPC	2018	Mar 30 - Apr 01	3	Rossville, PA	Horseback	1/23/18	1/23/18	
13	North Florida GSPC	2018	Mar 31 - Apr 01	2	Gainesville, FL	Horseback	12/14/18	12/14/18	2018 chg date from 12 to 13 we, chg location
14	Ringneck GSPC (Great Plains)	2018	Apr 03 - 11	3	Salem, NE	Horseback	2/13/18	2/13/18	
14	~~GSPC of Lincoln~~	~~2018~~	~~Apr 06 - 08~~	~~x~~	~~Raymond, NE~~	~~Horseback~~	~~2/21/18~~	~~2/22/18~~	2018 cancelled
14	~~Nutmeg GSPC~~	~~2018~~	~~Apr 06 - 08~~	~~x~~	~~Windsor, CT~~	~~Horseback~~	~~1/21/18~~	~~1/29/18~~	2018 cancelled
14	GSPC of Northern Sacramento Valley	2018	Apr 07	1	Zamora, CA	Walking	1/4/18	1/7/18	2018 chg date from 13 to 14 we
14	Buckeye GSPC	2018	Apr 07 - 08	2	Wooster, OH	Walking	11/11/17	11/14/17	2018 ch date from 16 to 14 we
14	Inland Empire GSPC	2018	Apr 07 - 08	2	Sprague, WA	Horseback	11/22/17	11/26/17	
15	Eastern GSPC	2017	Apr 13 - 15	3	Medford, NJ	Horseback	00/00/00	00/00/00	2018 chg date from 14 to 15
15	GSPC of Central Virginia	2018	Apr 13 - 15	3	Dillwyn, VA	Horseback	2/4/18	2/7/18	
15	~~GSPC of Colorado~~	~~2018~~	~~Apr 13 - 15~~	~~x~~	~~Linden, CO~~	~~Horseback~~	~~2/28/18~~	~~3/1/18~~	2018 cancelled 2018 chg date from 15 to 18 we
15	GSPC of Idaho	2018	Apr 13 - 15	3	Payette, ID	Horseback	12/20/17	1/8/18	
15	GSPC of Washington	2018	Apr 13 - 15	3	Sunnyside, WA	Horseback	12/25/18	12/26/18	
14	~~GSPCA NAGDC~~	~~2018~~	~~Apr 13 - 16~~	~~x~~	~~Mingo~~	~~Walking~~	~~NOT SUBMITTED~~		2018 cancelled 2018 chg date from 14 to 15 we

15	GSPC of Central Iowa (w/Hawkeye)	2018	Apr 13 - 19	7	Columbia, IA	Horseback		12/3/17	12/4/17	
16	GSPC of Idaho (Region 9)	2018	Apr 16 - 21	6	Payette, ID	Horseback		1/12/18	1/18/18	
16	GSPC of Oregon	2018	Apr 20 - 22	3	Tygh Valley, OR	Horseback		3/5/18	3/5/18	
16	Buckeye GSPC	2018	Apr 21 - 22	2	Dresden, OH	Horseback		12/17/17	12/21/17	
16	Frontier GSPC of Cheyenne (Rocky Mtn)	2018	Apr 22 - 29	8	Payette, ID	Horseback		1/12/18	1/18/18	
16	GSPC of Ohio (Ohio Championship)	2018	Apr 23 - 27	5	Medina, OH	Horseback		1/15/18	1/15/18	
17	GSPC of Lincoln	2018	April 27 - 30	4	Raymond, NE	Horseback		2/21/18	2/21/18	2018 new date, ch date from 04/26-04/29
17	GSPC of Ohio	2018	Apr 28 - 29	2	Medina, OH	Horseback		1/15/18	1/16/18	
18	Lansing GSPC	2018	May 04 - 06	3	Ionia, MI	Horseback		12/4/17	12/12/17	
~~18~~	~~Mayflower GSPC~~	~~2018~~	~~May 04 - 06~~	~~x~~	~~East Falmouth, MA~~	~~Horseback~~		~~1/22/18~~	~~1/23/18~~	2018 cancelled 2018 new date
18	Four Lakes GSPC	2018	May 05 - 06	2	Portage, WI	Horseback		2/26/18	3/1/18	2018 new date
18	GSPC of Colorado	2018	May 05 - 06	2	Lindon, CO	Horseback		4/18/18	4/19/18	2018 chg date from 15 to 18 we
19	GSPC of Nebraska	2018	May 10 - 12	3	Raymond, NE	Horseback		2/21/18	2/21/18	
19	GSPC of Reno	2018	May 11 - 13	3	Reno, NV	Horseback		1/4/18	1/8/18	2018 chg date from 18 to 19 we
19	GSPC of Michigan	2018	May 12 - 13	2	Ionia, MI	Horseback		4/4/18	4/5/18	
19	GSPCA North Central Regional	2018	May 13 - 15	3	Raymond, NE	Horseback		2/21/18	2/21/18	
20	Four Lakes GSPC	2018	May 18 - 20	3	Portage, WI	Horseback		2/26/18	3/1/18	
~~20~~	~~GSPC of Minnesota~~	~~2018~~	~~May 18 - 20~~	~~x~~	~~Gary, SD~~	~~Horseback~~		~~2/6/18~~	~~2/7/18~~	2018 cancelled
20	GSPC of Las Cruces	2018	May 19 - 20	2	Cloudcroft, NM	Horseback		4/24/18	4/25/18	2018 new date
20	GSPC of Michigan	2018	May 20	1	Highland, MI		Walking	3/30/18	4/3/18	
~~24~~	~~Desert GSPC~~	~~2018~~	~~May 25 - 26~~	~~x~~	~~Parks, AZ~~		~~Walking~~	~~1/30/18~~	~~2/1/18~~	2018 cancelled
21	GSPC of Oregon	2018	May 26 - 27	2	Portland, OR		Walking	5/10/18	5/14/18	
~~24~~	~~Desert GSPC~~	~~2018~~	~~May 27 - 28~~	~~x~~	~~Parks, AZ~~		~~Walking~~	~~1/30/18~~	~~2/1/18~~	2018 cancelled
22	GSPC of Reno	2018	June 02 - 04	2	Reno, NV		Walking	1/9/18	1/10/18	
22	GSPC of Minnesota	2018	June 03	1	Milaca, MN		Walking	2/5/18	2/6/18	
23	Hudson Valley GSPC	2018	June 08 - 10	3	East Windsor, CT	Horseback		2/15/18	2/19/18	
30	GSPC of Oregon	2018	July 28 - 29	2	Portland, OR		Walking	5/10/18	5/14/18	2018 chg date from 29 to 30 we
34	GSPC of Nebraska	2018	Aug 25 - 26	2	Raymond, NE	Horseback		7/20/18	7/20/18	
35	GSPC of Lincoln	2018	Aug 31 - Sept 02	3	Raymond, NE	Horseback		8/31/18	9/2/18	
35	GSPC of Ohio	2018	Sept 01 - 02	2	Harrisville PA		Walking	5/24/18	5/29/18	
35	GSPC of Oregon	2018	Sept 01 - 03	3	Tygh Valley, OR	Horseback		3/5/18	3/5/18	
36	Desert GSPC	2018	Sept 07 - 09	3	Greens Peak, AZ	Horseback		6/22/18	6/22/18	2018 chg date from 35 to 36 we
36	GSPC of Michigan	2018	Sept 08 - 09	2	Ionia, MI	Horseback		8/17/18	8/19/18	
36	GSPC of Utah	2018	Sept 08 - 09	2	Cedar Fort, UT	Horseback		5/23/18	5/24/18	2018 new date
37	GSPC of Colorado (Prairie Chicken)	2018	Sept 11 - 18	8	Dunning, NE	Horseback		7/27/18	7/27/18	2018 new date
~~37~~	~~Four Lakes GSPC~~	~~2018~~	~~Sept 14 - 16~~	~~x~~	~~Portage, WI~~	~~Horseback~~		~~2/26/18~~	~~3/1/18~~	2018 cancelled 2018 new date
38	GSPC of Nebraska	2018	Sept 20 - 24	5	Raymond, NE	Horseback		5/29/18	5/29/18	
38	Frontier GSPC of Cheyenne (Region 8)	2018	Sept 20 - 26	7	Cheyenne, WY	Horseback		8/2/18	8/7/18	
38	GSPC of Minnesota	2018	Sept 21 - 23	3	Solon Springs, WI	Horseback		7/6/17	7/6/17	
38	Eastern GSPC	2018	Sept 22 - 23	2	Medford, NJ		Walking	00/00/00	00/00/00	.
38	Inland Empire GSPC	2018	Sept 22 - 23	2	Ritzville, WA	Horseback		8/8/18	8/11/18	
39	Frontier GSPC of Cheyenne (Hun)	2018	Sept 27 - Oct 05	9	Cheyenne, WY	Horseback		8/2/18	8/7/18	
39	Fort Dearborn GSPC	2018	Sept 28 - 30	2	Wilmington, IL		Walking	6/25/18	6/25/18	2018 chg date from 36 to 39 we
39	GSPC of Ohio	2018	Sept 28 - 30	3	Dresden, OH	Horseback		7/11/18	7/18/18	

39	Hudson Valley GSPC	2018	Sept 28 - 30	3	East Windsor, CT	Horseback		8/29/18	8/30/18	2018 chg date from 38 to 39 we
40	Heart of America GSPC	2018	Oct 04 - 07	4	Cassidy, KS	Horseback		5/17/18	5/18/18	
40	Eastern GSPC	2018	Oct 05 - 07	3	Medford, NJ	Horseback		00/00/00	00/00/00	
40	GSPC of Colorado	2018	Oct 05 - 07	3	Lindon, CO	Horseback		8/15/18	8/16/18	
40	Buckeye GSPC	2018	Oct 06 - 07	2	Dresden, OH	Horseback		7/26/18	7/27/18	
41	Sunflower GSPC	2018	Oct 12 - 14	3	Howard, KS	Horseback		12/5/17	12/21/18	
41	~~GSPC of Central Iowa~~	~~2018~~	~~Oct 13~~	x	~~Columbia, IA~~		Walking	~~6/8/18~~	~~6/10/18~~	2018 Cancelled
41	~~Lansing GSPC~~	~~2018~~	~~Oct 13 - 14~~	x	~~Ionia, MI~~	Horseback		~~12/4/17~~	~~12/12/17~~	2018 Cancelled
42	GSPCA NFT Championship	2018	Oct 15 - Nov 04	21	Eureka, KS	Horseback		6/19/18	6/20/18	
44	North Florida GSPC	2018	Nov 02 - 04	3	Hilliard, FL		Walking	9/2/18	9/2/18	
44	GSPC of Colorado	2018	Nov 03 - 04	2	Stratton, Co		Walking	7/21/18	7/23/18	2018 new cate
44	GSPC of Oklahoma	2018	Nov 03 - 04	2	Ponca City, OK		Walking	10/2/18	10/3/18	
44	GSPC of Reno	2018	Nov 03 - 04	2	Reno, NV		Walking	2/19/18	2/20/18	
45	~~GSPC of Central Iowa~~	~~2018~~	~~Nov 08 - 11~~	x	~~Columbia, IA~~	Horseback		~~6/11/18~~	~~6/13/18~~	2018 Cancelled
45	GSPC of Las Cruces	2018	Nov 09 - 11	3	Las Cruces, NM	Horseback		6/28/18	7/5/18	
45	Nutmeg GSPC	2018	Nov 09 - 11	3	Windsor, CT	Horseback		1/21/18	1/29/18	
45	GSPC of South Georgia	2018	Nov 10 - 11	2	Cordele, GA		Walking	8/9/18	8/11/18	
45	Lone Star GSPC	2018	Nov 10 - 11	2	Alvord, TX	Horseback		7/31/18	8/7/18	
45	~~High Sierra GSPC~~	~~2018~~	~~Nov 10 - 14~~	x	~~Jamestown, CA~~	Horseback		~~10/4/18~~	~~10/4/18~~	2018 Cancelled
46	Gulf Coast GSPC	2018	Nov 12 - 18	7	Crawford, TX	Horseback		9/4/18	9/4/18	
46	~~Mason Dixon GSPC~~	~~2018~~	~~Nov 16 - 18~~	x	~~Rossville, PA~~	Horseback		~~8/18/18~~	~~8/19/18~~	2018 Cancelled
46	Mayflower GSPC	2018	Nov 16 - 18	3	Windsor, CT	Horseback		1/22/18	1/23/18	2018 new date
46	Northern Arizona GSPC	2018	Nov 16 - 18	3	Paulden, AZ	Horseback		7/12/18	7/18/18	
48	GSPC of Middle Tennessee	2018	Nov 29 - 30	2	Lavergne, TN	Horseback		10/5/18	10/6/18	
48	GSPC of North Carolina	2018	Nov 29 - Dec 02	4	Hoffman, NC	Horseback		11/7/18	11/7/18	2018 chg date from 49 to 48 we
48	~~GSPC of San Antonio~~	~~2018~~	~~Nov 30 - Dec 02~~	x	~~Hubbard, TX~~	Horseback		~~9/8/18~~	~~9/9/18~~	2018 Cancelled
48	GSPC of Middle Tennessee	2018	Dec 01 - 02	2	Lavergne, TN	Horseback		10/5/18	10/6/18	
48	GSPC of Northern Sacramento Valley	2018	Dec 01 - 02	2	Zamora, CA		Walking	2/15/18	1/25/17	
48	Mason Dixon GSPC	2018	Dec 01 - 02	2	Wellsville, PA		Walking	9/3/18	9/2/18	2018 new date
49	GSPC of South Georgia	2018	Dec 07 - 09	3	Arabi, GA	Horseback		8/9/18	8/11/18	
49	Heart of America GSPC	2018	Dec 08 - 09	2	Osborn, MO		Walking	11/2/18	11/7/18	2018 chg date from 48 to 49 we
50	North Florida GSPC	2018	Dec 14 - 16	3	Gainesville, FL	Horseback		9/2/18	9/2/18	2018 chg date from 49 to 50 we
52	GSPC of Middle Tennessee	2018	Dec 29	1	Lavergne, TN		Walking	10/5/18	10/6/18	
52	GSPC of Middle Tennessee	2018	Dec 30 - Jan 1	3	Lavergne, TN		Walking	10/5/18	10/6/18	
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2018 FT Dates approved & FT cancelled

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The NCA Takes a Stand Against Cyber-Bullying

A prospective owner makes a statement on social media: *"I'm looking to buy a Newfoundland puppy from a Newfoundland breeder named Jane Doe, and I think it would be fun some-day to have puppies."*

The first response to the post come quickly:

"Why would you buy from her?"

More responses pile on—

"What do you know about breeding Newfoundlands?"

"You're not good enough to have a Newf if you're thinking about having puppies."

"You're just looking to be a puppy-miller..."

"You'll never get into our club."

"I'm spreading your name so a reputable breeder will never sell to you ..." —and the dialogue goes on, with others joining in, and escalates to what many view as a negative and harassing conversation.

Cyber-harassment and bullying have permeated all areas of social media, including the dog world. Responses to naïve or sometimes controversial questions or observations are answered with comments that seem intent on fueling negative, hurtful, and distorted conversations. Often the responses come from those who believe they are protecting our Newfoundlands from unworthy owners, but this should not be a justification for negative comments, public harassment, or ridicule.

It is our duty to protect our breed, but we achieve that goal by educating and reaching out to prospective owners and encouraging them to do their research and to ask questions. It is true that someone with firsthand knowledge of an inquiring undesirable owner should speak out, but those comments are best made privately— not through public postings, not through public threats, not with threats of blacklisting, and not with public character-assassination. Whatever the case, emotionally charged and unverified information is never appropriate.

Ironically, bullying or harassment on social media often produce results that are opposite from what is intended. If prospective owners are met with negative, sarcastic, or humiliating comments or read such comments about other owners, breeders, or fanciers within the breed, it can drive them to an irresponsible breeder—the very action we are trying to prevent.

In response to numerous complaints, the Newfoundland Club of America (NCA) has adopted the following cyber-harassment statement:

Your NCA Board of Directors recognizes the value and prevalence of social networking systems, such as Facebook®, e-mail lists, and blogs. Sometimes the rise of this entirely new class of communication has been accompanied by what has come to be viewed as cyber-harassment. Those engaged in cyber-harassment post negative comments and half or fabricated truths, often in a sarcastic manner, about individuals who cannot defend themselves. Members of the Newfoundland Club of America should consider social-networking communication as public and, as such, understand that their comments reflect on themselves and the NCA. Members should consider carefully what and how they write and are encouraged to stress positive aspects of education rather than negative or sarcastic comments about owners, breeders, and/or Newfoundland fanciers."

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