



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

BOD Zoom Conference Call

August 14, 2024

The BOD held a meeting via Zoom on August 14, 2024. Presiding over the meeting was Sharon Fitzpatrick, President. The BOD meeting was called to order at 8:33 pm EST on August 14, 2024, and a roll call was made. Present were Sharon Fitzpatrick – President; Karen Nauer -Vice President; Lynn Pettinato – Corresponding Secretary; Melissa Campbell – Recording Secretary; Becky Feigh – East Central Section Director;; Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director; Fred Lowry - South East Director; Dan Schoenfelder - Southeast Director; Chris Fields – North Central Director and Dominic Pettinato - Northwest Director.

Dean Browning – Treasurer, and Tiffany Cessna – Northeastern Section Director, were absent

Running Rules:

Karent Nauer discussed the need for committees to modify and update their running rules, using the National Field Trial template as a guide. Karen Nauer had already sent the template to all board members but expressed concern that some committees were resistant to the changes. Sharon Fitzpatrick assigned Fred Lowry the task of overseeing the process for the NAGDC, as he would soon be officially voted in. Becky Feigh, who is the liaison for the National Show Committee, planned to take a more hands-on approach with that group due to their significant behind-schedule. The team also discussed the need for a mission statement and judges' selection guidelines to be included in the running rules.

Motion: GSPCA Regional Specialty Show judges need a 3-month waiting period between assignments. Lynn made the motion, seconded by Melissa Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato will update the GSPCA Regional Specialty show judge requirements.

DNA collection at Regional Specialty: Karen Nauer discussed the initiative by the new Health and Welfare Committee chair, Jane Yates, to collect DNA from regional specialties for research purposes. The first event will be the TN Fall cluster.

Action Item: Jane Yates works with the Social Media committee to share upcoming events.

Fund Raising (Glassware/Coffee):

The team also discussed a potential partnership with a company offering to etch glassware in exchange for promoting their product. Still, concerns were raised about the profit margins and the need for further investigation.

Action Item: Melissa agreed to discuss these issues with the coffee company and report back to the board for a final decision.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato will tap her Social media team to see their thoughts and collaboration ideas. Lynn will come back to us at our September meeting.

Membership:

Motion: Lynn Pettinato made a motion to enter executive session; Melissa Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting entered executive session at 9:34 pm EST. The meeting concluded the executive session at 9:47 p.m. EST.

The BOD discussed membership irregularities.

GSPCA Sportsmanship Award: This award was moved to Fred Lowry as the liaison.

Action Item: Fred Lowry prepares an email blast and send it to Lynn Pettinato, requesting nominations from clubs and membership.

The BOD discussed putting the following people in charge of AKC Legacy Interviews for the AKC website.

Maxine Moirer for conformation
Dominic Pettinato for NFT
Gene Mosely to share some past interviews.
HOF People as a starting point for some interviews
NAGDC – TBD

Action Item: Dominic Pettinato will take the lead with Sharon Fitzpatrick assisting in developing a protocol and reaching out to Maxine Moirer

Pending Members List Dated 8/4/24:

Motion to accept the list as submitted. Melissa Campbell made the motion, seconded by Vanessa Carmean. The motion carried unanimously.

Joe Venner is investigating central show sites for the NSS. Karen Nauer thought it would be a good idea to poll the membership for their thoughts on a central location.

Action Item: Karen Nauer to work with Becky Feigh to develop a list of questions for the central location for the NSS post survey.

NFT Logo: The team addressed communication issues between Daniel and a vendor, with the vendor claiming there were too many back-and-forth exchanges. A suggested solution was to establish a committee to improve communication. There was also confusion about the approval process for logos and artwork, with Jennifer Averett's request to be included in correspondence and committees related to her role as volunteer merchandise chairperson being discussed. The team agreed to review the contract to clarify the artwork and logo approval process and to include Jennifer Averett in all merchandise-related communications to ensure consistency and teamwork.

Action Item: Dan Schoenfelder to ensure Jennifer and Joan are included in merchandise communications in the future.

Action Item: Sharon Fitzpatrick, follow up with Dean Browning to see if he wants to be the merchandise liaison and if he knows anything about an SOP for merchandise.

Sharon Fitzpatrick passed on the information that Dick Dern has passed away. Sharon will get some information and put it in the journal.

Action Item: Melissa Campbell to put the website and website bids on the next meeting agenda.

Dominic Pettinato needs an answer from Lynn Pettinato and Karen Nauer on what they plan to do for re-election to the BOD.

Karen Nauer made the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 pm EST.

Melissa Campbell
Recording Secretary
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