



**German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2024**

A Zoom Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was held on December 11, 2024. Presiding over the meeting was Sharon Fitzpatrick, President. The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. EST. A roll call was taken. Present were Sharon Fitzpatrick – President, Dean Browning – Treasurer, Lynn Pettinato – Corresponding Secretary, Melissa Campbell – Recording Secretary, Becky Feigh – East Central Section Director, Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director, Fred Lowry- Southeast Director, and Dominic Pettinato -Northwest Section Director.

Karen Nauer – Vice President, Chris Fields- North Central Director, Dan Schoenfelder – Southwest Section Director, and Tiffany Cessna – Northeastern Section Director were absent.

The BOD reviewed the outstanding Action Item list:

January 2022

Sharon Fitzpatrick/Ed Brock will write the process for the members-only section, which outlines how suspended or expelled members are handled. - **Not Done**

January 2024

Terry Bomer will provide Missy Neal with information about historical NFT placement, and then Missy Neal will upload the documents to the website. **Obselete**

Becky Feigh will have Missy Neal put together a list of the website's traffic analytics, both overall and by page. **Not Done**

Becky Feigh will follow up with Missy Neal to be sure Lynn Pettinato has access to the website and can receive training. **In Progress**

The Junior Committee will develop a communication strategy to take to the GSP clubs for Junior's activities. **Done**

Sharon Fitzpatrick will revamp the email blast for a Journal Editor and have Lynn Pettinato send it to the membership. **Done**

Tiffany Cessna is to ask Deb Broad about going digital with the yearbook. **Not Done**

Sharon Fitzpatrick investigates the impact of printing for the journal. **Done**

Mike Kindler needs to engage Gene for an update on the Bird Dog Museum. **Not Done, reassigned to Chris Fields**

The committee liaison will ask the NFT, NAGDC, Agility, Obedience, etc., committees to develop judging qualifications for national events and a path forward for judges to judge national events. **Move to running rules**

June 2024

Dean Browning let Jeri Fishback know that she can no longer hold the event in New York due to financial reasons. **Done**

Fred Lowry will talk to June Johnston about the agility event for MSSU TN. **Done**

Becky Feigh will communicate with the NSSEC Chair to remind them to include other committee heads (agility, obedience/rally, top 25, merchandise, etc.) on occasional conference calls for event updates. **Done**

Dean Browning will put together a schedule on when budgets for any committee that spends or makes money must be submitted to the BOD. **Not Done Action Item: Dean Browning to communicate to Karen Nauer to include a 60-day before-event notice for the budget of the event in the revised Running Rules.**

Lynn Pettinato to AKC from the GSPCA on the Protect the Children training with suggestions on file complaints, easier background checks, etc. **Done**

Dan Schoenfelder is to return to the NFT committee to discuss reducing the number of trophies given. No need to do 1st- 4th place, and no need for all four placements for futurity since they are getting money. **Not Done**

Dan Schoenfelder is to call out for Marshall's help to control the gallery for safety reasons. **Not Done**

Dan Schoenfelder will inform Mike Aldrich that he needs to get pictures and write about HOF Dog for the Journal. **Done**

Vanessa Carmean/Fred Lowry to develop a Junior event for the 2025 NAGDC. **Will discuss with the committee and report back to the BOD**

Dean Browning to verify if he has received the AKC stipend from MTB. **Done**

Lynn Pettinato's Social Media Committee will prepare a guide for all social media posts at national events. **Not Done**

The committee liaisons will share the guidelines prepared by Lynn Pettinato with all national event committees. **Not Done**

Tiffany Cessna will communicate to Deb Broad that only GSPCA members should receive cards for the yearbook and that you must be a member when the book is published. **Not Done**

Tiffany Cessna will share the cost of publishing the yearbook with Deb Broad, and the committee needs to prepare a budget moving forward. **Not Done**

Bechtel Lease Renegotiation – The team discussed the Bechtel lease renegotiation, with Fred expressing the need to examine the expenses and renegotiate the lease. Dean mentioned that this year's National Field Trial is expected to incur losses due to a decline in entries and suggested a sliding scale for the number of days they are present. Fred proposed understanding what they're paying for and possibly receiving a credit if no perks are provided. Dean agreed to gather more information about the lease and the commitment date. The team decided to postpone further discussion on the topic until January, when they would have more facts and figures.

Pending Membership – The BOD discussed two pending members, one of whom was elected to membership and the second was declined due to a lack of a unanimous vote.

Website RFP – Becky Feigh is working on it and plans to have it completed by the January 2025 Board of Directors (BOD) meeting. Becky Feigh will also consult with other people to ensure it captures the essence of the project.

NFT Futurity Update – Sharon Fitzpatrick discussed the NFT Futurity. The Board of Directors agreed that Holly Faught will update the forms, and Becky Feigh will ensure that Missy Neal receives the information on the website.

Southern Distillery Update – Fred discussed his interaction with Southern Distillery representative who expressed interest in offering free product for silent auctions at events. Fred suggested the representative could have cards available for online orders. Any donation received can be used to generate additional income for events for which the donation was received.

Danny Quest Trophies – A discussion was held regarding the slow response from Danny Quest to orders and the need to seek alternative vendors for trophy orders. Dean Browning confirmed that payment has been made.

Action Item: Melissa to follow up with Danny Quest on NAGDC order.

Action Item: Becky to confirm that the NSSEC has received all orders to date.

Garmin Contract Renewal: Sharon Fitzpatrick discussed the renewal of the Garmin contract, which currently provides \$3,000 cash annually and three collars for the events. The board has decided to continue with the current contract for this year, with the possibility of reconsidering other offers next year.

Dean Browning made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm 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 December 11, 2024.

Melissa Campbell
Recording Secretary
German Shorthaired Club of America

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