



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 12-13, 2024

The regular biannual meeting of the GSPCA BOD was held on January 12-13, 2024 via Zoom. Presiding over the meeting was Sharon Fitzpatrick, President. The BOD meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM CST on January 12th. 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, Tiffany Cessna – Northeastern Section Director, and Dan Schoenfelder – Southwest Section Director.

Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director, joined the meeting at 3:35 PM CST.

Karen Nauer – Vice President, Dominic Pettinato – Northwest Director, Helen Joyce – Southeast Director, and Mike Kindler – North Central Director were absent.

Officers Reports

President's Report – Sharon Fitzpatrick reviewed her submitted written report.

Motion: Accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Tiffany Cessna. Second by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Lynn Pettinato reviewed her submitted report.

Motion: Accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Schoenfelder. The motion carried unanimously.

Recording Secretary's Report – Melissa Campbell reviewed her submitted report.

Motion: Accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second, by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Sectional Director's Reports

East Central Section Director's Report – Becky Feigh reviewed her submitted report.

Motion: Accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Tiffany Cessna. The motion carried unanimously.

National Events

NFT Futurity – Dean Browning reviewed the report submitted by Terry Bomer

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

Motion: Accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Dan Schoenfelder. The motion carried unanimously.

NSS Futurity: Dean Browning reviewed the written report submitted by Holly Faught.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Agility: Lynn Pettinato reviewed her written report.

Motion: To accept Annette Narel to judge the agility event for the 2024 NSS in May. Motion made by Dean Browning. Second by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Tiffany Cessna. Second by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Obedience/Rally: Lynn Pettinato reviewed the report submitted by Karen Combs.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato will tell Karen Combs to contact show chair Dean Browning about questions concerning the event.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

Versatility: Tiffany Cessna reviewed the written report submitted by David Nauer.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato will send an email blast to get versatility committee members.

Motion: To accept the recommendation to approve DCAT vs BCAT level change effective immediately. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Tiffany Cessna. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Tiffany Cessa to let David Nauer know that he can proceed with the trophy change.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

FT Date Coordinator/Regional Field Trial: Dan Schoenfelder reviewed the written report submitted by Jan Erbe.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Melissa Campbell. Second by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 5:08 pm CST. The meeting resumed at 5:20 pm CST .

Breeder Referral: Lynn Pettinato reviewed the report submitted by Lorelei Dewe

Motion to accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Dan Schoenfelder. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Awards: Tiffany Cessna reviewed her submitted written report.

Action Item: Tiffany Cessna will send an email for someone to take over the award calculation.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Vanessa Carmean. Second by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Breed Education: Sharon Fitzpatrick reviewed the written report submitted by Patte Titus.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Dan Schoenfelder. The motion carried unanimously.

HOF Field Dog: Dan Schoenfelder reviewed the report prepared by Mike Aldrich.

Motion to accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

Webmaster: Becky Feigh reviewed the report submitted by Missy Neal.

Action Item: Becky Feigh will follow up with Missy Neal to be sure Lynn Pettinato has access to the website and can receive training.

Action Item. Becky Feigh will have Missy Neal put together a schedule for website training.

Action Item: Becky Feigh to have Missy Neal put together a list of traffic analytics for the website in total and by page.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Vanessa Carmean. Second by Tiffany Cessna. The motion carried unanimously.

Juniors: Lynn Pettinato reviewed the submitted report.

Action Item: Junior Committee to develop a communication strategy to take to the clubs for Juniors activities.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted by Lynn Pettinato. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Tiffany Cessna. The motion carried unanimously.

Meet the Breed: Becky Feigh reviewed the report submitted by Denise Avery.

Action Item: Denise Avery to work with Lynn Pettinato to develop trading cards/t-shirts or bandanas for the dog for the MTB event.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Tiffany. The motion carried unanimously.

Historian: Dean Browning reviewed the report submitted by Patte Titus.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Regional Specialty: Lynn Pettinato reviewed her written report.

Motion: To accept Ft Dearborn Specialty Request with Lucretia Coonrod as the judge. Motion made By Lynn Pettinato. Second by Melissa Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

ROM: Becky Feigh reviewed the report submitted by Renee Lara.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Dam Schoenfelder. The motion carried unanimously.

Bird Dog Museum: No report was submitted.

Mike Kindler needs to engage Gene for an update on this report.

Shorthaired Journal: No Report submitted.
The Journal Editor position is now open.

Action Item: Sharon Fitzpatrick to revamp the email blast for a Journal Editor and have Lynn Pettinato send it to the membership.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh Second by Tiffany Cessna The motion carried unanimously.

Social Media: Lynn Pettinato reviewed her written report.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato to let the committee know that we will allow members to add pictures to the social media page for a 90-day trial period to see how people behave.

Motion to approve up to \$250 for using the application Mini Chat for our social media page. Motion made by Dean Browning. Second by Vanessa Carmean. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Vanessa Carmean. Second by Tiffany Cessna. The motion carried unanimously.

Yearbook: Tiffany Cessna reviewed the report submitted by Deb Broad.

Action Item: Tiffany Cessna to ask Deb Broad about the need for computer storage.

Action Item: Tiffany Cessna to ask Deb Broad about going digital with the yearbook.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Dan Schoenfelder. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm CST.

The BOD meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM CST on January 13th. A roll call was taken. Present were Sharon Fitzpatrick – President, Karen Nauer – Vice President, Dean Browning – Treasurer, Lynn Pettinato – Corresponding Secretary, Melissa Campbell – Recording Secretary, Becky Feigh – East Central Section Director, Tiffany Cessna – Northeastern Section Director, Dominic Pettinato – Northwest Director, Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director and Dan Schoenfelder – Southwest Section Director

Helen Joyce – Southeast Director, and Mike Kindler – North Central Director were absent

Treasurer's Report – Dean reviewed the written report he submitted.

The report highlighted the fact that the 2023 events were all profitable. The club's largest costs are awards and printing costs (Yearbook/Journal).

Motion: To discontinue the transaction payment by GSPCA to Bird Dog Stakes. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Karen Nauer. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Dan Schoenfelder will advise the NFT committee, and Sharon Fitzpatrick will advise the NAGDC committee.

Motion: To impose a 5% transaction fee on all credit card transactions to cover costs when using PayPal/Square on the website, excluding membership. Motion made by Vanessa Carmean. Second by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Vanessa Carmean to investigate what other clubs are doing and charging for membership costs including the magazine.

Action Item: Dean Browning to discuss with Jennifer Averitt the implementation of a 5% transaction on Square/Paypal for in-person transactions.

Action Item: Sharon Fitzpatrick to investigate the impact of printing for the journal.

Action Item: Dan Schoenfelder to reach out to Cleats due to a discrepancy in revenue. Additionally, Dan Schoenfelder will inform the NFT committee that refunds will no longer be made for pulling your dog.

Motion to accept the report: Lynn Pettinato made the motion. Second by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President's Report – Karen Nauer reviewed the written report she submitted. Dean Browning mentioned that most folks were not aware of the expenses involved with the event.

Action Item: Melissa Campbell to set up a meeting in late January with the NFT committee for Dean to share line-by-line items connected with the NFT.

Motion: Accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Tiffany Cessna. The motion carried unanimously.

AKC Delegates Report – Karen Nauer reviewed her submitted report. Karen did not attend 2 meetings; the agenda did not look like it was worth the expense of attending. Discussion on the AKC PAC donation request. Karen was impressed with this legislative group, and they are under a lot of pressure to respond to purebred dog issues.

Motion: To donate \$500 to the PAC. Motion made by Dean Browning. Second by Karen Nauer. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Dean Browning. Second by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 10:31 AM CST. The meeting resumed at 10:42 AM CST.

Health and Welfare – Karen Nauer reviewed the report submitted by Jane Yates.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. The motion was made by Becky Feigh. Second by Dan Schoenfelder. The motion carried unanimously.

Hall of Fame People – Karen Nauer reviewed the report submitted by Fred Lowry. Two HOF candidates are recommended. Janet Chandler and Katie Tazza.

Motion: To approve Janet Chandler into the Hall of Fame. Motion made by Dan Schoenfelder. Second by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve Katie Tazza into the Hall of Fame. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve the report with the proper form for Janet Chandler. Motion made by Vanessa Carmean. Second by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Rescue Report - Sharon Fitzpatrick reviewed the report submitted by Missy Neal.

Motion: To seed fund a PNW Rescue for \$1500 once the rescue is set up. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Judges Education - Dominic Pettinato reviewed the report submitted by Maxine Moinier.

Motion: To reimburse traveling expenses. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Membership/Puppy Buyer Program – Lynn Pettinato reviewed the report submitted by Lorelei Dewe. Membership is over even year to year.

The meeting entered executive session at 11:07 am CST. The meeting exited the executive session at 11:17 am CST.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Vanessa Carmean. The motion carried unanimously.

South Central Director Report – Vanessa Carmean reviewed her submitted report.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato. Second by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Illustrated Standard – Vanessa Carmean reviewed the report submitted by Pattie Titus.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Dan Schoenfelder. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 11:58 CST. The meeting resumed at 12:34 pm CST.

National Specialty Show – Becky Feigh reviewed the report submitted by Lucretia Coonrod. Motion to approve the sites put forth by the NSSEC. Motion made by Becky Feigh. Second by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Becky Feigh to get a clean-up version of the potential sites to Lynn Pettinato by February 28, 2024, to send to the 2024 NSS delegates.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato to work with Diane Prohaska (NSS), Sharon Fitzpatrick (NAGDC) and the NFT to establish a social media/e-mail blast process for the national events.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Melissa Campbell. Second by Vanessa Carmean. The motion carried unanimously.

National Field Trial – Dan Schoenfelder reviewed the report submitted by Kevin Temple. A replacement will be needed for the Event Secretary for the event. We need to investigate sites to potentially replace the Bechtel Ranch site when the contract expires in 2026.

Motion: To approve the report as submitted. The motion was made by Vanessa Carmean. Second by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

NAGDC – Sharon Fitzpatrick reviewed her written report.

Motion: To approve the report as submitted. Melissa Campbell. Second by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 1:36 pm CST. The meeting resumed at 1:46 CST.

Volunteer of the Year/Appreciation Award:

Motion: To accept Denise Avery as the Volunteer of the Year. Motion made by Karen Nauer. Second by Tiffany Cessna. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve Cynthia McCracken for an Appreciation Award. Motion made by Dominic Pettinato. Second by Vanessa Carmean. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

February 2023

All BOD/Committee heads look up protocols to ensure things are up to date. **On Going**

Lynn Pettinato will develop a form for BOD approval for all GSPCA regional events to include information on finances, judges, dates, etc. **Done**

Lynn Pettinato to find out how long Eleanor Campbell has been the obedience chair. **Done**

Lynn Pettinato to send out an email blast on filling the obedience chairperson position effective after the 2023 NSS. **Done**

Tiffany Cessna is to go back to the Versatility committee with the recommendation for points for the VCX award. Points need to include MH/FC/AFC for the top VCX title. **Done**

Lynn Pettinato to ask Lorelei Dewe for clarification on the free listing in Journal. **Done**

Dominic Pettinato to make sure the GSPCA AKC delegate contact is updated for Judges Education to Karen Nauer from Barbara Schwartz. **Done**

Lynn Pettinato to put out an email blast for the junior companion/performance committee head position. **Done**

Lynn Pettinato will write to Jami Meath to get context for the award and a picture to publish in the Journal. **Done**

Dean Browning to follow up with committee heads to determine if they are still interested in heading the legislation committee. **Not Done**

Lynn Pettinato put out an email blast to find an assistant for Lorelei Dewe on the Membership Committee. **Done**

Dean Browning to analyze all online payment options (PayPal, Payscape, Square, etc.) to determine what we are spending. **On Going Will Revisit at next BOD meeting**

Sharon Fitzpatrick to follow up with Ellen Ritter on being more proactive in getting articles for each issue of the journal. **Done**

Tiffany Cessna needs to follow up with Deb Broad to clarify needs from BOD on "Need the cost okay to clean up the computers...." **Done**

Tiffany Cessna to talk with Deb Broad on annual awards. **Done**

June 2022

New DNA committee (Dan Schoenfelder, Vanessa Carmean, Becky Feigh, and Melissa Campbell) To find out what other breeds are doing and to discuss setting up having DNA on winners for National events. **Done**

Dean Browning will ask Holly Fraught about the possibility of raising futurity forfeit costs. **Done**

Becky Feigh to follow up with Missy Neal to see if more can be done to make field futurity forms easy to find. – **No longer required**

Lynn Pettinato will write a job description for Junior's companion/performance committee head and send an email blast for the committee head opening once finalized. – **Done**

January 2022

Sharon Fitzpatrick/Ed Brock will write up the process for the members-only section that outlines how suspended or expelled members are handled. **On Going**

Dan Schoenfelder will work with the event committee to come up with ways to reduce event costs. **Done**

Dominic Pettinato to follow up with Maxine Moinier to review the current list of ringside mentors and once verified then update the header on the website to remove the year. **Done**

The Junior Committee will review the criteria for the GSPCA Junior Scholarship. **On Going**

Becky Feigh to work with Missy Neal on putting information on Lifetime Members in the members-only section. **On Going**

February 2019

Dan Schoenfelder as the new NFT liaison to work with the committee to get judges approved for the event. – **Done**

Lynn Pettinato will contact Eleanor Campbell/Jeri Fishack about creating a job description for Agility and obedience events committee heads. - **Done**

Tiffany Cessna to update awards and send an email blast and journal update. - **DONE**

Lynn Pettinato to discuss with Lorelei Dewe how to use social media to boost breeder referrals. - **DONE**

Becky Feigh to have Missy Neal move contact information for officers/directors to the same page on the website. **No longer needed**

Lynn Pettinato to send thank you notes to Denise Avery and Lucretia Coonrod for donations to juniors. - **DONE**

Lynn Pettinato to write a job description for Junior's companion/performance committee head and once finalized send an email blast for the committee head opening. – **DONE**

Lynn Pettinato to discuss with Lorelei Dewe having a backup for Members Click and Payscape. - **DONE**

New Business:

APPLICATION TO HOST A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR POINTING BREED FIELD TRIALS

Applications are due 3 months in advance of the trial date. This application can be submitted via email, fax or mail to the Performance Events Department at the contact listed above. For all other pointing breed field trials even if holding a regular trial with your Regional Championship, please submit the usual [field trial application](#). Once an event has been approved no refunds will be issued. Local specialty clubs must submit written approval from their Parent Club before their Regional Championship can be approved.

Name of the Club hosting the Regional Championship Stake:

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Colorado

Club Number: 1501 Start Date: 4/20/2024 End Date: 4/21/2024

Name of Grounds: Ohr Ranch

City, State, Zip: Lindon, CO 80740

Motion: To approve the event. Motion made by Dan Schoenfelder. Second by Melissa Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.

Karen Stanfill (daughter-in-law)

Action Item: Dan Schoenfelder will let Jan Erbe know the BOD approved.

Subject: 2024 NSS Juniors Scholarship

BOD has approved and Becky Feigh will have the check sent to Dean Browning.

See the motion to approve a 500-dollar donation approved under the AKC Delegates Report

Submitted by Dominic Pettinato **Action Item: Dominic Pettinato to take information back to Arwen**
Happy New Year! I hope this finds you well.

It's my understanding that items for the NFT delegates meeting need to be approved by the BOD. As such, I have two items for the BOD agenda.

Once approved by the delegates then they come to the BOD.

1) Proposal that the agenda for the NFT delegates meeting be sent out to all the delegates a few weeks prior to the meeting.

All agenda items were sent to the NFT Secretary who shared with the delegates..

Background: Delegates are often surprised by unexpected proposals brought forward at the NFT. This would allow time for the delegates to prepare for the discussion of agenda items and solicit feedback back from the club they represent prior to the meeting.

2) There was a proposal brought forward at the last delegates meeting to eliminate the use of Chukar at the NFT. This was defeated by a very wide margin. As such, I would like to propose that the NFT delegates not reconsider this motion again for another 5 years, and continue to use both chukar and quail.

Only changes to the AKC standard are on a 5 year hold.

Background: the use of both chukar and quail provides for a "more level playing field" for all entrants. Certain areas of the country only train and trial on chukar, while other areas only train and trial on quail. Using both species makes the event fair for everyone. Additionally, If only quail were used, the costs would likely be higher, as quail need to be planted in pairs, while chukar can be planted individually.

This is a NFT committee decision.

Thank you, Arwen Dabb

- Obedience and Rally do their Performance stats, but for some reason Agility does not. Why is that?
They all fall under the same AKC Companion Event Thank you! Dean Calivas
This has already been answered

Can you check on the status of making the water test title into an AKC Title

please? Thank you,

Diane Krause

Sent from my iPhone

AKC will not allow this to be a title event. Tiffany Cessna will communicate this information back to Diane Krause.

Regularly Scheduled BOD Zoom Conference Call. Set up meetings for the second Wednesday of Odd months. Agenda items are due by Friday before the meeting.

Action Item: Melissa Campbell to set up the scheduled BOD meeting for the 2nd Wednesday of the odd month at 7:00 pm CST. The first meeting will be March 13th.

Action Item: Melissa Campbell to set up a membership Zoom meeting for April 20, 2024, at 10 am CST. Lynn Pettinato will send out the email blast.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato to look up the Survey Monkey account to set it up.

Next BOD Meeting: The BOD meeting will be held in person on June 14-15, 2024, in Nashville, TN.

Event Approvals:

GSPCA Regional: To have **ALL** national events obtain GSPCA BOD approval for both the event and the judges. **ANY** event carrying the GSPCA name needs approval for both the event and the judges before the event.

AKC Regionals: These are events allocated by the AKC. These events **DO NOT** require GSPCA BOD approval.

National Event Judges: Any judge who judges the NFT/NSS/NAGDC is **NO** longer eligible to judge that event for 3 years. This includes all aspects of the event (Futurity, Sweeps, OGD, etc). As an example, if you judge the NFT you **ARE NOT** eligible to judge the NFT for 3 years however, you could judge the NAGDC and vice versa. This rule applies to any judge listed in the premium for the event. the BOD agreed on this approach.

The running rules will need to be changed for these committees to reflect the above changes made by the BOD.

Dan Schoenfelder left the meeting at 2:37 pm CST.

Judge Nomination: If you agree to judge an event regardless of first choice, alternate, etc, and then decide you can no longer judge you are then ineligible to judge for 3 years. Emergency - death of immediate family, or emergency medical situations do not count against the judge.

Motion: Effectively immediately when recording motion votes the yes and no votes are only reported by the numbers, not the names. Motion made by Dean Browning. Second by Melissa Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.

All these rules should be effective in 2026.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato will write up what has been agreed upon and present it back to the BOD. Once approved it will be placed on the GSPCA letterhead for sending out to the membership.

Action Item: The committee liaison will ask the NFT, NAGDC, Agility, and Obedience, etc committees to come up with judging qualifications for national events and a path forward for judges to judge national events.

Blackout Date Rule: Any judge who judges a national event cannot judge that event for 6 months before the national event.

Top 25: There was some discussion about charging non-eating attendees a fee to watch the Top 25 event. Several BOD members express their concerns.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato to share concerns about charging non-eating attendees a fee to watch the Top 25 with the committee.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Becky Feigh. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm CST.

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 January 12-13, 2024.

Melissa Campbell
Recording Secretary
German Shorthaired Club of America

December, 2024