German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 13 , 2024

A Zoom Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was held on November 13, 2024. Presiding over the meeting was Sharon Fitzpatrick, President. The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m. EST. A roll call was taken. 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 – Southeast Director; Chris Fields - North Central Director; Tiffany Cessna – Northeastern Section Director; and Dan Schoenfelder – Southwest Section Director.

Dominic Pettinato – Northwest Director, and Dean Browning – Treasurer were absent.

Pending Membership List Dated 11/8/24: Motion: Karen Nauer made the motion to accept the list as submitted, seconded by Dan Schoenfelder. The motion carried unanimously.

2024 NFT Futurity: It has been determined that the winner of the 2024 NFT Futurity was not eligible because the breeder of the litter was not a member of the GSPCA when the litter was nominated. The following motion was made. Motion: The breeder of the litter was not a GSPCA member at the time of the litter nomination; therefore, the litter was not eligible to run in the 2024 NFT Futurity. Motion made by Karen Nauer, seconded by Vanessa Carmean. The motion carried by the majority.

It was further decided that since the dog was not eligible to compete, the 1st place will be withheld for the official record.

Action Item: Sharon Fitzpatrick and Dan Schoenfelder will discuss offline on how to handle notification ot the dog owner and breeder.

The meeting entered executive session at 9:25 pm EST. The meeting concluded the executive session at 9:33 p.m. EST.

Motion: The GSPCA will proceed in a different direction regarding the NFT Futurity position, effective immediately. The motion was made by Vanessa Carmean, seconded by Melissa Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Sharon Fitzpatrick and Dan Schoenfelder will discuss offline on who will contact Terry Bomer about the transition.

The Board of Directors (BOD) will reach out to Holly Faught to see if she would be willing to take on the NFT Futurity position temporarily.

Bechtel Ranch/NFT Update: Daniel Schoenfelder shared that the event likely incurred a loss, despite efforts to minimize expenses. The group discussed the need for a new venue, as the current lease with the Bechtel ranch is set to expire soon. Sharon suggested that a detailed financial report from Dean would be necessary to make informed decisions. The idea of forming a strategic committee to explore new directions for the NFT event was proposed by Karen Nauer, with Dan Schoenfelder agreeing to take the lead on this initiative. The committee's mission would be to envision a new future for the NFT event, considering factors such as profitability and attendee engagement.

Action Item: Dan Schoenfelder will take the lead on forming the NFT Strategic Committee.

Webmaster Position: The team discussed the need to move forward with a new person for website management. They agreed to put out an RFP to find a new person, possibly not a GSPCA member, to ensure neutrality and accountability. The team also discussed the need for a transition plan and training for the new person.

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Action Item: Sharon Fitzpatrick, Becky Feigh, and Vanessa Carmean were tasked with forming a committee to create an RFP and find a suitable candidate, with a deadline set for January 2025.

Sportsmanship Award: The sportsmanship award was discussed, with Fred Lowry and Karen Nauer expressing their support for Karen Niffenegger as the recipient.

Motion: Motion to accept Karen Niffenegger as the winner of the GSPCA Sportmanship Award. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato, seconded by Karen Nauer. The motion carried unanimously.

North Central Director Position: Jeff Wallace has been nominated for the North Central Director position, which Chris Fields will vacate at the end of his term.

Motion: To accept the nominating committee recommendation for Jeff Wallace as the candidate for the North Central Director position. Motion made by Vanessa Carmean, seconded by Chris Fields. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Dominic Pettinato will update the complete list for inclusion in the upcoming journal issue.

Dual Trophy Invoice: Vanessa Carmean agreed to pay the outstanding invoice on her credit card, with Dean Browning reimbursing her directly.

Action Item: Dean Browning to have a second club credit card issued to Karen Nauer.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Lynn Pettinato made the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 pm EST.

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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 November 13, 2024.

Melissa Campbell June 2025
Recording Secretary
German Shorthaired Club of America