



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024

A Zoom Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was held on September 2024. Presiding over the meeting was Sharon Fitzpatrick, President. The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 8:41 p.m. EST. 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; Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director; Fred Lowry – Southeast Director; Tiffany Cessna – Northeastern Section Director and Dominic Pettinato – Northwest Director.

Dan Schoenfelder, Southwest Section Director, was absent.

Chris Fields, North Central Director, joined the meeting at 8:43 p.m. EST.

GSPWI Regional Specialty: – Event Date 2/23/25, Judge: Gary Anderson

Motion: To allow the GSPWI to hold the regional specialty. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato, seconded by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Deborah Longtin Computer Request –

Action Item: Tiffany will ask Rick Peterson if he is willing to consult with Deb Broad/Deb Longtin about ways to find something that meets her needs at a lower price.

Deb Broad submitted a receipt for work done on the computer.

Motion: To approve the expense submitted by Deb; however, any future expenses must be approved by the BOD before spending any money. Motion made by Melissa Campbell. Second by Fred Lowry. The motion carried unanimously.

Social Media Committee:

Review of surveys to the membership – Sharon Fitzpatrick

Action item: Karen Nauer will add a template for the running rules for all national events.

H&W 501c3 Proposal—Karen Nauer discussed H&W wanting to put together a 501c3. The committee's proposal includes a governance structure with a mix of GSPCA and Health and Welfare members. The team also discussed the potential benefits and drawbacks of the Golden Retriever Club 501(c)(3) status, which has been successful for them. The team also discussed the allocation of funds for health and wellness, as well as the potential for other breed clubs to present to them and share their experiences with fundraising for the Canine Health Foundation. The BOD needs to understand how the two boards are different and how the interaction works. The BOD agreed to gather more information before making any decisions.

Action Item: Karen Nauer to go back to the H&W Committee to get additional details.

Gun Raffle for NAGDC (donation from June Johnston) – The team discussed the logistics and legalities of raffling off a gun as a fundraiser. Fred explained the legal aspects of transferring a gun through a Federal firearms license dealer and the need to check state laws. The team considered selling raffle tickets online and shipping the gun directly to the winner through an approved Federal firearms license dealer.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the plan, with the understanding that all transfers would be conducted through an FFL and that background checks would be conducted. Fred Lowry, if the sales are all done online, and an FFL dealer is involved. Karen makes the motion. Dean seconded. The motion

carried unanimously.

Relationship with Southern Distillery: If the company is willing to donate products for national events, we offer advertising in our journal. The product would then be donated as a trade item.

Action item- Fred will develop a proposal and report back to the BOD at our next meeting.

NAGDC Progress Report - Fred Lowry provided an overview: They now have a full committee ready to work and accomplish tasks for the 2025 and 2026 events. Fred will follow up with the BOD on any future needs.

Membership List Dated 9/9/24: Motion to approve the list dated 9/9/24 as presented. Motion made by Melissa Campbell; Dean Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dues Increase: Sharon Fitzpatrick will write a full page in the journal about the dues increase. The website and Members' click will need to be updated for renewal. The journal will publish the next issue in the next issue.

Lynn will discuss with the membership chair when and how the trigger will be pulled. The membership will know of the increase by the beginning of October.

Action Item: Melissa Campbell will send out an email detailing the cost increase.

Becky will work with Missy to prepare the background, allowing them to proceed with the next steps.

Lynn to work with the membership chair on Members Click.

Running Rules Update: Becky Feigh, Vanessa Carmean, Karen Nauer, and Fred Lowry will work offline, and we will discuss the running rules for NSSEC in our Oct 9, 2024, BOD Zoom call. NAGDC Nov 2024, NFT in January 2025.

NFT – Dan Schoenfelder

NSSEC – Becky Feigh

NAGDC – Vanessa Carmean

Action Item: Melissa Campbell to add website/Missy Neal discussion to next meeting agenda.

Social Media Update: Lynn Pettinato. Shared that we are now an affiliate of Snoozer Bed Pet Products and will provide a discount code for our website. We can convert website followers to members by offering them perks to offset their membership.

Action Item: Sharon Fitzpatrick will ask Garmin/Purina if they would be willing to offer perks.

Outstanding Action Items – Sharon Fitzpatrick

Motion to adjourn made by Fred Lowry. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 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 November 13, 2024.

Melissa Campbell
Recording Secretary
German Shorthaired Club of America

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