



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

BOD Zoom Conference Call

July 9, 2025

The BOD held a meeting via Zoom on July 9, 2025. Presiding over the meeting was Karen Nauer, President. The BOD meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM EST, and Melissa Campbell made a roll call. Present were Karen Nauer – President; Cyndi Boysen -Vice President; Melissa Campbell – Recording Secretary; Becky Feigh – East Central Section Director; Tiffany Cessna – Northeastern Section Director; Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director; Jeff Wallace – North Central Director, and Fred Lowry – South East Director

Lynn Pettinato, Corresponding Secretary, and Dominic Pettinato, Northwest Director, joined the meeting at 8:05 PM EST.

Dean Browning, Treasurer, and Dan Schoenfelder, Southeast Director, were absent.

Pending Members: A motion was made to approve 16 new members, with two pending excluded due to unknown addresses. The motion was made by Vanessa Carmean, seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

HOF Nomination: A motion was made to approve DC Gamble's Benny The Jet MH VCX ROMXX for the GSPCA HOF. The motion was made by Lynn Pettinato, seconded by Cyndi Boysen—the motion carried by majority vote.

Action Item: Karen Nauer to let Deb Longtin know that the motion carried.

Liaison Updates: Dan Schoenfelder and Jeff Wallace will jointly assume the role of NFT liaison. Dan Schoenfelder will take over obedience and agility and continue with the regional FT liaison. Dominic Pettinato will assume liaison for Rescue.

Health and Welfare: Jane Yates will issue her reports for both committees. A new lead will assume responsibility for the GSPCA Health & Welfare committee, and Jane Yates will remain chair of the new 501c3 foundation board.

Yearbook: Cyndi Boysen had a meeting with Deb Broad and discussed moving the Yearbook to an online, digital-only format. Deb Broad will work with the current printer to ensure he understands that this change takes effect immediately. They will continue to use the JotForm and request that the form be moved into Deb Broad's name.

Action Item: Cyndi Boysen to follow up with Deb Broad after she has spoken to the printer.

Action Item: Tiffany Cessna will confirm the cost and then transfer ownership of the Yearbook JotForm to Deb Broad's name.

Website: Becky provided an update on the website redesign, indicating she would discuss descriptions and payments with Missy and aim to go out to bid by August or September.

Action Item: Becky Feigh to follow up with Missy Neal on how she wants the award Excel sheet formatted for the website and give feedback to Tiffany Cessna.

NFT: – Karen Nauer, Jeff Wallace, Fred Lowry, and Dan Schoenfelder met to discuss the NFT. The meeting focused on challenges with the NFT event, including financial concerns. Karen Nauer met with Mike Aldrich and emphasized the need for a creative solution to ensure the event's long-term success. Terry Chandler is also facing difficulties with the new lease contract with Bechtel. The NFT needs to focus on exploring and being creative with fundraising options. There are also some concerns with AKC judges needing to comply with the AKC mandatory training. This is not an option, but a mandatory requirement. The NFT has until July 25, 2025, to submit a budget to the BOD that shows the event is profitable.

Suggestions have been submitted to the NFT committee regarding possible replacements for the current opening. The committee needs to fill vacant positions to help make the committee as effective as possible.

Action Item: Send an email blast about the two vacant committee member positions.

Action Item: Send an email blast and social media campaign promoting a donation specifically related to the NFT.

Top 25 – Karen Nauer, Becky Feigh, and Dean Browning to meet to discuss once Carley has submitted the final budget.

Nominating Committee: Tiffany Cessna volunteered to chair the nominating committee, with Lynn outlining the process and timeline. The committee aims to finalize nominations before the National Field Trial in October, allowing time to collect bios for publication in the Journal by December. The group discussed potential committee members from various sections. Lynn Pettinato will contact these individuals to confirm their interest and compile a complete list for Tiffany Cessna to organize. The following BOD members are up for reelection:

Vice President - Cyndi Boysen

Recording Secretary – Melissa Campbell

East Central Director – Becky Feigh

South East Director – Fred Lowry

South Central Director – Vanessa Carmean

Northwest Director – Dominic Pettinato

AKC Retrieving Changes: Karen Nauer to compile board member feedback on retrieving rule changes and respond to AKC.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 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 July 9, 2025.

Melissa Campbell,
Recording Secretary
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