



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2025

A Zoom BOD was held on March 12, 2025. Presiding over the meeting was Sharon Fitzpatrick, President. The BOD meeting was called to order at 8:06 PM 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, Tiffany Cessna – Northeastern Section Director, and Becky Feigh – East Central Section Director

Chris Fields, North Central Director, Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director, and Dan Schoenfelder – Southwest Section Director were absent.

Fred Lowry, Southeast Director, joined the meeting at 8:47 PM EST

Regional judge for the NSS – There was a complaint about the regional judge judging other events so close to the NSS. This judge has already been approved and is under contract. The current contract does not say anything about not judging for 6 months prior to the event. She has not violated her contract, and we have no reason to pull the contract. This judge is the original regional judge **selected by the committee**.

Lynn Pettinato will tell the committee that the judge will proceed with her assignment.

Karen will cover this in the running rules revision.

Running Rules – The running rules are being revised. Until the new rules are finalized, the NSSEC will continue to use the current running rules.

- Karen confirmed that a delegate proxy must be from the region of the club and in good standing with both the parent club and the club they are representing.
- The committee wants to revert to a purely random draw. BOD believes that we need to establish a **weighed** draw to ensure fairness. A discussion must take place on how to implement a **weighted** system fairly.
- Currently, we have a 6-month no-judging period before evaluating the NSS. That same rule will apply to NSS and regional judges, but only for events the GSPCA supports during **nationals** week.

Robert's Rules for Club Meetings

Karen Nauer discussed the need for a more structured voting process to avoid future issues. She suggested that the club follow Robert's Rules of Order for all meetings, including subcommittee meetings, to maintain consistency. Karen also proposed assigning Robert's Rules to committee members for training. The team discussed the potential for a judge to serve as the Judges Selection Coordinator and suggested that judges recuse themselves from judging during their term in this role. Karen agreed to send the revised rules to **the NSSEC to consider**.

H&W Foundation – **Karen Nauer agreed to share all relevant documents in one email so the BOD can review and be prepared to vote on the H&W 501C3 recommendation.**

HOF Committee – The BOD previously discussed combining all aspects of HOF, sportsmanship, honorary membership, etc., into one committee. Deb Longton, Fred Lowry, Betsy Yates, and Chuck Bullock have agreed to participate. **Karen Nauer will prepare an email blast requesting volunteers with strong field trial experience, ensuring the committee is well-rounded and adequately represented.**

The current HOF (dog and people) must have their information sent to Fred Lowry for the Journal. **Melissa Campbell agreed to send the information on Betsy Yates to Fred Lowry, who will be sure that the correct people receive a copy**

Annual Awards – **Tiffany Cessna agreed to send the annual awards list to the BOD for approval.**

Additionally, she will put the slide show in the drop box, and Sharon Fitzpatrick will share at the 2025 NSS. All awards will be mailed.

NFT Futurity Rules – Motion to accept revised NFT Futurity Running Rules as submitted. Dean Browning made the motion. Second by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously. **Melissa Campbell agreed to let Holly Faught know that the BOD approved as submitted.**

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship – **Lynn Pettinato will prepare an email blast asking for nominations.**

Nominations should be sent to Fred Lowry.

Junior Committee Meeting Questions – Juniors will have a reduced or no fee for participation in performance/conformation events. **Karen Nauer will add this to the running rules.** Becky Feigh will ask if the parade of juniors can be done at the beginning of the top 25 event. The committee will work on the language for a scholarship for both conformation/performance events.

NAGDC Social Media Page – Lynn Pettinato shared a checklist for social media pages. The NFT would follow the NAGDC. The team agreed to use this checklist as a template for other events. Karen and Lynn will add the checklist to the running rules and resources.

NSSEC Facebook Page – The discussion focused on the issue of event pages versus individual pages for the GSPCA. The National Specialty Show Committee had expressed dissatisfaction with the event page, claiming it lacked traffic. However, Lynn explained that the GSPCA is entitled to the traffic and follows, and the event page is cleaner and keeps spammers away. All events will be run through the GSPCA Social Media Committee. **Becky Feigh will respond to those who submitted questions/concerns.**

NFT Update – The committee had 30 days to share with the BOD on how they would work on the cost of the event. **Karen Nauer will email Dan Schoenfelder to request an action plan on how they intend to reduce costs for this year's event.** Terry Chandler has met with Bechel's, and they have developed a proposed contract that Fred Lowry will share with the BOD.

GSPCA Scholarship – Aubrey Woods applied for the GSPCA Scholarship. Melissa Campbell makes a motion to approve the application. Second by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

The next BOD bi-annual meeting will be via Zoom. The meeting will be June 27-28, 2025. Friday, June 27, will start at 4:00 PM EST and Saturday June 28 Friday, June, at 4 EST. Saturday, 11:00 EST.

Motion to adjourn. Motion made by Fred Lowry. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM EST.