German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

BOD Zoom Conference Call

April 8, 2026

The BOD held a meeting via Zoom on April 8, 2026. Presiding over the meeting was Karen Nauer, President. The BOD meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM EST on April 8, 2026, and a roll call was made. Present were Karen Nauer – President; Cyndi Boysen -Vice President; Lynn Pettinato – Corresponding Secretary; Melissa Campbell – Recording Secretary; Becky Feigh – East Central Section Director; Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director; Fred Lowry - South East Director; Dominic Pettinato - Northwest Director; Dan Schoenfelder - Southeast Director and Jeff Wallace – North Central Director.

Absent were, Dean Browning – Treasurer, Tiffany Cessna – Northeastern Section Director

Performance Hall of Fame Criteria Discussion
Extensive discussion was held regarding the proposed Performance Hall of Fame (PHOF) criteria.

Key Points Raised

- Current criteria are viewed as too weak; titles alone do not indicate Hall of Fame merit.
- There needs to be a higher performance standard, including national-level competition.
- Strong support for requiring minimum Senior Hunter, with preference for Master Hunter.
- Majority of the Board feels dogs should be deceased to qualify.
- Debate on whether production of get should be required; consensus leaned toward no, to avoid penalizing exceptional but non-breeding dogs.
- Proposal to rename category to Versatility Hall of Fame

Action Item: Karen Nauer will return the Board's suggestion on strengthening criteria, adding minimum SH requirements, and clarify impact beyond titles to Ginder Sammonds.

Electronic Voting Update
Becky Feigh provided an update on the electronic voting currently in progress. To date 534 members have opened the voting email, 202 total votes submitted for officer positions and 36 for director position.

Some issues currently being experienced are emails landing in spam folders. Lynn Pettinato stated successful troubleshooting with members across age and tech-comfort levels. The Board recommended on more reminder before voting closes on Apri 21st.

Action Item: Becky to confirm countdown clock is active on website homepage.

National Specialty Show Update
Becky Feigh reported several challenges facing this year's National Specialty Show. The hotel room-night contract remains short of the required 749 nights, with 649 nights currently booked. The financial impact includes a $1,000 additional event space fee if the total remains above 600 nights, and a $2,500 fee if it falls below 600.

Merchandise pre-sales are down compared to the prior year. Catalog advertisements are up, although catalog sales themselves are down. Seventy tickets have been sold for the Awards Dinner.

Some positive notes are strong kennel-level donations, a successful crate raffle generating $400 to date, and Junior swag bag donations exceeding expectations. The Board expressed concern about the long-term financial model, noting that event revenue continues to fall short of expenses. The Board also recognized Tiffany Cessna for her extensive volunteer contributions in décor, Awards Dinner materials, and booklet production, which have resulted in meaningful cost savings.

Action Items: Becky Feigh/Dean Browning will conduct a conference call with the hotel to discuss contract on April 20th.

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Action Item: The NSSEC will need to work on revenue generation ideas for future events.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato will ask the social media committee to explore livestream monetization options for the event.

Website:
Becky Feigh reported that the website team's current priority is supporting electronic voting and assisting members with troubleshooting throughout the voting period. Missy Neal is providing additional support with website updates to ensure stability and timely corrections during this time.

Following the election, Becky anticipates presenting a series of post-election proposals. These will include recommendations for website modernization to improve usability and consistency, evaluation of replacement membership software to streamline member management processes, and a plan to enhance ROM/Versatility data entry and conversion to simplify workflows and standardize data handling.

NFT Update:
Brian Murphy, Chair of the National Field Trial Committee, reported that the committee roster has been updated and that the group remains short one judge for the upcoming event. He also noted that the committee has drafted a set of running rules for Board review.

The Board determined that the draft running rules were too vague and lacked sufficient detail in several areas, including bird handling procedures, expectations for social media use, marketing and outreach responsibilities, and delegate reporting and publication requirements. Additional concerns were raised regarding the judge criteria, which were considered overly broad by allowing judges to serve every other year. The Board also noted that the DNA requirements referenced American Field, which is no longer acceptable, and that the membership deadline language permitting individuals to join by July 31 had been previously rejected and should not be reinstated.

Action item: All Board members review the draft running rules and submit specific revision language. Karen Nauer will compile the consolidated edits and return them to the NFT Committee Chair for further refinement.

A motion to enter Executive Session was made by Lynn Pettinato and seconded by Jeff Wallace. The meeting entered executive session at 8:45 PM EST.

The meeting exited executive session at 8:55 PM EST.

Membership:
A motion to approve the membership list dated 4/8/26 was made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Meeting:
Karen Nauer asks that the officers have their report ready for the Annual Meeting to be help during the week of NSS.

Motion to adjourn made by Lynn Pettinato. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 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 April 8, 2026

Melissa Campbell, April 2026
Recording Secretary
German Shorthaired Club of America

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