



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 23-24, 2026

The regular biannual meeting of the GSPCA Board of Directors (BOD) was held on January 23-24, 2026, via Zoom. Presiding over the meeting was Karen Nauer, President. The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. EST on January 23, and roll call was taken. 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; Jeff Wallace - North Central Director; Dan Schoenfelder – South West Director and Fred Lowry Southeast Director

Dominic Pettinato - Northwest Director - joined the meeting at 6:25 pm EST.

The H&W committee has requested joining the BOD meeting to talk about the Foundation. It was agreed that Jane Yates will present to the BOD, however other members of the committee will also be allowed to join for listening purposes only. Karen Nauer will inform Jane Yates that the call link and meeting information will be shared for her to join on Saturday January 24, 2026 @ 11:00 am EST.

Officers Reports:

President's Report – Karen reviewed the written report she submitted. She highlighted the club's fiscal standing, the success of the NFT. Karen wanted to thank Kevin Temple and Doug Miller who have helped the committee in being successful. Karen mentioned that we need to work on getting a vendor to conduct the external audit for the club, and thanked all who have volunteered

Motion: Accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President's Report: Cyndi reviewed her written report. She stated she is learning her role as a committee liaison and has enjoyed the experience, having a building a great relationship with the committee chairs.

Motion: Accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Tiffany Cessna, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Dean Browning reviewed his submitted written report, emphasizing that every event plays a critical role in the club's financial health. As of year-end, the club holds approximately \$68,000 in total funds. Dean will present a full report at the annual meeting, which traditionally serves as a financial highlight due to the significant revenue generated by our national events.

Financial Highlights & Event Revenue

The club saw strong performance across several key areas in 2025:

- Agility Trial: Held in Middleburg, TN, and organized by June Johnston, the trial was a success, netting \$7,000.
- NAGDC Contribution: The NAGDC contributed \$10,000, an excellent result for a smaller event.
- NFT Contribution: The NFT contributed \$12,500.
- National Specialty Show: Total profit for the National Specialty, including the Top 25, was \$17,300.

Profit Drivers

The overall profit for the 2025 NFT was largely attributed to three factors:

1. The changes to the site contract.
2. Strategic changes to the trophy program
3. The success of the gun raffle..

Some major expenditures for the club are the Journal which cost ~\$32,000 down from \$47,000 in 2023 and the website costing ~\$40,000 annually.

Dean noted that while in-person Board meetings are beneficial, we will continue meeting via Zoom to prioritize increasing the club's net worth and stabilizing annual income. The Board and committees are actively pursuing further cost-cutting measures across all operations.

Audit Committee & Internal Controls Update

We are implementing a few key changes to our financial oversight and the role of the Audit Committee:

- **Bank Reconciliation:** The committee will be taking over the bank reconciliation process. Karen, you will have a specific role in this transition, which we can discuss in more detail offline.
- **Expense Review:** Dean has asked the committee to review all expenses. This ensures that parties beyond him and Karen Nauer are fully aware of our spending and provides a layer of institutional oversight.
- **Event Profitability Verification:** To ensure accuracy and provide an independent voice, the committee will now verify the event profitability reports. This adds a "second set of eyes" to confirm that all reported figures are accurate.
- **Open Mandate:** Beyond these specific tasks, I have encouraged the Audit Committee to explore any other areas of our operations where they feel they can provide value or active oversight.

Motion to accept the report as submitted. Vanessa Carmean made the motion, seconded by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Lynn Pettinato reviewed her submitted report. Lynn highlighted the excellent job the social media and membership committees have done for all events.

Action Item: Lynn will have the membership and social media committees write a short article to publish in the Journal.

Motion: Cyndi Boysen made a motion to approve Lynn Pettinato request to have a membership committee member start doing new title reports. Motion seconded by Tiffany Cessna. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Lynn will talk to the membership committee to see if someone can help with new title list processing. This makes sense since they are familiar with Member Clicks.

Motion: Accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Dean Browning, seconded by Vanessa Carmean. The motion carried unanimously.

Recording Secretary's Report – Melissa Campbell reviewed her submitted report. Melissa will be sending out November and December 2025 meeting minutes for review and approval.

It was also agreed that any minutes from national event committee meetings will be posted on the website in the members only section.

Motion: Accept the report as submitted. The motion was made by Vanessa Carmena, seconded by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Report Submission Deadline: Melissa asked about report submission deadlines. Karen suggested a strict deadline a week prior, with follow-ups for missing reports, to avoid last-minute submissions. Melissa agreed to implement this policy to allow the BOD sufficient time to review the entire agenda.

Sectional Director's Reports – Four directors submitted reports.

East Central Section Director's Report – Becky Feigh reviewed her submitted report. Becky stated she has been busy with the NSS and website. Additionally, she noted that many of the clubs in her area have not held any field events in the past year.

The Middle Tenn club was mentioned as being a great club who holds a lot of events and is very successful.

Motion: Accept the report as submitted, motion made by Vanessa Carmean, seconded by Cyndi Boysen. The motion carried unanimously.

Dominic Pettinato joined the meeting at 6:25 pm EST.

North Central Director – Jeff Wallace reviewed his submitted report. Jeff informed the board that the NFT chair is not returning calls or emails since Kevin Temple left. They had the first meeting with the NFT Focus Group (Jeff Wallace, Fred Lowry, Dan Soenfelder, Terry Chandler, Larry Metter, Doc Reynolds); and that meeting went well.

Concerns were raised about the AKC test for judges for the child protect test/classes. Many judges are refusing to take the training/test. This training is mandatory per AKC so not taking the training is not an option.

There was some discussion on the following:

- The BOD expressed concern over the NFT committee's lack of responsiveness.
- Jeff Wallace will press Brian Murphy about the lack of communication and judge appointments at their meeting tomorrow.
- Karen Nauer stated the board will set clear expectations for Brian Murphy tomorrow regarding communication and including Jeff Wallace and Dan Schoenfelder. A 30-day window for responsiveness was suggested before further action.
- Fred Lowry suggested the focus group (with Larry Metter) could strategically manage the situation.
- Jeff Wallace mentioned NFT had two unofficial meetings during the National Field Trial, and Brian's belief that ex-chairmen (like Kevin Temple and Mike Aldridge) get votes. This needs to be clarified as incorrect.
- Becky Feigh explained how the National Executive Show Committee handles guests (invited for specific discussions, then excused). Lynn Pettinato highlighted the importance of quorum for official motions.
- Dan Schoenfelder raised concerns about non-committee members participating in and voting in NFT meetings.
- Jeff Wallace re-iterated the need for NFT running rules to be updated. Karen Nauer said if not updated in 60 days, the board will write them.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Melissa Campbell, seconded by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Southeast Director's Report- Fred Lowry reviewed his submitted report.

- Attended GSP clubs in Central Virginia, Atlanta, South Georgia, North Carolina.
- Focused on National Amateur Gundog Championship (NAGDC): site selection, judge selection, budget, running rules, event preparation.

Motion to accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Jeff Wallace, seconded by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

South Central Director's Report – Vanessa Carmean reviewed the report she submitted.

- Assisted with renewals, puppy memberships, and rescue support (Janine Wright stepped down as main rescue person, so Vanessa is handling Texas rescues).
- Provided email blast updates to clubs in her region (thanked Lynn Pettinato).
- Answered questions about water tests (seasonal) and NAGDC (DNA-related).
- Spoke to six individuals/four states about hosting in the future.
- NAGDC conference calls and regional events attended.

The following items were discussed by the BOD.

- **DNA Requirements for Events:** Discussion arose about NAGDC premium list allowing AKC, NAVDA, or American Field DNA, contrasting with AKC-only requirement for AKC events. Jeff Wallace explained that AKC no longer accepts UKC/ NAVHDA DNA. Karen Nauer stated the club, as an AKC club, should align with AKC guidelines.
- **Decision:** The current NAGDC (February 2026) will allow all three DNA types as per its premium list, but going forward (2027 onwards for NAGDC, and 2026 NFT), only AKC DNA will be accepted. Jeff Wallace suggested an email blast after the current NAGDC event to inform members. Fred Lowry agreed it should be communicated as an AKC-driven change. Lynn Pettinato suggested attaching AKC's official notification to the blast.

Motion: To approve the report as submitted. Motion made Becky Feigh, seconded by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Jeff Wallace, Dean Browning and Lynn Pettinato: Work on email blast (after NAGDC event) about AKC DNA requirements for all national events.

The meeting recessed at 6:40 PM EST and resumed at 7:10 PM EST.

AKC Delegates Report - June Johnson

Karen Nauer reviewed the report submitted by June Johnson. The report noted AKC is losing money and the report includes financials. June Johnston mentioned she is considering stepping down next year, prompting discussion on finding a replacement or asking June Johnson to consider staying.

Motion to approve the report as submitted. Motion made by Dominic Pettinato, seconded by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

National Show Committee Report (Becky Feigh)

Becky Feigh reviewed the report submitted by Jennifer Murphy.

- AKC applications approved.
- New on-site show chair: Jane Handschumacker (replacing someone who stepped down).
- Trophies and ribbons ordered.
- Event fees raised by \$2 to offset AKC recording fees.
- Several vendors have agreed to come to the event.
- To date the committee is on target to make money (~\$5,000). The committee is doing a good job of staying on target with the proposed budget.

Running Rules Discussion: Brenda Straight is pushing for changes to the running rules, specifically concerning the scribe's role in judge's correspondence. She believes the scribe (her position) should handle initial correspondence before involving the Corresponding Secretary (Lynn Pettinato).

- Dean Browning questioned the value-added of this extra step, noting Lynn's current process is more efficient. Lynn detailed how scribes often don't provide complete information, requiring her to follow up anyway.
- Melissa Campbell confirmed the committee voted to pass these changes to board.

The board agreed to accept the committee's proposed running rule changes, allowing the scribe to handle judges' correspondence up to the contract portion which is to be handled by the corresponding secretary.

Motion to Approve Changes: Melissa Campbell made the motion to approve the recommended changes. Motion seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried by majority.

Motion to Approve Budget: Dean Browning made a motion to approve the budget, Becky Feigh seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Approve National Show Committee Report: Dominic Pettinato made the motion, seconded by Vanessa Carmean. The motion carried unanimously.

Futurity Report (Dean Browning)

- Liaison role is easy due to Holly's organization.
- Both field and show futurity went well in 2025.
- Field futurity entries slightly down but 2026 nominations are increasing.
- No complaints received at the NFT about futurity.

Discussion: Jeff Wallace warned of future issues regarding field futurity nominations/changes, advising against board action without full details. Karen noted a suggestion for late entries at a high cost but recognized logistical challenges.

Motion to Approve Show Futurity Report: Jeff Wallace moved, Dominic Pettinato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Approve Field Futurity Report: Lynn Pettinato moved, Dean Browning seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NAGDC (Fred Lowry and Vanessa Carmean)

Motion to enter executive session. Motion made by Fred Lowry, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The meeting entered executive session at 8:04 PM EST.

The meeting exited executive session at 8:22 PM EST.

Motion: Dean Browning made a motion to appoint a new board member as the NAGDC liaison, seconded by Cyndi Boysen. Dean Browning called for a roll call vote on the motion.

Yes Votes: 5 votes

No Votes: 6 votes

The motion failed to carry by lack of a majority.

Karen Nauer asked Fred Lowry, Vanessa Carmean and Cyndi Boysen to work together to ensure the event's success.

- **Running Rules:** Becky Feigh suggested adding definitions for "training prior to the grounds" and clarification on "bird sourcing" to ensure compliance with local/state regulations. Jeff Wallace agreed, noting state laws should override club rules where more restrictive.

Action: Fred Lowry will redline the running rules against the original website version for clarity.

Motion: Vanessa Carmean made a motion to approve the proposed Utah site for 2027, Lynn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Approval: Predicted profit ~\$8700.

Motion: To approve the budget, Dean Browning made the motion, seconded by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve the NAGDC report. Motion made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Dominic Pettinato, seconded by Lynn Pettinato. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM EST.

The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was called to order at 11:03 EST on January 24, and roll call was taken. 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; Jeff Wallace - North Central Director; Dan Schoenfelder – Southwest Director; Dominic Pettinato - Northwest Director and Fred Lowry Southeast Director

Health & Welfare: Jane Yates head of the H&W Committee and President of the German Shorthaired Pointer Foundation was on the call to present the report. Additionally, Jenny Blair and Debbie King were on the call as observers to the report presentation.

The Health and Welfare Committee discussed the fiscal sponsorship of the foundation for the Top 25 auction and other health and welfare initiatives. Jane Yates explained that the foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, accepts tax-deductible donations and outlined its charitable activities.

The committee agreed that proceeds from the Top 25 raffle would go to the German Shorthaired Pointer foundation, subject to an administrative fee. Jane Yates emphasized the foundation's broader scope beyond the GSPCA,

confirming that all funds raised would still support health and welfare purposes approved by the H & W committee and the GSPCA BOD.

It was also noted that any research undertaken should involve the Canine Health Foundation to leverage their expertise in grant, research, and outcome management.

It was agreed that the proceeds raised during the raffle/auction during the Top 25 will go to the German Shorthaired Pointer Foundation minus administration fees.

Dean Browning made a motion that proceeds raised during the GSPCA NSS Top 25 raffle/auction and ringside chairs be held by the German Shorthaired Pointer Foundation and a portion yet to be determined be refunded to the GSPCA for administration cost of the event. The motion was seconded by Cyndi Boysen. The motion carried by a majority of 6 yes votes and 5 no votes.

Motion to approve the report made by Cyndi Boysen, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion carried by majority.

Motion to appoint Becky Feigh and Cyndi Boysen the German Shorthaired Pointer Foundation made by Dean Browning, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 PM EST. The meeting resumed at 12:11 PM EST.

Top 25 Committee: No official report was sent in, however, Tiffany Cessna provided an update on the committee's activities.

There is a strong focus on reducing the event's cost this year. Invitations will be sent via mail shortly, and expenses are being minimized through club members' donation of supplies and labor.

Additionally, there was a discussion about recovering club property from the former Top 25 chair, which includes the rotating trophy and approximately \$200.00 in petty cash.

Motion: Becky Feigh moved that the Dominic Pettinato the Northwest Director be responsible for contacting the former chair regarding the return of all club items and funds. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wallace and carried unanimously.

Agility: No report was received; however, Lynn Pettinato provided an update that an agility trial will be held during the NSS event in May. A judge has been hired; contracts have been signed and Kim Trzcinski is confirmed as event chair.

Obedience/Rally: Lynn Pettinato reviewed the report submitted by Karen Combs. Coordination of the NSS trials at Merrimac Dog Training Club for May 16/17. Judges have been secured and an on-site secretary is secured.

The GSPC of MN has approached us regarding the 2027 National Specialty Show (NSS) in Peoria. They propose hosting Obedience/Rally trials on Tuesday and have offered to provide the three necessary mats and equipment for all three days.

We need to determine if we can proceed with a three-day event structure: one day for a local club trial, one for a GSPCA Supported trial, and the NSS trial itself.

Additionally, the GSPC of MN suggests holding a pre-NSS raffle, either online or at their spring agility trial, with profits earmarked for Obedience/Rally expenses such as judge fees and prizes. We need to assess the feasibility of this proposal.

Motion: To forward these suggestions to the NSSEC for them to act on to provide recommendation to the BOD.

Motion made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Melissa Campbell will remind all committee heads to copy their liaison when sending their reports so they are aware and can represent effectively.

Versatility: Tiffany Cessna reviewed the report submitted by David Nauer.

The totals for 2025 calendar year:

- Total New VC awards: 41
- Total New VCA awards: 15
- Total New VCX awards: 4

This means we'll be awarding 19 acrylic trophies at the NSS in 2026 for the 2025 calendar year

The Canadian Kennel Club titles are being reviewed for recognition by the AKC – it will mean some CKC titles will be able to be added to an AKC pedigree. The committee is waiting until this is confirmed and verified before adding to the versatility program.

Action Item: Tiffany Cessna will make a list of VCA title winners and send to Becky Feigh for inclusion onto the GSPCA website.

Action Item: Tiffany Cessna will inform David Nauer that he needs to come up with a recommendation on what Canadian titles he recommends for the program.

Motion: To approve the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Field Trial Coordinator Report: Dan Schoenfelder reviewed the report submitted by Jan Erbe. The field trial number are up, the highest since 2021. Walking trials are up for the year. The total is 99 completed trials, with 15 of the **totals** being regional championships.

Motion: Jeff Wallace made a motion to approve the report as submitted, seconded by Fred Lowry. The motion carried unanimously.

Breeder Referral – No report submitted.

Action Item: Jeff Wallace to follow up with Erin Brokel on status and any needs from the BOD.

Annual Awards: Tiffany Cessna shared her written report. Tiffany Cessna, Jami Meath, and Carly Sutheimer are currently reviewing the year's calculations. The plan is, is to have them taking over the position of chair next year.

The committee are very interested in adding 'Scent work Sire/Dam of the Year' and possibly 'Scent Work Dog of the Year. Past proposals were not approved, but the committee is hoping to send it to the BOD for approval in the future. This is based on scent work has been in the top two for titles received.

A proposal was made to increase the point value for the National Amateur Field Championship and the National Field Championship from one to two **points** for determining the Sire/Dam of the Year award. Currently, all field champions contribute one point; this proposal would double that for these specific championships.

Tiffany Cessna plans to introduce legacy donations for the annual awards this year, anticipating a strong response. Our objective is to ensure all awards are fully covered.

Action Item: Tiffany Cessna start putting together the winner for past years to get onto the website.

Motion: Tiffany Cessna made a motion to increase the NFT and NAGDC points from 1 point to 2 points. The motion was seconded by Vanessa Carmean. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Tiffany Cessna made a motion to add scent work to the Annual Awards. Motion seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Vanessa Carmean made a motion to accept the report as submitted, seconded by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Breeder Education: Vanessa Carmean reviewed the report submitted by Patte Titus. A discussion followed regarding crop and dock practices, particularly considering the ban in Ontario, Canada. Karen Nauer encouraged everyone to participate in the survey on this topic

Vanessa Carmean stated that Patte Titus does a great job and ~~it-is~~ great to work with.

Motion: Becky Feigh made a motion to approve the report as submitted, seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting took a 5-minute recess at 12:55 PM EST. The meeting resumed at 1:00 PM EST.

National Field Trial: Brian Murphy, the new NFT committee chair, joined the meeting at 1:05 PM EST.

The National Field Trial was held October 19-26, 2025. The revenue generated showed a profit this year and there were 180 dogs who participated in the trial. Sport is losing interest; we all need to encourage people to participate. This is a new role for Brian, so he is still learning.

Work is underway for the 2026 event. Lynn Pettinato asked what the best way is to communicate with Brian Murphy since communication has been an issue in the past. Brian stated that texting is the best option and he would get back to any questions as soon as possible.

They are working on getting judges for next year's event, but the judging pool is getting smaller and many judges do not want to comply with the new AKC child protection training. Brian stated that he did get a list of judges coming out of the delegates meeting.

Dean Browning went over the financials for the event and stated that this year the NFT contributed \$12,500.

Jeff Wallace expressed concerns that his communications are being overlooked, emphasizing that this issue needs resolution given his role as liaison for the NFT. Karen Nauer stated that, moving forward, all communications must include Dean Browning, Melissa Campbell, Jeff Wallace, and Dan Schoenfelder. It is imperative that both the NFT committee and the Board of Directors improve communication, as both are integral parts of the GSPCA.

Under the current running rules, only listed committee members are authorized to make motions or vote. Past chairpersons do not have voting rights within the committee. The running rules require review and revision to clearly define the committee's operating principles.

Brian Murphy is expected to provide Jeff Wallace with an update on when the Board of Directors can anticipate the revised running rules, with an ideal target for the first draft being March or April 2026. Additionally, the Board will be surveying the entire membership regarding the NFT.

The NFT committee is expected to provide the Board of Directors with a recommendation regarding the time period a judge must wait before officiating the NFT again. While the BOD suggested three years, the committee should present a justified recommendation if they propose an alternative timeframe.

Action Item: Jeff Wallace will forward the judge recommendation from the Focus Group committee to Brian Murphy to share with the NFT committee.

The board thanked Brian Murphy for his time and appreciated all his effort to make the NFT a successful event.

Action Item: Karen Nauer will provide clarity and eliminate ambiguity, by summarizing our expectations and establishing tentative deadlines for these action items, ensuring a clear understanding of our discussions and requirements.

The meeting recessed at 1:55 PM EST. The meeting resumed at 2:17 PM EST. Dan Schoenfelder has left the meeting.

Breeder Education: Dominic Pettinato reviewed the report prepared by Maxine Moinier.

Motion: Becky Feigh made a motion to accept the report as submitted, seconded by Vanessa. The motion carried unanimously.

Judges Education: Dominic Pettinato reviewed the report submitted by Maxine Moinier.

Scheduling information has been shared with the NSSEC on when judges' information seminar will be held and ring side mentoring will occur. Maxine Moinier mentioned she is looking for ring side mentors so if anyone is interested to please get in touch with her.

Looking forward to having a page for judges' education and mentoring on the new website.

Motion: To approve the report as submitted. Motion made by Vanessa Carmean, seconded by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

Illustrated Standard: Vanessa Carmean reviewed the report submitted by Patte Titus.

There are 58 printed Illustrated Standards from the second printing. A GSP judges' presentation, for the Dog Judges Association of America was done. It's traditionally held in conjunction with the World Series of Dog Show in July. It

included a presentation of several representatives of our breed including the color black and a dual championship dog. Overall, the event was successful.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Hall of Fame: Karen Nauer reviewed the report submitted by Deb Opren

The committee had a nomination to appoint Ruth Ann Freer-Godfrey owner and founder of Lieblinghaus German Shorthaired Pointers. Ruthann has been involved in GSP's for 56 years and has made many contributions to the breed and club over the years.

Motion: To approve the nomination of Ruth Ann Freer Godfrey as a Hall of Fame member of the GSPCA. Motion made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Tiffany Cessna. The motion carried unanimously.

Hall of Fame (Performance Dogs): The committee needs to modify the criteria/language to include specific recognition for performance dogs with reduced/alternative production requirements and define new criteria for performance dogs; provide updated proposal to board by March 1.

Motion: Tiffany Cessna made a motion to authorize the Hall of Fame Performance Dog Committee to return and revise the proposed language to establish a path forward for dogs to get into the HOF. The motion was seconded by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Tiffany Cessna made a motion to approve the report as submitted, seconded by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Karen Nauer will inform the committee that they need to prepare suggestions for both the Lifetime Member recognition and the Sportsmanship Award.

Action Item: Karen Nauer will inform the committee the criteria for the Lifetime member needs to be reviewed and updated for placement on the website.

Volunteer of the Year: A motion was made to award the Volunteer of the Year to the Social Media Committee—Hannah Sadler, Maren Onaindia, Kaylie Pearson, Kelly Porter, Amanda Herrera, Keleigh West, and Kayla Szasz—in recognition of their outstanding work expanding the club's social media presence through engaging posts across multiple platforms.

The motion was made by Dean Browning and seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion passed unanimously.

Website: DC Web has started the website migration the week of Jan. 5. The surface information transferred smoothly with not much noticeable disruption. Abacus Arts has been helpful with troubleshooting, etc.

DC has been assigned responsibility for developing an online voting system for the upcoming Board of Directors election. The plan is to utilize third-party software to generate and distribute the electronic voting emails. All votes will be received by DC Web. Alma will not have access to the voting results; instead, she will forward the results directly to the company owner, Stacy, who will serve as an independent third party to certify the election outcome. Motion: Tiffany Cessna Dean Browning made a motion to approve using DC Web for the upcoming GSPCA election. The motion was seconded by Dean Browning. The motion carried by majority with Becky Feigh and Melissa Campbell abstaining.

DC Web uses another platform for membership that they use for the Golden Retriever Club site. They will provide information for the GSPCA to consider after membership renewals are completed. Additionally, Becky Feigh and Lynn Pettinao will act as point of contact for priorities on the website.

Becky Feigh expressed interest in forming a Content Committee to help ensure consistent and unified communication across all organizational platforms.

The committee discussed the ongoing need for coordinated messaging, noting that social media often moves ahead of the journal and website, which can result in conflicting or incomplete information being released. Examples included journal articles directing members to the website before corresponding updates were posted, highlighting gaps in timing and communication flow.

Members emphasized the importance of presenting a unified front so that all groups are aligned when new information is rolled out. It was noted that Lynn's group has been particularly effective in producing short informational reels, and the committee discussed the potential of featuring this content prominently on the website's front page to improve visibility and engagement.

Additionally, DC Web has been tasked with exploring ways to refresh and modernize the website to better support timely updates and strengthen overall communication consistency.

Dan Schoenfelder rejoined the meeting.

Motion: To approve the report as submitted. Motion made by Dean Browning, seconded by Vanessa Carmean. The motion carried unanimously.

Juniors Report: No report was submitted, however, Becky Feigh commented that several of the juniors have performed at national levels and there will likely be one junior who will be applying for the scholarship.

Membership Committee: Lynn Pettinato reviewed the membership report. Joanna Yeomans is now serving as the new committee chair and will be working closely with Katie Whitenneck, who is managing club-related tasks, including club renewals, and the collection of membership lists, and Katie Maxell who is the journal liaison..

Christy Dahlman is collaborating with Holly Faught on futurity coordination and assisting new puppy buyers to ensure required applications and documentation are submitted.

Hannah Edmonds is handling renewals, new puppy-buyer outreach, and awards renewals.

Doris Schoenfelder continues to support the Journal by sending out copies to members who have not received their issue or are between mailings.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Vanessa Carmean, seconded by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Meet The Breed: Cyndi Boysen reviewed the report submitted for the Meet the Breed Committee. It was noted that Denise Avery has resigned from her role as committee chair. Dean Browning mentioned that his colleague, Skip Smith, who has attended numerous Meet the Breed events, may be interested in assuming the position. Dean agreed to reach out to Skip Smith to determine his interest in taking on the role. Motion: To approve the report as submitted.

Motion made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

Historian: No report submitted.

Regional Specialties: Lynn Pettinato reviewed her report submitted. Three regional specialties have been approved.

Motion: To approve the report made by Cyndi Boysen, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

ROM: Becky Feigh reviewed the report submitted by Renee Lara.

Motion: Vanessa Carmean made a motion to approve the report as submitted, Lynn Pettinato seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

GSPCA Journal: Tiffany Cessna reviewed the report submitted by Sharon Fitzpatrick.

The Journal remains an important communication tool for members and the fancy, despite being a significant club expense.

The committee aims to reduce Journal costs by increasing advertising revenue and exploring additional creative income sources.

A member survey was created to gather input on what content members are most interested in and what they would like to see featured in the Journal. Although it appears lengthy, testing showed it takes less than five minutes to complete.

Motion: To approve the committee running a survey. Motion made by Dominic Pettinato, seconded by Fred Lowry. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Social media: Lynn Pettinato reviewed her written report.

We are earning money from social media. To date the club has made \$100 from Facebook and Instagram. Additionally, sponsor Snoozer Pet Products has earned us \$430.

The committee would like each Executive Committee to identify one liaison who will serve as the primary contact for all post requests. Ideally, liaisons should provide at least one week's notice for any needed post to ensure adequate preparation and scheduling.

Additionally, each designated liaison should schedule a meeting with Lynn Pettinato to develop a coordinated plan for social media advertising for the entire event. This planning meeting will help ensure consistent messaging, timely promotion, and unified communication across all platforms.

Motion: To accept the report as submitted. Motion made by Dominic Pettinato, seconded by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Yearbook: Cyndi Boysen reviewed the report submitted by Deb Broad.

It was originally proposed that the Yearbook not be produced as a hard-copy publication, and this caused significant concern. In response, the committee explored the option of prepaid printing, and that approach proved to be very successful. After implementing the prepaid model, she was able to generate a profit of \$3967.99.

Given the success of the prepaid printing model and the positive vendor response once the hard-copy format was confirmed, she would like to continue this approach for the upcoming Yearbook as well.

The Board of Directors confirmed that a digital version of the Yearbook will be released concurrently with the hard-copy edition. The digital copy will remain available for purchase on the website on an ongoing basis, ensuring continued access for members and vendors.

Action Item: Becky Feigh will work with DC Web to ensure that a digital copy of the Yearbook is available and that the purchase process is clearly accessible on the website soon after the hard copy is available.

Action Item; Cyndi Boysen will find out if Deb Broad, or the Printer contact can send a file to Becky Feigh. A link to download the file would be ideal.

Motion: To approve the report with the action items included. Motion made by Dean Browning, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recess at 4:50 PM EST. The meeting resumed at 5:03 PM EST

Rescue: Melissa Campbell reviewed her rescue report.

National rescue would like to highlight and show support for state rescue on a quarterly basis, by sharing information about the rescue and current dogs in need in the journal.

There is an ongoing effort, in coordination with Jennifer Averitt, our merchandise contact, to have rescue t-shirts available for purchase at the NSS. Historically, rescue t-shirts have sold very well when offered at the NSS.

Motion: To approve the report as submitted. Motion made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Water Test: No report submitted due to nothing new to report.

Database: Tiffany Cessna reviewed the report submitted by Deb Longtin.

Motion to approve the report made by Vanessa Carmean, seconded by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Performance Dogs: Karen Nauer stated that this was covered under the Hall of Fame report and the performance dog report will be sent back to the Hall of Fame committee.

Motion: Becky Feigh made a motion to send this to the Hall of Fame committee with a deadline of March 1, 2026, for a recommendation, seconded by Dean Browning. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

June 2024:

Dan Schoenfelder is to go back to the NFT committee on reducing the number of trophies awarded. There is no need to do 1st-4th place, and no need for all four placements in the futurity since they are already receiving money ✓

September 2024

Karen Nauer will add a template for the running rules for all national events. ✓

October 2024

Karen Nauer to get the detailed calculation methodology from Joe Venner to Becky Feigh to place on the website ✓

November 2024

Dean Browning to have a second club credit card issued to Karen Nauer - **No longer needed**

January 2025

Melissa Campbell will create a group text to inform Board of Directors (BOD) members when a motion has been sent out. ✓

Karen Nauer will work with June Johnson to submit a letter to the AKC regarding Embark DNA and address the club's concerns about the accuracy of the results. ✓

Vanessa Carmean to send an updated executive committee list to Becky Feigh and copy Missy Neal to update the website. ✓

Becky Feigh to ensure the language is consistent across both the show and field futurity. ✓

Karen Nauer to review Joe Venner's summary of stats calculations and determine what additional information needs to be communicated and sent to be included in the Journal. ✓

Lynn Pettinato and Becky Feigh to review and refine the language regarding junior performance payouts and Westminster fund assistance. ✓

Tiffany Cessna and Joe Venner to work on finding some other vendors for trophies. **In Progress**

Becky Feigh to create job descriptions for the event planner role and the content manager role for the website. ✓

Becky Feigh proposes an organizational structure for the website roles. **In Progress**

Becky Feigh to work with Missy Neal on getting Rip involved in getting training sessions set up for the committees to work on the website for their committee. ✓

Dean Browning will get a contract with Iron Mountain to scan all current yearbook copies into digital copies. **In Progress**

April 2025

Karen Nauer will come up with language to address the number of appeals allowed. **In Progress**

Becky Feigh to add the language to the website on juniors' eligibility requirements ✓

Tiffany Cessna will order a plaque thanking Sharon for her service. ✓

June 2025

Melissa Campbell to change the date that reports are due one week earlier to give the BOD an adequate time to review prior to the meeting. ✓

Lynn Pettinato will grant Holly access to Member Clicks, allowing her to view but not make changes. This should address her question. ✓

Lynn Pettinato will make sure that Holly Faught and Tish Casbeer connect to understand the rules for Juniors. ✓

Becky Feigh to tweak the job description and submit bids for website. ✓

Dean Browning will contact the printer of the yearbooks to inform them that any printing request requires approval from the Treasurer of the GSPCA. ✓

Becky Feigh to let the Top 25 committee know that they need to develop and submit running rules for the Top 25 Event. **In Progress**

July 2025

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. **In progress**

September 2025

Lynn Pettinato will send an email blast looking for an MTB replacement candidate. ✓

Lynn Pettinato will send Denise Avery a thank-you card for her outstanding service to the GSPCA. ✓

Dean Browning may have someone interested in the MTB and will reach out to him to see if she would like to apply. ✓

Dean Browning uploads all financial information about the NSS/Top 25 on the GSPCA website, including all relevant numbers. ✓

Dean Browning will provide information on journal mailing costs to Tiffany **In progress**

Tiffany Cessna will work with Sharon Fitzpatrick to determine an appropriate increase for journal mailing costs and report back to the board. **In progress**

October 2025

Dan Schoenfelder, check on minutes from the 2025 delegates meeting. - ✓

New Business:

Using our merchandise vendor as a processor of credit card transactions for the 2026 Catalog ads. Going forward anything related to the NSS needs to go through the clubs paypal with the exception of merchandise.

Action Item: Becky Feigh will send an email to the NSSEC.

The GSPC of Nebraska requests to host the GSPCA North Central Sectional Regional Classic field

trial, May 04-07, 2026, at Branched Oak Dog Trial Area, Raymond NE. The stakes include Open Derby, Open Limited All-age, Open Limited Gun Dog and Amateur Limited Gun Dog. This event has been held annually since 2009.

Moton: Motion to approve the GSPC Of Nebraska request for a Sectional Regional FT. Motion made by Jeff Wallace, seconded by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

Dean Browning will work to share cost estimates for an external audit of the GSPCA.

Our next meeting will be held on February 11, 2026.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Melissa Campbell. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 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 January 23-24, 2026

Melissa Campbell,
Recording Secretary
German Shorthaired Club of America

March 2025