



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

BOD Zoom Conference Call

December 3, 2025

The BOD held a Zoom meeting on December 3, 2025. Presiding over the meeting was Karen Nauer, President. The BOD meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM EST, and Melissa Campbell made a roll call. Present were Karen Nauer – President; Cyndi Boysen -Vice President; Dean Browning – Treasurer; Lynn Pettinato – Corresponding Secretary; Melissa Campbell – Recording Secretary; Dominic Pettinato, Northwest Director; Jeff Wallace – North Central Director; Becky Feigh – East Central Director; and Fred Lowry – Southeast Director

Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director; Tiffany Cessna – Northeast Director and Dan Schoenfelder- Southwest Director were absent.

Pending Members Dated 12/1/25: Motion to approve the pending members as submitted. Motion made by Dean Browning, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion on ways to enhance communication and engagement within the organization. There needs to be improved communication between local clubs and the GSPCA. Lynn Pettinato mentioned reaching out to new titleholders to encourage membership and proposed that clubs could advertise an event in catalogs or the journal as a fundraising strategy.

NSSEC Running Rule – Becky Feigh reviewed proposed revision to the running rules. Becky explained the revisions were meant to improve record-keeping and accountability, such as ensuring document (judge bio, contract, vote totals) are stored and accessible so information is not lost when volunteers leave.

The role of the Judge Selection Coordinator was discussed as to whether that role should only select judges or also manage contract and communication. The BOD agreed that the Corresponding Secretary is the only one who should be communicating with judges on contracts. Additionally, the Corresponding Secretary maintains ~~all~~ all communication, etc. and that information can be easily found by either the current or future Corresponding Secretary or any other member of the BOD.

The BOD agreed that the term limit should be 2-years in line with other volunteer committee positions.

Action Item: Becky Feigh will revise the running rules again and send them back to the BOD for a second review and vote.

NFT Committee –There was the discussion on the formation of a focus group to explore alternative sites. Fred Lowry suggested potential members and emphasizing the need for a balanced representation of amateurs and professions. Jeff Wallace was tasked with leading the group. The BOD agreed to create a focus group to review the NFT and make recommendations for improvements. The BOD also planned to send a survey to members to understand why some competitors do not attend the NFT. The survey will ask whether people compete in field trials and hope to identify barriers to participation.

The NFT committee needs to have a draft of the NFT running rules submitted to the BOD by February 2026.

Action Item: Jeff Wallace takes the lead on getting alignment on members of the NFT Focus Group and setting up monthly meetings.

Location Decision for 2026: The BOD agreed to keep the location for 2026 but begin exploring alternative sites for 2027.

Melissa Campbell made a motion to return to Eureka for 2026 event. Dean Browning seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dean expressed concerns about having several things still pending 6 weeks post event. There have been communication issues with unpaid catalog ads and merchandise. Dean suggested implementing a policy to ensure catalog ads are only included if payment is received before printing. Additionally, there are several merchandise orders still pending and limited communication as to the status.

The NFT needs to hold monthly meetings, and a draft of the running rules needs to be sent to the BOD by February 2026.

External Audit: The formation of an audit committee was discussed with the committee have accesses to monthly bank reconciliation, reviewing expenses and validating financial reports. Potential members were Doug Miller Joe or Belinda Venner, Roxanne Campbell, and Tammy Richmond. This committee acts as an independent watchdog. The goal is to have an external audit by hopefully end of year.

Website: Becky Feigh gave an overview of the current website setup with Abacus plus existing support costing roughly \$26.5K/year and the website is widely seen as underperforming/not working well. Several options were discussed.

- Option 1: Stay on the course and keep current provider with the possibility of improving accountability and reducing costs.
- Option 2: Keep the current hosting (Abacus) and hire DC Web an external consultant (~\$15K-20K/year). This option requires a dedicated content manager.
- Option 3: Full swing to DC Web and move hosting and site management to DC Web. Currently they do not provide email service.

DC Web is talented and are familiar with dog groups and the needs they have. Additionally, they also manage membership allow us to move away from our current method which has cost issues.

Dean Browning left the meeting at 9:10 pm EST.

Lynn Pettinato made a motion that we go with option 3. And, with the caveat that, there may be some hybrid portion that could be discussed with RIP and Missy in a transition period with DC Web for 60-90 days. Cyndi Boysen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Karen Nauer to contact DC Web to get contract started for website transition.

Action Item: Karen Nauer and Dean Browning to work with Abacus Arts on termination process for current website hosting.

September/October BOD Meeting Minutes

Lynn Pettinato made a motion to approve the September 2025 BOD meeting minutes, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Pettinato made a motion to accept the October 2025 BOD meeting minutes, seconded by Becky Feigh. The motion carried unanimously.

The BOD discussed the dates open for the January biannual meeting. The BOD agreed on January 23-24, 2026, and Melissa Campbell agrees to send out notice for committee reports. The meeting will be 5:00-9:00 pm EST on Friday, and 11:00 am start time on Saturday 1/24/26.

Karen Nauer mentioned that member Gareth Stillman is willing to help with fund raising efforts. Karen has offered to have Gareth produce several ideas and present them to the BOD with an understanding that no effort cannot conflict with current merchandising contracts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36pm EST.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dean Browning. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 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 December 3, 2025.

Melissa Campbell,
Recording Secretary
German Shorthaired Club of America

February 2026

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