German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes
Feb 11, 2026

A Zoom BOD was held on February 11, 2026. Presiding over the meeting was Karen Nauer, President. The BOD meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM EST. A roll call was taken. Present were Karen Nauer – President, Cyndi Boysen – Vice President, Lynn Pettinato – Corresponding Secretary, Dean Browning - Treasurer, Becky Feigh – East Central Section Director, Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director, Jeff Wallace- North Central Director, Fred Lowry- Southeast Director, Tiffany Cessna – Northeastern Section Director, and Dan Schoenfelder – Southwest Section Director.

Melissa Campbell – Recording Secretary was absent
Dominic Pettinato – Northwest Section Director joined after roll call was taken.

Audit Committee Report
Dean reported receiving one estimate for a limited audit in the amount of $17,500. Additional quotes are expected to be similar. Concerns were raised regarding the financial impact, as the cost exceeds 20% of available cash reserves and surpasses the club's 2025 net income.

Action Item: Dean Browning will obtain two additional audits estimates

Action Item: Karen Nauer will prepare draft messaging for the Annual Meeting explaining audit feasibility.

Additionally, Karen will incorporate into the communication plan that perhaps those who were advocating the audit may be willing to fund raise to help support the cost.

Website & Election System Update
Becky reported that the vendor is preparing for the upcoming election and will conduct a Beta test next week. Volunteers are needed from various membership types and regions, including East Central, to validate ballot distribution logic.

Missy and Alma collaborated on ballot wording improvements. Auction plugin issues have been resolved.

Next Steps
- Members willing to beta test should send login email addresses to Becky Feigh.
- The social media team will support messaging and participate in testing.
- Candidate bios, voting instructions, and login reminders will be posted to the website and promoted via social media and email.

National Field Trial (NFT) Survey & Committee Discussion
The Board reviewed survey results (182 responses). Several respondents cited concerns regarding the Bechtel grounds and committee leadership. Significant confusion occurred on social media, where some members incorrectly believed the survey was a vote. Additionally, the Board discussed long-term sustainability of the event at Eureka and the need to evaluate alternative locations.

Action Item: Jeff Wallace and Dan Schoenfelder will begin identifying and evaluating alternative sites.

Action Item: Karen Nauer will contact Brian Murphy to discuss committee leadership and progress.
Action Item: Strategy discussions will continue as contract negotiations with the Bechtel's progress.

Membership Approvals

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Motion: Approve the pending members list. Motion by: Lynn Pettinato, seconded by Jeff Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

Hall of Fame & Membership Status Adjustments
With the passing of Dorothea Simberlund last year, to resolve confusion regarding Hall of Fame recognition, the Board agreed to adjust Bill Simberlund membership status.
Motion: Lynn Pettinato made a motion to move Bill Simberlund membership to Lifetime Membership. The motion was seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert Godfrey: The Board determined with Ruthann Godfrey's nomination into the Hall of Fame, that Robert should be moved to a different membership category. No motion was required for this decision.

Action Item: Develop formal guidelines for Hall of Fame and related membership classifications following the NSS.

Sportsmanship Award
Motion: To approve Denise Avery as the 2026 Sportsmanship Award recipient. Motion made by Tiffany Cessna, seconded by Cyndi Boysen. The motion passed unanimously.

Top 25 Trophy Issue
The club needs to have Carley Simpson return all reusable items.

Motion: To direct Dominic Pettinato to retrieve all items from Carley. Upon receipt of the items, Dean Browning will issue an invoice to both Carley Simpson and Valerie Nunes-Atkinson for the cost of the trophy base and case. Failure to remit payment will constitute grounds for expulsion.

Action Item: Tiffany Cessan will locate documentation previously submitted by Carley.

Action Item: Dominic Pettinato will coordinate retrieval logistics.

Perpetual Trophy Policy

Motion: The GSPCA will no longer accept new perpetual trophies. Existing perpetual trophies will be grandfathered. Motion made by Tiffany Cessna, seconded by Lynn Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

NAGDC Entries
- 32 Gundog entries
- 6 Derby entries
- Puppy stake did not fill - No Board action required

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Committee Minutes & Documentation
Karen Nauer emphasized the need for timely submission of committee minutes. Liaisons must ensure minutes are submitted within 2-3 weeks after each meeting.

Condolences
The Board acknowledged the passing of **Dave Gantz** and **Phyllis McNall**. Lynn will send condolence cards on behalf of the club.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM EST.

I 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 Zoom meeting held February 11, 2026.

Melissa Campbell
Recording Secretary - German Shorthaired Club of America

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