



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

BOD Zoom Conference Call

May 6, 2026

The BOD held a meeting via Zoom on May 6, 2026. Presiding over the meeting was Karen Nauer, President. The BOD meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM EST on May 6, 2026, and a roll call was made. Present were Karen Nauer – President; Cyndi Boysen -Vice President; Dean Browning – Treasurer; Lynn Pettinato – Corresponding Secretary; Melissa Campbell – Recording Secretary; Dominic Pettinato - Northwest Director; Fred Lowry - South East Director and Jeff Wallace – North Central Director.

Absent were Becky Feigh – East Central Section Director; Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director; and Dan Schoenfelder - Southeast Director

Guests

Michael Currey, Legislative Liaison (invited presenter)

Legislative Update – Presented by Michael Currey

Karen Nauer introduced Michael Currey and noted he has taken over the club's legislative position.

Michael provided a comprehensive legislative update:

- The Farm Bill language affecting dog owners was removed in the House but may reappear in the Senate.
- He developed an AI-based legislative tracker monitoring issues including:
 - Tail docking
 - Ear cropping
 - Breed-standard legislation
 - Conservation and land-use issues
 - Quail habitat
 - Field trials, hunt tests, and shows
- The tracker currently identifies 12 active legislative items nationwide that could impact the breed.
- Examples discussed:
 - A Virginia proposal restricting release of dogs within 15 feet of a road
 - Alabama's "Bowe's Law," which initially threatened field-trial stake-outs

Michael emphasized the importance of proactive—not reactionary—legislative engagement and encouraged Board members to report emerging issues.

Kubota Community Impact Grant Proposal

Michael presented a detailed proposal for the GSPCA to apply for the Kubota Community Impact Grant, which provides:

- \$25,000 cash, and \$25,000 equipment voucher (tractor or UTV)

Purpose of the grant is to fund a nation membership growth and advocacy strategy, including increase in new members, reactivation of lapsed members, regional incentives for clubs, national marketing and advocacy initiatives

Proposed Allocation of Funds

- \$10,000 for regional prizes and marketing
- \$15,000 for national advocacy and marketing, including partnerships with:
 - Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
 - Sportsmen's Alliance

Tractor/UTV Award Concept

- Awarded via random drawing to incentivize membership renewals and new memberships.

Grant Requirements

- Three written responses
- One-minute promotional video using club photos
- Submission deadline: midnight the following day

Michael confirmed the grant requires no financial contribution from the club.

There was discussion on Kubota affiliations and wanting to be sure they have not ties to anti-breeding or any animal right organizations. Lynn Pettinato and Fred Lowry did a quick online check and found no evidence of problematic affiliations.

Motion: Lynn Pettinato made a motion to authorize Michael Currey to proceed with submitting the Kubota Community Impact Grant application on behalf of the GSPCA. Motion seconded by Melissa Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Karen Nauer will notify Michael to proceed with the grant application.

New Membership Approvals

Motion: To approve the list of 10 new members dated 5/5/26 for approval. Motion made by Lynn Pettinato, seconded by Melissa Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

H&W/German Shorthaired Pointer Foundation: There was discussion of the Foundation wanting to have table to display their Top 25 raffle items throughout the week.

Motion: Dean Browning made a motion to not allow any pre setup of the Foundation raffle/auction items prior to the night of the event. Motion was seconded by Melissa Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

NSS General Information

There was discussion on the F&B for the NSS. To meet our minimum requirements the club will be having food available throughout the week. Lynn suggested putting out a cup/box for donations for whatever food is being offered.

Running Rules Update: Both the NFT and NAGDC running rules need to be revised and ready for the June biannual BOD meeting.

Biannual Meeting: Our next meeting will be via Zoom on June 19-20, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 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,
Recording Secretary
German Shorthaired Club of America

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