



German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

BOD Zoom Conference Call

November 12, 2025

The BOD held a Zoom meeting on November 12, 2025. Presiding over the meeting was Karen Nauer, President. The BOD meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM EST, and Melissa Campbell made a roll call. Present were Karen Nauer – President; Cyndi Boysen -Vice President; Lynn Pettinato – Corresponding Secretary; Melissa Campbell – Recording Secretary; Dominic Pettinato, Northwest Director; Vanessa Carmean – South Central Director; Jeff Wallace – North Central Director; Dan Schoenfelder- Southwest Director; Becky Feigh – East Central Director; and Fred Lowry – Southeast Director

Tiffany Cessna – Northeast Director joined 8:45 pm EST.

2025 NSS/NFT Financial Update: Dean Browning shared an update on the latest numbers for the 2025 event. The current amount made from the NSS and Top 25 events combined was ~ 9800 dollars. The NFT will be profitable this year mainly due to a shotgun raffle, merchandise, and trophy cost reduction. As of right now the NFT shows a profit of ~\$11,500. The trophy savings alone were \$7500-\$8,000.

GSPCA External Audit: After discussion with Karen Nauer and others, Dean Browning agrees that we need to do an external audit. It has been 15 years at least since we've had an audit. Dean Browning suggested we inform the membership that the club will be conducting an external audit for year ending 2025 at an estimated cost of \$4000-\$6000 to the club.

Dean Browning suggested identifying local firms in Cincinnati to facilitate access to records, with the BOD supporting the idea and suggesting involving Sherry Thrall/Doug Miller in the search for an auditing firm.

Action Item: Fred Lowry agreed to contact Doug Miller regarding his potential participation in the audit committee.

Action Item: Dean Browning to contact Sherry Thrall and engage her assistance in locating a local firm to conduct the audit.

Overall club Financials: Karen Nauer proposed strategies to improve the club's financial viability, including transitioning to an online magazine and increasing membership dues. Lynn Pettinato recommended using free Google DOCS for surveys instead of Survey Monkey service. It was recommended to have a membership survey to address declining participation and revenue for the club.

Action Item: Lynn Pettinato will cancel the Survey Monkey service and explore using Google Docs for future surveys.

A motion was made by Dean Browning to enter executive session: The meeting entered executive session at 8:35 pm EST.

The meeting came out of executive session at 8:48 pm EST.

NFT Update: Dominic Pettinato made a motion to take two weeks to consider option for the committee, and event location, motion seconded by Melissa Campbell. The motion carried unanimously. There is still concern from the BOD on the NFT committee and how communication with the committee to the BOD is being handled.

Suggestion to form a small subcommittee to involve others like Terry Chandler and return with specific proposal when we reconvene on December 3, 2025.

Action Item: Cyndi Boysen to send out the list of other viable event locations to the BOD for review.

2026 NSS: Becky shared the overall budget for the event. Becky presented a budget overview for the National Specialty Show, highlighting that expenses exceed revenue by \$21,000, with approximately 35% of costs relying on donations, which was deemed an unsustainable business model.

NSSEC Running Rules: At the October 2025 NSSEC meeting Brenda Strait made some suggested changes to the running rules. The committee received proposed running rules changes from Brenda Strait, but concerns were raised about the completeness of the document submitted, leading to a decision to request revisions from the committee.

Action Item: Dominic Pettinato will notify Brenda Strait that the revised running rules document was received late and needs to be reviewed by the committee for completeness before further action.

Membership: Lynn provided an update on the membership committee informing the BOD that all members are now trained on Member Clicks and will coordinate data entry responsibilities including assigning a liaison to work with Holly on Futurity.

Membership renewal notice will begin on November 15 and continue periodically until the March expiration deadline. Renewal reminders and membership applications will also appear in the Shorthair Journal and were emailed to members.

New Members Listed Dated: Motion to approve the pending members list dated 11/7/25. Motion made by Becky Feigh, seconded by Dominic Pettinato. The motion carried unanimously.

Website Update: Karen reported that two vendors are preparing bids for the website redesign. One vendor currently manages the Golden Retriever and German Shepard websites. The vendors reviewed the backend of the current site with current vendor to understand the existing setup. Both vendors have reasonable rates, and have strong experience with Membership systems, E-commerce and club management functions.

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 November 12, 2025.

Melissa Campbell,
Recording Secretary
German Shorthaired Club of America

November 30, 2025