

2017 The 80th Annual Beagle Advisory Committee Meeting

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 22nd.

Mel Stewart called role. All members were present.

Mel then introduced the AKC staff in attendance. They included Jim Odle and Robert Oliver, AKC Field staff, Caroline Murphy, Karen Reuter, and Dawn Salpeck Performance Events Operations Staff and Doug Ljungren, V.P. of Sports & Events.

Mel Stewart and Doug Ljungren welcomed and thanked the committee members.

Format	2015 Trials	2015 Entries	2016 Trials	2016 Entries	Change in Trials	Change in Entries
Brace	272	11,687	278	10,994	+6	-693
Gun Dog Brace	69	6,742	73	7,224	+4	+482
Large Pack	58	5,162	57	5,324	-1	+162
Small Pack	10	324	9	183	-1	-141
Small Pack Option	281	24,718	286	24,551	+5	-167
Two Couple Pack	68	4,760	68	4,092	0	-668
Total	758	53,393	771	52,368	+13	-1,025

Mel Stewart: All of you received a copy of the agenda for this year.

Mel discussed the items that were approved in 2016 – Stakes open to Field Champions only and Licensed Derby Stakes at Federation Champion trials.

Russ Arend: I want to thank all the people on this committee. The licensed derby stakes are important for the Brace Beagling, we appreciate it and thank you guys.

Mel Stewart : Thank you Russ. Is there any new business?

Bryan Bush: I have been asked to bring up the ability to run dogs that are spayed and neutered in trials. I would like to open that up for discussion.

Mel Stewart: The 2CP sport is currently running spayed and neutered hounds at the request of the federation. In all other AKC sporting Field trial events they do run spayed and neutered.

Doug Ljungren: I have a question for John as a representative for the 2CP. Since the 2CP has been doing this for a couple of years, has there been much discussions about it?

John Stuckwisch: I have heard no discussions about it. It has not been an issue.

Jessica Anderson: In our competition (pack trials held by the Parent Club) we are allowed to run spayed and neutered hounds. I have had to spay two of my very good bitches for genetic reasons. I think when it comes to health concerns, you have to take the health of the hounds first. I would rather do that and have her keep running.

Mel Stewart: That is a good point Jessica.

John Stuckwisch: Are there certain states that require we can only keep a certain number of females in tack?

Doug Ljungren: I am not sure if there are states that do it, maybe local jurisdictions. There may be limits that state if you have more than a given number of intact dogs, you are a commercial breeder.

Wayne Heckley: I understand the original intent was that you can only better the breed with intact animals. I get that a lot of other events allow this simply because owners want to enjoy their dogs whether or not they plan on breeding. It's probably worth while going back to the federations and seeing how they feel.

Jim Campbell: I do recall that some dogs have been disqualified in small pact option if they were spayed or neutered. How will we go forward with this? We need to answer this question for the Beaglers.

Doug Ljungren: The simplest method would be to have an effective date and going forward this would be a new rule that would be in effect.

Mel Stewart: Keep in mind we are talking about adding this to the agenda and voting on next year. That would give each of your federations time to discuss and provide you feedback on it.

Let us take a vote to add this item to the 2018 agenda

Jessica Anderson	Yes
Max Hewitt	Yes
Bob Kimber	Yes
Jim Campbell	Yes
Robert Miller	Yes
John Edwards	Yes
Russ Arend	Yes
Wayne Heckley	Yes
John Stuckwisch	Yes
Mark Malloy	Yes
Rick McDonald	Yes
Bryan Bush	Yes
Ray Ann Cole	Yes

Yes 13, 0 No

It was voted unanimously to add to the 2018 agenda.

Mel Stewart: Is there anything else anyone would like to bring up?

Mark Malloy: I was approached by email, some of the clubs in PA are starting to run the 2CP trials. When I was questioned if a hound can run a 2CP at those trials, do they have to pay \$3.50 a dog just one time or every time that hound runs?

Mel Stewart: The sport pays the AKC service fee by the pack, which is \$12.00 a pack (4 hounds). If you run your hound in several different packs or run your packs several different times, you have to pay each time you run.

Mark Malloy: They have an issue with that. They do not feel like they should have to pay twice for one dog.

Mel Stewart: That is the way the sport is structured because it is counting for the dog's hunt test championship each time the pack is run. I know if you have an individual hound you might run him in two different packs. Each of those packs pay the \$12.00.

Mark Malloy: I will get back to them and let them know that is how it is.

Mel Stewart: The best way to explain it is to let them know it is \$12.00 every time you run a pack.

Mark Malloy: Understood

Mel Stewart: Does anyone else have anything they wish to bring up?

Mel Stewart: I thank each and every one of you for taking the time this morning to meet with us. Thank you for participating

Meeting adjourned 10:25