

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Delegates Meeting
December 14, 2018**

Mr. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Sprung reminded the Delegates in attendance to sign in at the computer stations outside the meeting room and that three Lifetime Achievement Award recipients would be honored at the Delegate luncheon following the meeting.

The Chair introduced those persons seated with him on the dais: Ron Menaker, Chairman; Dr. Tom Davies, Vice Chairman; Joan Corbisiero, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary; Dawn Hiller, the Court Reporter.

The Executive Secretary read the report on the Nominating Committee, and the report on additional nominations as follows:

Ms. DiNardo: Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee: Dr. Michael Knight, Chair, Texas Kennel Club; Pamela Beale, Westchester Kennel Club; Ross Jones, Rio Grande Kennel Club; Louise Leone, Colorado Kennel Club; Sylvia Thomas, Kennel Club of Riverside; appointed by the Board of Directors at its August 2018 meeting, has nominated the following Delegates as Candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 12, 2019.

There are three vacancies for the Class of 2023.

Class of 2023: Dr. Thomas Davies, Springfield Kennel Club. Dr. Charles Garvin, Dalmatian Club of America. Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., Burlington County Kennel Club.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as a Candidate for the vacancies on the Board of Directors for the Class of 2023, to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 12, 2019:

Karen J. Burgess, Greater Clark County Kennel Club.

Steven Hamblin, Pekingese Club of America.

Mr. Sprung: The Bylaws state that nominations may not be made from the floor. Nominations therefore closed November 15, 2018. In accordance with the Delegates Standing Rule, each Candidate is allowed three minutes to address the Delegate body. Keith Frasier will indicate to each Candidate when the three minutes have expired. The Chair will introduce the Candidates in alphabetical order, and no questions from the floor will be entertained.

The first Candidate is Karen J. Burgess, representing Greater Clark County Kennel Club.

Ms. Burgess: Good morning, everyone. I'm Karen Burgess, Delegate for Greater Clark County Kennel Club in Vancouver, Washington. Like my fellow Candidates, I have an extensive background in the sport of purebred dogs. My professional experience has given me a strong base in finance, management and organization. Over the years, I have realized that our clubs hold the key to the protection and growth of our sport. Clubs are challenged with decreasing entries and rising costs. Our constituency now includes our traditional base, as well as a new kind of exhibitor. This exhibitor isn't interested only in Conformation but wants to participate in events that result in personal achievement between them and their dogs. I thought about how to use my background and skills to give back to the sport that has been so good to my husband and me. I ask the AKC for the opportunity to develop a non-Conformation prototype. Greater Clark County Kennel Club hosted the first AKC Multievent that year. We just had our fourth successful Canine Extravaganza in November 30th through December 3rd. For the past two years, I've been working with the AKC Club Development Department to promote the multievent concept to clubs around the country. In August of this year, I was asked to work with AKC Club development and Greater Monroe Kennel Club to put together another Canine Extravaganza in Concord, North Carolina. This, too, was a well-attended, successful event aimed at the Performance and Companion Event exhibitor. Other concerns I have: ongoing support of legislation and government relations, public education and outreach, the expansion of AKC TV, sharing our mission with veterinary schools, minimizing the bureaucratic stuff for our event-giving clubs. To accomplish this, we need a strong and inclusive strategy to make solid contributions to the dog-loving community. My experience and advocacy for clubs and the sport of purebred dogs, along with your support, will help us in meeting these challenges. Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. The second Candidate is Dr. Thomas Davies, representing Springfield Kennel Club.

Dr. Davies: Good morning. My name is Tom Davies. I am the Delegate from the Springfield Kennel Club. I've served my club and the American Kennel Club as a Delegate for 45 years. I've been a member of the Board of Directors for 16 years, and Vice Chairman for three of those years. Prior to serving on the Board, I was a member and Chair of the Dog Show Rules Committee, and Chair of the Coordinating Committee. I've been an owner, breeder, exhibitor and club member for nearly 50 years, and more recently, a Conformation Judge for 25 years. Having begun my journey when my parents transitioned me from my tricycle to a two-wheeler. Maybe not quite that early. Huge societal changes in those 45 years have necessitated changes in our organizational philosophy. I long for our parents' AKC, but that ship has sailed. The ability of the AKC to adapt to these changes has been a slow and arduous process, but we have made, and continue to make, substantial progress. For a long time, I've advocated that AKC should make ourselves more appealing to the general dog-loving public. Our sports and events staff has made wonderful strides with all the new fun Companion Events we've embraced. We must not, however, lose sight of our core values and our core constituency. That's the part of our parents' AKC that we must guard zealously. We are, first and foremost, a registry and an advocate for the purebred dog. We are a special kind of a non-profit organization. In order to accomplish our goals, we must have not only skilled folks in our organization, but of absolute necessity, skilled folks who share our passion. Recent history has shown how important this is to our future. Our PR and Marketing efforts must honor our legacy, and continue to properly, and effectively, brand our organization. In future communications, I hope to share more of my thoughts and ideas with you. I invite any and all questions and queries from you all. I'd like to share with you one last thought. We are a diverse group. We can discuss, debate, and even disagree on the issues, but in the end, we are all one in our passion and our love for purebred dogs, our sports, and our organizations. With that simple homily, I humbly ask for your support in March. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. The third Candidate is Dr. Charles Garvin, representing Dalmatian Club of America.

Dr. Garvin: In these few minutes, I hope to share some of the reasons that I can bring value to the AKC Board. My goal is to continue to help AKC improve and to better utilize the expertise of the Delegate body. My experience is extensive and broad, both in dogs and in the real world. I started showing in 1965 in Obedience and Conformation, and by age 15, I had the top owner-handled Dalmatian. It was 50 years ago that I won the Junior Showmanship Finals at

Westminster, which was truly a life-changing experience. My wife Lynne and I went on to produce nearly 90 Dalmatian champions, including some of the top winners, producers and record holders in breed history. A delegate since 1990, I have served as President of the Dalmatian Club of America for 14 years, President of our All-Breed club for 10 years, the AKC Board for 16 years, and the Canine Health Foundation board for 11 years. I have been a judge since 1980, judging 8 times at our national specialty, in addition to many other major shows. For 25 years, I was President and CEO of a large physician group practice with over 700 employees and \$180 million dollars in revenue. I continue as a busy ophthalmic surgeon, and I've served as a leader in many community organizations. As an AKC Board member, I've always been able to express my opinion in a logical and calm manner, always balancing the need for innovation with the great traditions of our sport. By respecting the views of others, and integrating multiple concepts, I have helped achieve significant accomplishments. For example, I was instrumental in developing and promoting the AKC Canine College, an efficient and effective distance learning platform that has grown to provide some 450 courses, with more than 14,000 users available to judges, breeders, clubs, fanciers and dog lovers everywhere. As Chairman of the Board of the Canine Health Foundation, I've been proud to guide the transformation of that organization and to help facilitate a stronger relationship with the AKC. With your support, we have doubled our funding for critical research and achieved international recognition for excellence. One area where my broad background can be an asset to the Board is the need for AKC to better manage and embrace diversity of opinions. We can do a better job of building bridges and improving our communications, both among ourselves and with the general public. We need to better listen, understand, and learn from those whose opinions differ from ours. All the Delegates here are dedicated, passionate, knowledgeable, and experienced. We need to do a better job of extracting that information, your ideas, opinions, priorities, and incorporating that into AKC action. The issues we deal with are complex, and the tasks are challenging, just like a good pair of bifocals, we need to both see the big picture in the distance clearly and attend to details up close. I thank the Nominating Committee for their confidence, and hope that you'll find me deserving of your vote in March. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. The fourth Candidate is Steven Hamblin, representing the Pekingese Club of America.

Mr. Hamblin: Good morning. I have an awful lot to say, and not a lot of time to say it in, so I'm going to see how much of this I can actually get through for you. I have been thinking a lot in the last couple of days about what I wanted to talk to you about, and one of the things that I had wanted to share was my professional experience. I thought about sharing some of the key accomplishments that I had in my professional career, and a friend of mine said to me, you really need to make it about the dogs. So, what I would like to do is, I would like to tell you a story about – and I get emotional when I tell this story because it actually has a lot of meaning for me. I was a dog-crazy child. My poor parents tolerated so much from me. I would make them drag me six hours to a dog show. If I knew there was going to be a dog show around, I wanted to go, and I wanted to see the breeds, and I wanted to see breeds that I had only actually seen pictures of in books. It was important to me. I remember being about 10 years old, and I rode my bike to the local fairgrounds, where they were actually having the dog show, and I remember standing at the fence outside the ring and watching the exhibitors and the dogs inside, and thinking, how do I get there? How do I do that? How do I do what those people are doing inside that ring? And I looked down, and there was a dirty, crappy little dog lead that somebody had thrown aside on the ground, and I picked that up. That was a treasure for me. I kept that dog lead for years. And that dog lead reminded me of what I aspired to be, of what I wanted to do, and of the world that I wanted to join. And I had no idea that it was going to take more than 30 years before I would actually find myself walking into a show ring. And when I first walked into a show ring, I was absolutely overwhelmed. I had Johnny Shoemaker as a judge, and he recognized that I was brand new, and was absolutely welcoming and warm and encouraging for me to continue moving on. So, here I am, almost 40 years after that particular experience as a child, and I couldn't be more proud to stand before you and ask for your vote for putting me on the Board of Directors. I bring with me a wealth of knowledge in Marketing and Public Relations and operations from Starbucks Coffee Company, and what I would like to do is, I would like to be able to share what my skills are, and what my expertise is, from what I've learned at my time at Starbucks, with the way that we actually disseminate the information of the AKC. Part of what I did was to actually communicate to baristas in the store. They were our front lines, and I think the AKC has a great opportunity here for us to be communicating with each one of you to bring synergy in how we actually get our message out. And that's in addition to the way that we need to be crafting message for the broader organization overall. How do we actually reach out to the kid that's outside the gate, and teach him how he can come in? And how do we reach out to the audience that's out there right now, who doesn't really understand who we are and what we do, but we know that they love dogs, and they want to come join in.

That's what I'd like to do. I would like to bring my expertise and find a way to actually craft that message. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: The fifth Candidate is Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., representing Burlington County Kennel Club.

Mr. Smyth: Well, trying to explain a quarter of a century of service to this organization in three minutes is like speed dating with 300 people. My name is Dan Smyth. I'm a Delegate of the Burlington County Kennel Club. I am the current Chair of the Coordinating Committee. I am the Chair of the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee. I am the Chair of the Perspectives Editorial Board, and I'm a Trial Board Chair. But, out of all these titles, the one that I like the best is that I'm a Delegate to the American Kennel Club. I've had this position for 25 years, and I've never missed a meeting. I hold three of the eleven elected Chairmanship positions in our organization, and I am proud of what we all do together. I have an extensive, long resume of participation in almost all Delegate leadership positions. Having been to every meeting since 1992, I could either really bore you with long- time stories, or I could – or, I might intrigue you with what really went on 20 years ago. I was here. I'm a Judge, I'm a Cluster Chair, I'm a Breeder of Merit, I'm an exhibitor. More importantly, I am one of you. In my Committee work, I have championed one main goal over these years, and that was the empowerment of the Delegate body as one of the main arms of the American Kennel Club. I point this out so you can weigh my answer – so you can weigh the answer to the main question which is, why should your club vote for Dan Smyth? It's not the credentials that make me your Candidate, it's the answer to the main question, what can I do for you going forward, what can I do for your club? I promise that I will continue our joint quest to keep the delegate voice strong in the Boardroom, and effective on this floor, the meeting room floor. Advancement of the Delegate body is foremost in my leadership roles. I've seen this come from a body that had no standing committees and very little voice, to the formidable, active, and powerful Delegate body that we are today. We've become independent and strong, and I think I've added to that through my push for Delegate empowerment. As we Delegates are now working together on the new Google list, I'm proud to say that I helped develop that, and that I monitor it to make sure that it is just a Delegate participation. I'm so proud that we are now able to do that freely. I love being a Delegate. I love working with you, and I love this organization. I love seeing us grow together and work together. The member club interests and opinions must be on the table in the Boardroom when any change to the rules or the structure of the American Kennel Club are

being considered. I promise you that I will take your thoughts, hopes, opinions, worries, into the Boardroom with me, and I will represent you. Let's do this together. That's who I am. I'm Dan Smyth, I'm a Delegate. But I want to go in there as one of us and work together as an organization. Thank you very much.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Executive Secretary to read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting:

Richard L. Austin, Oreana, Illinois, to represent Sandemac Kennel Club

Linda Deutsch, Bangor, Pennsylvania, to represent Plainfield Kennel Club

Tony Emilio, Pomfret Center, Connecticut, to represent Labrador Retriever Club

Karen Gunzel, Hopatcong, New Jersey to represent Trenton Kennel Club

Anne M. Hier, North Branch, Michigan, to represent Companion Dog Training Club of Flint Michigan

Helen Ingher, Port Orange, Florida, to represent Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America

Alex Maranon, Griffith, Indiana, to represent Skokie Valley Kennel Club

Pamela Rhyner, Corpus Christi, Texas, to represent Corpus Christi Kennel Club

Jane Ruthford, Maple Valley, Washington, to represent Mount Baker Kennel Club

Dr. Dawn Schroeder, Sun City, Arizona, to represent Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association

Nancy Smith, Lawrenceville, Illinois, to represent Evansville Kennel Club

Dr. Robert D. Smith, St. Stephens Church, Virginia, to represent Virginia Kennel Club

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval were introduced from the floor:

Linda Deutsch, to represent Plainfield Kennel Club

Tony Emilio, to represent Labrador Retriever Club

Karen Gunzel, to represent Trenton Kennel Club

Helen Ingher, to represent Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America

Pamela Rhyner, to represent Corpus Christi Kennel Club

Sandie Rolenaitis, to represent Harrisburg Kennel Club

Dr. Dawn Schroeder, to represent Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association

Dr. Robert D. Smith, to represent Virginia Kennel Club

The minutes of the September 25, 2018 Delegates Meetings were published on the online October 2018 AKC *Gazette* and the complete transcript is published on the Delegate's portal on AKC's website. There were no corrections and the minutes were adopted as published.

The Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America and The Löwchen Club of America were duly elected as a member of the American Kennel Club.

Mr. Sprung gave the President's report as follows:

My gratitude to Staff for their outstanding preparation of the 18th AKC National Championship, and to each Delegate for your support. Gina, Michael and Paula, and every department. We have obtained the largest event in the history of the American Kennel Club with over 9,000 entries. This is a celebration of dogs. Congratulations to each of us.

I am delighted to be in the position to establish ways of recognizing individuals in our sports. This includes the medallion program for Delegates, Judges, Show Chairs, and Breeders, the Lifetime Achievement Awards in Performance, Companion and Conformation, which will be given out at lunch today, and the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. These programs were initiated because of my passion to honor our own. The AKC Visionary Awards, given for the first time at this very meeting three years ago, celebrates individuals amongst us of vision, whose contributions have brought forward momentum to our mission. These efforts have protected our right to own and breed dogs, shared AKC's dedication and love of dogs with the public and educated the public about responsible ownership. This year, we recognize four Delegates for Leadership in our community.

Jane Wilkinson

Jane Wilkinson has been a member of Holyoke Kennel Club for 43 years, serving as Secretary, Delegate and Chairman of their Thanksgiving Classic Cluster. She is a lifetime member of Middlesex Boxer Club, and the American Boxer Club. After retiring from teaching, Jane became involved with 4-H programs in Massachusetts and Connecticut. She mentored children by having them work with her Boxers in Juniors and 4-H. With Jane's guidance, the club has supported 4-H throughout New England and pioneered inviting 4-H members to attend junior activities in conjunction with the club's clusters. The Thanksgiving Cluster created the concept of the Junior Showcase which now is approved for Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Rally and Agility. We thank Jane for her devotion to the sport and the meaningful outreach she has made.

Kathy Gregory

Kathy is the Delegate for Port Chester Obedience Training Club. She has extensive experience with the sport of Nosework and taught classes for many years. Learning that AKC was considering launching its own scent work sport, she readily stepped forward to volunteer her knowledge. As the Staff worked to develop regulations governing the sport, Kathy was always available. She has written several *Perspectives* articles to help educate our Delegate body. After one year, AKC Scent Work has proven to be very, very popular, attracting over 60,000 entries, and bringing new people and new families into our sport. We thank you, Kathy.

Marjorie Tuff

Marjorie serves as the Delegate for the American Shetland Sheepdog Association and is a longtime member of the Collie Club of America. A retired teacher who put her skills to work to develop the junior program for the Collie Club of America over 20 years ago. This program engages every age of youngster with Collies, to teach them facets of the breed, and about the Parent Club. The American Shetland Sheepdog Association adopted the program, as did the Poodle Club of America. Juniors learn anatomy, caretaking, grooming, how to mark a catalog, as well as handling skills. The program engages older children to mentor younger ones. Some who have participated in this program are now prominent breeders, exhibitors, club members, officers and veterinarians. Following the presentation at the Education Summit this past June, numerous other parent clubs requested information about this program. We thank you for your dedication to future generations in our sport. Come up, Marjorie. Thank you.

Ann Lettis

For more than 30 years, Ann's been the Delegate for Grand River Kennel Club. She has given ceaselessly of her time to advocate for responsible ownership laws, and to help kennel clubs, fanciers, and dog owners in the New York City area to do the very same. Ann first got involved in 1987, against a breed-specific ban. AKC had taken the Board of Health to court but needed New York residents to network and be prepared to testify. Ann stepped forward into the political arena and never looked back. She had a vision to establish the Responsible Dog Owners Association of New York, a state federation, focusing on legislative issues. Since then, Ann remains active in a wide variety of projects, including teaching dog owners about legislation and community involvement, testifying before city and county legislators, and creating educational

programs for children, while promoting responsible ownership. She even played a role in AKC's responsible ownership video. Ann received the Bebout Memorial Award for Leadership in Canine Legislation in 2017.

We congratulate each of our recipients.

Joe Baffuto, Chief Financial Officer, gave the Financial Report as follows:

Good morning Everyone! Welcome to those joining us for the first time as new Delegates as well as those celebrating all the wonderful events here in Orlando! Congratulations and have fun at the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin. Before we continue to enjoy in all the festivities with such great people and most especially the wonderful dogs from all around the world. I am here to provide you with financial results of The American Kennel Club through November 30, 2018. Taking a macro review, let's recap our year to date revenues and expenses. Through this past month-end, we have recorded over \$68.1 million in Total Revenue and \$65 million in Total Expenses, for an Operating Income of \$3.1 million dollars. In comparison to our prior year results where we recognized \$65.2 million in Revenue with \$60.2 million in Expenses for an exceptional Operating Income of just about \$5.0 million dollars. Leading off in the details, our total year-to-date revenue comparison showcases an overall increase of \$2.8 million dollars or 4.4% from November 30, 2017. Let's ascertain where the successes have been. Core Registration volumes through November 30. We have registered grand totals of 230,000 litters and 534,000 dogs over 11 months this year. Our litter volume has increased by 5% from 219,000 in 2017, while our dog registrations have risen by 3% from 518,000 at November 30, 2017. As we look to close December and the end of the year, our ambition is to surpass the milestones of 250,000 litters and 575,000 dogs. We will have now marked 5 consecutive years of non-declining volumes and the AKC has not recognized these peak volumes in almost a decade. Congratulations to an all-inclusive effort from multiple AKC departments with focus and dedication for achieving success. Let's measure our major revenue sources year-to-date. Registration related items, specifically, dogs; we have recorded an additional \$1.3 million in revenue this year which is an 8.7% increase from 2017. Our Litter revenue increase of \$297,000 dollars also reflects a successful 4% surge. The Canine Partners listings program has displayed an increase of \$169,000 or 21% over the 11 months of 2018. Outside of Registrations, our next largest areas of revenue increases include a number of various programs throughout the organization: e-commerce programs by \$207,000, Marketplace Revenue by \$184,000, Good

Dog Helpline by \$110,000, our CGC / Trick Dog Program by \$566,000 and Affiliate royalties by \$464,000. Let's turn to our year-to-date analysis of expenses. Year over year, our total costs have risen by \$4.7 million or 7.9%. In evaluating our major expense increases year-to-date, total Payroll and Benefits of \$31.7 million represents a \$338,000 increase or 1% from this same comparative period in 2017. Our current full-time equivalent headcount is 350, which has increased by 3.5% from 338 at November 30, 2017. Also, coinciding with an increase to headcount, has been an increase in our Consulting costs. We have spent \$2.9 million in total year-to-date, which is a 17% increase or \$432,000. Areas that have impacted this increase include AKC Productions, Marketing, Fundraising, as well as financial software systems. Contributions are significantly higher at this same comparative period last year by \$607,000. This includes our Therio grant support along with the AKC Canine Health Foundation matching gifts. Next, we have reflected an additional current year rent expense in 2018 as a component of our lease buyout and relocation of the AKC New York office. Lastly, our service fee costs have risen mainly due to our re-pointing of our amazon web technology services to a cloud fit program and the year-to-date progress in that schedule. Aside from operating results analysis, we'll briefly view the investment portfolio results as well. For the 11-month period ending November 30, 2018, our portfolio has unrealized losses of \$314,000. Financial markets have been extremely volatile over the past quarter and there is an expectation that it could very well continue through a reasonable portion of 2019. The portfolio is reflecting a 25-basis point loss for the year. Now although this downward market is not a scenario we were planning for, we are pleased that we are currently outperforming our benchmark of -1.8%. Some of our fixed income components of the portfolio are protecting our performance in the current light of unstable equity markets. The Balance Sheet of the AKC still displays plenty of financial strength. We are at \$166.3 million in Total Assets, a slight increase of nearly 1% and \$1.3 million dollars. Our Total Liabilities of \$74 million have increased by 4% and \$2.7 million over the past year. Although we have a minor short-term increase in accounts payable which is solely due to year over year timing differences, the majority of our liabilities are over a long-term period and include almost \$66 million dollars in pension and post-retirement benefits which have also slightly increased from last year. Overall, our total net assets of \$92.3 million dollars still manifest plenty of depth for our financial picture ahead. Thank you everyone on the Board, Management and Staff, and the Delegate Body for contributing to AKC's outstanding achievements in 2018. I look forward to providing you a full-year report on 2018 at our next meeting in March. I wish everyone a

memorable time here in Orlando and a triumphant 2019 ahead. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

The first vote was on Chapter 14, Sections 12, 12A, 13, 13A and 11A of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds. Sections 13 and 13A allow the American Brittany Club to hold a National Open Walking Gun Dog Championship, and a National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship. The additions to the other sections are needed to differentiate existing National Championship stakes from the two new ones. The amendment was proposed by the American Brittany Club and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 3, Section 13 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Dog Show Classifications, which clarifies the eligibility of a Winner's Dog or Bitch that has been defeated in a non-regular class as well as when Best of Winners is awarded. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted.

The third vote was to amend Chapter 5, Section 2 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Ribbons, Prizes, and Trophies, which will allow clubs the option of including the date on class placement ribbons. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a motion to change the word, "except" to "however" in the following sentence: "Except ribbons or rosettes used for regular and nonregular class placements are not required to bear the date of the show and location of the show on the face, at the option of the club."

The motion was seconded and adopted.

There was a motion to approve the amendment to Chapter 5, Section 2 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows as amended. There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the motion passed. The approved wording is "However ribbons or rosettes used for regular and nonregular class placements are not required to bear the date of the show and location of the show on the face, at the option of the club."

The next vote was on Chapter 7, Section 1 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Judges, which converts most of the italicized text to part of the rule while keeping one sentence regarding

where eligibility is expanded in italics. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted.

The fifth vote was on Chapter 9, Section 2 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Superintendents and Show Secretaries, which takes italicized Board interpretation and makes it into the rules. Additionally, it clarifies that an individual can only provide services for one All-Breed, or one Group club in a calendar year. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a discussion and amendment to change wording that did not pass.

Mr. Sprung then called for a vote on the original amendment. There were two-thirds in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted.

The sixth vote was on Chapter 9, Section 4 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Superintendents and Show Secretaries, which broadens the requirements regarding which forms the Superintendents and Show Secretary must have available at events. All necessary forms are available on the AKC website, or sent to the Super or Show Secretary, prior to the event. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 9, Section 12 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Superintendents and Show Secretaries, which cleans up wording to provide clarity, and adds a reference to eligibility requirements for this role. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was motion to amend a sentence in the rule from “No annual superintendent shall be granted a license to be a judge” to “No annual superintendent shall be granted approval to be a judge.”

The motion was seconded and adopted.

There was a motion to approve the amendments to Chapter 9, Section 12 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows as amended. There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the motion passed.

The next vote was on Chapter 10, Section 8 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians, which adds a reference to the eligibility requirements for this role. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted.

The ninth vote was on Chapter 11, Section 1 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which brings the rules up to date with the intent and current practices. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 11, Section 1 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which adds clarity to a foreign dog's eligibility for a specific class, without creating redundancy by listing the requirements. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two thirds in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 11, Section 8 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which changes the italicized paragraph to become part of the rule and adds a clarification of the Sweepstakes Judges' abilities when these conditions are present. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 14, Section 5 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Measuring, Weighing, and Color Determination When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of Class Cancellation of Award, requiring the Event Committee or Superintendent or Show Secretary to provide digital scales in addition to wickets. Additionally, changes were made to consolidate language and change italics to become part of the rule. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a motion, which was seconded to send the rule back to the Committee.

There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the rule will go back to the Committee.

The next vote was on Chapter 16, Section 1 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Championships, which provides the Best of Winners the opportunity to earn one championship point if the combined number of regular class dogs for both sexes is the minimum required for one point, usually two competitors in total. The amendment was proposed by the Delegates All-Breed Club, Dog Show Rules, and Parent Club Committees, and approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a vote to approve the amendment to Chapter 16 Section 1 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows as amended with new wording inserted after Best of Winners “based on the number of dogs competing in each sex.” A Delegate requested a rising vote to declare majority and based on the count of 138 opposed to 138 in favor, the amendment did not pass.

There was a vote on the original amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Championships with two-thirds in affirmative, and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 11, Section 8-A of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which requires permanent identification for a dog that is disqualified if it is ever to be considered for reinstatement. Additionally, a photo of the dog must be taken in the ring. The amendment was proposed by the Delegates Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors at the May 2018 Board Meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee is demanding that this amendment go forward to the Delegate body for a vote, as per AKC Bylaws.

There was a motion that was seconded to change the original amendment by adding the words, “by the Trial/Show Secretary or Superintendent”. There was a vote where a two-thirds affirmative majority was not met, and the amendment did not pass.

There was a vote on Chapter 11, Section 8-A of the original amendment, without the change. A two-thirds majority was not met, and the amendment was not adopted.

The last vote was on Chapter 11, Section 8-A of Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility. This puts the reinstatement process into the rules and removes the possibility of a reinstatement occurring at events. AKC currently provides

a list of dogs that have been disqualified. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at its meeting in May of 2018. The Dog Show Rules Committee is demanding that the amendment go forward to the Delegate body for a vote, per AKC's rules.

There was a vote and there was not two-thirds majority in the affirmative. The amendment was not adopted.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club Article VIII, Section 1.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club Article VIII, Section 1, would require that the Board, in its appointment of the five-member Nominating Committee, include three Delegates that have each been selected by a Delegate Committee, in accordance with a proposed new standing rule. The Board would be permitted to appointment only two of the five members. The amendment was proposed by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois, and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors. The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois is demanding that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote, as per the AKC Bylaws. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette. You will be asked to vote on it at the March 2019 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed.

The Chair recognized Dave Hopkins, Delegate for English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Hopkins: Dave Hopkins. I represent the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois, which is the club that's advanced this proposed amendment to the bylaws and the companion amendment to the standing rule. In the interest of time, I only want to make one point. Back in February, when I submitted the proposed amendments, I provided a summary that entailed about two pages that set forth an explanation of the rationale and the operation of the new system, which I think is very, very simple and straightforward. I believe I've worked it out with Sylvia Thomas, that these two pages will be included in the March *Perspectives*. I encourage each one of you to read the summary, when it's available in March. Thank you.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club Delegate Standing Rule on Committees, Section VI.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club Delegate Standing Rule on Committees, Section VI would change the nomination process by requiring that the Delegate Committees select three members of the Nominating Committee and would change the nomination process timeline. This standing rule amendment is offered and would only be effective if the amendment to Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club is adopted in March 2019. The amendment was proposed by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois and is unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors. The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois is demanding that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote, as per the AKC Bylaws. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette. You will be asked to vote on it at the March 2019 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed.

The Chair called on Gail LaBerge Delegate for Atlanta Obedience Club, who spoke about AKC's PAC initiatives as follows:

Ms. LaBerge: AKC PAC has some awards to give to clubs today. Our first five are going to clubs who had the most members participate this year, and are fundraising efforts for the AKC PAC:

1. Arapaho Kennel Club
2. Clearwater Kennel Club
3. Scottish Terrier Club of America
4. The Tampa Bay Kennel Club
5. The Kennel Club of Riverside

Now we have our top 5 clubs in money raised that was donated to the AKC PAC:

1. American Tibetan Mastiff Association
2. The Arapaho Kennel Club
3. The Atlanta Obedience Club
4. Trap Falls Kennel Club
5. Australian Terrier Club of America

Also, don't forget that you can sign up to get your caricature of you and your dog. We're having a lot of people sign up, and there are limits on how many he can do, so please go out, do your signup. If you don't have your dog with you, bring a picture. Now, we have a very, very short,

informational video to share with you, to actually show you all this money we begged from you, what we actually do with it. Thank you very much. [VIDEO PLAYS].

The Chair informed the Delegates that on Monday evening March 11, 2019 the AKC will be hosting a Delegate's reception for your enjoyment at the Museum in New York City. Roundtrip transportation will be provided.

For your further information, the Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel. The March meeting will be the annual election of the Class of 2023. We will be emailing and placing hotel information on the Delegate Portal in January, when our block of rooms becomes available.

On behalf of the AKC Board and Staff, we would like to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Lunch will be served next door.

The meeting stands adjourned. (Time noted: 12:45 p.m.)

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