

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**  
**Delegates Meeting**  
**September 25, 2018**

Dennis Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The first order of business was the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees.

The Meeting recessed for the Delegate Forum. The topic was "Could your Club Survive a Claim - Let's talk about Club Insurance," presented by Vice President Heather McManus, Jade Whitehead, McGriff Insurance, and Diane Leshner, Equisure.

The Chair called the meeting back in session at 10:15 a.m.

The first order of business was the remaining votes for the Delegate Standing Committees.

(There was a recess for Voting)

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the dais. Chairman, Ron Menaker. Vice Chairman, Tom Davies. Joan Corbisiero, Professional Registered Parliamentarian. Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary. Todd DeSimone, the Court Reporter.

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

Vicky Cook, Eagle Point, Oregon, to represent Reno Kennel Club  
Robyn Foust, Nampa, Idaho, to represent Idaho Capital City Kennel Club  
Anne Gallant, Springfield, Tennessee, to represent Nashville Kennel Club  
Donald S. Gillett, Selkirk, New York, to represent Troy Kennel Club  
June Guido, Lewisville, North Carolina, to represent Forsyth Kennel Club  
David W. Haddock, Nashville, Tennessee, to represent Westminster Kennel Club  
David Harsch, Mashpee, Massachusetts, to represent Cape Cod Kennel Club  
Laurie A. Maulucci, Avon, Connecticut, to represent South Windsor Kennel Club  
Betty Jo Patrick, Tucson, Arizona, to represent Schipperke Club of America  
Joseph Philip, Worcester, Massachusetts, to represent Greater Lowell Kennel Club  
Marilyn E. Piusz, Johnstown, New York, to represent Hungarian Pumi Club of America  
Sandra L. Rolenaitis, Aspers, Pennsylvania, to represent Harrisburg Kennel Club  
Amy Romeo, Glenville, New York, to represent Mohawk Valley Kennel Club  
Richard Rosenthal, Peachtree Corners, Georgia, to represent Kuvasz Club of America  
Cathy Rubens, Kenley, North Carolina, to represent Carolina Working Group Association  
Carol P. Smith, Avondale Estates, Georgia, to represent Italian Greyhound Club of America  
Lee Ann Stusnick, Shawnee, Oklahoma, to represent Kachina Kennel Club  
Barbara Visinski, Freehold, New Jersey, to represent German Pinscher Club of America  
Harvey M. Wooding, Redding, Connecticut, to represent San Mateo Kennel Club

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

Vicky Cook to represent Reno Kennel Club  
David W. Haddock to represent Westminster Kennel Club  
Donald S. Gillett to represent Troy Kennel Club  
Marilyn E. Piusz to represent Hungarian Pumi Club of America  
Lee Ann Stusnick to represent Kachina Kennel Club  
Joseph Philip to represent Greater Lowell Kennel Club  
June Guido to represent Forsyth Kennel Club  
Richard Rosenthal to represent Kuvasz Club of America  
Laurie A. Maulucci to represent South Windsor Kennel Club

The minutes of the June 2018 Delegates meeting were published in the July 2018 *AKC Gazette* and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegate Portal. There were no corrections and the minutes were adopted as published.

Lawton Dog Fanciers Association and the Utah Valley Kennel Club were duly elected as members of the American Kennel Club.

Mr. Sprung reported that the September 2018 Chairman's report was posted on AKC.org

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

A video played with a view of the new AKC headquarters followed by a walking tour.

The Chair called on Alan Fausel, Director of AKC Cultural Resources to provide an update on the museum.

Mr. Fausel: Thank you. First thing is notice our logo. Here is our brand new logo for the AKC Museum of the Dog. In just over three months we will be opening, two floors down below the AKC headquarters on 101 Park. Next slide. Sadly, we will be leaving St. Louis and the fields out there and moving into New York, it is sort of green acres in reverse, you know, Times Square, all that, to Manhattan. Many of you have seen this presentation before. We will have the facade with the scrim and the silhouette of the running dogs going past that in the opening. It will be very spectacular. Another iteration of our dog, his name is Artie, in keeping with an art museum, and we will see him later. One of the important things about this move is that we are going to be uniting two fabulous collections, the AKC Museum of the Dog collection and many of you know or may not have known about the AKC collection which will be on the fifth floor. They will all be housed under one roof and we will be able to mix and match and put together exhibitions. Our first exhibition will in fact be highlights from both collections, that, in addition to being together, we will also have the resources of the archives and the talent of all the people in the AKC on the fifth floor to make this truly an extraordinary experience. These are two of the famous paintings, *The Noble on the Scent* and then *Words of Comfort* by John Ferguson Weir. It is stunning and important paintings by European and American masters coming our way. This is what it will look like, a very

modern setting. This is the first floor, which has 22-foot-high ceilings. It has rotating panels where you could sort of change them around into how you want to set up your exhibition. One of the fabulous features is this vitrine, as we know in the collecting of bronzes and ceramics it is very important to the art and we will have a 20-foot-high glass vitrine which is surrounded by circular staircases as it goes around it. Again, we have the second floor, there will be slightly lower ceilings. We will have more intimate displays up there and some art storage as well. And the second floor, it is actually the third floor, but we will have the archives. The archives will have -- it is generally for the layman, we will put that sort of books there, but it will be sort of a gateway to the archives two floors above. Now, one of the things about this is we are basically going from a Model T to a spaceship. The amount of interactivity, electronic activity, we have is going to be tremendous. One of the first ones is find your match. It is not going to be just like a regular find your match where you put it in and say what kind of breed, what kind of temperament you have, no, this is going to be finding who you match with. When you go up to the screen, it will take a photograph of you, it will be much like a modern-day photo booth, and you put your face up there and we will find your match. This woman matches the Bull Terrier. Then if you like your match you can then go e-mail that to your friends and family or you can pick up a photograph of that in the shop. Also, it can direct you to where we have Bull Terriers in the museum. One of the best things and the heart of this is the meet the breeds table. This is going to be an interactive table, much like a large bumper pool table where you can touchscreen the table where you will have breeds walking across. They will be moving across much like the ones going across the banner in the front, they will be going across, and you find your breed, and you can see that you grab them and drag them down to your doghouse. There you have some things about the attributes and the history and then even the gallery, things that we have of that breed in the collection. You will be able to learn everything you can about each breed. You are accessing basically the AKC website and bringing it down into this touchscreen display. Then as Gina smiles here, our AKC Live, which kicked off in February, or AKC TV, we will be broadcasting AKC Live in this corner down here right against the glass, just like Good Morning America or The Today Show, we will have interviews there and have a lot of activities. I really want it to be used every day. People just love that kind of activity. Upstairs we go to dogs on the job. This is a training facility in a sense. What we have are displays here talking about service dogs and sniffer dogs and other dogs that we have, but also in the center you will be able to train a dog. Here we have the chat panels on the side talking about different type of canine coworkers we have and emphasizing their jobs. But in the center will be about a five-foot screen where you will encounter Molly, and Molly will be a Lab, and she will be someone you can train. What you can do is grab a treat and this will recognize your hand signals and your voice commands, and the dog will do what she is asked to do. She will be what we call an avatar and will actually be animated to do the right things if you get it right. When you get it right, you did a great job and a certificate. One of the things for all of you especially is the story of the breeder. This is an interactive piece near the archives and that will have a touchscreen as well where you can flip through different aspects of the breeders, their lives, the stories, the love of breeding, past winners, etc., breeder of the year. Outside the archives as well, this is where the archives is, we will have a display of the AKC story, the AKC history on

one side and the AKC today on the other side. Then along the archives we will have the community wall. These will be a group of screens that will be active where people come in, children, groups like that will come in and we will do their artwork and they can be displayed on the wall in basically large iPad kind of format, little TV screens. Then the most incredible thing is the app. This is an app that is going to be stunning. This will be a regular app where you have all your details about your hours, when we are open, what show is on, what programs we have, but then it goes in the tour and then the kids tour, so the scavenger hunt here. It has other information about the different things. But this activity here is what we are working on. It is going to be really quite head-turning. What it will allow you to do is go to each painting and it will tell you, you take your camera and you take a photograph, and it will tell you which breed they are, it will tell you a story about the breed in text form. You can see the text here. It will bring up breeds and can bring you into the AKC website. It can bring you into videos and other content we want to put in there. But most fun is going to be for the kids. Here we see Artie again and Artie is going to be another one of these avatars. He is going to be a dog who wanders around and he is going to take you on a little tour. He will take you to a painting such as The Highland Todd by Anstell and ask you how many dogs are in here and if you say 12, he will go wrong, incorrect, try again. 14, yes, you pass on to the next one. And there will be about ten of these. It is sort of a scavenger hunt. And you will be able to follow Artie much like a Pokemon Go. I don't know if you guys know that. You can see this avatar going through and he will follow you through or lead you through the exhibition. Here we have him taking you to Millie, the presidential dog. And Artie will be walking, flipping, jumping, nodding his head, wagging his tail, so basically waving to the visitors. Also, it will be quite fun for an interactive. Just quickly to let you know outside of that we are also going to be concentrating on the artwork, not just the displays, and because we have this great collection, you know, Reunited, my first one is going to be about six months, I'm going to have it up for a long time, we had highlights of the AKC Museum of the Dog Collection. The fabulous Lancer from St. Louis, Ward from St. Louis. Then the next set, specialty will be women artists. We have a lot of them represented. It is great to show how important they were. We have of course I Hear a Voice by Maud Earl, Marguerite Kirmse and all her etchings. Then another show will be Photos: Please Do Not Bend. If you notice anyone, I always say if you see a letter that says photos, please do not bend, this person is over 70 years old. But this will be about vernacular photography, not fashion photography, not fine art photography, but just what people did. There is a collection out there which is a collection of just everyday photos of everyday dogs over history. It gives you a lovely idea of how people interacted with their dogs. Finally, we are often during Fashion Week, hopefully this year or next we will have -- not this year, but we will have a fashion show here with the great Bee Godsall and just showing you a recent fashion shoot with the Harlequin Great Dane. Hopefully I can borrow this piece from the Met. But thank you for listening. I hope to see you all in January, if not, we are planning special things for you around the Delegates meeting in March and we will give you details of those later. Thank you very much.

Mr. Sprung made the announcement to the Delegate body about important news concerning the AKC affiliate, Smart Pet Technologies. The LINK AKC Smart Pet Collar

has been acquired by Wags, a company that is dedicated to delivering the completely connected pet lifestyle. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the sale on September 14th and a press release will be issued to the public.

Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Buffuto, gave the Financial Report as follows:  
Good morning everyone. Thank you very much for joining us here this morning and best of luck to all the Delegates running on the Standing Committees. Before I embark on our financial report through August 31st, please know our thoughts and prayers are with all those that have been affected by Hurricane Florence. May all reach a full and safe recovery very soon. Let's begin by examining our year-to-date summary of revenues and expenses. Total revenue of \$50 million has been offset by total expenses of \$46.8 million, which reflects operating income of \$3.2 million, which is below our comparative operating income of \$4.9 million at the same time last year. Let's take a detailed look at some specifics and considerations. In our comparison of year-to-date revenue, we are up by \$2.5 million, or 5.4 percent. What organizational areas have been most successful through eight months? Let's examine further along our revenue drivers. Our core registration volume reflects very positive performance. Year to date we have registered approximately 170,000 litters, which is a 6 percent increase from last year as well as 401,000 dogs, which represents a 4 percent prior-year increase. These top two-line items have afforded us nearly \$1.4 million in additional year-over-year revenue. Congratulations to all areas of staff that have contributed to these encouraging accomplishments. Next let's focus on our other business areas that have year-to-date revenue success. Revenue in our royalties and sponsors, including royalties received to AKC from our affiliates, have risen by \$975,000, or approximately 28 percent. Our Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog programs, income has soared by \$446,000, or 41 percent, in eight months comparison to the prior year. Our Marketplace as well as our Ecommerce platform has reflected reasonably significant dollar increases during this year. Marketplace is up by \$337,000 and Ecommerce by \$311,000. We are planning to continue to modify our efforts in both programs in order to maximize their financial worth. Our Canine Partners Program has also outperformed its previous-year comparison by 29 percent, or approximately \$163,000. On the cost side of the equation, next we will observe our year-to-date expenses. Management plans to continue to monitor costs closely throughout the balance of this fiscal year and methods to keep daily operations in line in the most financially sound and efficient manner. Total expenses through August 31st have increased by 10 percent, or \$4.2 million from the August 31, 2017 level. The first area to provide an explanation relates to our payroll and benefits. Our payroll and benefits costs are up just over \$1 million, or 4.5 percent. The influencing factor to this increase lies within our overall current full-time head count of 343, which is 4.2 percent greater than 329 from August of 2017. There are other year-to-date expenses that have risen from previous levels. Our year-to-date contributions supporting the AKC Canine Health Foundation, including theriogenology research, have increased by \$694,000. Our consulting costs year-over-year are markedly higher at just over \$1 million. AKC.TV development along with our New York office relocation have most impacted this line item. Our marketing services costs have increased by 30 percent over 2017. This specifically is an area that we fully expect to closely monitor and control as the balance

of the year progresses. Predominantly as a function of increased registrations, our postage and supplies costs have increased by a combined \$556,000, or 21 percent over the comparative eight months of 2017. Again, I reiterate, management plans to continue to monitor not only these highlighted items, but all costs very closely throughout the balance of the fiscal year. In addition to our results from operations, next we provide some details on the tremendous success of our marketable investment portfolio through the first eight months of our fiscal year. Our investments have realized a 4 percent unrealized gain this year. These gains value to a \$3.9 million increase in our investment balances. Our relative benchmark for our portfolio during the comparative period was 3.5 percent, so we are currently outperforming the expectations set by nearly 50 basis points. The consolidated balance sheet of the AKC at August 31 reflects \$183.7 million in total assets. Our cash and investments total more than 80 percent of these assets. This is the core financial strength of the AKC. Our total liabilities recorded are \$84.8 million. Almost 75 percent of our liabilities lie within long-term pension and post-retirement obligations. Our net assets of \$98.8 million have increased by 14 percent since August of last year. We are doing well in our core programs and we expect to improve cost controls through the end of the year while the financial markets continue to maintain their phenomenal strength. All of these factors are combining to provide sustained positive financial performance. In closing, I will remind you the full deck presented here will be available on the portal by the close of business tomorrow for you to communicate with your clubs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I again ask all of us stay safe and take care of the Kings and Queens we all love so dearly. Look forward to seeing you in Orlando. Have a wonderful afternoon.

There was a vote on Chapter 1, Section 4, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined*, which would allow clubs to limit their event by the number of dogs or by the total entry. This 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 3, Section 16, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*, which would specify the order in which awards are presented by a judge at an All-Breed Show. The amendment was approved by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the Board at the February 2018 Board meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee is demanding that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws.

There was a vote. A two-thirds affirmative majority was not met and the amendment was not adopted.

The Chair recognized Carmen Battaglia, Delegate for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Battaglia: Mr. President, Carmen Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America. I would like to make an observation about what is on the screen and what I think people voted for. On the screen is an underlined sentence at the bottom which is what I think drew everyone's attention. But if you go to the second sentence up there, that reads "No

entry shall be charged, and all the group winners must compete." I think that slipped by most of the people in the room, because these are two different concepts and I'm not sure which one they voted for. I'm just making this observation that while this didn't pass, I think people missed the second sentence, which is probably the more important of the two.

The next vote was on Chapter 5, Section 9, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies*, which would allow a club to offer a three-time win trophy for Reserve Best in Show. This 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 is adopted.

The final vote was on Chapter 11, New Section 16, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*, to address the use of inappropriate collars and leads at dog shows. The amendment was approved by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the February 2018 Board meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee is demanding that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws.

The Chair recognized Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for the Mississippi Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Bernardi: Gretchen Bernardi, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club. I'm troubled in this amendment by the inclusion of the "gentle leader" in this amendment. I have never used a gentle leader but I have a very large breed of dog and I notice many times especially when I go to Crufts, that my little old lady friends come into the show with four and five Irish Wolfhounds on gentle leaders, and I asked many of them why they use them, if they are successful, and they say they have very small gardens and it allows them to walk several dogs at one time and I don't see why we should possibly object to this and also why we should include them with less humane methods of control like prong collars and electronic collars. I would like to amend this to omit the head collar/lead and gentle leaders from this proposal. Is that possible?

Mr. Sprung: I will tell you in a minute. Is there a second?

Unidentified Delegate: Second.

Ms. DiNardo: The wording would now be "while on the show grounds dogs must be under the control of their owner/handler utilizing a traditional neck collar/lead. They may be off lead when participating in an obedience rally or agility ring, warm-up ring, exercise area or other off-lead activities approved by the AKC. Special training devices that are used to control and train dogs, including, but not limited to, collars with prongs, electronic collars used with transmitters, muzzle and head collar/lead may not be used on dogs while on the show grounds" -- sorry, delete from "muzzle" until "gentle leaders"; "may not be used on dogs while in the show grounds."

Mr. Sprung: Is there further discussion? There is a motion and a second on the floor to amend. Is there further discussion on the motion and second?

The Chair recognized Bob Amen, Delegate for the Greater St. Louis Training Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Amen: Bob Amen, Greater St. Louis Training Club. I just wanted to support this amendment. The gentle leader is widely accepted by the obedience community. It is accepted by Karen Pryor, clicker trainers throughout the United States use it. It is a very effective means of controlling your dog without doing it any harm. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Is there further discussion on the motion in front of the body?

The Chair recognized Nance Skoglund, Delegate for the Gordon Setter Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Skoglund: Nance Skoglund, Gordon Setter Club of America. It was my club that brought this to the Dog Show Rules Committee and I would very much appreciate if you would vote against this amendment to the change that we have requested. This is going to open a big can of worms. You are going to have to change it for obedience, agility, field, sure you will, because they are going to want to be able to use that muzzle or a gentle leader when they are leading their dogs into the grounds and you need to be able to keep your dog under control when you are bringing him or her to the show. I would highly encourage you to vote against the amendment to this proposal.

The Chair recognized Sophia Kaluzniacki, Delegate for the Canada Del Oro Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Kaluzniacki: Sophia Kaluzniacki, Canada Del Oro Kennel Club. I would like to mention that I have heard from several individuals that have service dogs or other dogs of that kind that use gentle leaders because it is easier for a person that has a handicap, in a wheelchair, for instance, to be able to safely lead a dog around with them on the grounds, even if they are not competing, for instance.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Unidentified Delegate: I just want to say, we are talking about, you know, cans of worms. You know, it says it very clearly, dogs must be under the control of their owner/handler. You know, so dogs who are not under control of their owner/handlers need to leave regardless of what kind of collar or anything they are wearing.

The Chair recognized Bob Amen, Delegate for the Greater St. Louis Training Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Amen: Bob Amen again, Greater St. Louis Training Club. I just want to amend my amendment. I am not in favor of -- it may be just the way this amendment is written. When I see the word "muzzle," that is not involved with the -- I mean, that is a different tool. A muzzle to me is something you put on a dog that is -- that may want to bite. That is a different ball game altogether. I think if we just stick with the head collar/lead and gentle leaders, gentle leaders, there are a number of leaders that are designed to be like the gentle leader. The gentle leader happens to be the one in quotes, a very well-established tool among the obedience rally community and trainers throughout this country and abroad. The muzzle part bothers me. That's the only word that I would say we take out.

Mr. Sprung: We are going to vote.

Unidentified Delegate: The muzzle part was not in the amendment. The muzzle part is collars used with transmitters, maybe adding the word "and muzzles may not be used on dog." The amendment was to delete head collars and gentle leaders; isn't that correct?

The Chair recognized Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for the Mississippi Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Bernardi: That was my intention.

Mr. Sprung: That's where we're going. "Muzzle" stays in. That was your motion, correct?

Ms. Bernardi: Yes.

Mr. Sprung: That is the motion and that's what was seconded.

The Chair recognized Jan Croft, Delegate for the Land O' Lakes Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Croft: Jan Croft, Land O'Lakes Kennel Club. It says in here that the addition of this is unnecessary since it is covered by board policy. I would like to know if what we are doing here is against the Board policy and what that Board policy states.

The Chair recognized Greg Paveza, Delegate for the Elm City Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Paveza: Point of order, is that on point with the suggested amendment, Madam Parliamentarian –

Unidentified Delegate: Please stand up. We can't hear you over here.

Mr. Paveza: I'm sorry, Greg Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club. My question to the Parliamentarian is, is this concern about the Board rule relevant to the amendment to the dog show rule as proposed?

Mr. Sprung: The gentleman's question is the relevancy and the scope of the Board policy to this amendment.

Mr. Paveza: That's correct.

Mr. Sprung: It is a point of information because that was the basis of the board's opinion to disapprove.

The Chair called on Doug Ljungren, EVP Sports & Events, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Ljungren: There is a reason that organizations have rules, policies and standard procedures. They are slightly different things. Rules are hard and fast and not open to interpretation. This is a Board policy, it always has been a Board policy for over 30 years. It is being lifted almost exactly IN the same wording being picked up and put into the rules according to dog shows, for dog shows. There is really no reason to do that except there is some logic to say we need to put everything in one place so that people understand it when they go look for it. That's a reason to have italicized information in the rule book. This could be a Board policy that is italicized in the rule book. The Dog Show Rules Committee has been methodically going through the dog show rule book and moving italicized to non-italicized or making it a hard rule. The Staff and the Board does not think that is appropriate in this case.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Nance Skoglund, Delegate for the Gordon Setter Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Skoglund: Nance Skoglund, Gordon Setter Club of America. As I said earlier, my club brought this to the Dog Show Rules Committee. We had a professional handler at our 2016 national specialty fashion a halter, a muzzle halter, gentle leader, whatever you want to call it, collar, out of her leash, and that's how she showed the dog to keep his head up. Most of us didn't notice it, black dog, black leash, but of course someone did. They filed charges not against the professional handler, because she was not a member of our club, but against the two owners of that dog for allowing her to use that leash/collar configuration. We had to have a hearing. Somebody plunked down their money. We had to have a hearing. When we went to look for this rule, let me tell you where it is. It is on AKC.org under Rules, Regulations and Policies, the Board Policy Manual, Dog Show Policies, it's the third to the last entry under Training Collars from the July 2001 Board meeting. It is also in a second place. It is in the Show Trial Manual, which is geared towards secretaries and superintendents. That manual is 192 pages long. This rule is located on page 164 of Chapter 13, Appendix C. I'm in favor of it being

an italicized note in dog show rules, but I think it needs to be where people can find it so they know what the expectation is. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Katie Campbell, Delegate for the Basenji Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Campbell: Katie Campbell, Basenji Club of America. To me the big thing that we're all around it but we are not addressing it and making a rule here is for the person who brings, that is new to the sport, comes with their family dog for one of their first dog shows and they bring Fido in on a harness. I'm not seeing harnesses included or excluded here. I'm seeing that there could be room for that family to be approached to say you have to leave the show grounds, you've got your dog on a harness. And if we are going to have this type of detail brought in, we are not allowing for these common alternatives that make for good safety walking your family dog.

The Chair recognized Dominic Carota, Delegate for the Pharaoh Hound Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Carota: Dominic Carota, Pharaoh Hound Club of America. As a licensed lure coursing test and trial judge, I want to bring awareness to the Delegate body that muzzles are used in the sport of lure coursing for dogs for protection from the line. So essentially, we are having multiple events now in conjunction with shows for our cat, fast cat and our coursing events as well as our tests, and that would be essentially not acceptable. So now we are causing a safety issue for our dogs. I believe that given this discussion, given the back and forth, that I would suggest that this requires further discussion beyond today. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Julian Prager, Delegate for the Central Florida Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Prager: Julian Prager, Central Florida Kennel Club. I cannot vote for this the way it is currently written or amended. I certainly support what Doug said. Rules ought to be tight, they ought to be concise and they ought to state what is necessary to be stated. They ought to refer in italics to policies, so people know where to look for them for the entire prescription. But, you know, other than saying dogs that are entered in shows while on the show grounds must be under control of their owner and handler and they may be off lead when approved by the AKC, I don't know that a rule needs to say more than that.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. Okay, the question is on the amendment. It has been proposed and seconded to make the deletion as on the screens. All those in favor, say aye. Opposed? We are going to ask you to all in favor, please stand. All those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Please be seated. All those opposed to the amendment, please stand. The amendment has not passed. We are back to the original proposal.

The Chair recognized Nance Skoglund, Delegate for the Gordon Setter Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Skoglund: Can I make a motion to table this and send it back to the committee since there seems to be so much question? Is that possible? Is that correct?

The Chair recognized Johnny Shoemaker, Delegate for the Redwood Empire Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Shoemaker: As chairman of the Dog Show Rules Committee, I make a motion that we also table this.

Mr. Sprung: The motion should be to refer it back to committee. One at a time, please.

Unidentified Delegate: Then I so move to send it back to committee.

Unidentified Delegate: Second.

Mr. Sprung: It is a majority vote.

The Chair recognized Carl Holder, Delegate for the Beaumont Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Holder: Carl Holder, Beaumont Kennel Club. The motion now is to recommit, right, send it back to committee?

Mr. Sprung: Correct.

Mr. Holder: Because if we table it, tabling it is not the way.

Mr. Sprung: Exactly. Table is for lunch. All those in favor of sending it back to the committee, please stand. Thank you. All those opposed? The majority was in favor. It will be sent back to the Dog Show Rules Committee.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 13, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classification*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 3, Section 13, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classification*, clarifies the eligibility of a Winners Dog/Bitch that has been defeated in a non-regular class as well as when Best of Winners is awarded. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and Staff recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 5, Section 2, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 5, Section 2, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies*, allows clubs the option of including the date on class placement ribbons. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair recognized Dr. Charles Garvin, Delegate for the Dalmatian Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Garvin: Charlie Garvin, Dalmatian Club of America. My question is would it be better to suggest a word substitution for grammatical improvement now or in subsequent meetings?

Mr. Sprung: It can't be amended now, so it would have to be at the next meeting, December.

Mr. Garvin: Just be aware of starting a sentence with the word "Except." The word "However," would be an improvement.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 7, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges*, converts most of the italicized text to part of the rule while keeping one sentence regarding where eligibility is expanded in italics. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and Staff recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 2, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Superintendent and Show Secretaries*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 9, Section 2, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Superintendents and Show Secretaries*, takes italicized Board interpretation and makes it part of 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 proposal was

approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

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The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 4, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Superintendents and Show Secretaries*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 9, Section 4, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Superintendents and Show Secretaries*, broadens the requirements regarding which forms of the Superintendent/Show Secretary must have available at events. All necessary forms are available on the AKC website or sent to the Superintendent/Show Secretary prior to the event. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 12, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Superintendents and Show Secretaries*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 9, Section 12, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Superintendents and Show Secretaries*, cleans up wording to provide clarity and adds reference to eligibility requirements for this role. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 10, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians*.

Ms. DiNardo: The amendment to Chapter 10, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians*, adds a reference to the eligibility requirements for this role. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 11, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*, adds clarity to a foreign dog's eligibility for a specific class without creating redundancy by listing the requirements. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 11, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*, brings the Rules up to date with the intent and current practices. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and Staff recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*, changes the italicized paragraph to become part of the rule and add a clarification to the sweepstakes judge's abilities when these conditions are present. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*, 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 approved by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the May 2018 Board meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee 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 and you will

be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

Unidentified Delegate: I have a question on this one. I assume the photo in the ring is for identification purposes of the dog that is the subject of the matter. My question is, I don't think anybody would be able to verify a picture on our Black Russian Terriers. I'm wondering if this should be amended to have if the dog is not microchipped, it needs to be microchipped right there at the show. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

Ms. Goldberg: Sue Goldberg, Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club. Our Dog Show Rules Committee's amend the proposal to Chapter 11, Section 8-A, coming up for a vote in December, is one of the more important votes to come before the Delegate body. Several of my fellow Dog Show Rules Committee have asked me as Chair of the DQ Reinstatement Subcommittee to clarify some misconceptions about this proposed amendment in advance of that vote. Removing from an event the reinstatement procedure of a dog who has been disqualified for attacking is a protection we owe our clubs, our exhibitors, spectators, our dogs, venues and the AKC itself. We Delegates are charged with advancing, preserving and protecting the interests of our respective clubs. We will be dividing the vote into two parts. One will be removing the reinstatement procedure from a show and the other will be the means to attempt to identify the dog to ensure that the same dog that attacked is presented for reinstatement. The latter has caused a great deal of misinterpretation which prompts the following explanation. Firstly, nowhere in this proposal is there a suggestion that the dog that has just been -- that the judge that has just been attacked needs to approach the dog again in order to facilitate identification. Let common sense prevail. While we recognize that nothing is foolproof, this proposal offers a number of alternatives. Regarding the microchip, assuming a functioning scanner is available, the handler has the option to run the scanner and hand it to the judge to maintain the chain of custody, or, five days later, to provide documentation. Regarding the tattoo, nowhere does it say that the judge is expected to turn the dog over to examine its belly for a tattoo. The handler has the option to show the tattoo, if it exists, to the judge. The distinguishing, unalterable, unique body feature, nowhere does this proposal suggest that the judge should be searching the dog's head for a cut ear or its mouth for a broken tooth. If such a feature exists, the handler can point it out. More likely, a unique body feature could be, for example, to your point, a docked versus an undocked tail on a Black Russian Terrier, a color pattern such as a Brindle versus a Harlequin Great Dane, size such as a mini versus a standard Dachshund, a prick eared versus a drop-eared Skye Terrier, a 9 inch versus a 19-inch American Eskimo. We recognize that none of these are totally foolproof, but making an attempt is important. For this reason, a photo of the dog taken while the dog is in the ring is an attempt to positively identify the dog in the event a reinstatement is to take place. Most everyone carries a cell phone. Nowhere does the proposal require a professional photographer, nor that the dog be stacked in show pose, just a photo to help identify the

dog for the future to attempt to ensure that the dog presented for reinstatement is the dog who actually committed the infraction. Bear in mind that the individuals reinstating the dog were likely not in attendance when the attack occurred and the judge who disqualified the dog is not in attendance at the reinstatement. On the DQ for attacking form, it requires that it be filled out and handed to the exhibitor in the ring. And it goes on to quote what is already in the rules, that said dog may not again compete at any event, nor be on the grounds of an AKC event, unless and until the dog's event eligibility has been reinstated. Therefore, the reinstatement procedures currently in place are in violation of AKC's own existing rules. As for the comment to the right of the proposed change regarding the breach of the disclosure of information policy, this was never brought to our committee for discussion, and, more importantly, is not applicable, since this information is already in the public domain as the owner's name and contact information are listed in the catalog of the show in which the dog was disqualified. Over the more than five years this proposal has been in the making, our committee has considered every suggestion from fellow Delegates, show chairs, judges, stewards, and members of the fancy. There is no benefit, no advantage to a club, to allow reinstatement to take place at its event, only the risk of harm and the risk of legal liability, as we heard here today. Making every attempt to ensure that the dog presented for reinstatement is the actual dog in question is critical to protecting the integrity of the reinstatement as well as protecting from potential harm judges under whom this dog may be entered in the future. When you bring this important amendment back to your clubs, please have a copy of the rules book with you which you may request at the AKC booth in the lobby. Read Chapter 11, Section 8-A and Section 11 at your meeting and please consider this proposal without embellishments exactly as it is written. The Dog Show Rules Committee hopes for your favorable vote in December. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Katie Campbell, Delegate for the Basenji Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Campbell: Katie Campbell, Basenji Club of America. Two quick points on this with the DQ. First of all, if it is going to become -- we have to think about the logistics in advance. If we are going to require microchipping on a dog that is shown, we are going to have to basically microchip -- have breeders be required to microchip all their puppies before they are sent out with registration certificates and the AKC then should, I believe, when they send out the registration form to tell the new owner if you have any aspirations of showing your dog it must be microchipped. Secondly, I find it quite amazing that as the breeder of dogs that has been -- more than one dog that has been disqualified I have had owners that have been there first time entered and the judge has made an error and disqualified the dog, that we have lost really wonderful potential new people in the sport because of a bad day that the dog had or the judge really not liking the breed. And I have also had a successful dog reinstated that then went on to become Select Dog at the National Specialty and a two-time local Best in Specialty show winner who had previously been disqualified that was reinstated. I'm a Delegate. No one has come to me about it. When I have gone to that meeting I can't get called on. I think that it

could be a little bit more open, more inclusive. I realize that fear is driving a lot here, but we have to look at logic as well.

The Chair recognized Cindy Stansell, Delegate for the Finnish Spitz Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Stansell: Cindy Stansell, Finnish Spitz Club of America. I learned something new. I'm on the subcommittee and I'm on the Rules Committee and I just learned something new right now that we are going to bifurcate this issue, unknown to me. There were other solutions that were offered and were not considered. This was not a unanimous decision by the Rules Committee. I in fact greatly opposed this particular proposal and I wish you would look more to see the expense, the unnecessary, and even how dangerous it will be to the judge. I encourage you all to consider carefully not passing this proposal.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Julian Prager, Delegate for the Central Florida Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Prager: Julian Prager, Central Florida Kennel Club. I actually spoke to the Chair of the subcommittee and to the Chair of the committee about my concerns about this. My sense was that they were certainly willing to listen, that they were not willing to accept any of my concerns, and that's my own personal feeling about this. I appreciate that the committee addressed this issue because it did reveal some things that needed to be addressed and the Board in some changes of policy has addressed some of the original concerns that were present when the committee first brought the rule forward. My club has a show at a venue you may be familiar with, which is the Orange County Convention Center. This rule would prohibit any part of the Orange County Convention Center, even the separate wing of the Orange County Convention Center, being used for a reinstatement event, and the way it is written, it would prohibit it being used by anyone at any time during the entire year because in the AKC policies show grounds are defined as the place where a show is held. That exists 365 or 366 days a year. I don't think my club should be prohibited, if it wants to have a reinstatement event, from choosing a location at which it can have a reinstatement event, and I'm not saying they would want to. But I don't think it should be a restriction placed on us. The other issue, and I have a number of issues, but the other issue I will briefly talk about here is that the rule, and this is something Doug alluded to, really should deal with what we have to pay attention to, and the process of doing a reinstatement and how many reinstaters you have is not something that I believe ought to be in a rule. Because if we develop evidence that it is safe to have two reinstaters or we develop a process that shows that it's not safe to have three reinstaters and we need more, we have to have the flexibility to make those changes quickly without having to go through a rule change. Rule changes, even when they are done quickly, take time, and we are talking about an issue here which, as everyone understands, is critical. One final point. There are a couple of things that I think

are in the current rule or that are not in either the proposal or the current rule that ought to be in the rule. Nowhere in the current rule does it say that a dog that is disqualified must be either removed from the show grounds or securely confined immediately. It says it may not be again on the grounds of a show or entered in a show. If we are really concerned about security of people on the show grounds, why don't we include that in this? Thank you.

The Chair recognized Mary Ellen Fishler, Delegate for the Poodle Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Fishler: Mary Ellen Fishler, Poodle Club of America. I'm not trying to throw a wrench into anything, but I have been microchipping before the AKC even had microchips. I worked with the original Identichip. Microchips are not infallible. I have two dogs that are on their fourth chip. They disappear. I mean, every time we put hard line, we are not allowing for any outside possibilities, and that's a concern for me.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*, 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 but that list does not include the owner's name or contact information as that would be a breach of the Disclosure of Information policy. The amendment was approved by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the May 2018 Board meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee is demanding that the 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 and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 5, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of Class or Division of Class Cancellation of Awards*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 14, Section 5, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of Class or Division of Class Cancellation of Awards*, requiring the Event Committee or Superintendent/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

proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championships*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championships*, 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 total). The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Staff and All-Breed Club, Dog Show Rules and Parent Club Committees recommendation reviewed at the June Delegate's meeting. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair recognized Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

Ms. Bernardi: Gretchen Bernardi, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club. My club has requested that I read the following statement regarding this proposal. Like so many of our problems in the sport, the primary culprit for low entries is the number of shows that we have approved beginning with clusters, back to backs, two shows in one day, and the proliferation of specialty and group shows in certain geographical areas. By refusing to address this complex issue requiring complex and perhaps painful decisions, we have instead offered a change that will cause more problems in a misguided attempt to solve the larger one. When a new initiative is deemed a success, it is always gauged by quantity, not quality. Diminishing the requirements for a championship may increase championship titles, but will they be quality titles? It may increase entries perhaps, but will it increase the quality of our dogs that we see at our shows? It may provide more service entry fees, but will it give lasting meaning to an earned title? It is often overlooked that there is a definite relationship between the quality of our shows and registrations. Where is the incentive to breed a litter of quality dogs if we can't compete fairly for meaningful rewards? More and more breeders simply don't see the point of the work, the expense, and the worry of producing beautiful purebred dogs in today's atmosphere. I know there are many good breeders out there with better dogs than we are used to seeing and we can get them back by emphasizing quality in our awards and our competition. I know that it is now possible, I have been showing dogs for a long time, but I know it is possible for a dog to finish by going best of winners alone. Around 1997 when I was a new Delegate a committee of experienced and well-known Delegates sat on a committee charged with, among other things, enhancing the meaning of an AKC championship. One recommendation was the elimination of best of winners. Unfortunately, it was defeated and the quality of our champions and of our dogs has

declined ever since. Creating lower-level champions will not help rare breeds develop in the future but will put them on a path to mediocrity or worse. Creating cheaper champions will diminish all the ones that I have proudly garnered over the last nearly 50 years. If we sacrifice the legitimacy of our championship titles in a misguided search for more entries, any entries, we set out on an even faster track to obscurity. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Pat Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Laurans: Pat Laurans, German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America. There is one part of this statement that I feel is prejudicial and that part is where it says "usually two competitors total." This has been portrayed by many or understood by many that for all instances, it will be one dog, one bitch, which is not the case. There are some breeds that have greater entries that require more than one dog and one bitch, as their total of two. So I think I would like to see that comment in parenthesis, which says "usually two competitors total," eliminated. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Marcy Zingler, Delegate for the Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Zingler: Marcy Zingler, Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno. In the '70s there is precedent for this. There were combined sexes in low-entry breeds. In those days such as flack coats, such as Clumbers, and it wasn't just for one point. If you had four Clumbers, whoever won that class or won winners, got a major. I cannot for the life of me see how this would cheapen a championship. You could get 50 single points, you are no closer to your championship than if you didn't. Also, best of winners, I do agree with Gretchen on the best of winners point, best of winners has far outlived the reason it was created. It was created when only the best of winners went in for best of breed. That aside, if people decide that they would like to cross over and award more points to the one who didn't originally get them, that cheapens the championship. But if you have the desire to get more people interested in the sport, and being a sustained interest in the sport, they aren't going to want to make a dozen entries without even the chance of getting a point. We are in favor.

Unidentified Delegate: And most low-entry breeds, and even breeds that are not totally low entry, two bitches would be one point or two dogs, class dogs, would be one point. So basically, all we are really saying is that if we have two dogs, maybe one is a bitch and one is a dog, and they are of the quality that a judge would consider, that the winner would be worthy of one point, that they can do that. Now, it all comes down to the quality of the judging. I mean, judges do not have to cross over for best of winners if they do not feel that the dog that has been crossed over is deserving of those points, whether it is one point, two points, a major. A judge can withhold first place from a class. A judge has the right to do a lot of things. And we need to realize that it is in their hands and in the ring. Being from a breed where we often don't even have two of these dogs in the state, we need to encourage anybody new that wants to get one of our low-entry breed dogs a

chance possibly to pick up a point here or there, and just because the two dogs aren't the same sex, they still could get a point. I totally agree with the previous speaker. I do not think it will cheapen the championship. I know that there are many times when there are one and one entered, and the people pay the entry fee but they never show up at the show or make any attempt to go to the show, or if they are handled by a handler they are left in the van because there's no point available. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Pat Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Laurans: Pat Laurans, German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America again. Again, I think we also need to remember a judge can withhold best of winners. The judge can also withhold winners from either one. So I think it is the responsibility of the judges as well to determine whether the entry is of a quality so that this would come into play. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Eduardo Toshio Fujiwara, Delegate for the Fort Lauderdale Dog Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Fujiwara: Eduardo Toshio Fujiwara, Fort Lauderdale Dog Club. I want to offer a perspective on someone being in the fancy for less than six years, so it is very opposite from most of your experience. But in the last six years we have four puppies that we bred. Three girls and a boy won their majors in a specialty because we have Irish Terriers or in Montgomery Week. But for the first whole year of my experience, because we were in Florida, we have no competition except for one dog against some of our girls. One year without a single point until we made it to nationals. If I was not someone that really was involved in the past through my parents and really had a passion for the dogs, you think I would have stayed for one year without a single point? That's it. Thank you.

The Chair called on Kim Johnson of KPMG to read the Teller's Report results of the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees.

Ms. Johnson: The results of the voting for Delegate Standing Committees are as follows: For the All-Breeds Clubs Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three-year terms: Margaret DiCorleto. Jon M. Green. Michael Houchard. Cathy Rubens.

For the Canine Health Committee, the following three candidates were elected for three-year terms: Dr. Charles Garvin. Susan LaCroix Hamil. Dr. Robert Tainsh.

For the Canine Health Committee, the following one candidate was elected for a one-year term: Donald Schwartz.

For the Companion and Events Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three-year terms: Jack Cadalso. Gail LaBerge. Patricia Stample. Kathrynann Sarvinas.

For the Dog Show Rules Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three-year terms: Cindy Miller. Nancy Perrell. Robert Schroll. Johnny Shoemaker. For the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee, the following three candidates were elected for three-year terms: Florence Duggan. Karen Luckey. Katherine Sullivan.

For the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee, the following candidate was elected for a one-year term: John Russell. There was a tie between Neal Goodwin and Christopher Orcutt for the other one-year term. In accordance with the Delegates Standing Rules on Committees, item 4, G4, in case of a tie for the last position on any committee, the tie will be resolved by standing vote of the Delegates. Therefore, after I have concluded the presentation, there will be a standing vote for this position.

For the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee, the following two candidates were elected for three-year terms: Carol Fisher. Maria Sacco. For the last position, there was a tie between Gerard Baudet and Kathleen Gregory. Similar to the last committee, there will be a standing vote at the conclusion of this reading for that particular position as well.

For the Parents Clubs Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three-year terms: Don James. Pat Laurans. Karen Mays. Peter Piusz.

The Chair directed the standing votes as follows:

The first standing vote was for the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee where there was a tie for a one-year term between Neal Goodwin and Christopher Orcutt. The majority went to Christopher Orcutt.

The second standing vote was for the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee, where there was a tie for a three-year term between Gerard Baudet and Kathleen Gregory. The majority went to Kathleen Gregory.

The Chair announced a replay of the new AKC headquarters and walking tour video to be played in its entirety.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Sections 12, 12A, 13, 13A and 11A of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment addresses changes to Chapter 14, Sections 12, 12A, 13, 13A and 11A of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*. Section 12 collar clarifies that the handlers in the current Open Gun Dog Championship are entitled to ride horses. Section 12A clarifies that the handlers in the Amateur Gun Dog Championship are entitled to ride horses. Section 13 adds a new Open Walking Gun Dog Championship stake. Section 13A adds a new Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship. Section 11A clarifies that the current Amateur Championship is an All-Age stake. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a

recommendation from the American Brittany Club. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Executive Secretary read the report on the Nominating Committee at follows:  
Ms. DiNardo: At the August 2018 meeting, the Board of Directors appointed the following Delegates to the Nominating Committee to select three candidates for the Class of 2023.  
Dr. Michael Knight, Chair - Delegate for the Texas Kennel Club.  
Pamela Beale - Delegate for the Westchester Kennel Club.  
Ross Jones - Delegate for the Rio Grand Kennel Club.  
Louise Leone - Delegate for the Colorado Kennel Club.  
Sylvia Thomas - Delegate for the Kennel Club of Riverside.  
Alternates: Nance Skoglund - Delegate for the Gordon Setter Club of America.  
Marilyn Vinson - Delegate for the Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club.

The Chair called on Dr. Michael Knight to address the Delegate body as Chair of the committee.

Mr. Knight: First I want to thank you, everyone, for making me wait an hour for my lunch. I think I have lost about five pounds, some litigation issues. Our committee was seven people that we found out when we all got together we didn't know each other, most of us didn't know each other at all, and I want to thank the Board for choosing people that we all work really well together. We interviewed six candidates that some put in their applications on their own, a few were encouraged. We are giving our information to Gina by the 15th of October. We have interviewed six candidates, completed six interviews, but encourage anyone else that would like to come forward to send us their information and we can arrange for a conference call interview. I want to thank Gina and Paula especially for giving me counsel, helping me set up conference calls, helping me set up meeting times. They have been enormously helpful to me. We have tried to be as transparent as we can be through this process. I feel like the six candidates that have come forward are filled with skill and talent and will make good Board members, and our information, again, will be to Gina by the 15th of October. Thank you.

The Chair called on Tom Davies to congratulate the club celebrating 100 years of membership with the American Kennel Club.

Mr. Davies: Good morning. It is always a great pleasure to celebrate and recognize the achievements of our clubs, especially on their centennial celebrations. The following club is celebrating 100 years of AKC membership, the American Chesapeake Club, Timothy Carrion, Delegate. If the Delegate is present, please come to the front to receive a plaque commemorating a century of AKC membership.

The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates who will serve on the 3 committees that did not require a vote.

Ms. DiNardo: There was no election required for the following committees: Bylaws, Delegate Advocacy and Advancement and the Perspectives Editorial Committee. The Delegates nominated for these committees are seated.

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Bylaws Committee are: Sylvia Arrowwood. Dr. Gregory J. Paveza. Abbe R. Shaw. An additional member may be appointed for a two-year term as a seat remains open.

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee are: Dick Blair. Marylyn DeGregorio. John F. McCullagh. Mary Lou Olszewski.

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Perspectives Editorial Committee are: James Ashton. Virginia Denninger. Joyce Engle. Monica Henderson Stoner. Dr. Geno Sisneros. Sylvia Thomas.

The Chair called on Tom Sharp, President & CEO of AKC Reunite to provide an update on the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Program.

Mr. Sharp: Good afternoon. I'm excited to be here today for the five-year anniversary of AKC Pet Disaster Relief. AKC Reunite, AKC, and AKC clubs have so much to be proud of. But, first, this happened. As Hurricane Florence was approaching the east coast, AKC and AKC Reunite got prepared. For us in AKC Reunite that meant the tremendous pressure of balancing the safety and welfare of our team members with the needs of maintaining our 24/7 call center for lost and found pets. We also reached out to trailer recipients in the storm's path and sent out an e-mail blast to pet owners about storm preparedness. We were lucky in Raleigh this time that the storm weakened and turned away from us. We had power outages and localized flooding and trees down and cleanup to do, but the devastation from this deadly storm in North Carolina is really horrific. The good news is that the state had plenty of warning for the storm and was well prepared. People evacuated the coast in large numbers and many of the evacuation shelters were pet friendly. Also, animal control shelters took in animals from evacuating families, and in fact two AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers that have been donated in North Carolina were used well during the storm. These pictures are from Bayboro, North Carolina where they used the Pamlico County trailer for an emergency shelter. Remember, we are not first responders. The whole point of this program is to get the needed materials into the hands of the first responders before the disaster strikes, and that's exactly how it worked this time and has worked in many other times since the program's inception. So, let's go back and review and celebrate five years of this wonderful program. In June of 2013 a group of concerned and passionate Delegates met in Raleigh, North Carolina to discuss the feasibility of a national pet disaster relief program. Leveraging the disaster response expertise of the State of North Carolina's Emergency Management Services Division, a decision was made to make this program a reality. Less than 90 days later the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Program launched because of the compassion, dedication, outreach and generosity of the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Task Force and AKC Reunite Board. Today we are overwhelmed with pride and excitement to share the outcome of your tremendous good works and we celebrate the five-year anniversary of AKC Pet Disaster Relief. Clubs have raised

\$1,059,000 for this lifesaving program. Pet-loving individuals and organizations have donated an additional \$246,000. These donations combined with \$450,000 pledged by the AKC Reunite Board make our giving to this program in excess of \$1,755,000. It is really amazing; these donations have resulted in 68 trailers given to 28 states across the country with more on the way. In addition to the two trailers that were used for Hurricane Florence, trailers have been deployed for other emergencies across the nation, from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Matthew, tornadoes in Indiana, wildfires in Arizona and Oregon and Washington, and also in California. This program has generated lots of local media attention. Every time a trailer is donated, press releases are sent to local media and usually there is a trailer presentation event. These become great local interest, positive news stories that reflect well on the AKC, our clubs, and the fancy. Many of the deployments shown before have been in the media as well. Here is just a sampling of the TV, newspaper and web news outlets that have covered this program. How about that? How about the fact that we as a dog-loving community have helped provide so much lifesaving hope for so many in only five years' time? It is really tremendous. We built this program and it is still growing. Yes, we continue to donate and deliver these trailers. We have another ten trailers in the works right now, and in fact this is already out of date because one was delivered last night to Camden, New Jersey, so we thought that one was still on the way for next week and they got it delivered early. So, the program is here to stay. AKC Pet Disaster Relief has the attention and momentum and track record to be a program that I cannot wait to celebrate with you in another five years at the ten-year anniversary. But before I wrap up, in addition to everything that we have done to make AKC Pet Disaster Relief a nationally-recognized program, I would be remiss without expressing my sincerest thanks and appreciation for the generous donations led by you and your clubs in response to the devastation from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose, Maria, Nate, and now Florence, and the wildfires that ravaged the west over the last year. The response to those disasters totaled an additional, now, this is above the money we saw earlier, an additional \$700,000 in donations that has been used to help with emergency pet sheltering, emergency supplies, including pet microchips and veterinary medical supplies. AKC Reunite is prudent with these funds, ensuring they are going towards the causes pledged. We responsibly donated over \$400,000 to deserving organizations with the specific mission of aiding pets during the many disasters last year, those hurricanes and the wildfires and mudslides that ravaged the west. The remaining funds are being put to use right now in the wake of Hurricane Florence where a week after the storm has left people and their pets are still being airlifted to safety and need emergency sheltering. All of this gives me the highest honor of congratulating you for all that you have done and thanking you for all that you have done in making this program a reality. A special thanks to Pat Laurans and Alan Kalter for their leadership with this program and to Dallas Harsa for all of her contributions, and also to Dennis and Ron for their continuing support from the AKC. Thank you on behalf of the AKC Reunite Board, thank you on behalf of the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Task Force, and thank you from me and my staff working behind the scenes at AKC Reunite Pet Microchip office in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Chair called on Gail LaBerge of the Orlando Obedience Club who spoke about AKC's PAC initiatives.

Ms. LaBerge: No offense to you all, but I hate to have my back to the majority of you. I will make this brief. Within the next few days you, your president, and your secretary of your clubs will receive a letter from us explaining, as usual, why we need your money, because we are always begging. During this election cycle we have used almost all the funds that we have and used them we hope successfully. So, to make this a little more interesting, we are going to have a challenge. At the December meeting of the Delegate body we will be presenting acknowledgments and some awards to the top five clubs whose members give the most to the PAC between now and then or for this year. In addition, we will recognize the top five clubs who have the total number of members who give, regardless of the amount. You've got two chances there, and we're all dog people and we all go out for competition, so do encourage your members to give. It is something that keeps us safe when we can put in officials who understand our issues on canine legislation. We do appreciate that very, very much. We have been asked about our successes and some information several times. I am pleased to announce that we will have a short video for you at the Delegates meeting showing you where your PAC money has been successful and what we have done with it. Thank you.

The Chair advised that the organizational meetings of the newly-elected standing committees would take place in the Salem/Warren rooms.

The Chair informed the Delegates that the December Delegates meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Center Hotel on Friday, December 14. A block of rooms has been reserved for Delegates. Delegates should use the code that was sent to them when making reservations at the hotel. The information is also available on the Delegates Portal.

The following Delegates spoke during New Business:

Nancy Perrell, Superstition Kennel Club thanked the doctor, nurse and other members of the Delegate body who were concerned for her during/after a medical incident at the last meeting. She provided her club's results from a raffle with donated dog-related items at their shows. This year the raffle made about \$2,000. Of that, \$1,000 is being donated to the maintenance and restocking of the disaster relief trailer in Phoenix that was purchased by area clubs. The remaining \$1,000 will go to the AKC Humane Fund for the women's shelters.

Betty Winthers, Olympic Kennel Club shared an experience from a summer dog show where her club prepared for possible adverse PETA related issues by communicating in advance with participants, adding 24/7 security and keeping dogs safe in open areas. She wanted clubs to be aware and urged them to use similar precautions.

An unidentified Delegate notified the Delegate body of the recent passing of a long-time Delegate, Herb Rosen of the Tibetan Spaniel Club of America. He remarked that Mr. Rosen had raised Miniature Pinschers, Lhasa Apsos, Tibetan Spaniels, and he and his wife Betty were very instrumental in Greyhound rescue.

Sylvia Thomas, Kennel Club of Riverside, and editor of Perspectives thanked the Delegates for continuing to support and contributions to the Perspectives publication and offered hard copies to the group if desired. She informed the Delegates that the deadline for the next issue was October 22, 2018 and the issue coordinator for the December issue was Joyce Engle. Sylvia encouraged anyone that has an idea about an article or if they need assistance writing an article, to please reach out to her or any of the Perspectives Committee members.

Richella Veatch, Tennessee Valley Kennel Club reported a concern from her club to the Delegate body. She advised of performance events leading to AKC titles and certifications that are put on by individuals and clubs not affiliated with AKC. She indicated that some of these events may include barn hunt, CDC evaluations, trick dog tests, and they may be put on by anyone with an evaluator permit and done at any place. The licensed clubs are required to apply to hold a show or trial and include multiple requirements, while the other individuals or clubs are not regulated. When the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club has shows or trials, they include these events and tests, but many exhibitors have already finished their requirements at local non-AKC events and of course this hits a club right in their pocketbook. It is understood that AKC receives funds and fees for registrations, canine partners applications, and from sales of forms, supplies and requests for certificates. That's a good thing for AKC, but what about our local clubs? The Tennessee Valley Kennel Club proposes that any title or certificate awarded by AKC be earned at an AKC-affiliated event. Thank you.

Gloria Marshall, Bayshore Companion Dog Club gave kudos to the AKC staff that created the AKC Fit Dog program and the incentive logo car magnet. She praised the program for bringing the AKC in touch with the general public with the goal of promoting an active and healthy lifestyle for both owner and dog through consistent walking. She and her Bulldog love participating.

Hearing no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.  
(Time noted: 12:44 p.m.)

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