ATTENTION DELEGATES
NOTICE OF MEETING
The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m. There will not be a Delegates Forum.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Heartland Dog Club of Florida

DELEGATES CREDENTIALS
Robert Amen, Stamford, CT, Greater Streeter Louis Dog Training Club
Martha-Lee Beckington, Alexandria, VA, Mount Vernon Dog Training Club
Noreen Bennett, Belchertown, MA, LEAP Agility Club of Central Massachusetts
Cindy Cooke, Kalamazoo, MI, Kalamazoo Kennel Club
Nancy-Lee H. Coombs, Gettysburgh, PA, Pyrenean Shepherd Club of America
Robert (Bud) Hinday, Marietta, GA
Kennesaw Kennel Club
Ross Jones, Albuquerque, NM, to represent Rio Grande Kennel Club
Elizabeth Hugo Milam, Newcastle, OK, Bulldog Club of Philadelphia
Bruce Peterson, Bloomington, IL, Corn Belt Kennel Club
Ray J. Spivey, III, Marseilles, IL, Chicago Bulldog Club
William Sullivan, Annapolis, MD, Briard Club of America
Melinda L. Vogt, Mount Vision, NY, De-Otse-Nango Kennel Club
Kathleen B. Whitaker, Damascus, MD, Greyhound Club of America

NOTICE
As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individual stands suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that this determination may still be appealed and may be reversed. Upon expiration of the appeal process, an appropriate notice describing the status of the individual’s suspension, if any, will appear in this column:

Ms. Monica Monroe (Haysville, KS)
Ms. Carole Ramsey (Wentzville, MO)

NOTICE
Ms. Bailey Woodward (Waldorf, MD) Action was taken by the Empire Italian Greyhound Club for conduct at its September 12-18, 2015 event. Ms. Woodward was charged with personal property damage. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Italian Greyhound)

NOTICE
Ms. Paula Schmidt (Colorado Springs, CO) Action was taken by the Arapahoe Kennel Club for conduct at its September 20, 2015 event. Ms. Schmidt was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal altercation. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Dogue de Bordeaux)

NOTICE
Ms. Amy Woodward (Waldorf, MD) Action was taken by the Empire Italian Greyhound Club for conduct at its September 12-18, 2015 event. Ms. Woodward was charged with personal property damage. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Italian Greyhound)
tion was taken by the Phoenix Retriever Club for conduct at its October 23, 2015 event. Mr. Ibarra was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal altercation. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Labrador Retriever)

NOTICE
Mr. Peter Steinwald (Upland, CA) Action was taken by the Phoenix Retriever Club for conduct at its October 23, 2015 event. Mr. Steinwald was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal altercation. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Labrador Retriever)

NOTICE
Mr. Howard Huber III (Owosso, MI) Action was taken by the Mid-Florida Dalmatian Club for conduct at its December 11, 2015 event. Mr. Huber was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal altercation. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a one month suspension from AKC event privileges and a $500 fine, effective December 13, 2015. (Brittany)

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Ms. Pamela Peat (Scottsdale, AZ) and fined her $250, for abusive or foul language/verbal altercation. (Affenpinscher)

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Deborah Howington (Thomaston, GA) from AKC registration privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, effective March 19, 2015 for her submission of two registration certificates of transfer that contained a false certification as to the signature of one of the co-owners. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, for refusal to make their dogs and records available for inspection when requested:

Effective February 12, 2016
Ms. Elizabeth Emory (Zullinger, PA)
Multiple Breeds
Mr. Moses Lantz (Cambridge City, IN)
Multiple Breeds
Mr. Dustin Westercamp (Farmington, IA) Multiple Breeds

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Kimberly Wright (Naperville, IL) from AKC registration privileges for three months and imposed a $500 fine, effective February 12, 2016, for her submission of an online litter registration application on behalf of the co-litter owner without a Power of Attorney form on file. (Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier)

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Vicky Fowler (Greenfield, TN) from AKC registration privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, effective February 12, 2016, for her submission of an online dog registration application and causing to be submitted three online dog registration applications, without written permission from the co-litter owner. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Sabine Wallet (York, PA) from AKC registration privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, effective February 12, 2016, for her submission of two registration certificates of transfer on behalf of the co-owner without written permission. (English Springer Spaniel)

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Mr. Jorge Pinzon (North Augusta, SC) for his submission of a registration certificate of transfer on behalf of the owner without a Power of Attorney form on file. (Boxer)

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Miles Allen (Picayune, MS) from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective February 12, 2016, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on his viola-
tion of the AKC’s Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy (Australian Cattle Dog, Great Pyrenees)

NOTICE
REPRIMANDS AND FINES
Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges’ panel, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 4, Section 1.

Greater Monroe Kennel Club...............$60
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc. ......$60
Sleepy Hollow German Shorthaired Pointer Club.................................................$60
Collie Club of New England..................$180
Norwegian Elkhound Association of Northern California.................................$60

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on club/show secretary for publishing information on individual dog entries prior to catalog sales, Board Policy Manual Section 4, Section VII C.

Lost Coast Kennel Club......................$250

Proposed Amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club
ARTICLE VI – SECTION 5 – Delegate Eligibility
The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment which was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee to ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, to be voted on at the March 8, 2016 Delegates Meeting.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 5. Any person in good standing with the AKC who is a resident citizen of the United States, its territories or possessions, or has permanent resident alien status as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Act, shall be eligible to become or remain a Delegate, providing this person meets the criteria for occupational eligibility given herein. No person is eligible to become or remain a Delegate if he or she (a) is a professional handler or trainer of dogs, professional judge of purebred dog events, a professional judge defined as one who charges a fee of more than an amount of $150 in excess of actual expenses, (b) is engaged in trade or traffic in dogs, which includes commercial breeders or brokers of dogs for resale, (c) is employed full time in the manufacture or sale of dog food or dog supplies, (d) is a publisher or other person who promotes show dogs/kennels through solicitation or acceptance of advertisements in commercial dog publications, dog show superintendents or his or her employees, (e) has a significant interest in a dog registry, dog event-giving organization or any organization deemed to be in competition with AKC or in conflict with its objects. Significant interest would include but not be limited to, ownership in, employment by, a directorship of, and holding office in.

Proposed Amendment to the Beagle Field Trial Rules
CHAPTER 9, SECTION 12 – Description of Classes and Championship Requirements
Based upon a Staff recommendation, the AKC Board endorsed the following amendment to CHAPTER 9, SECTION 12, of the Beagle Field Trial Rules, to be voted on at the March 8, 2016 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 9

SECTION 12. TCP National Championship
National Two-Couple Pack Championship event shall be held not more than once in a calendar year and be for Beagles which have met the qualifications to enter. Qualifications to enter shall be from achievements in AKC licensed Two-Couple Pack events as approved by the AKC Performance Events Department. The event shall be held by the Beagle Two-Couple Pack Federation which shall file an application for permission to run the event under procedures approved in advance by the American Kennel Club. The dogs in the winning packs of each class at this trial shall be entitled to be designated “National Beagle Two-Couple Pack Champion of 20XX” for its class and a prefix title of NTCPC shall be affixed to the dog’s record.

PROPOSED BULLDOG STANDARD
GENERAL APPEARANCE

The perfect Bulldog must be of medium size and smooth coat; with heavy, thick-set, low-swung body, massive short-faced head, wide shoulders and sturdy limbs. The general appearance and attitude should suggest great stability, vigor and strength. The disposition should be equable and kind, resolute and courageous (not vicious or aggressive), and demeanor should be pacific and dignified. These attributes should be countenanced by the expression and behavior.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SYMMETRY

Size – The size for mature dogs is about 50 pounds; for mature bitches about 40 pounds. Proportion – The circumference of the skull in front of the ears should measure at least the height of the dog at the shoulders. Symmetry – The “points” should be well distributed and bear good relation one to the other, no feature being in such
prominence from either excess or lack of quality that the animal appears deformed or ill-proportioned. Influence of Sex – In comparison of specimens of different sex, due allowance should be made in favor of the bitches, which do not bear the characteristics of the breed to the same degree of perfection and grandeur as do the dogs.

HEAD

Eyes and Eyelids – The eyes, seen from the front, should be situated low down in the skull, as far from the ears as possible, and their corners should be in a straight line at right angles with the stop. They should be quite in front of the head, as wide apart as possible, provided their outer corners are within the outline of the cheeks when viewed from the front. They should be quite round in form, of moderate size, neither sunken nor bulging, and in color should be very dark, Blue or green eye(s) or parti-colored eye(s) are a disqualification. The lids should cover the white of the eyeball, when the dog is looking directly forward, and the lid should show no “haw.” Ears – The ears should be set high in the head, the front inner edge of each ear joining the outline of the skull at the top back corner of skull, so as to place them as wide apart, and as high, and as far from the eyes as possible. In size they should be small and thin. The shape termed “rose ear” is the most desirable. The rose ear folds inward at its back lower edge, the upper front edge curving over, outward and backward, showing part of the inside of the burr. (The ears should not be carried erect or prick-eared or buttoned and should never be cropped.) Skull – The skull should be very large, and in circumference, in front of the ears, should measure at least the height of the dog at the shoulders. Viewed from the front, it should appear very high from the corner of the lower jaw to the apex of the skull, and also very broad and square. Viewed at the side, the head should appear very high, and very short from the point of the nose to occiput. The forehead should be flat (not rounded or domed), neither too prominent nor overhanging the face. Cheeks – The cheeks should be well rounded, protruding sideways and outward beyond the eyes. Stop – The temples or frontal bones should be very well defined, broad, square and high, causing a hollow or groove between the eyes. This indentation, or stop, should be both broad and deep and extend up the middle of the forehead, dividing the head vertically, being traceable to the top of the skull. Face and Muzzle – The face, measured from the front of the checkbone to the tip of the nose, should be extremely short, the muzzle being very short, broad, turned upward and very deep from the corner of the eye to the corner of the mouth. Nose – The nose should be large, broad and black, its tip set back deeply between the eyes. The distance from bottom of stop, between the eyes, to the tip of nose should be as short as possible and not exceed the length from the tip of nose to the edge of underlip. The nostrils should be wide, large and black, with a well-defined line between them. Any nose other than black is objectionable and a brown or liver-colored nose shall disqualify. Lips – The chops or “flews” should be thick, broad, and very deep, completely overhanging the lower jaw at each side. They join the underlip in front and almost or quite cover the teeth, which should be scarcely noticeable when the mouth is closed. Bite – Jaws – The jaws should be massive, very broad, square and “under-shot,” the lower jaw projecting considerably in front of the upper jaw and turning up. Teeth – The teeth should be large and strong, with the canine teeth or tusks wide apart, and the six small teeth in front, between the canines, in an even, level row.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY

Neck – The neck should be short, very thick, deep and strong and well arched at the back. Topline – There should be a slight fall in the back, close behind the shoulders (its lowest part), whence the spine should rise to the loins (the top of which should be higher than the top of the shoulders), thence curving again more suddenly to the tail, forming an arch (a very distinctive feature of the breed), termed “roach back” or, more correctly, “wheel-back.” Body – The brisket and body should be very capacious, with full sides, well-rounded ribs and very deep from the shoulders down to its lowest part, where it joins the chest. It should be well let down between the shoulders and forelegs, giving the dog a broad, low, short-legged appearance. Chest – The chest should be very broad, deep and full. Underline – The body should be well ribbed up behind with the belly tucked up and not rounded. Back and Loin – The back should be short and strong, very broad at the shoulders and comparatively narrow at the loins. Tail – The tail may be either straight or “screwed” (but never curved or curly), and in any case must be short, hung low, with decided downward carriage, thick root and fine tip. If straight, the tail should be cylindrical and of uniform taper. If “screwed,” the bends or kinks should be well defined, and they may be abrupt and even knotty, but no portion of the member should be elevated above the base or root.
FOREQUARTERS
Shoulders – The shoulders should be muscular, very heavy, widespread and slanting outward, giving stability and great power. Forelegs – The forelegs should be short, very stout, straight and muscular, set wide apart, with well-developed calves, presenting a bowed outline, but the bones of the legs should not be curved or bandy, nor the feet brought too close together. Elbows – The elbows should be low and stand well out and loose from the body. Feet – The feet should be moderate in size, compact and firmly set. Toes compact, well split up, with high knuckles and very short stubby nails. The front feet may be straight or slightly out-turned.

HINDQUARTERS
Legs – The hind legs should be strong and muscular and longer than the forelegs, so as to elevate the loins above the shoulders. Hocks should be slightly bent and well let down, so as to give length and strength from the loins to hock. The lower leg should be short, straight and strong, with the stifles turned slightly outward and away from the body. The hocks are thereby made to approach each other, and the hind feet to turn outward. Feet – The feet should be moderate in size, compact and firmly set. Toes compact, well split up, with high knuckles and short stubby nails. The hind feet should be pointed well outward.

COAT AND SKIN
Coat – The coat should be straight, short, flat, close, of fine texture, smooth and glossy. (No fringe, feather or curl.) Skin – The skin should be soft and loose, especially at the head, neck and shoulders. Wrinkles and Dewlap – The head and face should be covered with heavy wrinkles, and at the throat, from jaw to chest, there should be two loose pendulous folds, forming the dewlap.

COLOR OF COAT
The color of coat should be uniform, pure of its kind and brilliant. Colors are red, white, fawn, fallow, or any combination of the foregoing. Patterns and markings may include brindle, piebald, ticking, black masks, black tipping, and a minimal amount of solid black in piebalds. All other colors or markings are a disqualification. The merle pattern is a disqualification.

GAIT
The style and carriage are peculiar, his gait being a loose-jointed, shuffling, side-wise motion, giving the characteristic “roll.” The action must, however, be unrestrained, free and vigorous.

TEMPERAMENT
The disposition should be equable and kind, resolute and courageous (not vicious or aggressive), and demeanor should be pacific and dignified. These attributes should be countenanced by the expression and behavior.

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Disqualifications
Blue or green eye(s) or parti-colored eye(s).
Brown or liver-colored nose. Colors or markings not defined in the standard.
The merle pattern.

CONFORMATION JUDGES
Letters concerning judges and provisional judges should be addressed to the Judge Operations Department at PO Box 900062, Raleigh, NC 27675-9062. Letters concerning Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants should be addressed to the Companion Events Department in North Carolina.

The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their judging qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be
made available, upon request, to the judge or judge applicant.

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges’ record, the web site and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations by email at judgingops@akc.org.

APPLICANTS
The following persons applications have been submitted for the breed(s) specified but they are NOT eligible to accept assignments.

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BEST IN SHOW

The following persons, having successfully completed the required Group Assignments in the first Variety Group for which they are approved, have been added to the list of judges eligible for approval to judge Best In Show.

Ms. Susan C. Catlin (7095) GA
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Mr. Philip Freilich (16669) CA
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REINSTATED JUDGE

The judging eligibility of the following person has been reinstated.

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RENSIGNED CONFORMATION JUDGE

Mrs. Joyce G. Fortney

EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mrs. Sally Ray Baugniet
Mrs. Gloria Knapp

DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mr. Darrell Baker
Mrs. Margaret K. Curtis
Mrs. Irma S. Fertl
Mrs. Helen Miller Fisher

PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES COMPLETED

The following persons have completed their Provisional Judging assignments and their names have been added to the list of regular approved judges.

Mrs. Leslye Pinnell (95063) CA
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Obedience – Novice

PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES

The following persons have been approved as a judge on a Provisional basis for the class/test indicated in accordance with the Provisional judging system. They may now accept assignments.

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Obedience – Open

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Rally – All

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Obedience – Open

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Obedience – Open

Mr. Ronald Seeley (18975) FL
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Obedience – Novice

DECEASED OBEDIENCE/RALLY JUDGES

Mrs. Janet Induni

APPLICATION FOR BREED-SPECIFIC REGISTERED NAME PREFIX

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary:

COOLRUNNING – Golden Retrievers – Mandy L. King
DUNKELD – Scottish Terriers – Susan C. Dixon & William D. Dixon
ISLANDTIME – Vizslas – Paul R. Gryce
KAZE – Brittanys – Victoria MacVicar & Robert J. Howell
MAGICSHADES – Golden Retrievers – Gabriela F. Binaghi
OTELLA – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Janice E. Wolf, DVM

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:

AARION – Portuguese Water Dogs – David E. Buchheit
BRIGH-TON – Yorkshire Terriers – Connie R. Blaine
CELTIA – Labrador Retrievers – Kathleen S. Coleman
GOLDRULS – Golden Retrievers – Margie Sarkin
GOODWOOD – Dachshunds – Claire L. Mancha
HALL-MARK – Boxers – Michelle Steele & Kimberly Steele-Gamero
KAROLASKA – Great Pyrenees – Kimberly D. Kentopp
OTTERCREEK – Beagles – Brad Foster
ROSE COURT – Miniature American Shepherds – Elise R. Wolpert
SURFARI – Portuguese Water Dogs – Lynda A. McCullum & Charles M. McCullum
TRESOR – Papillon – Lisa L. Christensen & Chris Christensen
VAIL VALLEY – Newfoundlands – Kelly L. Carey

REGISTERED HANDLERS

Letters concerning registered handlers and handler applicants should be addressed to the Handlers Department at 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617.
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The American Kennel Club will at the request of a registered handler applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their handling qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available upon request, to the registered handler or handler applicant.

It is the responsibility of all registered handlers to notify the Handlers Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your handlers record, the Web site and the Handlers Directory. Please notify the Handlers Department at (919) 816-3884 or Email handlers@akc.org

NEW REGISTERED HANDLER APPLICANTS

The following persons’ have submitted an application for the Registered Handler Program.

Mr. Diego Garcia
2225 Adcock Road
Lillington, NC 27546

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 11–12, 2016

The Board convened on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Assistant Executive Secretary, the Executive Vice President and General Counsel, as well as the Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer. The December 2015 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the December 2015 minutes were approved as amended.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Board Action Items
Mr. Sprung reviewed Action Items, reported on staff initiatives and provided a real estate update.

Organizational Changes
The President reported on organizational changes. Alexandra Aleskovsky, the Chief Growth Officer, and Jay Waks, the General Counsel were introduced to the Board. It was reported that Vice President Keith Frazier had been given the responsibility for the management of AKC’s North Carolina office facilities.

Preparation of the Board Agenda
The Board agreed that with returning to the traditional meeting schedule, receiving the agenda one week before the meeting was sufficient, giving the staff an additional week to finalize the Board book.

AKC Communications
Brandi Hunter, AKC Director of Communications, gave a report. In 2015, AKC had over 24.5 billion media impressions with a publicity value of over $152,000,000 for the year.

Media impressions for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship’s were up 19% to 76,252,105 with a publicity value of $2,515,036.

Board Meeting Topics
It was agreed by the Board members that a portion of each meeting would be devoted to major issues facing the organization and the Sport. For February, the topic will be a discussion on the decline in conformation entries. This discussion will include a review of previous studies. A draft document identifying the major factors impacting participation will be provided as a starting point for a comprehensive review of the issue. The Board and staff will work together to refine this list, ultimately leading to an agreed upon direction guiding future initiatives.

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Mari-Beth O’Neill and Sheila Goffe, AKC Staff, were present for this portion of the meeting.

Recognition of the Union Cytologists of Kazakhstan (UCK)

The Board reviewed a request for recognition from the Union Cytologists of Kazakhstan (UCK). The UCK was formed in 1993. It became a contract partner of FCI in 1998 and an Associate Member in 2005. It is scheduled to become a full FCI member in June 2016. It conducts shows, field trials and working trials. The UCK registers about 4,000 dogs a year. In 2015 it held 9 International shows, 43 National shows, 16 field trials and working trials.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) to add the UCK to the list of registries with pedigrees accepted for AKC registration.

Leonberger Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the breed standard for the Leonberger as submitted by the Leonberger Club of America (LCA). The current standard was approved by the AKC Board on October 19, 2009. In accordance with the procedures for a breed standard revision, the
proposed revisions have been published on the Secretary’s Page for comment. Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit the LCA to ballot its membership on the proposed revisions to its breed standard in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws.

Dutch Shepherd - Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous

The Board reviewed a Sport Services department recommendation to approve the Dutch Shepherd to advance to Miscellaneous. The Board of Directors approved the Dutch Shepherd to be eligible for recording in the Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®) program with a Herding group designation in 2012. The American Dutch Shepherd Association has met the requirements of the Recognition of New Breeds Policy approved in January 2004 by the Board of Directors.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to advance the Dutch Shepherd to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2017. The American Dutch Shepherd Association is designated as the Parent Club for the breed.

Bulldog Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the breed standard for the Bulldog as submitted by the Bulldog Club of America (BCA). Revisions are proposed to the following sections of the breed standard: HEAD and COLOR. The current standard was approved by the AKC Board on July 20, 1976. In accordance with the procedures for a breed standard revision, the proposed revisions will first be published on the Secretary’s page for comment. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the publication of the proposed revisions.

Canine Legislation Position Statements on Spaying and Neutering

The Board reviewed a recommendation to update the Canine Legislation Position Statements reference Spaying and Neutering.

Two legislation position statements—the statement on Purebred Dog Rescue and the statement on Spaying and Neutering were cited as possible candidates for revision. A third legislative position statement, Canine Population Issues also touches on the issue of spaying and neutering.

It is recommended that changes in language be made to each of three position statements to reflect and clarify:

- AKC’s opposition to mandatory spay/neuter policies for purebred dogs
- AKC’s particular concern about juvenile spay/neuter in light of recent scientific studies finding long term detrimental impacts caused by the practice
- Retain AKC’s position that surgical spay/neuter is an acceptable practice for pet owners wishing to avoid unwanted litters, but the decision to spay or neuter a dog should be reserved for the dog’s owner in conjunction with their veterinarian. This position is in line with positions of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the American College of Theriogenology (ACT) on this subject.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

Hokkaido New Breed for Foundation Stock Service®

The Board was advised that the AKC Staff Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a petition for the Hokkaido to be accepted into the FSS program. There was no objection to this approval by the Board.

Theriogenology Residencies

In 2015, the AKC Board approved the continued funding of the Theriogenology Residencies in cooperation with the Theriogenology Foundation (TF) and the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF). The TF has provided the process for the review and acceptance of the programs to be awarded. AKC CHF will administer the grants with AKC contributing $350K and AKC CHF contributing $50K to support the Companion Animal Residencies in Theriogenology. The grants will be provided to:

- Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine
- North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine
- Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

COMPANION & PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren and Pam Manaton, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting and Carrie DeYoung participated by telephone conference.

AKC Canine Officer Program

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Garvin, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve a new program called the AKC Canine Officer program which provides recognition for dogs that work for government agencies in a public service role. This includes dogs used by the police, military, border patrol, TSA, transit authorities, and the USDA. At the request of an AKC club that is supporting local working dogs, the AKC would provide a
Certificate of Appreciation. The Certificate is to be awarded by the local club at an official ceremony of its choosing. The Certificate would look much like an AKC title certificate. The AKC would provide publicity through regional and local press releases and the development of a microsite for honorees. The program is a way for local clubs and the AKC to provide acknowledgement and appreciation for the public service provided by these working dogs.

Clubs may start submitting requests for Certificates of Appreciation on February 1, 2016.

Beagle Field Trials - Allowing the Use of Tracking Collars

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow the use of tracking collars at Beagle field trials and two-couple pack events.

Tracking collars provide a means for a dog handler to locate his dog when in the field. Most modern tracking collars use GPS tracking, with the collar then transmitting the dogs location to a hand held device which remains with the handler. Tracking collars are commonly used in Pointing Breed field trials and Beagle Large Pack trials where dogs range some distance away from the handler. There is currently no provision allowing their use in Beagle Small Pack Option (SPO) field trials or Beagle Two-Couple Pack events. While it is not common for dogs in these events to become lost, it is possible if the event is run in extremely heavy cover. The hand-held device must be turned off while the dogs are under judgment. Only if a dog has been eliminated by the judges or the brace is over, may the hand held device be used.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

Retriever Master Amateur Invitational Hunting Test

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Performance Events staff to create a new event in the Retriever Hunting Test program called the Retriever Master Amateur Invitational Hunting Test.

The purpose of this event is to provide a venue dedicated to and focused on allowing amateur handlers to showcase their hunting retrievers. The Master Amateur Test will be hosted by a new club, the Master Amateur Retriever Club (MARC), whose sole purpose will be to organize and host this once per year event. The event will be open to all breeds eligible to participate in AKC Retriever Hunting tests. Dogs qualify by passing the Master Hunter test at local events a given number of times as established by the MARC during the qualifying period, provided the dog was handled to its qualifying scores by an amateur.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

Allowing Obedience and/or Rally Trials to Co-Exist

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Event Operations staff to allow obedience and/or rally trials to co-exist within the conflict distance of 100 miles if the club obtains the written permission of the club with the established date. This makes the policy regarding obedience and rally consistent with the policies/regulations governing conformation, agility and all performance events.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

 Agility Single Breed Specialty Trial in Conjunction with All-Breed Trial

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Agility department to allow single breed specialty clubs to have a specialty trial within an all-breed trial being held by the specialty club.

This is a change to the Regulations for Agility Trials. Currently the Regulations for Agility trials only allow a single breed specialty to be held within an all-breed trial if a different club is hosting the all-breed trial. This change will allow the single breed specialty club to embed their breed specialty within their all-breed agility trial. This allows for a potential increase in income to the specialty club which is very helpful when the specialty club does not have a large number of entries from their own breed. Several specialty clubs have made this request. This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

CLUBS

A written report was provided on Member Club Bylaws approved in November and December:

Alaskan Malamute Club of America (1953)
Basenji Club of America (1957)
Tibetan Spaniel Club of America (1992)
West Highland White Terrier Club of America (1909)

A written report was provided on a new clubs licensed in November and December:

Clover Run Beagle Club of Halifax (FT/HT), VA, Halifax County, VA
Finnish Lapphund Club of America
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Central Iowa (FT), greater Knoxville, IA
North Star Labrador Retriever Club, greater St. Paul/Minneapolis, MN
Stony Creek Beagle Club (Gun Dog
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Brace), greater Recovery, OH

A written report was provided on a member club which dissolved:
The San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc., a member club of The American Kennel Club approved in March 1947 voted to dissolve on September 19, 2015.

JUDGING OPERATIONS
Doug Ljungren, Tim Thomas, and Leslie Fetzer, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

AKC Canine College Progress Report
The Sports and Events Department provided the Board with a progress report on the AKC Canine College initiative. The use of on-line learning is considered an enterprise wide initiative and the Learning Management System must meet the needs of not only Judges Education but the balance of the organization as well. Staff was asked to address all parties who will be using the software be part of the final decision to insure that all needs are met. A decision on the system to be used is expected in February.

CONFORMATION
Doug Ljungren, Glenn Lycan, Alan Slay, and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via teleconference.

Visiting Judges Allowed to Judge BPUP
The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to allow visiting judges to judge the Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy (BPUP) Competition.
Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to modify the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations, Section 6 to allow visiting judges to judge the Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy (BPUP) Competition. This is effective April 1, 2016.

Reserve Best Junior Handler
The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to revise the Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations and Guidelines for Judging Juniors in conformation to include the required awarding of Reserve Best Junior Handler. This will provide consistency at all Junior Handler conformation events. The Board agreed that this should be required for All-Breed/Group Shows but remain optional for Specialty Shows. This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

New Opportunity to Earn One Point for Best of Winners
The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to award one Championship point to the Best of Winners if the BOW did not earn any points and the combined number of regular class competitors of both sexes is enough to earn one point based on their breed/division/sex. This change would apply to all breeds. The Board asked the staff to review the proposal with the appropriate Delegate Committees.

Change to Common Site Application (CSA)
Processing
The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to allow clubs to submit a Common Site Application (CSA) without the signature of each club in a cluster. This will allow clubs to provide the CSA information in the text of an email, without having to submit the form itself. This would be a change to the Board policy for clusters and back-to-back shows. Current Board policy requires a Common Site Application (CSA) form to be signed by a representative from each of the all-breed and group clubs participating in the cluster. This change is being recommended in order to simplify the application process. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Puppy of Distinction (POD)
The Board reviewed a modified proposal from the original Certificate of Merit proposal for puppies up to the age of 12 months. Staff recommended that the title be changed to Puppy of Distinction and that this suffix title require competition in all cases in order to earn a Puppy of Distinction point. The purpose of this new title is to incent exhibitors in the puppy classes to compete by providing a realistic goal while allowing puppies and new handlers to gain valuable ring experience.

The Board felt that as proposed the Puppy of Distinction suffix title would not accomplish the goals for which it was originally proposed. Staff was asked to reconsider the proposal and gather additional data on actual participation rates, level of puppy completion, and the makeup of exhibitors in the puppy classes. When staff has completed their research the Board will consider their revised proposal.

Superintendent Entry Validation
The Board requested staff to promote data validation by the superintendents. To promote the validation of entries, on November 23, 2015, AKC offered the superintendents a “real time” AKC dog information tool which would allow access to dog information close to instantly. That information would include (if available): Breed, Variety, Sex, Name, Registration Number, Date of Birth, Breeder, Sire and Dam. Ownership information was not included in concurrence with the Board’s disclosure of information policy and because ownership information is not required to validate that the dog is eligible for entry. AKC is currently working with the superintendents to address any questions that they may have. Adoption of the
verification of registration information against the AKC data base is a customer satisfaction issue and will significantly benefit the participants in the Sport.

**REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT**

Mark Dunn, AKC staff, gave a report comparing 2014 with the increased 2015 registration statistics. Litters and dogs increased in 2015 for the first time in over 20 years. This was the result of a customer focused approach which has assisted in turning the corner on registrations. The Board complimented the entire staff on this milestone event.

The Board Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 8:00 am. All Directors were present as were the Executive Secretary, the Assistant Executive Secretary, the General Counsel, and the Chief Growth Officer.

**CONSENT**

Following discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent Items:

- Delegate Approvals
- National Specialty/Local Event Conflict Policy Change

**Delegates Approved**

- Sandy Bingham – Porter, Charleston, IL
  To represent American Maltese Association
- Jan Dykema, Saint Helena, CA
  To represent Bull Terrier Club of America
- Sheila Kenyon, Morristown, NJ
  To represent Old English Sheepdog Club of America
- Dr. Kenneth Levison, Tucson, AZ
  To represent Tucson Kennel Club
- Kathleen Ronald, Myeressville, MD
  To represent Briard Club of America
- William Sullivan, Annapolis, MD
  To represent Briard Club of America
- Robert Thomas, Wigtown PA
  To represent Hatboro Dog Club

**National Specialty/Local Event Conflict Policy Change**

The Board VOTED to extend the existing national specialty/local event conflict policy to include Performance and Companion events as well as conformation. The modified policy follows (line in/line out):

If an All-Breed/Limited Breed conformation, Performance, or Companion Event club refuses to grant permission to accommodate a Parent Club’s National Specialty or a Performance or Companion event (which is limited to the Parent Club breed) when held with the National Specialty, a Parent Club regional specialty show held in conjunction with a Parent Club national performance event, or a local specialty held in conjunction with the National Specialty show, the specialty club may appeal to an Event Review Committee consisting of the Show appropriate Event Staff. The committee will consider such factors as:

- Has the AB club already given up breeds or agreed to coexist with other national specialty events on that date?
- What entry does the breed club usually draw in the applicable event (i.e., how many entries might the AB club lose)?
- Exactly how far apart would the events be (e.g., 150 miles would pose less of a problem than 10)?
- Has the AB club been forced to coexist with other nationals because of an appeal in the same or previous year?
- Has the same Parent Club sought to use the date of the same AB club in the past three years?


The modified Board policy regarding national specialty/local event conflicts, as indicated above, is effective immediately.

**COMPLIANCE**

Jay Waks, Heather McManus and Michael Liosis, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

*Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary’s Page.*

**Legal Status Report**

Ms. McManus, Senior Attorney, presented a status report on pending litigation and other legal activities for the months of December 2015 and January 2016.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Club Development**

There was a motion by Ms. Cruz to reduce the Event Service fee by $1.00 for one year to assist clubs. The motion was seconded, but after discussion the second was withdrawn.

At the December meeting the Board began a discussion on Club Development.
The goal of the ongoing discussion is to identify ways that AKC can assist Clubs to both strengthen their financial position and grow their membership. The Board recognizes that our 5000 clubs are the backbone of the AKC and their vitality is vital to a strong AKC. The first project will focus on all-breed clubs and assisting clubs who wish assistance to actively interact with show chairs to provide ideas on how to improve the financial performance of their shows. The notion will include the use of a network of volunteer successful show chairs who are willing to work with Clubs, analyze their cost structure, and make recommendations. This would only apply to Clubs who seek assistance. It is hoped through this network when coupled with the Best Practices published by the All-Breed Delegate Committee many Clubs will benefit. It is anticipated this network will be established during the first half of 2016. The expenses of the committee would be covered by AKC.

Delegate Meetings
The past several meetings have been opened with a recording of the National Anthem. It was suggested that it would be more meaningful if the National Anthem was sung rather than to just have a recording played.

The recommendation was made to contact the Delegates to determine if there were any volunteers to sing the National Anthem or to lead the Delegate Body in the singing of the National Anthem. The staff was directed to pursue this.

AKC Marketplace
Dr. Battaglia suggested that we look at ways to make the Club portion of Marketplace more accessible to the Clubs and enhance its overall benefit. The consensus was that the idea was good. Alexandra Aleskovsky shared that her organization is beginning to consider how the Club portion of Marketplace is functioning and if any changes should be made. Since this review is just underway, the Board decided to defer any action until this review is complete and recommendations made.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 9:35 am.
Adjourned
Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary