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Effective October 19, 2015
Ms. Patricia “Patti” Picone (Murrieta, CA) French Bulldog, Bulldog

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Effective October 19, 2015
Ms. Janet Ayers (Hull, GA) Multiple Breeds
Ms. Belinda Rutledge (Shepherdsville, KY) Multiple Breeds

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Elaine Greenwood (Carthage, NC) from all AKC privileges for one year and imposed a $1000 fine, effective October 19, 2015, for non-compliance with AKC’s Care and Conditions Policy (unacceptable conditions, dogs and/or facility). (Doberman Pinscher)

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Gillian Craig (Scottsdale, AZ) from AKC registration privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, effective October 19, 2015, for her submission of an online litter 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. Gloria Greenhaw (Corinth, MS) from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective October 19, 2015, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on her violation of the AKC’s Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy:
Effective September 10, 2015
Mr. Nicholas Patterson (Kellyton, AL) Collie, Shetland Sheepdog

Effective October 19, 2015
Ms. Juanita Meeks (Corinth, MS) Multiple Breeds
Mr. Larry Meeks (Corinth, MS) Multiple Breeds
Mr. Rod Tietjen (Ball Ground, GA) Multiple Breeds

Proposed Amendment to Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club
ARTICLE VII – SECTION 1 – Term Limits
The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment which was proposed by the Clarksville Kennel Club to
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, to be voted on at the December 11, 2015 Delegates Meeting.

ARTICLE VII
SECTION 1. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. A Board member who has served more than half a term on the Board is considered to have served a full term. This section does not preclude re-election of any delegate to the Board of Directors after a one year (or greater) hiatus from Directorship.

Proposed Amendment to Rules Applying to Dog Shows
CHAPTER 4, SECTION 2 – Approval of Judges’ Panel and Premium Lists
Based upon a Staff recommendation, the AKC Board has proposed the following amendment to
CHAPTER 4, SECTION 2, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, to be voted on at the December 11, 2015 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 4
SECTION 2. Premium lists and entry forms must be published and available to prospective exhibitors at least FIVE WEEKS prior to the closing date for entries of the show. Two copies of the premium list must be sent to The American Kennel Club at time of distribution.

Proposed Amendment to Rules Applying to Dog Shows
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 12 – Judges
Based upon a Staff recommendation, the AKC Board has proposed the following amendment to
CHAPTER 7, SECTION 12, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, to be voted on at the December 11, 2015 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 7
SECTION 12. Any club or organization that holds a dog show must prepare, after the entries have closed and not before, a judging program showing the time scheduled for the judging of each breed and each variety for which entries have been accepted. If a substitute or additional judge has been approved
Chapter 7, Section 8 or Chapter 7, Section 13, as appropriate, will be quoted listing the changes. The judging program shall indicate the number of dogs entered and state the time for the start of group judging, if any. The program shall be based on the judging of about 25 dogs per hour by each judge. Each judge’s breed and variety assignments shall be divided into periods of about one hour, except in those cases where the entry in a breed or variety exceeds 30. The total number of dogs assigned each judge will be indicated. Forty-five minutes to one hour must be allowed for rest or meals if a judge’s assignment exceeds five hours. A copy of the program and identification slip for each dog entered shall be mailed or made available to the owner no later than one week before the date of the event. Two copies of the program shall be mailed to the Show Plans Department at the same time they are published or made available to exhibitors.

Printed documents may be utilized at the exhibitor’s request.
The judging program shall be published in the catalog. No judging shall occur at any show prior to the time specified in the judging program.
Based upon a Staff recommendation, the AKC Board has proposed the following amendment to CHAPTER 12, SECTIONS 1, 3, 4, and 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, to be voted on at the December 11, 2015 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 12

SECTION 1. Every Show Committee shall provide a published catalog which shall contain:

- Exact location of the show
- Date/dates on which the show will be held
- Show hours (opening and closing)
- List of all officers and members of the Event Committee
- Names and complete addresses of all judges
- Name and address of Superintendent and/or Show Secretary
- Name of the Veterinarian or Veterinary Clinic, and whether the veterinarian will be in attendance or on call
- Names and addresses of all exhibitors
- Information on all entered dogs as described in Chapter 12, Section 4
- Information on all entered Junior Handlers
- Judging Program

SECTION 3. If the show shall be given by a nonmember club or association, the words “Licensed Show” must be published on the title page of the catalog.

SECTION 4. The catalog shall be published and available. The catalog, if printed, shall be in book form. It shall be from 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches to 8 1/2 x 11 inches. It shall contain the following information for all entered dogs, arranged in this order:

- Catalog (armband) number
- Complete registered name of dog
- One of the following for each dog:
  - AKC registration number
  - or PAL number
  - or foreign registration number and country for an unregistered imported dog
  - or identification number issued by AKC
- Date of birth
- Name of breeder(s)
- Name of Sire
- Name of Dam
- Name of owner(s)/co-owner(s)
- Name of owner’s agent (if any)

The address of the owner shall follow the owner’s name, or shall be included in a separate alphabetical list of all exhibitors contained elsewhere in the catalog. The entries shall be cataloged by Groups, Breeds, Varieties, and regular classes in the order given in Chapter 3. Information on dogs entered in single entry non-regular classes shall be listed between the information for the regular bitch classes and the information for the Best of Breed class.

Information on dogs entered in classes where a judge’s decision is based on the merits of more than one dog shall be listed after the Best of Breed class. These classes include Brace, Team, Stud Dog and Brood Bitch.

The particulars of those dogs entered for Exhibition Only shall appear following all other entries in the breed or variety. The Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club may set additional requirements for format and content of the catalog.

SECTION 6. All prizes/trophies offered in a show’s premium list shall be published in the catalog. If the condensed form of a premium list is used, all prizes/trophies offered in a separate list shall be published in the catalog. No change shall be made in the description or conditions of these prizes or trophies.

Proposed Amendment to Rules Applying to Dog Shows

CHAPTER 16, SECTION 7 – Grand Championships

Based upon a Staff recommendation, the AKC Board has proposed the following amendment to CHAPTER 16, SECTION 7 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, to be voted on at the December 11, 2015 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 16

SECTION 7. Any champion which shall have won twenty-five points shall become a Grand Champion of Record, if nine or more of said points shall have been won at three shows with a rating of three or more Grand Championship points each and under three different judges, and some one or more of the balance of said points shall have been won under some other judge or judges than the three judges referred to above and at least one Champion was defeated at three shows. A dog becomes a Grand Champion when it is so officially recorded by The American Kennel Club and shall be entitled to a Grand Championship certificate.

Any Grand Champion which shall have won 100 Grand Championship points shall become a Grand Champion Bronze (GCHB). Any Grand Champion which shall have won 200 Grand Championship points shall become a Grand Champion Silver (GCHS). Any Grand Champion which shall have won 400 Grand Championship points shall become a Grand Champion Gold (GCHG). Any Grand Champion which shall have won 800 Grand Championship points shall become a Grand Champion Platinum (GCHP). After earning Grand Champion Platinum title, for each additional 800 Grand Championship points earned the Grand Champion Platinum title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has met the requirements of the Grand Champion Platinum title as defined above, e.g., 1,600 Grand Championship points = GCHP2. The AKC will identify dogs qualifying for these titles by the appropriate designations preceding their AKC name in all official AKC records. In each case, the higher title will supersede the preceding title in all official AKC records such that the highest title will be listed.

PROPOSED LEONBERGER STANDARD FOR COMMENT

GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Leonberger is a large, sociable working dog, muscular yet elegant, with a proud head carriage. The breed is distinguished by its black mask, substantial bone, balanced build, and double coat. Adult males are particularly powerful and strong and carry a lion-like mane on the neck and chest. Bitches are unmistakably feminine. The Leonberger is a dimorphic breed; a dog or a bitch easily discernible as such. Although imposing in size, the Leonberger is graceful in motion.
Natural appearance is essential to Leonberger type. The breed is to be shown with no trimming, sculpting or other alterations. True to the breed’s origins as a multipurpose family, farm and draft dog, today’s Leonberger excels as a versatile working dog and devoted family companion. Intelligent and lively, friendly yet vigilant, the Leonberger is attentive and self-assured in all situations.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE
Size: An adult male is 28 to 31½ inches in height (30 inches preferred). An adult female is 25½ inches to 29½ inches (27½ inches preferred). Weight is in proportion to the overall size and structure. When proportion, substance, and balance are present, a slight deviation above standard is tolerated. Proportion: Height to length of body is 9:10. Height is measured at the withers; body length is measured from point of shoulder to point of buttock. The depth of chest is 50 percent of the height; brisket reaches to elbow. The angulation of front and rear quarters is in balance. Overall balance and proportion are as important as height. Substance: Strong bone in proportion to size of the body, well-muscled.

HEAD
The head, in its entirety, is deeper than it is broad, rectangular shaped, with no wrinkles. The length of muzzle to length of backskull is equal. Cheeks are only slightly developed. The male head is strong and masculine, while the female head always expresses femininity. Mask: Face is covered with a full black mask that extends from the nose up to and over the eyes. A lesser mask is acceptable, but not desirable. Expression: Good-natured, soft, and intelligent expression. Eyes: Dark brown is preferred over light brown. Eyes are medium size, oval to almond shaped, neither deep-set nor protruding. Eyelids are close fitting, not showing any haw or sclera. Ears: When alert, ears are level with top of skull and set slightly forward. They are of medium size, triangular, fleshy, hanging flat and close to the head. Tips are level with corners of the mouth. Skull: As seen from the front and in profile, backskull is slightly arched. Skull is slightly longer than wide and the width of backskull is only slightly broader than it is at the eyes. Stop: Clearly recognizable and moderately defined. Muzzle: Nasal bridge of even breadth, never running to a point, level or slightly arched (Roman nose); never dished. The jaw remains broad and strong between the canines. Planes: As seen from the side, the planes of muzzle and backskull are parallel. Nose: Large with clearly outlined nostrils, always black. Lips: Tight, corners closed and dry, outer lips black in color. Some de-pigmentation due to aging is acceptable. Teeth/Bite: Complete dentition of 42 teeth (20 upper, 22 lower), strong, meeting in a correct scissors bite, lower incisors touching inside of upper incisors. A level bite is accepted. Serious Fault – Lips – Drooling or wet mouth. Disqualification – Expression/Mask: Complete lack of mask. Teeth/Bite: More than one missing tooth other than M3s.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY, TAIL
Neck: Muscular, well set on shoulders, blends smoothly into withers, of sufficient length to allow for proud head carriage. No dewlap. Topline: Withers set above a firm level back that flows into a gently sloping croup. Rump not higher than withers. Body: Chest is broad, roomy, and deep, reaching at least to the level of the elbows, pronounced pro-sternum. Ribs: Well-sprung, oval. Underline: Only slightly tucked up. Loin: Broad, compact, strong, well-muscled. Croup: Broad, relatively long, gently sloped, flowing smoothly into root of tail. Tail: While standing relaxed, tail hangs straight down with the last vertebra reaching to or below the hock. In movement, tail is carried no higher than the level of the back, with a curve at the end permitted. An exuberant tail carriage, though higher than ideal, should not be confused with a high, incorrectly placed tail. Serious Fault – High tail carriage with tail curled over back at all times, whether standing or in motion.

FOREQUARTERS
Shoulder: Well laid-back and well-muscled. Angulation: The shoulder meets the upper arm at slightly greater than a right angle. Shoulder and upper arm about equal in length. Elbows: Close to body, neither in nor out. Forelegs: Substantial bone, muscular, straight and parallel to each other. Pasterns: Strong, firm and straight when viewed from front, slightly sloping when viewed from side. Dewclaws: Usually present. Feet: Turn neither in nor out, rounded, tight, toes well arched (cat foot).

HINDQUARTERS
Rear Assembly: Powerful, muscular with substantial bone. Angulation: In balance with forequarters. Legs: Viewed from the rear, the legs are straight and parallel, with stifles and paws turned neither in nor out, placed widely enough apart to match a properly built body. Thighs: Upper and lower of equal length, danting and strongly muscled. Stifles: Angle clearly defined. Hocks: Substantial bone with a distinct angle between lower thigh and rear pastern; well let down. Dewclaws: Rear dewclaws may be present. Feet: Turned neither in nor out, and may be slightly elongated. Toes arched.

COAT
Leonbergers have a medium to long, water resistant, double coat on the body and short fine hair on the muzzle and front of limbs. Outer coat is medium-soft to coarse and lies flat. It is straight, with some generalized wave permitted. Mature males carry a mane, which extends over neck and chest. The male coat is typically longer than the female coat. The undercoat is soft and dense, although it may be less so in summer months or warmer climates. In spite of the double coat, the outline of the body is always recognizable. Leonbergers have some ear feathering and ample feathering on fore and rear legs. Tail is very well furnished. Leonbergers are to be presented with no sculpting, scissoring, trimming of whiskers, or any other alterations whatsoever, except for neatening of the feet. Fault: Parted or curly coat.

COLOR
Coat colors are lion-yellow, golden to red and red-brown, sand colored (cream, pale yellow) and all combinations thereof, always with a black mask. All colors may have black tips (some with long black tips) on the outer coat, but black must not be the basic color. Dark coat colors are accompanied by a lighter colored undercoat and feathering of front and hind legs, that blend harmoniously with the basic body coloring. A small, unobtrusive stripe or white patch on the chest and some white hairs on toes is tolerated. Disqualification: Any coat color other than those listed. White hair on
chest that exceeds 5 inches in width; white extending beyond toes.

**GAIT**
The Leonberger has a ground-covering, even and balanced gait. The stride is powerful, free and fluid, with good reach and strong drive, giving the impression of effortless power. In motion, the Leonberger maintains a level topline. Viewed from the front and from behind, forelegs and hind legs travel straight. As the dog’s speed increases, the legs tend to converge toward the centerline.

**TEMPERAMENT**
The gentle character and even temperament of the Leonberger is of utmost importance for fulfilling their role as a family companion. The Leonberger is confident, with a steady, playful demeanor. The breed is willing to please and possesses a good capacity for learning. Serious fault - Quarelsomeness or hostility towards people or dogs in normal situations; unwarranted show of timidity or nervousness.

**FAULTS**
Any deviation from these specifications is a fault. In determining whether a fault is minor, serious, or major, these two factors should be used as a guide: Deviation - The extent to which it deviates from the standard; and Impact - The extent to which such deviation would actually affect the Leonberger’s phenotype or ability to fulfill its role as a family companion, and working dog.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS**
Mask - Complete lack of mask
Teeth - More than one missing tooth other than M3s.
Color - Any coat color other than those listed: White hair on chest exceeding 5 inches in width, white extending beyond toes.

**CONFORMATION JUDGES**
Letters concerning judges and provisional judges should be addressed to the Judging 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 website 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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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: 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 & Kimberlie Steele-Gamero
KAROLSKA – Great Pyrenees – Kimberly D. Kentopp
OTTERCREEK – Beagles – Brad Foster
ROSE COURT – Miniature American Shepherds – Elise R. Wolpert
SURFARI – Portuguese Water Dogs – Lynda A. McCallum & Charles M. McCallum
TRESOR – Papillon – Lisa L. Christensen & Chris Christensen
VAIL VALLEY – Newfoundlands – Kelly L. Carey

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

ALAMOS – Bearded Collies – Jane M. Cooper
BLACKJACK – Bullmastiffs – Vicki E. Allenbrand
BLUELINE – Portuguese Water Dogs – Sandra L. Myers
DELAVEGA – Golden Retrievers – Yvonne M. Herrera & Erika Bigott
FETCH-N-POSSE – Labrador Retrievers – Terry Marshall
HEYWIRE – German Wirehaired Pointers – Judy Cheshire
LAKERIDGE – Poodles – Debra Ferguson-Jones & Cathy L. Petrie
MASTERPIECE – Mastiffs – Louis Falvo & Deborah Falvo
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first quarter of 2016. The FIDO TV website (www.fidotvchannel.com) will be linked to AKC.org for a number of subjects such as buying a puppy, rescue, and events. Through this partnership AKC expects in the years ahead, to significantly increase our messaging to the general public about our mission and purebred dogs as well as support our fanciers through links to www.akc.org

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Board Action Items
Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous staff Action Items.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Heather McManus, Senior Attorney, was present for this portion of the meeting.

Leonberger Proposed Breed Standard Revision
The Board reviewed a request from the The Leonberger Club of America, Inc. (LCA). The LCA submitted proposed revisions to the Leonberger breed standard and are seeking permission to ballot the club membership. The current standard was approved by the AKC Board October 19, 2009. Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Wooding) to publish the standard revisions for comment.

AKC Membership Requirements
There was a report on the requirements for membership in the Bylaws that are contained in Article IV as well as additional requirements and procedures followed in processing membership applications.

The requirements for membership in the Bylaws are contained in ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 1, 2 and 3, below:

SECTION 1. All Clubs or Associations which have held at least three Dog Shows, Obedience Trials, Field Trials, or Agility Trials in consecutive years under rules of the AKC and all Specialty Clubs which have been or shall be formed for the improvement of any breed of purebred dogs shall be eligible to become members of the AKC.

SECTION 2. Candidates for membership must apply in writing to the AKC on forms the terms of which shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the AKC which forms will be supplied by the Executive Secretary of the AKC upon request. Each application must be accompanied by a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the applicant and a list of the names of its officers and members. Each candidate also must send with its application a check or cash for the amount of its admission fees and dues for the current year which will be returned to the candidate if and when it shall fail to be elected.

SECTION 3. No Club or Association shall be eligible to be admitted to membership in the AKC unless its Constitution and Bylaws shall provide that among the objects for which said Club or Association has been formed are the holding of annual dog shows, annual obedience trials, or annual field trial, or annual agility trials, or that said Club or Association was formed for the protection or benefit of purebred dogs.

In a summary, clubs must:
• Have held Dog Shows, Obedience or Agility Trials, or Field Trials for three consecutive years.
• Complete a form “the terms of which shall be approved by the Board of Directors of AKC.”
• Have acceptable Bylaws.
• Provide a list of officers and members.
• Pay a $250 initiation fee and $25 for the first dues.

Under SECTION 5 and 6 of the Bylaws
Every applicant must be published twice for comment before being approved or disapproved by the Board. If the latter, the Board is not required to give a reason.

Under SECTION 7 and 8 of the Bylaws
All membership applications approved by the Board are voted on by the Delegates. Those disapproved are reported, but there is no appeal to the Board decision.

Record Retention Policy
Staff reported that the AKC is in the process of updating its corporate-wide Record Retention Policy. The Record
Retention Policy includes all departments of the corporation, and must include the Board. The Board unanimously agreed that under AKC policy, Board members are not AKC employees, and should not be required to retain any specific documents or correspondence. That is to be reflected in any AKC Record Retention Policy.

Pilot Program Update

At the June 2015 Board meeting the Concurrent Group and All-Breed Events pilot program was approved. Since that time, three clubs have participated in the pilot program. Based on the success of those events, Staff recommends modifying the pilot program to remove the 100 breed entry limit on the number of entries a judge can judge in a day plus provide clubs flexibility in scheduling breed judging. It is recommended that the breed judging at either the all-breed event or the breed judging in the group event may occur first but must be scheduled in order to avoid delays in group judging in the all-breed event. Group judging for the all-breed event must be held prior to the group judging in the group event. Group Judging for the group event cannot conflict with BIS at the all-breed event.

Following a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Woolding) to adopt the recommended procedures for an eighteen month pilot program, after which, staff will make a recommendation to the Board on whether to make it permanent.

Modification to Grooming Space Policy

In July of 2013, the Board passed a policy that requires clubs to provide a reasonable amount of free grooming space of equal desirability if the club is offering reserved (paid) grooming. Almost all of the plans submitted have been compliant with the Board Policy without any additional changes. Staff believes that at this time the requirement for a club to submit a grooming plan adds very little value and is an unnecessary task in the club’s event application process.

Event Operations recommends that Board Policy on grooming space be modified so that clubs are not required to submit a grooming plan. On request, Event Operations staff will counsel clubs on complying with the Board Policy. If Event Operations becomes aware of a club not being in compliance, they will directly address the matter with the club. This will be discussed further at the December meeting.

Concurrent Specialty Policy Change

The Board received a recommendation to modify the Board policy on independent specialty shows held concurrently with all-breed shows so that clubs
have more flexibility in the scheduling of the show day. Currently, judging for the breed in the all-breed show must be completed prior to the concurrent specialty. The recommended change is to provide clubs with the flexibility to schedule the concurrent specialty judging to take place at the time that works best for the club, judges, and exhibitors. The breed judging at either the all-breed show or the independent specialty may occur first, but the scheduling must accommodate Group judging.

Following a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Wooding) to adopt the staff recommendation, effective for all shows held on or after January 1, 2016.

Multi-Year Approval of Event Applications

The Board was advised that without objection, Event Operations will simplify the event application process for clubs by allowing them to submit a single application and have it processed as a multi-year submittal, significantly reducing bureaucracy for our clubs. Clubs will be allowed to apply for up to ten consecutive years of events. There was no objection and staff will begin accepting multi-year applications for events on January 1, 2016.

Standing Approval of Special Attractions – “Top Ranked” Class

At the July 2013 Board Meeting the Board established standing approval for the Special Attractions that require no review. The Staff requested that the Event Operations Department be permitted to grant standing approval to requests for Special Attractions whose eligibility requirements are based on a dog’s ranking. The most common example is a Top 20 competition. There was no objection to this addition and the following Special Attraction will be added as one that has standing approval:

Top Ranked (for example “Top 20”)

Match Promotion

The Board reviewed and approved staff-recommended enhancements to help promote participation in AKC match shows.

- A match tab to the event search on the AKC website allowing visitors to search for upcoming match events. This feature will have an effective date of April 1, 2016.

- The event announcement will emphasize that matches are an opportunity to meet with like-minded individuals for an informal social experience.

- Conformation matches will be added to the current list of events that generate an automated email announcement. Criteria for selection will be based on the event email campaign used for the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy email program but will include a wider age group. An announcement will be issued in Club newsletters indicating an effective date of February 1, 2016. Included in the Club announcement will be ideas to make a match more fun.

Modification to Emergency Procedures at Dog Events

The staff reported on a request from the Durham Kennel Club, Inc., They requested that the Board consider a revision to the Emergency Procedures at Dog Events policy. The Board Policy states:

“4. At group and all-breed conformation events, clubs are required to have a qualified emergency medical technician (CPR certified) in attendance from one hour prior to the start of judging until completion of all judging.”

The Durham Kennel Club, Inc. is requesting a change to the policy to read:

“4. At each group and all-breed conformation event, clubs are required to have a CPR certified, qualified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or qualified Emergency Medical Responder (EMR).”

Staff outlined the different training and certification process for and EMT and EMR and recommended that the EMT requirement remain. There was no motion to change the current policy.

Dog Data Exchange Processes

Staff provided a report that gave an overview of the dog data exchange processes that are currently available to superintendents. The data exchange processes were put in place to assist superintendents in validating entry data and to better serve our customers by assuring entry information is correct to avoid wins/placements being cancelled following an event. The AKC is ready and willing to assist all of the superintendents with using the data exchange processes for the benefit of the exhibitors, the superintendent, and the AKC. Staff will remind superintendents of the availability and benefit of the data exchange processes and offer our support in their use.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Doug Ljungren, Tim Thomas, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Online Judges Education

Previously the Board approved a recommendation by the Judging Task Force to create and develop a pilot program of a virtual, computer-based simulation of a judging experience for breeds.

Judges Operation has reviewed the previously developed Canine College pilot program. Staff provided its vision for this program and the “next steps” for the Board’s review and discussion.

Next Steps

1. Proceed to hire a Project Manager as soon as possible.
2. Staff and Board reach a common understanding regarding the scope of the project.
3. Technology team research and advises how best to accomplish scope.
4. Present to Board overall cost and time table.
5. Proceed in the development of an educational platform.
6. Hire Content Creation Specialist position when appropriate

The Board Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 8:00 am. All Directors were present except Mr. Wooding, who participated by phone. Also present were the Executive Secretary and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

AKC 990 FILING

Representatives of KPMG, AKC’s auditors, gave a presentation on the 2015 990, which AKC is required to file. This was done in EXECUTIVE SESSION. It was reported out of this session that the Board accepted the 2015 990.
The Board of Directors at its July 2015 meeting voted to adopt a new Conformation Judging Approval Process to be effective September 1, 2015. Staff had been directed to provide to the Board an annual report to gauge the impact of the new Approval Process. This report was to be based on a survey of the fancy concerning its perception of the competence of judges and comparisons of certain matrices.

On August 11, 2015, staff distributed a survey to the fancy to establish a baseline of its perception of judges. This survey was sent to exhibitors who had entered a Conformation dog show in the preceding 12 months. The survey was completed by 10,729 exhibitors prior to it being closed on August 24, 2015.

The survey consisted of ten questions in total, with the first to establish the experience of the individual completing the survey. Approximately 2/3 of all respondents had at least 10 years of experience in the sport of Conformation dog shows. The remaining questions were intended to gauge the fancy’s perception of AKC judges.

The survey taker was asked to answer each statement specific to their experience participating at AKC Conformation dog shows with one of the following choices; Strongly Agree; Agree with minor exception; Neither agree or disagree; Disagree with minor exception; and Strongly disagree.

The nine statements that were asked to determine the perception of the fancy:

- AKC Conformation Judges give equal consideration to all exhibitors.
- AKC Conformation Judges are courteous to exhibitors.
- AKC Conformation Judges are well versed in proper ring procedure.
- AKC Conformation Judges are knowledgeable in the breeds they are approved to judge.
- The quality of judging at AKC Conformation dog shows has improved.
- The AKC effectively addresses judges who may not meet its expectations.
- Approval by the AKC sufficiently ensures a judge is prepared to judge a breed.

In the survey, the lowest level of agreement was with the statement “AKC Conformation Judges give equal consideration to all exhibitors,” and the greatest with the statement “AKC Conformation Judges are well versed in proper ring procedure.”

The Board was concerned that while there is yet to be any impact from the new process on the perception of exhibitors, it was important to understand why exhibitors feel they are not all receiving equal consideration and the impact that may have on participation in the conformation sport. In order to understand what might be done to improve this aspect of the sport the Chairman designated an Ad Hoc Committee on the Improvement of Conformation Judging to evaluate the responses to the survey to determine where AKC’s focus should be to improve judging as well as its perception by participants in the Sport. The committee is to be chaired by Dr. Garvin, who will select two other Board members to serve.

Based on the survey perception that our conformation judges are well versed in ring procedure, staff was asked to review the current policy on procedural observations as outlined in the new judging approval policy and review any proposed changes with the Board in December.

**Conformation Judging Application Quarterly Statistics**

The Board reviewed the quarterly judging application report provided by Judging Operations. The report provides statistics related to Conformation judging applications considered by the Judges Review Committee at its July 2015, August 2015 and September 2015 meetings.

**2016 Budget**

The Board reviewed the proposed 2016 Budget. There was an in-depth discussion of the budget and staff was directed to make a number of modifications.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SES-
Mr. Crowley indicated that without objection, an official letter of support from the AKC for this stamp would be sent and assistance in disseminating the support petition would be offered. There was no objection.

2015 BUDGET, (continued)

The Board continued its review of the 2015 budget. The final budget for 2015, incorporating the Board’s input will be considered at the December 2015 Board Meeting.

Ms. Cruz and Mr. Feeney left the meeting during the discussion.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 3:47pm.
Adjourned
Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary