

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
October 10 - 11, 2016

The Board convened on Monday October 10, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, except Mr. Menaker, who participated in the entire meeting by telephone conference, but could not vote by Board policy. Also present were the Executive Secretary, the Assistant Executive Secretary, the Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel, as well as the Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer.

The August 2016 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were discussed. Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Cruz, the August 2016 minutes were unanimously (Mr. Menaker could not vote) approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an Executive Session to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of Executive Session.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Board Action Items - Status Report**

Mr. Sprung reviewed Action Items, and reported on staff initiatives.

**AKC Education Department**

At the request of the AKC Board of Directors, staff considered the organizational structure necessary to create an enterprise-wide education department. Alexandra Aleskovsky, AKC Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer, gave a presentation recommending that all AKC resources singularly focused on the design and delivery of educational products and programs, including Breeder Education, Judges' Education and Public Education be consolidated into a new organization resident within the Growth Group. Staff intends that this new organization be a Center of Excellence focused on the creation of valued educational experiences for our breeders, our judges, our clubs, those who provide pet services, and for all dog lovers so that we in turn will be able to live up to our Mission and do good things for all dogs. This Center of Excellence in Education within the Growth Group will fundamentally change and positively shape the assumptions and perceptions of all stakeholders, including the general public, regarding what AKC does for dogs and for the people who love dogs.

**Legal Status Report**

Ms. McManus, Deputy General Counsel, presented a status report on pending litigation and other Legal activities for the months of August and September 2016.

**Arbitration/Mediation Program**

The Board reviewed an update on the Arbitration and Mediation program, which it approved, at its July 2016 meeting. The new new mediation/arbitration program covers two principal types of non-AKC disputes, those disputes arising from (1) internal arguments over club bylaws, and (2) private arguments of co-ownership, neither of which involve AKC as a direct party. This new program will be voluntary and will retain,

as an initial step, the ability of staff to continue its informal efforts to resolve these non-AKC disputes.

The Board discussed a proposed set of “CPR Fast Track Mediation and Arbitration Rules of Procedure for Certain Dog-Related Disputes”. Preparation of these Fast Track Rules is the first of eight steps that will need to be completed during the next year, before the program, which will be administered by the CPR Institute (the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution), can be rolled out.

### **Board Tracking Report**

The Board reviewed a tracking report of high impact staff projects at AKC that have been Board approved.

### **FINANCE**

Joseph Baffuto, CFO, presented unaudited financial results through the nine months ending September 30, 2016. Total revenues recorded of \$48.4 million were 3% above Budget and 7.25% above last year. Overall operating expenses of \$43.8 million were below Budget by 3.5%, but \$4.8 million or 12.5% above last year. Operating income of \$4.6 million is outperforming Budget but is below last year’s comparison of \$6.2 million through September 30, 2015. The core business continues to perform well with growth in our non-core revenue as well.

### **2017 BUDGET**

The Board reviewed the proposed 2017 Budget. Mr. Sprung explained that the 2017 budget represents a growth budget with investments in key areas to grow the American Kennel Club to better position AKC to achieve its mission to dogs. The Board was pleased that staff and Board were focused on the future and that this budget reflected that joint commitment.

There was an in-depth discussion of the budget which resulted in several changes.

As part of the budget discussion, presentations were made by the following:

- Alexandra Aleskovsky, AKC Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer regarding Marketing, Social Media, IT, Registrations, Business Development and Licensing.
- Sheila Goffe, Vice President Government Relations, regarding a three-year plan to expand the activities of the Government Relations Department as requested by the Board at its August meeting.
- Brandi Hunter, Vice President, Public Relations and Communications regarding goals for 2017.
- Dr. Diane Brown, AKC Canine Health Foundation Chief Executive Officer, gave an overview of the CHF’s accomplishments in 2016 and plans for 2017.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an Executive Session to discuss the 2017 Budget. Only the Board and the President were present. It was reported out of this session that the 2017 Budget was approved.

**AKC CHF Matching Grants**

The approved budget included a \$500,000 matching grant for donations by new and lapsed donors to the AKC CHF in 2017 as well as an additional \$250,000 matching grant for donations from all donors and Donor Advised Fund Transfers for grants to study epilepsy in dogs. There was a motion by Mr. Wooding, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and it was VOTED (unanimously, with Mr. Menaker unable to vote) that there be a third AKC \$250,000 matching grant for donations from all donors and Donor Advised Fund Transfers for grants to continue the study of tick borne diseases.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Mari-Beth O'Neill Vice President Sport Services participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

**Board and Delegate Meetings 2017, 2018 and 2019**

For planning purposes, meeting dates should be set as far in advance as possible. The Board has also been asked to reconsider the June and September 2017 dates.

The Delegate meetings for June and September 2017 have been scheduled for Monday, placing the Committee meetings on Sunday. The Coordinating Committee recommended that all future June and September meetings be held on Tuesdays.

The Committee also recommended that the September 2018 meeting be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, as the first three weeks of September in that year would have conflicted with Labor Day, Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur. There was a motion made by Mr. Kalter, seconded by Mr. Feeney and it was VOTED (unanimously, with Mr. Menaker unable to vote) to adopt the Delegate Coordinating Committee's recommendations. The complete meeting schedule for 2017, 2018, and 2019 will be posted on the AKC web site and is attached to these minutes.

**Show Territory**

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to amend Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 2, Section 3, regarding show territory to enable the AKC to approve a club for the holding of a show at a site within the area of another club, if it believes that the permission of the host club has unreasonably been denied.

Suggested wording follows (underlined):

**SECTION 3.** Each club or association which shall hold a show in its territory at least once in every two consecutive calendar years shall have the sole show privilege in the city, town or district of its assigned territory. A club may be approved to hold a show in another club's territory if the written consent is obtained from the club assigned to that territory.

If the club in whose territory the show is to be held does not respond to the written request or unreasonably withholds such written consent, the other club

may appeal to the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club after one month from the time consent was requested. The parties shall present their contentions, in writing, to a committee appointed by said Board, or appointed by the President of the American Kennel Club if between Board meetings, or in the President's absence, appointed by the Executive Secretary. Said committee may, in its discretion, issue an approval to the other club to hold such show within the assigned club's territory.

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

### **Recognition of CKU**

The Board considered the recognition of a second all-breed registry in China, the China Kennel Union (CKU). CKU meets all AKC requirements.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Dok, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Dok, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Davies, Mr. Wooding, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Ashby, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Mr. Feeney, unable to vote Mr. Menaker) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual notice requirement.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously, with Mr. Feeney abstaining and Mr. Menaker unable to vote) to add the China Kennel Union to the list of registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration, effective immediately. This action does not apply to judging or any other relationship between CKU and AKC. This will have no effect on the status of the National General Kennel Club in China, which continues to be an AKC recognized registry.

### **New Breed for Foundation Stock Service® - Bavarian Mountain Scent Hound**

The Board was advised that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a petition for the Bavarian Mountain Scent Hound to be accepted into the FSS program.

### **Breeder of Merit Program – Breed Specific**

The Breeder of Merit program currently recognizes a breeder for meeting a set of criteria across all litters and breeds that a breeder is/was involved with. The Board requested steps be taken to be sure that the program is breed specific so that the requirements for recognizing breeders are on a per breed basis and will realign the program more consistently with the expectations of the general public and recognize past performance. Recognition is to be retroactive to current participants.

This will require that the applicant meet all of the programs criteria for each breed applied for, with the exception of 5-year involvement and club membership.

The current Breeder of Merit recognition criteria is:

- Has a history of at least 5 years' involvement with AKC events
- Earned AKC Conformation, Performance or Companion event titles on a minimum of 4 dogs from AKC litters they bred/co-bred.
- Member of an AKC club.
- Certifies that applicable health screens are performed on your breeding stock as recommended by the Parent Club.

- Demonstrates a commitment to ensuring 100% of the puppies produced are AKC registered

### **BUSINESS UPDATE**

Alexandra Aleskovsky, Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer gave the Board a business update.

Revenue in the Growth Group was up 10.2% for 2016 when compared to the same period in 2015. The largest percentage increases were 89.9% for E-Commerce, 54.6% for AKC Marketplace and 38.2% for royalty and sponsorships.

According to ComScore, AKC.org is #1 in traffic and #1 in engagement among dog sites. In three months, AKC moved up the rankings from 8<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> among all pet sites with an increase in traffic of 46%. Overall, AKC.org traffic is up 42% from 2015. Total Social Media Instagram followers have grown by 65% since January. AKC's customer data base is now at four million.

Marketing Communications have achieved the highest open and engagement rates for Newsletters on AKC.org driven by high quality content, and above industry averages. A major upcoming packaging redesign for licensees will achieve uniformity and a consistent brand story across the AKC product portfolio. The growth of akc.org is essential to raise the profile of the AKC in the minds of all dog owners. This will help educate people to the importance of purpose bred dogs and position AKC as the authority for all things dogs.

Registrations are 8% higher than in 2015 and litter registrations are up by 7%.

On October 17, 2106, AKC's new online shop will launch. It will feature a broad selection of unique, high-quality products.

There was an update on the migration of AKC systems to Cloud technology. This process is well underway. It is being done in phases with the project to be completed by the end of 2018.

Remediation initiatives from the Security Audit are under way.

The Board adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 8:00 am.

### **Government Working Dog Program**

The Board asked staff to investigate the feasibility and benefits of establishing a breeder exchange to facilitate the sale of working dogs to the government. There is currently a shortage of United States bred working dogs and AKC and its breeders could help to develop a more robust supply of United States bred dogs for government detection work.

Following a presentation by Mark Dunn, Vice President Registration and Customer Development, there was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Kalter, it was VOTED (unanimously with Mr. Menaker unable to vote) to direct staff to establish a steering committee consisting of people who share the idea for this type of program and

to do a feasibility study on the concept considering all of the opportunities and obstacles.

In November, there will be a report on AKC acting as a convener of a conference bringing together all the stakeholders regarding creating a domestic source for working dogs for use by TSA and other groups. Topics would include the working dog shortage and ideas for developing a more robust domestic supply source for government detection dogs to help our country.

## **CLUBS**

### **A report was provided on Member Club Bylaws approved in August and September:**

- American Boxer Club (1935)
- American Brussels Griffon Association (1982)
- Charleston Kennel Club, Charleston, SC (1938)
- Fayetteville Kennel Club, Cumberland County, NC (1984)
- Greater Ocala Dog Club, Marion County, FL (1996)
- Greyhound Club of America (1909)
- Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Manchester, NH (1978)
- Pocatello Kennel Club, Pocatello, ID (1989)
- West Volusia Kennel Club, Deland, FL (2001)

### **A report was provided on new clubs licensed in August and September:**

- American Sloughi Association
- Beechton Beagle Club, Brockway, PA
- Dardenne Retriever Club, greater St. Louis, MO.
- North County Beagle Club, greater Ellenburg Center, NY
- Ohio Valley French Bulldog Club, greater Louisville, KY

## **COMPLIANCE**

Heather McManus, Deputy General Counsel, and Michael Liosis, Director of Compliance, participated in this portion of the meeting.

### **Compliance and Breeder Development Coordination**

The staff presented an update to the Board on the alignment and coordination between the Compliance Division and the Breeder Development Department to improve the knowledge and development of breeders while ensuring compliance with AKC's Care and Conditions policy and the integrity of the studbook and registry.

### **Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America**

There was an update on the status of arbitration between factions within the Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America. Disputes within the club have resulted in its event-giving privileges being withheld. While both sides have agreed to arbitrate their differences, they had not agreed to a location. Staff was directed to contact the parties to encourage concluding the arbitration process as soon as possible, which could be done by teleconference if a location cannot be agreed to.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:  
*(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)*

### **JUDGING OPERATIONS**

Doug Ljungren, Vice President Sports and Events and Tim Thomas, Director Dog Show Judges, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

#### **Conformation Judging Application Fees**

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to increase all Conformation Judging application fees from \$25 to \$35 effective January 1, 2017. Under the current Board-approved Judging Approval Process, applicants are required to submit a \$25 fee for each breed they are requesting approval to judge. The same \$25 fee requirement has been in place since March 1, 2002. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, to eliminate the judging application fee, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Battaglia; opposed: Mr. Ashby, Mr. Dok, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Arnold, Dr. Garvin, Ms. Cruz, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Wooding, Mr. Feeney; abstaining: Dr. Davies, unable to vote Mr. Menaker) with the motion defeated.

#### **Delegate Judge Application Fees**

The Board reviewed a request made at the September 2016 Delegate meeting to exempt Delegate Judges from paying a \$25 per breed application fee. The report provided the Board with the financial impact that would result from exempting Delegate Judges from payment of the \$25 per breed application fee.

There was a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, to exempt Delegates from the Judging Application fee, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Ashby, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Battaglia; opposed: Mr. Dok, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Wooding, Ms. Cruz, Ms. McAteer; abstaining: Dr. Garvin, Dr. Davies; unable to vote Mr. Menaker) with the motion being defeated.

#### **Licensing of Handlers**

At the Board's direction, AKC staff reported on the feasibility of again instituting the mandatory licensing of handlers. The conclusion was that there are too many liability and enforcement issues to make this feasible.

#### **AKC Registered Handlers Program**

Based on a request from the Board, staff provided an update on the American Kennel Club (AKC®) Registered Handlers Program (RHP) which included its history, growth, inspections, educational seminars, and future plans.

The Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club initiated the Registered Handlers Program (RHP) to provide the conformation fancy with an identifiable group of consummate professionals dedicated to appropriate animal care and the highest levels of professionalism. RHP provides tremendous positive public relations that benefit the AKC via programs such as the Handling Clinics, the George Ward Scholarship Fund, Educational Seminars, and providing a resource for individuals who may be seeking a qualified individual to handle their dog would appear to justify the investment.

The goal of the RHP administration is to invigorate the program to meet the needs of the fancy and elevate the commitment of program participants to serve the best interests of purebred dogs. The Staff suggested that an increased investment in the program would be required to accomplish these goals which is included in the 2017 budget proposal. There will be a research study by our Marketing Department to devise reasons for handlers to join the RHP program and for exhibitors to want to use an RHP handler. This program has value but there must be compelling reasons for handlers to join it. It is hoped that this research will help inform ways to strengthen the program.

**Mr. Charles P. (Skip) Herendeen III (#7453)**

The Board, at its February 2011 meeting, adopted the recommendation of the Board Appeals Committee, suspending Mr. Herendeen's judging application privileges for a period of five years, his judging privileges for a period of five years, and a fine of \$300. On August 29, 2016 Mr. Herendeen requested the reinstatement of his judging privileges. Judging Operations informed Mr. Herendeen payment of his fine had not been received and was required before his privileges could be reinstated. His \$300 fine was processed on September 14, 2016 and his judging status was reactivated. As per policy, all breeds and groups eligible to judge at the time of suspension were reactivated. Mr. Herendeen was advised of the requirement to submit a \$25 fee and a complete the breed exam for any breeds added to a group he was eligible to judge during the period of suspension.

**CONFORMATION**

Doug Ljungren, Vice President Sports and Events, Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President Sport Services, Glenn Lycan, Director Operation Support, Alan Slay, Director Event Programs, and Bri Tesarz, Manager Dog Show Rules, participated in this portion of the meeting via teleconference.

**AKC NOHS Program Enhancements**

Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the Board VOTED unanimously to:

- 1) Convert the NOHS Policies & Best Practices into regulations, and
- 2) Add more structure to the NOHS judging panel requirements. The following changes to the NOHS judging requirements are being considered:
  - a. A different judge is to be assigned to the same NOHS group for each day of a weekend/cluster/circuit (approved by the Board at the April 2016 meeting).
  - b. A different judge is required to be assigned to the regular and NOHS group/BIS at an event..
  - c. Judges will not be approved to judge a NOHS breed, the NOHS Variety Group of which the breed is a part and NOHS Best in Show at the same show.
  - d. The same person cannot judge all of the NOHS groups at an event.



- e. To be eligible to judge an NOHS group, a judge must be approved as a regular judge for at least one breed in that group or must be approved to judge at least one complete group

### **Reinstatement of a Dog Disqualified for Attacking**

The Board reviewed proposed rule and procedural changes for the reinstatement of a dog disqualified under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. This is the same proposal that was submitted in July 2014. At the October 2014 Board meeting the Board VOTED unanimously not to approve the proposed rule change or the proposed changes in the reinstatement procedures. Recently the AKC enacted several changes related to the disqualification of dogs: insurance for judges, notification to superintendents and trial secretaries, and advance notice to clubs of upcoming reinstatement examinations. Additionally, two procedure changes were made: (1) reinstatement examinations can only occur 30 minutes prior to the start of judging at conformation events, and (2) disqualified dogs are required to leave the site immediately after the disqualification and the reinstatement examination. The Dog Show Rules committee's proposed amendments to Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and the recommended changes to procedures follow:

#### **Additions to Chapter 11 section 8-A**

The proposed rule amendment:

1. Requires that the dog have permanent unique identification prior to disqualification (microchip, tattoo or some visible physical deformity). If there is no such ID or the identification cannot be obtained (no microchip scanner on the grounds), the dog may never be reinstated.
2. After an incident requiring disqualification, the dog must remain in the ring until the unique ID is recorded and the dog photographed.
3. The same identification procedure would be applied to a dog disqualified for attacking outside of the ring by an Event Committee.

The proposed procedural changes, which appear to be added to the rule in the committee's proposal, (currently the rule does not define reinstatement procedure or policy):

1. The reinstatement would be done by AKC staff rather than judges.
2. Reinstatement will not be done at shows.
3. ID and photo must be checked and the owner must have a rabies certificate and proof of insurance.
4. AKC must notify superintendents of all dogs disqualified for attacking including the owners contact information. (AKC began providing superintendents a list of DQ'd dogs in June 2016, ownership information was not provided)

The Board reviewed the steps already taken to modify the reinstatement procedure:

- AKC took out an accident insurance policy to cover all judges at AKC events.

- Criteria were established for proof of insurance by the owner of the dog being considered for reinstatement examination.
- A club will be notified two weeks in advance of a reinstatement procedure at a show, and the club may agree or disagree to it.
- Superintendents are being notified when a dog is disqualified for attacking, and if and when such dogs are reinstated. The system is being modified to enable the same notification to be sent to clubs which do not use the services of a superintendent.
- Disqualified dogs are required to leave the site immediately after the disqualification and the reinstatement examination.

Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, the Board VOTED (unanimously, with Mr. Menaker unable to vote) to disapprove the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8-A.

### **National Show Champion Title**

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to award a National Show Champion title (NCH) to the Best in Show winner at the AKC National Championship dog show. In many sports the AKC awards a National Champion title to the dog winning the AKC National Championship event. It would be most appropriate to award a National Show Championship title to the dog that goes Best in Show at the AKC's National Championship held in December.

This will require an amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 16 – Championships, new section 8.

SECTION 8. The dog selected as Best in Show at the AKC National Championship Dog Show shall be awarded the title of "National Show Champion of 20\_\_". This shall be a prefix title designated by NCH.

The Board chose to take no action on this proposal and it will therefore not be discussed further.

### **Changes to Italicized Sections of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapters 7 -10**

The Board reviewed recommendations to change and clarify specific sections of Chapters 7-10 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* as part of the Dog Show Rules Committee's ongoing effort to eliminate or incorporate the italicized language in the rules.

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

### **Breed Junior Showmanship**

The Board reviewed staff recommendation to revise the *Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations and Guidelines for Judging Juniors in Conformation* to allow a Limited Breed Show the option of offering Junior Showmanship for Juniors handling any breed. Currently the Regulations limit the dogs shown in Junior Showmanship to

the breed which are eligible to compete in that show's regular classes. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

### **Changes to Ribbon Requirements in Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 5, Section 2**

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Dog Show Rules Committee to change the requirements of Chapter 5, Section 2, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to allow class placement ribbons to not include the date or location.

Currently, the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 5, Section 2, has specific requirements for all ribbons/rosettes used at conformation events. Each ribbon/rosette must meet the requirements outlined in the section including specific size and information to be included on the face of the ribbon/rosette. There is no difference in requirements for a class placement vs. Best in Show ribbons. The Dog Show Rules Delegate Committee is recommending that the date and location of the event be optional on class placement ribbons. This will allow clubs to order a larger number of ribbons to receive cost savings, the ability to use ribbons at multiple events, and reduce the wasting of ribbons.

There was no motion to approve this proposal or interest in discussing it further.

### **Length of Conformation Events**

The Board has recently discussed the length of some all-breed conformation events. There are many reasons for shows running longer but in many cases it is because of the economics of hiring judges. One reason is smaller shows hire fewer judges resulting in six to eight hours of judging before groups can start driven by judge availability. The Board had requested staff to develop a proposal to address perceived problems with superintendents scheduling which can contribute to shows running long. Staff has reached out to the superintendents and judges, to get their thoughts on the scheduling of conformation judging. In addition, staff is compiling data on show lengths, size of shows, and number of judges present at those shows.

The Board requested a committee be appointed consisting of representatives of the Board, staff, the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee, and Senior Management from superintending organizations to review these issues.

### **Definition of Assisting a Professional Handler for NOHS**

Based on a request from the Board, Staff reviewed the definition of current assistant to a professional handler as regards to NOHS eligibility.

*Current assistants to professional handlers in conformation are not eligible to exhibit in this competition. A current assistant is defined as anyone employed by a professional handler on a full-time basis, or, assisting a professional handler at the show or any show during the cluster/weekend. Eligibility restrictions apply to all members of the same household.*

Based on this review, the complexity in defining the term, and the lack of complaints by exhibitors, staff does not feel that this term needs to be further clarified nor is there a reason for concern about this definition.

**Work with Superintendents to Grow Entries**

The Board requested staff to reach out to superintendents for ideas to grow entries. Based on the Board's request, the AKC reached out to superintendents requesting if they had new ideas which could grow entries. The superintendents were not given a deadline on a response as any ideas at any time may be productive. However, AKC has followed up several times since the Board request and no new initiatives have been offered by the Dog Show Superintendents Association (DSSA).

Staff will continue to promote AKC's ideas and new initiatives with the superintendents, requesting feedback and improvement suggestions. Additionally, the AKC meets yearly with the superintendents at their December DSSA annual meeting to update the group on AKC initiatives and exchange ideas.

**COMPANION AND PERFORMANCE**

Doug Ljungren, Vice President Sports and Events, Pamela Manaton, Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking and Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

**Suspension of the Use of the Closed Tunnel Obstacle**

On August 29 the AKC announced it was suspending the use of the closed tunnel (chute) obstacle in agility trials. Prior to this announcement, the concurrence of the Board was obtained via email. The Board must ratify the decision with a formal vote. Following a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (unanimously, with Mr. Menaker unable to vote), to change the *Regulations for Agility Trials* to suspend the use of the closed tunnel (chute, collapsed tunnel) until a solution is found or until it is decided to eliminate it permanently.

**Formation of Rally Clubs**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow for the accreditation of clubs formed for the purpose of holding Rally trials provided they are not formed in the territory of an obedience club that is licensed to hold Rally. Upon accreditation, a new club seeking to hold Rally trials shall be required to hold one sanctioned A-match. There is no requirement to hold a fun practice event. If the A-match is held successfully, the club shall be licensed to hold Rally trials.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Kalter, the Board VOTED unanimously to amend the Rally Regulations Chapter 1, Section 1, as follows:

**Chapter 1. Section 1. Application to Hold a Rally Trial.** Any existing AKC club may be licensed to hold Rally trials if, in the opinion of the AKC Board of Directors, it is qualified to do so, provided the club holds the event(s) for which it was originally formed at least once every two years. In addition, new clubs may be licensed to hold Rally trials provided they are not formed in the territory of an obedience club that is licensed to hold Rally.

This change is effective January 1, 2017.

**Pointing Breed National Championship Field Trial Held as Part of the AKC Gun Dog Championship**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow a breed to hold their National Championship Field Trial as part of the AKC Gun Dog Championship provided that no National Championship for that breed was held the prior year.

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

**National Retriever Derby Championship**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to create a new event in the Retriever Field Trial program called the National Retriever Derby Championship. The event will be hosted by a new club, the National Retriever Derby Club, its purpose will be to organize and hold this once per year event. The event will be open to dogs from all breeds eligible to participate in AKC Retriever Field Trials who have met the qualification criteria. The winning dog shall be awarded the title of "National Retriever Derby Champion of 20\_\_." This shall be a prefix title designated by NDC.

There was a motion by Mr. Wooding, seconded by Ms. McAteer, and it was VOTED (unanimously, Mr. Menaker unable to vote) to consider the proposal at this meeting, waiving the usual notice requirement.

Following a motion by Mr. Wooding, seconded by Ms. McAteer, it was VOTED (unanimously, Mr. Menaker unable to vote) to forward the proposal to the Delegates to be read at the December meeting and voted on in March,

**CONSENT**

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

**DELEGATE APPROVALS**

Mary-Helene (Mimi) Brown, MD, Phoenix, AZ  
To represent Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association

Donna M. Cooknell, Kuna, ID  
To represent Idaho Capital Kennel Club

Daniel Cunningham, Minoa, NY  
To represent Onondaga Kennel Club Association

Michele Fletcher, Pikeville, TN  
To represent East Tennessee Retriever Club

Pricilla Gabosch, Collingwood, NJ  
To represent Bucks County Kennel Club

Sherry Harman, Roseland, VA  
To represent James River Kennel Club

Deborah L. Kreider, Vermontville, NY  
To represent Lakes Region Kennel Club

Jo Lynn, McDonald, PA  
To represent Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of American Kennel Club

James Phinizy, Acworth, New Hampshire  
To represent Scottish Deerhound Club of America

Teresa Villa, Louisburg, NC  
Fayetteville Kennel Club

Rhonda Ann Walker, Terre Haute, IN  
To represent Terre Haute Kennel Club

#### **Retire Kennel Name Request from Papillon Kennel Club of America**

The Board VOTED to retire the kennel name Josandre of Mary Jo Loye and the kennel name Kvar of Pearl George as requested by the Papillon Club of America due to their significance to the history of the breed.

#### **Dachshund Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

The Board VOTED to approve the club balloting on the proposed revision to the Color Section of the breed standard as submitted by the Dachshund Club of America

##### **Smooth Dachshund:**

Color of Hair—Although base color is immaterial, certain patterns and basic colors predominate. One-colored Dachshunds include red and cream, with or without a shading of interspersed dark hairs. A small amount of white on the chest is acceptable, but not desirable. Nose and nails—black.

Two-colored Dachshunds include black, chocolate, wild boar, gray (blue) and fawn (Isabella), each with deep, rich tan or cream markings over the eyes, on the sides of the jaw and underlip, on the inner edge of the ear, front, breast, sometimes on the throat, inside and behind the front legs, on the paws and around the anus, and from there to about one-third to one-half of the length of the tail on the underside. Undue prominence of tan or cream markings is undesirable. A small amount of white on the chest is acceptable but not desirable. Nose and nails—in the case of black dogs, black; for chocolate and all other colors, dark brown, but self-colored is acceptable.

Dappled Dachshunds—The dapple (merle) pattern is expressed as lighter-colored areas contrasting with the darker base color, which may be any acceptable color. Neither the light nor the dark color should predominate. Nose and nails are the same as for one- and two-colored Dachshunds. Partial or wholly blue (wall) eyes are as acceptable as dark eyes. A large area of white on the chest of a dapple is permissible.

Brindle is a pattern (as opposed to a color) in which black or dark stripes occur over the entire body although in some specimens the pattern may be visible only in the tan points.

Piebald is a pattern (as opposed to a color) with clearly defined areas and/or patches of white on any allowed one-colored or two-colored dogs. Two-colored piebald patterned dogs must show tan markings on the face and around the anus. Absence of tan markings on the face and around the anus is a disqualification. There are no patches of lighter shadings within the colored areas as in the dapple pattern. Ticking in the white areas is acceptable. Eye color, eye rims, nose and lips are well pigmented and in accordance with the base color; eyes are never partially or wholly blue as in the dapple pattern. Head must not BE MORE THAN 50 percent white and color(s) other than white must cover both ears, back and front, and extend without interruption from the ears over both eyes. A head of more than 50 percent white; or white on any portion of the ears, back or front, or around the eyes is a disqualification. Pure white dogs with no body spots except on the head are to be disqualified. Nails may be partially or wholly white.

Sable—the sable pattern consists of a uniform dark overlay on red dogs. The overlay hairs are double-pigmented, with the tip of each hair much darker than the base color. The pattern usually displays a widow's peak on the head. Nose, nails and eye rims are black. Eyes are dark, the darker the better.

Colors or patterns other than those specified above are a disqualification.

DISQUALIFICATION: Knuckling over of front legs. In the piebald pattern; absence of tan markings on the face and around the anus of two colored dogs, a head of more than 50 percent white, white covering both ears, back and front, or around the eyes, and pure white with no body spots except on the head. Colors or patterns other than those specified above.

The Board VOTED (unanimously, Mr. Menaker could not vote) to permit the DCA to proceed to ballot the membership on these standard revisions in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws.

### **Earthdogs - Allowing Practice Prior to a Test**

The Board VOTED to modify the current Regulations for Earthdog Tests for Small Terriers and Dachshunds to allow clubs, at their option, to provide practice sessions prior to or following a test. Currently, practice sessions are not allowed within 24 hours of the start of the test. This modification will provide additional opportunities to introduce new participants to the sport. This is effective November 1, 2016

**Chapter 4. Section 1. Test Area Conditions and Dimensions.**

Paragraph #8. The dens shall be located to minimize outside distractions. The earth may be dug up to one week prior to the test day or permanent dens may be used. , ~~however no dog shall be allowed to enter the earth within 24 hours of the start of the test.~~

Paragraph #11. Practice sessions. The Test Committee may, at its option, hold practice sessions. Official test tunnels may be used for practice. The practice sessions may be held before or after the official hours of the earthdog test but never during a test. The practice sessions must be under the supervision of a Test Committee member, who shall be responsible for the conduct of the practice and the care of the quarry during the practice.

**Update to FAST Class Regulations**

The Board VOTED to modify the *Regulations for Agility Trials*, the course design specifications for the FAST (Fifteen and Send) class in order to decrease the time it takes to reset the course between levels, thereby making it more efficient for clubs to offer. The changes will not compromise the intent of the class.

This is effective January 3, 2017.

**Amend the Requirements of A & B Matches**

The Board voted to clarify the *Match Regulations* to allow Group and Specialty clubs to offer all-breed Sanctioned A Matches for obedience and rally and all-breed Sanctioned B Matches for conformation at their option.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 12:30 pm.

Adjourned

A true record:

Attest:

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James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary





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