

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 9 – 10, 2012

The Board convened on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary. Copies of the May 2012 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 7-8, 2012 meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the May 2012 Board minutes were unanimously adopted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was an EXECUTVE SESSION to discuss personnel matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

Staff at Delegate Committee Meetings

The Board considered the report of the committee comprised of representatives of the AKC Board, the Delegate Coordinating Committee and AKC Staff, concerning Staff participation at Delegate Committee meetings. Following a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the following protocol, which will begin with the September 2012 Delegate Committee Meetings:

Delegate Committee Staff Participation Protocol

- The All-Breed Club and Parent Club Committees will include the AKC COO or a designee of the COO/CEO should the COO not be available. The COO has the broadest overview of the issues and the departments and has the ability to utilize the appropriate Staff to address opportunities in an effective and timely manner. This has proven successful in the past and will in the future.
- The companion events and performance events committees will include the VP of Companion and Performance events or a designee of the VP/CEO should the VP not be available. The VP has the discrete knowledge necessary to address opportunities in all events and the resources required to implement programs.
- The Dog Show Rules Committee and the Bylaws Committee will include the AVP/Asst. Executive Secretary or a designee of the Executive Secretary/CEO.
- DAAC and the Health Committee will utilize the COO for their requests. No AKC Staff will regularly attend either meeting.
- The Coordinating Committee will include both the CEO and COO, if both are available.
- Requests for any other Staff members to participate in committee meetings either in-person or via phone/video will be at the sole discretion of the COO/CEO.
- Delegate Committee members have the same right to contact Staff for easily obtained information as do all Delegates. Any request for information that requires significant work (as determined by Staff) must be submitted to the Coordinating Committee and follow the established procedure.

- The AKC Board has the right to change the Staff participation protocol; however, the Board will notify the Coordinating Committee before taking action. Should the Coordinating Committee request it, the Board will allow a comment period not to exceed two Coordinating Committee meetings before implementing the change(s).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board Action Items

Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous Action items assigned to the Staff.

Events and Entries Update

Mr. Sprung reported that for the first five months of 2012 aggregate Entries were up by 4.48% and Events were up by 2.20%, compared to the first five months of the previous year.

LEGAL REPORT

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities during the months of May and June, 2012.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Prior to the Financial Report, the Board thanked James Stevens for his decade of service to AKC as its Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Stevens retires on July 27, 2012.

The Board reviewed the resume of a prospective replacement for Mr. Stevens. Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to elect Peter Farnsworth, Chief Financial Officer.

James Stevens, AKC's Chief Financial Officer, gave the financial report.

Total revenues of \$4.8 million in the month of June 2012 were \$321,000 or 7% higher than the prior year. Total monthly operating expenses of \$4.4 million were comparable to 2011. This resulted in an operating surplus of \$436,000 for the month. This was an improvement from last June's monthly operating surplus of \$114,000.

Our investments generated a gain of \$961,000 in the month of June.

MARKETING

Michael Ganey, Connie Percy, and James Stevens, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting. David Roberts, Mark Dunn, and Penny Leigh, AKC Staff, participated via video conference.

Michael Ganey gave a marketing update, and Connie Percy gave a demonstration of the new AKC web site, which will launch at the end of August 2012. The existing website will remain accessible for a period of time until all site conversion activities are completed.

Mark Dunn and Penny Leigh discussed plans for the "My Dog Can Do That" initiative, and presented alternatives for expanding the highly successful program in the future. There were also updates on various marketing projects.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Proposed Amendment to ARTICLE III: Objects of the Club of the AKC Bylaws

There was a discussion on a proposal from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to add the phrase "to advance canine health and well-being," to the Objects of the organization, which are listed in ARTICLE III of the AKC Bylaws. There was a motion by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to amend ARTICLE III of the AKC Bylaws to read:

Article III: Objects of the Club

The objects of the Club shall be to maintain and publish an official stud book, to adopt and enforce uniform rules regulating and governing purebred dog events, to regulate the conduct of persons interested in breeding, registering, selling, purchasing, exhibiting and running purebred dogs, to prevent, detect, and punish frauds in connection therewith, to advance canine health and well-being, to protect the interests of its members, to publish an official kennel gazette, and generally to do everything to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of purebred dogs.

This amendment will be read at the September Delegates meeting for a vote at the December Delegates meeting.

June 2013 Delegate Meeting

The dates of the June 10-11, 2013 had previously been approved for the Delegate Committees and Delegate Meetings. Because of the need to secure a facility, the Board was asked to confirm a location. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Garvin, it was VOTED (unanimously) to schedule the meeting for Raleigh, North Carolina.

Appointment of Trial Boards

There was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt a new procedure for the assigning of cases to AKC Trial Boards effective immediately, and to restructure the AKC Trial Boards as follows:

The Board will appoint

- a. A three member Appeal Trial Board, all of whom are attorneys, as they must be able to evaluate the legal sufficiency of the records.
- b. A pool of Trial Board chairs, all of whom are attorneys.
- c. A pool of Trial Board members who need not be attorneys.
- d. A separate Performance Trial Board will be appointed with three members, chaired by an attorney, and two alternates.

Trial Board Assignments

There was a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Garvin, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the appointments of the following Trial Board members:

APPEALS TRIAL BOARD

Ralph Del Deo, Chair
Barbara W. Miener
Paul Weik

TRIAL BOARD CHAIRS

Donald Booxbaum
Laurie Raymond
Daniel Smyth
Rita Biddle
Theresa Dowell
Jan Ritchie

TRIAL BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Klaus Anselm
William Bergum
Edd Bivin
James Dok
Charles Foley
Roger Hartinger
Medora Harper
Dr. Robert Myall
Bernard Schwartz
Betty-Anne Stenmark
James White

PERFORMANCE TRIAL BOARD

*David Hopkins, Chair
Tim Carwile
Mike Necaise
John Russell
Bill Teague

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

The Board reviewed a proposal submitted by the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club to amend ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1, of the AKC Bylaws to preclude any former AKC employee from serving on the Board of The American Kennel Club. There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, to refer the matter to the Bylaws Committee. There was no second. This amendment, and the accompanying PROVISIO, will be considered further at the September 2012 Board meeting:

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 Paragraph 4

Excluding the President, who serves as a non-voting member, no member of the Board of Directors may be currently or formerly employed by AKC, any AKC division, subsidiary or affiliated organization nor may they receive remuneration from AKC on a consulting or contract basis nor be a member of the household of same.

PROVISIO: Effective immediately, it will not apply to any currently seated AKC Board members, who may complete their current term and serve an additional consecutive term if eligible under the third paragraph of this section.

Meeting adjourned on Monday July 9, 2012 at 5:10 pm

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday July 10, 2012 at 8:00 am.

All Directors were present as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

Norwich Terrier Club of America Proposal

The Board considered a request from the Norwich Terrier Club of America to use the Mars Wisdom Panel® Purebred certification test to replace the procedure currently used by AKC to

evaluate impure breeding complaints. The AKC obtains litter records, individual breeding records and photographic evidence of the dog, its sire and dam as well as littermates. In some cases, AKC has individuals knowledgeable in the breed physically examine the dogs. The AKC Board discussed the request at length and unanimously agreed to maintain the current procedures. Any AKC policy or procedure must be applicable to all registrable breeds both domestically bred and imported. Both Mars and the AKC Advisory Panel communicated that the test is fallible. In fact the only conclusive parentage test would involve the evaluation of the DNA of the sire and dam as well as the get. Given that the Mars Wisdom Panel® test is not something that can be relied upon with complete consistency for judgments and it could even identify a purebred dog as impure, which would not be fair, AKC would not use it as the final determinant in these cases. The AKC Impure Breeding Committee will therefore continue to handle these cases as it has in the past. In 2011 it investigated sixteen complaints across all breeds, which resulted in cancellation of AKC Registration for dogs in eleven cases. Following a motion by Dr. Newman, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to deny the request of the Norwich Terrier Club of America.

A More Inclusive Delegate Body

The Board reviewed a proposal to amend ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 1 and 2, of the AKC Bylaws to expand the eligibility requirements for AKC membership to permit licensed Agility clubs that meet the criteria, to apply to become AKC members. This will be discussed further at the September meeting.

Recognition of Registries in China

The Board reviewed a Staff proposal to add the National General Kennel Club (China), to the list of registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration. This will be discussed further at the September meeting.

AKC Membership Admission Fees

ARTICLE V, SECTION 1, of the AKC Bylaws, provides for a one-time admission fee for new Member Clubs. The fee is to be determined by the Board subject to approval by the Delegates. The current admission fee of \$250 was established in 1925. The \$250 in today's dollars would be over \$3,500. Staff recommended raising the \$250 admission fee to \$1,500, which would not affect any existing Member Clubs. This will be considered further at the September 2012 meeting.

Black and Tan Coonhound Stud Book

Staff advised the Board that based on a request from the American Black and Tan Coonhound Club, Inc., the Black and Tan Coonhound Studbook will remain open until May 31, 2017. There was no objection.

Adding Coat Type to Registry

Based on a request from the Board, Staff presented a cost estimate for capturing Coat Type as part of the registration of a dog, as any change will involve multiple departments and include modifications to multiple systems. Staff was directed to explain the high cost, what an individual club would have to pay to provide for its breed, and whether a way could not be found to utilize unused fields in the current system to capture this information. After receiving this report, the Board will consider the matter further.

CONSENT

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

Delegates

The following Delegates were approved:

Suzanne E.B. Burgess, Waddell, AZ
To English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association

Larry E. Hansen, Jr., Surprise, AZ
To represent Kachina Kennel Club

Brytt Boyle Hasslinger, Four Season, MO
To represent Portuguese Water Dog Club of America

Sanda J. Launey, Cypress, TX
To represent Basset Hound Club of America

Caryl Myers, Jacksonville, FL
Jacksonville Dog Fanciers Association

Douglas Rapport, Leesburg, VA
Irish Terrier Club of America

Geraldine Werk, Valencia, CA
To represent Hollywood Dog Obedience Club

Proposed Cairn Terrier Breed Standard Revision

The Board VOTED to approve the proposed revisions to the Size section of the Cairn Terrier breed standard as submitted by the Cairn Terrier Club of America (CTCA) and to permit the CTCA to ballot its membership on these revisions in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws.

Rat Terrier Eligibility to Compete in the Terrier Group

The Board VOTED that the Rat Terrier is eligible to compete in the Terrier Group beginning on June 26, 2013, and approved the breed standard submitted as the official standard for the breed. The breed will be moved from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on June 1, 2013 and AKC will maintain an open registry for the breed until July 1, 2018.

Areas Used to Determine Obedience Regional Competitions

The Board VOTED to change the *Obedience Regulations* (Chapter 13, Section 2, AKC Regional Competitions) to eliminate the wording, "Regions will be based on divisions currently established for Conformation by the American Kennel Club.", and approved the regions used to determine Obedience Regional Competitions as follows:

Region 1: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

Region 2: Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania

Region 3: District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

Region 4: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina

Region 5: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio

Region 6: Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin

Region 7: Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Region 8: Oregon, Washington

Region 9: California

Region 10: Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

Region 11: Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico

This change is effective immediately.

Agility - Publishing Full Running Orders Prior to the Event

The Board VOTED to amend the Regulations for Agility Trials, Chapter 1 Section 19, to allow Agility trial secretaries to publish a full running order prior to the event that includes the dogs catalog numbers, call names, breed of dog and the name of the handlers and/or owners. These changes are effective August 1, 2012.

(Changes are underlined)

Section 19. Running OrderA judging schedule and the results of the random draw of each height and within each class will be sent to all entrants. Entrants will receive the catalog number assigned to each of their dogs along with their dog's registration number for verification of accuracy in the catalog. Included in the judging schedule will be the quantity of dogs in each of the heights within the classes. It is not required that any of the catalog numbers for any of the other entrants be listed on the judging schedule. Due to the moving of entries after the close of the trial but in accordance with the move-up regulations the numbers assigned to dogs do not necessarily indicate what their running order will be at the trial.

The judging schedule will be sent to entrants as soon as possible after entries have closed but at least seven (7) days minimum, prior to the first day of the event. Trial secretaries may also publish a full running order that includes catalog number, the dog's call name, breed of dog, along with handler and/or owner. This may be done using email as described above. Trial Secretaries shall include the following sentence on the required judging schedule and on the running order if one is published prior to the trial: "This is a preliminary schedule which is contingent upon the move-up entries that may not have been received yet."

Retriever Hunting Tests - Cell Phones & Electronic Devices on the Line

The Board VOTED to add a new Section 24 to Chapter 1 of the Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers to forbid the use of cell phones or other electronic devices that emit a sound in the immediate vicinity of the line or in the field. This change is effective August 1, 2012.

Section 24. Cell Phones, Pagers and Electronic Devices.

In order not to distract dogs, handlers or judges from their work, no cell phones, pagers or other electronic devices which emit a sound shall be allowed in the immediate vicinity of the line or in the field. These devices shall be turned off or set on vibrate mode.

Clubs should post signs if they feel it is necessary. It is the job of the marshal to enforce this regulation. Out of courtesy to the working dog and handler, judges shall not accept calls or send messages while a dog is under judgment.

A handler has the right to appeal to the judges if he believes the sound from an electronic device has interfered with his dog's performance. It is the decision of the judges to determine if the sound had a material impact on the dog's performance. If they believe meaningful interference has occurred, they may allow the dog to be re-run at a later time.

This regulation is not meant to hinder the ability of the marshal to keep in contact with event officials in order to expedite the running of the event; however the marshal shall maintain consideration for the working dog and handler.

Pointing Breed Hunt Tests - Bitches in Season and Allowing Judges to Judge Back to Back

The Board VOTED to amend Chapter 1, Section 5 of the Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds to allow females in season to be eligible to enter the last test of the day on a given course where they will be run at the end of the test, at the discretion of the host club. (Currently females in season are not allowed to enter.) The Board also VOTED to amend Chapter 1, Section 6 of the Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds to allow one of the two judges to judge the same testing level at back-to-back events. (Currently a judge cannot judge the same test two days in a row.) (Changes are underlined)

Chapter 1, Section 5. Bitches in Season. Allowing bitches in season to enter is up to the discretion of the host club. The premium must specify whether or not bitches in season are eligible to enter. (If not allowed, the premium shall state "Bitches in season are not eligible to enter.") If allowed by the club, they are only eligible to enter the last test of the day on a given course and the premium shall specify these test levels. They shall run immediately after all other entries in the test. Males shall not be run until the following day on the course or any part of the course where bitches in season have been run. A female that comes into season after the drawing who is entered in a test level where females in season are allowed shall be moved down to run at the end of the day with another female. If the last brace is an incomplete brace with a female, the female in season moves down to this brace. If the last brace is complete or is incomplete with a male, the event committee has a number of options for finding a female to run with the female in season. It is the responsibility of the event committee to decide which option to use. Their decision should be guided by being the least disruptive to the overall event.

- If the original bracemate of the female in season is a female, the entire brace can be moved to the end of the test.

- The event committee can select a suitable volunteer female bracemate that they know is qualified to run at this testing level.

- If the original bracemate of the female in season is a male, the club can "break" the last brace of the test in which a female is entered in order to find a female to run with the female in season. The original male bracemate for the female in season shall be moved down to run in the next incomplete brace.

Entry fees paid for a bitch withdrawn because of coming in season when not allowed to enter shall be refunded in full by the test-giving club. (Prior to refunding entry fees, a club may require appropriate veterinary certification.)

Chapter 1, Section 6. Judges Eligibility and Approval.

Each Test (Junior, Senior and Master) or division of a test level shall be judged by two judges.

One of the two Judges may judge the same test level on consecutive days or consecutive back-to-back events. The same team of Judges will not be approved to judge the same test level on consecutive days or consecutive back-to-back events.

Parent Club Performance Event - Rottweiler Eligible to Earn Schutzhund Titles

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the American Rottweiler Club (ARC) to acknowledge and record Schutzhund titles earned in Deutscher Verband der Gebrauchshunsportvereine America events (DVG America).

The AKC will record the following titles – BN, IPO1, IPO2, IPO3, SchH1, SchH2, SchH3, SchHA, FH1, FH2. The recording of these titles will be at the request of the owner, who fills out a form developed by the Performance Events Department and pays a fee. The titles must be confirmed prior to being recorded by the AKC. AKC will acknowledge titles earned back to January 1, 1991. This is effective August 1, 2012.

French Spaniels Eligible to Participate in Pointing Breed Hunting Tests

The Board VOTED to approve the French Spaniel for participation in Pointing Breed Hunting Tests, effective October 1, 2012.

Resolution Curt Curtis

The Board VOTED to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Curt Curtis joined the Staff of The American Kennel Club as Director of Companion Events on March fifteenth, two thousand and five; and,

WHEREAS, he became Assistant Vice President for Companion Events on June Thirteenth, two thousand and six, serving until retirement on May second, two thousand and twelve; and,

WHEREAS, under his stewardship, there were numerous changes made to the regulations for American Kennel Club Companion Events to meet the needs and wishes of and to increase the number of participants; and,

WHEREAS, these changes involved new classes, new titles, and in two thousand and nine, the acceptance of Canine Companions and dogs enrolled in the Foundation Stock Services into American Kennel Club Companion Events; and,

WHEREAS, he oversaw the introduction of Rally as a new American Kennel Club Companion Event in two thousand and five; and,

WHEREAS, his knowledge of Companion Events, leadership ability, and innovative ideas, have served the American Kennel Club well as it faced challenges in these areas over the last seven years; and,

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished Sportsman manager, leader, and friend; and,

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club extend their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deepest appreciation for his dedicated service to the American Kennel Club.

Proposed Miniature Schnauzer Breed Standard Revision

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revisions to the Miniature Schnauzer standard effective September 4, 2012.

COMPLIANCE

Margaret Poindexter participated in this portion of the meeting, while Sheila Goffe and Jack Norton, AKC Staff, participated via video conference.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)

COMPANION/PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Lisa Carroll, and Pam Manaton, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference. Mary Burch, AKC Staff, participated by telephone conference.

AKC to Award Urban Search and Rescue Dog Titles

The Board reviewed a Staff proposal for AKC to award titles to Urban Search and Rescue Dogs. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the awarding of titles to Urban Search and Rescue Dogs. There initially will be two titles: Urban Search and Rescue Dogs that are FEMA deployable (SAR-U1) and Urban Search and Rescue Dogs that are State deployable (SAR-U2). This program is to be formally announced and to become effective at the September 11, 2012 Delegate Meeting.

Glen of Imaal Terriers – Request for Exception to Standard Jump Height in Obedience

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to allow the Glen of Imaal Terrier, to use an obedience jump height that is equal to three-quarters of the breed's height at the withers. This recommendation was based upon their request being in transit at the time the moratorium on such requests was established.

There was a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve this change effective August 1, 2012.

Family Dog Program

The Board reviewed a new initiative designed for pet dog owners that will encourage training and the testing for basic skills that make dogs enjoyable family companions and friendly community members.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Powers, Ms. Scully, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Amen, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Smith, Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Feeney, Dr. Newman, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Dr. Garvin) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement.

Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the following AKC Staff recommendations, effective January 1, 2013.

(1) Initiate a new program in the Companion/Performance Events Department called the Family Dog program. The purpose of the Family Dog program is to encourage the training and testing for basic skills that make dogs enjoyable family companions and friendly community members. The program offers a conceptual break-through for the AKC in that it focuses on activities desired by the average pet dog owner. Activities in the Family Dog program can be characterized as noncompetitive, enjoyable, furthering the bond between dog and family, open to both purebreds and mixed breeds and readily available in the community. The value of providing this type of activity was recognized when the AKC Therapy Dog program was launched in 2011. The AKC Therapy Dog title can appropriately be considered the first title in the Family Dog program.

(2) For the next Family Dog title, award the suffix title "CGC" to dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen® test. The CGC program provides an activity that is desired by the dog owning public which the Family Dog program targets. They are proud of their CGC dogs and many owners desire to have this

accomplishment officially recorded by the AKC. There will be a \$12.00 fee to do this in addition to the \$8:00 now charged for a CGC certificate. Moving forward, the CGC test will be held to a higher standard by requiring the signature of an observer on the evaluation form and by requiring both new evaluators and experienced evaluators at the time they re-apply to view a video of a passing CGC performance and attest that they will strive to achieve this quality of testing. Dogs must be registered or listed with the AKC to receive the title. Owners whose dogs have passed the CGC test since January 1, 2001 may apply to have the title added to their dog's record. A nominal processing fee will apply.

Triathlon (Versatility) Title

Based on a request from the Board, Staff researched the potential of a triathlon title. The concept was evaluated based on the parameters that a dog would earn this title by placing in a variety of events. Staff outlined the issues that were identified with moving forward with this concept.

Staff was directed to look into a titling program to recognize dogs that had received titles in three different types of AKC events. The three titles would have to be in different types of activities and not just different levels within the same activity.

CONFORMATION

Bobby Birdsong, Alan Slay and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Grooming Space

There was a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Mr. Powers, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the following policy statement, effective January 1, 2013, to replace the policy adopted at the May 2012 Board meeting:

It is the policy of the AKC to encourage and welcome all exhibitors. Keeping the cost of participating in the Sport reasonable for current as well as potential new competitors is crucial to its future health and growth. At the same time, the Board recognizes the financial pressure faced by many clubs in putting on their events. The Board has therefore established the following policy, effective January 1, 2013, with regards to grooming space:

All clubs are required to set aside an area designated for grooming/crating. "Day of event" grooming space must be provided that is reasonable in relation to entry of the show. A club holding a conformation event may, at its option, offer reserved grooming/crating space for a fee, provided that it makes available, at no charge in addition to the entry fee for the show, a reasonable amount of grooming/crating space of equal desirability to the exhibitors. Such free space need not include additional services such as the availability of electrical hookups.

Any club desiring to offer such paid reserved grooming space shall submit, with its application to the American Kennel Club for the holding of the event, a plan detailing the paid and unpaid space, which shall be subject to American Kennel Club approval.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board appointed the following Nominating Committee, to nominate candidates for such vacancies on the AKC Board of Directors that are to be filled at the March 2013 Annual Meeting:

Gretchen Bernardi, Chair
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club

Karolynne McAteer
Irish Setter Club of America

Patricia A. Sample
Anderson Obedience Training Club

Patti L. Strand
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon

Meg Weitz
Devon Dog Show Association

Alternates:
Dominic P. Carota
Pharaoh Hound Club of America

Judith V. Daniels
Mt. Baker Kennel Club

CLUBS

Delegates for Publication

Roger M. Arbuthnot, Mesa, AZ
to represent Superstition Kennel Club
Currently represented by G. Phillip Booker

Michael Sosne, Attica, MI
To represent Oakland County Kennel Club
Currently represented by Alan Dorfman

Clubs for Publication

Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club
Rowan County, NC

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Breed Exams at Parent Club Seminars

There was a discussion on breed exams being given at Parent Club seminars. This procedure will be reviewed further by the Judging Approval Process Committee, which will report back to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

A number of issues were discussed during New Business, including the appropriate use of Service Dogs vests, the Canine Legislative Support Fund, and the AKC PAC.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 1:00 pm.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary