

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 8-9, 2014

The Board convened on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 1:24 p.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. The July 2014 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Menaker, seconded by Mr. Powers, the July 2014 minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board Action Items

Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous Action Items assigned to the Staff as well as an introduction of new initiatives.

Events and Entries Update

Mr. Sprung gave a report on entries and events though July 2014. Entries were flat and Events were up by 3% compared to same period in 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were EXECUTIVE SESSIONS to discuss sensitive business and personnel matters. Nothing was reported out of these sessions.

LEGAL REPORT

Heather McManus, AKC Senior Attorney, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities for the months of July and August 2014.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Bylaw Amendment - Article XIX

The Board reviewed a proposed amendment to Article XIX of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, which was submitted by the Delegate Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee. The amendment would change all Field Trial Rules to Regulations. It was adopted unanimously by the Delegate Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee and approved by the Bylaws Committee. This would make Field Trials consistent with all other Performance Events, which are governed by Regulations. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Australian Kelpie – Breed Name Change

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Sport Services department to change the name of the breed Australian Kelpie to Working Kelpie to clarify the history and to be consistent with the registry that AKC is accepting. There was no objection to this request.

FINANCE

Peter Farnsworth, Chief Financial Officer, participated in this portion of the meeting. Mr. Farnsworth discussed and answered questions about the 2015 financial plans.

COMPLIANCE

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

CONFORMATION

Alan Slay, Tim Thomas, and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 7, Sections 1 & 10 & Chapter 11, Section 13 – Judges

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Chapter 7, Sections 1 and 10, and Chapter 11, Section 13, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* which were submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee in order to clarify and provide consistency in the *Rules* and policies that apply to judges.

The proposed changes involved rules, as well as italicized explanations or clarifications adopted by the Board. It was the sense of the Board that rather than having italicized clarifications and interpretations, it would be preferable to have the applicable sections of the rules rewritten so that they did not need clarifications and interpretations, with the italicized sections eliminated or incorporated into the actual rule. Staff was directed to relay this to the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee.

Match Regulations Chapter 2, Section 10 - Breed Standards

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the Chapter 2, Section 10, of the Match Regulations, which were presented by AKC staff as recommended by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee.

The change will make the wording regarding breed standards being available electronically consistent with the wording found in Chapter 2, Section 1. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Reinstatement of a Dog Disqualified for Attacking

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee which mandates a number of additional requirements and procedures for the disqualification and reinstatement of a dog disqualified under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 1 - Limited Registration

The Board reviewed a proposed revision to Chapter 11, Section 1, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, to make it consistent with other portions of the section and Chapter 3. The recommendation changes the time frame in which a limited registration must be removed for a dog to compete in a breed competition. Currently, the rule requires the limited registration to be removed prior to entry. The change would indicate that the limited registration must be removed prior to a dog being exhibited. This change provides exhibitors an additional two weeks to submit their paperwork to AKC. This change was approved by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC). This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Use of Ramp in Judging

The Board reviewed the Board Policy concerning the use of ramps in judging breeds. Staff was directed to contact the Parent Club for every breed which may be currently judged on the ramp

at the breed level to determine if they wished to have the ramp used at all levels of conformation competition and if so whether as a requirement or at the discretion of the judge.

The National Owner Handled Series

There was a motion by Ms. Cruz, seconded by Mr. Feeney, to make the NOHS a completely opt-in program. This motion was defeated, with the VOTE (affirmative: Ms. Cruz, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Wooding; opposed: Mr. Kalter, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Amen, Mr. Powers, Mr. Dok, Mr. Arnold, Dr. Garvin).

Ms. Cruz made a motion that the timeframe after which a former professional handler could compete in NOHS be made greater than the current five years. There was no second to this motion.

CONSENT

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

Delegates Approved

Bonnie Berney, Sapulpa, OK
To represent Mid-Continent Kennel Club

Charlotte Borghardt, Sierra Vista, AZ
To represent Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club

Col. Harold Brizee, Boise, ID
To represent Idaho Capital City Kennel Club

Virginia Brookings, Shreveport, LA
To represent Shreveport Kennel Club

Peggy Burns, Ash, NC
To represent Myrtle Beach Kennel Club

Mary Curtis, Washington Township, NJ
To represent First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey

Sarah E. Gaunt, Signal Mountain, TN
To represent Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia

Dean Langwiser, Los Alamitos, CA
To represent Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club

Karen Bowers Lee, Lincoln University, PA
To represent American Whippet Club

Janet Narushka, Ormond Beach, FL
To represent West Volusia Kennel Club

Kathy Sanders, Linden, NJ
To represent Union County Kennel Club

William Totten III, Vinton, VA
To represent Roanoke Kennel Club

Mary Vanderlinden, Reidsville, NC
To represent Carolina Dog Training Club

Retired Kennel Name Request for Phydeau/Phydeaux

The Board VOTED to retire the “Phydeau/Phydeaux” kennel name as requested by the Briard Club of America.

Retired Kennel Name Request for Salilyn

The Board VOTED to deny the request to retire the “Salilyn.” kennel name due to the ongoing usage of the name by other breeders.

Spaniel Field Trials -- Fine-Tuning the Restriction on Distance Between Judging Assignments

The Board VOTED to clarify a portion of the *Spaniel Field Trial Rules* to fine-tune the restrictions on the distance that is required between judging assignments for Spaniel Field Trial judges. Specifically, the change is that individuals may not judge within 400 miles of a previous assignment in the past 12 months.

Kooikerhondje - Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous

The Board VOTED to advance the Kooikerhondje to the Miscellaneous Class effective July 1, 2015.

Appointment of Thomas Powers to AKC PAC Board

The Board VOTED to appoint Mr. Thomas Powers to the AKC PAC Board of Directors to complete the term previously held by Dr. William Newman. This term expires in December 2015.

The Board Adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 7:45 am. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT

Mark Dunn participated in this portion of the meeting. He updated the Board on the development of a new breeder recognition program with the emphasis on health. This will be discussed further at the October 2014 meeting.

JUDGING APPROVAL

There was a long discussion on the subject of the approval and advancement of conformation judges. Prior to any modification of the current procedures, the Board will prepare a document explaining the proposed changes, seeking input from all segments of the Fancy, before anything is adopted and implemented. The details will not be made public until this document is ready for distribution.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Mr. Arnold gave the report of the Appeals Committee. Ms. Lynn DeRosa Liddington was suspended for ten years and fined \$2,000 as a result of her conviction on one count of animal cruelty. She appealed, and the AKC Board Appeals Committee heard the appeal and voted that it be denied.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chris Walker, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting. He reported on a number of business initiatives in development.

Mr. Walker outlined a proposal to produce a two hour television production of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to include all of the associated events and activities. The Plan would be to televise the program on a cable station with national coverage.

Following a motion by Mr. Amen, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to proceed with the production.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 3:30 pm.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary