

ALL BREED CLUBS COMMITTEE

December 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida by Nancy Fisk, Acting Chairman. The following committee members were present: Jon Green, Mike Houchard, Susan Scholar, Terrie Breen, William Ellis, Larry Libeu, Fran Stephens, Cathy Rubens, and John Ronald. Absent: Margaret DiCorleto. Also present were Pat Cruz, AKC Board Liaison, Carolyn McAteer, Delegate Irish Setter Club of America and Board member and Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Staff Liaison.

There were approximately 100 delegates in attendance at the meeting.

There was a call for a motion to elect Acting Chairman, Nancy Fisk, into the position of Chairman and to elect Margaret DiCorleto as Secretary. The motion was made by John Ronald and 2nd by William Ellis. The motion carried by acclamation.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 2017 meeting was made by John Ronald and 2nd by Larry Libeu. The motion carried.

Update Best Practices Sub-Committee

Cathy reported on our 2018 survey focusing on legislation. It was sent out just prior to the December meeting. Only one response per club is requested (only All-Breed Member and Licensed clubs are to be included). Responses are to be returned by January 20th.

Our surveys are sent by AKC through Survey Monkey. When responding to the survey, you can sign in to choose the recipient of funds donated to your specific charity. Survey responders have designated AKC Humane fund to receive these funds and we are proud to report that to date \$16,000 from Survey Monkey has accrued to AKC HUMANE FUND. Keep up the good work.

Cathy also reminded the delegates that our "Best Practices" are living documents that can be modified as needed. Any suggestions, additions, or corrections that are noted when looking at our various documents should be brought to Cathy's attention.

John Ronald will be monitoring the questions and answer session for board candidates at the March Delegates Caucus. John requested that any candidate questions be sent to him as soon as possible.

Education AKC Canine College

Leslie Fetzer, AKC Director of Education, presented a power point program showcasing the online education courses and other initiatives being offered through her department.

Canine College presently consist of Judges Courses and Exams, A Groomers Safety Course and exam, as well as Breeders Education. Breeders Education is free; however, participants can take a test and receive a certificate for a fee.

The Public education department hired Ashley Jacot as manager in June 2017. She hit the ground running and developed exciting new initiatives. She has developed curriculum for school classes from pre-kindergarten through upper grades and has awards available for teachers using them. The Department attends national education conferences getting this message out to educators.

We have had 1500 Ambassadors in public education but currently have far fewer who go into schools and share information on purebred dogs and events. There is need for more involvement and many more additional Canine Ambassadors. Online training will be offered with the new website and assistance given by the AKC Public Ed Dept. Parents are influenced by what their children's teachers say. Education bloggers have already mentioned this program. This professional development is; coding, differentiating instruction per student and math is also included. These ambassadors work with children as young as age 3. Ninety-Two percent (92%) of teachers are interested in character education which these courses offer.

Awards are to be presented to Club Public Education coordinators twice a year. Awards are \$500 for outstanding community education participation. Parents are influenced by what their children's teachers say. Education bloggers have already mentioned this program.

We are also working with children's book authors with lesson plans for these books. These authors will be visiting schools. This year six (6) authors visited schools. We will continue to add books, authors as well as age groups.

There will be nearly 1000 children and adults attending the show this week due to Ashley's work on public education. This includes the Patch Program launched last year with girl scouts being the first participants. This year twelve (12) youth organizations will be participating at this show. These will include the Boys and Girls Clubs, Girl Scouts and others. The Patch Program will Saturday and Sunday, December 16th and 17th.

The Art Contest is back to the Championship Show. We have received 200 entries with 75 participants. 74 of those children will be attending this week's show with their families to see their art work presented. The contest is just beyond the entrance.

Regarding the Educator Resources Program Susan Sholar brought up working with the Head Start program that works with young children. This program was brought to Susan's attention during an on plane conversation with a Boulder, Colorado Head Start teacher.

Government Relations

Sheila Goffe reported working on 2000 bills this year. The government relations department has brought on 3 new staff people.

AKC public policy passed three new position statements;

1. Statement on Grooming
2. Statement on protection dogs
3. Support on court decisions relating to injuries of dogs

Sheila also reported that the National Defense Authorization Act has language provided by AKC. This language relates to numbers of dogs bred and trained here in the United States, as well as related costs, and submitted a report back to Congress.

Sheila requested all to attend the Legislative Caucus tomorrow morning. Special guest speaker Bernadette Juarez, Deputy Administrator, USDA-APHIS.

All Breed Advisory Show Team – Larry Libeu

Clubs experiencing challenges are candidate clubs for help. The clubs are paired with an advisor/mentor from successful clubs/shows and asked to provide financial information that will NOT be shared. Advisors review data and prepare recommendations. Advisors follow up with after show discussion. This is not intended to tell clubs what to do; it is an advisory assistance only for clubs. Executive Field Reps suggest potential clubs in need and will assist with suggestions of areas of improvement they observe at the shows. The measuring success of this program is the number of clubs participating and the club's success after working with AKC Club Development. Unfortunately, clubs are not using this groups assistance. Carl Ashbey, Chair of this Advisory Team expressed regret that few clubs had taken advantage of the help offered.

Larry Libeu has referred 3 clubs directly to the AKC Club Development Department to speak with Glen Lycan or Guy Fisher. This department can help clubs improve their performance and seems to have more ability to relate to the clubs in question.

Mari Beth O'Neil provided the following updates

Achiever Dog – requires qualifying scores in 3 different sports, so far it has shown a great deal of interest and popularity. It will be reassessed after one year

Puppy of Achievement – to date 510 puppy Certificate of Achievements have been awarded. Hopefully this will spur exhibitors to stay with the sport.

The Juniors program has launched a program of recognition for juniors who participate in other events. Requirements for scholarship recognition is in only three (3) events. Juniors will now be allowed to compete with FSS dogs.

The new Trick Dog title is exceedingly popular. May 1st –November 15, 100 titles were awarded. Susan Sholar, Delegate Black Russian Terrier Club of American asked if an AKC club must put on Trick Dog events. Mari-Beth says, "No, any CGC trainer can run Trick Dog events." This can be offered at matches, training centers, etc.

Realignment of point schedule divisions was approved at the November board meeting. The last realignment was in 2012.

The following changes will be in the Conformation points schedule that will become effective in May 2018:

- Michigan moved to Division 5.
- Division 6 modified to consist of two states, Arizona and Colorado.
- Kansas moved to Division 7.
- Nebraska moved to Division 13.
- Tennessee moved to Division 14.
- Iowa and Missouri moved to Division 15.

The total variance between the average show size by state compared to the division average will be reduced by 9%, confirming the changes are an improvement compared to the current alignment.

Discussion was held concerning the show date printed on ribbons requirement.

It might save clubs money by not having dates 1) they do not have to throw away ribbons 2) they can order in bulk and 3) they can order early; thereby, receiving discounts from ribbon companies. Clubs indicated expenses related to shows are extremely important. Cathy Rubin's gave report on her research. Agility clubs can have ribbons without date and their cost was \$2240 with dates, without dates the cost dropped to \$1000. Cost of Rosettes drop from \$4.00 each to \$1.00 each. This was by ordering from ribbon companies in bulk instead of through the Superintendent by the show.

Pat Cruz, Board Member said Chapter 5, Section 2 the name of show and date must be on ribbon. Consideration of change needs to go to Rules Committee. She mentioned in Canada they have buckets at the end of table for people that wish to donate their ribbons for future use. Johnny Shoemaker, Delegate-Redwood Empire Kennel Club said in September 2016 this was brought to the Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by their committee, sending it to the board. The Board in October 2016 determined there would be no significant cost savings. Staff report was what the board went by at that time, however both Mari Beth and Doug have indicated the staff currently agree with removing the requirement. Marjorie Tuff suggested this could be an op in issue for clubs. The Committee agreed to designate a sub-committee to work with Dog Show Rules to develop language for a rule change concerning this issue.

Next on agenda, STROLLERS AT SHOWS – Discussion was held on danger of strollers and the children in them being at eye level of many dogs which has prompted many shows to ban them from the grounds. Some comments brought forth were 1) if children are walking they are also at eye level and more likely to get away from parents presenting a bigger danger to child. 2) spectators take the strollers into the grooming areas. Mary Curtis, Delegate for First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, suggested we state "No Strollers in Grooming Area". Other comments related to public relations perceptions, handlers being responsible for controlling their dogs, and we want families to attend dog shows. Steve Hamlin, Pekingese Club of America, suggested we have an opportunity here to parallel a message of public education and maintain public goodwill. The Committee will consider language that might be used/distributed at shows to educate and provide a solution to this problem.

Pat Cruz announced that the judge's approval system goes into effect January 1, 2018. Moratorium will be lifted on January 1, 2018. Johnny Shoemaker, Delegate Redwood Empire Kennel Club stated he supports the new guidelines for judges. Once you get a 4th group you will be invited to move forward.

One objection based on the issue that some judges were in process within the previous system and lost CEU's with changeover.

Bill Ellis moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Mike Houchard. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Sholar

Committee Member

Delegate Black Russian Terrier Club of America

In Absence of

Margaret DiCorleto

Committee Secretary