

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Delegates Meeting
September 12, 2016**

Dennis Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

There was a moment of silence in memory of the 9/11 tragedy which occurred during the Delegate meeting 15 years ago.

The national anthem was played.

The first order of business was the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees.
(There was a recess for Voting)

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him at the dais: Vice Chairman, Carl Ashby; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley, Executive Secretary; and Todd DeSimone, the Court Reporter.

The Chair reported on the passing of three Delegates: Bruce Petersen, Delegate for the Corn Belt Kennel Club since February of this year, died on July 31st.

Audrey Sutton, Delegate for the Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club since August 2008, died on August 31st.

Word of the passing of Diane Taylor, Delegate for the Newtown Kennel Club since 1991, was received during the weekend before the Delegate meeting. She was to have been honored at the meeting with a medallion for her 25-years of service as a Delegate.

The Executive Secretary read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting.

Maria Arechaederra, to represent Kuvasz Club of America
Dr. Frederic B. Askin, to represent Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland
Erica J. Behnke, to represent Queen City Dog Training Club
Jane Bjork, to represent American Brittany Club
Barbara L. Burns, to represent Rockford-Freeport Kennel Club
Bob Calltharp, to represent South County Kennel Club
Victoria Dovellos, to represent Japanese Chin Club of America
Debra Duncan, to represent Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club
Blaine Grove, to represent New England Beagle Club
James Henshaw, to represent Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club
Cathleen Rubens, to represent Butler County Kennel Club
Norma J. Ryan, to represent National Capital Kennel Club
Grace Louise Schmidt, to represent German Pinscher Club of America.

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor.

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Frederic B. Askin, to represent Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland
Barbara L. Burns to represent Rockford-Freeport Kennel Club
Jane Bjork, to represent American Brittany Club
Blane Grove, to represent New England Beagle Club
James Henshaw, to represent, Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club
Daniel Petko, to represent Kennel Club of Niagara Falls
Laura Rockwell, to represent Anderson Kennel Club

Norma J. Ryan, to represent National Capital Kennel Club
Grace Louise Schmidt, to represent German Pinscher Club of America
Bruce Voran, to represent Myrtle Beach Kennel Club

The minutes of the June 13th, 2016 Delegates meeting were approved as published.

Three new member clubs were approved:
Berger Picard Club of America; Hendersonville Kennel Club; and Irish Red and White Setter Association of America.

The September 2016 Chairman's Report was not given at the meeting but is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Sprung gave the President's report as follows:

Yesterday was 9/11 and a great deal has changed in each of our lives as a result of that day. Many delegates and staff are new so let's once again share some of what occurred and AKC's accomplishments in this area.

That morning, Ron and I were in the lobby of this very hotel, when Blackie came up and said that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. We walked over to the deserted bar area in the lobby where an elderly gentleman was watching the news. As we approached, he said to us, "My son called last night. One of our planes is missing and they're coming to get us." Then the second plane hit. We turned around; the man was gone.

That day we were together – of 288 Delegates in attendance, 93 are still serving. Naturally, the meeting bordered on chaotic. We hugged and reassured each other outwardly; inside many of us felt fear and anger. There were valid but opposing thoughts of what to do. After an agenda discussion and vote for the standing committees, we adjourned, helping one another begin going home or finding safe haven for the night. Tremendous thanks to Paula for her exceptional dedication helping us reach loved ones.

In reflecting upon the 9/11 anniversary, the thought that always resonates is the type of special people that make up our community. I recall how the DOGNY project came about, allowing the American Kennel Club to honor search and rescue dogs that helped in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington and will provide some behind-the-scenes facts.

It was very much a shared success. Delegate Tom Davies' and the Springfield Kennel Club stepped up as the very first sponsor, and many clubs followed. FedEx, IAMS, J.P. Morgan and Hartz became major corporate sponsors. Soon, other businesses heeded our call, and we received help from many household names.

It took until the following evening for me to arrive home. The Ladies Kennel Association was holding a meeting in my house, so one could find me in the basement. CBS Radio began broadcasting a plea for the donation of a portable x-ray machine for rescue dogs that were hurt searching through the rubble. I knew dog people could provide that, so I went up the stairs and asked the ladies to post an on-line request to purchase an x-ray machine. About nine p.m., a salesman called from West Virginia and we were started.

Our next challenge: transporting the x-ray machine, cartons of film, aprons and gloves. So another request went out to relay the equipment to Ground Zero. Dozens of dog people called throughout the evening, and by early morning the race was on. From West Virginia to Maryland to Pennsylvania, ending up in New Jersey with Afghan Hound breeders Bob and Angela DiNicola, who passed it off for the final delivery.

Luckily, AKC presented one of our first ACE awards to a member of the New York City Police Department's K-9 Unit at the Queensboro Kennel Club, through the courtesy of Linda Lacchia and Rey and Viola Burgos. A call was made to Lieutenant Donadio; he instructed us to have the equipment brought through the Lincoln Tunnel and to proceed on 11th Avenue until we were

stopped. Indeed we were stopped, but allowed one phone call. Within minutes we were surrounded by police and unmarked cars with sirens blasting, and escorted to the very corner of Ground Zero. Just as the car was coming to a stop, veterinarians from the Suffolk County SPCA came running and started to assemble the x-ray machine. We weren't there long enough to see it in use; with the smoke still rising we were escorted out of Ground Zero. But I knew then and there: The American Kennel Club did the right thing. It was really the most emotional moment of my life. The streets lining our departure had tens of thousands of people waving flags and cheering us. But I knew a lot better -- they were cheering you, the AKC family.

I had another thought: We could do more. So the idea for DOGNY evolved just two days after 9/11, eventually raising over \$3.5 million dollars for search and rescue organizations nationwide. With these funds the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund was begun. The government chose to keep secret which search and rescue organizations came to the three cities with their dogs but staff researched and identified over 90 amateur and professional organizations. Each organization was sent several thousand dollars as a thank-you and to defer their costs. *After all, this could occur again -- where you live!*

Looking back, the project almost never happened. Daphna Straus was hired as a consultant. Today she is our VP of Business Development, and along with our legal team, began working through the maze of red tape for the City to give us contractual permission to display statues to commemorate the very *first* anniversary of 9/11. For some unknown reason, the newly-elected Bloomberg administration, taking over from everybody's hero, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, seemed to concentrate on things other than the AKC -- can you imagine? Almost two months into the project, it was time to call Co-Chair Karen LeFrak, and tell her about my frustration.

Actually, I bitched a lot, saying this project may not go anywhere. Surprisingly, early the next morning I received a call from the First Deputy Mayor stating the City was ready to sign. After patting myself on the back a hundred times -- I mean, this was like going "Best" -- I called Karen to tell her about this coincidentally good news -- dead silence. "Can you hear me?" There was more silence. "Okay, what's going on?" After my call the previous day, Karen walked over to Mayor Bloomberg's townhouse and left a note on his kitchen table.

We had to figure out how to transport 111 raw sculptures from the foundry to different artists' studios around the city, then have each individually packaged, picked up and brought to a company to be mounted on bases. We reached out to fancier Honi Reisman who arranged a conference call with Ken May, Senior Vice President of Fed Ex. Again, AKC was lucky, perhaps because we were doing the right thing. He said, "We can do this." but I missed his meaning, as my response was, "I know you could, but can we pay for it?" Ken's answer was astounding. He said, "You're paying for nothing. Your company's a hero. We're just going to help make it happen." And they did, providing tens of thousands of dollars of free shipments and logistics.

I'll also tell you about what was a guarded secret for a while with another member of our family. The Police Department called about some of the approximately 300 dog teams who came to New York and were being treated at an animal hospital, but their owners were being charged, so I phoned a member of their Board to ask who I could speak with. The response was, quote: "Dennis, I'll make you a deal. I will pay for the care of every single dog, if you keep it a secret between the two of us." Well, that deal is long over and that angel is Tony Sosnoff, another example of the quality people with whom you and I are blessed to share our passion.

The cooperation amongst clubs, fanciers, corporate America and the media was extraordinary, growing into our largest public outreach up until that time. However, without passionate dog people, it would have been simply another Dennis idea.

I'm going to stop my speech because I want you to take a good look at this statue. This is a handsome German Shepherd in good coat, just what it should look like. But there's a lot of passion and emotion behind this statue. The coat is made up of the name, age, city and state of every person in America who perished on that day. I am very proud to tell you and again thank the AKC's Board of Directors who instantly supported my vision for this public art exhibition and

fund-raiser. Rubenstein Associates, American's premier PR firm, required a presentation before agreeing to work on the project. Midway through, they proclaimed, "We're in." With their efforts, AKC benefited by a wide variety of media appearances. Sculptures bearing AKC's name that were displayed for the first anniversary still remain in some places: PACE University; here's a photo from a few months ago showing the statue still on display), the Fire Department Museum, the Veterans Administration Hospital, Purina Farms, Station One of the Portland Fire Department, and at AKC headquarters. Statues were painted live on The Today Show during numerous segments, and the NASDAQ screen in Times Square featured our program. In Georgia, Governor Sonny Perdue unveiled a bronze DOGNY statue at the State Capitol Building in Atlanta with Delegates Ann Wallin, Karen and Asa Mays, and Carmen Battaglia representing 32 clubs and associations. In Oklahoma, Onofrio and four of our All-Breed Clubs dedicated a statue near the site of the bombing of the Federal building. A bronze version marks the entrance to the world headquarters of Hartz in New Jersey and one welcomes visitors to our Operations Center in North Carolina.

AKC was made appealing and relevant to the public from a canine perspective and a human one. For shoppers and tourists, when Saks Fifth Avenue blackened all but two of their 34 windows for several weeks to commemorate the anniversary, both windows displayed only DOGNY dogs. Broadway buffs saw a pair of sculptures over a three-month period in the heart of Shubert Alley, where two and a half million people visit every week. In the sports arena, we were fortunate that the three-year wait for a special event at Yankee Stadium was handled in one week, and their organization offered DOGNY Day, at which 25,000 special edition pinstripe "Help a Hero" toys were donated by Hartz. A statue purchased by breeder/exhibitor and former delegate Amy Kiehl bears the signatures of the entire Yankee team. Major League Baseball as well as the New York Mets organization and their owners, obedience exhibitors Fred and Judy Wilpon, were also sponsors. Plush mementos carrying AKC's branding appeared in over 12,000 stores across the country. Some will recall that the President of Hartz, Robert Devine, attended our meeting in September, 2002 as a guest of this body when he presented a check to Ron Menaker for \$775,000. Soon after, Hartz donated an additional \$500,000. Ron did a great amount of work as co-Chair throughout the entire DOGNY project.

TFH published a commemorative book and after the public art display Sotheby's auction house donated their main gallery, along with the services of Vice Chair Benjamin Dollar as Auctioneer. Famed columnist and dachshund fancier Liz Smith also donated her time as Guest Auctioneer, and graced us with more publicity.

This gives you a bit of history about DOGNY and its accomplishments during a time of crisis in our nation and the numerous reasons to be proud of AKC, yourselves, your clubs, and the many special people in our community. Thank you.

(Prolonged standing ovation)

Next, my thanks to the collective delegate body for your continued commitment to improving the lives of dogs and our organization.

Throughout my career at AKC, I have been privileged to develop various tributes to recognize contributors in the sport. These honors included the Medallion Program for delegates, judges, show chairs and breeders, the Lifetime Achievement Awards in performance, companion and conformation, the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award and, at our March Delegate meeting, the AKC Visionary Awards. Now, I present The Delegate Generation Award. I believe our greatest strengths lie in the hard work and dedication of our own volunteers, and they must be rewarded whenever possible.

Over the course of the American Kennel Club's 132-year history, it has been inspiring to watch multiple generations of families come into the sport and dedicate their lives to it. We are full of pride for our delegate family, and wish to recognize those individuals who have followed in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents as delegates.

In our past, we have had many multi-generational delegate family members:

- Ann Yuhasz whose father Richard Frey was a delegate
- Pat and Chris Dresser, mother and daughter
- William Ross Proctor Jr. and Sr. were both delegates and AKC Board members
- Howard Willets, who was the AKC President in the early 1920's, and his son J. Macy Willets
- William Rockefeller (father, son, and grandson, who was the board chairman) were all delegates and AKC Board members
- August Belmont Jr., who was the AKC's president for 28 years, his son Raymond Belmont, and also a grandson of August Belmont, who served as both Board treasurer and Board chairman.
- Including current staff, Vice President Mari-Beth O'Neill, and her parents Chuck and Marie. Chuck was also our AKC Executive Vice President and the show chair for the 1984 centennial show.

Second generations currently serving are; please step forward to join Carl Ashby.

- Bob and Link Newcomb are both current delegates, something we are very proud of.
- Thomas Powers (former Board member, whose father Thomas and mother Diana were both delegates)
- Dr. J. Charles Garvin (former Vice Chairman and current Board member, whose mother Betty was a delegate)
- William B. Tabler, Jr. (whose mother Phyllis was a delegate)
- Janina K. Laurin (whose mother Edeltraud was a delegate)
- Linda Ayers Turner Knorr (whose father Roy was a delegate)
- Shelley C. Roos (whose father George was a delegate)

Please give a round of applause for our multi-generational delegate honorees.
(Applause)

Joe Baffuto, CFO, gave the financial report as follows:

Great day everyone. Thank you so much for attending here this morning. I'm delighted to present the financial performance report of the American Kennel Club through August 31, 2016. As AKC continues to take evolving steps along with future growth and we all begin to embark upon change, hopefully moving from a hot summer to a cool fall season, I'm pleased to announce American Kennel Club's core operations have not changed from my last report and our successes are continuing into the latter half of 2016. Let's begin by examining our year-to-date summary of results. Total revenue of \$43 million has been offset by total expenses of \$38.6 million, which reflects an operating income of \$4.4 million, which is somewhat below, yet extremely successful, to the comparative income of \$5.7 million at this time last year. Let's take a deeper dive into the details. In our comparison of year-to-date revenue, we are up by \$2.8 million. This is an overall 7 percent increase. What have been our most successful drivers? Let's move further along down the revenue road. Our top revenue increases by dollar amounts include all registration items, including dogs, litters, pedigrees and our canine partner listings, amongst others, amounting to \$1.5 million. Next, our royalty and sponsorships have increased by more than half a million dollars, and 25 percent. Also, our e-commerce programs have grown by greater than \$200,000 so far this 2016 year, which represents a 65 percent increase. Lastly, revenue generated from our marketplace platform has jumped by 52 percent, or \$185,000 this year. Taking a year-over-year comparative analysis of our core registration volumes, we can see our outstanding successes. Our litter volume for the year so far is 151,000, an increase of 7 percent. Our dog registrations are currently 359,000, which is 11 percent above the eight-month

period of 2015. Total pedigrees are 165,000, which represents a 9 percent increase. On the other side of our income statement, we will begin a comparison of year-to-date expenses. We have recorded \$38.6 million in expense so far this year. This is an increase of about \$4 million from 2015. The details of cost increases that we've incurred in 2016 include the following: Our payroll and benefits are up nearly \$1.3 million. We currently now have just under 300 full-time equivalent head count, which is about an 8 percent increase from August of 2015. We have spent and accrued for an additional \$1.1 million this year to support our growth office and new revenue development through research and marketing efforts. Our matching contributions to AKC CHF have increased by \$230,000 over 2015. AKC continues to provide additional financial support to theriogenology studies and we have also spent additional funds relating to our investment managements consultants and performance along with our successful licensing and royalty programs. In addition to our results from operations, I would like to provide some detail on the success of our investment portfolio through the eight months of the fiscal year. Our investments have yielded a 4.4 percent unrealized gain this year. These gains equate out to about \$4.2 million on our balance sheet for which I will provide some further comment shortly. Our relative benchmark for the portfolio during the period was 3.9 percent. So we have displayed an outperformance by approximately 50 basis points. The nonconsolidated balance sheet of the AKC at August 31 reflects \$142 million in total assets. Our cash and investment balances total more than 85 percent of these total assets and this is the core financial strength of the AKC. Our total liabilities recorded were \$67.8 million and nearly 90 percent of those liabilities lie within our long-term pension and post-retirement benefit obligations. Our net assets of \$74.3 million have increased by nearly 14 percent since August of last year. We are doing well in our core, the financial markets have done well, and both of these are a major contributing factor to the success we have had this year. Thank you very much for the chance to discuss our outstanding results and please feel free to reach out as the meeting concludes. I will be available. Have a cool, colorful and enjoyable fall season with your canines and see you in Orlando.

The Chair thanked Mr. Baffuto and his staff for their team effort.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Sections 4, 5, 7, 17, and 19, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. This amendment would in Section 4, change the italicized paragraph to become part of the rule rather than a Board clarification, with no change to the wording; in Section 5, it would add the statement regarding the first day of a multiple-day show being used to calculate age; in Section 7, it would change the italicized definition of professional handlers to be part of the rule, not a Board clarification, with no change to the wording. Additionally, in Sections 17 and 19, it would change the italicized paragraph to become part of the Rule, not a Board clarification. The only change to the wording is removing the effective date.

The amendment was proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with a positive recommendation by the Board.

The Chair recognized Cindy Stansell, Delegate for the Finnish Spitz Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I serve on the Dog Show Rules Committee and was the Chair of the Italics Subcommittee. We were tasked by the Board to take a look at the Rules and see which Board clarifications we think were permanent enough to become rules and this is the first step in doing that. We hope you support it. Thank you.

The amendment to Chapter 3, Sections 4, 5, 7, 17, and 19 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* received a two-thirds in the affirmative vote and were adopted with an immediate effective date.

The final vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Section 9, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. This amendment would allow entries in any form to be accepted for 24 hours after the closing date and time when it falls on a postal holiday. The amendment was proposed by the Board based on a staff recommendation.

The Chair recognized Dr. J. Charles Garvin, AKC Board Director and Delegate for the Dalmatian Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Just to avoid any confusion, this is different than the same section that is going to be read in a few minutes. You have heard a lot of conversation and there have been some mailings about what is going to be read having some controversy about it. This one is not controversial. It is simply allowing for when holidays come up and it deserves your support. Thank you.

The amendment to Chapter 6, Section 9, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* received a two-thirds vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted with an immediate effective date.

The Executive Secretary read a proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Section 9, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* as follows:

The proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Section 9, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, would extend the closing time for entries to be no later than 11:59 p.m. It will be published in two issues of the online *AKC Gazette* and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2016 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

Vice Chairman, Carl Ashby, was introduced to provide information on AKC's PAC.

Mr. Ashby: Thank you, Dennis. On behalf of the AKC PAC, I would like to do two things today. One is to thank Tom Powers for his service as a member of the AKC Political Action Committee Board. We passed a resolution in his honor yesterday which I will be presenting that later today. I also would like to do is bring you up to date on where we are with the President's Challenge. In March we kicked off that challenge and set some goals for ourselves. I want to give you an update today on where we are. We have had a lot of participation but we are short of our goal. As of yesterday we are at about \$37,000. For a reference point, in 2012, which was the first year of the President's Challenge, we raised \$45,000. In that challenge we had a couple of parent clubs who really did dig in and did a wonderful job in bringing money forward as a group. But today we need your help. We want to exceed that 2012 number and raise 50,000. There was a mailing that went out to all the club presidents earlier this week. Please contact them and remind them of the importance of the AKC PAC. Your money is being used wisely. Yesterday we authorized almost \$20,000 for candidates in this upcoming election that are favorable to us and that we believe can help our cause. So I ask you to go back and help us grow the Political Action Committee. It is a making a fundamental difference in the life of our dogs and in our ability to influence legislation to protect our rights as dog breeders and owners. I would like to do is to call your attention to Ron Menaker's Chairman's report. You heard some great numbers today about the AKC and how we are moving in a positive direction. We are in an extraordinarily strong position and we see a lot of good trends in our numbers. The one area that we have great concern about and which staff and your Board is focused on is conformation. The Chairman's report speaks to the commitment. It gives you some facts and data and it also gives you a positive story about the things that we are looking to do collectively with you get people more interested in that part of our sport, which is really the core of our registry. So I urge you to take the time on the plane home or in the car to read Ron's report and to circulate it with your clubs. Please know that we are very much tuned in to the issues of conformation and the

challenges that we are facing, that our Clubs are facing and that we don't plan to sit on our heels in that regard. So I urge you to take a look at Ron's report. Thank you.

The Chair called on Jim Crowley to recognize AKC Delegates who have served for 25 years as well as three member clubs celebrating their centennial.

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows:

We will first honor Delegates who have served for 25 years. This is the 18th time that the American Kennel Club has had the privilege to present Delegate medallions. The medallion is in recognition of meritorious and long-term contributions to the sport. This program enables us to recognize our core constituency and allows a grateful American Kennel Club the opportunity to honor our own. The following six individuals have served in this body for 25 years, and join 104 previously honored Delegates.

If present, will the following Delegates please come forward: Judy Colan, Weimaraner Club of America; Arlene A. Czech, Papillon Club of America; Dr. Patricia Haines, Cincinnati Kennel Club; Beverly Nosiglia, Kanadasaga Kennel Club; the late Diane Taylor, Newtown Kennel Club, Dennis Sprung, accepting on her behalf; and Gerald H. Yarborough, Bexar County Kennel Club.

Mr. Sprung: I would now like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following three clubs celebrating 100 years of membership in the American Kennel Club: Atlantic Kennel Club, Delegate Ann Wallin; Detroit Kennel Club, Delegate Andrea Glassford; and Louisville Kennel Club, Delegate Judy Melear. If their Delegates are here, please join Carl in the front of the room.

The Chair called on Jim Crowley to give a report on the Nominating Committee

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows:

The next item is a report on the appointments to the Nominating Committee. At the July 2016 meeting, the Board of Directors appointed the following Delegates to the Nominating Committee to select candidates for the Class of 2021: Patti L. Strand, Chair, Delegate for the Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon; Robert Amen, Delegate for the Greater St. Louis Training Club; Karen Burgess, Delegate for the Greater Clark County Kennel Club; John J. Lyons, Delegate for the Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club; and William B. Tabler, Jr., Delegate for the Long Island Kennel Club. Alternates are, James Efron, Delegate for the Nashville Kennel Club and Betty M. Winthers, Delegate for the Olympic Kennel Club.

I now call on Patti Strand, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, to address the Delegates.

Mrs. Strand spoke as follows:

On behalf of our Committee, it is my privilege to present to you the four nominees for the Class of 2021. In alphabetical order they are: Rita Biddle, from Ingham County Kennel Club; Dominic Carota from the Pharaoh Hound Club of America; Dr. Gregory Paveza, from the Elm City Kennel Club; and Harvey Wooding from Westminster Kennel Club. Thank you.

Mr. Crowley addressed those Committees that did not require an election as follows:

There is no election required for the following committees: All-Breed Clubs; Delegate Advocacy and Advancement; Field Trial and Hunting Test Events; and Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events, as well as the Perspectives Editorial Committee. The Delegates nominated for these committees are therefore seated.

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the All-Breed Clubs Committee are: John L. Ronald, Susan D. Sholar, Frances C. Stephens, and Ann Wallin.

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee are: Ellen Hardin, Jane Ruthford, Daniel J. Smyth, and Daniel T. Stolz.

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee are: Tim Carrion, David H. Hopkins, Fred Kampo, Nance Olson Skoglund, Joan Tabor and Lynn Worth-Smith.

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee are: Thomas H. Barrie, Carol Clark and Bonnie Lapham. An additional member may be appointed for a three-year term, as a seat remains open on the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee.

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Perspectives Editorial Committee are: Virginia Denninger, Dr. Geno Sisneros, Monica Henderson Stoner, Sylvia Thomas and Lynn Worth-Smith. An additional member may be appointed for a two-year term and one for a one-year term, as two seats remain open.

The following Delegates spoke during New Business:

The Chair recognized Steven Gladstone, AKC Director and Delegate for the Waterloo Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Thank you, Mr. President. Initially, thank you for that wonderful presentation and recollection of the DOGNY project. I honestly think you are too modest. We know that was your project and you did a great job. Thank you.

What I would like to report on to you for just a moment, at the last meeting there were a number of requests and discussion about the *AKC Gazette* and since we are not publishing it in print form, there was some requests that perhaps we could just print it and be able to mail it to folks on a subscription basis. So I asked the staff to come up with a bunch of numbers, and Gina (DiNardo) gave me all the information, I asked what it would cost and what would be the reasonable way to try and deliver a printed copy of the Gazette, of the PDF file that we distribute printed and mailed on a subscription basis and I'm going to report that to you. Of course we have to start with how many would we expect, because that obviously affects the cost tremendously. I will tell you that when the Gazette stopped publishing there were approximately 20,000 subscribers. If we got 500 requests for subscriptions to print and mail, the annual cost, the subscription price to do that, would have to be at least \$150 a year, based on the quantity and the cost to do that. If we upped it to an expectation of 2,500, that still brings the cost in at around \$85 a year. And even at 5,000 we would still be at about \$75 a year. So it is just not a practical solution. But I wanted everyone to know that we looked into it, but I just don't think that it makes a lot of sense to try and deliver it that way. That's all I'm doing is reporting so you guys have some information about it. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thanks for sharing those facts.

The Chair recognized Steven Hamblin, Delegate for the Pacific Coast Pekingese Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. President, the Pacific Coast Pekingese Club, is celebrating our 100 years as a club. We haven't spent our 100 years with AKC yet, that is coming in 2017, but we are very proud that a specialty club has actually survived for 100 years, and we are very eager at this point on the west coast, in Los Angeles specifically, to continue to find members and continue to encourage members to come in and breed and show, and I think we are very successfully doing that. To celebrate our 100 years, we created some memorabilia. We updated our logo so that it reflects the pride that we have in the organization that we have now and as a club we wanted to present you and Mr. Crowley with copies of our framed logo and pins that we had made for our club. We ask that when you wear the pin you wear it with pride and that when you look at the logo that you actually think back at 100 years of dog sports that we have all been celebrating and we look forward to 100 years coming.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, and we accept it on behalf of the great American Kennel Club.

The Chair recognized Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

First, ditto to Steve's remarks about your leadership. You are appreciated more than you know. I am speaking now for the Bylaws Committee. It remains the sense of this Delegate body that those judges among us, not be permitted to charge a fee in addition to expenses for their services when they judge, but our Delegate judges continue to judge our dogs, to give value to purebred dogs by their work and to educate themselves in order to pursue more breeds at their own expense. But when they do apply for more breeds, they must pay the same \$25 per dog fee that all judges must pay. The only difference is that our own Delegate judges can never recoup that expense through future fees. A non-Delegate judge can usually recoup those fees in a couple of weekends. The Bylaws Committee feels this is an unfair burden and we are requesting the Board of Directors to exempt Delegate judges from this requirement. In order for the Board to get a sense of the Delegates' feeling on this issue, I would like to call for a nonbinding resolution vote on this issue.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. We can certainly do that. The question before the body is a nonbinding resolution to exempt Delegate judges from paying a \$25 per breed application fee.

All those in favor, please raise your hand. Thank you.

All those opposed? Thank you.

Of course the Board is here and witnessed there is a large majority in favor. It can be discussed at the next meeting. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, who spoke as follows:

The deadline for the next issue of *Perspectives* is going to be October 15th and our articles editor for that is Monica Stoner. So if you have anything that you want to communicate about what's going on or you have items that concern you, I would ask you to please e-mail your article to her by the deadline. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. We appreciate that.

The Chair recognized Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, who spoke as follows:

I'm going to start this by asking the Delegates a few really stupid questions and see what sort of response I get. I would like to note by raising your hand, if you own at least one purebred AKC registered dog. Okay. How many of you are proud of that AKC purebred registered dog? That's on the basis that they are behaving themselves of course. How many of you would like other people to know how proud you are of your AKC registered dog? Again, a little bit less here. How many of you would be willing to buy a T-shirt that says all of this on it, so that you can wear it when you go to the grocery store and let people out there know how important purebred dogs are and how much you appreciate them?

Now, the other thing that you might need when you wear this to the grocery store and somebody asks you why do you have a purebred dog instead of rescuing a dog from a shelter, you would like to have a little elevator speech that you can tell them, this is why I own a purebred dog instead of a rescue dog. Or maybe you own both. I do. I actually have one of each. But it would be really nice to have that. This is not the first meeting where I brought this up. It will probably not be the last meeting where I bring it up unless the next time I can say thank you for giving us that possibility of a T-shirt.

Mr. Sprung: They are being designed, so you can thank us.

The Chair recognized Tom Powers, Delegate for the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills, who spoke as follows:

I have an announcement that I'm kind of excited about. The Kennel Club of Beverly Hills and NBC Sports have come to terms and NBC will be taping our show in March 2017 for airing on USA Network on Easter Sunday and then two runs following it on the NBC Network in the next couple of weeks. So I want to invite you all to sunny southern California in March and please bring your dogs and come to the show.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Douglas Rapport, Delegate for the Irish Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:

On behalf of myself and the entire Irish Terrier Club of America we very much want to extend our thank you to the AKC for all of their help and support in the untimely murder of Delegate, Past President of the Irish Terrier Club of America and my friends Bruce and Nancy Petersen. Many of you have read about it. It was an absolute tragedy and the AKC really stepped up and helped in many, many different ways during this time. So thank you.

The Chair recognized Susan Sholar, Delegate for the Black Russian Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I know at many meetings we have had discussions on how we are going to bring new people into the dog show world. Many of you are aware of the fact that I have, for a year and a half now, been involved with a grooming certification program and I gave classes all over the country at the grooming trade shows. This last month I am starting to get reports from people who have been to my classes saying I changed their life, they bought a show dog and they are showing it. So I'm very pleased to report that.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Ann Wallin, Delegate for the Atlanta Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: I'm speaking on behalf of the All-Breeds Clubs Committee. I want to recognize one of our very long-time devoted members, Crecia Closson, who has now announced that she is going into retirement and we just want to thank her for the many years of hard work and contribution that she has made to our committee. She will be greatly missed.

(Applause)

The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I would like to give a little update on the trailer project. But before I do that, I would just like to give you an update on what has happened in the last several weeks. Last month we saw the success of the Madison County, Indiana, trailer deployed on-site within 12 hours of the tornado hitting the Kokomo area. In contrast, we saw shelters flooded in Louisiana seemingly without a backup plan. The good news is that now we have clubs working for a trailer in Baton Rouge and we are trying to get one for New Orleans as well. We have seen again that having the equipment in the hands of emergency managers before disaster strikes is by far the most effective way to help. In the three years we have had this program, 51 trailers have been donated and are in place in their own communities. Six are completed and will be transferred soon. 23 clubs are actively working to get more funds and more trailers and I have had at least three people talk to me over the weekend, about other trailers that their areas are talking about. We have had 341 clubs participating, over a million dollars in donations from the clubs and

individuals, and \$250,000 from AKC Reunite. The total funds raised, is \$1,266,506, to help people in need. We thank you and we thank your clubs, and please continue to support the project.

The Chair recognized David Hopkins, Delegate for the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois, who spoke as follows:

I have two matters to address. First, following up on Pat Laurans' remarks, the 51st trailer has been delivered in Illinois about a week ago. It is the first AKC Reunite disaster trailer in Illinois. Hopefully we will receive more in the future. It is going to the Will County Emergency Management Agency which is based in Joliet, Illinois, about 40 miles south of Chicago. Nine clubs contributed and an individual to the sponsorship of this trailer. I would be remiss if I didn't tick off the names. There are five local clubs in Illinois: The Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago; Kishwaukee Kennel Club; Golden Retriever Club of Illinois; the Prairie Land Standard Schnauzer Club of Central Illinois; and the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois. In terms of national organizations, there is the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, the Standard Schnauzer Club of America; the Alaskan Malamute Club of America; and the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association Foundation. There is also an individual by the name of Kate Weems who gave a contribution in memory of Roberta Rothenbach who is a Yorkie fancier. And we could not have arrived at this happy state right now without the tremendous help of the AKC Reunite staff. Tessa Johnson from the staff is the one that shepherded this one through and when the next raise time comes around, Tom Sharp, if you are around, please be sure that Tessa gets the highest compensation upwards for which she is otherwise eligible. I have a second matter I would like to address, and here I'm wearing my hat as Chair of the Legal Outreach Committee. I just want to say a few words and to make some requests. The Legal Outreach Committee has more or less quietly been functioning for several years and we have worked on a number of projects. We are now focusing loosely on a speakers bureau. There may be opportunities with bar association sponsored seminars, CLE symposia, conferences, what have you, where we will be invited to present a speaker, and we are not so much focused on trying to ascertain who in the Delegate body is a constitutional law expert to go joust with the animal rights people, we are really looking for, you might say, ancillary topic speakers. If you are an estate planner or work in the legal field, in the family law area, you might be able to talk about estate planning in connection with pets, pet trusts, pet custody, the Domestic Violence Act protections for pets, other topics could be parameters for tax-exempt organizations, and the list is endless. And there may be even some non-lawyers in the Delegate body that might be able to help us here. Sheila Goffe is very much in communication with a senior partner at a major Washington law firm where we have some connections that may be orchestrating a major legal conference next year and we do have an opportunity to help pick the speaker panel. If you are a lawyer or you work in an ancillary field and have an area of expertise that might lend itself to these efforts, please talk to anybody on the committee: Bill Feeney, Alan Kalter from the Board, Sheila Goff from the staff, Barbara Penny, Martha Feltenstein, myself, and Jay Wax [AKC Senior Vice President and General Counsel] joined in as a guest in the last session. One other thing that I would mention if you are a lawyer or a judge, human judge, not a dog judge, and if you are aware of animal law sections, committees, what have you, with state, national or local bars, I urge you to consider joining. The cost is relatively nominal and you may pick up on information that is very useful to us. Last January, on a Friday afternoon, I learned that a local suburb of Chicago was going to reconsider its specific -- breed-specific ordinance. Within 24 business hours Sheila Goff had a letter into the powers that be, which was 24 hours before the crucial meeting and the village elders of Lincolnwood, Illinois got it right. That all came about because I picked up on some information by virtue of serving on the Animal Law Committee of our state bar. If you are a lawyer, think about joining just to pick up on this information and also talk to any one of us on the Committee. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Walter O'Brien, Delegate for Macon Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: On Friday at the dog shows over in Bridgewater, and yes, I did drive all the way from Georgia to the shows, I had the privilege to meet members of the AKC staff that were over there on a field trip to see how things go at dog shows. I had a wonderful talk with those members of staff and it helped provide perspective to the work they are doing and also helped energize me to the work that all are doing as members of the AKC team. I would publicly like to thank the President for his support in sponsoring the trip for those members of staff who came over to the show. It was wonderful and I want to thank you very, very much.

Mr. Sprung: Absolutely. It was my pleasure.

The Chair recognized Gloria Marshall, Delegate for Bayshore Companion Dog Club, who spoke as follows:

I was sitting here saying to myself should I or should I not get up but I know I have to go with my heart. Your speech was heartwarming, Mr. Sprung. Your speech and your actions on behalf of our dogs 15 years ago was outstanding. However, 15 years later AKC scheduled their meetings on 9/11. I know this sounds strange and I may have no fans agreeing with me, but I think it is a conflict in philosophy and I am only hoping, because this was done once before when I was a Delegate, that in the future consideration could be given to all of those who lost their lives on 9/11 and schedule perhaps a day later or a day before to have your meeting.

On a positive note, as a member of an agility predominantly run club, I would like to applaud AKC for their really outstanding, quick response in doing away temporarily and suspending the chute for the agility trials. I know there were a lot of signatures on the petition that was sent to you, but the speed in you doing this to keep our dogs out of harm's way is greatly appreciated especially by Bayshore Companion Dog Club.

Hearing no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.
(The meeting concluded at 11: 41 a.m.)

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