ATTENTION DELEGATES
NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m. There will not be a Delegates Forum.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
American Sloughi Association

DELEGATES CREDENTIALS

Gale K Cummings, Norton, MA, Ladies’ Dog Club
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Linda C. Foiles, Louisburg, NC, Tibetan Spaniel Club of America
Jacque E. Glenn, Raymore, MO, Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America
Linda Pleasant, Sebring, FL, Heartland Dog Club of Florida
Susan Werner, Haymarket, VA, Middleburg Kennel Club

NOTICE

As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individual stands suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that this determination may still be appealed and may be reversed. Upon expiration of the appeal process, an appropriate notice describing the status of the individual’s suspension, if any, will appear in this column:
Ms. Shannon Honeycutt (Beech Grove, IN)  
Ms. Dorothy Holmes (Scottsdale, AZ)

**NOTICE**

Ms. Deanna Brown (Carthage, MO) Action was taken by the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club for conduct at its August 26, 2017 event. Ms. Brown was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a three month event suspension and a $1000 fine, effective December 1, 2017. (Whippet)

**NOTICE**

Mr. William “Bill” Petrovish (Townsend, MT) Action was taken by the Western Montana Retriever Club for conduct at its September 23, 2017 event. Mr. Petrovish was charged with inappropriate treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a one year suspension from all privileges and a $1000 fine, effective October 30, 2017. (Labrador Retriever)

**NOTICE**

Ms. Kathy Rubinstein (Sonora, CA) Action was taken by the American Kennel Club for conduct at its December 15, 2017 event. Ms. Rubinstein was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Bernese Mountain Dog, Schipperke)

**NOTICE**

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Ms. Linda Brown (Milan, IL) for submitting a dog registration application containing a false certification as to the signature of the co-litter owner without a Power of Attorney form on file. (Labrador Retriever)

**NOTICE**

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Ms. Carrie Parma-Collier (Orlando, FL) for submitting an online litter registration application and an online dog registration application without written permission of the co-litter owner. (Multiple Breeds)

**NOTICE**

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Ms. Jill Kuchinos (Antrim, NH) for signing an Additional Signature form on behalf of the co-owner without a Power of Attorney form on file. (Flat Coated Retriever)

**NOTICE – REPRIMANDS AND FINES**

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on clubs for late submission of applications.  
Chapter 2, Section 4 & 9.
Boston Terrier Club of New York ............... $60
Dachshund Association of Long Island .......... $80
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America $80
Griffin Georgia Kennel Club ...................... $60
Heart of America Saint Bernard Club, Inc. ................................................................. $100
Papillon Club of Southern California .......... $80
Southern California Alaskan Malamute Club $60
Southwestern Rottweiler Club of San Diego $80
Superstition Kennel Club, Inc. ................. $100

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges panel. Chapter 4, Section 1.

Arizona Rhodesian Ridgeback Club ........... $60
Boxer Club of Arizona .......................... $60
Central Indiana Kennel Club, Inc. .............. $80
First Company Governor’s Foot Guard Athletic Association ..................................... $80
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Riverside County ................................................. $60
Greater New York Havanese Club .......... $80
Greater Washington Bouvier des Flandres Club ........................................................ $80
Hoosier Kennel Club, Inc. ....................... $80
Lake Eustis Kennel Club, Inc. ................. $100
Logansport Kennel Club, Inc. ................. $80
Oregon Trail Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club ..................................................... $60
Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California ...................................................... $60
Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego ....... $60

OFFICIAL STANDARD FOR THE COCKER SPANIEL

General Appearance: The Cocker Spaniel is the smallest member of the Sporting Group. He has a sturdy, compact body and a cleanly chiseled and refined head, with the overall dog in complete balance and of ideal size. He stands well up at the shoulder on straight forelegs with a topline sloping slightly toward strong, moderately bent, muscular quarters. He is a dog capable of considerable speed, combined with great endurance. Above all, he must be free and merry, sound, well balanced throughout and in action show a keen inclination to work. A dog well balanced in all parts is more desirable than a dog with strongly contrasting good points and faults.

Size, Proportion, Substance: Size – The ideal height at the withers for an adult dog is 15 inches and for an adult bitch, 14 inches. Height may vary one-half inch above or below this ideal. A dog whose height exceeds 15½ inches or a bitch whose height exceeds 14½ inches shall be disqualified. An adult dog whose height is less than 14½ inches and an adult bitch whose height is less than 13½ inches shall be penalized. Height is determined by a line perpendicular to the ground from the top of the shoulder blades, the dog standing naturally with its forelegs and lower hind legs parallel to the line of measurement.
Proportion – The measurement from the breast bone to back of thigh is slightly longer than the measurement from the highest point of withers to the ground. The body must be of sufficient length to permit a straight and free stride; the dog never appears long and low.

Head: To attain a well-proportioned head, which must be in balance with the rest of the dog, it embodies the following: Expression – The expression is intelligent, alert, soft and appealing. Eyes – Eyeballs are round and full and look directly forward. The shape of the eye rims gives a slightly almond shaped appearance; the eye is not weak or goggled. The color of the iris is dark brown and in general the darker the better. Disqualifications: Eye(s) blue, blue marbled, blue flecked. Ears – Lobular, long, of fine leather, well feathered, and placed no higher than a line to the lower part of the eye. Skull – Rounded but not exaggerated with no tendency toward flatness; the eyebrows are clearly defined with a pronounced stop. The bony structure beneath the eyes is well chiseled with no prominence in the cheeks. The muzzle is broad and deep, with square even jaws. To be in correct balance, the distance from the stop to the tip of the nose is one half the distance from the stop up over the crown to the base of the skull. Nose-of sufficient size to balance the muzzle and foreface, with well developed nostrils typical of a sporting dog. It is black in color in the blacks, black and tans, and black and whites; in other colors it may be brown, liver or black, the darker the better. The color of nose harmonizes with the color of the eye rim. Lips-The upper lip is full and of sufficient depth to cover the lower jaw. Teeth-Teeth strong and sound, not too small and meet in a scissors bite.

Neck, Topline, Body: Neck-The neck is sufficiently long to allow the nose to reach the ground easily, muscular and free from pendulous "throatiness." It rises strongly from the shoulders and arches slightly as it tapers to join the head. Topline – sloping slightly toward muscular quarters. Body – The chest is deep, its lowest point no higher than the elbows, its front sufficiently wide for adequate heart and lung space, yet not so wide as to interfere with the straightforward movement of the forelegs. Ribs are deep and well sprung. Back is strong and sloping evenly and slightly downward from the shoulders to the set-on of the docked tail. The docked tail is set on and carried on a line with the topline of the back, or slightly higher; never straight up like a Terrier and never so low as to indicate timidity. When the dog is in motion the tail action is merry.

Forequarters: The shoulders are well laid back forming an angle with the upper arm of approximately 90 degrees which permits the dog to move his forelegs in an easy manner with forward reach. Shoulders are clean-cut and sloping without protrusion and so set that the upper points of the withers are at an angle which permits a wide spring of rib. When viewed from the side with the forelegs vertical, the elbow is directly below the highest point of
the shoulder blade. Forelegs are parallel, straight, strongly boned and muscular and set close to the body well under the scapulae. The pasterns are short and strong. Dewclaws on forelegs may be removed. Feet compact, large, round and firm with horny pads; they turn neither in nor out.

**Hindquarters:** Hips are wide and quarters well rounded and muscular. When viewed from behind, the hind legs are parallel when in motion and at rest. The hind legs are strongly boned, and muscled with moderate angulation at the stifle and powerful, clearly defined thighs. The stifle is strong and there is no slippage of it in motion or when standing. The hocks are strong and well let down. Dewclaws on hind legs may be removed.

**Coat:** On the head, short and fine; on the body, medium length, with enough undercoating to give protection. The ears, chest, abdomen and legs are well feathered, but not so excessively as to hide the Cocker Spaniel’s true lines and movement or affect his appearance and function as a moderately coated sporting dog. The texture is most important. The coat is silky, flat or slightly wavy and of a texture which permits easy care. Excessive coat or curly or cottonty textured coat shall be severely penalized. Use of electric clippers on the back coat is not desirable. Trimming to enhance the dog’s true lines should be done to appear as natural as possible.

**Color and Markings:** *Black Variety* – Solid color black to include black with tan points. The black should be jet; shadings of brown or liver in the coat are not desirable. A small amount of white on the chest and/or throat is allowed; white in any other location shall disqualify.

*Any Solid Color Other than Black (ASCOB)*—Any solid color other than black, ranging from lightest cream to darkest red, including brown and brown with tan points. The color shall be of a uniform shade, but lighter color of the feathering is permissible. A small amount of white on the chest and/or throat is allowed; white in any other location shall disqualify.

*Parti-Color Variety* – Two or more solid, well broken colors, one of which must be white; black and white, red and white (the red may range from lightest cream to darkest red), brown and white, and roans, to include any such color combination with tan points. It is preferable that the tan markings be located in the same pattern as for the tan points in the Black and ASCOB varieties. Roans are classified as parti-colors and may be of any of the usual roaning patterns. Primary color which is ninety percent (90%) or more shall disqualify.

*Tan Points* – The color of the tan may be from the lightest cream to the darkest red and is restricted to ten percent (10%) or less of the color of the specimen; tan markings in excess of that amount shall disqualify. In the case of tan points in the Black or ASCOB variety, the markings shall be located as follows:

1) A clear tan spot over each eye;
2) On the sides of the muzzle and on the...
cheeks;
3) On the underside of the ears;
4) On all feet and/or legs;
5) Under the tail;
6) On the chest, optional; presence or absence shall not be penalized.

Tan markings which are not readily visible or which amount only to traces, shall be penalized. Tan on the muzzle which extends upward, over and joins shall also be penalized. The absence of tan markings in the Black or ASCOB variety in any of the specified locations in any otherwise tan-pointed dog shall disqualify.

Gait: The Cocker Spaniel, though the smallest of the sporting dogs, possesses a typical sporting dog gait. Prerequisite to good movement is balance between the front and rear assemblies. He drives with strong, powerful rear quarters and is properly constructed in the shoulders and forelegs so that he can reach forward without constriction in a full stride to counterbalance the driving force from the rear. Above all, his gait is coordinated, smooth and effortless. The dog must cover ground with his action; excessive animation should not be mistaken for proper gait.

Temperament: Equable in temperament with no suggestion of timidity.

Disqualifications: Height-Males over 15½ inches; females over 14½ inches. Eye(s) blue, blue marbled, blue flecked. Color and Markings-The aforementioned colors are the only acceptable colors or combination of colors. Any other colors or combination of colors to disqualify. Black Variety-White markings except on chest and throat. Any Solid Color Other than Black Variety-White markings except on chest and throat. Parti-color Variety-Primary color ninety percent (90%) or more. Tan Points-(1) Tan markings in excess of ten percent (10%); (2) Absence of tan markings in Black or ASCOB Variety in any of the specified locations in an otherwise tan-pointed dog.

Approved January 9, 2018
Effective March 1, 2018

PROPOSED GERMAN WIREHAIRED POINTER STANDARD FOR COMMENT

In accordance with the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions this is being published to receive any comments prior to the balloting of the club membership. Any comments may be forwarded directly to:

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General Appearance: The German Wirehaired Pointer is a well muscled, medium sized dog of distinctive appearance. Balanced in size and sturdily built, the breed’s most distinguishing characteristics are its weather resistant, wire-like coat and its facial furnishings. Typically Pointer in character and style, the German Wirehaired Pointer is an intelligent, energetic and determined hunter.
Size, Proportion, Substance: The height of males should be from 24 to 26 inches at the withers. Bitches are smaller but not under 22 inches. To insure the working quality of the breed is maintained, dogs that are either over or under the specified height must be severely penalized. The body is a little longer than it is high, as ten is to nine. The German Wire-haired Pointer is a versatile hunter built for agility and endurance in the field. Correct size and balance are essential to high performance.

Head: The head is moderately long. Eyes are brown, medium in size, oval in contour, bright and clear and overhung with medium length eyebrows. Yellow eyes are not desirable. The ears are rounded but not too broad and hang close to the head. The skull broad and the occipital bone not too prominent. The stop is medium. The muzzle is fairly long with nasal bone straight, broad and parallel to the top of the skull. The nose is dark brown on a liver dog and black on a black dog, with nostrils wide open. A spotted or flesh colored nose is to be penalized. The lips are a trifle pendulous but close to the jaw and bearded. The jaws are strong with a full complement of evenly set and properly intermeshing teeth. The incisors meet in a true scissors bite.

Neck, Topline, Body: The neck is of medium length, slightly arched and devoid of dewlap. The entire back line showing a perceptible slope down from withers to croup. The skin throughout is notably tight to the body. The chest is deep and capacious with ribs well sprung. The tuck-up apparent. The back is short, straight and strong. Loins are taut and slender. Hips are broad with the croup nicely rounded. The tail is set high, carried at or above the horizontal when the dog is alert. The tail is docked to approximately two-fifths of its original length.

Forequarters: The shoulders are well laid back. The forelegs are straight with elbows close. Leg bones are flat rather than round, and strong, but not so heavy or coarse as to militate against the dog’s natural agility. Dewclaws are generally removed. Round in outline the feet are webbed, high arched with toes close, pads thick and hard, and nails strong and quite heavy.

Hindquarters: The angles of the hindquarters balances that of the forequarters. A straight line drawn vertically from the buttock (ischium) to the ground should land just in front of the rear foot. The thighs are strong and muscular. The hind legs are parallel when viewed from the rear. The hocks (metatarsus) are short, straight and parallel turning neither in nor out. Dewclaws are generally removed. Feet as in forequarters.

Coat: The functional wiry coat is the breed’s most distinctive feature. A dog must have a correct coat to be of correct type. The coat is weather resistant and, to some extent, water-repellent. The undercoat is dense enough in winter to insulate against the cold but is so thin in summer as to be almost invis-
ible. The distinctive outer coat is straight, harsh, wiry and flat lying, and is from one to two inches in length. The outer coat is long enough to protect against the punishment of rough cover, but not so long as to hide the outline of the dog. On the lower legs the coat is shorter and between the toes it is of softer texture. On the skull the coat is naturally short and close fitting. Over the shoulders and around the tail it is very dense and heavy. The tail is nicely coated, particularly on the underside, but devoid of feather. Eyebrows are of strong, straight hair. Beard and whiskers are medium length. The hairs in the liver patches of a liver and white dog or black patches of a black and white dog, may be shorter than the white hairs. A short smooth coat, a soft woolly coat, or an excessively long coat is to be severely penalized.

While maintaining a harsh, wiry texture, the puppy coat may be shorter than that of an adult coat. Coats may be neatly groomed to present a dog natural in appearance. Extreme and excessive grooming to present a dog artificial in appearance should be severely penalized.

Color: Acceptable colors are liver and white, black and white, white and liver, white and black, or solid liver-which may have white on throat, chest, legs or feet. Markings on the body of a liver and white, or black and white dog include roan, ticked, spotted, patches, or any combination thereof. A dog may be white with a liver or black head and have no body markings. The head is either liver with liver ears or black with black ears. The head sometimes has a blaze. The ears are either liver or black. A liver colored dog will have a brown nose. A black colored dog will have a black nose. Disqualifications: A solid black dog lacking markings as described in the standard. Any other combination of colors not described in the standard.

Gait: The dog should be evaluated at a moderate gait. Seen from the side, the movement is free and smooth with good reach in the forequarters and good driving power in the hindquarters. The dog carries a firm back and exhibits a long, ground-covering stride. When moving in a straight line the legs swing forward in a free and easy manner and show no tendency to cross or interfere. There should be no signs of elbowing out. The rear legs follow on a line with the forelegs. As speed increases, the legs will converge toward a center line of travel.

Temperament: Of sound, reliable temperament, the German Wirehaired Pointer is at times aloof but not unfriendly toward strangers; a loyal and affectionate companion who is eager to please and enthusiastic to learn.

Disqualifications: A solid black dog lacking markings as described in the standard.

Any other combination of colors not described in the standard.
CONFORMATION JUDGES

Letters concerning judges and provisional judges should be addressed to the Judging Operations Department at PO Box 900062, Raleigh, NC 27675-9062. Letters concerning Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants should be addressed to the Companion Events Department in North Carolina.

The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their judging qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge or judge applicant.

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges’ record, the web site and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations by email at judgingops@akc.org.

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Mr. Cecil Mann

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JUDGES

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DECEASED OBEEDIENCE/RALLY JUDGES
Bonnie Jean Baker

APPLICATION FOR BREED-SPECIFIC REGISTERED NAME PREFIX
The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary:

BACKPORCH – Dogues de Bordeaux – Jim F. Riddle
BELMARK – Shetland Sheepdogs – Bella Thompson
BIG COUNTRY – Cane Corsos – Jennifer R. Thomason
CAILIN ISLE – Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers – Barbara A. Ostrom & Marshall F. Ostrom
CORAZ’ON – Havanese – Pamela Rolla
COLDSPRINGS – Labrador Retrievers – Melissa Saari
CREEKSIDE – Shetland Sheepdogs – Tricia L. Watters
FAITHFUL ACRES – Newfoundlands – Sasha Sindt
GOLD CREST – Pembroke Welsh Corgis – Robert I. Haug & Susanne M. Haug
HEAVENSSENT – Golden Retrievers – Dawn R. Clausen
HERITAGE – Kerry Blue Terriers – William A Kearney & Carol A. Kearney
NINKASI – Siberian Huskies – Laura J. Anderson & Romil R. Limson
OC’S – Dachshunds – Robin D. LaFrance
SANDSTONE – Bull Terriers – Melanie S. Whitehair & Tyrone T. Whitehair
SNOWFIRE – Siberian Huskies – Linda A. Lehman & Melinda A. Lehman
STARRDOGS – Bullmastiffs & German Shepherd Dogs – Kathryn A. Roberts
STOLI’S – Siberian Huskies – Patricia D. Tetrault
TIP’N CHIP – Great Pyrenees – Judith G. Cooper
TRIFECTA – Miniature American Shepherds – Lenny Ann Schudar
TRILOGY – Rottweilers – Lauren E. Warshaw

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED
The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:
ABODES – Havanese – Josie E. Cook
CYNARA – Rhodesian Ridgebacks – Elaine R. Hudson & Mark Hudson
HARWOOD – Poodles – Gail Guinette Peebles
HEAVENLY’S – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Lisa Cayo-Hossler
LANDMASTER – Australian Cattle Dogs – Connie J. Redhead & Robert B. Redhead
LURAY – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Cynthia J. Sinn & Dennis L. Sinn
OKE – Labrador Retrievers – Jenny K. Ottersson
ROBIN CREEK – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Lisa Ross
SENTRY – Standard Schnauzers – Kelly I. F. Sherbo
WILLOW CREEK – German Shorthaired Pointers – Chad M. Hine

The Board convened on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present. Also present was the Executive Secretary. The November 2017 Board minutes, copies of which had been provided to all Directors, were discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Dok, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the November 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Board Action Items
Mr. Sprung reviewed Action Items, and reported on Staff initiatives. He also reported on the status of the plans to move the AKC’s New York offices and AKC Museum of the Dog to 101 Park Avenue as well as the lease negotiations in North Carolina.

Real Estate Update
The Board received an update regarding the completed designs for the new NY Office Space and the conceptual AKC Museum of the Dog both at 101 Park Avenue. Participating in this update were Jan Gross, Principal and Mission Critical Practice Area Leader, M. Arthur Gensler Jr. & Associates, Inc., Rich

**Timeline for Board Election Process**
The Board discussed its concern over the length of time that is required for the Board election process that begins with the selection of the Nominating Committee, usually in July, and lasts through the Board elections at the annual meeting in March. It was the sense of the Board that it would better serve the AKC and the constituency if the procedures could be shortened to allow for a three to four-month process. Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Wooding, it was VOTED unanimously to request that the Chairman appoint a committee to review the election process and to make recommendations to the Board on that process.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**
There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. There was nothing reported out of this session.

**Recording at AKC Delegate Meetings**
Jay Waks, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel, was present for this portion of the meeting. There was discussion that individuals may have been recording all or portions of the December Delegates Meeting with personal devices. The General Counsel and the Executive Secretary confirmed that the use of personal communication devices to record the meeting or a portion of it are not permitted. The Board directed the Executive Secretary to remind the Delegates of this policy at the next Delegate meeting in March.

**Legal Status Report**
Jay Waks, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel, and Heather McManus, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, presented a status report on pending litigation and other Legal activities for the months of November and December 2017.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**
Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President Sport Services, participated in this portion of the meeting by videoconference.

**German Wirehaired Pointer Proposed Breed Standard Revision**
The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Head, Coat, Color and Disqualifications sections of the German Wirehaired Pointer Breed Standard as submitted by the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc. (GWPCA). Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed breed standard revisions for publication for comment in the Secretary’s Page of the AKC Gazette.

**Schipperke Club of America Proposed Breed Standard Revision**
The Schipperke Club of America, Inc. (SCA),
received a petition signed by the required number of members, proposing a revision to the standard. Staff also received a proposed revision submitted by the Board of the SCA. Staff recommends that the Board allow the club to proceed to ballot the petition proposal so that the SCA Board may be in compliance with the club’s Constitution and Bylaws. Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Biddle. Mr. Carota, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Davies; Mr. Dok, Mr. Feeney, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Powers, Ms. Wallin; Mr. Wooding; opposed: Dr. Garvin:) to permit the club to ballot its membership on the proposed revision submitted by petition.

Azawakh Eligibility to Compete in the Hound Group
The Board reviewed a petition from the American Azawakh Association requesting acceptance for the breed into the AKC Stud Book; and asking that the breed be eligible to compete in the Hound Group. The Board suggested that staff go back to the club and work with them to add clarifying wording in the proposed standard. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

COMPANION AND PERFORMANCE
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President Sport and Events, and Stephanie Kennerley, Sports Development Manager participated in this portion of the meeting via telephone conference.

Making Agility Friendlier
The Board reviewed four recommended changes to the Agility Regulations that are meant to bring greater consistency to the sport or make it easier for clubs to prepare for events. These recommendations come out of discussions held at the 2017 Agility Field Representatives meeting where four issues were identified that clubs had repeatedly brought to the Field Reps’ attention or judging issues the staff had seen out in the field. The recommended changes are to:

1. Allow Judges to send equipment maps out 48 hours in advance (currently 24 hours).
2. Change the judging of the table from a Failure (a non-qualifying fault) to a Wrong Course if the dog engages another obstacle then comes back to finish the table count.
3. Clarify that handlers will receive a non-qualifying score if they touch any piece of equipment during a run.
4. Remove the “4-Paw Rule.”

In December 2017, the Delegate Standing Committee on Companion Events voted unanimously to support staff’s four recommendations to “Make Agility Friendlier”. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

AKC Trick Dog Elite Performer Title
The Board reviewed a recommendation to add
a new more advanced title called Trick Dog Elite Performer (TKE) to the AKC Trick Dog program. The distinguishing characteristic of the Trick Dog Elite Performer is that the dog must perform a routine that has a theme or tells a story. Props, music and narration are allowed. If approved the new title will be launched on June 1, 2018. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Black Russian Terrier Club of America – Temperament Test Title

The Board reviewed a request from the Black Russian Terrier Club of America for the AKC to acknowledge the Temperament Test title (TT) awarded to Black Russian Terriers by the American Temperament Testing Society (ATTS).

ATTS is a national not-for-profit organization founded in 1977. ATTS provides a uniform temperament evaluation open to all dogs over 18 months of age. The test involves ten components which test for behavior toward strangers, reaction to auditory stimulus, reaction to visual stimulus (the umbrella pop), reaction to unusual footing, and reaction to an unusually dressed threatening stranger. A dog fails if it shows panic, strong avoidance without recovery or unprovoked aggression.

The title is handled through the Parent Club Performance Events Titling Program. Owners must apply to the AKC on a form developed by the Performance Events Department, submit documentation proving the dog has passed the ATTS test and pay a processing fee. All dogs must be AKC registered or listed in the PAL program. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Amendments to Regulations for AKC Scent Work

The Board reviewed suggested changes to the current Regulations for AKC Scent Work that Staff believes are beneficial. They specifically want to remove the objective “six inch/two inch standard” for judging, removing the possibility that the Handler Scent be buried or inaccessible for the Handler Discrimination Master class, and staff would like to make changes in wording throughout the Regulations to increase clarity. The current Regulations for AKC Scent Work impose a requirement that the dog must have communicated the location of the hide within six inches for Novice and Advanced classes, and within two inches for all higher-level classes in order to earn a qualifying score. However, the nature of odor is that—like any other gas—it drifts. Depending on the construction of the object that the hide is placed on, odor can become trapped and increase in concentration to the point that there is no discernable difference between the concentration of odor six or more inches away from the hide, and at the hide itself. In certain conditions, dogs will simply not be able to work the odor to the source within six or two inches. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Judging Operations

Tim Thomas, Vice President Judging Operations, participated in this portion of the meeting. Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice
President Sports and Events, participated in this portion of the meeting via teleconference.

**Conformation Judging Approval Process - Modification of Educational CEU Values**

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Chairman’s Committee on the Judging Approval Process to adjust the CEU values assigned to attendance of a Judges Education Program at a National Specialty, and seminars with or without a hands-on workshop held with Advanced Judging Institutes. Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the committee’s recommendation and effective immediately the following CEU values will be assigned to the attendance of a breed specific seminar submitted on applications for additional breeds under the revised Judging Approval Process effective January 1, 2018:

- Judges’ Education Seminar w/Hands-On Workshop held with National Specialty – 3 CEU
- Judges’ Education Seminar “only” held with National Specialty – 2 CEU
- Seminar and Hands-On Workshop held with Advanced Judging Institute – 3 CEU
- Seminar “only” held with Advanced Judging Institute – 2 CEU
- Any other Seminar and Hands-On Workshop - 2 CEU
- Any other Seminar “only” in breed – 1 CEU

The above modifications recommended by the Chairman’s Committee, and subsequently approved by the Board, are consistent with the effort to create an education based system which honors the AKC mission and is in the best interest of the sport, and were made to more accurately reflect their educational value.

**Conformation Judging Statistics**

Staff provided a report that listed the New Breed (NB) and Additional Breed applicants presented for final approval during the months of October - December 2017, and the year-end approval statistics for 2017.

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**TOTALS**

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**Adjunct Breed and Junior Showmanship Applicants**

The Staff discussed with the Board the application process and procedures for Adjunct Breed Judges (for individuals who wish to apply for approval to judge new breeds assigned a date of full recognition) and Junior Showmanship judges (for individuals who wish to apply for approval to judge Junior Showmanship Classes with either All-Breed or
Limited Status).

Staff noted that without objection the procedure for Adjunct Breed applicants will be modified in the areas related to the process for review and approval, and the requirements for regular status to coincide with the revised Judging Approval Process approved by the Board of Directors at its November 2017 meeting and effective January 1, 2018.

In addition, the procedure for Junior Showmanship applicants will be modified in the area associated with the process for review and approval to coincide with the revised Judging Approval Process approved by the Board of Directors at its November 2017 meeting and effective January 1, 2018.

Modifications to the requirements for regular status for Junior Showmanship Judges are not needed.

There was no objection.

**AKC Registered Handlers Program Flier**

Ms. Cruz thanked Mr. Sprung for his help in getting a new AKC Registered Handlers Program (RHP) flier created. The flier was distributed from the RHP booth during the week of the AKC National Championship in Orlando and was very positively received. The flier highlights the specific requirements that must be met by a professional handler in order to join the program and the benefits of working with an AKC Registered Handler.

The Board adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 8:09 am.

All Directors were present except for Dr. Battaglia, who was delayed because of a personal matter. Also present was the Executive Secretary.

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. There was nothing reported out of this session.

**CONFORMATION**

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

**Electronic Documentation for Events**

In order to promote AKC events to the general public and new registrants, the AKC is creating a new event search tool on the AKC website. To complete this project, the AKC is providing superintendents a tool to link Premium Lists and Judging Programs to individual event pages on the AKC Event search results. To help implement this tool, Staff recommended a change to the Electronic Show Results Board policy to require superintend-
ents to link critical documents to the AKC event search results pages.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Cruz, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Battaglia) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedure.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Carota the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Battaglia) to approve this Policy change effective February 1, 2018.

**Electronic Show Results Board policy:**

**Electronic Show Results (September 1996 Board meeting)**

All superintendents, except those handling fewer than ten all-breed shows annually, are required to transmit their show results in an electronic format acceptable to AKC.

**Electronic Event Documentation (September 1996 Board meeting, January 2018)**

All superintendents are required to link Premium lists and Judging programs to the AKC Event Search pages at the time of first publication and at the time of any published corrections. All superintendents, except those handling fewer than ten all-breed shows annually, are required to transmit their show results in an electronic format acceptable to AKC.

**Change NOHS Points Awarded at the National Specialty**

The Board reviewed a memo recommending a change to the number of National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) points awarded for a NOHS Best of Breed/Variety win at the National Specialty.

The current NOHS Points Scale is:

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Staff proposes awarding 10 NOHS points for the NOHS BOB win at the National Specialty. This will recognize the importance and prestige of this win for an Owner-Handler. If approved, this would be effective with the start of the 2018-2019 Qualifying period (October 11, 2018).

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

**Two Shows in One Day Policy - Managing Special Attractions**

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to make approval of future two shows in one-day special attraction events dependent on a club’s ability to manage these events with special attractions. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

**Clean Up Italicized Sections of Rules Applying to Dog Shows**

The Board reviewed recommended changes submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 3, Sections 13 & 16, Chapter 6,
Section 2 and Chapter 7, Sections 2, 12 & 19 for clarity and updated language. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

**Moving Chapter 8 in the Rules Applying to Dog Shows**
The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to move Chapter 8, to become a new Section 17 in Chapter 2, in the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows.*

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

**Event Committee Authority to Deny Entries**
The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to expand the authority of the Event Committee to decline entries for its events in Chapter 11, Section 15 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows.*

The proposal from the DSRC would expand the authority given within the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to the Event Committee to deny entries to include for ‘threatening, violent, or disruptive behavior…which is contrary to the American Kennel Club’s Code of Sportsmanship.”

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

**Adding Collar Policy to Rules Applying to Dog Shows**
The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to add a new section 16 to Chapter 11 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to address the use of inappropriate collars and leads at dog shows.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

**Provide Clubs Flexibility when Holding Evening Specialty Shows**
The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to change Evening Specialty Shows Policy to allow specialty clubs more flexibility for their shows. The current Evening Specialty show policy limits an evening specialty to 50 entries and does not allow the club to hold any other competitions with the show. Staff is recommending modifying the policy to 50 entries per ring, per judge concurrently.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

**Sweepstakes Guidelines**
Based on a Board member request, Staff provided a recommendation to change the percentage of money that a club may retain for expenses when holding a Sweepstakes to allow clubs the opportunity to hold sweepstakes without exposing themselves to a loss.

The current policy states: *The club may not retain for expenses more than 35% of the sweepstakes entry fees collected.*

Staff is proposing a change of policy to: *The club should only retain enough of the entry fee to cover the expenses of the competition.*

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.
Eliminating Requirement for New Clubs to Hold a Fun Match
Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations participated for the rest of the Conformation portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to eliminate the requirement for New Clubs to hold a Fun Match prior to applying to the AKC to become an accredited club. This would be a change to Board Policy.

Taken in the context of the entire process to become licensed, the Sports & Events Division does not see the value in requiring a club to hold a fun match. Clubs are certainly encouraged to hold fun matches if they desire. This change will remove one step in the process for clubs to be admitted to AKC.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

New Mentored Conformation Event Option for Eligible Clubs

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to change Board policy to allow for a new Mentored Conformation Event option for eligible clubs.

Mentored events are an option available for eligible clubs wishing to hold performance events and companion events, provided the members of the club have sufficient experience in the sport. Staff feels there are certain situations where this option would benefit conformation events.

The recommendation would allow the mentored event option to be available to clubs which have either stopped holding AKC conformation events after 5 years (inactive); and for new clubs trying to fill a void of a recently dissolved conformation club. These new clubs must have experienced members who have served in various official capacities on Show Committees holding Licensed and Member shows.

Clubs in these situations should have the option of holding a mentored conformation event, which is run just like a licensed show with titles earned. The Club Relations Department will assist the club through the accreditation or reactivation process. The Club Development Department will assist the club in preparing for the event and an Executive Field Representative will attend the event as needed.

Following a motion from Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Battaglia) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mrs. Wallin the Board Voted (unanimously; absent: Dr. Battaglia) to approve this Policy change effective immediately.

Club Membership Requirements

At the November 2017 meeting, the Board requested that staff review club membership requirements and suggest how AKC should handle clubs with a low number of members. The Sports & Events staff recommended that AKC should not establish a minimum mem-
Club membership requirement for clubs. However, any club with fewer than 5 members will be placed on referral and they will be unable to hold additional events until they have increased their number of members. (Only one club has submitted a membership list in the past 5 years indicating there are less than 5 members.) Further, the Club Development Department will proactively contact clubs with 10 or fewer members, providing them with the All-Breed Committee’s best practices document regarding club membership and offering Club Development’s assistance up to and including an email campaign to all exhibitors and judges in the club’s immediate area. The general consensus of the Board was that this was an appropriate course of action.

**DQ Action by Event Committee Form**

The Board reviewed a request submitted by the Dog Show Rules Committee for the AKC Board of Directors to consider adding verbiage to the AKC form: Dog Aggression-Action by Event Committee regarding non-registered, un-entered dogs committing an act of dog aggression on show grounds. As an addendum to this request the Dog Show Rules Committee suggested that a copy of the form be provided to the victim or owner. The general consensus of the Board was that the first request was unnecessary as the form already requires an event committee to investigate any act of dog aggression and that the second request infringed on the AKC Disclosure of Information policy. The Board concurred. There will be no further discussion at the February meeting.

**AKC National Championship**

Mr. Sprung shared information about the successful 2017 AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin and the January 1 airing on Animal Planet of a three-hour television show highlighting the event. He welcomed input, feedback and recommendations to make the next year’s event and broadcast even better.

**COMPLIANCE**

Jay Waks, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel and Heather McManus, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. Wanda Forlines, Director of Compliance, participated by videoconference.

**Adding New Penalty for the Offense of Harassment Relating to Registration Matters to the Disciplinary Guidelines**

The Board reviewed a request from the Compliance Department to approve penalties for the offense of harassment which will affect a person’s registration privileges and that will be added to the AKC Disciplinary Guidelines. The Board felt that the penalty for harassment should be a penalty that affects all AKC privileges. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board Voted (unanimously; absent: Dr. Battaglia) to approve this penalty effective immediately and add the setting of penalties for the offense of Harassment under
a new section of the current AKC Discipline Guidelines.

Penalties for the offense of Harassment as a Registration Suspension:

Mitigated: 3mon/$100
Standard: 1yr/$1000
Aggravated: 2yr/$2000

**Adding New Penalty for the Offense of Unauthorized Removal of Property at or in connection with an event to the Disciplinary Guidelines**

The Board reviewed a request from the Compliance Department to approve penalties for the offense of “Unauthorized removal of property at or in connection with an event” by adding the offense “Unauthorized removal of property at or in connection with an event” to Section V Disorderly Conduct of the current the AKC Discipline Guidelines. The listing of this offense would provide guidance to staff and the sport on the range of penalties for such an offense.

Staff recommends setting the penalties for the offense of “Unauthorized removal of property at or in connection with an event” as an Event Suspension with the following ranges:

Mitigated: 3mon/$500
Standard: 1yr/$1000
Aggravated: up to life/up to $10,000

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Carota the Board Voted (unanimously; absent: Dr. Battaglia) to approve this penalty and the suggested penalty ranges effective immediately.

**CLUBS**

Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations, was present for this portion of the meeting. Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President of Sports & Events and Glenn Lycan, Director Event Operations Programs, participated via video conference.

**Delegates**

**Delegate For Publication**
Karen Cottingham, Salisbury, MD
To represent Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club
Currently represented by Betsy Horn Humer

Eileen Boyer Narieka, Leesport, PA
To represent Berks County Kennel Club
Currently represented by Sharon Deputy

James “Jim” M. Talbert, Poquoson, VA
To represent Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America
New club, no current Delegate

**Report On Member Club Bylaws Approved In October And November**

Afghan Hound Club of America (1986)

Charleston Kennel Club, Charleston, SC (1938)
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI (1955)

Western Reserve Kennel Club, Cleveland, OH (1931)

**REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS APPROVED IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

Deppe Coonhound Association, Maysville, NC

Lewis and Clark Spaniel Association, greater Helena, MT (west to Lewiston, south to West Yellowstone, east to Missoula, north to Great Falls)

Middle Georgia Field Trial Club, greater Griffin, GA (north to Roswell, no further south of Griffin).

Potomac Valley Tibetan Spaniel Club, greater Washington D.C. (north to Westminster, MD, south to Fredericksburg, VA, west to Boston, VA)

North Jersey Siberian Husky Club, greater Sparta, NJ (including all communities north of Interstate 78)

Southampton Coonhunters Association, Suffolk, VA.

**BUSINESS UPDATE**

An update on the Education Center of Excellence was presented by Leslie Fetzer, Director of Education. The Education Center of Excellence encompasses Events and Conferences, Canine College and Public Education.

Alexandra Aleskovsky, Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer, and Mark Dunn Senior Vice President Registration and Customer Service were present for this discussion.

The update covered the following topics:

**Conformation Education Summit and Webinar Series** – progress in the development of the program was provided. The survey that went out on the topic received 655 responses providing input on topics desired and frequency of webinars. The vast majority of feedback received from the survey was highly positive.

**Improvements have been made to the Groomer Education Experience Canine College**

There are now 321 Courses and Exams covering Conformation and Performance judges, Breeders and Groomers with 10,786 learners signed up.

The communication and review process staff is using to develop the Breed Course webinars was reviewed:

Parent Clubs are asked to designate a representative or representatives to work with the AKC Canine College Team throughout the entire process from beginning to approval.

A demonstration of an already approved
breed course is shared with the chosen representatives so that they have an understanding of the course and the development process. Canine College Team works with Club Representative to select dogs and to be on-hand during filming.

Club representative is involved in the editing and review of exam repeatedly until approved.

Public Education

AKC Patch Program has grown 600% since June 2017.

11 Youth Organizations participated in the AKC Patch Program event at the National Championship.

The Canine Ambassador Program has added 26 new Canine Ambassadors since June 2017. Online training and an online community for Canine Ambassadors has been created.

Lesson Plans for grades K-12 have been created.

CONSENT

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Wooding) to approve the following Consent Items:

Delegate Approvals

Parent Club Request to Retire Kennel Name "Rising Star" for Borzoi 2020 and 2021 Delegate Meetings Cocker Spaniel Proposed Breed Standard Revision Agility - Change in Eligibility for Premier Class Number of Events Per Year for Limited-Breed Club

Delegate Approvals

Gerard Baudet, New London, CT To represent Briard Club of America

Lorraine Ebdon, Ventura, CA To represent Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association

Lori Martindale, Des Moines, IA To represent Des Moines Obedience Training Club

Dr. Norine E. Noonan, Palm Bay, FL To represent Basset Hound Club of America

Dr. Ellen C. Shanahan, Great Barrington, MA To represent Great Barrington Kennel Club

Judith Smith, Hendersonville, NC To represent Doberman Pinscher Club of America
Parent Club Request to Retire Kennel Name "Rising Star" for Borzoi
The Board VOTED to approve the request of the Borzoi Club of America to retire the kennel name “Rising Star” for the Borzoi breed. The Borzoi Club of America considers the kennel name “Rising Star,” of Nadine Johnson, to be of significance to the breed and therefore requested that it be permanently retired from use in the naming of Borzoi.

2020 and 2021 Delegate Meetings
The Board VOTED to set the Board meeting and Delegate meeting dates for 2020 and 2021 as well as revised the Board meeting dates for May 2018 and August 2019. (The Meeting Calendars for 2018 – 2021 are attached to these minutes.)

Cocker Spaniel Proposed Breed Standard Revision
The Board VOTED to approve the disqualification for eye color in the Cocker Spaniel breed standard with an effective date of March 1, 2018.

Cocker Spaniel Standard
General Appearance
Head: To attain a well-proportioned head, which must be in balance with the rest of the dog, it embodies the following: Expression- The expression is intelligent, alert, soft and appealing. Eyes-Eyeballs are round and full and look directly forward. The shape of the eye rims gives a slightly almond shaped appearance; the eye is not weak or goggled. The color of the iris is dark brown and in general the darker the better.

Disqualifications: Eye(s) blue, blue marbled, blue flecked.
Disqualifications: Height-Males over 15¼ inches; females over 14½ inches.
Eye color: Eye(s) blue, blue marbled, blue flecked.
Color and Markings-The aforementioned colors are the only acceptable colors or combination of colors. Any other colors or combination of colors to disqualify. Black Variety-White markings except on chest and throat. Any Solid Color Other than Black Variety-White markings except on chest and throat. Parti-color Variety-Primary color ninety percent (90 percent) or more. Tan Points-(1) Tan markings in excess of ten percent (10 percent); (2) Absence of tan markings in Black or ASCOB Variety in any of the specified locations in an otherwise tan-pointed dog.

Agility - Change in Eligibility for Premier Class
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to amend Chapter 11, Section 2, of the Agility Regulations to allow all dogs to be eligible to enter the Agility Premier classes. Prior to this change, Premier classes were limited to dogs eligible to compete at the Master level. This change to the Agility Regulations will become effective June 1, 2018.

Chapter 11. Premier Class
Section 2. Eligibility. The Premier class has a single class level. Dogs eligible to enter Novice,
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Open, Excellent or Master level classes may enter the Premier class.

**Number of Events Per Year for Limited-Breed Club**

The Board VOTED to amend its Limited Number of Events Board policy to allow group clubs in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico to hold additional events due to the isolated status.

Board policy wording (new wording is underlined):

**Limited Number of Events Policy** (April 2009 Board meeting, amended March 2015, July 2016, and January 2017 Board meetings)

A local All-breed or limited-breed club has the option to hold two shows in a calendar year. Local specialty clubs have the option to hold shows on two days per year. Local specialty clubs holding two days of shows per year have the option to hold one additional show in conjunction with their breed’s national specialty. There is no limit on national clubs. All-breed and limited-breed clubs in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and all-breed clubs considered geographically isolated by territory and/or show sites have the option to hold up to four shows. Show or obedience clubs have the option to hold any number of obedience trials.

Geographically isolated all-breed clubs are determined by: no AKC club with 75 straight-line miles between territories unless the club’s show site is greater than 75 driving miles from the nearest show site or the average distance from a club’s show site to the 10 closest show sites is greater than 200 miles. Google maps will be used to consider the show site to show site option.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. There was nothing reported out of this session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Rocky Mountain Kennel Club**

Ms. Biddle reviewed a letter that she had been sent which was distributed to the Board of Directors regarding the accreditation request from the Rocky Mountain Kennel Club. Club Relations staff was asked to consider ways that this club could be helped.

**AKC Logo**

Dr. Davies raised the issue of the current AKC logo. There was discussion and agreement by many Board members that they preferred the previous AKC logo that had a more classic font. Other Board members felt that the new logo was more modern and could be reviewed and read more clearly on digital platforms.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Cruz the Board VOTED (affirmative: Ms. Biddle, Mr. Carota, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Davies, Mr. Feeney, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Menaker; opposed: Mr. Dok, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Powers, Ms. Wallin, Mr. Wooding; absent: Dr. Battaglia) to revert back to the old AKC logo as the only official logo of The American Kennel Club. Any logo material with the newer version of the logo is to be used up so as not to waste.
It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, January 9, at 12:23 p.m.
Adjourned
Attest:

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary
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BOARD & DELEGATE MEETINGS
2021

All meetings, except December, are in the NYC/NJ area. The December meeting is in Orlando, FL.

JANUARY 2021

- **January**
  - 11 Board Meeting
  - 12 Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 2021

- **February**
  - 11 Board Meeting
  - 12 Board Meeting

MARCH 2021

- **March**
  - 8 Delegate Committee Meeting
  - 9 Delegate Meeting

APRIL 2021

- **April**
  - 12 Board Meeting
  - 13 Board Meeting

MAY 2021

- **May**
  - 10 Board Meeting
  - 11 Board Meeting

JUNE 2021

- **June**
  - 7 Delegate Committee Meeting
  - 8 Delegate Meeting

JULY 2021

- **July**
  - 12 Board Meeting
  - 13 Board Meeting

AUGUST 2021

- **August**
  - 9 Board Meeting
  - 10 Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2021

- **September**
  - 13 Delegate Committee Meeting
  - 14 Delegate Meeting

OCTOBER 2021

- **October**
  - 11 Board Meeting
  - 12 Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 2021

- **November**
  - 8 Board Meeting
  - 9 Board Meeting

DECEMBER 2021

- **December**
  - 16 Delegate Committee Meeting
  - 17 Delegate Meeting