SYNOPSIS OF THE JUNE 13, 2017 DELEGATES FORUM

The Delegates Forum is an informal meeting of Delegates that provides an opportunity for open discussion and the expression of ideas. No official business is transacted, a quorum is not required and no attendance record is kept.

DEALING WITH MISCONDUCT

At the June 2017 Delegate’s meeting, the Compliance Division presented a presentation on “How to Hold an Event Committee Hearing”. Heather McManus, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, moderated the presentation and Wanda Forlines, Director of Compliance, presented the Power Point presentation. The Power Point presentation covered everything from the Event Committee, to holding a hearing, what happens after the incident or hearing, and the accused’s rights to request reconsideration and appeal. After the Power Point presentation, a panel of Delegates who serve or have served as Trial Board members and AKC’s Field Director Conformation answered questions and provided advice concerning hearings. Trial Boards handle appeals from an Event Committee hearing. The panel members were: Rita Biddle, Esq., Medora Harper, David Hopkins, Esq., Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., and Ms. Patricia Proctor, AKC’s Field Director, Conformation. An emphasis was made that the AKC Executive Field Representatives and Wanda Forlines are there to assist Event Committees with procedural advice, and that the AKC Field Representatives are available to speak at Club meetings and conduct presentations on how to hold a hearing.

DELEGATES’ QUARTERLY MEETING

MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB JUNE 13, 2017

Dennis B. Sprung, President
PRESENT 298
Affenpinscher Club of America—Letisha Wubbel
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Constance Butherus
Airedale Terrier Club of America—Aletta L. Moore
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—Patricia A. Peel
Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Mary M. MacCollum
All-Breed Training Club of Akron, Inc.—Kathryn Warner
American Bloodhound Club—Mary L. Olszewski
American Boxer Club, Inc.—Sharon Steckler
American Brittany Club, Inc.—Jane Bjork
American Brussels Griffon Association—Mr. Mark F. Jaeger
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—Alan Kalter
American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—Timothy Carrion
American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.—Marilyn E. Currey
American Fox Terrier Club—Connie Clark
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—Harold Miller
American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.—Don Hanson
American Maltese Association, Inc.—Ms. Sandra Bingham-Porter
American Manchester Terrier Club—Robertta Berman
American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.—Barbara Donahue
American Pointer Club, Inc.—Susan L. Kissik
American Rottweiler Club—Mr. Peter G. Piusz
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—Marjorie Tuff
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—Mrs. Sally L. Vilas
American Whippet Club, Inc.—Karen B. Lee
Anderson Kennel Club—Laura A. Rockwell
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Ms. Patricia A. Sample
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Wallin
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—Gail A. LaBerge
Austin Kennel Club, Inc.—Bette D. Williams
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—William I. Christensen
Baltimore County Kennel Club—Lucy C. Campbell-Gracie
Basenji Club of America, Inc.—Katie Campbell
Battle Creek Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Kathleen Ronald
Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—Gloria Marshall
Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.—Kathy Coxewell
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—Phyllis Belcastro
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—Diane Pearson
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Barbara Swisher
Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.—Carole A. Wilson
Berger Picard Club of America—Jacqueline Carswell
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—Sara Karl
Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Toby B. Frisch
Black Russian Terrier Club of America—Susan Sholar
Blennerhassett Kennel Club, Inc.—John McCullagh
Boca Raton Dog Club Inc—Ms. Lane Carlee
Border Collie Society of America—Lisa M. Pruka
Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Ruth A. Naun
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly
Bronx County Kennel Club—Ms. Alexa Samarotto
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—Priscilla Gabosch
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.
Butler County Kennel Club, Inc.—Cathleen Rubens
Cairn Terrier Club of America—Pam Davis
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California Airedale Terrier Club—April Clyde
Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club—Mr. Wayne F. Harmon
Canaan Dog Club of America—Pamela S. Rosman
Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Vivian A. Moran
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Ashby
Catoctin Kennel Club—Whitney Coombs
Catonsville Kennel Club—Beverly A. Drake
Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.—Dr. Robert E. Tainsh

Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—Julian Prager
Central Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.—Sally Allen
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane D. Almary
Central Ohio Kennel Club—Jon Green
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—Pam Goldman
Charleston Kennel Club—Sylvia Arrowwood
Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. John J. Lyons
Chicago Collie Club—Bryna Comsky
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—Kenneth Saenz
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—Marge B. Calltharp
Chow Chow Club, Inc.—Margaret DiCorleto
Clarksville Kennel Club—Robert A. Schroll
Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts—Dr. Stephen Lawrence

Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—Marjorie Underwood
Collie Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John G. Buddie
Colorado Kennel Club—Mrs. Louise Leone
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—Sidney L. Marx
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—Frederic Askin, M.D.
Connecticut River Working Group Association—Fred G. Ferris
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—Michael Houchard

Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—Larry Sorenson
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Charles Garvin
Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Karen Dorn
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—Barbara L. Mann
Dayton Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Groeschel
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—Merlyn A. Green, D.C.
Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club—Melinda L. Vogt
Delaware County Kennel Club, Inc.—Brenda A. Algar
Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—John D. Hughes
Doberman Pinscher Club of America—Linda C. Krukar
Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland—Kathrynann Sarvinas
Durham Kennel Club Inc—Linda C. Wozniak
Eastern Dog Club—Mr. Theodore C. Hollander, Jr.
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—Jeffrey Drogin
Delegates’ Quarterly Meeting

Elm City Kennel Club—Dr. Gregory J. Paveza
Empire Beagle Club, Inc.—Christopher Keenan
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—Mr. John P. Nielsen
English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan, Inc.—Barbara J. Gates

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—David H. Hopkins
English Toy Spaniel Club of America—Bruce J. Van Deman
Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Terrie Breen
Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—Teresa Vila
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Margaret B. Pough
First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—Mary D. Curtis
Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Almira B. Dallas
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—Eduardo T. Fugiwara
Fort Worth Kennel Club—Harold Tatro III
Framingham District Kennel Club, Inc.—Gale Golden
French Bulldog Club of America—Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard
Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc.—Barbara S. Dalane
Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Cindy Collins
Genesee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia Denninger
German Pinscher Club of America—Grace L. Schmidt
German Shepherd Dog Club of America—Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—Mrs. Barbara N. Schwartz
German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Patricia W. Laurans
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—James R. Dok
Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America—Jo Lynn
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Bonnie Lapham
Golden Retriever Club of America—Ellen Hardin
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—Nance O. Skoglund
Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Lettis
Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—Jean Highlands
Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Robert M. Brown
Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—Ms. Karen J. Burgess
Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—Barbara Shaw
Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—Patricia B. Staub
Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia M. O’Connell
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—Linda L. LaFrance
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—Marlene Steinberg
Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club—Ms. Charlotte I. Borghardt
Greater St. Louis Training Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert Amen
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—Catherine Cooper
Green Mountain Dog Club, Inc.—Kathie S. Moulton
Greenville Kennel Club—Linda Ayers-Turner-Knorr
Greenwich Kennel Club—Donna Gilbert
Greyhound Kennel Club of America—Kathleen B. Whitaker
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—Cindy Miller
Havanese Club of America—Jane F. Ruthford
Heart of America Kennel Club, Inc.—Julie Lux
Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—Patricia M. Cruz
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy Fisk
Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—Jane Wilkinson
Hoosier Kennel Club, Inc.—Karl H. Kreck
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dick Blair
Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—Gwen McCullagh
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—Barbara A. Penny
Ibizan Hound Club of the United States—Michelle Barlak
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Rita J. Biddle
Irish Red and White Setter Association of America—Christopher M. Orcutt
Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Karolynne M. McAteer
Irish Terrier Club of America—Douglas L. Rapport
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—R. J. Rubin
Irish Wolfhound Club of America—Eugenia Hunter
K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ, Inc.—Dave Morgan
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—Richard Su
Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—Thomas Powers
Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—Margaret Doster
Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—Daniel Petko
Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton
Kennel Club of Riverside—Sylvia A. Thomas
Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—Jacquelyn J. Fogel
Komondor Club of America, Inc.—Michael Harman
Ladies’ Dog Club, Inc.—Kathi Brown
Lake Champlain Retriever Club—Wendy Jones
Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—Mary McDaniel, D.V.M.
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—Deborah L. Kreider
Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—Carolyn M. Vack
Land O’Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Jan Croft
Langley Kennel Club—Ms. Dianne E. Franck
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert N. LaBerge
Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dominic P. DiBalsi
Leonberger Club of America—Don James
Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—Sue Goldberg
Long Island Kennel Club—Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.
Longshore-Southport Kennel Club, Inc.—Stanley S. Saltzman
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—David M. Powers
Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—Debra H. Owen
Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Ruth Crumb
Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club, Inc.—James P. Henshaw
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—Lynn Garvin
Maryland Kennel Club—Gary Sarvinas
Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—Rebecca Campbell
Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Ronald H. Menaker
Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—Ralph Hogancamp
Mispillion Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Frank J. Martire  
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—Gretchen Bernardi  
Montgomery County Kennel Club—Ms. Ida E. Weinstock  
Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—Barry A. Hoovis  
Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—Mary Yoders  
National Beagle Club—Eddie Dziuk  
National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—Norma Ryan  
National Shiba Club of America—Maggi Strouse  
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—Viola Burgos  
Nebraska Kennel Club—Medora Harper  
New England Beagle Club, Inc.—Blaine Grove  
Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—David Helming  
Newnan Kennel Club—Willie Crawford  
Newton Kennel Club—Catherine H. Murch  
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—Susan Marucci  
Nisqually Kennel Club—R. H. Hachtel  
Norfolk Terrier Club—Thomas Graham  
North Country Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Douglas R. Lehr  
North Shore Kennel Club—Richard F. Coletti  
Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club—Joyce Engle  
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—Billie Ponton  
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—Ms. Marile A. Waterstraat  
Oakland Dog Training Club, Inc.—Lynette J. Saltzman  
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—James M. Ashton  
Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Sheila Kenyon  
Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, Inc.—Felice Jarrold  
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—Betty M. Winthers  
Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—Burton J. Yamada  
Otterhound Club of America—Joellen Gregory, D.V.M.  
Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—Gary Koeppel  
Pekingese Club of America—Steven Hamblin  
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Anne Boives  
Pharaoh Hound Club of America—Dominic P. Carota  
Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—Larry Wilson  
Piedmont Kennel Club, Inc.—Dean Burwell  
Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Margaret Vohr  
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—William E. Ellis  
Poodle Club of America, Inc.—Mary Ellen Fishler  
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Kathleen Gregory  
Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Savage  
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—Robin Burmeister  
Progressive Dog Club—Josephine De Menna  
Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—Florence R. Laicher  
Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—Frances Stephens  
Pyrenean Shepherd Club of America—Mrs. Nancy-Lee H. Coombs  
Ramapo Kennel Club—Jeffrey D. Ball
Redwood Empire Kennel Club—Johnny Shoemaker
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—Judith Lichtman
Rio Grande Kennel Club—Ross Jones
Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—Barbara L. Burns
Rubber City Kennel Club—Cathy Gaidos
Sammanish Kennel Club—Dr. Robert C. G loster, M.D.
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John L. Ronald
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—David J. Peat
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—Laurence J. Libeu
Saratoga New York Kennel Club—Wanda H. Allen
Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—Mimi Winkler
Scottish Deerhound Club of America, Inc.—Hon. James G. Phinizy
Scottish Terrier Club of America—Helen A. Prince
Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—Dr. Mary-Helene (Mimi) Brown, M.D.
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Frei
Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—Susan L. Hamil
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc—William J. Feeny
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—Robert Bergman
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Linda C. Flynn
South Texas Obedience Club, Inc.—Mrs. Gerry Dalakian
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—John V. Ioia
Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay—Glenda Stephenson
Spinone Club of America—Karen Luckey
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Thomas M. Davies
St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Deborah J. Wilkins
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—Jeannette O’Hanlon
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser
Staten Island Kennel Club, Inc.—Marianne Megna
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert Eisele
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—Marcy L. Zingler
Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—Laura Trainor
Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Florence Duggan
Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Marylyn DeGregorio
Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Richella M. Veatch
Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Michael Knight
Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—Diane C. Tyree
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Stacey LaForge
Tidewater Kennel Club of Virginia, Inc.—Kathie Vogel
Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Christopher L. Sweetwood
Trinity Valley Kennel Club—Debby Fowler
Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—John J. Cadalso, Jr.
Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—James S. Corbett
Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—Patricia C. Sarles
Union County Kennel Club, Inc.—Kathy Sanders
United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III
United States Lakeland Terrier Club—Maria Sacco
Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—Robert Lachman
Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Tabor
Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—Mr. William F. Dumas
Virginia Kennel Club, Inc.—Edmond Blausten
Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—Lynn Worth-Smith
Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia Rowland
Wallkill Kennel Club, Inc.—Rose M. Robischon
Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—James W. Smith
Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Richard Rohrbacher
Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Ereign Seacord
West Highland White Terrier Club of America—Thomas H. Barrie
West Volusia Kennel Club—Mrs. Janet Narushka
Westminster Kennel Club—Harvey M. Wooding
Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—Candace Mogavero
Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frederick R. Vogel
Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—Mrs. Karen Mays
Wolverine Beagle Club—Bob Kimber
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Claudia M. Grunstra-Pierro

Dennis Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the dais: Chairman, Ron Menaker; Vice Chairman, Dr. Tom Davies; Joan Corbisiero, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, who was attending her first meeting; Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary; and Todd DeSimone, the Court Reporter.

The Chair reported the passing of the following Delegates as follows:

Peggy Wampold died on April 15th. She was the Delegate of South Windsor Kennel Club since July of 2004. Blackie Nygood died on May 23rd. She was Delegate for Mispillion Kennel Club from 1994 until February of this year. These were two very special women whose dedication to AKC dogs and their clubs
knew no boundaries.

We were notified Sunday night, New York time, of Steven D. Gladstone’s untimely death. Steve was in Australia with his wife, Jan. He served as Delegate for the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America from December of 1980 until September 1982, then for the Reno Kennel Club from February 1999 through January 2010, and then Greater Naples Dog Club from January 2010 until July of 2014, at which time he became the Delegate for the Waterloo Kennel Club. Steve was elected to our Board of Directors in March of 2001, reelected in March of 2005, and served until 2009. He was once again elected to the Board in March of 2011 and re-elected in 2015. We send our condolences to his wife, Jan Ritchie Gladstone, who is also a Delegate.

He also reported on the passing of William F. Stifel, AKC President and Delegate as follows:

William F. Stifel died on May 24th. He served as Delegate for the San Francisco Dog Training Club from 1969 until 1971, after which he represented the Greater St. Louis Dog Training Club from 1977 until 1990, and later the Westminster Kennel Club from 2004 until 2009. Mr. Stifel joined the AKC in 1957 as a part-time typist. He became Supervisor of Show Plans and Show Records in 1964, and was subsequently elected Secretary. In 1976, he became Executive Vice President and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1977. The following year, Mr. Stifel was elected the 14th President of the American Kennel Club.

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

- Norma Baley, to represent Park Shore Kennel Club
- Kathleen H. Bencin, to represent Western Reserve Kennel Club
- Gregory K. Benkiser, to represent Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia
- Dr. Karen M. Ericson, to represent Whidbey Island Kennel Club
- Toby Frisch, to represent Bichon Club of America
- Thomas Graham, to represent Norfolk Terrier Club
- Jean Highlands, to represent Great Dane Club of America
- Betsy Horn Hum er, to represent Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club
- Bob Kimber, to represent Wolverine Beagle Club
- Susan Kissik, to represent American Pointer Club
- Lisa Pruka, to represent Border Collie Society of America
- Roxana Rohrich, to represent Medina Kennel Club
- R. James Rubin, to represent Irish Water Spaniel Club of America
- Donna Smiley, to represent Harrier Club of America
- James R. (Bob) Steel, Jr., to represent Italian Greyhound Club of America
- Michael W. Zarlenga, to represent American Water Spaniel Club
The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval were introduced from the floor:

- Edmond Blausten, to represent Virginia Kennel Club
- Toby Frisch, to represent Bichon Club of America
- Priscilla Gabosch, to represent Bucks County Kennel Club
- Donna Gilbert, to represent Greenwich Kennel Club
- Gale Golden, to represent Framingham District Kennel Club
- Thomas Graham, to represent Norfolk Terrier Club
- Jean Highlands, to represent Great Dane Club of America
- Mark Francis Jaeger, to represent American Brussels Griffon Association
- Bob Kimber, to represent Wolverine Beagle Club
- Susan Kissik, to represent American Pointer Club
- Dr. Judith Lichtman, to represent Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America
- Susan Marucci, to represent Newtown Kennel Club
- Lisa Pruka, to represent Border Collie Society of America
- R. James Rubin, to represent Irish Water Spaniel Club of America

The minutes of the March 2017 Delegates meeting, which were published in the April 2017 Gazette, were adopted.

The American Polish Lowland Sheepdog Club and the Hungarian Pumi Club of America were duly elected members of the American Kennel Club.

The June 2017 Chairman’s Report is attached to these minutes.

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

Last month, AKC held a legislative conference and celebration of National Purebred Dog Day at the Capitol in Washington D.C. This important undertaking is today’s report. However, instead of my remarks, I invited Sheila Goffe, Vice President of Government Relations, to share with you the highlights, excitement and passion of these many successes.

Sheila brings the best perspective since she and her department were responsible for this accomplishment from planning through execution. Our appreciation and thanks to the Government Relations team as well as to Brandi Hunter and her Public Relations staff, both under the leadership of Gina DiNardo, for this progressive conference.

A special thank you goes to the numerous staff members in various departments throughout the American Kennel Club and the many volunteers who brought their dogs to the Capitol to educate and share the joys of
purebred dog ownership. I am delighted to introduce AKC Vice President, Sheila Goffe.

Ms. Goffe: Good morning.

Thank you for that nice introduction; and thank you for inviting me to speak this morning.

At the June Forum last year, I spoke about the threat of anti-dog and anti-breeder legislation and I outlined some ideas for the AKC Government Relations Department to expand our outreach activities. This included increasing our legislative training and outreach for AKC club-based legislative liaisons and state federations, and expanding visibility among policymakers.

I would like to thank the board for support that has enabled us to begin implementing some of these ideas.

Since the beginning of the year, one of the ways we’ve been working to achieve this is through regional legislative conferences and training sessions in targeted areas where we want to bolster legislative awareness and engagement.

Our first AKC regional legislative conference took place in January in Boxborough, MA.

Today, I’ve been asked to share some highlights from our most recent event – a combined legislative conference, lobby day and celebration of National Purebred Dog Day. This two-day event took place in the Washington DC area on April 30 - May 1.

I’d also like to invite you and your club members to keep watch for and participate in future similar events.

AKC legislative conferences are designed to educate, motivate, and train leaders in the dog world about threats to the future of dog ownership and our sport – and how we can proactively and successfully fight back against discriminatory legislation, and the misinformation that causes it. Our goal is to train future leaders and for participants to take what they learn back to their clubs and communities and to encourage them to share that message, too.

One of the key benefits of our conferences is personal interaction and the networking that takes place there. By sharing experiences, strategies and lessons learned from around the country, advocates can develop confidence, expertise, and a network to support and build on each other’s successes.

They say “a picture is worth a thousand words”, so we’ve prepared a video to give you a feel for the many components of this entire event: the conference, our lobby day, our special guests, and our Capitol Hill reception in honor of National Purebred Dog Day.

(Video shown)

Video Script follows:

The first day of our conference took place in Alexandria, VA. Seven speakers provided a full day of: legislative and advocacy training, strategy and motivational sessions, resource information and networking activities.
On May 1–National Purebred Dog Day – We moved to the U.S. Capitol. Morning presentations including: federal legislation, briefings from AKC’s Lobbyists, an update from NAIA on dog trafficking and retail rescue, and information for club and federation building.

In the afternoon, participants had an opportunity to join forces with AKC’s lobbyists and meet with their member of Congress. AKC National Championship & Westminster BIS winner Rumor made goodwill tour of the Capitol. Rumor crisscrossed the Capitol, met hundreds of staff and policymakers, and more than 50 individual members of the U.S. House and Senate.

The day culminated with a Capitol reception in honor of National Purebred Dog Day. The reception began with a welcome from AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung and the presentation of the AKC Canine Officer Award to the entire U.S. Capitol Police K9 Unit. U.S. Capitol Police Chief Verderosa, Assistant Chief Sund, and “Will” – a Black Lab explosives detection dog were among the officials on hand to accept the award.

The reception highlighted two AKC Congressional Resolutions (S. Res 144 and H Con Res 46) that celebrate and honor the diversity, predictability and heritage of purebred dogs.

Throughout the evening, members of Congress and staff stopped by to meet dogs, share in the celebration and express their affinity for purebred dogs.

Six members of Congress addressed the gathering. (Sen. Thom Tillis, Congressman David Rouzer, Congressman Ron DeSantis, Congressman Ralph Abraham, Congressman Kurt Schrader, Congressman Ted Yoho) Members of Congress, Senate, staff and guests had their photo taken with Rumor, held her Best in Show rosette, and imagined themselves as dog fanciers. Seven additional, special guests – representatives of each group – made the evening a complete success.

Imagine the Best in Show lineup at the AKC National Championship or Westminster – and cross that with Meet the Breeds, and you get the picture. Canine diplomats met guests and posed for photographs. Their handlers shared the breed’s history, purpose and function.

Attendees learned about the dedication of responsible breeders; the AKC programs that advance purebred dogs, canine health and wellbeing, and the human-canine bond.

Educational stations highlighted information about AKC programs and affiliates:

- The AKC Humane Fund’s grants to domestic violence shelters and related legislation supported by AKC (H.R. 909/S. 322)
- AKC CHF’s $5.9 million in 2017 grants for canine health research
- The economic benefits of dog shows
- Shelter statistics from NAIA
- Information about preserving rare AKC breeds
- AKC support for programs that provide specialized service dogs for military veter-
ans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and related legislation (H.R. 2327/S.1014)

• The crucial national security value of American-bred detection and other working K9s.

At the end of the evening, hundreds of congressional staff and members of the U.S. House and Senate had participated in the event. Many told us this was best event they’d been at this year.

In a town where few can agree on anything, this is a good sign for purebred dogs.

Ms. Goffe: So thank you and I hope you’ll join us next year.

Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Baffuto, gave the Financial Report as follows:

Good morning Everyone! I am pleased to present to your attention this initial financial performance report of the American Kennel Club for the 2017 fiscal year. This report is through the end of May. Let us begin by assessing our year to date total revenues and expenses and compare them to last year’s results.

So far through May 31st, we have recognized $29.2 million worth of revenue, while recording $25.7 million dollars in operating expenses. This has provided us with $3.5 million dollars in operating income. This is practically equivalent to our $3.45 million in operating income through May 2016. Our consistent year over year bottom line performance has us on solid footing and we have great expectations for the balance of the year moving forward.

Our comparable Total Revenues of $29.2 million are up by $2.1 million over the first five months of the year. To all management and staff, we give this a unified thumbs-up. Relating our year to date core registration volumes – we have registered 98,000 Litters which reflects a 6.6% increase and 243,000 Dogs which reflects a 6.5% increase, and 113,500 Pedigrees which reflects a 7.5% increase. Each of these increases in volume have combined to account for approximately $600,000 in additional revenue!

Our Total Registration growth is due principally to the sustained and determined focus on improving services for AKC’s core customer, The Breeder. As many of you are fully aware, our 2nd largest area of Revenue is that of Sports and Events. To summarize, our Recording and Event fees Revenue is at $5.1 million dollars reflecting an increase of 2% with over 6,100 events. Our most current event entries data indicates a .25% increase to a grand total of just under 1,004,000 entries.

After Registrations and Events, we’ll take further analysis of revenues which specifically leads us to our Growth Group and the successes that we have achieved throughout 2017. Digital advertising has increased by $900,000 dollars or nearly 250%. Our digital ad strategies have included building a team to mone-
tize web traffic. We have made significant technology optimization changes, along with fostering new profitable partnerships through a cohesive direct sales approach. Marketplace Revenue has improved by $144,000 dollars or 45% over 2016 year to date levels. Success in this area can be credited to the launches of Puppyfinder and Marketplace 2.0 with a new user interface and improvements to search and navigation capabilities. Marketplace has become prominently simpler for AKC breeders to maintain their profiles and post new litter information and for ultimate consumers, it is rapidly becoming the go-to resource for finding AKC purebred dogs. Our Ecommerce function has risen by 35% or $143,000 dollars. These activities have included our New AKC Shop, which is our online store, launched in late 2016. The new shop features a broad selection of exceptionally high quality products focused to the needs of individual dog owners, along with an elevated user experience, expert content to guide product choices and highlight AKC’s unique voice.

After this comprehensive review of our Revenue, next we will assess our spending. Our YTD comparison of expenses shows that we have had an increase of $1.9 million or 8.3% above last year. Let’s analyze where these increases have emerged. Payroll and Benefits. These costs represent more than 50% of our total operating expenses. Through May 31, our Payroll and Benefits costs are up by $1.6 million dollars or 14% as compared to this time during last fiscal year. There are details to examine behind the increase. Our Full Time Equivalent headcount has increased by 23.5 positions to a grand total of 310.5. The areas that have experienced the additional headcount increases over the period specifically are Registrations, Technology, and Marketing. Our Call Center within our Registration division has increased staff and service levels to meet the steadily expanding needs of our customers. Our development and project management teams have supplied the technology support necessary to build and further architect our systems. Our Marketing unit has fostered a team that is successfully building content, products and sales while maintaining our mission.

Next, Consultant costs have increased in comparison by $220,000 dollars. These costs have predominately been related to our real estate preparations and proceedings. Lastly, our year-to-date travel costs are marginally up over the period by $113,000. Our expanded staff continues to diligently operate at enhancing and growing our revenue generating programs and functions, while successfully managing our controllable costs. In addition to our results from operations, I will briefly present the highlights of our investment performance through May 31, 2017. Our investment portfolio has earned a highly successful 5.2% return over the first five months of the year. These results have outperformed our benchmark of 5.06% by 14 basis points. Our
return has recorded unrealized gains of $5.7 million dollars to date. This is phenomenal news for the year. At this point last year, our portfolio had a 1.2% return and just over $1 million in unrealized gains. However, we must always keep in mind that current market performance does not guarantee future successful results.

We’ll now turn our focus from the Income Statement of Activities over to The Balance Sheet of the AKC at May 31, 2017. Our balance sheet shows $152.0 million in Total Assets with $69.1 million in Total Liabilities, and therefore $82.9 million in Net Assets. These significant favorable increases to our Total Assets, and in particular our Net Assets, fueled by the earlier mentioned successful investment performance, will allow us to maintain the strength for our core, as well as afford us new opportunities in the very near term future. Thank you very much for the courtesy to discuss our financials with you this morning. I am gladly available to discuss any of the information within the report. Have yourself a great summer season we will be back in September to discuss AKC’s financial performance through the end of August!

Get home safely.

There was a vote on Chapter 16, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championships. This amendment would include the eligible single class entrants in the calculation of Grand Championship points. Currently, dogs that win Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Select from a non-regular class, such as veterans, can earn Grand Championship points but they are not included in the count for Grand Championship. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 9, New Sections 2 and 7, of the Beagle Field Trial Rules - Description of Classes and Championship Requirements. New Section 2 would allow licensed clubs, associations and federations to hold Field Champion only stakes at their regular licensed field trial or as a Field Champion only standalone licensed field trial.

New Section 7 specifies the requirements for a dog to earn a Grand Field Champion title. This amendment was proposed by the Beagle Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Chair recognized James Corbett, Delegate for the Tualatin Kennel Club and Chair of the Delegate Field Trial Committee, who spoke as follows:

When the Field Trial Committee reviews anything related to performance events, it is kind of a screening process. We looked at it, we evaluated it, we discussed it. The Beagle Advisory Committee voted 10 to 3 in favor of the
amendment and our Delegate Committee supported it 9 to 1.

There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 9, New Section 3 and Section 5, of the Beagle Field Trial Rules - Description of Classes and Championship Requirements. New Section 3 would allow Beagle Federations to hold one licensed derby stake per calendar year. Section 5 would allow a Beagle to earn up to one-third of the requirements for a Field Champion title from the derby stakes. The amendment was proposed by the Beagle Advisory Committee and approved by your Board of Directors.

The following discussion followed:

Mr. Corbett: Once again, we reviewed this in depth and our support is very strong because, again, it came from and was supported by the Beagle Advisory Committee and our committee voted again 9 to 1, and we urge the support of this.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. Is there any further discussion?

The Chair recognized Blaine Grove, Delegate for the New England Beagle Club, who spoke as follows.

Unlike the previous rule change, this rule does not look out for the future. It is a stopgap measure to lose entries and lose money coming into the AKC at this time. But to diminish the integrity of a Field Champion title by awarding points to a juvenile hound that if it is judged by the field trial standards, cannot compete with an open class dog. So by passing this, there are entities within the Beagle field trials that will allow them to count their entries. In looking out for the future, is it worth diminishing the integrity of the Field Champion title?

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Bob Kimber, Delegate for the Wolverine Beagle Club, who spoke as follows:

We are very pleased with this proposed amendment. It has the approval of all six brace federations. We believe the opportunity to earn some licensed trial points and one win at federation licensed trials will motivate Beaglers to breed more, raise and register more litters, to train and individually register more hounds, and to enter more hounds at the federations. This, in turn, will have a positive impact on the entries at the regular licensed trials. So we see this as a win-win for Beagling and the American Kennel Club.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Christopher Keenan,
Delegate for the Empire Beagle Club, who spoke as follows:

We were established in 1911 and we run all types of Beagle field trials, including the formal pack. We have members that run formal pack, gundog and brace, and I am standing to support this proposition.

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

This is a point of order, I believe, Mr. President. I would appreciate it if you would give some of us a little bit more time to stand up when we want to vote. We are not real quick at it anymore.

There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 14, Section 4, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers - Rules for Retriever Field Trials. This amendment would give clubs the freedom to use a system of rotation if they so desire. The objective of rotation is to spread the benefit or burden of running early equitably among the competing dogs. The amendment was proposed by the Field Trial Advisory Committee and is approved by the AKC Board.

There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championships.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 16, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championships, would include the dog awarded Select Dog or Bitch in the calculation of Grand Championship points for the award. The proposal was brought forward by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Staff recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2017 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed to you.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8A, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8A, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, would require permanent identification for a dog that is disqualified if it is ever to be considered for reinstatement. Reinstatement would be conducted by AKC staff. Judges would not participate in the process. The name, AKC number, and the contact information for the owner of the disqualified or
reinstated dog would be conveyed to the show superintendent. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. The AKC Board of Directors unanimously disapproved the amendment. The Dog Show Rules Committee is requesting that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote, as per the AKC Bylaws. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2017 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed to you.

Mr. Sprung: Is there any question on the amendment?

The following discussion followed:

The Chair recognized Sue Goldberg, Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I’m also the Chair of the Dog Show Rules Subcommittee on DQ for Reinstatement. This has to do with dogs that are DQ’d for attacking. The genesis of this was that, and this has been four years in the making, four years ago a friend of mine who was a judge participated in a reinstatement and was badly bitten. She called me up and she said you’re on the Dog Show Rules Committee, do something, and that’s how this began.

There have been many improvements that have been made from the Board, thank you for that, as a result of our undertaking and review of this issue, but it hasn’t gone far enough. As Patty Proctor said, safety is our primary concern and that has been the overriding theme of the four years that we have worked on this issue. We say this is a family sport, we invite people, the spectators, to come with their children, and we don’t want to put anyone at risk. And please understand that we are not saying that no dog should be reinstated. We understand that there are extenuating circumstances that would enable and allow a dog to apply for reinstatement. The Board has denied, as you heard, this request when it was sent to them. One of the reasons given was that these incidents don’t happen frequently enough. Our position is one incident is too many.

There are two important issues here. The first is removing the reinstatement process from the dog show event. Bringing a dog back who has already bitten somebody puts other dogs, the spectators, the judges, the exhibitors, families, at potential risk of being bitten again. Some of you may know that a year ago at the Bucks County show a dog was brought back for reinstatement which was denied by the club, the dog was held at ringside, and a spectator was standing next to it and on the other side of this gentleman was his young child. He reached down to pet the dog. The dog bit him in the head. We don’t need that kind of publicity. We don’t need that kind of risk. We don’t need any of that in our sport. We have the opportunity to protect everyone and we should be doing it. So we are saying...
that reinstatement should take place elsewhere, not at the venue, done by the AKC staff, and judges should be removed from the process. Having reinstatement at the show in addition to the safety issue puts the clubs and their officers and the venue at potential risk of being sued, and as we all know, even if you are ultimately held harmless, it costs money to defend a lawsuit. So that was our rationale for that. There is no advantage to any club to holding a reinstatement at its show, only potential for risk. The second part of this issue was the fact that we feel strongly that the dog must be identified in the ring at the time of the infraction because it is the only way to ensure that the dog that is presented for reinstatement is actually the dog that committed the attack. The paperwork has to be filled out in the ring. That is AKC's policy. So it does take time to summon a field rep, to fill out this paperwork at length. If the judge feels that this dog who has just attacked is a menace to the other dogs in the ring, those other dogs can be excused while this policy is completed. But we want that dog permanently identified either by microchip or a tattoo or some unalterable body feature, a particular coat pattern, a broken tooth, something. Six show photographers have agreed to take a photo of the dog in the ring, not stacked, but just a photo for identification purposes which then makes it part of the club's official record. So we feel that this process will help ensure the safety of everyone involved in our sport and we hope that you will go back to your clubs and come back with an approval in September. Thank you very much.

The Chair recognized Margaret Doster, Delegate for the Kennel Club of Buffalo, who spoke as follows:

My club has asked me to find out who is it that determines the reinstatement of such a dog?

Mr. Sprung: The Reinstatement Committee, which is usually three judges, and it is organized by the executive field representative and occurs a half hour before judging begins.

Ms. Doster: Okay, thank you.

Ms. Mann: I want to first of all say that I am very much in favor of this proposal. However, I would like to point out that those of us in obedience don't usually use a superintendent, we self-superintend. So the reference to the superintendent should also include the trial secretaries, because we are also governed by dog show rules, unless we have something that conflicts with them.

The Chair recognized James G. Phinizy, Delegate for the Scottish Deerhound Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I would ask the member from Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, is this specifically for a dog that is vicious and should not that word-
One further point of clarification - before any dog can apply for reinstatement, the judge who disqualifies the dog has to approve – has to okay the fact that this dog is eligible to be reinstated. If the judge says no, it should not be reinstated, it would not go forward; is that correct?

Mr. Sprung: It would not go forward, that is correct.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 22A, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 14, Section 22A, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, would allow for a National Gun Dog Championship for Gordon Setters, limited to walking handlers. The amendment was proposed by the Gordon Setter Club of America and is approved by the AKC Board. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2017 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The following discussion followed:

Ms. Doster: Is it true at this time that the Gordon Setters are working with handlers on
ATTENTION DELEGATES – NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at a different hotel. It will be held at the Newark Airport Marriott Hotel on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the 9:00 a.m. Delegates Forum.

DELEGATES CREDENTIALS

Connie Brunell, Spangle, WA, Inland Empire Kennel Club
Richard J. LeBeau, Pittsburgh, PA, English Toy Spaniel Club of America
Frank Meister, West Hollywood, CA, Pacific Coast Pekingese Club
Aubrey Nash, Oklahoma City, OK, Town and Country Kennel Club
Amy J. Schwoebel, Lake Wylie, SC, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America
Sharon Weston, Grants Pass, OR, Rogue Valley Kennel Club

NOTICE

REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on clubs for late submission of applications. Chapter 2, Section 4 & 9. National Entlebucher Mountain Dog Association.................................$60
Pilgrim Doberman Pinscher Club..........................$60
San Fernando Valley Doberman Pinscher Club
$60
Afghan Hound Association of Long Island
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Border Collie Society of America.................. $60
Lone Star Akita Club of Houston............... $60

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges panel. Chapter 4, Section 1.
Alamo Great Dane Club.......................... $60
Portland Kennel Club, Inc..................... $100
Oregon Brittany Club............................ $60
Greyhound Club of America.................. $60
Michigan Hound Association.................. $60
Oklahoma City Boston Terrier Club, Inc. ......................................................... $60
Detroit Kennel Club............................ $80
German Shepherd Dog Fanciers of Northern California.................................. $60

Notification of fines imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 9, Section 10, failure to follow all rules and regulations and Dealing with Misconduct at an American Kennel Club event, Section III & XIII, in connection with properly conducting, Event Committee Hearing concerning an incident that occurred at their August 28, 2016 event.
Southern Indiana Kennel Club.............. $250

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for late submission of event results, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 17, Section 2.
Tulsa Dog Training Club (5 events X $95.00 per event)........................................ $475

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on superintendents/secretaries for failure to having acceptable weighing and measuring devices available, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 5.
MB-F, Inc........................................... $200

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS
CHAPTER 16, Section 6 – Championships

Based on staff recommendation, the AKC Board has proposed the following amendment to CHAPTER 16, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships This will be voted on at the September 12, 2017 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 16

SECTION 6. Champions of Record and dogs which have completed the requirements for a championship but whose championships are unconfirmed that are entered in Best of Breed competition are eligible for Grand Championship competition. Grand Championship points may be recorded for: Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed, Select Dog, and Select Bitch.

Grand Championship points will be recorded according to the number of eligible dogs competing in the regular classes of each breed or variety, as well as dogs entered in Best of Breed competition, according to the Schedule of
Points established by the Board of Directors.

- Grand Championship Points will not be awarded for competition beyond Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed competition.
- Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, and Non-Regular Class winners that are not conformation Champions, are not eligible for Grand Championship points.

Grand Championship points for a dog awarded Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed shall count all eligible dogs of both sexes entered in Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed competition in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for both sexes in calculating Grand Championship points.

Grand Championship points for a dog awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Variety in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for their sex in calculating Grand Championship points.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS**

**CHAPTER 11, Section 8-A, – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility**

This amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows, CHAPTER 11, Section 8-A, – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*, was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. It was unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board. The Dog Show Rules Committee is requesting this go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC By-laws. It will be voted on at the September 12, 2017 Delegates Meeting.

**CHAPTER 11**

**SECTION 8-A.** A dog that in the opinion of the judge menaces or threatens or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely approached by the judge or examined by the judge in the normal manner shall be excused from ring. When the judge excuses the dog, he/she shall mark the dog “Excused,” stating the reason in the judge’s book. A dog so excused shall not be counted as having competed. A dog recorded as “Excused for threatening or menacing” by a judge on three occasions will be
administratively disqualified by The American Kennel Club.

A dog that in the opinion of the judge attacks any person or dog in the ring shall be disqualified. When the judge disqualifies the dog, he/she shall mark the dog “Disqualified,” stating the reason in the judge’s book.

When a dog has been disqualified under this Section, any awards at that show shall be canceled by The American Kennel Club, and the dog may not again complete unless and until, following application by the owner to The American Kennel Club, the owner has received official notification from The American Kennel Club that the dog’s show eligibility has been reinstated.

Any dog, that in the opinion of the Event Committee attacks a person or dog at an AKC event resulting in an injury and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to the section, a report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to The American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog’s eligibility has been reinstated.

A dog that is disqualified for attacking must have, at the time of the infraction, a permanent identification if the dog is ever to be eligible for a reinstatement. Permanent identification includes, but is not limited to, microchip; tattoo; or some unalterable unique body feature. A photo of the dog must be taken in the ring. If the dog cannot be permanently identified for any reason, including but not limited to, the fact the dog is not microchipped nor tattooed; has no distinguishing, unalterable unique body feature; an appropriate scanner is unavailable; the dog is unapproachable; etc. the judge shall mark his/her book: “DQ’d for attacking; cannot be identified.”

Reinstatement will be conducted by AKC staff at an appropriate date and location. Judges will not participate in the process. No reinstatement procedure will take place on the grounds of, or in any building, hotel, or venue connected to a show or event. Proper identification and proof of current rabies vaccination of the dog at the time of reinstatement are required.

The name, AKC number and owner’s contact information of the disqualified dog shall be communicated to the Show Superintendents, who shall also be notified of same if and when such dog is reinstated.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR POINTING BREEDS

CHAPTER 14, Section 22A – (new paragraph)

This amendment to CHAPTER 14, Section
22A (new paragraph), of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds*, was proposed by the Gordon Setter Club of America. It will be voted on at the September 12, 2017 Delegates Meeting.

**CHAPTER 14**

Section 22A. (new paragraph)

A National Gun Dog Championship for Gordon Setters may be held not more than once in any calendar year. This shall be a walking stake. The stake must be held by the Parent Club. If the Club fails to hold its traditional horseback National Championship field trial, the right to hold the walking NGD Championship stake may be suspended by the Performance Events Department. The event shall be for dogs over six (6) months of age. The GSCA may develop entry qualifications that exceed the AKC minimum standard. Dogs placing in this stake shall be credited with championship points in accord with the schedule for Field Championships and the winner shall be entitled to the designation “National Gun Dog Champion of 20.” (NGDC)

The remainder of this section is unchanged.

**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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**PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES**
The following persons have been approved as a judge on a Provisional basis for the class/test indicated in accordance with the Provisional judging system. They may now accept assignments.

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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:
BEAVERCREEK – Golden Retrievers – Nadine Cato
KOONA – German Shepherd Dogs – David L. Kettles
LOCKED ON-POINT – German Shorthaired Pointers – Cheri Kropac
LOCKHARTS – Golden Retrievers – Debra A. Bremer
PRAIRIE CREST – Beaucerons – Adrienne A. Scott
REDFERN – Rhodesian Ridgebacks – Margaret J. Johnson
SPIRITDANE – Great Danes – Shana D. Pace
TIMELESS – Miniature American Shepherds – Karen Keller
WUDNSHU – American Hairless Terriers & Chinese Cresteds - Rachael L. Murphy & Therese S. Murphy

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED
The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:
AFTERGLOW – Scottish Terriers & Sealyham Terriers – Lisa Inman Lee
FAIREY – Bedlington Terriers – John D. Fairey & Alice K. Fairey
KARRIEM – Rottweilers – Khalid A. Karriem
KILPATRICK – Scottish Terriers – June Kilpatrick & Lynn Kilpatrick
MON AMOUR – Coton de Tulears – Linda L. Behrens & Timothy E. Behrens
MOONLITE – Boxers – Vaia P. Serimian
OLYMPIC – Boxers – Julie Wilmore
SANDDIGGER – Cardigan Welsh Corgis & Labrador Retrievers – Joy S. Quallenberg
SIMPLY SWEET – Havanese – Tammy R. Stanerson
SOUTHERN FIRE – Wirehaired Pointing Griffons – Karen S. Cate & Robert L. Cate, Jr.
SONOMA RIVER – German Shepherd Dogs – Mary Lou Morey & Kevin L. Maxwell
STORYTIME – Berger Picards & French Bulldogs – Lisa Ethridge, DVM
TAINSH – Border Collies – Robert E. Tainsh
SUGAR LAND – Bulldogs – Lisa M. Griggs

REGISTERED HANDLERS
Letters concerning registered handers and handler applicants should be addressed to the Handlers Department at 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617.

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

It is the responsibility of all registered handlers to notify the Handlers Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your handlers record, the Web site and the Handlers Directory. Please notify the Handlers Department at (919) 816-3884 or Email handlers@akc.org

NEW REGISTERED HANDLER APPLICANTS

The following persons have submitted an application for the Registered Handler Program.

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