ATTENTION DELEGATES

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the 9:00 a.m. Delegates Forum.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Utah Valley Kennel Club

DELEGATES CREDENTIALS

Anne Gallant, Springfield, TN, Nashville Kennel Club
David W. Haddock, Nashville, TN, Westminster Kennel Club
David Harsch, Mashpee, MA, Cape Cod Kennel Club
Laurie A. Maulucci, Avon, CT, South Windsor Kennel Club
Joseph Philip, Worcester, MA, Greater Lowell Kennel Club
Marilyn E. Piusz, Johnstown, NY, Hungarian Pumi Club of America
Amy Romeo, Glenville, NY, Mohawk Valley Kennel Club
Richard Rosenthal, Peachtree Corners, GA, Kuvasz Club of America
**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. Cathy Milachek (Centennial, CO)
- Mr. Michael Sullivan (Littleton, CO)
- Ms. Sioux Forsyth-Green (Pinehurst, NC)
- Ms. Suzanne Wilson (Riverside, CA)

**Notice**

Ms. Shana Witbeck (Vernal, UT) Action was taken by the Grand Valley Kennel Club for conduct at its September 29, 2017 event. Ms. Witbeck was charged with neglect at or in connection with an event and whelping dogs at an event site. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a one year suspension from all AKC privileges and a $3000 fine.

**Notice**

Mr. Austin Morgan (Buckley, WA) Action was taken by the Southern Colorado Kennel Club for conduct at its November 10, 2017 event. Mr. Morgan was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language and disruptive behavior at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a three-month suspension from AKC event privileges and a $500 fine.

**Notice**

Mr. Daniel Amorine (Arnold, MO) Action was taken by the AKC SPO National Championship for conduct at its April 14, 2018 event. Mr. Amorine was charged with physical abuse at or 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 AKC privileges and a $1000 fine.

**Notice**

Ms. Dianne Marshall (Fairbanks, AK) Action was taken by the Tanana Valley Kennel Club for conduct at its April 6, 2018 event. Ms. Marshall was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $200 fine.
NOTICE
Mr. John Malone (Bolton, CT) Action was taken by the Tartan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. for conduct at its April 14, 2018 event. Mr. Malone was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language directed personally to a judge, inappropriate, abusive or foul language, and disruptive behavior at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a six-month suspension from AKC event privileges and a $250 fine. (Pointer)

NOTICE
Mr. Thomas Haviland (Lynwood, WA) Action was taken by the Puget Sound Earthdog Club for conduct at its April 28, 2018 event. Mr. Haviland was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language, improper treatment in connection with an event, and disruptive behavior at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a three-month suspension from all AKC privileges and a $300 fine. (Dachshund)

NOTICE
Mr. Thomas Mulcahey (Brick, NJ) Action was taken by the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club for conduct at its May 6, 2018 event. Mr. Mulcahey was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language directed personally to a judge, public criticism of a judge that causes a disruption at an event, and failure to follow a judge’s instruction. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a six-month suspension from AKC event privileges and a $500 fine. (Border Collie, Boxer)

NOTICE
Ms. Denise Dang (Oklahoma City, OK) Action was taken by the Rio Grande Kennel Club for conduct at its May 13, 2018 event. Ms. Dang was charged with improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE
Mr. Seth Simpson (Kuna, ID) Action was taken by the Treasure Valley Hunting Retriever Club for conduct at its May 19, 2018 event. Mr. Simpson was charged with failure to follow a judge’s instruction and disregard of published club regulations. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Labrador Retriever)

NOTICE
Ms. Nadine Todd (Bayville, NJ) Action was taken by the Plainfield Kennel Club for conduct at its May 28, 2018 event. Ms. Todd was charged with disruptive behavior at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a
three-month suspension from AKC event privileges and a $300 fine. (Weimaraner)

**NOTICE**

At its May 2018 meeting, the American Kennel Club Board of Directors suspended the judging privileges of Mr. Robert Alan Portnoy for a period of five (5) years effective May 8, 2018 and a fine of $2000.00 for conduct unbecoming of an AKC approved Judge for failure to follow procedures, rules and guidelines; rudeness/demeanor; unsportsmanlike conduct toward AKC Officials and Club Officials; and failure to respond to an AKC inquiry.

**NOTICE**

**REPRIMANDS AND FINES**

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on clubs for late submission of applications.

Chapter 2, Section 4 & 9.

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Detroit Kennel Club.......................................$80
Great Dane Club of Lehigh Valley ..................$60
Greater Milwaukee Shetland Sheepdog Club         $60
Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club, Inc. .................................................................$80
Greater Racine Kennel Club ............................$80
Heart of Ohio Great Dane Club.......................$60
Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club .................$60
Pilgrim Doberman Pinscher Club .....................$70
Shetland Sheepdog Club of Anchorage ...............$60
Sooner Pomeranian Club of Oklahoma City ...........$60
Toy Dog Club of South Florida ........................$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 XIV, in connection with properly conducting an Event Committee Rehearing concerning an incident that occurred at their September 3, 2017 event.

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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, specifically disclosing entry information for a closed event prior to the day of the
event.

Roy Jones Dog Shows, Inc............................... $200

Notification of fines/reprimands imposed on clubs and/or superintendents for failure to comply with Obedience Regulations Chapter 1, Section 27, failure to properly accept entries for a limited trial.

Badgerland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club......................................................Reprimand

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS
CHAPTER 1, Section 4 – Dog Shows Defined
The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to CHAPTER 1, Section 4, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, based on a proposal by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and Staff. This will be voted on at the September 25, 2018 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 1
SECTION 4: A member or licensed show with a limited entry, at which championship points may be awarded may be given by a club or association in the event said club or association considers it necessary to LIMIT the NUMBER OF DOGS or TOTAL ENTRY at its show due to the limitations of space. The total number of dogs or entries to be accepted together with the reason therefore, must be indicated on the cover or title page of the PREMIUM LIST. A specified closing date, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 9, must be indicated in the premium list together with a statement that entries will close on said date or when the limit has been reached, if prior thereto. No entries can be accepted, canceled or substituted after the entry is closed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS
CHAPTER 5, Section 9 – Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies
The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to CHAPTER 5, Section 9, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, based on a proposal by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and Staff. This will be voted on at the September 25, 2018 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 5
SECTION 9: At all-breed shows, prizes may be offered on a three-time win basis for the following awards, provided permanent possession goes to the owner and/or breeder winning the award three times, not necessarily with the same dog, and further provided such prizes are offered by the show-giving club itself or through it for competition at its shows only: Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, and Best in any one group class.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS
CHAPTER 3, Section 16 – Dog Show Classifications
This amendment to CHAPTER 3, Section
16, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show 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 Bylaws. This will be voted on at the September 25, 2018 Delegates Meeting.

**CHAPTER 3**

**SECTION 16:** A Club giving group classes must also give Best in Show, the winner to be entitled “Best in Show.” No entry fee shall be charged and all the group winners must compete. The club or association giving group classes must also give Reserve Best in Show, the winner to be chosen by the Best in Show judge from among those group winners in the ring, the winner to be entitled “Reserve Best in Show.” No entry fee shall be charged but the remaining group winners must compete.

The Best in Show judge at an All-Breed Show shall first award Reserve Best in Show, followed by Best in Show.

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

**CHAPTER 11, Section 16 – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Ability**

This amendment to **CHAPTER 11, Section 16**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show 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 Bylaws. This will be voted on at the September 25, 2018 Delegates Meeting.

**CHAPTER 11**

**SECTION 16:** While on the show grounds, dogs must be under the control of their owner/handler, utilizing a traditional neck collar/lead. They may be off lead when participating in an obedience, rally or agility ring, warm-up ring, exercise area or other off-lead activities approved by the AKC. Special training devices that are used to control and train dogs, including, but not limited to, collars with prongs, electronic collars used with transmitters, muzzle and head collar/lead, and “Gentle Leaders” may not be used on dogs while on the show grounds.

**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.

APPLICANTS

The following persons applications have been submitted for the breed(s) specified but they are NOT eligible to accept assignments.

NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

Mr. Edmond J. Blausten (104505) VA
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eblausten@blacknose.com
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Mr. Thomas Davis (104465) PA
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Vizslas, Great Danes, American Staffordshire Terriers, Bull Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Boston Terriers, Chow Chows, French Bulldogs, Bearded Collies, JS

Mr. Robert F. Dowd (104629) VA
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bobfopdc1gift@aol.com
Bloodhounds, JS-Limited

Ms. Stephanie Dycha (104685) IL
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Ms. Sandra Groeschel (104630) CA
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whim.beagles@gmail.com
Beagles

Ms. Gidget R. Hagan (104587) AK
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snowybleu@icloud.com
Alaskan Malamutes, Great Danes, Shiba Inu

Ms. Sylvia Nolan, DVM (104471) WA
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Pembroke Welsh Corgis, JS-Limited

Mrs. Carrie Stuart Parks (3011) ID
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Great Pyrenees

Mrs. Diane C. Stille (104487) CO
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elante1@msn.com
Afghan Hounds, Bedlington Terriers

APPROVED BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS

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minsmere954@yahoo.com
Beagles, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Whippets, Manchester Terriers, Brussels Griffons, English Toy Spaniels, Papillons, Poodles

Ms. Mary Jane Carberry (49892) NC
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Italian Greyhounds, Miniature Pinschers, Papillons, Poodles, Pugs, Shih Tzu, Silky Terriers

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Balance of Working Group (Saint Bernards, Standard Schnauzers)

Mrs. Penny DiSiena (76729) FL
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Ms. Helen Dorrance (19022) TX
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gdkdogs@gmail.com
Balance of Sporting Group (Lagotto Romagnolo, Nederlandse Kooikerhondje, Gordon Setters, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons)

Ms. Marie Ann Falconer (51642) MA
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Balance of Herding Group (Canaan Dogs, Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Miniature American Shepherds, Norwegian Buhunds, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Swedish Vallhunds)

Mr. Philip Freilich (16669) CA
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Ms. Kari Hill (80054) SC
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Mr. Ronald Hoh (97979) CA
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Bedlington Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Rat Terriers, Sealyham Terriers

Mr. Richard J. Lewis (18253) WA
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Mr. Brian Meyer (15140) IL
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bckennel@aol.com
Balance of Toy Group (Affenpinschers, English Toy Spaniels, Pekingese)

Mr. James A. Moses (93094) MO
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jmoses0924@aol.com
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Ms. Mary C. Murphy-East (36967) MN
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marmcmurph@aol.com
Afghan Hounds, Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen, Otterhounds, Manchester Terriers,
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Havanese, Miniature Pinschers, Pugs

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Australian Shepherds

Mr. Andrew Ritter (92968) NJ
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Balance of Working Group (Anatolian Shepherds, Komondorok, Saint Bernards, Standard Schnauzers), Collies

Ms. Linda Robey (6621) MO
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Mrs. Janet M. Schwalbe (48619) GA
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American English Coonhounds, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, Plotts, Redbone Coonhounds, Treeing Walker Coonhounds

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German Shorthaired Pointers, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Vizslas, Chihuahuas, Boston Terriers, French Bulldogs

Ms. Debra Thornton (18837) VA
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Balance of Terrier Group (American Hairless Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Rat Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Skye Terriers)

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leepacnw@gmail.com
Balance of Non-Sporting Group (Chinese Shar-Pei, Tibetan Spaniels), Basenjis, Beagles, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING APPLICANTS

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PERMIT JUDGES

The following persons have been approved on a Permit basis for the designated breeds in accordance with the current judging approval process. They may now accept assignments and the fancy may still offer comments to Judging Operations.

NEW BREED JUDGES

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Pharaoh Hounds, Whippets

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Pekingese

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Bulldogs

APPROVED BREED JUDGES

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Saint Bernards

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Bernese Mountain Dogs, German Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Great Danes, Tibetan Mastiffs @judn:Mrs. Dawn Droel (7078) MN
(651) 260-3272

mail@sovereignbrits.com
German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wire-haired Pointers, Vizslas, Weimaraners

Mrs. Ellen Hardin (93991) WI
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ariell@wi-net.com
Weimaraners

Mr. Hector Hector (95831) FL
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h2enclave@aol.com
Chesapeake Bay Retrievers

Mrs. Meredith Hector (95832) FL
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Chesapeake Bay Retrievers

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Balance of Terrier Group (American Hairless Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers)

Mrs. Carol Sommerfelt (7007) TN
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Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Collies, Old English Sheepdogs, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Shetland Sheepdogs

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Labrador Retrievers

Dr. Jill Warren (94859) NM
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Mrs. Wendy A. Corr (104103) CA  
(925) 855-0802  
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Dr. David Waterhouse (104152) OH  
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david.waterhouse@usoncology.com

DECEASED JUDGES

Mr. Kenneth W. Clemons  
Dr. James W. Edwards  
Mr. Frank J. Washabaugh

PROVISIONAL Obedience/Rally/Tracking JUDGES COMPLETED

The following persons have completed their Provisional Judging assignments and their names have been added to the list of regular approved judges.

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(413) 204-1107  
wdpap01@comcast.net  
Obedience – Utility

Ms. Kimberly Hazelet (95219) AL  
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dhclumber@gmail.com  
Rally – All

Ms. Teressa M. Keenan (31518) MT  
(406) 721-3309  
rioghailclan@gmail.com  
Tracking – TDX

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.

Ms. Nancy Heidt (104333) GA  
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ncheidt@hotmail.com  
Rally – All

Mrs. Leslye Pinnell (95063) GA  
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Obedience – Utility

Mr. Ronald E. Seeley (18975) FL  
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rseeley1337@gmail.com  
Obedience – Open

Ms. Christine (Tina) Ward (104367) MO  
(314) 402-2619  
magicalmusician@sbcglobal.net  
Rally – All
DECEASED OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Mr. Frank Washabaugh (NJ)

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:

APPLE LANE – Poodles – Joan Janssen
BLUE RIVER – Border Terriers – Judi A. Smaldino & Michael Smaldino
CATORI – Australian Shepherds – Regina L. Bryant
CHEHALEM – German Shorthaired Pointers – Patricia Y. Goodding & Dean K. Goodding
DANCING LION – Pekingese – Steven P. Hamblin & Frank Meister
DARKWATER – Boerboels – Eileen B. Weatherbee
GOOSE RIDGE – Golden Retrievers – Marcia P. Burke & Lise M. Pratt
ISLEAUVIEW – Labrador Retrievers & Italian Greyhounds – Mary Anne E. Cousins
LACONIA – Australian Shepherds – Brent Kindred
LOROKA – Wirehaired Vizslas – Kathleen F. Lormis & Roy A. Lormis
LUXE – Weimaraner – Julie L. Aune
MAGICTRICK – Labrador Retrievers – David G. Aul
NOBLEDAL – Dalmatians – Hilary H. Farris

RAM’S – Boxers – Ryan S. Millsaps
ROCKY MOUNTAIN’S – Pomeranians – Karen Hansen & Jared Hansen
SNOWCAP – Whippets – Devon A. Reimer
SOUTHMTN – German Shorthaired Pointers – Terina R. Chernich & Anthony B. Chernich
WHISTLER’S – Golden Retrievers – Eric R. Lade
WILDHEART – Brussels Griffons – Lynda R. Kies
WINDING WATERS – Yorkshire Terriers – Christina D. Lefler

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:

ANIDARY – Siberian Huskies – Michelle D. Miyabara
BARNWOOD – Australian Shepherds – Carol H. Jeffery
BOULDERCREST – Chinese Crested & Labrador Retrievers – Amy A. Church
DREAMCHASER – Doberman Pinschers – John C. Hinkle
GINGERHAUS – Dogues de Bordeaux – Deana L. Crutcher
ICE AGE – Alaskan Malamutes – Kimberly E. Adkinson
LASATA – Norwich Terriers – James J. Latuscha
LEVENDI – Manchester Terriers – Christina C. Caridis
NICKEROOS – Whippets – Nickie Granville & Rachel N. Granville
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NOTTA BEAR – Newfoundlands – Bethany S. Davis & Jon B. Davis
REBULLUTION – Bulldogs – Cynthia H. Kostmerchock-Kroll
ROCKYTOP HEARTS – Australian Shepherds – Connie J. Watson
SALT HEIR – Portuguese Water Dogs – Lynn E. Green
STONE RUN – Poodles – Connie S. Unger & Gloria Boyle
TANDEM – Australian Shepherds – Regina L. Blair
VALLE VUE – German Shepherds – Karen G. Swecker-Thacker
VENDETTA – Boxers - Debra L. Henkle
ZOLDMALI – Wirehaired Vizsla – Zsofia Miczek

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DELEGATES
OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
JUNE 12, 2018

Dennis B. Sprung, President
PRESENT 310

Abilene Kennel Club—Melanie Steele
Affenpinscher Club of America—Letisha Wubbel
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Constance Butherus
Airedale Terrier Club of America—Aletta L. Moore
Akita Club of America—Sherry E. Wallis
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—Patricia A. Peel
Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Mary M. MacCollum
American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—Ms. Janina K. Lawrin
American Bloodhound Club—Mary L. Olszewski
American Boxer Club, Inc.—Sharon Steckler
American Brittany Club, Inc.—Jane Bjork
American Brussels Griffon Association—Mr.
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Mark F. Jaeger
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—Alan Kalter
American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—Timothy Carrion
American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.—Marilyn E. Currey
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—Harold Miller
American Lakshas Apso Club, Inc.—Don Hanson
American Maltese Association, Inc.—Ms. Sandra Bingham-Porter
American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.—Barbara Donahue
American Pointer Club, Inc.—Susan L. Kissik
American Pomeranian Club, Inc.—Dr. Geno Sisneros
American Rottweiler Club—Mr. Peter G. Piusz
American Sealyham Terrier Club—Kenneth W. Mader
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—Marjorie Tuff
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Dennis Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The Chair introduced the persons seated next to him on the dais: Chairman, Ron Menaker; Vice Chairman, Tom Davies; Joan Corbisiero, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary; and Todd DeSimone, the Court Reporter.

The Chair reported the passing of James W. Smith who died on April 5th. He was a former Chairman of the Board, the 2012 Breeder of the Year, and Delegate for the Dalmatian Club of America from March 1986 to April 2012, and then for Washington State Obedience Training Club from April 2012.

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

Gloria Askins, to represent Greenville Kennel Club
Pamela Beale, to represent Westchester Kennel Club
Jack Cadalso, to represent Washington State Obedience Dog Training Club
Gale K. Cummings, to represent Ladies' Dog Club, Inc.
Kate DeSanto, to represent American
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Association
Linda C. Foiles, to represent Tibetan Spaniel Club of America
Jacque E. Glenn, to represent Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America
Cindy Miller, to represent Waterloo Kennel Club
Jeffrey M. Margeson, to represent United States Australian Shepherd Association
Sandra Muer, to represent Corn Belt Kennel Club
Linda Pheasant, to represent Heartland Dog Club of America
Janet Rivers, to represent Lexington Kennel Club
Robert Rynkiewicz, to represent Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval were introduced from the floor:
Gale Cummings to represent Ladies’ Dog Club
Jacque E. Glenn to represent Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America
Robert Rynkiewicz to represent Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club
Elizabeth Faber to represent Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club
Donna Smiley to represent Harrier Club of America
Susan Werner to represent Middleburg Kennel Club
Sherry Harman to represent James River Kennel Club
Jeoffrey Margeson to represent United States Australian Shepherd Association
Judith Ann Smith to represent Doberman Pinscher Club of America
Cindy Miller to represent Waterloo Kennel Club
Greg Smith to represent Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri
Gloria Askins to represent Greenville Kennel Club
Pamela Beale to represent Westchester Kennel Club
Linda Foiles to represent Tibetan Spaniel Club of America

The minutes of the March 2018 Delegates meeting which were published in the April 2018 Gazette were adopted.

The American Sloughi Association and the United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club were duly elected a member of the American Kennel Club.

The June 2018 Chairman’s report was posted on AKC.org.

Mr. Sprung gave the President’s report as follows:
I would like to thank the Board and Staff, the Delegates and club members for the success of Sunday’s Educational Summit. Mari-Beth, Doug, Paula, Anita, Leslie, Ashley and each presenter, your leadership educated the atten-
dees for the betterment of shows. We are most appreciative and we congratulate you. For those that did not have an opportunity to attend, it will be on AKC.TV as well as on AKC’s website. Sports are a mission-driven function for the American Kennel Club. In the interests of sharing information with you about this important area, Executive Vice President Doug Ljungren will provide us a presentation entitled State of the Sports - 2018 Initiatives.

Mr. Ljungren: Thank you, Dennis. This is an abbreviated version of a presentation that the Board and Event Staff gives to the Board in April. It is a very worthwhile discussion where we look back at the previous year, what were the trends in the sports, and then we discuss with the Board our current initiatives. I think it is a very worthwhile meeting. There is a lot of give and take. This whole presentation in its entirety takes quite a long time. This is an abbreviated version which the major concentration today being on conformation. Sports and events is a mission-driven activity for the AKC and no one does it bigger than we do. We have 25 different sports that AKC manages itself, 20,000 events a year. That's a big number. You might be able to grasp it a little bit easier that every weekend, on average, there is 400 AKC events going on around the country, 3.1 million entries in total in a year. This graph shows the year over year change in entries in conformation. This is obviously a concern for all of us. It was in 2004 that conformation lost entries and it has lost entries every year since. So, for 14 straight years conformation has been shrinking. The number one observation is this is not a short-term phenomenon, and, number two, you can see a big dip in 2008 where the sport lost an unimaginable 120,000 entries in one year. The lesson learned is we are not recession-proof. When push comes to shove, this is something that a person can stop doing if they are short on resources. In 2016 we came the closest that we have been since 2004 to breaking even, so to speak. We were very hopeful that 2017 would push us across the line and we would actually see some growth. However, just about a year ago, the canine influenza virus hit the sports particularly in some regions of the country and really hurt our entries. We lost about 24,000 entries, as close as we can tell, due to people staying home out of concern about the virus. May year to date we are down 0.6 percent in our entries for conformation. So, we are getting close. Last year, in total, the sport was down 2 percent. We are moving in the right direction but we are not above water yet. This shows obedience. Obedience has been going down pretty steadily for five straight years, about a 3 percent decline a year, or 4,000 to 5,000 entries a year. Last year this sport went through a very major issue that it tackled and that was changes in the group exercises. If you are familiar with the sport, you know the debate was quite intense last
summer and early fall. A lot of well-intentioned people had quite a difference of opinion on what to do with the group exercises. In the end, the decision was made to change the group exercises, not an easy decision for the sport, but that was the decision. Those new group exercises went into effect May 1st. If you are an all-breed club that is considering the future of obedience at your event, my suggestion is hang on, this sport may be going thru a transition. This shows our CGC program which has been very successful over a long period of time. When we made CGC a title in 2013 that really boosted the growth. It has been in an upward trend ever since. 2017 experienced a 10 percent growth. This activity is this summer the 1 millionth dog will have passed the CGC test, a real landmark for this activity. This shows the trends in what I have called our traditional performance events. This is the purpose in purpose-bred dogs. These are our field trials, hunting tests, earthdog, lure coursing and herding events. They have been on a downward trend of about 0.6 per year over the last decade. All these events are held outside and therefore are subject to the weather and that's why you see kind of an erratic pattern here. This is a graph of what we call our modern performance events, which is CAT, fast CAT and scent work. They are growing very rapidly and this year that number will be about 100,000 entries. And, finally, this is a graph of our title recognition program. These are the sports that we associate with some outside sport provider. The major ones you have all heard of are barn hunt, dock diving and therapy dogs. They have been growing. There are many other smaller activities in this graph. Parent club performance events is an example. The one activity that does fall under this that I did not put in the graph, because it would totally blow the graph up, is our trick dog program which last year we launched on May 1st and we did 18,000 titles in the trick dog program. We knew trick dogs would be popular, but we didn't realize how popular really it was going to be, and it hasn't let up. People are very excited about trick dogs.

There are three major sports and events goals, the first one is to support breeding for type and function by providing evaluation in purposeful sporting events. That is the traditional basis of AKC sports, and many of our sports accomplish that very well.

Our second goal is to promote purebred dogs as family companions, responsible dog ownership, and encourage involvement with AKC by providing activities that appeal to the interests, lifestyle and resources of all dog owners. That's where we are trying to expand our reach to people who perhaps don't have interest in our traditional sport, get them involved with AKC. Once they are involved, hopefully they will look around and see some of the other activities and understand the great things we do and will migrate to other sports. And, finally, our third goal is to retain partici-
pants by providing a lifetime of rewarding activities for dogs and their families. We have been adding novice-level activities at the lower end, more advanced titles at the upper end, so once you get locked in to whatever you love to do, you can do that from puppyhood to veteran dogs.

To get into some of our conformation initiatives, I’m going to go back to 2017, because a lot of these are just ramping up. First off, we introduced the Club Development Department in January of ’17. I think the greatest indicator of how successful this has been is that we have come to accept the fact that this department is there to help. It is only a year and a half old and they have really helped clubs a lot and are proactively working with clubs all the time. We made it easier to form specialty clubs last year. The two B matches and two A matches, that happen six months apart, meant it took a group of people that got together and said we want to do AKC sports, it took that group of people over two years to actually do what they wanted to do. That doesn’t fit very well with society today, so we have cut that in half. Now it is one B match and one A match. There are some other activities that we did too to help the formation of local specialty clubs. We did a lot of work last year on B matches. We really think the B match is the way to attract people. Certainly, that’s how I got started in conformation, the good ole show in the park. They were fun. They were leisurely. There was an English Springer Spaniel that I never could beat that kept showing up at every B match that I went to. Last year we did promotional e-mail blasts for the clubs and customized their message that we sent out to all the dogs within a certain age range and a certain distance from the location of the B match to try to make them aware and come to the event. We allowed B matches to be held in conjunction with license shows and we allowed 4 to 6-month puppy to be held in conjunction with B matches. So those are the activities we took last year. What are the results so far? And I don’t think the whole story is known yet. But in 2017 the number of B matches held by our clubs decreased by 15 percent, pretty rapid decrease in B matches. May year-to-date they are up 2 percent. So that’s not exactly a grand slam, but we have bent the line, and hopefully that will continue. The number of entries in B matches May year-to-date, are up by 8 entries per B match. Last year we revised the judges’ approval process. We added a breeder of merit by levels of recognition. There were two purposes to that. One of them was just to acknowledge our breeders who had successfully bred title dogs over a long period of time. The second idea was an incentive to breeders, stay in touch with your puppy buyers because if you encourage them to earn titles and be active in our sports and they earn titles, that will reflect back on your breeding program and you can move up to a higher level of breeder of merit.
We introduced the Puppy of Achievement Pilot Program. The root of this idea is that conformation and field trials are two types of sports where there is no levels of accomplishment that kind of correspond to your level of experience in the sport. People want to have a reasonable goal they can achieve as they mature and gain experience in their sport. So, the Puppy of Achievement, which is a one-year pilot certificate program, is meant to give new puppy owners something that they could realistically strive to achieve while they are gaining experience in the sport. I think the jury is still out on the success of this pilot but I can tell you that in 2017 puppy entries, and these are 6 to 12, were down 1.8 percent. May year-to-date this year, they are down 0.9 percent. So not a grand slam, but at least they are moving in the right direction. Last year, Mari-Beth introduced the Junior Versatility Program. Mari-Beth has been our champion for juniors all along. This Versatility Program is meant to encourage juniors to try at least three different sports and accumulate points in those sports. We had a welcome reception for the juniors in Orlando in December and we gave away four scholarships to the four highest-point juniors. We have allowed FSS breeds to be shown in junior showmanship, and we sent out an e-mail for the first time to the owners the first time a dog is shown. We don’t think that in itself will result in many entries, but it is a great avenue to communicate to new people and lead them to resources on the AKC website.

Some of our initiatives for 2018 that span all the sports, we have been working in sports and events to remove administrative barriers and reduce the bureaucracy. AKC is a 135-year-old organization and over that time we have a lot of rules, policies and regulations. To the Delegates, I would ask you when an idea comes before you, and oftentimes these things are motivated by there is a once-in-a-blue-moon type of an occurrence, and we can't let that happen again. In the process of preventing that once-in-a-blue-moon thing, we impose a little bit of a burden on our clubs or our participants and at the time we think that's not much of a problem, but over time these things start to mount up. This is how you build bureaucracy one brick at a time. So, when these things come before you, I ask you to back up and take a broader view and say do we really need that rule. Just Sunday, Mari-Beth introduced the new Junior Ambassador Program, which is another way to engage juniors not only in our sports, but also encourage them to engage with club activities and community activities that are dog-related. Finally, a major initiative across all sports is what I call Tell Our Story about the good things we do. We can do all the great things in our sports that we want, but most of the world doesn’t realize we are out there doing these things. This is an area I really have to compliment the Board and Dennis because as an organization
they have assembled a number of departments and individuals with the skills and background to tell our story. Three months ago, Gina talked about AKC TV. Dominic talked about the Museum of the Dog. If you weren’t excited after listening to them, you were probably dozing, because both of those are fantastic new initiatives to tell our story. But there are many others that we have in place. Our social media presence is larger than it has ever been. We have a very active Public Relations Department. As we saw Sunday, we have a growing Public Education Department, a Marketing Department that is working with Sports & Events to promote our sports. Our Government Relations Department has helped telling our story to decision-makers around the country. The Canine Health Foundation, you hear more of the good things they are doing for health research. Pet disaster relief, primarily through AKC Reunite, you hear about that and all the disaster trailers that we are putting in place. And then the AKC Humane Fund also helps with disaster relief and providing pet shelters in connection with domestic violence shelters. So, I think AKC, is in a better position to tell our story than we have ever been in the past.

Some of our 2018 conformation initiatives, earning 1 point for best of winners with competition, or the handle we put on this is the 1 plus 1 equals 1. There were three different Delegate committees that reviewed this idea yesterday and the feedback I have gotten is they were all positively – they all endorsed this idea. We will move this forward to the Board with this idea. This will be particularly helpful for our low/low entry breeds where they, as things are going, have little opportunity to win a point in conformation. We heard our Dandie Dinmont panelist on Sunday state, it is hard to get Dandies in the hands of show people because they just can’t finish the dog. That is a terrible development and it is really a spiral downward. So, we have to throw these breeds a lifeline to give them some hope. The Sports & Events Department are taking on what we call the all-breed event analysis. The purpose of this is balance the number of shows with the needs of participants and clubs, or another way we have put it, we are trying to answer the question, are there too many dog shows? This is a never-ending question.

(Interruption in the proceedings.)

Mr. Ljungren: Okay, continuing on, for 2018 initiatives, I was on number 2 on the slide, all breed event analysis. Basically, we are trying to address the question are there too many dog shows? While I hear a lot of yes’s, but I can tell you, it depends where you live. That’s part of the answer. If you are in the Northeast or Upper Midwest, you are well-served. There are some places in the west, Denver right now stands out as an area that has requested more shows, and our data indicates yes, they need more shows. They are underserved compared to the rest of the country. So, we are trying to
come up with criteria that does not allow more
dog shows in areas that are well-served, yet
does provide the opportunity for more shows
in some parts of the country that might need
it. This is not an easy project. We have been
working on this for at least six months. But we
will go to the Board hopefully in July for what
we are going to call a discussion. Number 3,
we are trying to promote specialty clubs for
low entry breeds. We have had a policy that is
kind of uniform for the formation of all clubs.
You can’t have a territory that is too big. You
have to have the same number of members to
form a club. That doesn’t fit very well if you
have a low/low entry breed. You may need a
region to form a specialty club. And we think
specialty clubs promote a kinship that devel-
ops around a breed. We are looking at how we
can change some of our internal policies.
Fourth is a study around, we really haven’t got
into it yet, but it is on our radar, the number
one way to increase entries in all breed shows
is have associated specialty shows. Now, there
are some problems in scheduling, particularly
if it is a concurrent specialty. But, still, if you
want to drive entries, specialty clubs can help
you do that. We are going to explore opportu-
nities to greater utilize specialty clubs to grow
entries in all breed shows. We are promoting
multi-sport events. You heard about that at the
Education Summit on Sunday, also some of
the committees had presentations on that yest-
terday. This is a collection of activities that will
hopefully bring in the new dog owners. Once
they get there, hopefully they will look around
at some of the other sports and see what is of
interest to them and start to engage with AKC.
Lastly, in January, we started e-mail blasts for
specialty clubs. I think the jury is still out on
whether that has had an impact on attendance
at these specialty events, but we will be track-
ing that. Again, this is where the specialty club
can customize the message for their event. So
those are our major initiatives that we are
undertaking right now.

As we look to the future, there is a couple of
observations. The first is what we call the chal-
lenge of change. As an organization, we are
very comfortable living 20 years ago, but the
world is moving on and we need to move on
with it. The example I gave you about obedi-
ence is the perfect example of the challenge
of change. Well-intentioned people had quite
strong opinions that differed on how to move
forward. In the end we made a decision and
we moved forward. And that same issue will
come up over and over as we strive to attract
new exhibitors. Sports & Events is trying to
build a diversified portfolio to create a broad-
based dog community, having a diversified
portfolio that meets the interests, lifestyle and
resources of all dog owners. And, lastly, we are
trying to provide a lifetime of activities to keep
people engaged with AKC throughout the life
of their dog.

In conclusion, I can say the fancy is united in
its desire to see our sports and clubs succeed, however, given the wide variety of ideas that are provided to the staff, I can also say that the fancy is not of one mind on how best to make this happen. That's okay, because through all the noise and at times frustration, there are threads of consensus that when backed up with some solid research, has and will continue to provide us a path forward. So, keep sharing your ideas. Together we will succeed. Thank you.

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

Good morning to you, the AKC Delegate body. For those of you that have been involved and attended the activities over the past couple of days, we hope everything has been informative and productive. I’m confident that my presentation here will be more of the same and, as a reminder to you, we will have this posted to the AKC Delegates Portal by the end of tomorrow. Let us begin with an overview of revenue and expenses through the end of May. Our income statement reflects $31.1 million in total revenue and $29.5 million in total expenses, for an operating income of just over $1.6 million. During the first five months of the 2017 year we recorded $29.1 million in revenue with $25.7 million in expenses, for $3.4 million of operating income. From our overview now to our core. Let’s observe our core operations, registrations. Our volumes of dogs and litters have increased phenomenally over the last year. Litters are continuing a trend for the fourth consecutive year. Litters registered to date are 104,083, up a whopping 6 percent from the 98,000 level in May 2017. Next, year-to-date dogs are just shy of 256,000, which is a 13,500 volume increase, or 5 percent from the same period last year. This also follows the trend for which individual dog registrations are up for the fifth consecutive year. Continued amazing results from an amazing staff supporting the registry and the mission of the AKC.

Focusing next on the revenue side of our operations, we comparatively showcase a $2 million increase in total revenues as of the five months ended May 31. Let’s drill down on the 7 percent increase. The largest revenue increase is that of dog registrations, to the tune of $896,000. This 13 percent increase is derived from a combination of both the previously-stated 5 percent volume increase along with a positive financial impact of a paper surcharge. Our royalties and sponsors income is up by $720,000, or nearly 58 percent. Our affiliates operations as well as our licensing partners have attributed the most to this line item’s success. Our Canine Good Citizen Program has excelled in 2018 to reflect an additional $497,000 in income. Our fourth most successful revenue year-to-date is that of litters, garnering an increase in added revenue of $191,000. This coincides directly with the efforts we have put forth to drive our volumes
up by 6 percent. We are pleased with the 7 percent increase to overall revenue, however, we want to strive to enhance our program revenues even further than we have to date.

Transitioning to expenses, over the first five months of this year our costs have risen by $3.8 million. There are a number of contributing factors to this 14 percent increase. Let’s analyze further. First off, payroll and benefits, which as a whole represents nearly 50 percent of our overall operating budget, and has now increased by $1.5 million for 2018 in comparison to the first five months of 2017. Our current head count of 338 represents a 9 percent increase, or 28 positions from our total staff level at this time last year. Our consulting costs have increased by $696,000 in a year over year comparison. A number of functions and programs throughout the organization have contributed to the increase, including our AKC.TV efforts, our New York office relocation activities, our communications and public relations movements, our fundraising programs, and our technology team. Next, our marketing costs have increased by $623,000 in these five months of 2018, focusing on registration programs, sports and events, as well as our purebred dog consumer demand efforts. Also, our contributions provided to the successful programs of the AKC Canine Health Foundation have increased by $348,000 so far this year. We are productively controlling our costs throughout the remaining balance of this fiscal year without a negative impact to our programs and all our customers and constituents. Our investment performance year-to-date has slightly underperformed our expected benchmark and has been rather mundane to some of the successes that we have achieved in previous years. Our year-to-date unrealized gain is $88,000, or 21 basis points, which represents a 77 basis point mis-cue of our benchmark. We do have full confidence that our investment management team will be able to rebound from this minor year-to-date underperformance and have complete success during the remainder of our fiscal year. Our balance sheet signifies the strength of our organization. As of May 31 we are reflecting $171.7 million in total assets, with $77.3 million in total liabilities. As we can see here, these are both significant multi-million dollar increases over the prior year. The difference between our total assets and total liabilities are our unrestricted net assets.

Let’s lastly take a review of the composition of those unrestricted net assets. Our operating reserve of $38 million solidifies the continuity of our business operations, if there was a significant emergency. Our investment in our property, plant and equipment of $10.7 million represents our technology equipment, furniture, fixtures and leasehold improvements, amongst other items in both our New York headquarters and our North Carolina operational facility. The underfunded status of
$65 million for our pension and post-retirement plans represents a shortfall from our long-term liabilities to these plans. We have taken measures to control as much as possible within the plans for the short term, however, a reasonably significant shift in market interest rates will be the triumphant factor to reduce this underfunded status over a longer period of time. Lastly, the $110.7 million of our AKC Board-designated funds allows us to make long-term decisions which will continue to help us succeed in supporting our mission along with certain non-core opportunities as well. Again, the full deck that I have briefed here will be available on the portal tomorrow for you to communicate to your clubs, and if there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. May we all have a safe and great day.

There was a vote on Chapter 6, Section 2, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Premium Lists and Closing of Entries and Chapter 16, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championships. This amendment would change the capitalization of "benched" and "unbenched" in Chapter 6, Section 2 for consistency, and would move an italicized sentence in Chapter 16, Section 1, to a non-italicized sentence as part of the rule, in Chapter 6, Section 2, which addresses premium list requirements. This amendment was proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

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

The next vote was on Chapter 7, Section 2, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges. This amendment proposed to change "license" to "approval" on the judge application form. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 7, Section 12, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges. This amendment proposed to bring consistency to this section to allow for electronic communication and change the italicized sentence to part of the rule. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on Chapter 7, Section 19, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges, which would make the italicized sentence part of the rule and removes the recommendation that the Best in Show judge be someone that has not already judged that day. Currently, the only hardship cases that are approved are day of event cancellations. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors.
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The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 1, Section 4, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 1, Section 4, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined, allows clubs to limit their event by the number of dogs or by the total entry. The proposal was brought forward by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and 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 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

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

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to please read the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 16, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 3, Section 16, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications, would specify the order in which awards are presented by a judge at an All-Breed Show. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the February 2018 Board meeting. 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 2018 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, section 16, of the Rules Applying to Dog
Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment to Chapter 11, Section 16, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, would address collars and leads that are considered inappropriate for use at dog shows. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the February 2018 Board meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee is requesting that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote, as per the AKC Bylaws.

The Executive Secretary read the list of vacancies for the Delegate committees that are to be filled in September.

Ms. DiNardo: These are the vacancies on the Delegate committees that are to be filled at the September Delegate meeting:
All-Breed Clubs Committee: Four, three-year terms.
Bylaws Committee: Three, three-year terms and one, two-year term.
Canine Health Committee: Three, three-year terms and one, one-year term.
Companion Events Committee: Four, three-year terms.
Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee: Four, three-year terms.
Dog Show Rules Committee: Four, three-year terms.
Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee: Three, three-year terms and two, one-year terms.
Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Events Committee: Three, three-year terms.
Parent Clubs Committee: Four, three-year terms.
Perspectives Editorial Staff: Six, two-year terms.

Mr. Sprung informed the Delegates that they would be emailed self nomination forms by the end of June. The self-nomination form must be returned to the Executive Secretary by Friday, July 20th. Questions on the procedures to be followed should also be directed to the Executive Secretary. Delegates may only self-nominate for one committee, except that a member of Perspectives Editorial Staff may also serve on another standing committee. In August, the Delegates will be e-mailed the nominees for each committee and their qualification statements.

The Chair called upon Gail LaBerge, chairman of the AKC PAC, Chris Sweetwood, Vice Chairman, and Jim Dok, former Chairman of the AKC PAC.

Ms. LaBerge: On behalf of the AKC PAC Board, we wish to recognize with a resolution James R. Dok, who had been our Chair from
April of 2017 through March of 2018. He gave a great deal of effort and time and it is appreciated. The entire resolution will be available on the AKC website under the Government Relations area for everyone to read. But we just appreciate his dedication to the American Kennel Club and to the AKC Political Action Committee. Thank you, Jim. (Applause)

Mr. Dok: I wrote this down. I will keep it short. As you heard this morning at the presentation, AKC Government Relations is one of our greatest assets and we have really started to turn the corner, but, as you know, we need your help. The AKC PAC provides the funds that make it possible for Government Relations to do what they do. Please become a part of the team. Please promote the President’s Challenge in your clubs and please see Sheila today and give generously. For just the cost of a single dog show entry you can make a difference in the state, local and federal elections. We need your help more than ever now. Thank you. (Applause)

The Chair informed the Delegates that the September 2018 Delegate meeting is being held later in the month. The date for the September Delegates meeting is Tuesday, the 25th, September 25, which will be held here at the Doubletree Hotel. The Conference and Travel Department will send an e-mail and post information on the Delegates Portal after the block of rooms becomes available. The December Delegates meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida. The meeting will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel on Friday, December 14, 2018. The Conference and Travel Department will also send information at that time.

The following Delegates spoke during New Business:

Jay Phinizy, Delegate for the Scottish Deerhound Club of America commended Sheila Goff and Phil Guidry and the rest of the Canine Legislative Department, for the great assistance and support they gave the state of New Hampshire and the dog people in New Hampshire, where he has been a long-time resident. Over the last six months they faced the Humane Society of the United States and they spent over about 1.2 to $1.25 million in order to promote essentially what is de facto a spade/neuter law under the guise of a rescue operation. He strongly encouraged that the Delegates and their club members donate to the Canine Legislative Fund.

Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America thanked all the Delegates who contributed to the June issue of Perspectives for delivering outstanding and substantial material. She informed everyone she was coordinating the September issue of Perspectives with a hard deadline of July 15th for submitting articles. Delegates were reminded she
could be reached for help by phone or e-mail.

Johnny Shoemaker, Delegate for the Redwood Empire Kennel Club recapped his weekend judging of an event called Woofstock, complete with retro inspired tie-dye attire and wigs, where for the first time they had a pee-wee event and a party afterward. As the future of the sport, he believes in promoting these types of peewee events. There were 29 children there participating, which was also a record. Children were dressed in tie-dyes – one in particular wore the same kind of wig that he did, with a long moustache, fake hair on his chest, mentioning the photos were posted to Facebook. He thanked the Woofstock Club, which was the Contra Costa Kennel Club, for hosting the event and planning to do so again next year. It is not competition; one dog, one child, one responsible adult. He advised that every club, even with a small quantity of children, should consider this type of event, because it’s engaging and fun.

Sylvia Thomas, Delegate for the Kennel Club of Riverside and editor of Perspectives added to the remarks of Sherry Wallis. She noted that if a Delegate has an idea for an article and they just aren’t sure how to get it on paper, they are encouraged to contact any member of Perspectives for assistance. She promised that with the help of any Perspectives Committee members, their final published product would make them proud. Secondly, she thanked the Delegate body for their readership, highlighting that there were some great articles written by Delegate colleagues. To gain permission to share those articles with your clubs, she instructed to send her an e-mail, she would get approval by the author, who was always happy to give it, and the she would create and provide a PDF that can be shared in publications elsewhere.

Tom Pincus, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club expressed the common effort to use social media at a local level and the challenge of coming up with fresh content on a daily basis. He thanked AKC.TV and AKC Communicate for regularly providing a rich source of material to share.

Karylonne McAteer, Delegate for the Irish Setter Club of America followed up with a reminder about support for PAC and the work of the Government Relations department, that a campaigning rule limits donations to $5,000. Checks should be kept at a maximum of $4,999.

Nance Skoglund, Delegate for the Gordon Setter Club of America spoke in reference to the proposed change to Dog Show Rules regarding leashes and collars. She expressed 100 percent agreement with Doug Ljungren that not many more regulations are needed, however, when there is one, it should be easy.
for people to find. She pointed out that in obedience regulations, agility regulations, field trial regulations, there is a paragraph outlining what you can use for a leash or a collar. If you look in Dog Show Rules for conformation, it’s not there. It is in two different places. It is on the AKC website under Rules, Regulations and Policies, the Board Policy Manual under Dog Show Policies, the third to the last bullet, labeled Training Collars. The second place it is in the Show Trial Manual which is geared towards secretaries and superintendents. It is a 192-page manual and the rule about leashes and collars in conformation shows is in Chapter 13, page 164, in Appendix C. She explained how important it was to inform exhibitors what resources indicate what kind of leash or collar they can use at a dog show. She spoke from personal experience that someone at a Gordon Setter National competition tried to use a leash and a collar in an illegal configuration and there was no place prohibiting it in the Dog Show Rules, so it caused a fair amount of problems for her club. She asked for support when it comes up for a vote in September.

Barbara Shaw, Delegate for the Greater Collin Kennel Club praised the Educational Summit, specifically regarding detection dogs. As an owner of a Doberman Pinscher is in constant discussion about cropping, she was thrilled to hear the affirmation of a cropped dog, or pointy ear, as being a function of a breed, and it is an argument I present regularly. She urged support for the cropping dog.

Ann Cook, Delegate for the Siberian Husky Club of America provided a second account of what Jay Phinizy spoke on. She is also a resident of the state of New Hampshire and agreed the state fought a very, very hard battle. They managed to bring together a lot of people who are dog people, including the community of mushers, dog sledders, who are kind of independents and don’t always come forward to participate in these types of things. She expressed admiration for the Government Relations Department and Sheila Goff, for always being available for support.

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Pat Laurans, Delegate for the German Wire-haired Pointer Club of America and co-chair of the AKC Reunite Trailer Task Force, recalled the meeting 5 years ago when the Delegate body saw an example of what an AKC Reunite trailer would look like and simultaneously when the AKC Reunite Task Force was formed. Since that time, 393 clubs have participated in this program, and the program received $1,728,000 in donations from those clubs and individuals, in addition to $450,000 given by other sources. To date, 68 trailers have been delivered, 6 trailers are in the pipeline to be delivered, totaling 74 trailers on the ground. At one time, the Task Force was not sure whether they would even reach 50 trailers. Currently there are 18 clubs that are
fundraising towards a trailer, which means that 92 trailers, if they succeed, will be on the ground. These trailers have been used in numerous disasters and none of it could have happened without the Delegates and their clubs.

Robert Schroll, Delegate for the Clarksville Kennel Club commented on the Education Summit that was held on Sunday, noting that most of the attendees were Delegates, but for those of the audience that were not, how impressed they must have been with the organization. He professed gratitude to Mr. Sprung, the current board, and past boards, for the staff that has been hired to manage all of the different functions of our sport.

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 am

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