

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 8-9, 2018

The Board convened on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 8:34 a.m. All Directors were present. Also present was the Executive Secretary.

The August 2018 Board minutes, copies of which had been provided to all Directors, were discussed. Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Davies, the August 2018 minutes were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board Action Items

Mr. Sprung reviewed Action Items and reported on Staff initiatives.

Real Estate Update

Mr. Sprung reported on the positive outcome of the AKC's early termination of the lease for 260 Madison Avenue, as well as the successful negotiations on being able to leave the floor in its current condition.

Legal Status Report

The Board reviewed a status report on pending litigation and other Legal activities for the months of August and September 2018.

Introduction to the IT Security Program

The Board reviewed a document outlining the AKC's new Information Technology Security Program.

Professional security firms were engaged to help enhance a Security Program which is intended to guide both long-term decisions and day-to-day operations related to the security of AKC information assets.

The "Security Program" is a broad reference to the following goals and activities:

- Formalized Security Policies
- Dedicated Security Staff
- Education – Many security threats can be avoided through simple education. The Program will ensure that AKC staff receives frequent education and information regarding new and emerging security threats.
- Design and Architecture – The Program will set architectural standards and guide development and engineering activities to ensure that good security practices are embedded in IT products from their inception.
- Operations – The Program will oversee daily security operations including firewall configurations, security event monitoring, vulnerability management, forensics analysis, patch management, compliance monitoring, and related reporting.
- Incident Response
- Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery

FINANCE

AKC's unaudited financial results through August 31, 2018, were presented by Joseph Baffuto, CFO. Total revenues year to date of \$50 million were 0.75% below budget, but 5.4% greater than August 31, 2017. Dog Registrations' volume of 401,195 were 1% below budget, but 4% higher than 2017. The quantity of Total Litters processed of

169,631 was comparable to budget and 6% above last year's level. Total operating expenses of \$46.8 million were 4.3% below budget, but 10% higher than 2017. YTD Operating income of \$3.2 million exceeds budget by \$1.75 million but is below 2017's operating income of \$4.9 million. Additionally, our investment portfolio reflected unrealized gains during August amounting to \$1.7 million, resulting in a year to date total increase of 4% or \$3.9 million dollars.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President, Sport Services, participated in this portion of the meeting by videoconference

Cirneco Dell'Etna Club of America Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed several proposed Breed Standard revisions to the Cirneco Dell'Etna breed standard, as submitted by the Cirneco Dell'Etna Club of America, Inc. (CDECA). The current standard was approved April 12, 2012. Staff recommends the proposed revisions be published in the Secretary's page of the *AKC Gazette* for comment.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Carota, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revisions for publication in the Secretary's Page of the *AKC Gazette* for comment.

Irish Red and White Setter Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed the proposed Breed Standard revisions to the Irish Red and White Setter breed standard, as submitted by the Irish Red and White Setter Association Club of America, Inc. (IRWSAA). The current standard was approved August 8, 2006. Staff recommends the proposed revisions be published in the Secretary's page of the *AKC Gazette* for comment.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revisions for publication in the Secretary's Page of the *AKC Gazette* for comment.

Schipperke Club of America Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed a request from the Schipperke Club of America, Inc. (SCA) to approve their request to ballot the membership on a proposed Breed Standard change to the "Tail" portion of the breed standard. The proposed revision to the Schipperke standard was submitted to the Board of the SCA as a result of the club receiving a petition requesting the revision. This petition was received by the SCA 3 months after the results of the last ballot to revise the tail portion of the standard had been tabulated.

There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Davies, to approve the request and grant the SCA permission to ballot the membership. The motion did not pass: (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Davies, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Sweetwood, against: Ms. Biddle, Mr. Carota, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Powers, Mr. Tatro, Mrs. Wallin, Mr. Wooding). The SCA's Board of Directors did not receive permission to ballot the membership.

The Board objected to the terminology that was submitted to describe the tail. Had the proposed revision been submitted through the process of a committee submitting

proposed revisions first to staff for review the club would have been advised to make changes.

Also, it was the sense of the Board that a ballot on this issue was not in the best interest of the club at this time; as the issue had just been voted on three months earlier and balloting the membership is expensive. Repetitive balloting of the same issue in a short time frame could cause financial hardship on the club. It was suggested that the club should work with the membership to come to an agreement on the issue.

Bracco Italiano – Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous

The Board reviewed a request, submitted by the Bracco Italiano Club of America, to advance the Bracco Italiano breed to the Miscellaneous Class. The Bracco Italiano Club of America has met the requirements of the Recognition of New Breeds Board Policy approved in February 2017.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Bracco Italiano to be eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class effective July 3, 2019.

Teddy Roosevelt Terrier – Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous

The Board reviewed a request, submitted by the American Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club, to advance the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier to the Miscellaneous Class. The American Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club has met the requirements of the Recognition of New Breeds Board Policy approved in February 2017.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Mr. Carota, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier to be eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class effective July 3, 2019.

2018 AKC Education Update

The Board reviewed an update on the accomplishments of the AKC Education Department which was provided by Leslie Fetzter, Director of Education.

Canine College

The AKC Canine College has a total of 14,322 users. To date, there have been 13,784 enrollments in the Canine College's 450 courses and exams.

The AKC Education Summit was held June 10, 2018. The launch of the AKC Education Webinar Series was announced at the Summit.

AKC Character Education

Public Education launched the AKC Character Education Program in April 2018. The AKC Canine Character Education Program is a complete character education unit that is designed for schools and seeks to introduce children to purebred dogs. The goal of this program is to provide schools with a quality character education program, including all materials and lesson plans, that result in measurable improvement in student behavior

and peer relationships. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District in Palmer, Alaska consisting of 47 schools and 18,800 students is the first to incorporate the AKC Character Education Program.

AKC Canine Clubs

Public Education launched the AKC Canine Clubs Program in August 2018. The AKC Canine Club is an after-school club for dog lovers that is hosted by a teacher or youth group leader at schools, libraries or community organizations. The AKC Canine Club is designed to include students who own a dog, have an interest in owning a dog, or just love dogs in general. This club teaches students about responsible dog ownership, training, canine science, canine jobs and more. Public Education provides clubs with curriculum for each month's meeting as well as a directory of available guest speakers from our Canine Ambassador Program.

AKC Patch Program

To date, the Patch Program has experienced a 53% growth in participation over 2017 with 18 additional clubs offering the program at their show.

AKC Public Education Blog

Public Education launched a blog that covers topics in Public Education. Content is added bi-weekly. Its intent is to provide Public Education Coordinators and Canine Ambassadors with fresh ideas and resources, and regular news on the AKC's Public Education efforts.

Junior Ambassador Program

The AKC Junior Ambassador program was created in collaboration with Sports Services and launched at the AKC Education Summit in June. The AKC Junior Ambassador Program aims to more fully engage Juniors in the sport of purebred dog, as well as give clubs more resources to engage Juniors in their areas.

AKC Public Education Award Winner

The Wenatchee Kennel Club was chosen as the winner of the Public Education Award in July 2018. The Club is recognized for their efforts to hold more than 180 classes for both members and non-members, participation in community festivals, training and supporting 4-H clubs, and cultivating a positive online and media presence. The club will receive a plaque and \$500 presented at their show and the groundbreaking of their new building on October 19, 2018.

AKC Educator Resources

Educator Resources is a webpage on the AKC website geared towards teachers. It provides professional development articles, hands-on activities, and lesson plans for grades K-12 aligned to national standards in the subjects of math, science, social studies and language arts. New lesson plans continue to be added to the library. The Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) and the Vet Assisting courses in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District are using the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) lessons available on our website in every K-12 school.

Public Education also provide book studies, building lessons around popular children's books about dogs. These lessons and activities all relate to purebred dogs and the AKC

mission. Collaborations with the books' authors provide an opportunity for both the author and the AKC when they make appearances for book signings at AKC events. Three new author collaborations have been added thus far in 2018.

Public Education continues to develop its relationships with school districts and organizations that serve educators. One such relationship has resulted in Public Education receiving a coveted invitation to present a workshop at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teachers in March 2019.

Plans for 2019 were also presented.

MARKETING and MEDIA

The Board reviewed an update on Digital Ad sales and revenues. Business metrics were shared covering AKC.org, AKC Marketplace, email marketing, and social media.

Digital Marketing Update

Digital revenue YTD exceeds \$3,000,000.

AKC.org

- Year to date (YTD) pageviews and users are both up versus year ago (YAG), +8% and +11% respectively
- AKC.org performance improved: reduced average web page load time by 6 seconds on desktop and 10 seconds on mobile
- Successful SEO (Search Engine Optimization) efforts post re-launch continue to ensure that our breed pages come up as the first listing when someone searches for a specific breed of dog.

AKC Marketplace

- Year to date (YTD) pageviews and users are both up versus year ago (YAG), +3% and +23% respectively

COMPANION AND PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports and Events, and Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events participated in this portion of the meeting by videoconference. Pamela Manaton, Director, Obedience, Rally & Tracking, participated in this portion of the meeting via telephone conference.

Pointing Breed Field Trials – Changes regarding Walking Handlers

The Board reviewed two recommended changes to the Pointing Breed Field Trial Standard Procedures regarding walking handlers in Pointing Breed Field Trials.

(1) All-age stakes must allow both horseback handlers and walking handlers.

(2) Walking handlers shall be braced together in horseback stakes.

Both these recommendations are being made as a result of a survey conducted by the Performance Events Department.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds* to provide for these changes, which are effective December 1, 2018.

Procedure 1. Standards of Performance.

1-D. All-Age – Limited All-Age – Grand Limited All-Age. Starting with paragraph #3. At least 30 minutes shall be allowed for each brace of an All-Age or Limited All-Age stake. At least 60 minutes shall be allowed for each brace of a Grand Limited All-Age stake. Championship points will be withheld if a dog has not run the required time.

An All-Age stake of any type must allow both horseback and walking handlers. An All-Age stake cannot be designated for walking handles only.

Procedure 4. Drawing and Bracing.

4-G. Bracing Walking Handlers Together. (new section)

In horseback handling stakes, walking handlers shall be braced together if possible provided the event secretary is aware of the walking handler prior to the draw. Walking handlers should indicate on their entry form that they will be walking. When the first walking handler is selected during the random draw, another walking handler shall be selected randomly as the brace mate. This process shall continue until all walking handlers have been braced.

Subsequent sections shall be renumbered.

Procedure 6. Running and Handling.

6-V. Horseback Handling.

The premium list for any licensed or member field trial must specify whether or not handling from horseback will be permitted in any or all stakes. If handling from horseback is permitted in any stake, the club should attempt to provide horses. ~~Mounted and foot handlers are not to be segregated in the drawing.~~

The remaining wording in this Section remains unchanged.

Special Event Agility Trial Increases

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Sport and Events Agility Staff to allow clubs to hold 2 Special Event Agility Trials per year. Clubs licensed for AKC Agility Trials may currently hold one Special Event Agility Trial per year. A Special Event Agility Trial is defined as one where the club proposes a unique mix of regular AKC classes or a unique eligibility criterion. Over time we find that clubs have come up with new ideas for Special Event Agility Trials that would have better attendance if they could make these events a “weekend” event. This proposal was approved by the Delegate Companion Events Committee

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amended Chapter 2, Section 1 of Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Tests (ACT) effective January 1, 2019.

CHAPTER 2

Section 1. Classes (Paragraph 2)

Special Event Trial. Clubs may apply for two Special Event Trials per year. A Special Event Trial is where the club proposes a unique mix of regular AKC classes and/or non-regular classes or a unique eligibility criterion. A club may not change the other Regulations pertaining to regular classes including the equipment regulations. Special Event Trials must be open to all breeds including All-American dogs except at specialty events open to one breed. Regular classes offered at Special Event Trials count toward titles. A Special Event Trial counts as one of the 12 events per year a club may offer.

Allowing Deaf Dogs to Participate in Obedience

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Companion Events Staff to allow deaf dogs to participate in obedience. The purpose is to remove the eligibility barrier that is in place based on the previous group exercises in obedience, which required multiple dogs to be in a ring at the same time while off-leash. This change brings obedience in line with the other Companion Event sports of AKC Rally, Agility and Tracking, where deaf dogs are eligible to participate.

The AKC Delegate Committee on Companion Events (CEC) conducted a survey for this proposal and the results showed an overwhelming support with 88% completely in favor of allowing deaf dogs. The CEC voted unanimously to support this proposal.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend Chapter 1, Sections 12 & 17 of the Obedience Regulations effective, November 1, 2018.

CHAPTER 1

Section 12. Dogs Eligible to Compete. As used in these regulations, the word “dog” refers to either sex but only to dogs that are eligible for entry in AKC events. Dogs with a PAL (Purebred Alternative Listing), ILP (Indefinite Listing Privilege), or AKC Canine Partners number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. A dog that is deaf may compete in any obedience trial.

Section 17. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs.

Changes to Paragraph 2 & Paragraph 4.

Paragraph 2

A dog that is blind or has been changed in appearance for cosmetic reasons (other than changes customarily approved for its breed) may not compete in any obedience trial and will be disqualified. Blind means without useful vision. The judge will not obtain the opinion of a veterinarian.

Paragraph 4

When a dog has been disqualified under this section as being blind, for having been changed in appearance for cosmetic reasons, or for having attacked or attempted to attack a person in the ring, all awards made to the dog at the trial will be cancelled by

the AKC. The dog may not again compete unless the owner applies for and receives reinstatement.

Obedience Open Class- Command Discrimination Exercise

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Companion Events Staff to clarify parts of the requirements of the Open Obedience class “Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)” exercise requirements.

The Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit) exercise began in the Open obedience class on May 1, 2018. The exercise is new and has some unique nuances. The staff recommended clarifying two issues:

1) What is the proper position of a handler’s hands and arms during the Command Discrimination exercise, and 2) Clarifying the proper ring set-up and scoring for the exercise.

Proper Position of Handler’s Hands and Arms - The question is when the handler turns to face their dog to command it to a new position, if they may fold their arms in front of their chest before turning and walking forward to the next location. This could be interpreted as an additional command to the dog to stay where they are positioned, which may be penalized. The staff recommended that the regulations be amended to clearly state the handler’s hands and arms must hang naturally at the handler’s side.

Judges have also asked for a procedural clarification regarding the set-up of the ring for this exercise. The Staff recommended that the regulations be amended to clearly state that the exercise may be performed in any area of the ring that is at least 40 feet in length.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Davies, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the Obedience Regulations, Chapter 4, Sections 7 & 8 effective January 1, 2019.

CHAPTER 4

Section 7. Command Discrimination. The principal features of this exercise are the dog’s correct response to the handler’s commands and/or signals and that the dog stays until the handler returns to heel position.

The orders are: “Leave your dog” and “Back to your dog.” The judge must use signals for directing the handler to command and/or signal the dog to change position except for the first position and that order is: “Stand your dog” or “Down your dog.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order to “Stand your dog” or “Down your dog.” The handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change position. On further order to “Leave your dog,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately walk forward 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge’s signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the second position. The judge will then order “Leave your dog.” The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will immediately turn around and walk forward an additional 15 feet, turn, and face the dog. On the judge’s signal, the handler will give a command and/or signal for the dog to change to the third position. The judge

will then order “Back to your dog.” The handler may give a command and/or signal to stay, and then must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must stay in position without additional commands or signals until the handler has returned to heel position. The handler’s hands and arms must hang naturally at the handler’s side.

Judging Procedure: *This exercise may be performed in any area of the ring that is at least 40 feet in length. The 15-foot distances must be clearly marked. The judge must be positioned so that both the dog and handler are under continuous observation during the entire exercise. An excellent position for judging this exercise is at an adequate distance to the side and slightly to the rear of the dog.*

Section 8. Command Discrimination, Scoring. A dog that fails to obey the handler’s first command and/or signal for each position or that does not stay until the handler returns to heel position must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score. Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that changes position after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said “Exercise finished.”

Minor or substantial deductions, up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for the handler’s hands and arms not hanging naturally at the handler’s side. Depending on the extent, minor or substantial deductions, up to a non-qualifying (NQ) score, will be made for a dog that walks forward.

Obedience Open Class-Get Your Leash Exercise

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Companion Events Staff to amend the Open Obedience class “Stay – Get Your Leash (Sit, Down)” exercise to a “Stand Stay – Get Your Leash” exercise. The current two-part exercise is unnecessarily long and this change accomplishes the goal of keeping the exercise practical while saving time.

Requiring the dog to wait for one minute does not serve a purpose greater than what is required in the second part of the exercise to go get the leash. Staff would like to change the exercise.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Davies, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Dr. Davies, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the Obedience Regulations, Chapter 4, Sections 3,4, 17 & 18 effective January 1, 2019.

CHAPTER 4

Section 3. Open A Exercises and Scores. The exercises and maximum score in the Open A class:

1. Heel Free and Figure Eight	40 points
2. Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	30 points
3. Drop on Recall	30 points
4. Retrieve on Flat	20 points
5. Retrieve over High Jump	30 points
6. Broad Jump	20 points
7. <u>Stand Stay – Get Your Leash</u>	30 points
Maximum Total Score 200 points	

Section 4. Open B Exercises and Scores. The various orders of exercises in the Open B class (points and total scores are the same as in Open A):

OPEN I-VI

7. Stand Stay – Get Your Leash

Section 17. Stand Stay – Get Your Leash. The principal feature of this exercise is that the dog stand and stay in position until the handler has returned to heel position.

The orders are: “Stand your dog,” “Leave your dog to get your leash,” and “Back to your dog.”

The handler will stand with the dog sitting in heel position in a place designated by the judge, approximately 15 feet from the ring gate. The judge will ask “Are you ready?” before giving the first order. On the judge’s order, the handler will command and/or signal the dog to stand without touching the dog or the dog’s collar. The dog must stand but need not stand in heel position.

On further order to “Leave your dog to get your leash,” the handler may give a command and/or signal to stay and will walk forward directly to the place outside the ring gate designated by the judge for the leash. The handler will pick up the leash, re-enter the ring, stop and wait for the judge’s order “Back to your dog.” The handler must return directly, walking around and in back of the dog to heel position. The dog must remain standing until the judge has said “Exercise finished.” The judge will tell the handler “Attach your leash to the collar and maintain control of your dog.” The handler is required to exit the ring gate with the dog under control and without jumping, pulling or tugging on the leash.

Judging Procedures: *Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide where the leash will be placed outside the ring on a chair or similar leash holder.*

The leash will be placed outside the ring by the steward after the dog and handler have entered the ring for judging. When positioning the dog and handler for this exercise, the judge should ensure that such positioning will permit the dog to keep the handler in its direct line of vision as the handler leaves and returns to the ring, and that the handler, when reentering the ring, is at least 15 feet away from the dog until ordered to return. During this exercise the judge must be in position to watch the dog and see the handler leave and return to the ring. Once the exercise is finished, the judge must watch the dog and handler exit the ring together.

Section 18. Stay – Get Your Leash, Scoring. A non-qualifying score (NQ) is required for a dog that does any of the following: Fails to stand on the first command and/or signal, moves a substantial distance away from the place it was where it was left, sits or lies down before the handler has returned to heel position, or repeatedly barks or whines.

Substantial deductions will be made for a dog that sits or lies down after the handler has returned to heel position and before the judge has said, “Exercise finished.”

Depending on the circumstances, minor or substantial deductions will be made for the dog that moves a short distance from where it was left, or that moves its feet repeatedly while remaining in place.

A substantial deduction, under Miscellaneous Penalties, must be made for a dog that does not remain under control while leaving the ring.

Rally Champion Title Enhancements

The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the requirements to earn the new Rally Champion title (RACH).

In November 2017, AKC enhanced the sport of Rally by adding two classes and the RACH title. Results-to-date indicate that the challenge to earn the RACH is excessively long and extremely expensive. The Staff recommendation is to modify the requirements to earn the Rally Champion title (RACH). The recommended changes are: (1) earn RACH points from the Advanced B class, (2) amend the Point Schedule to award a greater number of points by score, (3) calculate points toward the RACH title after a dog earns the Rally Excellent (RE) title, and (4) reduce the minimum number of RACH points that must be earned from the Master class. These changes will make the title achievable by the above-average dog that is willing to put in the work.

This recommendation is a change to Regulations and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, this change would become effective February 1, 2019.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the AKC Rally Regulations, Chapter 4, Sections 1, 2 and 3. All points on all dogs' records will be recalculated using the new point schedule and backdated to the inception of the RACH title, which was November 1, 2017.

CHAPTER 4

Section 1. Dogs That May Compete. Rally Championship points and triple qualifying scores will be recorded for dogs after they have earned the Rally Excellent (RE) title. When a dog earns the Rally Champion (RACH) title, it may continue to compete and earn points.

Section 2. Championship Points. Rally Championship points will be recorded for dogs earning a score of 91 or better in the Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent B and Rally Master classes. A dog must earn a total of 300 points, with a minimum of 150 points from the Master class. Additionally, the dog must receive qualifying scores in Advance B, Excellent B and the Master class, on the same day at the same trial at 20 separate licensed or member rally trials.

Section 3. Point Schedule.

Classes:	Score	Points
	<u>91-94</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>95-96</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Advanced B</u>	97	<u>7</u>
Excellent B	98	<u>8</u>
Master	99	<u>9</u>
	100	<u>10</u>

Retriever Hunting Tests – Allows Consecutive Judging Assignments

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Performance Events Department, to allow one of the two judges assigned to a Retriever hunt test level (Junior, Senior, Master) to judge the same test level on consecutive days or consecutive back-to-back events. This practice is currently allowed in pointing breed hunt tests. It has resulted in cost savings for the host clubs.

The Retriever Hunt Test Advisory Committee and the Field Trial/Hunt Test Delegate Committee have reviewed this recommendation and agree with the change. Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Dr. Davies, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend Chapter 1, Section 6 of Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers. This change is effective January 1, 2019.

CHAPTER 1**Section 6. Judges' Eligibility.**

Paragraph #16. Each test or division of a test shall be judged by at least two qualified Judges. One of the two Judges may judge the same test level on consecutive days or consecutive back-to-back events. The same team of Judges will not be approved to judge the same test level on consecutive days or consecutive back-to-back events.

CONFORMATION

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

Multiple Shows in One Day Policy

The Board reviewed a recommendation to add additional structure to the Multiple Shows in One Day policy to enhance the success of these events and promote efficiency for the benefit of clubs and exhibitors.

Multiple All-Breed or Limited-Breed Shows in One Day Program (January 2017, amended February 2018, May 2018 and October 2018 (effective January 1, 2019))

The shows may be held by the same club or multiple clubs. The number of point shows for an individual breed is limited to two per day. Club(s) may hold two all-breed shows in one day, two group shows of the same group in one day, or a combination of all-breed and group shows. Consecutive days of multiple shows in one day are allowed.

The Staff proposed policy changes included that the entry limit for each event under this policy should not exceed 550.

Following a motion by Ms. Cruz, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the policy recommendation to an entry limit of 500.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Cruz, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the **Multiple All-Breed or Limited-Breed Shows in One Day Program** Board policy – effective January 1, 2019 (changes below):

The following criteria shall apply for all-breed/limited-breed shows to qualify for the multiple shows in one day program:

The following limitations are placed on this program:

- ~~Clubs that held a show of 500 entries or less the previous year are eligible for the program. Appeals for exceptions will be reviewed on an individual basis.~~
- Clubs holding multiple shows in one day must limit the entries per show to a number determined by the criteria regarding number of judges and number of rings. (See criteria below.) This limit must be published in the premium and in no case, shall exceed 500 entries. Entries include those in the AB/LB show, Junior Showmanship and sweepstakes.
- All-breed shows must offer group and best in show competition. Group shows must offer group competition.
- The use of multiple group rings at all-breed shows is encouraged.
- No concurrent or evening specialties may be held in conjunction with the shows.
- Junior Showmanship competition is allowed.
- Obedience, Rally, and Agility competitions are allowed, and encouraged, but must have their own ring(s) for competition. Obedience/Rally/Agility entries do not count against the 500 limit.
- Ownership of the corresponding date must be agreed upon in writing and submitted to AKC prior to event approval if two clubs are holding the same type of events on the same date and site.
- ~~No more than one special attraction with group competition may be offered between the two shows. Approval of events that feature special attractions will depend on the club's successful history managing such events. Unsuccessful management of special attractions could include, but is not limited to, such things as conflicts between the special attraction and regular group times and extended delays for the event.~~
- Judges are limited to 100 entries per event not to exceed 175 entries per day according to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 7, Section 13.
- The club must provide a minimum of one ring for every 100 conformation entries.

Definition of Immediate Family

The Board reviewed a recommendation to revise the definition of immediate family, as included in the italicized portion of Chapter 11, Section 13 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, to include grandparents and grandchildren in the list of immediate family members.

Currently, the members of an immediate family are defined as: husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Dr. Davies, the Board VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Biddle, Mr. Carota, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Davies, Mr. Feeney, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Powers, Mr. Sweetwood, Mr. Tatro, Mrs. Wallin, abstained: Mr. Feeney) to amend the recommendation to add “domestic partners” to the list of immediate family members.

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Biddle, Mr. Carota, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Davies, Mr. Feeney, Ms. McAteer, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Powers, Mr. Sweetwood, Mr. Tatro, Mrs. Wallin, abstained: Mr. Feeney) to amend the policy definition of immediate family as included in Chapter 11 Section 13 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows to read:

For the purposes of this section, the members of an immediate family are one’s spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included in immediate family.

This change will become effective December 1, 2018.

Scheduling Conformation Events

Based on a Board request, Staff developed recommendations which would allow events to run more efficiently (reduce down time) and shorten the day. Staff provided several recommendations including:

- Establishing Board policy that specifies a scheduled group start time depending on the size of the show.
- Establishing Board policy that allows the final block of a judge’s assignment to be increased to 35 dogs per hour.
- Establish a Board Policy that prohibits judges assigned to regular groups from judging special attraction groups (excluding NOHS).
- Develop an Enhanced Reporting tool - AKC will develop a notification system that proactively provides reports to clubs and show chairs at critical times in the process.

The Board will discuss this further at the November 2018 meeting.

Plum Creek Kennel Club Request for 1-year Exception

The Board reviewed a request from Plum Creek Kennel Club to be allowed to hold two events over two days utilizing the 4,4/3,3 format.

Plum Creek Kennel Club (PCKC) is the only club to have held this show format [holding half of two conformation dog shows in a single day followed by the second half of each dog show the following day (4 groups from each dog show on day one and 3 groups and BIS from each dog show on day two)]. In August the Board voted to prohibit this format for All Breed conformation events.

PCKC is requesting this exception, as they are well into the planning of their 2019 February events, and do not feel changing the structure at this time would allow them to hold a profitable event.

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

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to grant PCKC a one-time exception, allowing them to hold their two dog shows in February 2019 utilizing the 4,4/3,3 format.

Junior Showmanship Stand Alone Event

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Sport Services Department to revise the Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations and Guidelines for Judging Juniors in Conformation to allow clubs to include Junior Showmanship at Junior Showcase events.

Clubs offering the Junior Showcase events have requested the ability to include Conformation Junior Showmanship in conjunction with the other sports being offered. Junior Showcase events are open to Junior Handlers only, tailored to create a welcoming and encouraging environment for Juniors. Currently clubs can only offer Agility, Obedience and Rally as part of the Junior Showcase.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend Section 1 of Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations. This change is effective immediately.

Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations

Section 1. Approval of Classes. Any club that is approved to hold a licensed or member all-breed show or a specialty show held apart from an all-breed show, may also be approved to offer Junior Showmanship competition in conjunction with its show and/or in conjunction with a Junior Showcase event.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Tim Thomas, Vice President, Dog Show Judges and Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events participated in this portion of the meeting via videoconference.

Discipline Schedule

The Board reviewed recommendations related to guidelines used by staff when handling misconduct by judges across all disciplines.

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Misrepresentation on Judging Applications

The Board reviewed a memorandum that proposes modifications to the Misrepresentation on Judging Applications Policy included in the Conformation Judges Policies section of the Board Policy Manual available on the AKC website.

This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Conformation Judging Statistics

Judging Operations provided the Board with statistics related to conformation judging applications considered by the Judges Review Committee in the previous three months, July - September 2018. This included the list of New Breed (NB) and Additional Breed applicants presented for final approval during this period and the year-to-date summary statistics for 2018

FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2018 YEAR-TO-DATE

	Number of Applicants	Breed Requested	Breeds Accepted	Aps Limited	Aps Fully Approved	Aps Denied	Aps Wthdrn	Aps Held
NB	49	69	66	1	46	2	0	1
AB	209	963	934	9	195	5	0	1
TOTAL	258	1032	1000	10	241	7	0	2

Mr. Wooding was not in attendance for the rest of the day's meeting.

CLUBS

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events and Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed a report on the prospective Delegate credentials to be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette, applications for AKC Membership and newly licensed clubs.

Report on Member Clubs Bylaws Approved in August and September 2018

- American Maltese Association (1969)
- Elmira Kennel Club, Elmira, NY (2011)
- Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Lowell, MA (1983)
- Greenwich Kennel Club, Greenwich, CT (1933)
- Japanese Chin Club of America (1912)
- Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Morristown, NJ (1968)

Report on Newly Licensed Clubs Approved in August and September 2018

- Central Ohio Pointing Breeds Club, greater Columbus, OH (including communities northeast to Mansfield, southeast to Jamestown along Interstate 71), 20 total households, 12 local.
- Greater Chicago Area Scent Work Association, greater Chicago, IL (including communities north to Wheeling, south to Rte 34, west to Rte. 59), 22 total households, 19 local.

- Greater Kerrville Kennel Club, greater Kerrville, TX (including communities along Interstate 10 north to Junction, south to Comfort), 32 total households, 32 local.
- Kenai Peninsula Scent Work Club, Kenai Peninsula, AK, 29 total households, 29 local.
- Liberty Saluki Club, Greater Lancaster, PA (including communities north to Lansdale, south to New Castle, DE, west to Spring Grove, east to Philadelphia), 24 total households, 13 local.
- North Louisiana Herding Association, greater West Monroe, LA (including communities west to Shreveport, LA, east to Vicksburg, MS), 21 total households, 12 local.
- South Louisiana Herding Club, greater Jackson, LA area (including communities south to Baton Rouge, west to Lake Charles, east to New Orleans), 26 total households, 16 local.
- Vikingland Retriever Club, greater Alexandria, MN (southwest to Ortonville, east to Belgrade, west to Alexandria), 24 total households, 16 local.

COMPLIANCE

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

Clare and Donna Harden Reinstatement Request

The Board reviewed a request from Mr. Clare Harden and Ms. Donna Harden. Mr. and Ms. Harden have requested reinstatement of their AKC privileges pursuant to Article XV, Section 7 of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc. On January 18, 1984, Clare Harden was suspended from all AKC privileges for an indefinite period for false registration of five previously registered Shetland Sheepdog bitches under new and different names. Donna Harden was suspended from all AKC privileges for an indefinite period for improper certifications made to the AKC to effect transfers of certain registered Shetland Sheepdogs; improper certifications regarding leases of two Shetland Sheepdog bitches; knowingly providing an incorrect application for individual registration of a Shetland Sheepdog; falsely registering two previously registered Shetland Sheepdog bitches under new and different names; and improper certifications made in connection with the registration of litters out of said bitches, effective December 13, 1982. The Management Disciplinary Committee reviewed Mr. and Ms. Harden's request and recommends, pursuant to AKC policy, reinstatement on the following conditions 1) Fines be set for Mr. Harden in the amount of \$2000 and Ms. Harden in the amount of \$3000; 2) those fines be paid in full prior to reinstatement or a reinstatement inspection and 3) that Mr. and Ms. Harden pass a reinstatement inspection. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Tatro the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent; Mr. Wooding) to set the fine for Mr. Harden in the amount of \$2000, the fine for Ms. Harden in the amount of \$3000 and approved reinstatement if the fines were paid, and Mr. and Ms. Harden passed a reinstatement inspection.

Changes to AKC Discipline Guidelines

The Board reviewed recommended changes from the Compliance Department to the current AKC Discipline Guidelines for consistency and to provide clarification. Following a motion by Ms. Cruz, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Wooding) to consider the matter at this meeting waiving its normal notice procedures. Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Wooding) to approve the recommended changes to the AKC Discipline Guidelines.

AKC DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES - EFFECTIVE October 8, 2018**Explanatory Notes**

- Articles XII and XIV allow for discipline for “conduct alleged to have been prejudicial to the best interests of purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or the AKC.”
- Discipline in excess of the Aggravated term, or less than the Mitigated term, must be approved by the AKC Board of Directors (“Board”). Discipline imposed for cases not covered by the Guidelines must be approved by the Board.
- Circumstances that could, but would not necessarily result in an act of misconduct being Mitigated would include, but not be limited to:
 1. The lack of any prior offense.
 2. The lack of experience as a participant in events.
 3. The minimal nature of the offense.
 4. Recognition of wrongdoing.
 5. The recommendation of the Events Committee.
- Circumstances that could, but that would not necessarily result in an act of misconduct being Aggravated would include, but not be limited to:
 1. A record of prior offense(s).
 2. Extensive experience as a participant in events.
 3. The seriousness of the offense.
 4. Refusal to acknowledge wrongdoing prior to formal issuance of Charges.
 5. The recommendation of the Events Committee
 6. The action(s) of the individual resulted in the death of dog(s)
 7. The misconduct is directed towards or with a person under 18 years of age.
- An especially egregious offense will result in a more severe length of suspension and/or fine than suggested in the Guidelines.
- Multiple serious offenses may result in a lifetime suspension of all AKC privileges.
- These Guidelines will be reviewed from time to time.
- Event Suspension is a suspension of event privileges for the individual and applies to dogs registered or co-registered at the time of suspension, or subsequently obtained during the term of suspension, which may not be entered or compete in events during the term of suspension unless they are transferred to another individual.
- Registration Suspension is a suspension of registration privileges, which means AKC will not accord registration of any litter, or individual dog or transfer ownership of a dog solely or in part by the suspended individual. In addition,

AKC will not register any litter of dogs if the sire of the litter was owned solely or in part by a person who is suspended on the date the mating occurred.

- Suspension of all privileges would include both event suspension and registration suspension.
- At the discretion of the Management Disciplinary Committee (“MDC”) or the Staff Event Committee (“SEC”), a condition of suspension can include the prohibition of a suspended individual from being allowed on the grounds of an AKC approved event. The factors for MDC or SEC to take into consideration in adding this condition of suspension are 1) the possibility of future harm to an individual(s) and/or animal(s); 2) the nature of the conduct that lead to the suspension; and 3) the involvement of the authorities.
- Complaints against a judge at an event which involve deviation from standard judging procedure and responsibilities are to be reported to the Field Representative in attendance or the applicable AKC department and handled internally by the AKC.
- Conduct addressed by SEC involving an individual who is an AKC approved judge, may lead to review by the applicable AKC department to determine if further action is warranted specific to the person’s judging privileges.
- When discipline guidelines become less punitive, the new penalty (suspension period and conditions and fine, if applicable) will be applied to persons currently under suspension for that offense.
- Month is abbreviated as “mo”. A month suspension is defined as being thirty (30) days.
- For violations denoted with an asterisk (*), reinstatement is contingent on passing an AKC kennel inspection, which will be scheduled only after the associated fine has been paid.
- The classification of an offense(s) within these Guidelines will be made by either the MDC or SEC. SEC will base the classification on the wording in the complaint and may determine that multiple offenses apply. The penalties for multiple offenses will run concurrently unless MDC or SEC determine that based on the severity of the offenses or record of prior offenses consecutive penalties are warranted.

IN THOSE CASES WHERE AN EVENT OR REGISTRATION SUSPENSION IS CALLED FOR, THE AKC MANAGEMENT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND THE SUSPENSION OF ALL PRIVILEGES, WHEN WARRANTED BY THE SEVERITY OF THE CASE.

SUSPENSION OF ALL AKC PRIVILEGES

OFFENSES

I. Inappropriate Treatment of Animals

	<u>MITIGATED</u>	<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>AGGRAVATED</u>
a. Cruelty in connection with an event	5 yr/\$1000	10 yr/\$2000	Up to life/up to \$10,000
b. Physical Abuse at or in connection with an event by individual	6mo/\$500	1yr/\$1000	Up to life/up to \$10,000
c. Physical Abuse at or in connection with an event by club	Rep/\$300	Loss of event/\$500	Loss of event/\$1000
d. Neglect at or in connection with an event by individual	3mo/\$500	6mo/\$1000	Up to life/up to \$10,000
e. Neglect at or in connection with an event by club	Rep/\$100	Loss of next event/\$300	Loss of next event/\$500

f. Improper Treatment in connection with an event	Rep/\$100	3 mo/\$300	Up to life/up to \$10,000
g. Judicial or administrative determination of inappropriate treatment*	5 yr/\$1000	10 yr/\$2000	Up to life/up to \$10,000
h. Unacceptable conditions, dogs and/or facility*	3 mo/\$500	1 yr/\$1000	Up to life/up to \$10,000
i. Whelping dogs at event site	Rep/\$200	3 mo/\$500	Up to life/up to \$10,000

OFFENSES**MITIGATED****STANDARD****AGGRAVATED****II. Registration Violations**

a. Submission of a false application to register or transfer (not signature forgeries), which affect the Stud Book *	3 yr/\$500	5 yr/\$1000	Up to life/up to \$5000
b. Selling or buying AKC registration papers *	5 yr/\$500	10 yr/\$1000	Up to life/up to \$5000
c. Refusing to produce dogs or records*	6 mo/\$500	5 yr/\$1000 ¹	Up to life/up to \$3000 ¹
d. Non-compliance with AKC's Rules and Regulations on Record Keeping and Identification	Rep/up to \$50	6 mo/up to \$500	Up to Life/up to \$3000 ²
e. Submission of an AKC litter application which the individual should have known contained a false certification as to the sire and/or dam of the litter (DNA exclusion)*	<u>2 Exclusions/5yrs</u> 6 mo/\$500	<u>3 Exclusions/5yrs</u> 1 yr/\$1000	<u>4 Exclusions/5yrs</u> Up to 5 yrs/up to \$2000

OFFENSES**MITIGATED****STANDARD****AGGRAVATED****III. Misconduct Against a Club**

a. Judicial or administrative determination of, or a signed admission or, unauthorized use of club funds.	1 yr/\$1000	5 yr/\$2000	Up to 10 yr/up to \$5000
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OFFENSES**MITIGATED****STANDARD****AGGRAVATED****IV. Misconduct Against an Individual**

a. Harassment, physical	3 mo/\$300	2 yr/\$1000	Up to life/up to \$40,000
b. Harassment, verbal	3 mo/\$100	1 yr/\$1000	Up to 2 yr/up to \$2000

SUSPENSION OF EVENT**PRIVILEGES****OFFENSES****V. Misconduct By or Directed against a Judge**

a. Physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature	Rep/\$100	3 mo/\$300	Up to 5 yrs/up to \$1000
b. Inappropriate, abusive or foul language directed personally to a judge	2 mo/\$100	6 mo/\$500	Up to 1 yr/up to \$1000
c. Inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating lack of sportsmanship	Rep/\$50	1 mo/\$200	Up to 3 mo/up to \$300
d. Public criticism of a judge that causes a disruption at an event	Rep/\$100	3 mo/\$300	Up to 6 mo/up to \$500

e. Unsportsmanlike conduct during an event including but not limited to:			
1. Refusal or throwing down of ribbon	Rep/\$100	3 mo/\$300	Up to 6 mo/up to \$500
2. Leaving ring without permission	Rep/\$100	3 mo/\$300	Up to 6 mo/up to \$500
3. Refusing to continue to compete	Rep	3 mo/\$300	Up to 6 mo/up to \$500
4. Failure to follow a judge's instruction	Rep	45 d/\$150	Up to 3 mo/up to \$300
f. Attempting to influence a judge	3mo/\$300	1 yr/\$1000	Up to life/up to \$5000
g. Judging improprieties (the judge himself/herself or complicity with a judge)	1yr/\$500	2yr/\$1000	Up to life/up to \$5000 ³

¹If reinstated, must start with a new colony, or in lieu thereof, bring back dogs from the old colony for which a DNA profile is recorded with the AKC and is positively identified via microchip or tattoo.

²The actual fine assessed shall be sufficient to cover all reinstatement costs, but in no instance shall it exceed the maximum amount indicated.

³An aggravated penalty may include a suspension from all AKC privileges.

OFFENSES

VI. Disorderly Conduct

	<u>MITIGATED</u>	<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>AGGRAVATED</u>
a. Physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature	Rep/\$100	3 mo/\$300	Up to 10 yr/up to \$10,000
b. Inappropriate, abusive or foul language	Rep/\$100	1 mo/\$500	Up to 1yr/up to \$1000
c. Personal property damage	Rep/\$100	1 mo/\$500	Up to 1yr/up to \$1000
d. Impairing a club's ability to retain site	3 mo/\$100	3 mo/\$500	Up to 1yr/up to \$1000
e. Failure to properly control a dog at an event	Rep/\$200	3 mo/\$500	Up to 1yr/up to \$1000
f. Disruptive behavior at an event	Rep/\$100	3 mo/\$300	Up to 1yr/up to \$500
g. Unauthorized removal of property at or in connection with an event	3 mo/\$500	1 yr/\$1000	Up to life/up to \$10,000

OFFENSES

VII. Violation of AKC Rules/Regulation or Club Regulations

	<u>MITIGATED</u>	<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>AGGRAVATED</u>
a. Showing the wrong dog without voluntary correction	Rep/\$300	1 mo/\$500	Up to 3 mo/up to \$1000
b. Substitution	2 yr/\$1000	5 yr/ \$3000	Up to 10 yr/up to \$5000
c.			
d. Benching violations (per dog)	Rep	Rep/\$250	Rep/Double Fine for each Repeated offense
e. Disregard of published club regulations (e.g, parking, ex-pens, crates in aisle, unauthorized concessions, selling puppies, etc.)	Rep/\$100	1 mo/\$500	Up to 3 mo/up to \$1000
f. Entering/exhibiting altered dog (temporary alteration)	Rep/\$500	6 mo/\$1000	Up to 1 yr/up to \$2500
g. Entering exhibiting altered dog (permanent alteration)	1 yr/\$1000	2yr/\$2000	Up to 5yr/up to \$5000
h. Willful refusal to return ribbon or prize after award disallowed	Rep/\$100	1 mo/\$200	Up to 1mo/up to \$500
i. Gun safety violation (by gunner)	Rep	1yr/\$500	Up to 2 yr/up to \$1000
j. Gun safety violation (by club)	Rep/\$100	Loss of next event/\$300	Loss of next event/\$500
k. Providing fraudulent information on an entry to show an ineligible dog	3 mo/\$500	6 mo/\$1000	Up to 1 yr/up to \$2000
l. Misuse of a tracking device in connection with a Field Event	6 mo/\$500	1 yr/\$1000	Up to 2 yr/up to \$2500

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| m. Entering/Exhibiting dog that the entrant knew or should have known is ineligible to compete in the event | Rep/\$200 | 1 yr/\$1000 | Up to 5 yr/up to \$5000 |
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SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION PRIVILEGES

<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>MITIGATED</u>	<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>AGGRAVATED</u>
VIII. Registration Violations			
a. Submission of a false application to register or transfer (not signature forgeries), which do not affect the Stud Books online or paper	1 yr/\$200	3 yr/\$300	Up to 5 yr/up to \$500
b. Signing AKC applications to register or transfer in blank; failure to properly complete an AKC document to show the name and address of the individual to whom the dog was directly transferred and the date of the transfer*	Rep/\$300	3 mo/\$500	Up to 1yr/up to \$2000
c. Failure to complete supplemental transfers (i.e., jumping transfers). Failure to complete proper chain of registration on an AKC registered or registerable dog*	Rep/\$300	3 mo/\$500	Up to 1 yr/up to \$2000
d. Submission of application containing a false certification as to the signature of one of the owners (this includes making false complaints)	1 mo/\$300	6 mo/\$500	Up to 1 yr/up to \$1000
e. Submission of an online application without written permission from the co-owner or co-litter owner	Rep	3mo/\$500	Up to 1yr/up to \$1000
f. Signing AKC documents on behalf of another without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney Form	Rep	3 mo/\$500	Up to 1 yr/up to \$1000
g. Attempting to register a litter whelped outside of the U.S. ⁴	Rep/\$200	6 mo/\$500	Up to 1 yr/up to \$1000

<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>MITIGATED</u>	<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>AGGRAVATED</u>
IX. Circumvention of Suspension			
a. Circumvention of Suspension*	Rep/Double Original Fine	Double Original Suspension and Fine	Up to life/up to \$5000
b. Aiding and abetting the circumvention of an AKC suspension of registration or all privileges (All Privileges)*	Rep/\$500	5 yr/\$1000	Up to Life/up to \$5000
c. Aiding and abetting the circumvention of an AKC suspension of event privileges (Event Suspension)	Rep/\$500	6 mo/\$1000	Up to 1 yr/up to \$5000

⁴ If now living within the U.S., six months; if residents are still outside of the U.S., indefinite, with an application for reinstatement upon return of the U.S.

Definitions of Offenses

Abuse: Improper treatment which could cause serious injury to an animal.

Cruelty: Conscious action or inaction that may endanger life or cause serious health consequences to animals.

Harassment: Inappropriate comments, conduct and/or contact regarding but not limited to race, color, religion, disability, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or are sexual in nature.

Improper Treatment: Inappropriate treatment or handling of an animal not likely to cause serious injury, e.g. excessive or harsh discipline/training.

Neglect: Inadequate care or voluntary inattention to basic needs, ignoring the safety and well-being of animals because of haste or ignorance.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page)

CONSENT

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

- **Delegate Approvals**

Delegate Approvals

Linda Deutsch, Bangor, PA
To represent Plainfield Kennel Club

Tony Emilio, Pomfret Center, CT
To represent Labrador Retriever Club

Karen Gunzel, Hopatcong, NJ
To represent Trenton Kennel Club

Anne M. Hier, North Branch, MI
To represent Companion Dog Training Club of Flint, MI

Helen Ingher, Post Orange, FL
To represent Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America

Pamela Rhyner, Corpus Christi, TX
To represent Corpus Christi Kennel Club

Jane Ruthford, Maple Valley, WA
To represent Mt. Baker Kennel Club

Nancy Smith, Lawrenceville, IL
To represent Evansville Kennel Club

2019 Budget

Joseph Baffuto, CFO, gave an overview of the proposed 2019 budget. The 2019 Budget is Mission Driven. Emphasis is on increasing entries, litters and individual registrations, as well as adding more unique breeders.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimous; absent Mr. Wooding) to approve the 2019 Budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

New Business

March Delegates Meeting

Following a motion by Ms. McAteer, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Wooding) to hold the March 2019 AKC Delegate Meeting in Newark, NJ. Special arrangements will be planned so that Delegates will be able to see the new AKC Museum of the Dog during that time. There will be a special reception for the Delegates, at the AKC Museum of the Dog, on Monday evening, March 11, 2019. Details will be arranged through AKC's Conference and Travel Department.

The Board adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 9:11 a.m.

All Directors were present, except for Mr. Wooding. Also present was the Executive Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Implementation of the Two-In-One Day Policy

On Monday of the Board meeting, the Board voted to approve policy changes to the **Multiple All-Breed or Limited-Breed Shows in One Day Program.**

Staff presented the Board with a list of events offering the two-in-one-day format that have already been approved for 2019 and would be impacted negatively by the changes in policy.

There are three (3) clubs that have been approved for a total of six (6) events in 2019 that will not comply with the new policy based on their entries in 2018.

Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Wooding) to grant a one-year exception in 2019 for the following clubs to hold their events using the two-in-one-day format; Okaloosa KC, Fort Lauderdale KC, and Abilene KC.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, October 9, at 11:26 a.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary