

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 9 – 10, 2012

The Board convened on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary. Copies of the November 2011 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 7 - 8, 2011 meeting. Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Scully, the November 2011 Board minutes were unanimously adopted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Amendments to ARTICLE VI, SECTION 11, of the AKC Bylaws and to the Standing Rule on Delegates Committees.

The Board considered a proposed amendment to the AKC Bylaws submitted by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and a related proposed amendment to the Delegate Standing Rules on Committees. The effect of both would be to make the appointment to and attendance by an AKC Staff liaison at each of the Delegate Committee meetings mandatory. This matter will be studied and discussed further by the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board Action Items

Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous Action items assigned to the Staff.

Events and Entries Update

Mr. Sprung reported that for the eleventh month ended November 2011 aggregate Entries were up by 2.24% and Events were up by 1.77% compared to the same period in the previous year. While the Event recording for all of 2011 have not yet been completed, Agility has topped the one million entry plateau for the year. This is the first time that any sport other than conformation has achieved this level. Mr. Sprung thanked all Agility exhibitors, Staff, clubs and volunteers.

LEGAL REPORT

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities during the months of November and December 2012.

AKC LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

Margaret Poindexter and Sheila Goffe, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the Board meeting via video conference. There was a discussion on how AKC has dealt with canine legislation on the federal and local levels. There was agreement that the Board had to give the Staff clear direction on the types of positive legislative initiatives AKC should take. Staff was directed to bring a proposal back for Board review.

CONSENT AGENDA

Following discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Delegates

The following Delegate was approved:

Anne H. Bowes, Duxbury, MA

To represent Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America

H. Geoff Geoffrey, Deland, FL
To represent West Volusia Kennel Club

Robert W. Gilmour, Limerick, PA
To represent Penn Treaty Kennel Club

Homer Russell Hastings III, Westfield, PA
To represent Elmira Kennel Club

Charles Kerfoot, Vinton, VA
To represent Roanoke Kennel Club

Bonnie Lane, Commack, NY
To represent Riverhead Kennel Club

JD Rowell, Highland Park, TX
To represent Trinity Valley Kennel Club

Lynne Schmitt, Aptos, CA
To represent Monterey Bay Dog Training Club

Susan Sholar, Valley Center, CA
To represent Black Russian Terrier Club of America

The following Club's application for AKC Membership was approved:
Leonberger Club of America

Proposed Tibetan Mastiff Breed Standard Revision

Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Staff, participated in this discussion via video conference. The Board considered the results of the Tibetan Mastiff Club of America's membership ballot received subsequent to the publication of the proposed changes.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Garvin, Ms. Scully, Dr. Smith, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Amen, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Mr. Menaker, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Ashby, Dr. Newman; abstaining: Dr. Davies) to table the matter.

Receipt of Event Correspondence

Michael Liosis, AKC Staff, participated in this discussion. The Staff presented a time-table to require all clubs to comply with AKC's request to provide electronic addresses for at least the Corresponding Secretary and the President, as well as electronically submitting a membership list to AKC annually. This will be discussed further at the February 2012 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

David Roberts, and Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Procedure for Approving Breed Standards

The Board reviewed the current procedure for approving breed standards. There was a consensus that when a club was given approval to ballot a particular change, it did not imply Board approval. This approval would come only after any input received after publication was

considered. Staff was directed to prepare a clear, written procedure for the consideration and approval of breed standard changes.

Proposed Cairn Terrier Breed Standard Revision

The Board considered proposed revisions to the Cairn Terrier breed standard. The club had requested to ballot the membership on the revision. This request was placed on hold, however, until the Board considers the procedure for approving breed standards in February.

Berger Picard

The Board reviewed a request, from the Berger Picard Club of America, to advance the breed to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2013. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Proposed Canaan Dog Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed the results of the ballot submitted by the Canaan Dog Club of America on proposed breed standard revisions. The proposed Canaan Dog Standard will be published in the February Secretary's page.

Chinook

The Board reviewed a request, from the Chinook Club of America, to approve the breed's acceptance into the AKC Stud Book and to permit the breed to be eligible to compete in the Working Group. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Lagotto Romagnolo

The Board reviewed a request, from the Lagotto Club of America, to advance the breed to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2013. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Portuguese Podengo Pequeno

The Board reviewed a request, from the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America, to approve the breed's acceptance into the AKC Stud Book and to permit the breed to be eligible to complete in the Hound Group. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Gonzalez, David Roberts, Mark Dunn, Michelle Baker, and Michael Ganey, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

David Roberts gave an update on Registration initiatives. Mark Dunn gave an update on the AKC Canine Partners Program. Michael Ganey gave an update on the commercial sector.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Darrell Hayes, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

The Board reviewed a document from The Board of Directors appointed Ad Hoc Committee on the Judging Approval Process, chaired by Dr. Robert D. Smith.

On Tuesday, November 29, 2011, the Smith Committee met to further review the currently approved version of the proposal along with the feedback received from the Fancy during the 21- day period mandated by the Board of Directors. Upon this review it was VOTED (unanimously) by this committee that no additional recommendations for modification would be brought to the Board for consideration at this time. The new procedure is effective March 1, 2012.

The Board discussed the Judges Review Committee as referenced within this policy.

Mr. Sprung advised the Board that he had appointed Patricia Proctor as the Executive Field Representative to the committee, to serve a two year term. Mr. Sprung also discussed with Board the two additional members of the committee that he is to recommend, as referenced in the policy. The two recommendations, accepted by the Board, were Edd Biven, and Dr. Robert Indeglia. The Board Voted unanimously to confirm these two appointments, both of whom graciously accepted.

AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and Corresponding Delegate Meeting Dates

Mr. Sprung provided the Board with the dates for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship for 2012 – 2015, all to be held in Orlando, Florida. He also provided the dates for the December Delegates meetings in those same years. Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following December Delegate meeting dates.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Delegate Committee Mtgs.</u>	<u>Delegate Meeting</u>	<u>AKC/Eukanuba National Championship</u>
2012	December 13	December 14	December 15/16
2013	December 12	December 13	December 14-15
2014	December 11	December 12	December 13-14
2015	December 10	December 11	December 12-13

Board Review Committee

Dr. Newman gave the report of the Review Committee (Dr. Newman, Chair, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Scully). The Committee considered a judging appeal from Mr. David J. Hyman. Mr. Hyman had applied for eleven breeds and been approved for nine breeds by the AKC Staff Committee. The Board Review Committee denied the appeal and upheld the AKC Staff Committee decision.

PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren and Lisa Carroll, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Associated Breeds to Hold Herding Event

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to allow specialty clubs to hold Herding events that are open to their breed as well as “associated breeds” on a special request basis. Associated breeds for this purpose would be those breeds with a common heritage. The special request must be approved by the Performance Events Department. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America Hunt Tests

The Parent Club Performance Event Program allows the AKC to acknowledge the accomplishments of dogs participating in breed specific events which test the purpose for which the breed was developed. The Board reviewed a request from the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America (PBGVCA). It has requested that titles earned in their Hunting Test program be acknowledged by the AKC. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Qualifications for American Brittany Club National Gun Dog Championship

The Board reviewed The American Brittany Club’s request to change the qualifications necessary to enter their National Gun Dog Championships. The change is a refinement to include third and fourth placements earned during the previous year in exceptionally large stakes, as opposed to a first or second place earned in any size stake. Without objection, Performance Events will inform the American Brittany Club that the proposed changes have been approved. There was no objection.

COMPANION EVENTS

Curt Curtis, Doug Ljungren, and Pamela Manaton, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Business Plan

The Board reviewed a 2012-2016 Business Plan prepared by the Companion Events Department.

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the Companion Events Business Plan as outlined below:

AKC Companion Events Business Plan Synopsis
Business Plan Duration 2012 to 2016.

The direction of this plan is based on request, comments and input received from the sport fancy by the Companion Events Department over the past few years, with input from the AKC Companion Events Team, other AKC staff, along with input from the AKC Delegate Committee for Obedience, Tracking and Agility. The items addressed in the business plan are meant to encourage and increase sport participation, while offering classes and challenges meeting the needs and request of the fancy. The items addressed in the business plan will be phased in over the lifetime of the business plan.

The plan outlines:

- The development and implementation of new competition classes for obedience, rally, tracking and agility.
- The development and implementation of national competitions to include all levels of regular obedience and rally.
- The development and promotion of a Junior's program for Companion Events.
- Research the possible development and implementation of changes to the current judge's education process for obedience, rally, tracking and agility.

COMPLIANCE

Margaret Poindexter and Jack Norton, AKC Staff, participated via video conference.

Hardship Policy

The Board considered a proposal to permit the transfer of a dog from an owner placed on referral. One recommendation was to prohibit transferring that dog back to the same individual at the conclusion of his/her suspension. There was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Kalter to include this provision in any hardship policy adopted. This motion was defeated with the VOTE (affirmative: Dr. Garvin, Dr. Smith; opposed: Mr. Menaker, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Amen, Ms. Scully, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Davies, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Newman.)

Following a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the following Hardship Registration Policy, which would replace the existing Hardship Policy, effective January 10, 2012:

When an individual has been placed on temporary referral, the AKC will consider the transfer and/or registration of dogs and litters listed in their AKC recorded ownership provided the following criteria is met;

- *Dated third party documentation to show that the dog was acquired prior to the individual being placed on temporary referral.*
- *The parentage of the dog or litter is not in question.*
- *All other requirements for AKC registration are met.*

When an individual has been suspended from AKC registration privileges, the AKC will entertain the registrations and/or transfer of dogs and litters listed in the individual's AKC recorded ownership at the time the suspension is imposed provided the following criteria is met;

- *An AKC DNA profile for the dog is on file.*
- *All other requirements for AKC registration are met.*
- *The processing fee for such a transfer is \$75.*

If the suspended individual seeks to have the dog(s) transferred back into his or her recorded ownership at the conclusion of the suspension, the processing fee for such transfer is \$150.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

Meeting adjourned on Monday January 9, 2012 at 5:20 pm

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday January 10, 2012 at 8:00 am. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session to discuss confidential business matters.

COMPLIANCE *(continued from January 9)*

Deficiencies in Care and Conditions Policy

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to adopt on proper care and conditions for dogs. There was discussion on the guidelines to be included in the policy. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

CONFORMATION

Robin Stansell, Lee Herr, and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 2, Section 3 Territory

The Suffolk County Kennel Club proposed an amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 2, Section 3, in order to require clubs to hold events in their territory in order to maintain exclusive privilege in the territory. A second condition of the request would permit clubs to reclaim exclusive privilege after they hold shows within their territory following a prolonged absence. The amendment would read as follows:

Each member club or association not a specialty club which shall hold a show within their territory at least once in every two consecutive calendar years shall have the sole show privilege in the city, town or district which has been assigned to it as its show territory. Clubs that have not held a show in their territory within two consecutive calendar years will be granted the exclusive privilege of their territory one year after the next date they hold a show in their territory.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) not to approve this recommendation.

While the Board was in favor of the insertion of the words "within its territory" to Chapter 3, Section 2, it was unanimously opposed to the new last sentence in the Suffolk County proposal. It felt the first would benefit the Sport by not permitting a club to prohibit other clubs from utilizing available sites in its territory, even though that club did not hold events in that territory itself. However, it did not believe that it was fair to permit a club to re-establish exclusivity after a prolonged absence from an area, displacing clubs which had held events there in the interim.

There was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Ashby and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the addition of the words "within their territory" to Chapter 3, Section 2, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, so that it will read:

Each member club or association not a specialty club which shall hold a show within their territory at least once in every two consecutive calendar years shall have the sole show privilege in the city, town or district which has been assigned to it as its show territory.

This amendment will be read at the March 2012 Meeting for a VOTE in June 2012.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 6, Entry Corrections

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to amend *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 11, Section 6, to allow superintendents and show secretaries using AKC entry verification to correct entries as appropriate. These corrections to the exhibitor's entry data would be limited to data fields that concern breed, birth date, breeder, registration number, name, sex and color. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

CLUBS**Delegates for Publication:**

Bo Bengtson, Ojai, CA

To represent American Whippet Club

No current Delegate

Sally Birgl, Kempton, PA

To represent Berks County Kennel Club

Currently represented by Frank Piehl

Ann Mariah Cook, Jefferson, NH

To represent Siberian Husky Club of America

Currently represented by Donna Beckman

Daniel Cunningham, Minoa, NY
To represent Onondaga Kennel Association
Currently represented by Judy Murray

Ann Lettis, Staten Island, NY
To represent Grand River Kennel Club
No current Delegate

Patricia Peel, Lennon, MI
To represent Alaskan Malamute Club of America
No current Delegate

Gary Sarvinos, Catonsville, MD
To represent Maryland Kennel Club
Currently represented by John Ward

Request for AKC Membership

For Publication:
Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club
Bel Air, Maryland (Harwood and Cecil Counties)
55 households, 46 local
First license show- September 7, 1992
Bylaws acceptable

NEW BUSINESS

Several subjects were discussed during New Business. They included:

- A suggestion from Dr. Battaglia that AKC consider recognizing a type of triathlon award for dogs that place in three different types of AKC events
- A suggestion from Dr. Smith that consideration be given to having some type of additional recognition for the Best of Opposite Sex award.
- An update by Mr. Ashby on the AKC PAC and the Legislative Support Fund
- A suggestion from Mr. Amen, that consideration be given to permitting Agility Club to become AKC Members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session to discuss a confidential business matter.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 12:20 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary