

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 11, 2011

The Board convened on Friday, February 11, 2011 at 8:05 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

Copies of the January 2011 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the January 2011 Board minutes were adopted.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Mr. Marden, Chairman of the Pension Committee, reported that on the previous day the committee was given the annual reports of the various fund managers. The AKC Pension Plan is currently 83% funded. This amount would have been higher if interest rates had not declined during the year, which increased the present value of the plan's actuarial liability.

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 2010 calendar year aggregate entries were up by (.5%) from the previous year. The 2010 end-of-year total for entries was 3,014,360.

LEGAL REPORT

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities during the month of January 2011.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total annual revenues for 2010 of \$56.3 million were 7% below the prior year. 2010's total operating expenses of \$56.7 million were 2% less than 2009. This resulted in an operating deficit of \$413,000 for last year.

Our investments generated a gain of \$6.5 million or 10% in 2010.

CONSENT AGENDA

Delegates

Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Delegates:

John R Adams, Lexington, MA
to represent Concord Dog Training Club

Sandra Frei, Woodinville, WA
to represent Seattle Kennel Club

Dennis J. Gallant, Springfield, TN
to represent Penn Ridge Kennel Club

Pat Grossman, Wilmette, IL
to represent Skokie Valley Kennel Club

Ellen Hardin, Custer, WI
to represent Golden Retriever Club of America

Michael A. Jackson, North Salem
to represent Westchester Kennel Club

Karolynne McAteer, Pinehurst, NC
to represent Irish Setter Club of America

John Mandeville, Somerset, NJ
to represent Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America

Joyce Rowland, Rancho Santa Fe, CA
to represent Australian Cattle Dog Club of America

Patricia C. Sarles, Whippany, NJ
to represent Twin Brooks Kennel Club

Following a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following actions:

Opening of the Toy Fox Terrier Stud Book

The Board approved a request from the American Toy Fox Terrier Club to open the Toy Fox Terrier stud book. The stud book will be open to dogs with acceptable three-generation United Kennel Club pedigrees for a period of 18 months effective May 1, 2011. (May 1, 2011 – November 1, 2012).

Parent Club Approval of Miscellaneous Class Breeds

The Board approved the following clubs as the official AKC Parent Club for their respective breed:

Azawakh – the American Azawakh Association

Belgian Laekenois - the American Belgian Laekenois Association

Cirneco Dell'Etna – the Cirneco dell'Etna Club of America.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Article VII, Section 1 of AKC Bylaws

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Greater Collin Kennel Club to amend Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club to preclude someone from being re-elected to the AKC Board of Directors for a full term of four years after they have served two consecutive terms. The Board took no action. The amendment therefore will be read in March 2011, with a vote in June 2011, with no Board recommendation.

Article VI, Section 5 of AKC Bylaws

The Board reviewed a proposal to add a new paragraph (Section 5) to Article VI, of the AKC Bylaws to prohibit former AKC employees, who were dismissed or were requested to resign for misconduct, or that were subsequently determined to have committed a material violation of AKC policy, from serving as an AKC Delegate. Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Kalter, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following wording:

Article VI

Section 5, (New Paragraph):

No person may become or remain a delegate if the individual, as an employee or contractor, (i) has been terminated or requested to resign in lieu of termination or whose services were otherwise terminated, for reasons related to misconduct, by the American Kennel Club, or an AKC subsidiary or other AKC-affiliated organization, as determined by the sole discretion of the AKC, the AKC subsidiary or other AKC-affiliated organization, as applicable, or (ii) is subsequently determined to have engaged in conduct that constitutes or constituted a material violation of policy as determined by the AKC Board of Directors, or the AKC subsidiary or other AKC-affiliated organization, as applicable.

This amendment will be read in March 2011, for a VOTE in June 2011, with an immediate effective date.

Trial Board Structure

Based on a request from the Board, Staff reviewed the current Trial Board Structure. No changes to the present structure will be made at this time.

Parent Club Approval for Miscellaneous Class Breeds

The Board reviewed the clubs that Staff has recommended to serve as the Parent Club for Spanish Water Dog and the Coton de Tulear. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Cirneco dell'Etna

The Board reviewed a request from the Cirneco dell'Etna Club of America to advance the Cirneco dell'Etna to the Miscellaneous Class. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Wikipedia

It had previously been noted that the Wikipedia content entry for The American Kennel Club included misleading and incorrect information. The Delegate Canine Health Committee had been requested to, and has provided, suggested changes. The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation has also been asked for input. A final version will be prepared by AKC's Communications Department and an effort will be made to have this factual information placed on Wikipedia.

Delegate Meeting Sites

There was a discussion on sites for future Delegate meetings. Staff was directed to study attendance and a geographic breakdown of attendees at different meetings in the past, and to report back to the Board.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Gonzalez, David Roberts, Mark Dunn, and Michelle Baker, participated via video conference.

There was an update on the various initiatives and programs instituted to reduce the rate of decline in registrations. There was also an update on the Canine Partners program.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Dr. Newman gave the report of the Appeals Committee.

Mrs. Jacqueline Stacy

At its meeting on October 19, 2010, the Board suspended the judging privileges for Mrs. Jacqueline Stacy and fined her \$500 in connection with her disregard for and failure to adhere to both the "Conflict of Interest" and the "Ethics, Honesty, and Common Sense" guidance in the *Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges* booklet. Mrs. Stacy appealed this decision. During the appeal the suspension was stayed. The Appeals Committee

found that Mrs. Stacy's actions reflected a lack of judgment and common sense, and recommended that the penalty be set at a reprimand and \$100 fine. The Board adopted the recommendation of the Appeals Committee.

Mr. Charles P. (Skip) Herendeen III

At its meeting on October 19, 2010, the Board suspended the judging privileges of Mr. Charles P. (Skip) Herendeen III, for failure to respond to an AKC inquiry and for inaccuracies in judging applications. Mr. Herendeen appealed this decision. During the appeal the suspension was stayed. The Appeals Committee upheld the decision, but recommended that the penalty be set at a five-year suspension of judging application privileges, five-year suspension of judging privileges, and a \$300 fine. The Board adopted the recommendation of the Appeals Committee.

CONFORMATION

Robin Stansell and Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Staff participated in this portion of the meeting. Bobby Birdsong, and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Scottish Terrier Breed Standard

The Board discussed proposed revisions to the Scottish Terrier Breed Standard. There were questions, which were to be addressed with the Scottish Terrier Club of America.

Boston Terrier Breed Standard

The Board reviewed the results of the Boston Terrier Club of America's ballot of its membership on proposed revisions to the Color and Markings and Disqualifications sections of its breed standard. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed Boston Terrier Standard with an effective date of March 30, 2011.

Tibetan Mastiff Breed Standard

The Board discussed proposed revisions to the Tibetan Mastiff breed standard. There were questions which are to be pursued with the American Tibetan Mastiff Association.

Best in Miscellaneous Class Point Schedule

Following a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve clarifications to the Point Schedule for the Miscellaneous Class to award "dogs defeated points" to the Best in Miscellaneous Class winner. The winner of the Best in Miscellaneous Class will be awarded points towards a Certificate of Merit based upon the total number of dogs that competed in all of the Miscellaneous Class Breeds.

Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations – Master Class

Following a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Marden, it was VOTED (unanimously) to add a new regular class called Master Class to Section 5. Classes and Divisions of the Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations.

The new class regulation reads as follows:

Section 5, New Section (C)

(C) Master. This class will be for boys and girls who are at least 9 years old and under 18 years on the day of the show, and who have won the 10 first place wins in an Open Class Competition. The calendar for this class will be November 1-October 31 of the following year.

All Juniors meeting the criteria for this class are required to enter the Master Class and may change their entry without charge the day of the show if entries have already closed. Once the eligibility time frame for that year has passed all participants return to the Open Class to compete for the following year.

Open Show

The Board reviewed a staff request to permit clubs to offer a pilot program, currently being called an "Open Show", as a special attraction to help refine and validate the proposed regulations that would be used for a new AKC Sanctioned "Open Show" event in 2012. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Enriching Dog Shows

Based on a request from the Board, Staff presented an analysis on the number of All-Breed Conformation dogs shows held annually with recommendations to current policies. Additionally, they recommended new programs that could enrich the dog show experience for exhibitors and clubs which include the Open Show proposal, an AKC Owner Handler Series and an Adult Handler Competition.

New Conformation Events

There was a lengthy discussion on the proliferation of new shows and the negative impact this was having on the entries at long established events. With thirteen All-Breed, twenty Group, and one hundred and fifty-seven Specialty clubs at the Sanctioned Match level there could be as many as three hundred and eighty additional shows within the next year or two.

There was a motion by Mrs. Strand, seconded by Mr. Kalter, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to place an indefinite moratorium on the licensing of new Conformation clubs, with the exception of new breed Parent clubs, while AKC studies the issue of the increase in the numbers of shows accompanied by average decline in entries.

There was a motion by Mr. Kalter, seconded by Mr. Davies, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to not approve any additional All-Breed or Group shows for existing clubs while the AKC studies the issue of the increase in the number of shows accompanied by declining entries. Thus an All-Breed or Group club that has been holding one show a year will not be approved for more than one show a year.

Proposed Dog Show Rule Changes

In January the Board approved amendments which would have created a Reserve Best in Show Placement and fifth and sixth placements in the Groups. It was to have been read in March for a vote in June 2011. However, the Board agreed to postpone the read until June, with a vote in September.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

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

Coonhound Event Limitations

Following a motion by Mr. Marden, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve changes to Chapter 2, Section 1 and Chapter 7, Section 1 of the *Regulations for AKC Coonhound Bench Show, Field Trial, Nite Hunt, and Water Races* to allow clubs, on a case -by-case basis, to hold up to four events per month provided the additional events (event #3 and #4) are approved by the Coonhound Department.

Revised Sections (revisions underlined) follow:

CHAPTER 2. MAKING AN APPLICATION

Section 1.

Each coonhound club or association which has held a coonhound event(s) in any one year shall have first right to claim the corresponding dates for its event(s) to be held the next succeeding year. Clubs may hold more than (2) AKC events per month up to a limit of four (4) if events #3 and #4 are approved by the Coonhound Department.

CHAPTER 7. Nite Hunts

Section 1. General Information.

A. Host Club: A club holding a licensed event must provide an AKC-approved Hunt Director and a Hunt Committee to conduct the event. A club must supply an ample number of Guides in accordance with Section 4 of these regulations. The club is responsible for dispersing any and all advertised awards and duly reporting the results of all licensed events according to AKC event policy. Clubs may hold more than (2) AKC events per month up to a limit of four (4) if events #3 and #4 are approved by the Coonhound Department.

Dalmatian Club of America Road Trial

The Board reviewed a request from the Dalmatian Club of America to accept their Road Trial performance event as an event in which AKC recorded titles can be earned. AKC would acknowledge all three working certificate titles – Coaching Certificate (CC), Road Dog (RD), and Road Dog Excellent (RDX) and record titles earned back as far as January 1, 2000. Without objection, the Performance Event Department will implement this program effective April 1, 2011. There was no objection.

American Brittany Club National Championship Field Trial Qualifications

The Board approved a request from the American Brittany Club (ABC) to change the qualification necessary to enter their National Championship Field Trial. The ABC would like to allow dogs to qualify that earned a third and fourth placement during the previous year in exceptionally large stakes.

Revised Qualifications:

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Amateur (All Age) Championship

(Effective at close of entries for the 2011 National Amateur All Age Championship)

1. Open to any Brittany six (6) months of age or over which in any preceding year placed first in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittanys or
2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Amateur All Age Championship for Brittanys, or
3. which during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year's closing of entries has placed in an All Age or Limited All Age Stake of 30 minutes in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club, when handled by an Amateur, in which the following (or more) dogs

- started: 1st place with 13 starters, 2nd place with 20 starters, 3rd place with 30 starters, or 4th place with 35 starters, or
4. has placed in any hour All Age or Limited All Age Stake in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club and handled by an Amateur in which the following dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, or 2nd place with 15 starters, or 3rd place with 17 starters, or 4th place with 20 starters, or
 5. has qualified for the current year National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys when handled by an Amateur, or
 6. A dog winning first place in the National Open All Age Championship when handled by an Amateur will also be qualified for life in the National Amateur All Age Championship.

No dog may run in both the National All Age Championships and the National Gun Dog Championships in the same calendar year.

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Amateur All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Amateur All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.

Only persons who, in the judgment of the Field Trial Committee, are qualified as amateurs as defined in Chapter 17, Section 2, of the AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, may serve as scouts in the National Amateur All Age Championship Stake.

The National (Open All Age) Championship

(Effective at close of entries for the 2011 National (Open All Age) Championship)

1. Open to any Brittany six (six) months of age or over which in any preceding year, placed first in the National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys or
2. which in the preceding year placed second, third or fourth in the National Open All Age Championship for Brittanys, or
3. which during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year closing of entries has two placements in an Open or Open Limited All Age Stake in a 13 to 19 dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club, one of which must be a 1st place, or
4. which during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year closing of entries has two placements, one of which is a 2nd in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake in a 20 to 24 dog stake in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club and has an additional Open or Open Limited All Age placement in which 13 or more dogs started in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club, or
5. has placed in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake of 30 minutes in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which the following (or more) dogs started: 1st place with 20 starters, 2nd place with 25 starters, 3rd place with 30 starters, or 4th place with 35 starters, or
6. has placed in an Open All Age or Open Limited All Age Stake of one hour or more in an AKC Licensed trial held by a Brittany Club in which the following dogs started: 1st place with 13 starters, 2nd place with 15 starters, 3rd place with 17 starters, or 4th place with 20 starters.

No dog may run in both the National All Age Championships and the National Gun Dog Championships in the same calendar year.

Any dog trained on the grounds chosen for the National Amateur All Age Championship within 30 days of the start of the National Amateur All Age Championship will be ineligible to compete.

American Water Spaniel Eligible for Retriever Hunting Tests

The Board reviewed a request from the American Water Spaniel Club to permit the American Water Spaniel to enter the Retriever Hunting Test. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin and seconded by Mr. Marden, it was VOTED (unanimously) that the American Water Spaniel will become eligible to enter the Retriever Hunting Test program starting April 1, 2011. Titles earned by American Water Spaniels in Retriever Hunting Tests will be designated with a "R" to differentiate the title from those earned in Spaniel Hunting Tests. (example: JHR)

Stabyhouns Eligible for AKC Pointing Breed Hunting Tests

The Board approved a request from the American Stabyhoun Association to allow the Stabyhouns to enter AKC Pointing Breed Hunting Tests. The Stabyhouns will be added to the list of breeds eligible to participate in Pointing Breed Hunting Tests effective July 1, 2011.

COMPLIANCE

Margaret Poindexter, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting, and Jack Norton, AKC Staff, participated via video conference.

Discipline Guidelines

There was a discussion on the *Discipline Guidelines* regarding the violation, "mistreatment of dogs in connection with an event". This will be considered further at the April 2011 meeting.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

During the month of January the DNA program resulted in the correction of 219 litter registrations, affecting 356 registered dogs. Additionally, the registrations of 139 litters, including 258 registered dogs, were converted to conditional registration and the registrations of 7 litters were canceled, affecting 8 registered dogs. 1 litter was canceled as a result of impure breeding affecting 3 registered dogs and 1 litter was canceled as a result of an inquiry.

CLUBS

Delegates

Gary Koeppel, North Canaan, CT
to represent Parson Russell Terrier Association of America
Daniele Ledoux-Stanzyk, Henderson, NV
to represent Silver State Kennel Club

Jenny Merritt, Bothell, WA
to represent Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America

Caulder Ripley, Waterbury, VT

to represent Green Mountain Dog Club

Barbara Shives, Blythewood, SC
to represent Columbia Kennel Club

Heather K. Smith, Deerfield, WI
to represent Scottish Deerhound Club of America

Anthony Vasquez, Claremont, CA
to represent San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club

Carol Williams, Brush Prairie, WA
to represent American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club

It was VOTED to adjourn Friday, February 11, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned
Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary