

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
July 11 -12, 2011

The Board convened on Monday July 11, 2011 at 8:01 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. The Chief Operating Officer participated via video conference.

Copies of the May 2011 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 9 - 10, 2011 meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Amen, the May 2011 Board minutes were unanimously adopted.

### **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 first five months of 2011 aggregate Entries were up by 2.48% and Events were up by less than one percent compared to the same period in the previous year.

### **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 months of May and June 2011.

### **AKC Use of Volunteers**

Vicki Rees, AKC Staff, was present during this portion of the meeting via video conference. Staff presented its findings after conducting a review into AKC's ability to utilize volunteers in terms of working for AKC. The Board raised a number of questions, which Staff will research and report on at the August meeting.

### **AKC Events Departments' Cost Analysis**

Keith Frazier and Jasey Day, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Based on a request from the Board of Directors, Staff presented an analysis and evaluation of departmental costs, services, processes and systems for Event Operations, Judging Operations, Performance Events and Companion Events. There was in-depth discussion of this analysis and opportunities.

### **AKC Government Relations Update**

Sheila Goffe, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Staff provided an update on canine legislation and the Government Relations Department's (GR) activity pursuant to the department's mission of education and informing responsible dog owners and breeders about legislative issues that impact them. As of June 20, AKC GR is tracking approximately 1,100 bills at the state and federal levels and approximately 90 bills at the local level. GR gave an update on the Federal PUPS Legislation. Staff reported on two major new outreach/educational initiatives for 2011, downloadable narrated educational PowerPoint programs for AKC club meetings and other groups seeking educational programs about canine legislation; and the AKC Legislative Conference to be held August 27 – 28 in Raleigh, NC.

**MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Lisa Gonzalez, David Roberts, Mark Dunn, and Michelle Baker, AKC Staff, participated via video conference. There was an update on the various initiatives and programs instituted to reduce the rate of decline in registrations.

**Judging Fees**

There was a discussion on providing judges with the opportunity to list their fees on the AKC Online Directory as a service to clubs. A poll was taken and a majority of the Board were in favor of having judging fees included in the directory. The August letter to judges will provide them an opportunity to list their fee if they choose.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Jim Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, participated in this portion of the meeting. Total revenues in the first half of 2011 were 6% lower than the prior year. Total operating expenses during this period were less than 1% higher than 2010. Our investments produced a substantial gain during the first half of this year. This was a significant improvement from last year's much smaller gain due to the improved performance of the stock markets.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Delegates**

The following Delegates were approved:

Maria Arechaederra, Orange CA  
to represent Kuvasz Club of America

Dominic P. Carota, Selkirk, NY  
to represent Pharaoh Hound Club of America

Esther Cassett, Grand Island, NY  
to represent Kennel Club of Niagara Falls

Yale Goldman, Orange Park, FL  
to represent Jacksonville Dog Fanciers Association

Linda LaFrance, Weirsdale, FL  
to represent Greater Ocala Dog Club

Sally McNamara, Onsted, MI  
to represent Jaxon Kennel Club

Carole Plesur, Zephyrhills, FL  
to represent Italian Greyhound Club of America

Sharon Sakson, Pennington, NJ  
to represent Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club

Karen Sen, Springfield, OR  
to represent Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America

Kevin Shupenia, Dacula, GA  
to represent Harrier Club of America

Robert Urban, Rome, OH  
to represent American Black and Tan Coonhound Club

Suzanne Warfield, Auburn, PA  
to represent the Japanese Chin Club of America.

### **Lhasa Apso Stud Book**

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the American Lhasa Apso Club (ALAC) to expand the Lhasa Apso gene pool by opening the stud book to a limited number of Lhasa Apsos from native Tibetan Stock. Staff will work with the ALAC to develop the procedures to include the Gompa Lhasa Apso dogs in Open Registration as well as establishing the breed in the AKC Foundation Stock Service for dogs imported from the country of origin lacking complete pedigrees in accordance with the request by ALAC.

### **Coton de Tulear**

The Board VOTED to approve a request, from the United States of America Coton de Tulear Club, to move the Coton de Tulear breed into the Miscellaneous Class. Effective June 27, 2012.

### **Pomeranian - Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

The Board VOTED to approve breed standard changes to the Pomeranian breed standard as proposed and voted on by the membership of the American Pomeranian Club, with an effective date of August 31, 2011.

### **Russell Terrier**

The Board VOTED to accept the Russell Terrier into the AKC Stud Book effective June 1, 2012, and to accept the Standard submitted by the American Russell Terrier Club, Inc., as the official standard for the breed. The breed will be eligible to compete in the Terrier Group effective June 27, 2012. An open registry will be maintained for the breed until July 1, 2017.

### **Spanish Water Dog**

The Board VOTED to move the Spanish Water Dog breed into the Miscellaneous Class effective June 27, 2012.

### **American Water Spaniels – Eliminate Water Retrieving Certificate**

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the American Water Spaniel Club to eliminate the Retrieving Certificate Test (RCT) requirement for Spaniel Hunt Test titling. This request was based on the fact that the AWS is now permitted to enter Retriever Hunting Tests (effective August 1, 2011).

### **Single Stakes in Lure Coursing Trials**

Based on a request from the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Delegate Committee, the Board VOTED to add a new Section 5, to Chapter VIII of the *Regulations for Lure Coursing Test and Trials*, to create a new stake in Lure Coursing Trials called a Singles Stake. Hounds are run by themselves, scored, and placements are then determined on the basis of the score. All dogs that enter the Singles Stake compete against each other regardless of breed. Results are not recorded to a dog's record and no title is earned. Offering the stake is at the discretion of the host club.

New Section 5:

**New Section 5. Singles Stake.** A Singles Stake may be offered at a lure coursing trial at the option of the host club. No points or passes counting toward AKC titles shall be awarded. All regulations pertaining to regular stakes shall apply unless modified by the regulations specific to this stake. Singles Stakes shall be run as follows:

- (a) Open to all sighthound breeds approved to participate in AKC Lure Coursing trials.
- (b) Hounds with breed disqualifications are eligible to enter.
- (c) Hounds entered in the Singles Stake shall not be allowed to enter the regular stakes (open, specials or veteran) at the same event.
- (d) Order of running shall be determined by random draw.
- (e) Each hound shall run the course alone.
- (f) Judges shall score a dogs performance the same as a regular stake.
- (g) Single Stake entries from all breeds shall be combined to determine placements.
- (h) Placements shall be awarded based on the combined preliminary and final course scores. The winner of the stake shall not be eligible to compete in Best of Breed and/or Best in Field courses.
- (i) The host club shall award ribbons to placing hounds. Ribbon colors applicable to regular stakes shall apply.
- (o) The host club may place a limit on the Singles Stake separate from any limit placed on entries at the test/trial.

### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

### **Miniature Schnauzer – Proposed Revisions to Breed Standard**

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Color and Tail sections of the Miniature Schnauzer breed standard. The Board recommended revisions, which staff was directed to discuss with the Parent Club.

### **Toy Fox Terrier – Proposed Revisions to Breed Standard**

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Toy Fox Terrier breed standard. There was a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by, Dr. Battaglia, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit the American Toy Fox Terrier Club to ballot the membership, in accordance with the parent club's constitution and bylaws.

### **2012 Delegate Meeting Dates and Locations**

There was a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Smith, Dr. Davies, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Amen, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Menaker, Ms. Scully, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Newman, Mr. Kalter; opposed: Dr. Garvin) to set the date and location of the March, June and September 2012 Delegate meetings. 2012 Delegate Meetings are as follows:

- March 12-13, Monday-Tuesday, New York City area
- June 11-12, Monday-Tuesday, Raleigh, North Carolina
- September 10-11, Monday Tuesday, New York City Area
- December 17-18, Monday-Tuesday, Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Garvin specifically voted against the dates of the June meeting, which he proposed be scheduled on a Sunday/Monday.

#### **Nominating Committee**

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that the Nominating Committee for the March 2012 election of AKC Directors must be appointed by August 15, and its report must be received no later than October 15, 2011. The Nominating Committee will be appointed at the August 2011 Board meeting.

#### **"In Good Standing"**

The Executive Secretary reviewed AKC's definition of "in good standing" with the American Kennel Club. There are a number of AKC privileges which may be suspended including Registration, participation in events and judging approval. A person may be suspended from any one of these AKC privileges while maintaining other privileges. The question is whether "good standing" should be defined as having any AKC privileges or as having all AKC privileges. This will be considered further at the August 2011 meeting.

#### **Japanese Chin– Proposed Revisions to Breed Standard**

The Board reviewed the results of a ballot, to the membership of the Japanese Chin Club of America, on a proposed revision to the Color section of the Japanese Chin breed standard. The membership voted 89% in favor of this change. The proposed standard will be published in the Secretary's Page of the *AKC Gazette*.

#### **Spanish Water Dog - Group Designation**

The Board reviewed a request from the Spanish Water Dog Club, Inc. The club would like the breed's group designation to be changed from Sporting to Herding. Staff was directed to get more information from the club as to why the Herding designation was appropriate.

#### **The Registration of Low Uric Acid Dalmatians**

The Board reviewed the results of a vote by the membership of the Dalmatian Club of America (DCA). By a 55-45% margin, the membership voted in favor of registering these dogs. Following a motion by Dr. Newman, seconded by Dr. Smith it was VOTED (unanimously) to authorize AKC Staff to develop procedures for the registration of these dogs. The procedures will be developed in consultation with the Board of the DCA. To ensure that the introduction of the Low Uric Acid dogs into the registry is an informed, voluntary decision, the registration numbers for the Low Uric Acid Dalmatians and their descendents will have a letter indicator as part of the registration number.

### **PERFORMANCE EVENTS**

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

#### **German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, Vizslas and Weimaraners — Eligibility for Retriever Hunting Tests.**

The Board reviewed a request made by the respective parent clubs to allow the German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Vizsla and Weimaraner to enter the Retriever Hunting Test. These breeds are currently eligible to participate in the Pointing Breed Hunting Test. These breeds were developed as all-around hunting dogs, hunting both upland birds and waterfowl. The inclusion in a second test will allow for a much more complete testing of their versatile hunting abilities. If approved, they will be the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth breeds to "cross-over" into a second hunting test program. Titles earned by these breeds in Retriever Hunting Tests will be designated with an "R" to differentiate the title from those earned in Pointing Breed Hunting Tests (example: JHR). This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

### **APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Newman gave the report of the Appeals Committee (Dr. Newman, Chair, Mr. Arnold, and Ms. Scully). The AKC Board of Directors, at its May 2011 meeting, suspended the judging privileges of Ms. Kristina J. Sherling for two months and fined her \$500 for infractions of The American Kennel Club's *Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges*, specifically as they relate to exhibiting improprieties. Ms. Sherling appealed this decision, and the Appeals Committee voted to deny this appeal, with her suspension effective July 22, 2011.

### **COMPANION EVENTS**

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

### **Revision to Obedience and Tracking Training Regulation**

The Board reviewed suggested revisions to Chapter 1, Section 14 of the Obedience Regulations to clarify that showing under a judge is not allowed when a student /teacher training relationship exists (with or without compensation), and to place a responsibility on the judge to report such violations (Attachment A). This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned on Monday July 11, 2011 at 5:20 pm

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Meeting reconvened on Tuesday July 12, 2011 at 8:17 am. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. The Chief Operating Officer participated via video conference.

### **CONFORMATION**

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

There was a report on event-related fines and reprimands, which will be published on the August Secretary's Page.

There was a review and discussion on the type of situation where the closing date for an event may be extended.

### **JUDGING OPERATIONS**

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

### **Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 7, Section 1**

The Board reviewed a proposal submitted by Colorado Springs Kennel Club to amend Chapter 7, Section 1 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to permit anyone selling dog food – including full time sales reps – to be eligible to apply for judge's approval. Following a motion by Mr.

Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving prior notice requirement, and to disapprove the proposal.

### **Printed Judges Directory**

The Staff proposed that AKC discontinue printing the annual Judges Directory effective with the 2012 Judges Directory for Conformation, Obedience, Rally and Tracking Judges. Due to the frequency in changes to Judges' status, the printed Judges Directory is obsolete the day it is printed and delivered to AKC. Conversely the Judges Directory on the AKC Website is always current. The website version of the Judges Directory will replicate the All-Breed and Variety Groups List (Grids) currently found in the printed version as well as contain the same grid for Judges of Companion Events. After discussion, it was the sense of the Board that the printed Judges Directory should be continued.

### **Regular Status Request & Single Entry Breeds**

Staff presented a memo to clarify the requirements for regular status as outlined in the Board-approved Judging Approval Process, effective January 1, 2007. The policy statement and the clarification appear below.

*Policy Statement:*

Complete five assignments in each provisional breed, demonstrating sufficient competence in the breeds. Unlimited assignments may be accepted. Additional provisional assignments may be required. Must have been observed for a total of three times by different Field Representatives. (Judging Operations staff may reduce this requirement in breeds with consistently small entries).

Additional provisional assignments may be required. Following a Marginal or Does Not Meet evaluation at least two additional evaluations on that breed will be required.

*Clarification:*

“An entry of one dog in a breed, not on the Low Entry Breed List, **may not** count towards the required five provisional assignments. This single entry does not provide you with an opportunity to make a decision based on the merits of at least two dogs for comparison to determine the quality of each exhibit. Under our current policy, you must complete *five judging assignments with dogs present*. A single entry does not comply with this policy with the exception of those breeds on the current Low Entry Breed List published by the Judging Operations Department.

The issue is whether or not a single dog judged should always or sometimes count as one of the five required Provisional assignments. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

**COMPLIANCE**

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

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss legal issues.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

**CLUBS**

**American Whippet Club – Election Related Disputes**

The Board reviewed complaints made against the American Whippet Club's board of directors over failure to follow its bylaws in conducting its annual election. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

**Delegates for Publication**

Joseph B Franklin, Raleigh, NC  
to represent Pekingese Club of America  
no current Delegate

**Request for AKC Membership**

**For Publication:**

Elmira Kennel Club  
Elmira, New York  
39 Households, 26 local (Chemung County)  
First license show: August 18, 1963  
Bylaws are acceptable

**NEW BUSINESS****Board Attendance at Events**

There was agreement that Board members should be encouraged to attend AKC events in different areas to discuss issues important to AKC with officials of the event-giving club.

**AKC Inspections**

There was a discussion on AKC's Investigations and Inspections Program, and how the AKC should promote these positive educational actions. Staff was directed to prepare a report for the Board outlining these opportunities.

**Raleigh Facility Space**

Mr. Sprung reported that there has been some reallocation of space in the Raleigh, North Carolina Operations Facility. Pet Partners, Inc., provider of the AKC's Pet Healthcare program, will be moving into and subletting space in the AKC's Raleigh offices.

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel matters.

**Basset Hound Agility Jump Heights**

Staff distributed a request submitted by the Basset Hound Club of America to lower the jump heights in Agility for the Basset Hound. This will be considered further at the August 2011 meeting.

**PLANNING SESSION**

The Board had a lengthy discussion on the current state of dog shows and show-giving clubs. Charles Kneifel and Michael Liosis participated in this discussion, which will be continued in August, while Robin Stansell, Bobby Birdsong, and Bri Tesarz, participated via video conference.

**Newly Approved Specialty Clubs**

Following a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to lift the current hold on the licensing of Conformation Specialty clubs provided they meet the following territorial and event criteria:

- 1) Local specialty clubs will not be approved within a 100 miles of the territory of an existing specialty club of the same breed.
- 2) Local specialty clubs will only be licensed to hold specialties in conjunction with another specialty, Group or All-Breed shows or cluster.
- 3) Any newly forming or club ready for licensing will only be approved with the proviso they agree any future events must meet the adjacency and/or integrated specialty requirement as stated in (2).
- 4) Any local specialty clubs licensed or formed during this period will be subject to any final policies that result from the moratorium study period.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.



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Adjourned  
Attest:

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James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

## ATTACHMENT A

### OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### **Chapter 1**

##### **Section 14. Dogs That May Not Compete.**

No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at an obedience trial if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, handled in the ring or has been regularly trained or instructed within six months prior to the date of the obedience trial by the judge or by any person residing in the same household as the judge. "Trained or instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs and to judges who train individual dogs or train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers (see "Glossary of Terms").

No exhibitor may show a dog under a judge at an obedience or rally trial if he has participated in a training session taught by that judge within thirty (30) days prior to the date of the event.

### OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS OBEDIENCE JUDGES GUIDELINES CHAPTER 3 – PROCEDURES IN THE RING

**Eligibility.** When the eligibility of a handler or a dog to compete is in question, the matter should be referred to the Event Committee. When the Event Committee determines, from the information available, that a dog or a handler is ineligible to compete in the class, the handler is to be informed of the requirements of the *Obedience Regulations* that make him or her ineligible to compete. If any alternative exists (such as substituting an eligible handler to replace the handler who is ineligible to take the dog into the ring), it should be suggested. If the handler insists on competing, regardless of their or the dog's eligibility, then it is the duty of the secretary or superintendent to point out to the handler that the judge will be requested to judge the dog "under protest," and the dog or handler's eligibility to compete will be reviewed by the AKC. The secretary or superintendent should inform the judge of the situation, requesting that the dog and handler be permitted to compete. The judge then permits the dog to compete.

Judges are required to make a notation in their judges' book when they encounter a situation where an exhibitor or dog is not eligible to show under them at an event. This report should give identifying information on the exhibitor and dog and a brief statement as to why, in the opinion of the judge, the handler or dog was ineligible.

It is the responsibility of the trial secretary or superintendent to provide a concise, factual statement of the problem in the official AKC show/trial report. The AKC will make a determination based on what has been reported. If it is determined that the dog is not eligible, the dog's score will be disallowed.

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS  
OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS  
GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

Training – as related to where a student-handler/teacher-judge relationship is established, with or without compensation.

**TRACKING REGULATIONS  
GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**Section 10. Dogs That May Not Compete.**

No exhibitor may show a dog under a judge at a tracking test if he participated in a training session taught by that judge within thirty (30) days prior to the date of the event.

**TRACKING REGULATIONS  
TRACKING TEST AND JUDGES' GUIDELINES**

**Tracking Test and Judges' Guidelines –**

... These are only examples. The key is to avoid situations that might give the impression of impropriety.

The AKC recognizes you cannot control who enters. This does not diminish the importance of appearances. Everything possible must be done to keep your reputation above reproach.

**(New Paragraph)**

Judges are required to make a notation in their judges' book when they encounter a situation where an exhibitor or dog is not eligible to show under them at an event. This report should give identifying information on the exhibitor and dog and a brief statement as to why, in the opinion of the judge, the handler or dog was ineligible.

As a tracking judge, you should adhere to the certifications made when your application to become an AKC judge. These certifications are restated below:

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS  
TRACKING REGULATIONS  
GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

Training – as related to where a student-handler/teacher-judge relationship is established, with or without compensation.