

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 10 - 11, 2011

The Board convened on Monday October 10, 2011 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 August 2011 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 8 - 9, 2011 meeting. It was pointed out that the definition of “good standing” adopted at the August 2011, meeting implied that anyone who ever had any privileges suspended, would never again be in good standing. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to modify the definition of “good standing” to read “a person who does not have any AKC privileges suspended at this time.” Upon a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Davies, the August 2011 Board minutes were unanimously adopted as amended.

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 eight months of 2011 aggregate Entries were up by 2.88% and Events were up by 1.70% compared to the same period in the previous year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and the protocol for Board discussion.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Gonzalez, David Roberts, Mark Dunn, and Michelle Barker, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Lisa Gonzalez gave an update on AKC’s Marketing and Communications initiatives.

Mark Dunn gave an update on the AKC Canine Partners Program.

Registration Revenue Analysis

Lisa Gonzalez, David Roberts, Mark Dunn, and Michelle Barker, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Staff presented its pricing strategy for 2012 and a projection of revenues.

There was a discussion on registration fees, which were last raised in 2007. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) to implement the following, effective January 1, 2012:

- A price increase of \$10.00 from \$20.00 to \$30.00 for dog registration and transfer fees.
- The fee for the silver and gold packages will be maintained at the current price.
- The price printed on existing forms will be honored until April 30, 2012 for dog registrations only. The grandfathering will not apply to transfers.

Cost of Co-Ownership Analysis

Lisa Gonzalez, David Roberts, Mark Dunn, and Michelle Baker, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Staff presented an analysis of co-ownerships based on prevalence and impact that disputes have on AKC resources. An analysis of co-owned dogs states that non-fanciers represent 80% of all dog co-ownerships, indicating that the

Fancy will not be burdened by this fee. More than 35% of registrations and transfers have two or more owners. 14% of AKC Compliance cases are related to co-owner disputes. Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Davies, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to implement a \$10 fee for each additional owner added to the dog during the original registration of the dog and any subsequent transfers, effective January 1, 2012. A dog may be registered with one Primary Owner at no additional cost. Co-owned dam owners registering members of the litter to the litter owners will be exempt from this additional fee. Each additional owner will receive an e-mail copy of the AKC registration certificate. The copy will be clearly marked COPY, will not display the certificate issue date, and will not have the transfer form on the back. Old applications will be grandfathered until April 30, 2012.

Signature Requirements on Litter Registrations

Margaret Poindexter, AKC Staff, was present during this portion of the meeting. Charles Kneifel and David Roberts, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. There was a discussion on possibly amending the current Board policy which requires the signature of all dam owners to register a litter. Staff will address the Board policy being in conflict with Chapter 3, Section 6 of *The Rules Applying to Registration*. This policy will be discussed further in the November meeting.

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 August and September 2011.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jim Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, participated in this portion of the meeting. Total revenues in the month of September 2011 were 10% lower than the prior year. The month's total operating expenses were 1% less than 2010. Our investments absorbed an unrealized loss during the month due to the poor performance of the stock markets.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Delegates

The following Delegate was approved:

Dr. Lisa Boyer, Loomis, CA
To represent American Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Association

Juxi Burr, Albuquerque, NM
To represent Rio Grande Kennel Club

Kimberly Demchak, Mayer, AZ
To represent Giant Schnauzer Club of America

Raymond P. Harrington, Venetia, PA
To represent South Hills Kennel Club

Stephen Owens, Cumberland, RI
To represent Providence County Kennel Club

Shirley Ray, Corpus Christi, TX
To represent Corpus Christi Kennel Club

Cathleen Rubens, Apex, NC
To represent Fayetteville Kennel Club

American Whippet Club Election-Related Dispute

The Board VOTED to officially reprimand The American Whippet Club for failure to completely comply with Article IV, Section 3 of its bylaws in conducting its annual election and for not retaining the ballots for a period of time, such as that are identified in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

National Specialty Catalog Sales

The Board VOTED to amend its policy regarding catalog sales. The following policy changes are effective immediately

1. A club holding back-to-back-shows, clubs holding consecutive days of AKC events, or different clubs in a cluster may use a combined catalog if the same secretary/superintendent is used.
2. Event Catalogs may not go on sale until one hour prior to judging the first AKC event.
3. When a combined catalog is used, a separate copy with all placements and absences marked must be sent to AKC for each of the events.

Japanese Chin - Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board VOTED to approve breed standard changes to the Japanese Chin breed standard as proposed and voted on by the membership of the Japanese Chin Club of America, Inc. with an effective date of November 30, 2011.

Miniature American Shepherd - Advance to Miscellaneous

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA, to move the Miniature American Shepherd into the Miscellaneous Class effective June 27, 2012.

Conditionally Registered Dogs - Eligibility to Compete in Field Trials

The Board VOTED to make dogs with conditional registration ineligible to participate in AKC field events where prefix titles are earned. This is effective November 1, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dalmatian Registration Procedures

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the following procedures to be used for registration of Dalmatians descended from "Stocklore Stipples" known as LUA (low uric acid) Dalmatians, effective November 1, 2011.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- 1) An Open Registration application is required:
 - a) Include pedigree for the dog. While application only calls for a three-generation pedigree, the pedigree in this case must go back to and to document that the dog in questions is a descendent of Stocklore Stipples,

NS 601000. All dogs in the pedigree must be AKC registered or AKC registrable.

- b) Include photographs of the dog, as required as part of the Open Registration process.
- 2) Application is reviewed and pedigree researched by AKC staff.
- 3) The dog must be tested for the normal SLC2A9 gene.
- 4) Only dogs tested as homozygous or heterozygous for the normal SLC2A9 gene will be registered under this program (see 6 below). The test results will be recorded by OFA, with OFA covering the cost of this recording for one year, and the DCA covering the next two years. The results must accompany the Open Registration application.
- 5) Applicants that qualify will be registered with an “NY” prefix. The same “NY” would also appear as a registration prefix for all of their descendants.
- 6) Any descendants of Stocklore Stipples that do not test as homozygous or heterozygous for the normal SLC2A9 gene would not be eligible under this program to receive the “NY” prefix directly as the whole purpose of the Open Registration was to introduce the normal gene into breeding programs at the option of the breeders. Such dogs, which only carry the same mutated gene as in presently registered Dalmatians, would be eligible to apply for AKC registration, which would include the NY designation, provided both parents are AKC registered dogs, at least one of which carries the NY designation. Such registration of these dogs during the Open Registration period can only be accomplished as a member of a registrable litter.
- 7) If it comes to AKC’s attention that any imported dog is a descendent of Stocklore Stipples, that dog would receive the “NY” prefix. Each application is researched and handled on a case-by-case basis.
- 8) The Open Registration period will be for three years (November 1, 2011 through November 1, 2014). However, the policy on imported dog will remain in effect indefinitely.
- 9) Frozen Semen may be registered only if the dog that produced it is deceased, and if it meets the requirements above. Any living dog must meet the Open Registration procedure, after which its frozen semen may be used to produce an AKC registrable litter.
- 10) Once a dog is registered under this procedure, any descendants may be registered under regular AKC registration procedures. This would include any litter whelped prior to the dog’s registration. As prior registrations of such litters was previously prohibited by AKC, any late penalty would be waived.

Asociacion Canofilia Salvadoreña (ACANSAL)

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (unanimously) to add Asociacion Canofila Salvadoreña (ACANSAL), the national registry in El Salvador, to the list of foreign registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration.

Proposed Standard Schnauzer Breed Standard Revision

Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit the Standard Schnauzer Club of America to ballot its membership regarding proposed revisions to the Tail section of the breed standard, in accordance with the club’s constitution and bylaws.

Proposed Rottweiler Breed Standard Revision

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to advise the American Rottweiler Club that it would have to select one rather than multiple versions of a proposed standard revision regarding the tail before the Board would approve a ballot by the club's membership.

Proposed Old English Sheepdog Breed Standard Revision

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to advise the Old English Sheepdog Club of America of questions the Board needed answered before it could ballot its membership on proposed revisions to the breed standard, in accordance with the club's constitution and bylaws.

Proposed Komondor Breed Standard Revision

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Goodman, it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit the Komondor Club of America to ballot its membership on proposed revisions to the Bite section of the breed standard, in accordance with the club's constitution and bylaws, provided the club removed questionable verbiage, specified by the AKC Board.

Imported Portuguese Water Dogs

The Board reviewed a request from the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America to only permit Portuguese Water Dogs imported from Clube Portugues de Canicultura (CPC), to be accepted for AKC registration if the import pedigree shows at least five generations of complete LOP dogs with no RI dogs in these five generations. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Proposed Tibetan Mastiff Breed Standard Revision Ballot Results

The Board reviewed the results of a ballot submitted to the American Tibetan Mastiff Association membership regarding revisions to the breed standard. The proposed revisions will be published in the November Secretary's page.

FSS Breed Parent Club Determination

There was a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Davies, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Goodman, Ms. Scully, Dr. Smith, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Amen, Dr. Newman, Dr. Smith; abstaining Mr. Gladstone) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual advance notice requirement.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Newman, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Davies, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Scully, Dr. Smith, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Amen, Dr. Newman, abstaining Mr. Gladstone) to approve the Berger Picard Club of America as the Parent Club to represent the breed and the Lagotto Club of America as the parent club to represent the Lagotto Romagnolo.

Proposal to Reduce Number of Delegate Meetings

The Board reviewed a proposal, from the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee, to reduce the number of Delegate meetings from four to three per year. The proposal suggests that two of these meetings be expanded from two days to three days in order to enable increased attendance at the various Delegate committee meetings. The Board had reservations on these provisions and wished to see the specific language of the proposed Bylaw change.

Breed Standards for Docked Breeds

Based on a Board request, Staff presented its guidelines for description of the tail and dewclaws in the standard of a new breed. Staff also explained how it will handle any future breed standard revisions to the ear and tail sections of a breed standard if those sections are being revised.

There will be the following two-step approach:

1. Discuss with the club the feasibility of revising the description of the ear and tail to include a description of the natural ear and tail if these sections are being revised.

2. The most severe language that may be used is to severely penalize natural ears or tail with the understanding that it is the judge's discretion to interpret the standard.

New Breeds for Foundation Stock Service® - American Hairless Terrier and Deutscher Wachtelhund

Staff advised the Board that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee has accepted the American Hairless Terrier and the Deutscher Wachtelhund (German Spaniel) into the AKC FSS program.

Group Designation Change for Czechoslovakian Vlcak Dog

The Board reviewed a request from the Czechoslovakian Vlcak Club of America to change the group designation for this breed from Herding to Working based upon the function of the breed. At the direction of the Board, Staff will convert the Czechoslovakian Vlcak Group designation to Working. There was no objection.

Group Designation Change for Spanish Water Dog

The Board reviewed a request from the Spanish Water Dog Club to convert the breed to a Herding group designation. At the direction of the Board, Staff will convert the Spanish Water Dog group designation to Herding. There was no objection.

Meeting adjourned on Monday October 10, 2011 at 5:40 pm

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday October 11, 2011 at 8:00 am. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS

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

Revisions to Hunting Test Regulations

The Board reviewed six minor housecleaning changes to the Hunting Test Regulations. Most notable changes allow clubs to offer lower entry fees for junior handlers and allow dogs to enter lower level tests after having titled at a higher level. This would be strictly for the pleasure of the dog and handler and will be most used by owners with elderly dogs. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Allowing Judges to Use 4-Wheelers in Pointing Breed Hunting Tests

The Board reviewed a proposal to change the *Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds* to permit Pointing Breed Hunt Test Judges to Use 4-Wheelers. This would provide an option to host clubs if the test site allows 4-wheelers and the nature of the ground/cover makes it a viable alternative. This option provides a potential cost savings to clubs and will enlarge the potential number of judges. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Pointing Breed Hunting Tests "Advanced" Titles

The Board reviewed a proposal to amend the *Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds* to provide for additional advanced titles to each of the three existing examples – Junior Hunter Advanced. A dog must have previously earned the base level title before earning legs towards advanced titles. A dog earns the Advanced title by, on five occasions, achieving higher scores than required in the current classes. It is also suggested that clubs be allowed to hold up to 6 events per year (current limit is 4). This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Herding "Master" Titles

The Board reviewed a recommendation to add a Master(M) designation to each of the current Herding Trial titles if a dog passes a class (level – course – stock) eight additional times after earning its initial title in that class. A further recommendation is to allow clubs to hold up to 10

herding trials per calendar year (current limit is 8). This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Technical Modifications to the Herding Regulations

The Board reviewed a recommendation to make two technical modifications to the Herding Regulations. (1) The first pertains to the length of Drive legs on Course B. Allow clubs the option to make the “drive” section of the course an isosceles triangle rather than an equilateral triangle. This will save the host club having to move gates 16 feet as they transition from the Intermediate to the Advanced level and it will allow clubs to use narrower fields for course B, which will help at some herding facilities. (2) Clarify when the handler can leash the dog at the completion of Course A. The recommendation is to specify that the leash is placed on the dog just prior to opening the exit gate to leave the arena. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Beagle Grand Field Champion

The Board reviewed a recommendation to add a new Beagle Field Trial title called the Grand Field Champion (GFC). A dog must have previously been awarded a Field Champion title to earn the GFC title. To be recorded, a GFC a dog must win two first places and 90 points under the existing point system at AKC approved Brace and Gundog Federation Championship trials or the AKC National Beagle Championship trial for Brace, Gundog Brace, Small Pack Option or Large Pack Beagles. This is a prefix title that would appear in addition to the Field Championship title. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Beagle Field Trial Technical Recommendations

The Board reviewed a request from the Beagle Field Trial Advisory Committee regarding two technical refinements to the Beagle Field Trial Standard Procedures. (1) Allow the judges, while in the field, to move up a dog that they have determined to be the Next Best Qualifier (NBQ) if one of the hounds that remain under judgment commits an action so faulty as to not warrant a placement. (2) Clarify that in traditional brace/trio trials, the hounds in the first series shall be laid on the line in the order drawn. Currently if the hounds are handled by the same person, the hound changes place with the next hound not handled by that person. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Retriever Hunting Test Advisory Committee Recommendations

The Board reviewed a request from the Retriever Hunt Test Advisory Committee for six modifications to the *Retriever Hunt Test Regulations*. Three recommendations are meant to clarify existing Regulations, the fourth recommendation will make the Master level test slightly more difficult, the fifth is meant to attract new participants by allowing clubs to hold more Junior/Senior level tests, and the sixth will increase the judging eligibility requirements. The Performance events department agrees with and has approved these recommendations. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Flat-Coated & Curly-Coated Retrievers Eligible to Participate in Upland Hunting Tests

The Board reviewed a recommendation for the Curly-Coated Retriever and the Flat-Coated Retriever to be eligible to enter the Upland (Spaniel) Hunting Test program. Titles earned by these breeds in Upland Hunting Tests will be designated with an “U” to differentiate the title from those earned in Retriever Breed Hunting Tests (example: JHU). The proposal permits Specialty clubs from these breeds to apply to become licensed to hold Upland Hunting Tests one year following their eligibility to participate. This has been requested by both Parent Clubs. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Boykin Spaniels Eligible for Retriever Hunting Tests

The Board reviewed a recommendation to permit the Boykin Spaniel to be eligible to participate in the Retriever Hunting Test program. Titles earned by Boykin Spaniels in Retriever Hunting Tests will be designated with an “R” to differentiate the title from those earned in the Spaniel

Hunting Test (example: JHR). If approved, this recommendation would become effective December 1, 2011. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

GWP Field Trial Water Test Requirements

The Board reviewed a request from the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America (GWPCA) to permit a “pass” by a German Wirehaired Pointer in a pointing breed water test to count toward both the FC or AFC title regardless whether a professional or amateur handles the dog. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Portuguese Podengo Pequenos Eligible to Participate in AKC Lure Coursing Events

The Board reviewed a request from the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos of America. They request to allow the Portuguese Podengo Pequenos to be eligible to participate in AKC Lure Coursing events; however, they do not want the breed to be allowed to compete for Best in Field, due to its small size. The Performance Events Department agrees with this recommendation. If approved the recommendation would become effective January 1, 2012. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Boxers Eligible to Participate in AKC Herding Events

The Board reviewed a request from the American Boxer Club to permit the breed to compete in AKC Herding events. If approved the recommendation would become effective January 1, 2012. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

COMPLIANCE

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

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

CONFORMATION

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

Request from Catonsville Kennel Club

The Board reviewed a request, from the Catonsville Kennel Club, for an exception to the Board Policy which mandates that all-breed dog shows, held on the same date, must be at least 200 miles away from each other. For many years there have been competing clusters in Maryland and New Jersey within the 200 mile conflict distance. All of the participating clubs were in favor of the arrangement and the AKC Board did eventually approve it. The participants in the cluster have now changed and they wish to continue the arrangement. Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve these two clusters subject to all parties agreeing to the conflict.

4-to-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Goodman, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Goodman, Dr. Davies, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Ashby, Ms. Scully, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Newman, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Amen, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Dr. Smith) to approve the Regulations for the 4 to 6 Month Beginner Puppy Class Competition with an effective date of July 1, 2012. Complete Regulations appear as Attachment A.

Open Show

Following a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Dr. Newman, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Regulations for the Open Show with an effective date of July 1, 2012. Complete Regulations appear as Attachment B.

AKC Owner/Handler Series

Based on a request from The Board Events and Entry Committee. Staff developed an Owner/Handler Series of shows to showcase the owner handled dogs in which professional handlers may not participate. The Owner/Handler series will be offered at well attended dog shows geographically distributed across the country.

Following a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Goodman, Dr. Davies, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Ashby, Ms. Scully, Dr. Newman, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Amen, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Smith, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Mr. Gladstone) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual notice requirement.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Kalter, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the AKC Owner/Handler Series, effective January 1, 2012. The Procedure Guide appears as Attachment C.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 1, Section 3

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Dog Show Rules Committee to remove Chapter 1, Section 3 from the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, as the type of event it references is no longer relevant, i.e., a show restricted to puppies and dogs that have previously placed at a show. The DSRC also recommends the renumbering of all subsequent sections. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Removing Limited Breed Clubs from Moratorium

Sanctioned Limited Breed (Group) Clubs are currently restricted from advancing to licensed club status by the moratorium imposed by the Board of Directors. The Board reviewed a proposal to permit these clubs to advance to licensed status with restrictions similar to those approved by the Board for specialty clubs to advance. There was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Dr. Smith to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual notice requirement. This motion failed with the VOTE (affirmative: Mr. Arnold, Dr. Smith; opposed: Mr. Menaker, Dr. Davies, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Gladstone, Ms. Scully, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Newman, Mr. Amen). This will be discussed further at the November meeting after receiving data next month which will enable the Board to make a decision.

Points for Reserve at a National

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Progressive Dog Club to amend remove Chapter 16, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, to create a new three-point major for the Dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the Bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch at one National Specialty each year, specified by the AKC Breed Parent Club. The three points may only be awarded to the RWD or RWB, if the class competition in that sex is double the number required for a five point major. This will be discussed further at the November meeting when the Board will be presented with a statistical report on the subject.

Explore AKC Global Service Opportunities

Staff presented a report on potential opportunities for expanding AKC Global services.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

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

Judging Listing Fees

Based on a request from the Board, Staff instructed Judging Operations to include with its annual update for the Judges Directory the opportunity for judges to include their judging fee. Judging Operations was to include with this request the option to include a fee, a statement that any fees provided would only be listed on the AKC online Judges Directory. Judging Operations was also instructed to report to the Board of Directors at its October 2011 meeting a summation

to include the number of letters sent, number of responses received and those responses received that requested to have their fees listed on the AKC website.

Result of mailings as of end of business on September 26, 2011:

- o Number of responses received – 792
- o Number indicating to include their fee – 99
- o Number indicating fee listing “no fee”, ‘delegate” or similar language – 39
- o Number indicating fee listing from delegate – 19
- o Number of delegate judges - 198

Staff will report on the cost to list the fees of the 99 judges.

Board Appeals Committee

Dr. Newman gave the report for the Board Appeals committee (Dr. Newman, Chair, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Scully). The committee reviewed an appeal from Karen Arends to the AKC Staff committee decision to approve her for nine additional breeds, as opposed to the thirteen (plus two adjunct breeds she would receive by completing a group) for which she had applied.

It was VOTED to deny the appeal and to uphold the Staff decision.

Judging Approval Procedure

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the Revised Judging Approval process proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Board, to have the committee remain active as long as needed to consider and analyze all of the input received on the procedure, submitting any proposed changes to the procedure it considers appropriate by the end of the year. This motion was seconded by Dr. Davies.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Garvin, it was VOTED (unanimously) to change the composition of the Judges Review Committee to: three senior judges appointed by the AKC Board annually (at least 20 years judging experience and 3 groups) one of whom shall be the Chair, the AKC Vice President of Judging Operations, and one additional member of AKC Senior Staff appointed by the President. No judge member of the committee may serve more than two consecutive years or four years cumulatively.

There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Ashby, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to apply the revised procedure when implemented, as much as practical, to all pending applications and all judges currently on Provisional status for any breed.

The main motion, approving the proposed conformation judging approval procedure as amended was then approved (unanimously) with the effective date to be determined by the end of 2011. The Procedure is the same as was posted on the AKC website, with the two changes indicated above.

The Board unanimously wished to express their appreciation to the Ad Hoc Committee for its dedication and for the excellent proposal that it presented to the Board.

Financial Reporting

James Stevens, AKC Staff, was present for this portion of the meeting. Kim Johnson and Barbara Hunt from KPMG reviewed the draft of AKC's IRS Form 990 for 2010 and responded to various question raised by members of the Board.

COMPANION EVENTS

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

Agility Trial Application Due Date

The Board reviewed a request to reduce the time required for clubs to submit their Agility trial application from 24 weeks prior to the closing date to 18 weeks prior to the closing date of the trial. This change will bring the Agility trial application process in line with the recent Board approved change to the Conformation and other Companion Events application requirements. Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement.

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt this amendment, effective January 1, 2012.

Obedience Regulations - Jump Height Change

The Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, the Norwich Terrier Club of America and the American Shih Tzu Club, Inc. have requested lowering their breeds' jump height requirement in AKC Obedience to three-quarters of the height of their breed at the withers. (A dog measured at 20 inches at the withers would jump a 16-inch high jump.) The new three-quarters jump height would still follow current regulations with jumps being set at the nearest 2 inches. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

2012 to 2016 Business Plan

The Board reviewed a plan submitted by the Companion Events department which outlines the direction of the AKC Companion Events Department, for the years of 2012 to 2016. This business plan outlines proposed changes to all Companion Event sport areas, with the intent of increasing sport revenue through increased event numbers, and exhibitor participation. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Rally Advisory Committee Recommendations

The Board reviewed the Rally Advisory Committee's recommended regulation changes for the sport of Rally. The proposal includes the future development of a national competition which will recognize the top rally novice dog, top rally advanced dog and the top rally excellent dog annually. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Basset Hound Club of America – Lower Jump Height in Agility

The Board considered a request from the Basset Hound Club of America to lower the jump heights for the breed in Agility. Currently, lower jump heights in Agility are only available in the Preferred Titling Program. The issue of jump heights in Companion Events is being studied by a sub-committee of the Delegate Committee for Obedience, Tracking and Agility. Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to deny this request.

CLUBS**Clubs for Low Entry Breeds**

Staff discussed the criteria for approving clubs representing low entry breeds. Staff will continue to be flexible with the accreditation and advancement of new specialty clubs for rare breeds.

NEW BUSINESS**AKC Canine Health Foundation**

Lee Arnold reported on the status of the Canine Health Foundation, including personnel changes, relocation of the office space and grants.

AKC CAR

Tom Sharp gave a status report on AKC CAR including personnel changes.

Group Realignment

Dr. Davies indicated that the Realignment Committee's proposal would be submitted to the Board for review at the November 2011 meeting.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

Attachment A

Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations

Section 1- Classifications

The Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition shall be for dogs that are four months of age and over but under six months on the day of the event. Classes will be offered for breeds and varieties and divided into Groups as described in Chapter 3, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and the Miscellaneous Class breeds as listed in Chapter 3, Section 23. The Miscellaneous class competition will be the equivalent of Group competition and the winner will be eligible to compete in Best Four-to-Six Month Puppy in Show. The FSS competition will be the equivalent of Group competition and the winner will be eligible to compete in Best Four-to-Six Month Puppy in Show.

Section 2 – Entry and Eligibility

Entry and eligibility requirements include:

- The Four-to-Six Month Puppy event may be offered at licensed or member dog shows at the option of the show giving club.
- Four-to-Six Month Puppy Competition must be listed in the premium list, entry form and judging schedule, if offered.
- AKC registration number or an AKC litter number will be required for entries of an AKC recognized breed as listed in Chapter 3, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*.
- A foreign born dog may enter this class if they are registered in the country of origin.
- FSS number or FSS registered litter number will be required for Miscellaneous and FSS breed entries.
- All entrants are to be vaccinated (including rabies) in accordance with their veterinarian's protocol.
- Professional handlers are not permitted to exhibit in this class. *Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.*

Section 3 – Titles

The Certificate of Merit (CM) title is an introductory title to AKC conformation events. Entrants in each breed shall compete for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Winners of the Best of Breed in each of the individual breeds or varieties will be awarded points toward the CM title based on the number of dogs defeated in their breed or variety. Winners of Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed in each of the individual breeds or varieties will be awarded points toward the CM title based on the number of dogs defeated in their sex. Group winners will be eligible for the highest

number of points earned by any breed within that Group. Best Four-to-Six Puppy in Show will be eligible for the highest number of points earned by any breed entered. The Certificate of Merit requires 15 points awarded in accordance with the following points structure.

Dogs Competing	Points
• 2	1
• 4	2
• 8	3
• 12	4
• 16	5

Section 4 – Ribbons

Ribbons for Groups and Best Four to Six Puppy in Show will be as follows:

- Best of Breed – Orange
- Best of Opposite Sex – Lavender
- Group 1 – Rose
- Group 2 - Brown
- Group 2 – Light Green
- Group 4 - Gray
- Best Four-to-Six Month Puppy in Show – Pink & Green

Section 5– Administration

Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition will be offered in a separate ring(s) from the regular class judging in order to avoid delays in the judging of regular classes. Classes will not be divided by sex in this competition. Entry fees will be determined by the show-giving club. The show results and event service fee of \$2.00 per entry must be submitted to AKC Event Operations within seven (7) days of the event (electronic results submissions are preferred).

Clubs holding Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition will receive credit for completing both a Major Activity as well as an Additional Activity for judges gaining experience on their unapproved breeds by judging at the event.

Dealing with Misconduct will be applicable to any person and dog entered at this competition. All applicable rules found in *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* will govern the conduct of this competition unless these regulations state otherwise.

Section 6 – Judging

- Individuals that have an AKC judge's number are the required judges for the Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition. Judges assigned regular classes may not judge the Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition if it interferes or delays the judging of regular classes, Groups or Best in Show. The judging conflict requirements of 30 days and 200 mile between assignments will not apply to the Four-to-Six Month Puppy competition. A change in the listed judge due to an overload will not result in a return in the entry fee.

- Judges will be credited with an enriching component for breeds judged in the 4-to-6 Month Puppy competition.
- Judges of this competition must follow the policy for sweepstakes/futurity judges outlined in the *Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges*. “Effective January 1, 2009 Sweepstake/Futurity judges may not exhibit on day(s) they judge. Sweepstake/Futurity judges will continue to be allowed to exhibit the day before and the day after the event they judge. A multi-day specialty is considered one event, and the restriction will apply for the duration of the event.”
- Exhibitors should open their dog’s mouth for examination. If the judge finds it necessary to open the mouth they should disinfect their hands prior to examining other dogs. Judges will comply with the *Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Judges* except the speed of judging may be reduced to 20 dogs an hour.
- Male puppies without 2 fully descended testicles need not be disqualified or excused but the judge’s book must describe the condition and Certificate of Merit points must be withheld.
- Dogs with breed standard disqualifications should not be excused but may not receive placements. However, dogs with age related disqualifications such as color (as related to age), height, teeth etc. are permitted to receive awards in the 4-to-6 Month Puppy classes.
- Dogs must be excused for attacking a person or other dogs.
- No dog is to be judged if it is brought into the ring bandaged, taped, glued or stitched anywhere including ears or tail. These dogs must be excused from judging but, at the judge’s discretion, may return to be judged after the tape or bandage is removed.

Attachment B

AKC OPEN SHOW REGULATIONS 7/1/2012

CHAPTER 1, GENERAL EXPLANATIONS

Section 1, Open Shows

An Open Show is an informal American Kennel Club sanctioned conformation event at which Championship points are not earned but rather Certificate of Merit (CM) points are awarded to this introductory AKC conformation suffix title. The Open Shows are events at which dog clubs, judges, stewards, and exhibitors and their dogs gain experience needed for licensed events.

Section 2, Rules Applying to Dog Shows

All of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* will apply to sanctioned Open Shows, except where otherwise stated in these Regulations which are subject to amendment by the AKC Board of Directors.

Section 3, Eligibility of Clubs to Hold Open Shows

The Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club may, at its discretion, grant permission to dog clubs to hold sanctioned Open Shows which shall be governed by these Regulations. Any dog club approved to hold a licensed or member dog show is eligible to hold an AKC Sanctioned Open Show. Any inquiries regarding a club's eligibility should be directed to The American Kennel Club, Attention: Club Relations.

Section 4, Conflict Distance

Open Shows will not be approved within 100 miles of a previously approved Open Show on the same date. Sanctioned Open Shows will not be considered to be in distance conflict with championship shows but clubs are urged to consider the impact of shows in their area when scheduling these events.

Section 5, Making Application

An eligible club may hold an Open Show by making application, along with the appropriate application fee, the judging panel and the disaster & emergency plan to The American Kennel Club on a form supplied by AKC. Applications for an Open Show must be submitted to the AKC at least 90 days prior to the date of the event.

CHAPTER 2, GENERAL INFORMATION

Section 1, Open Show Entry Requirements

All-Breed clubs must offer classes for all registerable breeds and varieties and for purebred dogs of any breed eligible for entry in the Miscellaneous Class and all FSS recordable breeds.

- Dogs must be at least 4 months of age on the date of the event.
- Group and Specialty clubs must restrict their competition to the breeds they were formed to serve except Miscellaneous Class breeds may also offer classes for all FSS breeds.

Section 2, Classes

The following breed classes will be offered at all Open Shows:

- 4-6 Month Puppy Class
- 6-9 Month Puppy Class
- 9-12 Month Puppy Class
- Open Class

Clubs may elect to divide or combine classes by sex. Division of sexes will be uniformly applied to all breeds and shall be published in the premium list and Open Show invitations or announcements.

- Miscellaneous breeds will be considered equivalent to a Group.
- The Miscellaneous Class winner will compete with the Group winners for Best in Show.
- FSS breeds will be considered equivalent to a Group.
- The Best FSS winner will compete with the Group winners for Best in Show.

Section 3, Closing of Entries

Entries may close at any time prior to the show or on the day of the show and shall be published in the premium list and Open Show invitations or announcements. Under no circumstances may entries be accepted after the specified closing date and time.

Section 4, Open Show Entry Restrictions

- Dogs less than 4 months of age are ineligible to be on the grounds of licensed or member shows during AKC licensed or member events.
- Dogs are required to be vaccinated in accordance with their veterinarian's protocol (including rabies vaccination) in order to avoid inadvertent transmission of illness by/to puppies not yet fully immunized.
- No dog that is an AKC Champion of Record may compete in an Open Show.
- Professional handlers are not permitted to exhibit in Open Shows. *Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.*
- Any person acting in the capacity of Show Secretary at an Open Show, or any member of his immediate household or immediate family (as defined in Chapter 11, Section 13 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*), shall not exhibit, act as agent or handler at the event, and dogs owned wholly or in part by the show secretary or by any member of their immediate household or immediate family shall be ineligible to be entered at that show.
- No judge or any person residing in the same household with a judge shall exhibit or act as agent or handler at an Open Show at which they are officiating as judge and dogs owned wholly or in part by such judge or any member of their household shall be ineligible to be entered at the show. Subject to the foregoing, members of a judge's immediate family who no longer reside in the same household may enter or handle a dog at a show if the judge is not officiating over any competition, including a group class or best in show, for which the dog is entered or may become eligible.

- No dog is to be judged if it is brought into the ring bandaged, taped, glued or stitched anywhere including ears or tail. These dogs must be excused from judging but, at the judge's discretion, may return to be judged after the tape or bandage is removed.

Section 5, Show Chair & Event Administration

- Licensed and member clubs may hold two sanctioned Open Shows each year in addition to their two championship shows.
- The show chair is required to be a member of the show-giving club.
- A premium list flier must be published and submitted to AKC Event Operations at least 30 days prior to the event. (Electronic submission is acceptable)
- The show results and event service fee of \$2.00 per entry must be submitted to AKC Event Operations within seven (7) days of the event. (Electronic results submission is preferable)
- *Dealing with Misconduct* will be applicable to any person and dog entered in this competition.
- Clubs that hold an Open Show within 10 miles of their club's territory will receive credit for completing a Major Activity for holding the event, as well as credit for an Additional Activity for providing an educational opportunity for AKC judges gaining experience on their unapproved breeds.
- The club must have coordinated veterinarian service to be available throughout the show hours. The services may be provided by an emergency veterinary clinic and written instructions to the veterinary facility must be readily available to exhibitors.

Section 6, Judges

- Open shows must be judged by judges that have an AKC judges number. (Individuals that have successfully completed the Open show application process including the anatomy exam, procedural exam, wicket and scales test will be issued a judges number.)
- AKC approved judges need not be approved for the breeds they are to judge at the Open Show. Open Show judging assignments may qualify as educational or enriching components for additional breed or initial judging approval.
- Judges will be credited with an enriching component for breeds judged in the Open Show.
- The 30 day 200 mile judging conflict criteria will not apply to Open Show judging.
- Judges are expected to comply with *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and *Rules, Policies, and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges* except as follows:
 - Breed standard disqualifications (i.e. color, height, full dentition, etc.) need not be considered in the 4-to-6 Month Puppy classes and male puppies without 2 fully descended testicles need not be disqualified or excused in the 4-to-6 Month Puppy class but the judge's book must describe the condition.
 - In all other classes, male puppies without 2 fully descended testicles need not be disqualified but should be excused and the judge's book must describe the condition and Certificate of Merit points withheld.
 - The speed of judging expectation is reduced to 20 dogs per hour in order to accommodate puppies and inexperienced exhibitors. Judges should

- interact and encourage exhibitors in order to make their exhibiting a positive experience.
- Judges may ask exhibitors if they prefer to open their dog's mouth for examination. However judges have the authority to personally open the dog's mouth.
 - No protests against dogs for height, weight or any other breed specific disqualification may be entertained at Open Shows.
 - A dog with a disqualifying condition or behavior shall not be disqualified but shall simply be excused for the day. The judge may only disqualify dogs for attacking the judge in the ring.

CHAPTER 3, AWARDS

Section 1, Ribbons and Trophies

Each ribbon or rosette shall be at least 2 inches wide, and approximately 8 inches long and bear on its face a facsimile of the seal of The American Kennel Club, the placement, and the name of the show-giving club.

Ribbons for classes, Groups and Best in Show will be as follows:

- First Prize – Rose
- Second Prize – Brown
- Third Prize – Light Green
- Fourth Prize – Gray
- Best of Breed – Orange
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed – Lavender
- Best in Show – Pink & Green

All trophies or prizes offered must be awarded for outright award to the owner of the dog.

Section 2, Certificate of Merit

The Certificate of Merit (CM) title is an introductory title to AKC conformation events. Entrants in each breed shall compete for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Winners of the Best of Breed in each of the individual breeds or varieties will be awarded points toward the CM title based on the number of dogs defeated in their breed or variety. Winners of Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed in each of the individual breeds or varieties will be awarded points towards the Certificate of Merit (CM) title based on the number of dogs defeated in their sex. Group winners will be eligible for the highest number of points earned by any breed within that Group. Best in Show will be eligible for the highest number of points earned by any breed entered. The Certificate of Merit requires 15 points awarded in accordance with the following points structure.

Dogs Competing	Points
• 2	1
• 4	2
• 8	3
• 12	4
• 16	5

Certificate of Merit points may also be earned in the FSS class, Miscellaneous Class or the 4-to-6 Month class held in conjunction with Championship dog shows.

CHAPTER 4, EMERGENCY PREPERATION**Section 1, Open Show Checklist**

There are many small details that go into the conduct of a well-run show. In planning such an event, it is easy to overlook some of these details. Depending on the club's circumstances, particular details, such as grounds or building rental/use, local ordinances, permits, will vary from club to club and it is not possible to list them all here. There are, however, certain things in common to all AKC events. In an attempt to assist clubs with their preparation, this checklist has been prepared. It lists some of the more common, overlooked items. Reviewing the checklist before the day of the club's Show should help prevent overlooking some of the details that are so important for holding a well-organized, well-run event.

PERSONNEL

Traffic directors
Set-up and clean-up personnel
Entry takers to accept entries and to prepare
Judges Books
Stewards

RING EQUIPMENT

___ Ring Dividers
___ Placement Markers
___ Mats, if necessary
___ Judging Tables
___ Chairs
___ Armbands, include extra blanks and a felt tip marker.
___ Rubber Bands
___ Poster boards marking ring assignments
___ Cash box and change
___ Tape Measure
___ Placement Ribbons
___ Judges Books

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

___ Potable Water
___ Sanitation Facilities (Animal and Human)
___ Designated Exercise pens
___ Clean-up Equipment
___ Tables and Chairs for entry takers
___ Trash Receptacles
___ Identification Badges for Event/Club Officials
___ Food Concession (if duration is more than a few hours)

PUBLICATIONS

(Part Numbers for ordering are in parentheses)

___ Show/Trial Manual (PBSHW1)
___ Rules Applying to Dog Shows (RREGS3)
___ Open Show Regulations

- _____ AKC Breed Standards
- _____ FSS Breed Standards
- _____ Dealing with Misconduct (RDMSC4)

All of the above publications may be ordered from the AKC's Website at www.akc.org or you may contact Customer Service at (919) 233-9767.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION

- _____ Closest available veterinarian or 24-hour veterinary clinic
- _____ Closest hospital and telephone numbers for ambulance service, police and fire departments
- _____ First-Aid Kits for animals and humans

For weekend AKC assistance contact the Weekend Club Hotline (800) 252-7894 and leave a message for the appropriate department.

Attachment C

BEST OWNER/HANDLER COMPETITION PROCEDURE GUIDE

The Owner/Handler competition is conducted following Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. Dogs handled by professional handlers are not eligible to compete. Eligible dogs that are entered in BOB competition are identified by an asterisks (*) in the stewards book and the catalog.

JUDGE AND RING STEWARD PROCEDURAL GUIDE (FOLLOW PUBLISHED ORDER)

1. All dogs in the BOB competition (including WD & WB) are to stay in the ring after the judge makes their placements in BOB competition.
2. The ring steward asks all professional handlers to leave the ring.
3. The ring steward confirms the dogs remaining in the ring are eligible using the steward's book or catalog markings.
4. The judge is to then select the Best Owner Handler (BOH).
 - a. If the BOB is eligible they are automatically BOH.
 - b. If BOB is ineligible and BOS is eligible excuse all dogs of the same sex as BOS and choose BOH from the remaining dogs.
 - c. If both BOB & BOS are ineligible and Select Dog & Select Bitch are both eligible, the judge is to choose BOH from the Selects and eligible WD or WB.
 - d. If one of the Selects is eligible excuse all dogs of the same sex and the judge chooses BOH from the remaining dogs of the opposite sex including the eligible WD or WB.
 - e. If BOB, BOS, SD and SB are not eligible the judge may choose any eligible dog remaining in the ring including WD & WB as BOH.