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Quarterly Meeting of the Delegates of The American Kennel Club January 17, 2006

Dennis B. Sprung, President

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Abilene Kennel Club—Neil A. Bates
Affenpinscher Club of America—Chad Howard
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Constance Bihl
Airedale Terrier Club of America—Aletta L. Moore
Akita Club of America—Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki
Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—Dennis J. Gallant
American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—Ms. Janina K. Laurin
American Bloodhound Club—Mary L. Olzewski
American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—Patte Klecan
American Boxer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Stephanie Abraham
American Brittany Club, Inc.—Kouen Stout
American Brussels Griffon Association—James M. Neaposchlan
American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—John D. Gammon
American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—Mrs. Betty H. Humor
American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.—Simon M. Dickerson
American Fox Terrier Club—Connie Clark
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—Harold Miller
American Maltese Association, Inc.—Mr. Richard W. Glenn
American Pointer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Karen R. Spey
American Rottweiler Club—Mr. Peter G. Pliszczynski
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—Mrs. Lynette J. Saltzman
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—Ms. Betty E. Blair
American Water Spaniel Club—Beth Lagimoniere
Anderson Kennel Club—Phillip D. Sample
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Ms. Patricia A. Sample
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—William Daniels
Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Mulvey
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—Wallin
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia M. Mayhall
Austin Kennel Club, Inc.—Kay Joiner
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—Kathryn A. Hamilton
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Nina N. Schaefler
Badger Kennel Club—Joan Graber
Baltimore County Kennel Club—Mrs. Lucy Campbell-Gracie
Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Barbara Wicklund
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—Wayne Boyd
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—Mrs. Marjorie M. Hanson
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Barbara Swisher
Berks County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frank S. Piehl
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—Lillian Ostermiller
Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—George Sikes
Blackhawk Retriever Club—John Unbehauen
Border Collie Society of America—Claudia Frank
Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Karen Staadt-Cartabona
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly
Briard Club of America, Inc.—Tommy Millner
Bulldog Club of New England, Inc.—Francesca J. Castaneda
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—Daniel J. Smyth
California Airedale Terrier Club—Carole Bulwinkle-Fournier
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Eugenia B. Bishop
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Ashby
Carroll County Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cheryl L. Snedaker-Sims
Catocin Kennel Club—Whitney Coombs
Central Beagle Club—David S. Bagaley
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane J. Albers
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane D. Almy
Central Ohio Kennel Club—Robert K. Brady
Channel City Kennel Club, Inc.—Claire K. Steidel
Charleston Kennel Club—Sylvia Arrowwood
Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club, Inc.—Peggy B. Kessler
Chattanooga Kennel Club—David Gilsip
Chicago Bulldog Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert L. Newcomb
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—Rey Burgos
Chow Chow Club, Inc.—Mrs. Ginny Atkinson
Cincinnati Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Patricia H. Haines
Clarksville Kennel Club—Robert A. Schroll
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—Mrs. Maureen A. Setter
Clumber Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Ricky Blackman
Collie Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom
Colorado Kennel Club—Thaddeus Makowski
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—Mrs. Andre B. Schoen
Contra Costa County Kennel Club, Inc.—Anna Carson
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—Michael Houchard
Corpus Christi Kennel Club, Inc.—Joan Urban
Cudahy Kennel Club—Don H. Adams
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Charles A. Baris
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—James W. Smith
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—Barbara L. Mann
Dayton Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Georgia L. Rush
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—Merlyn A. Green

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Delaware County Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Maxine B. Rader
Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—John D. Hughes
Detroit Kennel Club—Mr. Erik Bergishagen
Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—John C. Sheafer, III
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—Mrs. Pati L. Strand
Dog Owner’s Training Club of Maryland—Kathryn R. Baris
Duluth Kennel Club—Hon. David C. Merriam
Durham Kennel Club Inc.—Linda C. Wazniak
East Tennessee Retriever Club—Catherine Bell
Eastern Dog Club—Charles J. Foley
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Tabor
Elm City Kennel Club—Joan Caspersen
English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Jesse A. Pfeiffer, Jr.
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—Mr. John P. Nielsen
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—Mrs. Alice E. Bell
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—David H. Hopkins
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Margaret B. Pough
Finnish Spitz Club of America—Kim Raleigh
Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—Kurt Anderson
Forstyn Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Almira B. Dallas
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—Nancy Isakson
Fort Worth Kennel Club—Mr. Harry G. Ottmann
French Bulldog Club of America—Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard
Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.—Kathleen Nuzenski
Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—Connie S. Clapp
Genesee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Audrey I. Thomas
German Shepherd Dog Club of America—Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—Mr. Kenneth A. Marden
German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Patricia W. Laurans
Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—Robin Greenslade
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—Richard L. Byrd
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Bonnie Lapham
Gloucester County Kennel Club, Inc.—Carole Richards
Golden Retriever Club of America—Mr. Howard Falberg
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—Susan DeSilver
Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Robert M. Brown
Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc—Ms. Karen J. Burgess
Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—David Keene
Great Fredericksburg Kennel Club—Nailea A. Klaas
Greater Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—Ronald H. Menaker
Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia M. O’Connell
Greater Miami Dog Club—Pedro Cofino
Greater Naples Dog Club—Bill Pottebaum
Greenville Kennel Club—Linda A. Knorr
Greyhound Club of America—Melanie Steele
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cynthia A. Miller
Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert D. Black
Hawaiian Kennel Club—Norman B. Kenney
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy Fisk
Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—Jan Wolf
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Carol A. Williamson
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dick Blair
Huntingtonton Kennel Club, Inc.—Gwen McCullagh
Ibiza Hound Club of the United States—Luanne V. Williams
Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—Wyoma Clous
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Rita J. Biddle
Inland Empire Kennel Association, Inc.—Lawrence Coleman
Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Constance B. Vanacore
Irish Wolfhound Club of America—Eugenia Hunter
Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—Sondra Katz
Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri—Cleoth Wakefield
K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ, Inc.—Mrs. Pam Goldman
Kanadasaga Kennel Club—Mrs. Beverly M. Alosigia
Keechond Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John D. Savicki
Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.—Mrs. Gwen Wexler
Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—Polly Fleming
Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—Carole Plesur
Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—Mrs. Florence L. Prawel
Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Inc.—Charles H. Schafer
Kenne Tervis Club—Sylvia Thomas
Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—Paulann Phelan
Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Fred C. Bock, II
Kokomo Club of America, Inc.—Eric Liebes
Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.—Mr. A. N. Sills
Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia Van Doren
Ladies’ Dog Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia T. Rowland
Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—Sylvia Meisels
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Crecia C. Closson
Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cynthia L. Garman
Land O’ Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert L. Kelly
Langley Kennel Club—Ms. Dianne E. Franck
Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Bryant C. Freeman
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert LaBerge
Levison-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Sue Goldberg
Lima Kennel Club—Ellen Fetter
Louisiana Kennel Club, Inc.—Luis F. Sosa
Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Betty F. Williams
Macon Kennel Club—Nell Stumpff
Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Sandra B. Baker
Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.—Romana Arnold
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. J. C. Garvin
Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—Dr. William R. Newman
Medina Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Pat Dresser
Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.
Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club—John Russell
Middlesex County Kennel Club—Mr. Robert A. Proctor, Jr.
Midwest Field Trial Club, Inc.—Mr. Marshall Simonds
Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—Giselle Simonds
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Blackie H. Nygood
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi
Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—Robert H. McKown
Mohawk Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Sandra Haber
Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Helmi Konderock
Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—James M. Burns
Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb
Mountain States Dog Training Club, Inc.—John D. Landis
Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Rebecca S. Stavens
Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Judith V. Daniels
Nashville Kennel Club—James Efron
National Beagle Club—Eddie Dziuk
National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Viola Burgos
New England Dog Training Club, Inc.—Liz Sullivan
New England Old English Sheepdog Club—Mrs. Jane C. Ogg
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane F. Taylor
Nisqually Kennel Club—R. H. Hachtel
North Shore Kennel Club—Richard F. Coletti
Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Mary P. Osbun
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—Billie Ponton
Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—Sherry Falk
Oakland County Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Alan D. Dorfman
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—Ms. Patricia C. Scully
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—James M. Ashton
Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Hugh Jordan
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—Harvey A. Mueller
Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—Judy F. Murray
Otterhound Club of America—Mark J. Hawley
Ozarks Kennel Club, Inc.—Mark A. Chambers
Pacific Coast Boston Terrier Club—Mr. Carl E. Gomes
Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas, Inc.—Mrs. Geraldine M. Shastid
Papillon Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Arlene A. Czech
Park Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Bernard Schwartz
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Judy A. Hart
Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—Marieann Gladstone
Penn Treaty Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Jean Anderson
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America—Anne Gallant, Ph.D.
Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—Christine Allen
Piedmont Kennel Club, Inc.—Joachim Blutreich
Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Margaret Vohr
Plainfield Kennel Club—John McCullagh
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—Charles McWilliams
Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—James Primmer
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—Karen Arends
Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—Kerstin T. Ottmar
Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—Michelle R. Anderson
Queen City Dog Training Club, Inc.—Sandra Schmidt
Rapid City Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Sally J. Nist
Reno Kennel Club—Mr. Steven D. Gladstone
Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—Gerard Baudet
Rhodenesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—Mr. George D. Sexton
Richland County Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Shirley L. Bayer
Richland Kennel Club, Inc.—Donald B. Harris
Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—Jan M. Ritchie
Rio Grande Kennel Club—Mr. William H. Green
Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Janice S. Gardner
Rubber City Kennel Club—Marcy L. Zinger
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Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—Mrs. Barbara Furbush
Saluki Club of America—Joseph P. Pendry
Sammamish Kennel Club—Robert Gloster
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John L. Ronald
San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc.—Stanley S. Saltzman
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Tom Brown
Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Abbe Shaw Blair
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—James R. Doka
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—Laurence J. Libeu
Saratoga New York Kennel Club—Jessica Eggleston
Scottish Deerhound Club of America, Inc.—Sally Poole
Scottish Terrier Club of America—John McNabney
Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—Nancy Perrell
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Lynne M. Myall
Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—Susan L. Hamil
Shreveport Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Sam F. Burke, Jr.
Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Donna Beckman
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—William J. Feeley
Skye Terrier Club of America—Mr. Walter F. Goodman
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—Cindy Vogels
South Hills Kennel Club—Mrs. Kathleen R. Parks
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Linda C. Flynn
South Windsor Kennel Club—Margarette (Peggy) Wampold
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—Dr. John V. Iola
Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—Lee Arnold
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Thomas M. Davies
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.—Thomas W. Carneal
St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—Dr. Gerry Meisels
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—I. L. Brisbin, Ph.D.
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—Kathy A. Donovan
Steel City Kennel Club, Inc.—Miss Susan M. Napady
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—Paulet De Long
Susquehanna Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Thomas D. Parrotti
Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Florence Duggan
Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—Karen Clausing
Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—Steve Schmidt
Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—Mr. Herbert H. Rosen
Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—William Hassler
Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Laura Wells
Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—John J. Cadalso, Jr.
Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—James S. Corbett
Tucson Kennel Club—Pat Jacobs
Union County Kennel Club, Inc.—Carlotta Dennie
United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III
United States Lakeland Terrier Club—Alfred J. Ferruggaro
Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—J. M. Haderer
Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club—William H. Blair
Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—Iris K. Frankel
Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Lynn Worth
Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—Suzanne Gray
Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy C. Russell
West Highland White Terrier Club of America—Carolyn M. Gardner
West Volusia Kennel Club—Ferdinand Reinlieb
Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. William A. Russett
Westminster Kennel Club—William F. Stifel
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—Milli Dold
Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frederick R. Vogel
Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—Mrs. Karen Mays
Women’s Field Trial Club—Judy Rasmuson
Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—Mrs. Jan Marshall

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair.

Mr. Sprung: Good morning. The meeting will come to order.

If there is any Delegate present who has not signed the attendance record, please be sure to do so before leaving, as this is the official record of attendance.

If a Delegate makes a amendment to the Bylaws or rules to be voted upon today, please provide a written copy to the Executive Secretary. It is most important that the Executive Secretary has the specific wording, as this will greatly enhance our ability to project the precise words to be considered on the screen.

At a convenient point in this meeting, at about 11:30 a.m., we will break for lunch. Following lunch, we will reconvene in this room.

The Chair would like to introduce the persons seated with me on the podium. On my immediate left is our Chairman, Ron Menaker. To his left is Vice Chairman, David Mirranda. My right is Doris Abbatte, Professional Registered Parliamentarian. To her right is Jim Crowley, the Executive Secretary. And to Jim’s right is Joan Pitt, the court reporter.

New Delegates have been requested to submit a photograph for publication in the AKC GAZETTE. Any Delegate who has not submitted a photograph and wishes to do so, please see the photographer during a recess or after adjournment.

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of two Delegates: Beverly Cobb, Delegate for the Santa Clara Dog Training Club since June of 1985, and Karen Sofield, Delegate for the Nassau Dog Training Club since May of 1998.

The Chair calls on Jim Crowley to read the names of Delegates who have been seated since our last hearing.

Mr. Crowley: These Delegates have been seated since the last meeting:
Stephanie Abraham, Scotland, Connecticut, to represent the American Boxer Club
William Blair, Greenwich, Connecticut, to represent Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club
I. Lehr Brisbin, Jr., Aiken, South Carolina, to represent Staffordshire Terrier Club of America
Tom Brown, Santa Ana, California, to represent Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club
Francesca J. Castaneda, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, to represent Bulldog Club of New England
Pedro A. Cofino, Esquire, Miami Beach, Florida, to represent Greater Miami Dog Club
Paulet De Long, Castro Valley, California, to represent Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno
Barbara M. Dille, White Plains, New York, to represent Saw Mill River Kennel Club
Kathy A. Donovan, Norwalk, Connecticut, to represent Standard Schnauzer Club of America
Claudia Frank, Greenfield, Ohio, to represent Border Collie Society of America
Martha G. Griffin, Pell City, Alabama, to represent Birmingham Kennel Club
Pat Jacobs, Tucson, Arizona, to represent Tucson Kennel Club
Nalena A. Klaas, King George, Virginia, to represent Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club
Helm Konderock, Monmouth Beach, New Jersey, to represent Monmouth County Kennel Club
Ann Lettis, Staten Island, N.Y., to represent Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America
Joseph P. Pendry, Freedom, California, to represent Saluki Club of America
Paulann S. Phelan, West Bend, Wisconsin, to represent Kettle Moraine Kennel Club
Billie Ponton, Bethlehem, Connecticut, to represent Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club
Michelle Ritter, Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania, to represent Pocono Mountain Kennel Club
Thomson P. Stanfield, Jr., Commerce City, Colorado, to represent Terry-All Kennel Club
Marlene Steinberg, Southampton, Pennsylvania, to represent Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association
Linda C. Wozniak, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to represent Durham Kennel Club.

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor:
Stephanie Abraham, Scotland, CT, to represent the American Boxer Club
Don Adams, Franklin, WI, to represent Cudahy Kennel Club
William H. Blair, Greenwich, CT to represent Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club
I. Lehr Brisbin, Jr., Aiken, SC, to represent Staffordshire Terrier Club of America
Tom Brown, Santa Ana, CA, to represent Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club
Francesca J. Castaneda, Pawtucket, RI, to represent Bulldog Club of America
Dr. Mark Chambers, Strafford, MO, to represent Ozarks Kennel Club
Pedro A. Cofino, Esq., Miami Beach, FL, to represent Greater Miami Dog Club
Paullet De Long, Castro Valley, CA, to represent Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno
Kathy A. Donovan, Norwalk, CT, to represent Standard Schnauzer Club of America
Claudia Frank, Greenfield, OH, to represent Border Collie Society of America
Peggy Kessler, Keswick, VA, to represent Charlottesville-Albermarle Kennel Club
Nalena A. Klaas, King George, VA, to represent Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club
Helm Konderock, Monmouth Beach, NJ, to represent Monmouth County Kennel Club
Joseph P. Pendry, Freedom, CA, to represent Saluki Club of America
Paulann S. Phelan, West Bend, WI, to represent Kettle Moraine Kennel Club
Billie Ponton, Bethlehem, CT, to represent Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club
Sandra Schmidt, Cincinnati, OH, to represent Queen City Dog Training Club
Linda C. Wozniak, Chapel Hill, NC, to represent Durham Kennel Club

Mr. Sprung: Thank you and a sincere welcome to all of our new delegates.

The minutes of the September 13th, 2005 Delegates meeting were published in the October, 2005 AKC GAZETTE and mailed to all Delegates. If there are no corrections, the minutes will stand approved as published. Hearing no corrections, the minutes stand as approved. The next item is the approval of new member clubs. The following clubs have been approved by your Board of Directors and will be voted upon at this meeting:
Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club
Canaan Dog Club of America
Kachina Kennel Club, Glendale, Arizona
Myrtle Beach Kennel Club, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Silver State Kennel Club, Las Vegas, Nevada

In accordance with the Bylaws, a written ballot shall be required if requested in writing by at least five Delegates, made to the Executive Secretary of the AKC seven days prior to the start of the meeting at which election is scheduled. The Chair has been advised by the Executive Secretary that no such request has been received. We will therefore proceed with the voting. An affirmative vote of four-fifths of all Delegates is required to elect.

The question is on the election of the Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club as a member of The American Kennel Club.
Those in favor, please raise your hand.
Thank you.
Those opposed, please raise your hand.
Thank you.
There are four-fifths in the affirmative.
The Chair declares that the Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club has been duly elected a member of The American Kennel Club.

The question is on the election of the Canaan Dog Club of America a member of The AKC. Those in favor, please raise your hand.
Thank you.
Those opposed, please raise your hand.
Thank you.
There are four-fifths in the affirmative.
The Chair declares the Canaan Dog Club of America has been duly elected as a member of The American Kennel Club.

The question is on the election of the Kachina Kennel Club as a member of The American Kennel Club.
Those in favor, please raise your hand.
Thank you.
Those opposed, please raise your hand. Thank you.
There were four-fifths in the affirmative.
The Chair declares the Kachina Kennel Club has been duly elected as a member of the American Kennel Club.

The question is on the election of the Myrtle Beach Kennel Club as a member of The American Kennel Club.
Those in favor, please raise your hand.
Thank you.
Those opposed, please raise your hand.
Thank you.
There are four-fifths in the affirmative.
The Chair declares that Myrtle Beach Kennel Club has been duly elected as a member of the AKC.

The question is on the election of the Silver State Kennel Club as a member of The American Kennel Club.
Those in favor, please raise your hand.

Thank you.

Those opposed, please raise your hand.

Thank you.

There are four-fifths in the affirmative.

The Silver State Kennel Club has been duly elected a member of The American Kennel Club.

I now call on Mr. Menaker for the Chairman’s report.

Mr. Menaker: Good morning. 2005 was an outstanding year for AKC. Revenues far exceeded our expectations and management continued to do a superior job of controlling expenses.

In that regard, I am pleased to report that in 2005 AKC contributed $1.7 million to the Canine Health Foundation. We also contributed $300,000 toward scholarships for veterinary and undergraduate students. In addition, we contributed $170,000 to the AKC Museum of the Dog.

As you know, 2005 was the year of devastating Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and posed a challenging year in terms of disaster relief for AKC. For the first time ever, we sent staff to the affected areas to assist with the needs of displaced animals. Many individuals, as well as 545 clubs and organizations, made donations to the AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund. Donations totaled more than $1 million, and to date more than $900,000 has been disbursed for rescue and relief efforts.

Members of the fancy donated various supplies at dog shows, and clubs collected donations at AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day across the country.

I wish to thank Delegates Diane Albers, Carol Williamson, Carl Holder and Susan Hamil for their leadership roles in the relief efforts, and also to those in the fancy who stepped up to the plate to assist in times of need.

After several months of working closely with staff and consultants and gathering input from the Delegate body, the Board approved the formal strategic plan late last year. Staff is now implementing those recommendations.

Our online litter registration service experienced exceptional growth of 50 percent in 2005. Late in the year, we reached an all-time high: in the month of December, 47 percent of all litters registered with the AKC were registered online.

Our licensing program has grown significantly this year, not only increasing our visibility, but enhancing our bottom line. We now have AKC-licensed products in stores such as Target, Petco, Petsmart, Lord & Taylor and the premier toy store FAO Schwarz. This spring, we will be adding Walmart to that list.

Our AKC Visa card program continues to celebrate the public’s love of purebred dogs while contributing significantly to the AKC’s bottom line. Look for our brand new AKC agility cards from Chase, which showcase one of our most popular sports. Other branding efforts this year include expanded use of AKC signage at shows and events across the country.

During the past year, we continued to enjoy a high level of visibility in the media with positive messages about AKC, the sport, and responsible dog ownership. Our advertisements, public service announcements and public relations initiatives in print, radio and television reached out to hundreds of millions of households nationwide.

This year’s third annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day reached thousands at the grass roots level. Two well-attended flagship events were held in New York City and Raleigh, and more than 350 clubs and organizations held their own events.

Certainly one of the busiest areas for AKC in 2005 was canine legislation. Our canine legislation department worked on more than 500 bills and ordinances nationwide. On the federal level we saw the introduction of the Pet Animal Welfare Act of 2005, PAWS.

Many of you have asked for a PAWS update. It is my firm belief that the Board took appropriate action by working proactively with the bill’s co-sponsors. I am very optimistic that as a result of our involvement in the process, we will see a redraft of the bill that will significantly benefit the welfare of dogs without imposing unreasonable burdens or restrictions on our constituents. At the conclusion of these remarks, I will read a letter I recently received from Senator Santorum, in which he described some of the changes that are being made to PAWS as a direct result of our input. An additional important benefit of our proactive involvement is the positive relationship we have established with many of our legislators on Capitol Hill.

I would like to express my thanks to Director Steve Gladstone for the significant time he spent assisting in the redraft of this bill and for attending multiple meetings with me on Capitol Hill.

And, finally, I am very pleased that many of you were able to attend this year’s AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. Once again we offered dog lovers all over the country the excitement of a live format simulcast on two television stations nationwide.

We had our largest entry ever, a total of more than 3400 for the weekend’s three events. All 165 AKC breeds and varieties and all 50 states and 20 countries were represented. I also want to acknowledge the hard work and creative efforts that more than 140 Parents Clubs put into the very popular AKC Meet the Breeds.

I would like to thank you all for being here, and a special thanks to those who assisted during the show. I also want to acknowledge the entire staff for all of their hard work, dedication and contributions to the sport of purebred dogs during 2005. It is my privilege to work with them and with you, and I look forward to an exciting 2006. Thank you very much.

January 13, 2006

Mr. Ronald Menaker
Chairman of the Board
The American Kennel Club
260 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Chairman:

I am writing you to thank you once again for your participation in the Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition and General Legislation’s hearing on the Pet Animal Welfare Act of 2005, (PAWS), and to give you a progress report on PAWS.

First, I am pleased to report that since the hearing we have added 14 co-sponsors here in the Senate, so that by the time we recessed in December, PAWS had 23 Senate co-sponsors. The companion bill in the
House of Representatives has 129 co-sponsors. Second, I stated at the November hearing that I planned to make a number of additions and improvements on PAWS to address issues raised at the hearing and in the discussion of the legislation that has taken place before and since the hearing. Although we were unable to complete the process by the Christmas recess, as I had originally hoped, we have been working hard on it, and I am pleased to report that I expect to release a discussion draft by the end of this month.

This discussion draft will include the provisions I outlined at the hearing, including a clarification of the numerical criteria for “dealers” and an explicit exemption for shelter and rescue organizations and clarification of the definition of “retail pet store.” This draft will also clarify that persons who sell dogs for hunting, security or breeding purposes cannot be singled out for any special treatment under the Act.

I am particularly pleased to report to you that this discussion draft will also include a provision exempting from the definition of dealer retail sellers of dogs and cats who are in compliance with the standards of not-for-profit organizations such as the American Kennel Club, who have kennel standards and inspection programs that the Secretary of Agriculture has certified are at least as effective as those required under the Animal Welfare Act.

As you know, writing good legislation is an ongoing and painstaking process. I believe that with the help of the American Kennel Club and other interested organizations, we are creating an outstanding piece of legislation that will benefit the welfare of dogs and other animals immediately and far into the future.

Finally, I want to offer my congratulations and best wishes to the American Kennel Club on the occasion of your nationally televised National Championship Dog Show in Tampa on January 14th and 15th. My family and I look forward to watching the show and seeing some of the greatest dogs in the United States and from around the world compete for the prestigious Best in Show award.

Sincerely, Rick Santorum, United States Senate.

(Applause.)

I will continue to keep you updated on this legislation, but as I said earlier this morning, it is my firm belief that the legislation will specifically exclude the American Kennel Club and will finally, finally put some regulations in place for the other 23 to 24 for-profit registries who have no care and condition requirements and nobody looking after what has been done and what they are doing. I hope that this Delegate body, since it was the Delegates who established our own care and conditions policy in 1994, and since we have been a self-policing organization since 1994, that we would want the other registries and any of these other people who breed dogs to have standards at least equivalent to our own standards. Thank you all very much.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Ron. And the staff certainly thanks you for your leadership of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

Next on the agenda is the President’s report.

First I would like to report on management’s number one responsibility, our core business. In line with expectation, 2005 registration numbers declined but were exactly on target as predicted by management for our 2005 budget. Last year we registered 920,804 individual dogs. Litters registered were 421,128. Our final total for member and licensed club events was 13,338, exclusive of sanctioned events, an increase of 15 percent. Our preliminary total for entries sets a new record for AKC of over 3,006,000 entries, a one-year increase of more than 104,000. This growth is a positive achievement for our sport, considering that 67 events were cancelled due to weather alone in 2005. The great majority of the increase in events and in entries is due to rally and to agility, respectively. We are conscientiously working on registrations to produce a positive turnaround. At the same time, we are continuing our efforts to keep events and entries healthy and growing within a constructive architecture.

On August 29th when Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, my first step was to immediately appoint a team of AKC staff members to address the catastrophe, working in unison with AKC/CAR. This dedicated group of people worked tirelessly in the wake of last year’s devastation to ensure that AKC was doing everything we could to assist the canine victims in need. Their commitment and passion demonstrated during the following months have been genuine and inspiring. These people met daily to coordinate a multi-level relief effort; they worked countless late nights, plus some weekends, responding to numerous requests for food, water and other supplies, and AKC staff was on the ground in the Gulf region going door to door doing what had to be done to help. On behalf of the AKC, I would like to take a moment to thank them. This team included personnel from both North Carolina and New York. Several of the members of the disaster relief team are in attendance today. The AKC would like to offer them a token of our appreciation for their outstanding service. The Chairman and Vice Chairman, will help present these plaques. The following individuals, could you please come forward. Noreen Baxter, Charley Kneifel, Stephanie Lane, John Lyons, Barbara Ohmann, Daisy Okas, Steve Robinson, Tom Sharp, Robin Stansell and Jim Stevens. I’d like to present you with these plaques for all of your hard work.

(Standing Ovation)

There are several members who are not present today, and they also deserve recognition. Melissa Alcox, Michelle Baker, Michelle Barlak, Joanne Beacon, Bobby Birdsong, Elizabeth Frye, Malina Farshley, Niki Marshall, Brett Mock, Kristi Munchel, Jason Miller, Lisa Peterson, Jewell Pickens, Ariela Schulman, Larry Sorenson, Kunu Spies, Daphna Straus, John Thomas and Lisa Williams. I would especially like to thank Lainie Cantrell for her team leadership and commitment during this challenging time. Lainie.

(Applause.)

We extend a special thank you to AKC Delegates Diane Albers, Susan Hamil, Carl Holder and Carol Williamson. The AKC would not have been able to make such great strides
without your assistance and support. Could you please come forward.

(Appause.)

We thank each of you for your untiring efforts.

We’re now going to recess to lunch. We’ll reconvene in this meeting room.

(Luncheon recess from 11:38 until 1:00 p.m.)

Mr. Sprung: The meeting will come to order.

Next on the agenda, Delegates, is the financial report.

Mr. Stevens: Good afternoon. I’m pleased to report that 2005 was an excellent year for the AKC from a financial perspective. The complete year’s results are currently being finalized and examined by our external auditors, and we look forward to sharing with you the audited annual results at the March Delegates meeting. In the meantime, we can provide you with some insight on 2005 by briefly reviewing the 11-month year-to-date numbers through the end of November.

Here’s a snapshot of what our numbers looked like, for the first 11 months of last year compared to the previous year. Although we had a tough act to follow in that we had a record financial performance in 2004, we feel that our 2005 numbers are very good. Total revenues of almost $60 million through November were one and a half percent higher than the previous year. Operating expenses totaled almost $35.5 million, and that was about 4.8 percent higher than 2004. This resulted in an operating profit of $4.6 million for the 11-month period compared to $6.3 million in 2004.

Our unrealized gain on investments for that 11-month period was just over $2 million. This was about 12 percent lower than the previous year, which was largely attributable to the fact that the stock market was weaker in 2005 compared to 2004. Consequently, our bottom line reflected a net income of $6.6 million for the 11-month period. Overall, we are quite pleased with those results.

Although our total revenues were higher than the previous year, unfortunately, the registration numbers did decline in 2005. What I’d like to share with you here is an overview of the trend of dog and litter registrations for the previous five years. These are annual numbers, so the figures you see here for 2005 are for 12 months. Dogs appear as the blue line. Litters appear on the bottom as green. Both the total number of registrations for dogs and litters were down about four percent compared to the previous year, and essentially they were back on a level where we were in 2003.

Dennis referred to the fact earlier that this was pretty much in line with our expectations when we had prepared the 2005 budget back in 2004, so we weren’t surprised by the results. The good news is that the strategic business plan, which was approved by the Board in October of last year, has identified a number of initiatives to hopefully increase registrations in the future. We will certainly try to keep you posted of the progress with those.

The next thing I’d like to share with you is how we’re proceeding with online litters. Ron mentioned earlier that we hit a new record in December of 47 percent. If you look at the year as a whole, you’ll see the beginning of the year this percentage went up a little, came down, and then really in August it began to take off. In the last five months of the year, the percent increased every single month to the point that it reached 47 percent in December 2005. For this year as a whole, 40 percent of all litters were registered online, which we’re certainly very pleased with.

I’d like next to share with you some information on the types of breeders who are registering online. You may find this very interesting. The bar on the left-hand side is the percentage of breeders who have one litter a year registered with us. That percentage is the lowest out of all the breeder types, but it was still 38 percent. If you then go up to the next breeder type, with two to four litters registered in the year, the percentage goes up slightly. Five to seven litters increases to 40 percent online. Eight to nine litters increases to 40 percent online. Eight to nine litters in the year goes up to 42 percent. And then for the higher volume breeders, ten plus litters in the year, almost half of those people were registering their litters online.

I’d like next to shift gears to dogs and give you an idea as to how we’re progressing with dogs being registered online. Towards the end of the year after some changes were made back in August, this percentage has shot up dramatically. In the month of December, 14 percent of dog registrations came in online.

Looking at our operating expenses for the 11-month period, this is a comparison of this year’s actual compared to our budget, as well as compared to last year. The yellow box is payroll and benefits expense. The blue box would represent all other expenses. Payroll and benefits were roughly half of our expenses during the period. This was three percent higher than last year, but we are four percent below budget. For your information, our head count as of the end of November was 422 compared to 413 in the previous year. All other expenses other than payroll and benefits were higher, primarily due to increased costs of travel, using strategic planning consultants and also upgrading our computer hardware. We made a significant investment in new servers during the year.

In terms of controlling expenses, management continues to remain focused on this area and we treat this as a very high priority.

If you look at the performance of our investment portfolio, for the 11 months, we’re up almost six percent. You think that six percent doesn’t sound so great, but for those of you who are invested in the market, it actually was a pretty decent return for this period. Here’s a comparison of our investments’ performance vs. the Standard & Poor’s, which was up about three percent for that period, Dow Jones which was up two-tenths of one percent, the Russell 1000 was up 4.3 percent, and the NASDAQ was up two-tenths of one percent. So when you look at our six percent compared to those major market indices, we’ve actually done pretty well.

As a final note, I personally would like to thank those Delegates who assisted with us on Saturday and Sunday during the show selling catalogs. We truly appreciated your help. Thanks very much.

(Appause.)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Jim. Before proceeding to voting on the proposed amendments, let’s review the process to help Delegates consider the amendments. AKC staff will project the pro-
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The Chair recognized Dr. Charles Garvin, Delegate for the Marion Ohio Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I would speak against the amendment to the amendment. The original amendment was superior, for two reasons. First, in other areas of our regulations there are provisions where any individual can file charges against another, to request an Event Committee hearing, and so it is unnecessary to add that. The second thing is: When there is an attack where a dog outside the ring attacks and caused injury, it is not just the dog that is injured that has sustained damages from this. It is the entire sport of purebreds. The Event Committee needs to be able to speak for the sport, and so the Event Committee itself should have the right and the responsibility of calling such a hearing to determine whether or not the dog should be disqualified. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Don Adams, Delegate for Cudahy Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I submit that the proposed amendment with so changes, who can call a committee hearing, that it represents such a substantial change that it will require republication. I just don't see that. This is not such a significant change that it materially affects the right of a show to control its own event.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Sylvia Arrowwood, Delegate for the Charleston Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

My comments just are to bolster along with a few of my fellow Delegates. You could very easily have a situation where the two dogs in an altercation have the same owner or owners perhaps that are good friends and get along and don’t wish to take it any further. But I feel as they feel, that it’s a black eye to the sport and that the Event Committee should have the right to go ahead. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Fred Bock, Delegate from the Key City Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

The proposed amendment that Delegates are being asked to consider on the screen. Any proposed amendment will be dropped and shown on the screen in a different color so that the amendment to be considered will be clear. If an amendment is adopted, the screen will reflect the proposal as amended. If an amendment is not adopted, the screen will project the originally proposed amendment. Delegates will continue the consideration of the proposed amendment as thus amended or not amended. The Chair intends to take a standing vote for each motion that requires a two-thirds vote. If needed, the Chair will take an additional counted vote. For the first vote, I’m going to ask Jim Crowley to address this and update you.

Mr. Crowley: On the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 15 and 8-A, there was an error in the cream worksheet. The italicized paragraph in the first column, the line out, applies to disqualification by the judge rather than by the Event Committee as it should have. The section that is being changed by italics in Chapter 11, Section 15, to regular text in Chapter 11, Section 8-A, is reflected on the screen correctly. It applies to disqualification by the Events Committee. The middle column of the worksheet, the proposal, was correct, and the publication in the AKC Gazette was correct.

So it’s the middle column, the italicized portion that is going to regular text.

Mr. Sprung: A two-thirds vote is required for adoption. Is there any discussion?

The Chair recognized Nancy Russell, Delegate from Waukesha Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I’m Nancy Russell from Waukesha Kennel Club, and I would like to propose a change in the last paragraph. I gave it to the Secretary. If a dog attacks a person or a dog at an AKC event resulting in an injury, the handler and/or owner of the injured dog or injured person may request an Event Committee hearing. If the Event Committee determines that the dog presents a hazard, and so on the way it is. This would require that the people who have the injured animal or the person who is injured could file the complaint, rather than anyone else being able to do so.

Mr. Sprung: Is there a second on that?

Mr. Crowley: The change is being put up on the screen right now.

Ms. Bishop: Jean Bishop, Cardigan Corgi Club. I second the motion.

Mr. Sprung: We have a second. Thank you.

Is there further debate on this amendment?

The Chair recognized Judy Hart, Delegate for the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America who spoke as follows:

I have actually been at a show where a dog was injured by another dog and the Event Show Committee felt they were unable to do anything because the owner and handler of this dog had taken the dog to the veterinarian; therefore, was not available. If a dog or a person is injured seriously, those responsible for that dog are not on-site, and if I have a choice between getting my dog to a hospital immediately and tendering him or sticking around to file a complaint, I’m going to be gone.

The Chair recognized Becky Stanевич, Delegate for the Mountain Club who spoke as follows:

I would be totally opposed to this. Having sat on the Event Committee and been a show chairman, I feel it’s very important that the Event Committee have the right to call a committee hearing if they feel that something has gone on at their show which would jeopardize the appearance of a dog show and, you know, rights that we have to give shows. You know, I can just see some major disaster happening with a major bite or major injury. The people are gone. That makes no difference. The Event Committee can still call a hearing, whether the people are there or not. They might just have to delay it for a while. What if a dog is killed? The Event Committee can’t do anything? I’m going to lose my show? No, the Event Committee has to have the right to be able to call a hearing when they need to.
I’m supporting the amendment, but what I really wanted to discuss is what the concern is about the amendment as it stands. I think part of it is a concern about the interpretation of the rule on the basis it considers that the dog presents a hazard. I’ve had two experiences in the past year that I’ve observed or been a part of, not directly, but observing. The one I’m thinking of specifically is a handler was standing beside the ring as a dog was going by without his handler. It was a large dog and the handler did not have it on a tight lead under control. And the dog lunged in front of the dog that was standing at ringside, invaded the dog’s space, went right in the dog’s face, and he went, get out of my way, and he actually drew blood on the handler. And the result is that I think what’s happening in some of these cases where the dog is not truly presenting a hazard but was simply protecting his space and territory in a very normal way, that was infringed upon, that the dog would still automatically be disqualified because they’re afraid that if they don’t take action that they’re going to be liable themselves. I think part of this amendment is addressing that kind of issue.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Ms. Russell: The reason I brought this up is we have had a couple of incidents already where Event Committee hearings were called. One was the in case of the two owners, or one owner owning both dogs. They were switching handlers. These were two females who didn’t care for each other and they got in a little confrontation. One of their tongues was hurt. And you know how a tongue bleeds. Then they had to have an Event Committee hearing because there was some blood involved. The people were really upset with this. They felt that their dog was being reported to AKC as a vicious dog, even though the committee did not feel the dog was a hazard. When you have it occur between two people, two different people, and they can say in an instance like Fred was, I’m sorry, my fault, can I help you, how’s your dog, but if you’re going to have an Event Committee hearing, the whole attitude is going to change. It’s going to be my dog wasn’t the vicious one, your dog was the vicious one. So instead of helping each other out and understanding, we’re now going to pit exhibitor against exhibitor over who’s got the vicious dog that started this fight, and that’s the whole reason for this. And I think it’s going to make a tremendous difference when things like this happen. And we keep forgetting that dogs are dogs. When we put a leash on them, they have no way to get away from a bad situation or anything that they perceive as uncomfortable other than to growl or bite. And I don’t know how we keep on expecting them to be better citizens and tolerate more than we people do. Every time I see these rules come up, I think we’re getting closer and closer to a generic dog who is nothing but a furry robot that completely ignores his environment in order to be in a dog show.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized I. Lehr Brisbin, Delegate for the Staffordshire Terrier Club of America who spoke as follows:

Without trying to take sides on pro and con on this amendment, let me remind you of something; that in our attempts to defeat breed specific legislation, we have a lot of localities where there are dog shows that have what we think is a good generic vicious dog law, which this would play right into the hands of, because the law says any dog which attacks a person or another dog, quote, without provocation, shall be deemed a vicious dog. And under some circumstances, as we unfortunately know from one of the top dogs of its breed that got involved in this, that the dog could be required to be neutered, the dog could be euthanized, and all kinds of consequences for the owner. This is without even determining what provocation is. And please remember that if one of these things comes down, we’re playing into the hands of the animal rights people who will be looking for written evidence of this kind of thing. And be careful, because a lot of those ordinances have what are called innocent bystanders consequences. And those laws say if a dog is present when that attack occurs, they are deemed a vicious dog too and subject to the same control. So if the attack occurs in the ring or at ringside, all dogs standing around could be tagged as vicious dogs. If you don’t think it could happen and nobody would do that, you don’t know the animal rights people. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Carmen Battaglia, Delegate for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America who spoke as follows:

I want to speak against the amendment. I think it fundamentally shifts the responsibility from the Event Committee and the club to the owner and the handler, and I think that’s not in our best interest because of the vested interest that the owner and the handler obviously have in the situation. The original language, I think, speaks more to what we want for an event or what we want for AKC. This, I think, pushes it down into a situation where vested individuals rather than an Event Committee has responsibility. I’m not sure that’s in our best interest.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Cleldith Wakefield, Delegate for the Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri who spoke as follows:

I’m echoing the previous speakers’ statements. Many municipalities do have laws. I am a law enforcement officer myself. And any dog that is in violation of these ordinances can be taken into custody by the municipality that the event takes place in. We already have the event management controls at a show. I’m a show chairman. If we have an event problem, we’re going to take care of that problem. When you start bringing outside people, people that are not even connected with the dog show whatsoever, a lot of it’s someone from PETA who is walking through your grounds and decides to file a complaint, and then we have to get the local municipalities involved, these dogs could be taken from you posthaste to the nearest facility to be held, and you may have to come back to that area to appear before the municipal judge, and your dog could have to be neutered, could be out of your control completely. So think quite clearly about this before you put this in writing. I think that this is bringing to the public the perception of dangerous
The Chair recognized Thaddeus Makowski, Delegate from the Colorado Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I, too, oppose the amendment to the amendment for what our previous Delegates and speakers. In addition to it shifting the responsibility to the Events Committee to other parties, we have also interjected the word attack, and that in itself gives it another look, and the recommendation for doing another verbiage and page sheet would probably be more in order if we're going to change the amendment to look this way. So we're, again, opposed to this.

Ms. Stanevic: I don't have all the correct verbiage on the Event Committee, but I think your Event Committee can actually help you, because the first step to an Event Committee hearing is getting your Event Committee people together, and they might very well say, this is not an issue, you do not have a dangerous dog, you do not have an aggressive act. So you can have a complaint by PETA against somebody and the Event Committee gets together as objective observers and participants of the sport and says, no, this is not an issue. So I think we need to look at what an Event Committee does. It doesn't just say that we have a trial without the first hearing.

Mr. Sprung: The question is shall we strike and insert the red words on the screen. It's a simple majority to make the decision.

All in favor, aye.

All opposed, nay.

The nays have it, we are back to the original amendment as presented. Is there any further discussion on this?

The Chair recognized John McNab-ney, Delegate for the Scottish Terrier Club of America who spoke as follows:

Absent any companion guidance or regulation regarding sparring in rings, I need to address this issue on behalf of our breed. I'm speaking now not for those who are the experienced handlers or the experienced owners, but for the novice terrier breeder who comes into the ring and is placed in a situation by the judge whereby professional handlers are using their dog as bait, for all practical purposes, to bring their dog's attitude and attention, to get them to pull themselves together, so to speak. I have witnessed inexperienced handlers leaving the ring in tears because the dog on the other end of the leash is something he's never seen before, it is fired up, it is riled, and the judge dismisses them without giving the opportunity to calm the dog down or giving some advice, pick the dog up and carry it out and leave the ring, and then you have an altercation because of the crowded gate conditions and this highly strung dog now leaving the ring and ready to go after the first dog that gets in its space. This to me is more the responsibility of the judge than the inexperienced handler, and this, I think, is something that has to be addressed in, if nothing else, in a companion guidance to the show committees that are evaluating these situations, or this is a regulation that I see, for my breed, a distinct disadvantage.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. A two-thirds vote is required for adoption.

The question is on the proposed amendment:

Those in favor, please stand.

Thank you. Please be seated.

Those opposed, please stand.

Thank you. Be seated.

There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The next vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 2, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds. The amendment was requested by the Pointing Breed Advisory Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. The proposal is on the tan worksheet. A two-thirds vote is required for adoption. Is there any discussion?

The question is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 2, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds.

Those in favor, please stand.

Thank you. Be seated.

Those opposed, please stand.

Thank you. Be seated.

There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The final vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, a new Section 26 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds. The amendment was requested by the Pointing Breed Advisory Committee and approved by the AKC's Board of Directors. The proposal is on the green worksheet. A two-thirds vote is required for adoption. Is there any discussion?

The question is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, a new Section 26, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds.

Those in favor, please stand.

Thank you. Be seated.

Those opposed, please stand.

Thank you. Be seated.

There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to AKC's Charter and Bylaws.
Mr. Crowley: The proposed amendment is on Article II: Seal of AKC's Charter and Bylaws. This amendment concerns a revision to AKC's logo that would help to differentiate AKC from other registries by emphasizing its age, thus alluding to its longevity and tradition. It would take the word incorporated and substitute AKC's founding date of 1884. The full text is on the blue worksheet that was sent to all Delegates. The proposed revision was requested by the AKC Board of Directors as a result of input from the Delegate body. It will be published in two issues of the AKC GAZETTE and you will be asked to vote on it at the March, 2006 meeting.

Mr. Sprung: Is there any discussion on the proposed amendment?

The Chair recognized Nancy Perrell, Delegate from the Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association who spoke as follows:

My club is in favor of the change; however, they would like to see you leave a long phase-in process so that things that are already made up with the current logo are used up before we change to the new one because of the money involved.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Crécia Closson, Delegate for the Lakes Region Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

Point of information. Is there a dollar figure associated with this change?

Mr. Sprung: Well, there are minor expenses associated with it, trademarks and such. What we, too, will do will be implement it as of a certain date so that the collateral we have with the former is used and there will be a phase-in period.

Ms. Closson: Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Carol Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

Crécia's question was very good pertaining to the expense, and Nancy's comment also on the phase-in period, but it just dawned on me that we have a lot of clubs who have AKC banners out there for presentation at shows and whatnot. How is this going to impact those?

Mr. Sprung: We'll work on that for you.

Mr. Menaker: Carol, my response would be to use them. No, seriously, I think what we're suggesting is as we forward, we change the logo. But I don't think there's any problem to use it until we replace it because it's wearing out and you change it.

Ms. Williamson: So what I'm understanding is that if we do, we'll be okay to use our current supplies and then just as it shows wear and tear maybe five six years down the road, then at that time we replace it.

Mr. Menaker: That's correct.

Ms. Williamson: Perfect. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: The Chair now calls on Noreen Baxter, Vice President of Communications, to announce the fourth quarter AKC Community Achievement Awards.

Ms. Baxter: The AKC Community Achievement Awards are given to clubs and AKC federations and their members who have made outstanding contributions to public education or canine legislation activities. Each honoree receives an AKC certificate of recognition and the AKC donates $1,000 to each honoree's club or federation. Details about the honorees' accomplishments are published in the AKC GAZETTE and featured on the AKC Web site. The fourth quarter honorees are:

Carol Jo Stuart, The Metropolitan Cleveland Miniature Schnauzer Club,

and

Lucille Perry, Rogue Valley Kennel Club.

Please join me in congratulating the honorees.

(Appause.)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Noreen.

For your information, the Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Times Square Manhattan Hotel. The June, 2006 meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13th, in Raleigh. If you need assistance with hotel accommodations, please contact Paula Spector.

The March meeting will be the annual election of Directors, the Class of 2010. For the past few years, we have started the meeting in the morning in order to have adequate time for the three-minute presentation by candidates and to accommodate multiple ballots. We will; therefore, begin the March meeting at 10:30 a.m. Delegates are asked to make their travel arrangements accordingly. Once again, our photographer is outside waiting to take photographs should you choose to do so after adjournment. Delegates are reminded to leave their badges at the registration desk. Is there any further business to come before the Delegate body?

The Chair recognized Jim Smith, Delegate for the Dalmatian Club of America who spoke as follows: I would like to make two comments; one brief, one a bit lengthy. The brief one, when I was a member of the Board of Directors, I became interested in and involved in performance events, particularly field trials. Very early on I met Bill Speck. The American Kennel Club is extraordinarily lucky to, number one, after Bill's retirement, come back to him and say, would you be willing to come back, and we're even luckier to have had Bill Speck accept the job and performing as he does. We're a lucky group.

(Appause.)

My apologies, Bill, but I felt I had to do it.

Mr. Speck: Thank you.

Mr. Smith: I embarrassed myself in the last couple of months by contacting two AKC Board members and asking them to vote for what was listed as a proposal to vote on at the next meeting, namely the awarding of an entire group to individuals who are qualified based on some criteria. As you know, I think it's 13 breeds is the most that you can get in any one application, whatever. I had no idea when I asked people to support it that the provision that they voted on or that was to be voted on was as it was. I am embarrassed that I asked those people. I am embarrassed that the American Kennel Club has seen fit to establish criteria that are an insult to this sport, are an insult to any number of...
people who should be given a group out of the box. I will mention three names: West Coast, Joe Waterman; Middle America, Stan Flowers; East Coast, Damara Bolte. I have no idea if these people are interested in judging, but if those three or any number of easily identifiable people are not eligible simply by asking to judge a group right out of the box, then there is something wrong with us. We are not a democracy, or should not be a democracy. Employees of the American Kennel Club are promoted because they have merit and have earned the promotion. Judges and judging promotions, additional breeds, however you want to look at it, should be based on merit, not the ability to attend seminars, dot the I’s, cross the T’s. We have to go back somehow, some way, whether it be a group that establishes itself informally, whether there be a Delegate committee, whether the American Kennel Club appoint a committee, whether interested individuals get together and come up with some sort of plan that is other than what we have today, because it is not doing the job that it should do. It is not serving this fancy. It is not serving the exhibitors. Something has to happen. Over the years, there have been Delegates that have risen meeting after meeting after meeting on a particular subject. I’m warning you, I will bring forward different aspects of the judging approval process, the whole judging process, meeting after meeting after meeting until I am satisfied that somebody has an interest in improving the system that currently exists.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wire-haired Pointer Club of America who spoke as follows:

Today my hat is Chairman of the Parent Club Committee. I have come to this meeting, I left home thinking I was going to announce the criteria and the process by which the Parent Club Committee would decide on who would fill the void in our committee because of the loss of Carl Trehus. Yesterday, or over the weekend, I was alerted to the fact that Carl Trehus has been asked to become a Delegate for another club. Yesterday the Parent Club Committee met and unanimously voted to reserve the vacancy on our committee for Carl Trehus, a Delegate who was voted onto the committee by the Delegate body and who has been a very hardworking and valued member of the Parent Club Committee, and we will welcome him with open arms. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Virginia McEvoy O’Connell, Delegate for the Greater Lowell Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman, members of the Board and fellow Delegates, this past year the AKC changed the starting age from juniors to age nine and rearranged the age categories, which was a good idea itself. However, I would like to propose that there be further changes to the classes. I’ve been watching juniors quite intently during the past year, and I have become aware that many young participants become discouraged and lose interest in competing because there are so many wonderful young handlers in the open classes in both intermediate and seniors. They keep adding on wins even when they have achieved the 10 wins necessary to be able to enter the Westminster Kennel Club Show. Their reasons for this are valid. They want to be the top junior in a particular breed or are working towards being the top junior in their group. This is all very well and good, but it does keep many excellent juniors from retaining the necessary ten wins. Discouraging, to say the least. And what happens then is that good, competent junior handlers give up and lose a spot that is necessary to keep them in dogs and becoming the future breeders, owners and handlers in our beloved sport. My proposal is that a new class be added to each age group, a master class. Once a junior has achieved 15 wins in their open class, which is five wins above the necessary number for Westminster, which would ensure that even with some sort of an accounting error they would be eligible, the junior would advance to the masters class. They would be competing against the cream of the crop in their age group, would still attain their goals, and other juniors would have the opportunity to attain their wins. I have spoken to many judges, juniors and parents of juniors proposing this additional class, and the consensus of opinion is that it is an excellent way to award the more polished juniors, while giving others a chance to become proficient in the hard of handling. We must encourage the young people who were in our sport to continue. We’re not going to be around forever, and they are the ones who will carry on our traditions. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair called on Margaret Pough, Delegate for the Finger Lakes Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

A brief update on canine influenza. It is still out there. At the Diagnostic Lab of Cornell we have evidence from 18 states, but we are no longer the only place doing the testing, so we hear about outbreaks in perhaps Colorado and Texas. Your best preventative is cleanliness, washing hands often. Do not take ill dogs to any event. And do not encourage your puppy buyers not to take their ill dogs to dry day cares, multiple dog walkers and dog parks. We have some evidence that some of these contribute to the spread of canine influenza. And, finally, in spite of a full-page add in the AKC GAZETTE, canine influenza is not at all related to Bird Flu. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: The Chair called on Erick Liebes, Delegate for the Komondor Club of America who spoke as follows:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I noted the December Board minutes and the addendum that one item which is being discussed and may come up for a vote is, quote, to base group judging approval on something less than all of the breeds in that group, unquote. First, I question the need for this change, given that there are many full group judges that some of these judges must be on every panel to cover every breed. Second, there as a long-time breeder and exhibitor of rare breeds and as the Komondor Club of America Delegate, I object to this proposal, since we would obviously be one of the breeds who will face group judges who are not approved and may not be qualified to judge our breed. Third, if the Board chooses for their reasons to pass this proposal, I suggest that these groups’ approved judges at a minimum be required to have attended a breed seminar and passed a written breed stan-
standards test on all of the breeds of the group. And by the way, I consider even this inadequate, since as judges we really learn to appreciate real quality in breeds by evaluating real entries at the breed level. And, finally, I hope you’ll consider the possible damage that might be done to small entry breeds by depriving us of a fair and complete evaluation at the group level if this proposal goes through.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair called on, Gerard Baudet, Delegate for the Rhode Island Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I am pleased to announce that we have our committee Delegate who is attending the first meeting today. We have appointed Don Adams.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Janice Gardner, Delegate for the Rockingham County Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I’m speaking as Chair of the Perspective Editorial Committee. We have an election for Board members coming up at the next meeting. People can apply by petition to run until the end of January. We would like to inform anyone who may still be considering filing a petition that once the deadline has arrived for petitions, we will be contacting each of the candidates and asking them to submit a statement of 500 words, no more, to the next issue. It will be printed exactly as submitted. We do not edit any of the candidates’ statements. If someone has any question, you can e-mail me. My e-mail is in the Delegates directory. If someone wants to jot it down, it is sparhawk, s-p-a-r-h-a-w-k @TTLC.net. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Bill Newman, Delegate for the Mastiff Club of America and Chairman of the Canine Health Committee who spoke as follows:

I wanted to inform the Delegate body of two important projects that our committee is working on. This is information only. We’ll take only a few moments of your time. The first project is in conjunction with the Parent Club Committee. With that project, we have written to all the Parent Clubs, and I trust that you all know about this, that’s why I’m telling you, in case you haven’t. We’re urging the Parent Clubs to use inducements and to encourage their members to be increase the usage of parent identification with DNA. We feel that is extremely important in the research that that be done. That bill has gone out and it will be reintroduced again on the chat line for information. The second project is with the veterinary outreach program. We are working with them and have written to all breed clubs within 100 miles of a veterinary school to find out what they are doing to send our message to the clubs and increase our public relations with the veterinary schools and with the students. When that material comes back, we will assimilate it, correlate it and make suggestions and everyone report back to you. Why only 100 miles for the vet schools? Because the answers are coming back to our Secretary, Connie Davenport. She gets the answer. She has the work. It’s a logistical problem. We will assimilate the information, report back to you. We want you to know this because these are ongoing projects and not all that is going to the Delegates. So you’ll be informed. If your club raises the question, you have the information. Thank you so much.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Kenneth A. Marden, Delegate for the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America who spoke as follows:

I just really can’t let us all leave without saying that while we enjoy and really had a great time at the Conformation Championships, once again the performance area is given short shrift. We ran a fantastic National Championship Agility and National Championship Obedience Trials, and I think congratulations are in order for Sharon Anderson and Curt Curtis and people who were working on those programs. They did a fantastic job.

(Appause.)

One of the things that we try and do, of course, is we influence public opinion with the American public, and if you’ve been at those Agility Championships, guess what you saw in there, folks? We saw the American public, and they loved it, and AKC got great publicity because of it. So once again, as you know, I’ve done confirmation. I enjoy our shows. I think we do a fantastic job. Let’s not forget that we do have some performance events which are helping us with the dog problems we are facing in this country today. Thank you.

(Appause.)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized John Nielsen, Delegate for the English Setter Association of America who spoke as follows:

What was the date of the letter for Senator Santorum, and when and what form might we get a copy of that?

Mr. Menaker: January the 13th, and a copy of the letter, obviously, will be published in the minutes and will be included in the next Delegates mailing.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair called on Nancy Fisk, Delegate for the Hockamock Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I just wanted to clarify something that I had said in the caucus yesterday. We had a brief meeting of the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, and I spoke immediately, or afterwards, and actually misspoke. The purpose of our committee is to be supportive of the legislative staff. And I just wanted to say that Stephanie Lane is Chair of the committee. My job as Vice Chair of the committee is to coordinate the efforts of the Delegate members of that committee to work in order to further the work of the legislative body, the staff.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair called on Diane Albers, Delegate for the Central Florida Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I am addressing the body sincerely from the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs, who wishes at this time to thank the American Kennel Club/CAR. I’m not going to mention all the names, but the Delegates, all our staff, executive officers, but I wanted the Delegates to see what and understand what everything you did and the survival of the dog, as I call it, because we stayed in there for 96 days, and then after that we knew no more were alive. This little
dog’s name, and I’ll have somebody pass it around, is Pugsly. Pugsly lived on the top of a refrigerator for seven weeks. When the levy broke, he was washed onto the refrigerator and had no way of getting down. This is a photograph taken immediately after he was rescued. Pugsly lived on the top of a refrigerator for seven weeks. When the levy broke, he was washed onto the refrigerator and had no way of getting down. This is a photograph taken immediately after he was rescued. Pugsly was up there seven weeks. He lived on, now, listen to ingenuity of our dogs that we work so hard for, the plaster on the wall, the mold and the condensation on the cabinet, and he survived. And we took out German Shepherds. Same situation. Two little dogs, Mr. Pee Wee and his friend, Herman, that went to Champaign, Illinois to the University of Illinois veterinary students there for care. But this is why we were in there. And as I said, we were in there 96 days, in New Orleans. And what all you don’t know, we talked about crates today, we talked about all the things, the most important thing that you never even begin to think was the water truck that the American Kennel Club sent in from Florida to New Orleans, because all we had was one 55-gallon drum left of water to bathe the dogs that were toxically burned on their skin and their eyes, and when that 55,000-gallon truck pulled in there with fresh water to supply all our different groups from Lake Castle School straight through, I have to tell you it was like gold. You can’t even imagine. And all it was water. But anyway, from our hearts, thank you all so much.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Barbara Mann, Delegate from the Dayton Dog Training Club who spoke as follows:

I feel a little small bringing up this issue after that, but I will anyway. I’d like to draw the attention of the Delegates to the extremely high hotel costs in New York City for those of us who travel to this meeting. The meetings are held in the city. It used to be true cheaper hotels were available in the vicinity of the Crowne Plaza, but as hotel occupancy rates in New York have been quite high recently, these are no longer available. To stay in the meeting hotel for one night takes up all of my budget for my dog training club, so the rest of it I’m on my own. And they only pay for one meeting a year, and that’s the meeting they want to pay for, because that’s the election, which is very important. So I would really like for the staff and the Board of the AKC to consider possible alternatives in the New York area. We don’t have to stay downtown.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

(Applause.)

With no further business to come before the Delegate body, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

[The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.]