

DELEGATES QUARTERLY MEETING **March 2008**

Annual Meeting Of The Delegates of The American Kennel Club March 11, 2008

Dennis B. Sprung, President

PRESENT 344

Abilene Kennel Club—*Neil A. Bates*

Affenpinscher Club of America—*Chad Howard*

Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Constance Butherus*

Airedale Terrier Club of America—*Aletta L. Moore*

Akita Club of America—*Sherry E. Wallis*

Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dennis J. Gallant*

American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—*Ms. Janina K. Laurin*

American Bloodhound Club—*Mary L. Olszewski*

American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—*Patte Klecan*

American Brussels Griffon Association—*Mark Grigalunas*

American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—*Alan Kalter*

American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—*John D. Gammon*

American Foxhound Club, Inc.—*Harold Miller*

American Maltese Association, Inc.—*Mr. Richard W. Glenn*

American Manchester Terrier Club—*Roberta Berman*

American Pointer Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Karen R. Spey*

American Rottweiler Club—*Mr. Peter G. Piusz*

American Sealyham Terrier Club—*Kenneth W. Mader*

American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Sally L. Vilas*

American Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Julie Virosteck*

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.—*Ann Wallin*

Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—*Ms. Virginia M. Mayhall*

Augusta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Sara Martin*

Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—*Kathryn A. Hamilton*

Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Kim Occhiuti*

Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Nina Schaefer*

Baltimore County Kennel Club—*Mrs. Lucy Campbell-Gracie*

Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Barbara Wicklund*

Battle Creek Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. John A. Studebaker*

Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wayne Boyd*

Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—*Robin Sayko*

Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.—*Susan F. Glatzer*

Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl E. Holder*

Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Chris Gaburri*

Bedlington Terrier Club of America—*Mrs. Marjorie M. Hanson*

Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Barbara Swisher*

Berks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frank S. Pielh*

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Denise Dean*

Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—*George Sikes*

Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—*Martha Griffin*

Border Collie Society of America—*Claudia Frank*

Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Ruth A. Naun*

Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—*Jon T. Steele*

Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly*

Briard Club of America, Inc.—*Tommy Millner*

Bronx County Kennel Club—*Ms. Alexa Samarotto*

Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marie A. Fiore*

Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—*Sam H. McDonald*

Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Helma Weeks*

Bull Terrier Club of America—*Dr. Dale R. Schuur*

Bulldog Club of America—*Bob Newcomb*

Bulldog Club of New England, Inc.—*Francesca J. Castaneda*

Bulldog Club of Philadelphia—*Mrs. Lynn E. Smith*

Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.*

Butler County Kennel Club, Inc.—*John W. Towns, Jr.*

Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club—*Mr. Wayne F. Harmon*

Canaan Dog Club of America—*Pamela S. Rosman*

Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—*Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki*

Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—*Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge*

Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Ashby*

Catoctin Kennel Club—*Whitney Coombs*

Catonsville Kennel Club—*Gary Sarvinas*

Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane J. Albers*

Central Ohio Kennel Club—*Roberta K. Brady*

Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club—*Eibhlin Glennon*

Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*

Chattanooga Kennel Club—*David Gilstrap*

Cheshire Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. James G. Phinizy*

Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—*Rey Burgos*

Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—*Marge B. Calltharp*

Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nick Piasis*

Chow Chow Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Ginny Atkinson*

Cincinnati Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Patricia H. Haines*

Clarksville Kennel Club—*Robert A. Schroll*

Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts—*Dr. Stephen Lawrence*

Clearwater Kennel Club—*Daniel T. Stolz*

Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Maureen R. Setter*

Clumber Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Ricky Blackman*

Collie Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom*

Colorado Kennel Club—*Louise Leone*

Colorado Springs Kennel Club—*Mrs. Andre B. Schoen*

Columbia Kennel Club, Inc.—*H. M. Anderson*

Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—*Norma J. Ryan*

Concord Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Mary Casella*

Corpus Christi Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joan Urban*

Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Charles A. Baris*

Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—*James W. Smith*

Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Carleton H. Musson*

Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—*Merlyn A. Green, D.C.*

Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—*Andrew G. Mills*

Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—*John D. Hughes*

Des Moines Obedience Training Club—*Lee Slorah*

Doberman Pinscher Club of America—*Jeffrey P. Helsdon*

Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland—*Kathrynann Sarvinas*

Duluth Kennel Club—*Hon. David C. Merriam*

Durham Kennel Club Inc—*Linda C. Wozniak*

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*

Empire Beagle Club, Inc.—*Christopher Keenan*

English Setter Association of America, Inc.—*Mr. John P. Nielsen*

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—*Mrs. Alice E. Berd*

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*

English Toy Spaniel Club of America—*Vanessa N. Weber*

Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Terrie Breen*

Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Arlene R. Harris*

Field Spaniel Society of America—*Katherine Sullivan*

Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Margaret B. Pough*

First Company Governor's Foot Guard Athletic Association—*Lt. Col. John L. O'Connell*

First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Kenneth L. Wadley*

Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—*Kurt Anderson*

Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*

Fort Worth Kennel Club—*Mr. Harry G. Ottmann*

Framingham District Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lynda Kenney*

French Bulldog Club of America—*Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard*

Furniture City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Merry J. Millner*

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*

Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Bonnie Lapham*

Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Nance O. Skoglund*

Great Barrington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Suzanne D. Sliney*

Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—*Thomas Sandenaw*

Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. Robert M. Brown*

Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California—*Jack Smith*

Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc—*Ms. Karen J. Burgess*

Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara Shaw*

Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—*Patricia B. Staub*

Greater Kingsport Kennel Club—*Georgia Warren*

Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—*Virginia M. O'Connell*

Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—*Marlene Steinberg*

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Clifford A. Dahl*

Greenville Kennel Club—*Linda A. Knorr*

Greenwich Kennel Club—*Dr. Stephen Blau*

Greyhound Club of America—*Mrs. Melanie S. Steele*

Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Cynthia A. Miller*

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- Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert D. Black*
Havanese Club of America—*Jane F. Ruthford*
Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—*Patricia M. Cruz*
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Fisk*
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Carol A. Williamson*
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dick Blair*
Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gwen McCullagh*
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—*David A. Helming*
Ibiza Hound Club of the United States—*Luane V. Williams*
Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wyoma Clouss*
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rita J. Biddle*
Intermountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda S. Larson*
Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Constance B. Vanacore*
Irish Wolfhound Club of America—*Martha V. Dean*
Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri—*Cledith Wakefield*
K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ, Inc.—*Dave Morgan*
Kachina Kennel Club—*Mrs. Marilyn R. Vinson*
Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joanne E. Kinnelly*
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John D. Sawicki*
Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.—*Mrs. Gwen Wexler*
Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—*Carole Plesur*
Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—*Mrs. Florence L. Prawl*
Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton*
Kennel Club of Pasadena—*Jarratt Brunson*
Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Inc.—*Charles H. Schaefer*
Kennel Club of Riverside—*Sylvia Thomas*
Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Fred C. Bock, II*
Komondor Club of America, Inc.—*Michael Harman*
Kuvasz Club of America—*R K. Barnes*
Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Virginia Van Doren*
Ladies' Dog Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Kathi Brown*
Ladies' Kennel Association of America—*Ruth Winston*
Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frank Majocha*
Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—*Sylvia Meisels*
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Crecia C. Closson*
Land O' Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jan Croft*
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert LaBerge*
Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Sue Goldberg*
Lima Kennel Club—*Rod Ott*
Long Island Kennel Club—*Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.*
Longshore-Southport Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan L. Fisher*
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—*David M. Powers*
Louisiana Kennel Club, Inc.—*Luis F. Sosa*
Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Judy R. Melear*
Macon Kennel Club—*Nell Stumpf*
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*
McKinley Kennel Club—*Herman H. Tietjen*
Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—*John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.*
Mid-Hudson Kennel Association, Inc.—*Gayle Bon-tecou*
Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—*Giselle Simonds*
Mispillion Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Blackie H. Nygood*
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi*
Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—*Robert H. McKowen*
Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Helmi Konderock*
Montgomery County Kennel Club—*Ms. Ida E. Weinstock*
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*
Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Judith V. Daniels*
Myrtle Beach Kennel Club—*Linda D. Witouski*
Nashville Kennel Club—*James Efron*
Nassau Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Margaret Uminsky*
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Viola Burgos*
Nebraska Kennel Club—*Marvin Crawford*
New England Beagle Club, Inc.—*Mr. Mario S. Palumbo*
New England Old English Sheepdog Club—*Mrs. Jane C. Ogg*
Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Mary W. Price*
Newman Kennel Club—*Willie Crawford*
Newton Kennel Club—*Catherine H. Murch*
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane F. Taylor*
Nisqually Kennel Club—*R. H. Hachtel*
North Dakota Retriever Club, Inc.—*Patricia Spear*
North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—*Billie Ponton*
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia C. Scully*
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—*James M. Ashton*
Okaloosa Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell*
Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—*Robert Nazak*
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harvey A. Mueller*
Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—*Judy F. Murray*
Orlando Dog Training Club—*Rodney L. Russell*
Otterhound Club of America—*Mark J. Hawley*
Ox Ridge Kennel Club—*Jack P. De Witt*
Ozark Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mark A. Chambers*
Pacific Coast Boston Terrier Club—*Mr. Carl E. Gomes*
Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—*Link Newcomb*
Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas, Inc.—*Mrs. Geraldine M. Shastid*
Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—*Mary Strom*
Pasco Florida Kennel Club—*Patricia J. Lombardi*
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.*
Pharaoh Hound Club of America—*Mr. Gary A. Reed*
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*
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*
Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—*James Primmer*
Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Savage*
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Karen Arends*
Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*
Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kerstin T. Ottmar*
Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Michelle R. Anderson*
Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—*Florence R. Laicher*
Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—*Mrs. Anne M. Rappaport*
Ramapo Kennel Club—*Mrs. Rose J. Radel*
Reno Kennel Club—*Mr. Steven D. Gladstone*
Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gerard Baudet*
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Mr. George D. Sexton*
Richland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Donald B. Harris*
Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—*Jan M. Ritchie*
Rio Grande Kennel Club—*Mr. William H. Green*
Riverhead Kennel Club, Inc.—*Catherine D. Farrell*
Roanoke Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jill Wright*
Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—*Ronald H. Menaker*
Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Janice S. Gardner*
Saccarappa Obedience Club, Inc.—*Stephanie Ilka*
Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—*Mrs. Barbara Furbush*
Saluki Club of America—*Monica H. Stoner*
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John L. Ronald*
San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club—*Ralph S. Roberts*
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Tom Brown*
Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—*Abbe R. Shaw*
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeau*
Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Ralph Reuter*
Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—*Kay Alired*
Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—*Betty J. Patrick*
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*
Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Patricia Anders*
Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—*Susan L. Hamil*
Shreveport Kennel Club, Inc.—*LuAnn Moore*
Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Donna Beckman*
Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Kriss Griffin*
Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego—*Nancy Dandrea*
Silver State Kennel Club—*Michael J. Connell*
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—*William J. Feeney*
Skokie Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Corinne J. Kehoe*
Skye Terrier Club of America—*Mr. Walter F. Goodman*
Skyline Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gloria Shaver*

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—
Cindy Vogels
Somerset Hills Kennel Club—*Billie McFadden*
South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*
South Texas Obedience Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Gerry Dalakian*
South Windsor Kennel Club—*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*Dr. John V. Iola*
Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Arnold*
Spokane Kennel Club—*Tina Truesdale*
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Thomas M. Davies*
St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—*Linda Baker*
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dale Hunsburger*
St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—*Dr. Gerry Meisels*
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—*Ms. Ann Lettiss*
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert Eisele*
Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Florence Dugan*
Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda H. Penney*
Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning*
Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*
Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—*Mr. Herbert H. Rosen*
Tidewater Kennel Club of Virginia, Inc.—*Jane Brumley*
Town and Country Kennel Club, Inc.—*Toni Doake*
Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—*John Shoemaker*
Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joseph Martyn*
Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*
Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*
Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joan Confort*
United States Australian Shepherd Association—
Leon Goetz
United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III*
United States Lakeland Terrier Club—*Alfred J. Ferruggiaro*
Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—*J. M. Haderer*
Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club—*Josephine De Menna*
Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—*Iris K. Frankel*
Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Carol Fisher*
Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Lynn Worth*
Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—*Suzanne Gray*
Walla Walla Kennel Club—*Mr. Rod Strand*
Wampanoag Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Naida L. Parker*
Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—
Mr. Donald Rennick
Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Anita A. Lustenberger*
Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Mary A. Eschweiler*
Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—
Donald Ong
West Highland White Terrier Club of America—
Thomas Barrie
West Volusia Kennel Club—*Ferdinand Reinlieb*
Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association—*Torie Steele*
Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. William A. Russett*
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mildred L. Dold*
Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Candace Mogavero*

Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frederick R. Vogel*
Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—
Mrs. Karen Mays
Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, Inc.—*Fred T. Kampo*
Women's Field Trial Club—*Judy Rasmuson*
Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—*Rosann Sexton*
Worcester County Kennel Club—*Debra A. Hokkannen*
Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Richard Lewis*
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Patricia D. Reynolds*

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Delegates Meeting March 11, 2008

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the dais: Chairman, Ron Menaker; Vice Chairman, David Merriam; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley, the Executive Secretary; and Todd DeSimone, the Court Reporter.

As it was the annual election of Directors, The Executive Secretary read the report on the Nominating Committee, and the report on additional nominations.

Mr. Crowley reported that pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee: Andrew G. Mills, Chair; Del Sur Kennel Club; Karen J. Burgess, Greater Clark County Kennel Club; Viola Burgos, Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club; John Shoemaker, Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California; Helma N. Weeks, Bucks County Kennel Club, appointed by the Board of Directors on August 13, 2007, has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 11, 2008. There is one vacancy for the Class of 2010, and three vacancies are for the Class of 2012.

Class of 2010: Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, representing the German Shepherd Dog Club of America.

Class of 2012: Dr. Thomas M. Davies, representing the Springfield Kennel Club; Walter F. Goodman, representing the Skye Terrier Club of America and Ronald H. Menaker, representing the Rockford Freeport Illinois Kennel Club.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws

of the American Kennel Club, the following Delegate has been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as a candidate for the vacancy of the Board of Directors for the Class of 2010, to be filled at the annual meeting on March 11, 2008. Class of 2010: Dr. Fred C. Bock II, representing Key City Kennel Club.

Mr. Sprung reported that the Bylaws provide that no nominations may be made from the floor and that nominations, therefore, closed on November 14th, 2007. As no additional nominations may be made, and the Bylaws make no provision for write in candidates, the same procedure used in previous instances where there was an uncontested election were to be followed. The Chair, without objection, declared that three candidates for the Class of 2012 were elected, Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Walter F. Goodman, and Ronald H. Menaker.

Delegates were reminded that elections, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, require a majority vote to elect. There was one vacancy for the Class of 2010. The candidate receiving a majority would be elected. Delegates were advised to vote for no more than one candidate for the Class of 2010.

A representative of Ernst & Young, AKC's accounting firm, oversaw the tellers who conducted the election and counted the ballots. Candidates were offered the opportunity to observe the election procedures.

Mr. Sprung: It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Jack Sheahan on December 14th. He was the Delegate of the Devon Dog Show Association since July of 1991. He previously served as Delegate of Delaware County Kennel Club from September 1956 until May of 1978 when he joined the staff of AKC's Club Relations Department.

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting.

The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting:

Frandel Brown, Fresno, CA, to represent Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno

Kathi Brown, Stow, MA, to represent Ladies' Dog Club

John D. French, Miami, FL, to represent Greater Naples Dog Club

Joanne Kinnelly, Ann Arbor, MI, to represent Kalamazoo Kennel Club

Marilyn Mayfield, Camarillo, CA, to represent Old English Sheepdog Club of America

Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser, Turner, OR, to represent Standard Schnauzer Club of America

David W. Morgan, New York, NY, to represent K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, New Jersey

Rose Robischon, New Hampton, NY, to represent Wallkill Kennel Club

Dr. Dale R. Schuur, Grandville, MI, to represent Bull Terrier Club of America

Rosann H. Sexton, Chester, VT, to represent Woodstock Dog Club

Sarah Stebbins, Saratoga Springs, NY, to represent Saratoga New York Kennel Club

Julie Virosteck, Lucerne Valley, CA, to represent American Spaniel Club

Georgia Warren, Kingsport, TN, to represent Greater Kingsport Kennel Club

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor:

Kathi Brown, Stow, MA, to represent Ladies' Dog Club

Debra Ann Hokkanen, Holden, MA, to represent Worcester County Kennel Club

Joanne E. Kinnelly, Ann Arbor, MI, to represent Kalamazoo Kennel Club

David W. Morgan, New York, NY, to represent K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County New Jersey

Rod Ott, Carey, OH, to represent Lima Kennel Club

Dr. Dale R. Schuur, Grandville, MI, to represent Bull Terrier Club of America

Rosann H. Sexton, Chester, VT, to represent Woodstock Dog Club

Julie Virosteck, Lucerne Valley, CA, to represent American Spaniel Club

Georgia Warren, Kingsport, TN, to represent Greater Kingsport Kennel Club

Linda D. Witousky, Conway, SC, to represent Myrtle Beach Kennel Club

As no corrections were heard, the minutes of the December 4th, 2007 Delegates meeting were approved as published.

Ronald Menaker, Board Chairman, gave the following report: Good morning. The most valuable messages we can communicate to the public are the value of AKC Registration and Responsible Dog Ownership. In order to achieve this goal we must be out in the forefront delivering our expertise and continuing to pursue a variety of ways of reaching the widest audience.

In today's culture, our most visible way is through our many televised events. We are very fortunate to have Eukanuba and Animal Planet partner with us to present the AKC / Eukanuba National Championship to reach millions of viewers with our messages about the joy of AKC purebred dogs.

For 2008, the National Championship alone reached an estimated 6 million dog lovers. The AKC Agility Invitational, televised last month, enabled us to highlight top athletes in our most popular companion event to 1 million people.

In 2007, our televised events hosted by clubs, including eight All-Breed shows, reached more than 20 million viewers.

We are proud to support our clubs and their televised events by placing AKC ads during their broadcasts.

Additionally, our Marketing Department in 2007 began placing banner ads and paid searches for the first time. This year our *Parade Magazine* ads promoting AKC as the registry of choice along with our programs, events, and affiliated organizations is scheduled to reach a circulation of 112 million.

Beyond the televised events and advertising AKC hosts many championship events for companion and performance sports which increase our public persona to diverse dog-loving audiences.

Last month, we hosted the AKC World Coonhound Championships where a pair of Treeing Walker Coonhounds captured both top honors - the "World Nite Champion" and the "World Show Champion" awards. This six-day event in Newberry, South Carolina featured more than 400 dogs from 24 states - representing two AKC recog-

nized breeds as well as four Foundation Stock Service breeds.

On March 28th through the 30th we will host the AKC National Agility Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Here, more than 700 of the top-winning handlers and their dogs will compete against the clock and others in the six height divisions for top dog honors. In addition, the State Team Tournament will be held on Friday where competitors from across the nation show state pride and build camaraderie, as an exciting warm-up to the Championship.

Last fall, North Carolina was the host state for Championship events in Lure Coursing and Tracking.

The AKC National Lure Coursing Championship featured 102 of the very best lure coursing hounds in the United States from as far away as California, Texas, Arizona, Florida, and Washington State.

The 4th National Tracking Invitational held at the Biltmore Estate provided owners of Champion Tracker dogs an opportunity to participate in an event designed especially for them.

We are delighted that AKC is able to offer such a wide variety of top notch events for exhibitors. But where does all of this begin? With an AKC registered puppy.

We have asked Clubs to join us in promoting responsible breeders of AKC puppies with the new "Demand AKC Papers" program whereby clubs place classified advertising in their local newspapers sending puppy-buyers to resources to help them find those responsible breeders.

Once new exhibitors are ready to become involved in the sport, AKC now has two newly re-named programs, the AKC Canine Experience and the Purebred Alternative Listing or PAL program which will nurture our future fanciers.

The first AKC Canine Experience (formerly the AKC Educational Match) was held last month in Raleigh, North Carolina to welcome nearly 500 newcomers. Fifteen specialty dog clubs with 107 volunteers hosted educational booths and seminars in the morning before novice exhibitors tried out their new-found skills in the afternoon match.

For purebred dog owners who do not have AKC registration the new PAL program (formerly the ILP) launched

last month allows dogs that are ineligible for registration but are distinguishable as a member of an AKC-registrable breed, to participate in AKC Companion Events, AKC Performance Events and AKC Juniors competition.

So whether a purebred dog lover is a life-long fancier or a first-time attendee at a match, the AKC strives to give exhibitors the opportunities and tools to get started in a variety of sports and help them find clubs to continue their journey. Ultimately, many will compete at spectacular championship venues hosted by AKC to showcase what they have accomplished with their dogs.

And in terms of communicating our messages, a happy involved purebred dog exhibitor is our best advertisement!

Dennis Sprung gave the President's report: Teamwork is the foundation of every great organization. The American Kennel Club's success is similarly based on the leadership of the Chairman and Board of Directors combined with the teamwork of nearly 5,000 affiliated clubs, over 600 Delegates, and staff. This success is evident in the more than 21,000 events hosted annually by clubs comprised of volunteers, entries of almost 3.2 million, and another very sound financial performance by management. However, beyond the numbers there are people like you and I that make things happen.

I can stand in front of this distinguished body to take credit for AKC's many accomplishments - because I have more than 400 reasons to do so, our employees. Some of our most gifted employees are our best kept secret, they work each day to serve you our core constituency, but more often than not they are out of the limelight.

During my career at AKC I have been fortunate to be able to establish ways of recognizing individuals in our sport, such as the medallion program for Delegates, Judges, Show Chairs, and breeders, the Lifetime Achievement Awards in Conformation, Performance and Companion events and the Outstanding Sportsmanship award. I initiated these programs because I believe we have an obligation to honor our own.

Today we will take another step by honoring some long-time employees who serve your clubs and share with you their lifetime commitment to the

American Kennel Club.

Two weeks from today, our first honoree will celebrate her 23rd anniversary on staff. Ines Maldonado would you please join me here on the podium.

Ines met a college recruiter who inspired her to resist the temptation to go to work right out of high school and enroll in Kingsborough Community College. Ines committed and completed an Associates Degree. Graduating in 1985, she interviewed with AKC and went to work in the Judges Department as a typist. Some of you may remember her as Ines Perez.

Three years later, she became a Data Entry Operator and six years down the road she joined the Judges Education department as a secretary. Shortly thereafter, Ines was promoted to Supervisor in the Judges Applications department. Then in 1999, she received another promotion to her current role as Manager of the Judging Operations Department.

Our next family member has been with us for 28 years. Maria Robinson, please join me.

Hired in 1980 as a Jr. Keyplex Operator, Maria quickly graduated to lead Operator. In 1991 she was the lead clerk in Event Records and also held the position of discrepancy clerk in the mid-1990s. By 1997 she became a supervisor.

Two years later Maria was promoted to Manager of Event Plans. Then her title went through some growing pains as AKC reorganized. She became Manager of Show Operations and eventually the Manager of Show Records which is her title today.

Maria repeatedly set challenging goals for herself attending night classes to learn new software, taking leadership and management courses, and volunteering to work on AKC's new sports in order to be well rounded with all aspects of Event Operations.

And finally, last but not least, a third longtime friend. One of the most senior employees at AKC with more than 37 years of service, he began his tenure in 1970 as a part-time File Clerk while still going to College at St. John's.

Ladies and gentleman, the pride of the New York Rangers and of AKC,

Michael Liosis.

Two years after Mike was hired he became a full-time Posting Clerk in Show Plans. A year later he became an

Assistant Supervisor and 7 years later he was promoted to Supervisor.

In 1981 Mike was an Administrative Assistant to the new Club Operations Department. But for the last 22 years, since 1985, this diplomat of the AKC has held the position of Director of Club Relations.

According to his supervisor Jim Crowley, who actually hired Mike for his full-time position back in 1972, one prime task of his is to become involved in one of those very rare occurrences - a dog club dispute. Jim states, where else can you go into a job knowing that half of those you deal with are going to end up believing that you are ignorant, something is awry, and you are in league with the other half, who also believe that you are foolish and unfair.

And now our Chairman will present to each of you, our valued friends and employees, a special token of our appreciation, an engraved AKC medallion as well as an additional gift in recognition of your accomplishments.

(presentations)

Ladies and gentlemen, these employees are truly a shining example of the unheralded heroes of AKC.

(standing ovation)

I've just been advised that the tellers are ready, so we will give you that information. The Chair calls on the Chair of the Tellers Committee, Elaine Allen, of Ernst & Young, to read the results of the balloting for the Class of 2010.

Ms. Allen: Good morning. There were 334 Delegates eligible to vote, which makes the majority 168, and the result of the ballots are as follows:

Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, 174

Dr. Fred C. Bock II, 160

Mr. Sprung: The Chair declares that Dr. Carmen Battaglia has been duly elected as a member of the Class of 2010.

The Chair calls on Jim Stevens, our Chief Financial Officer, for the annual financial report. This report reflects the annual audited financial results for the year 2007. Our audited figures reflect the combined results of AKC and AKC Companion Animal Recovery (CAR). This treatment is required by generally accepted accounting principles and is consistent with how these annual

amounts were reported in prior years.

Total revenues for 2007 of \$72.8 million were over \$500,000 higher than 2006. Total operating expenses of \$68.4 million were 1% lower than the prior year. This resulted in an operating surplus of \$4.4 million in 2007 vs. \$3.2 million in 2006.

2007's investment gains were \$5.9 million. This trailed the prior year's record gains of \$7.2 million due to a superior performance of the stock market in that year.

This resulted in a net surplus of \$10.3 million for 2007, which was comparable to the previous year.

2007's statement of operations also reflected a one time (non-cash) cumulative accounting adjustment of \$16.8 million from the adoption of Statement 158 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board. This new accounting pronouncement required that amounts related to pension and postretirement plans, which were previously disclosed in the footnotes to the financial statements, now be fully recorded within the financial statements.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 7, of Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline. The proposed amendment was recommended by AKC's Board of Directors. This amendment, which allows changes in the dog's name under certain provisions and requirements, if it does not impact the AKC Stud Book or our event records.

The proposal was adopted as follows:

Section 7. The name of a dog registered with The American Kennel Club will be allowed to be changed provided the dog was whelped in the United States and in cases where the breeder(s) first individually registered the dog, their written consent would be required. A dog name containing a Registered Kennel Name cannot be changed without the written consent of the owner(s) of that Registered Kennel Name.

However, no change in the name will be recorded by The American Kennel Club after the dog has produced or sired an AKC registered litter or received an award at an AKC licensed or member event.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 6 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility.

Mr. Crowley: The proposed amendment is to Chapter 11, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility. The amendment would permit incorrectly entered dogs to be moved into the open class. This would also benefit all of those entered in the competition by providing the opportunity to maintain the number of dogs eligible to compete in the classes, thereby the number of dogs counted in the computation of Championship points. The proposed revision was requested by a licensed dog show superintendent and agreed on by the Dog Show Superintendents Association and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2008 meeting.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment is to Chapter 17, Section 2, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Submission of a Show's Records to AKC. The amendment would make the Rules consistent with the Bylaws, which charge the Board with setting of all fees. The proposed amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rule Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2008 meeting.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment is to Chapter 2, Section 1, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows Making Application to Hold a Dog Show. The amendment would, again, make the Rules consistent with the Bylaws, which charge the Board with the setting of all fees. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2008 meeting.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment is to Chapter 2, Section 13, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Making Application to Hold a Dog Show. The amendment would, again, make the Rules consistent with the Bylaws and charge the Board with the setting of fees. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rule Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2008 meeting.

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Chief Operating Officer John Lyons announced the first quarter AKC 2008 Community Achievement Awards. This award is given to clubs and AKC federations and their members who have made outstanding contributions to public education or canine legislative 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 honoree's accomplishments are published in the *AKC GAZETTE* and featured on the AKC web site. The first quarter honorees are: The Delaware County Kennel Club, Delegate Lindy Miller; The Lexington Kennel Club, Delegate Anne Kemp; The Illini Great Dane Club.

Mr. Lyons also announced that for the second consecutive year *AKC Family Dog* was awarded Best All-Breed Magazine by the Dog Writers Association of America at their awards banquet in February, with an additional award going to an AKC publication staff member for best column. In addition, the *AKC GAZETTE* was the recipient of six awards, the most given

to any nominee in the All-Breed Magazine category. With two more awards, one at the Alliance of Purebred Dog Writers Awards Luncheon, AKC publications were the recipient of a total of ten awards for 2007.

Mr. Sprung reported that the June 9th, 2008 Delegates meeting will be held in Quincy, Massachusetts at the Boston Marriott Quincy. Delegates were advised to contact Paula Spector of the Conference and Travel Department if they needed additional information or hotel accommodations. Mr. Sprung also reported that the 2007 Annual Report will be mailed to all Delegates by the end of March.

The following Delegates spoke during new Business. The speakers and subjects were:

- Carl Ashby III, Delegate for United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, speaking on behalf of the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee, requested that Delegates complete a form that had been distributed. It was intended to build an All-Breed email list.

- Daniel Smyth, Delegate from the Burlington Kennel Club, speaking as acting chairman for the Perspectives Committee, thanked Janice Gardner, *Perspectives* editor since the mid-90s, who retired from that position, for all her contributions. Delegates were requested to submit any material for an article through the soliciting member that asked for the article or if they couldn't do that, to send it to Crecia Closson, who is the coordinator this month.

- Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, complimented AKC staff for an article on the AKC web page concerning dog breeding.

- Gwen McCullagh, Delegate for Huntington Kennel Club, spoke in support of a request from the Basset Hound Club of America to require that Basset Hounds be judged on a ramp at shows. This matter will be considered by the AKC Board at its April 2008 meeting.

- Nancy Fisk, Delegate for Hockamock Kennel Club, who was speaking for both the Legislative Caucus Forum Group and also for the All-Breed Clubs Committee, addressed an initiative, with dog show superintendents. It is an armband initiative, that all of the superintendents are supporting and is available

to clubs. She also spoke of the superintendent's ability to assist with an email survey of exhibitors, which would be a post dog show survey. Some of the suggested questions would be economic impact questions such as how far did you travel? How many nights did you spend? How much did you spend on specific categories, such as lodging, food, whatever, which would give an economic impact for that specific locality which could then be given to the legislators of that specific area. Some of the other questions that would help All-Breed Clubs that may be struggling with their entries and the financial situation, might be things like do you plan to attend a dog show again in the future? Rate things 1 to 10, such as judging, show site, etc., what works for you, and ask for improvements that would bring them back to those dog shows in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

The opinions expressed by the speakers may not necessarily reflect those of The American Kennel Club.