DELEGATES FORUM
SYNOPSIS OF THE MARCH 8, 2010, DELEGATES FORUM
The Delegates Forum is an informal meeting of Delegates that provides an opportunity for open discussion and expression of ideas. No official business is transacted, a quorum is not required and no attendance record is kept.
Judy Daniels, Chair of the Delegates Coordinating Committee, opened the Forum with welcoming comments and the introduction of Jim Stevens, AKC’s Chief Financial Officer, and Joe Baffuto, AKC’s Controller, who gave an informative talk on the basics of finance.

FINANCE 101
At the suggestion of the Delegates Advocacy and Advancement Committee, Jim Stevens and Joe Baffuto discussed a variety of accounting terms and financial reporting concepts. This included a review of the components of AKC’s balance sheet, revenue and expense accounting and cash flow analysis. Accounting for AKC’s investments was also discussed. Some examples were provided to illustrate the application of these accounting concepts. In addition, the presentation reviewed the genesis and rationale for AKC’s financial reserves.

There was also a discussion of AKC’s annual audit with an explanation as to why certain affiliated organizations are consolidated with AKC’s results for financial reporting purposes in the audited financial statements.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB MARCH 8, 2011
Dennis B. Sprung, President
PRESENT: 394
Alpenpiper Club of America—Chad Howard
Affenpinscher Club of America—Ms. Constance Buthers
Airedale Terrier Club of America—Aletta L. Moore
Akita Club of America—Sherry E. Walls
American Belgian Malinois Club—Ms. Nancy L. Bennett
American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—Ms. Janina K. Lurin
American Bloodhound Club—Mary L. Oblzewski
American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—Patte Klecan
American Boxer Club, Inc.—Bruce E. Voran
American Brittany Club, Inc.—Judith Teyhe
American Brussels Griffon Association—Mark Grigalinas
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—Alan Kalter
American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—Dyane Baldwin
American Fox Terrier Club—Connie Clark
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—Harold Miller
American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.—Mr. Edmund R. Stedzak
American Maltese Association, Inc.—Mr. Richard W. Glenn
American Manchester Terrier Club—Roberta Berman
American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.—Don Farley, II
American Pointer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Karen R. Spey
American Pomeranian Club, Inc.—Dr. Geno Sisterson
American Rottweiler Club—Mr. Peter G. Piusz
American Sealyham Terrier Club—Kenneth W. Mader
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—Marjorie Tuff
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—Ms. Sally L. Vilas
American Spaniel Club, Inc.—Julie Virostek
American Tibetan Mastiff Association—Martha Feltenstein
American Water Spaniel Club—Beth Lagomancie
Anderson Kennel Club—Phillip D. Sample
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Ms. Patricia A. Sample
Ann Arbor Kennel Club, Inc.—Mary A. Brocious
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—William Daniels
Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.—Panella J. Arwood
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Wallin
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—Gail A. LaBerge
Austin Kennel Club, Inc.—Bette D. Williams
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—Joyce Rowland
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Kim Occhiuti
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Nina Schafer
Baltimore County Kennel Club—Lacy C. Campbell Gracie
Baset Hound Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Barbara Wicklund
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—Wayne Boyd
Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—Gloria Marshall
Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.—Kathy Coxwell
Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Carl E. Holder
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—Phyllis Belcastro
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Barbara Swisher
Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.—Carole Wilson
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—Denise Dean
Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Gerald H. Yarbrough
Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—George Sikes
Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—Martha Griffin
Border Collie Society of America—Ms. Carol Clark
Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Ruth A. Naun
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly
Briard Club of America, Inc.—Michael Gibson
Bronx County Kennel Club—Ms. Alexa Sammartino
Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc.—Marie A. Fiore
Bryan Mawr Kennel Club—Ruth A. Williams
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—Helina Weeks
Bull Terrier Club of America—Dr. Dale R. Schuur
Bulldog Club of America—Robert L. Newcomb
Bulldog Club of Philadelphia—Lynn E. Smith
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.
Cairn Terrier Club of America—Pan Davis
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
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Eugenia B. Bishop
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Ashby
Catoctin Kennel Club—Whitney Coombs
Catonsville Kennel Club—Beverly A. Drake
Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.—J. Richard Seelbach
Central Beagle Club—David Bagaley
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—Julian Prager
Central Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.—Sally Allen
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane D. Alhoy
Central Ohio Kennel Club—David Galloway
Chain O’Lakes Kennel Club—Paul Kouski
Channel City Kennel Club, Inc.—Clare K. Steidel
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—Pam Goldman
Charleston Kennel Club—Sylvia Arrowood
Chattanooga Kennel Club—David Gilstrap
Chester Valley Kennel Club—Dr. Samuel M. Peacock, Jr.
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—Rey Burgos
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—Marge B. Collgharp
Chimtini Kennel Club, Inc.—Nick Pisas
Chow Chow Club, Inc.—Mrs. Ginny Atkinson
Cincinnati Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Patricia H. Haines
Clackamas Kennel Club—Steven E. Nielsen
Clarksville Kennel Club—Robert A. Schroll
Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts—Dr. Stephen Lawrence
Clearwater Kennel Club—Daniel T. Stolz
Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—Marjorie Underwood
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—Mrs. Maureen R. Setter
Clumber Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Judy Hiller
Colby Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Harold W. Sandstrom
Colorado Kennel Club—Louise Leone
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—Norma J. Ryan
Concord Dog Training Club, Inc.—John Adams
Connecticut River Working Group Association—Fred G. Ferris
Contra Costa County Kennel Club, Inc.—Barry D. Cavana
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—Michael Houchard
County-Wide Dog Training Club, Inc.—John D. French
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—Larry Sorensen
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—James W. Smith
Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Karen Dorn
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—Barbara L. Mann
Dayton Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Groeschel
Del Bay Retriever Club, Inc.—Madelyn B. Yelton
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—Meryl A. Green, D.C.
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—Andrew G. Mills
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—Dr. A. D. Burtonus
Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—John D. Hughes
Des Moines Obedience Training Club—Lee Slorah
Detroit Kennel Club—Mr. Erik Bergishlyan
Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—Meg Weitz
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—Mrs. Patty L. Strand
Dog Owners’ Training Club of Maryland—Kathyvan Sarvinas
Eastern Dog Club—Charles J. Foley
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Tabor
Elm City Kennel Club—Dr. Gregory J. Paveza
Empire Beagle Club, Inc.—Christopher Keenan
English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Barbara A. Penny
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
Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—Arlene R. Harris
Field Spaniel Society of America—Katherine Sullivan
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Margaret B. Pough
First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—Lydia Maduri
Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—Kurt Anderson
Forstyh Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Alma B. Dallas
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—Charles Arnold
Fort Worth Kennel Club—Mr. Harry G. Ottnann
Framingham District Kennel Club, Inc.—Lynda Kenney
French Bulldog Club of America—Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard
Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.—Cathy De La Garza
German Pinscher Club of America—Ms. Kimberly Schiff
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. Laursen
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—James R. Doh
Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America—Bruce H. Sussmann
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Bonnie Lapham
Golding Retriever Club of America—Ellen Hardin
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—Nance O. Skoglund
Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—Thomas Sanden
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.—Barbara Shaw
Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—Patricia B. Staub
Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia M. O’Connell
Greater Miami Dog Club—Pedro Coñoe
Greater Murphysboro Kennel Club, Inc.—Margaret Dicorletto
Greater Naples Dog Club—Steven D. Gladstone
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—Chari Magana
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—Marlene Steinberg
Greater St. Louis Training Club, Inc.—Jane V. (Canvile) Say
Green Mountain Dog Club, Inc.—Deborah Mulvey
Greenville Kennel Club—Linda A. Knoor
Greenwich Kennel Club—Margaret K. Curtis
Greyhound Club of America—Melanie S. Steele
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cynthia A. Miller
Harbor Dog Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert D. Black
Havanese Club of America—June F. Ruhford
Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—Patricia M. Cruz
Hockomock Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy Fisk
Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—Leonard Abraham
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
Ibizan Hound Club of the United States—Luane V. Williams
Illinois Capitol Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Cookson
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Rita J. Biddle
Intermountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Michael L. Van Tusell
International Kennel Club of Chicago, Inc.—Susan Oken
Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—Karyllynne McAtee
Irish Terrier Club of America—Bernard F. Ferry
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—Evelyn M. Van Udrie
Irish Wolfhound Club of America—Linda Souza
James River Kennel Club, Inc.—Mallory C. Driskill
Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri—Cledith Wakefield
Kachina Kennel Club—Marilyn R. Vinson
Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc.—Joanne E. Kunnelly
Kanadaska Kennel Club—Mrs. Beverly M. Nosiglia
Keeshon Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John D. Sawicki
Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.—Mrs. Gwen Wexler
Kennebec Valley Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—Carole Plesar
Kennebec Valley Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—Mrs. Florence L. Praved
Kennebec Valley Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton
Kennebec Valley Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Inc.—Charles H. Schafer
Kennebec Valley Kennel Club of Riverside—Sylvia A. Thomas
Kennesaw Kennel Club—James F. Gibson
Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—Judy Corbett
Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Fred C. Bock, II
Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc.—Mrs. Nancy M. Dunberg
Kuvasz Club of America—R. K. Barnes

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Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia Van Doren
Ladies’ Dog Club, Inc.—Mrs. Kathy Brown
Ladies’ Kennel Association of America—Ruth Winston
Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Diana Skibinski
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Crescia C. Clsson
Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cynthia L. Garman
Land O’ Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Jan Croft
Langley Kennel Club—Ms. Dianne E. Franck
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert N. LaBerge
Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dominic P DiBalsi
Leviston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Sue Goldberg
Lexington Kennel Club Inc—Anne Kemp
Long Island Kennel Club—Mr. William B. Tables, Jr.
Longshore-Southport Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan L. Fisher
Louisiana Kennel Club, Inc.—Luis F. Sosa
Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—Judy R. Melear
Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Sandra B. Barker
Manatee Kennel Club—Pat Edgington
 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
Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Robert D. Smith
Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.
Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club— John Russell
Middleburg Kennel Club—Shelley C. Roos
Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—Giselle Simonds
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi
Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—Robert H. McKown
Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Helma Konderock
Montgomery County Kennel Club—Ms. Ida E. Weinstock
Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—Lilian Ostermueller
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. Stanевич
Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Judith V. Daniels
Nashville Kennel Club—James Elton
National Beagle Club—Édith Dziuk
National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson
National Shiba Club of America—Maggi Stouse
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Viola Burgos
New England Dog Training Club, Inc.—Virginia Rowland
Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Mary W. Price
Newnan Kennel Club—Willie Crawford
Newton Kennel Club—Catherine H. Murch
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane F. Taylor
Niaguay Kennel Club—R. H. Hachtel
North Shore Kennel Club—Richard F. Coletti
Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.—Ralph E. Goshorn
Northern Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc.—Michael Connery
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—Billie Ponton
Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—Margaret K. Mott
Norwich Terrier Club of America—Betty McDonnell
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—Marie A. Waterstraat
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—Ms. Patricia C. Scully
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—James M. Ashton
Okalosa Kennel Club—Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell
Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Christiana Gaburri
Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, Inc.—Felice Jarrod
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—Harvey A. Mueller
Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—Judy F. Murray
Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—Burton J. Yamada
Orlando Dog Training Club—Mary L. Jensen, Ph.D.
Otterhound Club of America—Joellen Gregory, D.V.M.
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
Papillon Club of America, Inc.—Miss Arlene A. Czech
Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—Suzanne L. Tolleson
Pasania Obedience Club Inc.—Sheila Miller
Pasco Florida Kennel Club—Patricia J. Lombardi
Penbrooke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Judy A. Hart
Pen Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—Dennis J. Gallant
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America—Anne Gallant, Ph.D.
Pharaoh Hound Club of America—Mr. Gary A. Reed
Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—Larry Wilson
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—William E. Ellis
Pocono Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Krieger
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Robert A. Anen
Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—James Primner
Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Savage
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Janis C. Watts
Progressive Dog Club—William H. Blair
 Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—Kerwin T. Ottmar
Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—Michelle R. Anderson
Puli Club of America, Inc.—Maggie Wittmer
Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—Florence R. Laicher
Queen City Dog Training Club, Inc.—Sandra Schmidt
Ramapo Kennel Club—Mrs. Rose J. Radel
Rapid City Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Sally J. Nist
Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—Gerard Baudet
Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—Jan M. Ritchie
Riverhead Kennel Club, Inc.—Catherine D. Farrell
Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—Ronald H. Menaker
Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Janice S. Gardner
Rubber City Kennel Club—Cathy Gados
Sagehen’s Retriever Club—Katharine B. Simonds
Sahuar State Kennel Club—Rita Mather
Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—Mrs. Barbara Furbush
Salku Club of America—Monica H. Stoner
Samamish Kennel Club—Dr. Robert C. Glose, M.D.
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John L. Ronald
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Tom Brown
Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—Abbe R. Shaw
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—Audrey Sutton
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—Laurence J. Libeu
Saratoga New York Kennel Club—Wanda H. Allen
Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Ralph Reuter
Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—Kay Allred
Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—Betty J. Patrick
Scottish Terrier Club of America—Helen A. Prince
AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Delegates Meeting
March 8, 2011

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 podium: Chairman, Ronald Menaker; Vice Chairman, Dr. Thomas Davies; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley, Executive Secretary; and Andrea Nocks, the court reporter.

The Executive Secretary read the report of the Nominating Committee and the report on the additional nominations as follows: Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the Board of Directors appointed the following Nominating Committee: Dr. John V. Ioia, Chair, Southern Adirondack Dog Club; Viola Burgos, Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club; William J. Feeney, Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club; Robert A. Schroll, Clarksville Kennel Club; Margarette Wampold, South Windsor Kennel Club. The Nominating Committee appointed the following candidates to fill such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next annual meeting of the club on March 8, 2011. There are three vacancies for the class of 2015: Robert A. Amen, representing Port Chester Obedience Training Club; Steven D. Gladstone representing Greater Naples Dog Club, Kenneth A. Marden representing German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America. Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as a candidate for the vacancies on the Board of Directors for the class of 2015, to be filled at the annual meeting of the club on March 8, 2011: Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, representing German Shepherd Dog Club of America; Karen J. Burgess, representing Greater Clark County Kennel Club; John L. Ronal representing Samoyed Club of America; Daniel J. Smyth representing Burlington County Kennel Club.

There was a brief recess, and the Delegates cast their ballots.
The delegates’ quarterly meeting

The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting, John Adams, Lexington, MA, to represent Concord Dog Training Club

David S. Bagaley, Gibsonia, PA, to represent Central Beagle Club

Dominic P. DiBalsi, Germansville, PA, to represent Lehigh Valley Kennel Club

Sandra Frei, Woodville, WA, to represent Seattle Kennel Club

John D. French, Miami, FL, to represent County-Wide Dog Training Club

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

Steven D. Gladstone, Mount Pocono, PA, to represent Greater Naples Dog Club

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

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

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

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

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

Julian Prager, Zionsville, PA, to represent Central Florida Kennel Club

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

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

Kathryn Taylor, Ogden, UT, to represent Mount Ogden Kennel Club

Michael L. Van Tassell, Salt Lake City, UT, to represent Intermountain Kennel Club

Madelyn Yelton, Elkton, MD, to represent Del Bay Retriever Club

Wanda Allen, Albany, NY, to represent Western Kennel Club

M. J. French, Miami, FL, to represent Florida Kennel Club

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

Wanda Allen, Albany, NY, to represent Saratoga New York Kennel Club

Dominic DiBalsi, Germansville, PA, to represent Lehigh Valley Kennel Club

Sandra Frei, Woodville, WA, to represent Seattle Kennel Club

John French, Miami, FL, to represent County-Wide Dog Training Club

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

Steven D. Gladstone, Mount Pocono, PA, to represent Greater Naples Dog Club

Ralph Gosnold, Ft. Wayne, IN Northeastern to represent Indiana Kennel Club

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

Karo lynne McAtee, Pinehurst, NC, to represent Irish Setter Club of America

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

Julian Prager, Zionsville, PA, to represent Central Florida Kennel Club

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

Bruce Sussman, New York, NY, to represent Glen of Imaal Terrier Club

Michael Van Tassell, Salt Lake City, UT, to represent Intermountain Kennel Club

Madelyn Yelton, Elkhorn, MD, to represent Del Bay Retriever Club

Carole Wilson, Smithfield, IL, to represent Belle-City Kennel Club

The minutes of the December 7, 2010 Delegates meeting were adopted as amended as follows: The first copy of the December minutes included comments by Wyoma Clous, Delegate for the Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, expressing concern with the registration of white Schnauzers. This was amended to indicate that the issue was actually the registration of a number of unnatural colors in the breed, totaling 19.18 percent of all Miniature Schnauzers registered.

Ron Menaker gave the Chairman’s report as follows:

Good morning. I’d like to update you on the launch and success of a new competitive opportunity for exhibitors in Lure Coursing and Agility.

The Blue Grass Coursing Club and Greyhound Association of Northern Georgia hosted the first AKC Coursing Ability Tests at the end of February. This new titling event, which tests the dog’s ability to course, opens up the fun of lure coursing to beyond sight hounds to all dogs, purebreds and mixed-breds.

There were 28 different breeds of all shapes and sizes entered, including a Newfoundland, Great Dane, Boxers, Cardigan Welsh Corgis as well as mixed-breed dogs.

The first dog to earn a Coursing Ability title was “Juno,” a Belgian Tervuren who also earned her AKC Champion ship three weeks prior.

The clubs received 158 entries over the five tests, and approximately 75 percent of the dogs passed, but the real focus was in the camaraderie and fun. Competitors provided positive feedback, cheered on each other’s dogs and enjoyed the day.

We look forward to seeing this event expand in clubs across the country. A big thank you goes to Doug Ljungren, AKC’s performance Events AVP, for bringing this new sport to life!

In Agility, I’m pleased to announce the creation of the Preferred Agility Championship title, or PACH, which will take effect July 1st. Originally scheduled for 2013, we’re happy to implement it almost two years ahead of schedule to recognize our Preferred Agility dogs.

Dogs must achieve a minimum of 750 championshp points and 20 double qualifying scores from the Excellent Standard and Jumpers with Weave classes to obtain the championship.

The PACH title is also retroactive, so that any dog that met the requirements prior to July 1st, 2011 will have the PACH prefix added to their AKC registered name in the registration database.

We are also looking forward to the upcoming 15th annual AKC National Agility Championship in Lexington, Virginia, from April 1st through April 3rd. We have a record breaking 1,136 entries, including for the first time ever Canine Partners listed dogs.

And for even more fun, we’re using Twitter to publish real-time results of every run in every ring. We hope the exhibitors and spectators really enjoy this!

And finally, we are pleased to announce the first Master Agility Champion mixed-breed dog, “Prince Doggie,” a five year old from Michigan completed the MACH title requirements on February 20th at a trial in Dexter, Michigan. This title came just ten months after Canine Partners Program enrollees became eligible to compete in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally trials.

It’s impressive to note that this accomplishment was achieved by a first time dog owner! Congratulations to Prince Doggie!

We hope all of these new events will attract new dog owners to the world of AKC events.

We look forward to showing the public the fun they can have with their dog as well as providing new competitive avenues for our long time competitors.

For the latest updates and coverage on these new events, I encourage you to find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung gave the President’s report as follows:

2010 was a year to celebrate the core fancy and our organization. In spite of the challenging economic conditions, passionate breeders, exhibitors, judges, handlers and clubs combined with a dedicated Board, Delegate body and staff led by John Lyons, Jim Stevens and Jim Crowley were able to achieve numerous initiatives to enhance the American Kennel Club.

We thank each and every one for the part they played. The achievements do not alter the fact that revenues declined. They have. Companion events added two classes, obedience advanced teamwork and the now popular beginner’s novice class. The National Obedience Invitational was well received. April was a turning point with canine partners’ eligibility for Rally, Agility and Obedience. Over 900 dogs have competed, earning more than 2,200 titles.

Thanks to Curt Curtis and Carrie DeYoung, Agility led the way with strong growth and is rapidly approaching 1 million entries annually.

Doug Ljungren and his performance team introduced a number of innovations. The Parent Club Performance Program was launched acknowledging titles earned in breed specific events held by Parent Clubs; an Endurance Earthdog title is now being
The Business Development department’s latest accomplishment resulted in welcoming The Hartford Insurance Company as the sponsor of CGC and the STAR Puppy Program.

Hartford stands with us in promoting responsible dog ownership and offers auto and home insurance to AKC owners of all breeds. This department performs admirably; however, management is well aware that alternative revenue should be the icing on the cake as opposed to having to rely on it to supplement our registration shortfall.

As a result of our declining registrations, a ripple effect follows in the reduced sales of pedigrees, subscriptions and royalty revenue. The newly hired marketing team is addressing that very issue.

Some of last year’s successful public outreach included Responsible Dog Ownership Days featuring more than 550 programs nationwide, allowing positive messaging to resonate in all of these communities.

The standalone Meet the Breeds program managed by Gina DiNardo and Michael Canalizo and presented by Pet Partners Healthcare Plan welcomed over 30,000 dog lovers to the Javits Center. 165 Parent clubs participated.

Thanks to the communication department’s Christina Carey and Lisa Peterson, there were over 700 million media impressions, establishing the largest outreach in our history.

Independent consultants report this public relations effort as a $10 million advertising value to AKC.

We included social media to start the conversation utilizing Facebook, YouTube and Twitter, for which we created Tweet the Breeds.

This major educational endeavor on behalf of Responsible Ownership was only achievable thanks to the knowledgeable volunteers.

This summer's Parent Club Conference, sponsored by AKC, AKC CAR and Eukanuba was an unqualified success.

Thanks to the work of Pat Laurans and Peter Pusz, their committee, and AKC staff.

Also related to Parent Clubs in 2010 was the expansion of our archives to accommodate the ongoing volume of material submitted. We also remembered past friends while honoring others. The initial James S. Holt Memorial Award for Promotion of Responsible Dog Ownership in Legislation was presented to Texas representative Edmund Kueppermel.

The North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs was the recipient of the first Walter Bebout Award for leadership in the area of canine legislation.

Heroes from across the country received the annual AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence.

Also, the Barkfest at Bonhams assisted the fund in providing grants to Parent Club rescue organizations and women’s shelters.

The 2010 Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented at our December meeting to James J. Ham, Walter F. Goodman, and Joann Frier Murza.

We continue to expand our family of registered breeds.

In celebration of our dedicated breeders, October saw the launch of the Breeder of Merit program.

We further honored breeders at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship where we awarded the AKC Breeder of the Year in all seven groups and to Debbie Butt who won the top award.

Thank you for everything you do.

(Appause)

James Stevens, CFO, gave the financial report.

A summary follows:

Total annual revenues for 2010 of $56.3 million were 7% below the prior year. 2010’s total operating expenses of $56.7 million were 2% less than 2009. This resulted in an operating deficit of $413,000 for last year. Our investments generated a gain of $6.5 million or 10% in 2010.

The Chair called on the Chair of the Tellers Committee, Kim Johnson, of KPMG to read results of the ballot for the class of 2015.

Ms. Johnson’s report follows:

The total number of ballots cast was 391; therefore, the majority to elect was 196.

The results of the ballots were as follows; Robert Amen, 191; Dr. Carmen Battaglia, 183; Karen Burgess, 93; Steven Gladstone, 192; Kenneth Marden, 137; John Ronald, 150; Daniel Smyth, 104.

As no candidate received a majority vote, another ballot was cast for the Class of 2015. There was a brief recess during which the Delegates cast the next ballot.

The first vote was on the proposed amendments to Chapter 10 and Chapter 15, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians, and Protests Against Dogs. The amendments were brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This would, in Chapter 10, update the requirements for show veterinarians to better accommodate on call veterinarians and require clubs to inform them of their duties. In Chapter 15, this amendment would include the Event Committee in the process of removing dogs from the show, and eliminate the requirement for a form, and to assign the fiscal responsibility for veterinary expenses. The Board recommended its approval.

By recommendation of the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee, the proposal was further amended without objection..."of the event” was struck and “where treatment is provided” was inserted.

There were two thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Section 4, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Making Application to Hold a Dog Show.

The proposed amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules
Committee. This amendment would create a common deadline for the application and judges’ panel in an effort to reduce confusion by clubs.

There were two thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The amendment to Article VI, Section 5, new paragraph, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, which was to have been read at the meeting, is going back to the Board for modification.

The Chair calls on Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club.

Mr. Crowley read the proposed amendment is to Article VII, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. The amendment would make AKC Board members who have served two consecutive terms ineligible for reelection for the length of one four year term.

This amendment was brought forward by the Greater Collin Kennel Club. The AKC Board of Directors has made no recommendation. It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2011 meeting.

The Chair called on John Lyons, who announced the Community Achievement Awards, recognized a few of our outstanding employees, and told the Delegates about a number of awards won by AKC publications. He then read resolutions honoring two individuals.

Mr. Lyons spoke as follows.

I am pleased to announce the AKC First Quarter Community Achievement Awards. This award is given to clubs and AKC federations and their members who are 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 honoree’s accomplishments are published in the AKC Gazette and featured on the AKC website.

The first quarter honorees are: Cindy Bundy of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America, Delegate Stephanie Crawford, and the Borzoi Club of America, Delegate, Barbara O’Neill.

Please join me in congratulating this quarter’s honorees.

(Applause)

Now I would like to recognize some outstanding employees. Please hold your applause until I call them up to the podium.

Daphna Straus, Assistant Vice President of Business Development, joined AKC in 2001 as project manager for DOGNY, AKC’s public art and fund raiser project that generated over 3.5 million for search and rescue organizations across the country.

A Pembroke Welsh Corgi enthusiast, active in obedience and herding, her responsibilities include strengthening and leveraging AKC’s brand equity through successful sponsorships, licensing, affinity and merchandising programs.

Mary Burch, Director of the Canine Good Citizen program is a certified applied animal behaviorist who has exhibited in conformation, obedience and agility. She is a well-known author and television spokesperson on responsible training and is the authority on AKC’s Canine Good Citizens program.

Mary recently added to our responsible dog ownership outreach by creating the STAR Puppy Program which stands for socialization, training, activity and responsibility. Over 700,000 dogs have participated in these programs to date.

Lastly, our ISD division is led by Chief Information Officer, Charles H. Kniefl. He is responsible for the long term engineering of our registration and event systems with a strong focus on increased functionality and customer satisfaction.

Since joining us in 2003 he has contributed to AKC’s internal and external technical performance in immeasurable ways, helping all elements of our sport.

Just as important, he and his family have two Cardigans and his daughter has become a very gifted junior handler.

Daphna, Mary, Charley, please join us up here at the podium.

(Applause)

It is also my pleasure to announce that the AKC Publications department was the recipient of five awards at the Dog Writers Association of America’s Awards banquet on Sunday, February 13th, including Best All Breed Magazine for the AKC Gazette and Best Yearbook, Annual or Special Publication, for the 125th anniversary issue of the AKC Gazette.

Please join me in congratulating our staff for their splendid accomplishments and their well deserved recognition.

(Applause)

Beginning in 1996, Dennis instituted a tradition of awarding medallions to those who achieved the milestone of 25 years of service to AKC and the sport in their capacity as Delegates.

While very rare, some individuals go well beyond that milestone. Today we ask you to join us in honoring two gentlemen celebrating four continuous decades as AKC Delegates.

In that regard, I’d like to read to you the following resolutions, very well deserved and signed by Chairman Menaker and President Sprung.

Please hold your applause until both resolutions have been read.

At the two thousand and eleven Annual Meeting of The American Kennel Club, held on March eighth, two thousand and eleven, The Board and staff of The American Kennel Club, as well as the Delegate body, recognized four decades of service, WHEREAS, William H. Blair first entered the Delegate body as an active breeder and exhibitor, having owned Welsh Terriers, Dachshunds, Mastiffs, and most notably, Pekingese; and, WHEREAS, he was first approved as the Delegate for the Pekingese Club of America on June ninth, nineteen hundred and seventy, serving in that capacity until December fifteenth, two thousand and five, when he became the Delegate for the Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club; and, WHEREAS, on January ninth, two thousand and seven, he was approved as the Delegate for the Progressive Dog Club; and, WHEREAS, he was elected to serve on the Delegate Parent Clubs Committee in the inaugural election held on September fourteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-three, serving until September fourteenth, two thousand and ten; and WHEREAS, he was elected the Parent Club’s Committee’s first Secretary on September fourteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-three, serving until September fourteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine; and, WHEREAS, he was a vital part of the team, particularly with regards to arranging for the necessary technology, that put on the widely acclaimed Parent Club Conferences; and, WHEREAS, in nineteen hundred and ninety-six, he was among the first group of Delegates to receive the twenty-five year Delegate recognition medallion, and is only one of two from that group, who still serve as Delegates; and, WHEREAS, his dedication to the Delegate body and AKC have been unwavering, always ready to challenge what he does not believe to be right and also achieving an almost perfect attendance record in his forty years; and, WHEREAS, we are mindful of the great contribution he has made and continues to make to The American Kennel Club and the Sport of Purebred Dogs; and, WHEREAS, we cherish our association with this distinguished businessman, sportsman and friend; and, NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the AKC Delegate Body, Board of Directors, and staff, express their appreciation for his four decades of continuous service as an AKC Delegate, and look forward to his continuing contributions to AKC and to the Sport for many years ahead.

And now the second:

At the two thousand and eleven Annual Meeting of The American Kennel Club, held on March eighth, two thousand and eleven, The Board and staff of The American Kennel Club, as well as the Delegate body, recognized four decades of service, WHEREAS,
Stanley S. Saltzman first entered the Delegate body as an accomplished Shetland Sheepdog breeder and exhibitor and as a recently approved judge on June ninth, nineteen hundred and seventy, as the Delegate for the Longshore-Southport Kennel Club; and, WHEREAS, he served in this capacity until becoming Delegate for the San Francisco Dog Training Club on November eighth, nineteen hundred and ninety-three; and, WHEREAS, he chaired the Delegate Committee on Committees, whose recommendations led to the Standing Rules that created the Delegate Standing Committees; and, he also chaired the Committee charged with implementing the Standing Rules and overseeing the first committee elections; and, WHEREAS, he chaired the Delegate Coordinating Committee, from nineteen hundred and ninety-three until nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, during which time the foundations were laid for the present committee procedures; and, WHEREAS, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on The American Kennel Club Board of Directors and served on the Board from November thirteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety until March twelfth, nineteen hundred and ninety-one; and, WHEREAS, in nineteen hundred and ninety-six; and, WHEREAS, he was a member of the Exploratory Constitution and Bylaws Committee, whose recommendations led to the first major overhaul of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club in decades in two thousand and one; and, WHEREAS, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on The American Kennel Club Board of Directors and served on the Board from November thirteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety until March twelfth, nineteen hundred and ninety-one; and, WHEREAS, he has been and continues to be a strong voice for maintaining the traditional values of The American Kennel Club, and an influential advocate of change for the organization when such change is so sorely needed; and, WHEREAS, we are mindful of the great contributions he has made and continues to make to The American Kennel Club and the Sport of Purebred Dogs; and, WHEREAS, we cherish our association with this distinguished businessman, sportsman, and friend.

NOW THEREFORE be it RESOLVED that the AKC Delegate Body, Board of Directors, and staff, express their appreciation for his four decades of continuous service as an AKC Delegate, and look forward to his continuing contributions to AKC and to the Sport for many years ahead.

Will Mr. Blair please come to the front of the room? Unfortunately, Mr. Saltzman is not here today. Would you now all join me in appreciation of these two fine gentlemen? (Standing Ovation) Thank you.

Lisa Peterson, AKC Director of Communications presented an AKC PSA. Ms. Peterson spoke as follows: Each year The American Kennel Club runs a TV commercial during the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, the Kennel Club of Philadelphia’s National Dog Show and, of course, Westminster. Our commercials are part of our continued effort to educate the public about the benefits of AKC registration as well as our commitment to our mission of promoting responsible dog ownership. Here is the TV spot we ran during Westminster called “Words” which is currently being updated. The rest of our TV commercials and TV PSAs, Public Service announcements, are located on AKC.org in the Press Center under Advertising. These are available for you to use for your own club to promote your events. (Video played.)

(Appause)
The Chair advised that, the Monday, June 13th, 2011 Delegates meeting will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, North Carolina.

The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows: As you all know, when you read Ron’s Chairman’s report from the last meeting, we have a process that is now available as an application for iPhones and it can be used by the fancy and it can also be used by judges for judges’ education along with their standards. On the table next to where you registered this morning are stacks of paper. Your breed and the photos for your breed that are being used currently are there. You are welcome to take a copy of your breed, let your Parent Club see it. It may be what you want to stay on there, but if you have other desires, please contact Daphna Straus. Her e-mail is DXS@AKC.org. It will require that any photos that are used become copyrighted by AKC, I believe Dennis. Is that correct?

Mr. Sprung: Copyrighted or the person who gives it to us has the rights to transfer.

Ms. Laurans: So I think it’s important. And you’ll notice some breeds have three pictures, some breeds have one and there are a couple of breeds that have none. So I would suggest that you look at those photos and take a copy of your breed home with you.

Thank you.

The Chair thanked Ms. Laurans then recognized: Lee Arnold, Delegate for the Southern Colorado Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: Mr. President, fellow Delegates, I’d like to update you on some exciting news from the AKC Canine Health Foundation. We’d like you to know about a new way that you can help support the foundation. We used to say open up your hearts and wallets, and today I’d like to ask you to open up your cell phones to help us. It’s simple, it’s quick, and it’s quite easy. Get your pens and pencils out and jot down this number to dial: 20222. You will then be asked to text DOG, if you would like to donate to the Canine Health Foundation. You will then be asked to donate $5.00. Please punch yes, and you’ll help all our dogs live longer and healthier lives.

On another note, there’s more exciting news. For those of you who are in the Metropolitan area, right until the end of April, the AKC Canine Health Foundation is running a PSA/commercial on the Jumbotron in Times Square.

Every three to four hours we have impressions of getting everybody in the world to know what we’re about, what we do, supporting canine health.

We are the leading organization in the world and the only organization that so far has given over $23 million to make sure that our dogs live longer, healthier lives.

I thank you all for your past support. I hope you’ll continue to donate and help us in the future. And with that, as we say in radio, my time is up and I thank you for yours. (Applause)

The Chair congratulated Mr. Arnold on his election to the chairmanship of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation.

The Chair recognized Edmund Sledzik, Delegate for the American Lhasa Apso Club, who spoke as follows: Many times we sit here and we hear what you all say, and read what you all give us. This time I got involved on one of your projects and I want to commend you for doing that.

A couple months ago I received in the mail this DVD about listening to your dogs. My grandchild, who’s nine years old, sat there, watched it, got very excited, went down to his school, set up a program in the fourth grade, and showed this DVD. He took up a project to train one of our dogs and walk him, getting involved, and for the first time ever, this last week when I judged Papillons at a show in Virginia, he showed up. And boy is it hard to get children to show up to some of these dog shows, but it was exciting.

So I want to thank you for doing this. It was just a wonderful project. And, oh, we also got your coloring books and sent them all out to everybody in the classes. Thank you again.

The Chair recognized William Ellis, Delegate for the Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado who spoke as follows: I would like to urge the Board, to quickly as...
you can, study the moratorium you have imposed and if possible, lift parts of it geographically.

I'm in the west, in Colorado. We do not have an overabundance of clubs that are putting on shows, weekend after weekend. We have two clubs, the Mile High Sporting Dog fanciers, and the Rocky Mountain Mastiff Fanciers who are ready to get going. And as an all breed club, the Plum Creek Kennel Club is looking forward to working with these specialty clubs, and so I would urge your quickest study and resolution to that moratorium. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: While I don’t speak for the Board, I can assure you that they are going to study this. It is a complex question. We realize that from state to state, from territory to territory it is different, but the reason to start the discussion on the moratorium was partly to look at all issues involved and to receive feedback from the constituency, whether specialties, group clubs, or all-breed shows. So your concerns certainly will be thoroughly addressed.

The Chair recognized Barbara Wicklund, Delegate for the Basset Hound Club of America, who spoke as follows

I know many of you are anxious to write articles for Perspectives, especially in the next issue which I’m coordinating, so I’ll let you know that the deadline is April 5th. You can send your articles electronically and preferably, but not necessarily, to any member of the editorial committee or directly to me. My e-mail is in the current issue of Perspectives and I will be waiting to receive your wonderful articles.

Thank you.

The Chair called on the Chair of the Tellers Committee, Kim Johnson, of KPMG to read the results of the second ballot for the Class of 2015.

Ms. Johnson: The total number of ballots cast was 394; therefore, the majority to elect was 198.

The results of the ballots were as follows; Robert Amen, 230; Dr. Carmen Battaglia, 202; Karen Burgess, 41; Steven Gladstone, 223; Kenneth Marden, 119; John Ronald, 139; and Daniel Smyth, 78. (Applause)

If there is no further business to come before the body, we will adjourn.

(Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.)

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