Quarterly Meeting Of The Delegates of The American Kennel Club September 10, 2007

Dennis B. Sprung, President

PRESENT 369

Abilen Kennel Club—Neil A. Bates
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Constance Buthers
Airedale Terrier Club of America—Alleta L. Moore
Akita Club of America—Sherry E. Wallis
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Virginia P. Grefe
American Belgian Malinois Club—Ms. Nancy L. Bennett
American Belgian Terriers Club, Inc.—Ms. Janina K. Laurin
American Black & Tan Coonhound Club, Inc.—Cheryl Speed
American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—Patte Klecan
American Boxer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Stephanie Abraham
American Brussels Griffon Association—Mark Galunas
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—Alan Kalter
American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—John D. Gammon
American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—Diane Baldwin
American Fox Terrier Club—Connie Clark
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—Harold Miller
American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.—Mr. Edmund R. Sledzik
American Maltese Association, Inc.—Mr. Richard W. Glenn
American Manchester Terrier Club—Robert Berman
American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.—Don Farley, Jr.
American Rottweiler Club—Mr. Peter G. Piusz
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—Marjorie Tuf
American Water Spaniel Club—Beth Lagimoneri
Anderson Kennel Club—Phillip D. Sample
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Ms. Patricia A. Sample
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—William Daniels
Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.—Barbara A. Finch
Ashville Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Mulvey
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Wallin
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia M. Mayhall
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. Stuecker
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—Wayne Boyd
Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—Robin Sayko
Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Carl E. Holder
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—Chris Gaburri
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Barbara Swisher
Berks County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frank S. Piehl
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—Denise Dean
Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—George Sikes
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 Miller
Brixton Kennel Club—Ms. Alexa Samarotto
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—Sam H. McDonald
Buckeye Beagle Club—Mrs. Joyce Klamut
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—Helma Weeks
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.
Cairn Terrier Club of America—Mrs. Molly D. Wilder
Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club—Mr. Wayne F. Harmon
Canaan Dog Club of America—Pamela S. Rosman
Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—Dr. Sophia Kaluzniak
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—Dr. Joyce A. Dandrif
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Eugenia B. Bishop
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Ashby
Catoctin Kennel Club—Whitney Coombs
Catsongville Kennel Club—Gary Sarvinas
Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.—J. Richard Seelbach
Central Beagle Club—David S. Bagaley
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane J. Albers
Central Ohio Kennel Club—Robert K. Brady
Charleston Kennel Club—Sylvia Arrowood
Chattanooga Kennel Club—David Gistrop
Chi Hua Hua Club of America, Inc.—Rey Burgess
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—Marge B. Calthrop
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—Nick Pisas
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
Cocker Spaniel Breeders Club of New England, Inc.—Amanda W. Toner
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.—Mr. H. M. Anderson
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—Norma J. Ryan
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
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—Merilyn A. Green, D.C.
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—Andrew G. Mills
Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore—Stuart F. Ecklund
Delaware County Kennel Club—Lindy Miller
Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—John D. Hughes
Des Moines Obedience Training Club—Lee Slorah
Detroit Kennel Club—Mr. Erik Bergishagen
Doberman Pinscher Club of America—Jeffrey P. Heilsgard
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—Mrs. Patti L. Strand
Dog Owner's 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
Eilm City Kennel Club—Joan Capers
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
Evansville Kennel Club, Inc.—Kay Collins
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
Finnish Spitz Club of America—Kim Raleigh
Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—Kurt Anderson
Forsth Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Almira B. Dallas
Fort Worth Kennel Club—Mr. Harry G. Ottmann
Framingham District Kennel Club, Inc.—Lynda Kenney
French Bulldog Club of America—Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard
Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—Connie S. Clapp
Genesee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Barbash
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
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.—Nance O. Skoglund
Great Barrington Kennel Club, Inc.—Suzanne D. Stiney

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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 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—Dr. Stephen Blau
Greyhound Club of America—Mrs. Melanie S. Steele
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cynthia A. Miller
Hattboro Dog Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert D. Black
Havanese Club of America—Jane F. Ruthford
Hawaiian Kennel Club—Norman B. Kennedy
Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—Patricia M. Cruz
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy Fisk
Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—Leonard Abraham
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Carol A. Williamson
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dick Blair
Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—Gwen McLoughlin
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—David A. Helming
Izban Hound Club of the United States—Luane V. Williams
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Rita J. Biddle
Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Constance B. Vanacore
Irish Terrier Club of America—Peggy E. Gill
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—Susan Tapp
Irish Wolfhound Club of America—Eugenia Hunter
Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—Carole Wilson
James River Kennel Club, Inc.—Mallory C. Driskill
Jaxson Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Fred C. Bock, II
K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ—Liz Sullivan
Kanadasaga Kennel Club—Mrs. Beverly M. Nozigla
Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.—Mrs. Gwen Wexler
Kennebec Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—Carole Plesur
Kennebec Kennel of Niagara Falls—Mrs. Florence L. Prawel
Kennebec Kennel Club of Pasaden—Jarratt Brunson
Kennebec Kennel of Philadelphia, Inc.—Charles H. Schaeter
Kennebec Kennel of Riverside—Sylvia Thomas
Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—Paula Phelan
Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Fred C. Bock, II
Kuvaz Club of America—R K Barnes
Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.—Mr. A. N. Sills
Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia Van Doren
Ladies’ Dog Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia T. Rowland
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
Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cynthia L. Garman
Land O’ Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Jan Croft
Langley Kennel Club—Ms. Dianne E. Franch
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert LaBerge
Leviston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Sue Goldberg
Lexington Kennel Club Inc.—Anne Kemp
Long Island Kennel Club—Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.
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 Stumpff
Mad River Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Betty J. Miller
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—Herma H. Tietjen
Medina Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Pat Dresser
Mid-Hudson Kennel Association, Inc.—Gayle Bonvecce
Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club—John Russell
Midwest Field Trial Club, Inc.—Mr. Marshall Simonds
Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—Giselle Simonds
Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.—Thomas W. Baldwin
Mispillion Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Blackie H. Nygoud
Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—Robert H. McKown
Mohawk Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Sandra Haber
Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Helmi W. O’Connell
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
Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Rebecca S. Stanevich
Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Judith V. Daniels
Nashville Kennel Club—James Efron
National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Viola Burgos
Nebraska Kennel Club—Marvin Crawford
New England Dog Training Club, Inc.—Lt. Sullivan
New Jersey Beagle Club, Inc.—Louis Schmitt
Newton Kennel Club—Catherine H. Murch
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane F. Taylor
Nisqually Kennel Club—R. H. Hachtel
North Shore Kennel Club—Richard F. Coletti
Northern Ohio Beagle Club, Inc.—Richard C. Scarton
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—Billie Pon ton
Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—Sherry Falk
Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club—Marjorie McTeeran
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—Marie A. Watersra
Oakland Dog Training Club, Inc.—Lynette J. Saltzman
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—Ms. Patricia C. Scully
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—James M. Ashton
Ohio Valley Beagle Club, Inc.—Dr. J. A. Humphrey
Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—Robert Nakaz
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—Harvey A. Mueller
Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—Burton J. Yamada
Orlando Dog Training Club—Rodney L. Russell
Otterhound Club of America—Mark J. Hawley
Ox Ridge Kennel Club—Jack P. De Witt
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
Papillon Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Arlene A. Czech
Pasasina Obedience Club Inc.—Sheila Miller
Pasco Florida Kennel Club—Patricia J. Lombardi
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Judy A. Hart
Pend Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—Marieann Gladstone
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
Pocono Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Michele Ritter
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 Arens
Progressive Dog Club—William H. Blair
Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—Kerstin T. Ottman
Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—Michelle R. Anderson
Pulli Club of America, Inc.—Barbara Edwards
Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—Florence R. Laucher
Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—Ms. Anne M. Rappaport
Rapamno Kennel Club—Mrs. Rose J. Radel
Reno Kennel Club—Mr. Steven D. Gladstone
Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—Gerard Baudet
Rhenish Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—Mr. George D. Sexton
Richland County Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Shirley L. Boyer
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
Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—Ronald H. Menaker
Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Janice S. Gardner
Rockland County Kennel Club, Inc.—Karen Justin
Sahuarita State Kennel Club—Rita Mather
Saluki Club of America—Monica H. Stoner
Sammarines Kennel Club—Robert Glover
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Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John L. Ronald
San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc.—Stanley S. Saltzman
San Mateo Kennel Club, Inc.—Diane Angeli
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Tom Brown
Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—Abbe R. Shaw
Santa Clara Dog Training Club, Inc.—Barbara L. Norton
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—James R. Duk
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—Laurence J. Libeu
Saratoga New York Kennel Club—Jessica Eggleston
Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Ralph Reuter
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 Ferrall
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
Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego—Nancy Dandrea
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—William J. Feeney
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 Hills Kennel Club—Mrs. Kathleen R. Parks
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Linda C. Flynn
South Texas Obedience Club, Inc.—Diane Angeli
South Windsor Kennel Club—Margarette (Peggy) Dalakian
South Bay Kennel Club—Sally L. Hamil
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—Dr. John V. Fola
Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—Lee Arnold
Southern Oregon Kennel Club—Susan Fuller
Spartan Kennel Club—Tina Truesdale
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Thomas M. Davies
St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—Linda Baker
St. Louis Beagle Club, Inc.—Charles M. Rowe
St. Louis Collie Club, Inc.—Barbara L. Schwartz
St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—Dr. Gerry Meisels
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—Ms. Ann Lettis
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—I. L. Briscbin, Ph.D.
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—Kathy A. Donovan
State Island Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Bernard E. McAvirn, Jr.
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert Eisele
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—Paul Del Long
Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Florence Duggan
Sussex Spaniel Club of America—Mr. John R. Lewis, Jr.
Talbot Kennel Club—Ms. Barbara J. Paul
Tampa Bay Kennel Club—Mary Manning
Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—Steve Schmidt
Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—Mr. Herbert H. Rosen
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. Ashley, Jr.
United States Lakeland Terrier Club—Alfred J. Ferruggiaro
Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—J. M. Haderer
Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—Iris K. Frankel
Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Carol Fisher
Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—Mr. William F. Dumas
Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Lynn Worth
Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—Suzanne Gray
Wampacong Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Naida L. Parker
Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Mr. Donald Remick
Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Anita A. Lustenberg
Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Mary A. Eschweiler
Weimaraner Club of America—Ms. Judy Colon
Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Peter J. See
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
Westminster Kennel Club—William F. Stiefel
Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—Mark Grigalunas
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—Mildred L. Dold
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
Wolfe Island Kennel Club—Art Boger
Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—Mrs. Jan Marshall
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Patricia D. Reynolds

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

Mr. Sprung called the meeting to order solely for the purpose of conducting votes for the Delegate Standing Committees. After the ballots were cast by the Delegates, there was a luncheon recess.

The meeting was reconvened following lunch. On the dais were Mr. Sprung, AKC Board Chairman Ronald H. Menaker, AKC Board Vice Chair David C. Merriam, Executive Secretary James P. Crowley, Professional Registered Parliamentarian Doris Abatte, and Court Reporter Sandra Bybel.

James Crowley, Executive Secretary, reported that going forward, minutes of the Delegate meeting would be published rather than a transcript. The transcript of each meeting would still be available on the Delegate Portal of the AKC web site. The Delegates will be sent instruction regarding how to access these pages.

James Crowley, Executive Secretary, reported the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting.

Larry Abbott, McKinney, TX, to represent Trinity Valley Kennel Club
Art Boger, Candler, NC, to represent Wolverine Beagle Club
Robert E. Boswell, Overbrook, KS, to represent Topeka Kennel Club
Barry D. Cavanaugh, Pleasant Hill, CA, to represent Contra Costa County Kennel Club
Cheryl Crompton, Mishawaka, IN, to represent Michele Kennel Club
Mary Alice Eschweiler, Hartland, WI, to represent Waukesha Kennel Club
John J. Gangloff, Greensboro, NC, to represent Carolina Dog Training Association
Mark Grigalunas, New York, NY, to represent American Brussels Griffon Association
Michael E. Harman, Roseland, VA, to represent Komondor Club of America
Dr. J. A. Humphrey, Leicester, NC, to represent Ohio Valley Beagle Club
Dr. Stephen Lawrence, Stafford Springs, CT, to represent Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts
Scott A. Rohrbach, Boyertown, PA, to represent Pocono Beagle Club
Barbara Shaw, Denison, TX, to represent Great Collie Kennel Club
Jack G. Smith, Fallbrook, CA, to represent Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California
Monica Henderson Stoner, Edgewood NM, to represent Saluki Club of America
Sally Vilas, San Lorenzo, CA, to represent American Shih Tzu Club
Sherry E. Wallis, Houston, TX, to represent Akita Club of America
Linda D. Wittouisky, Conway, SC, to represent Myrtle Beach Kennel Club

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval were introduced from the floor:
Patricia A. Anders, Staunton, VA, to represent Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club
Robert L. Berman, Staten Island, NY, to represent American Manchester Terrier Club
Art Boger, Candler, NC, to represent American Manchester Terrier Club
Mary Alice Eschweiler, Hartland, WI, to represent Waukesha Kennel Club
Mark Grigalunas, New York, NY, to represent American Brussels Griffon Association
Dr. J. A. Humphrey, Leicester, NC, to represent Ohio Valley Beagle Club
Dr. Stephen Lawrence, Stafford Springs, CT, to represent Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts
Linda D. Witouski, Conway, SC, to represent Waukesha Kennel Club
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Scott A. Rohrbach, Boyertown, PA, to represent Pocono Beagle Club
Charles M. Rowe, Port Murray, NJ to represent St. Louis Beagle Club
Barbara L. Schwartz, Hollis, NH, to represent St. Louis Collie Club
Richard Chris Scranton, Seville, OH, Northern Ohio Beagle Club
Jack G. Smith, Fallbrook, CA Great Western Reserve Terrier Association
Monica Henderson Stoner, Edgewood, NM, Saluki Club of America

Amanda W. Toner, East Longmeadow, MA, to represent Cocker Spaniel Breeders’ Club of New England
Sherry E. Wallis, Houston, TX, to represent Akita Club of America

The minutes of the June 11, 2007 Delegate meeting were approved.

Following a motion made and seconded, the Delegates elected the Central Indiana Kennel Club as a member of The American Kennel Club.

Ronald H. Menaker, Board Chairman, gave the following report:

Good afternoon. It is sometimes beneficial in both our personal and our professional lives to step back and take a longer perspective of what we have achieved and what we seek. Our natural inclination is to focus on just today and tomorrow.

Today I want to share with you some longer range evaluation of just how AKC is doing and more specifically, how we are doing financially.

In the year 1995 our annual report recorded a total income, both realized and unrealized, of $32.4 million dollars. Our 2006 figure was $70 million dollars. In this period we have never reported a net annual loss.

We have a legal and fiduciary duty to maintain a pension fund sufficient to meet our employees’ retirement rights. While many U.S. corporations, both profit and non-profit, are facing serious deficits in their pensions funds, I am proud to say that our AKC pension fund is well over 100% funded.

For many years AKC produced very adequate income to fund its basic programs; however, we failed to prepare for the uncertainties of the future. In 1995 we had no Operating Reserve although our auditors advised that an organization such as ours should have an operating reserve of at least fifty per cent of its annual budget. Today, in 2007, we have an operating reserve of $32 million dollars.

As the nature of our revenue has shifted, it becomes increasingly clear that it is wise for us to develop an endowment reserve. In 1995 we had no endowment reserve. Today our endowment reserve stands at $22 million dollars.

In the past eleven years we have seen a modernization of our administration and our financial operations. There has been major investment in the IT capability of our organization. The AKC of today is far different from the “Mom and Pop” operations of the AKC of years past.

In this eleven-year period it is useful to note the new and improved programs and expenditures:

1. We created the AKC Canine Health Foundation and have contributed almost $16 million to it.
2. We have contributed $1.7 million to the AKC Museum of the Dog.
3. Through AKC/CAR, we have funded grants totaling $1.5 million for Canine Support & Relief.

4. We have increased our PR advertising almost $10 million.
5. We have almost doubled our capital expenditures for information technology resulting in a 20% reduction of headcount.
6. Online registration of dogs now has reached over 60% of litter registrations.
7. We have added a full-time archivist and have created a Breeders Newsletter.
8. AKC and AKC/CAR have contributed $400,000 to the Parent Club conferences.
9. The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship was created and is now considered among the three most prestigious dog shows in the world. Forty percent of our entries are bred-by-exhibitor.
10. AKC now is considered a “first call” for disaster relief for dogs.
11. We have awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships.
12. We have created a “Breeder of the Year” program and have established significant online breeder services.

These only highlight what is a very long list of AKC achievements. We have consciously strived to increase the quality and scope of our sport, and to do so, in a financially responsible manner.

I have spoken thus far of AKC’s record of progress. We are proud of its financial stability and have every reason to believe that under enlightened management it will continue.

However as useful as it is to evaluate an organization in grand terms, it is also necessary to cast a discerning eye on the distinct parts of our club which help make up the whole. In this regard I have two areas of caution.

We are all aware of the serious decline in AKC registrations from 1990 to today. Serious efforts have been made, and must continue to be made, to address this problem. While some of the decline surely can be attributed to the development of more competitive registries, the full explanation is yet to be understood. Business and social patterns change and we must be aware of those changes and develop a positive response. The revenue experience of 1990 is not that of 2007 and we can expect that there will
be a changing revenue experience ten years from now.

The second area of my concern is the gap which continues in the cost of our Event Department and the income which it generates. While we have never expected this department to generate excess income, I am concerned that it continues to cost so much.

The fees that are assessed in this department impact clubs and exhibitors alike. Yet, when analyzed over the years and compared with annual inflation figures, we find that these fees have failed to keep up. Most employees of an organization would be very unhappy if their annual wages did not at least keep up with inflation. The same standard must be applied to company costs.

Part of the shift in revenue has required that those who participate in our sport share a larger portion of its cost. The days when 100% of the cost of our sport was paid by others are over. This does not mean that your board and management will not continue to vigorously seek new revenues to support AKC. It does mean that those of us who involve ourselves in AKC activities will have a greater responsibility for “pay to play.”

In the past eleven years we have met some very serious challenges and it is likely that in the next eleven years we will face unknown challenges. We may be required to spend large sums of money to meet those challenges. Our revenue sources may change even more dramatically than they have since 1995.

While the future is unknown, our commitment to facing it squarely and creatively is known. I am convinced that your board and your management are making decisions today which will bear the scrutiny of time and will ensure that the AKC of tomorrow will be as vigorous and dynamic as it is today.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung gave the following report:

Many of the tenets in AKC’s mission statement, promoting the sport of purebred dogs, responsible dog ownership and protecting the rights of all dog owners, are furthered by public education. We have two such educational programs this month, one for the pet owning public and one for future fanciers.

This Saturday we will hold our annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day flagship events in Raleigh and New York City, along with 370 plus events this month nationwide. I’d like to invite you to join us and also to thank the many parent club members who will be volunteering their time to participate in the popular Meet The Breeds booths.

Also, the New York staff will be holding an AKC Educational Match on September 29th at the Hunterdon Developmental Center in Clinton, New Jersey to help educate first time exhibitors so they too can experience the joys and rewards of competing in AKC-sanctioned events.

But as a registry, governing body, and a “club of clubs”, our reach to influence canine culture in this country can only go so far. One of AKC’s main hurdles has been our inability to raise funds through tax-deductible donations to help causes close to our hearts.

AKC has had successful cause related campaigns with such initiatives as DOGNY, which raised more than $3 Million in contributions for AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief for search and rescue organizations after the 9/11 tragedies.

In 2005, following Hurricane Katrina, more than $1 Million was raised to help the canine victims of the Gulf disaster. These public outreach efforts not only garnered significant PR for the AKC but, importantly, proved that our organization could benefit from an ongoing charitable fund to address dog lovers’ desires to give not only in times of disaster, but in times of celebration.

Over the years, the sport has missed out on some very impressive gifts and donations because AKC’s structure would not allow a tax incentive to the donors, leaving some – who only wanted to support and give – no place to go. That scenario is about to change.

I’m happy to make the first public announcement at the Delegates meeting today that we’re in the process of establishing a new and distinct not for profit organization, separate from AKC, to present educational programs, give to charitable foundations, and accept tax-deductible donations. This new entity will also be able to apply for grants.

The name of the new organization is: the AKC Humane Fund. As we all know, humane means marked by compassion, sympathy, or consideration for humans or animals. You and your club members’ compassion for animals is second to none, and the AKC Humane Fund will embody our emotional conviction to the animals we love.

The Fund’s mission is “to unite a broad spectrum of animal lovers in promoting the joy and value of responsible and productive pet ownership through education, outreach and grant-making”. The AKC Humane Fund will be proactive and reach out to dog lovers, as well as broaden its constituent base and our relationship with those who do not go on to breed or exhibit.

Many times you hear people say they are “members of the AKC” because they own a registered dog. While we know this is technically not true, we also know that people have a yearning to belong to something bigger than themselves that reflects their values when it comes to their best friend.

This new independent entity, with anticipated federal recognition of exemption from federal income taxes, will allow the Fund to solicit tax-deductible donations in order to champion specific causes, as well as offer “membership” in the Fund to those who donate.

Membership will be like other charities, such as a public radio station or an environmental charity, where a donation is considered “membership” – a way of saying “I belong”, “I agree”, or “I support your mission”. The Fund gives one an emotional connection to their core beliefs.

To give you an idea of how contributions from individuals and organizations might be used, I’ll give you some examples.

We expect the Fund to: Provide support to the AKC Canine Health Foundation; Companion Animal Recovery; and the Museum of the Dog.

Rest assured, this new Fund will not be competing with any of our affiliates. This Fund is not a registry or event-giving entity in any way.
The Fund will be able to sponsor educational programs and provide grants to other like minded non-profit organizations, including Parent Club Breed Rescue Groups.

The AKC Humane Fund plans to establish a Hall of Fame for fanciers, including breeders, owners, Judges, and handlers. A successful Fund will enable implementation of these programs. I invite your input, cooperation and support. Please contact Daphna Straus, who authored this plan, or myself at your convenience. We welcome your clubs’ ideas as this program develops.

We have already completed all of the ground work and are optimistic that in the near-term we will obtain recognition of the Fund’s tax-exempt 501[c]3 status.

However, as part of the launch, we are now beginning to accept inaugural membership pledges by inviting clubs, individual fanciers, and others to become founding members of this important organization to bring its mission to life. In recognition of founding member contributions, we will create a Wall of Honor. The Wall will feature the names of the first founding members.

I invite you and your membership to join in this new opportunity. This is a first step, which will take years to mature, but I believe it is time for us to walk down this road together. Thank you.

James Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, gave a financial overview, summarized below:

Total revenues for the first seven months of 2007 were slightly higher than last year and operating expenses were 3% higher than 2006. This resulted in an operating surplus of $2.3 million for this year.

Year-to-date unrealized investment gains of $3.8 million were significantly higher than the previous year.

The net surplus exceeded $6 million, which was over $1 million greater than 2006.

The number of dog and litter registrations continued to decline from the previous year.

There was discussion on a proposed amendment to ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 1 and 3 of the AKC Bylaws. The intent of the amendment was to enable an elected AKC Board member to retain that position even if removed as Delegate by his or her club. Following a motion made and seconded, it was voted to postpone consideration of the amendment until the December meeting. The purpose of the postponement was to allow time for revisions to address concerns with the present amendment raised by Delegates.

Following a motion made and seconded, it was voted to amend Chapter 8, Section 12, of AKC’s Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers. The amendment, submitted by the Retriever Advisory Committee and approved by the AKC Board. The approved amendment concerning the withdrawal of entries, appears below:

Chapter 8, Section 12: Any dog entered and present at a field trial may be withdrawn from Competition by its handler upon notification to the stake marshal without loss of the dog’s eligibility to compete in any other stake in which the dog was entered. The entry fee for the stake entered and withdrawn shall be forfeit.

Following a motion made and seconded, it was voted to amend Chapter 14, Section 5, of AKC’s Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers. The amendment, submitted by the Retriever Advisory Committee and approved by the AKC Board, concerning game birds used in minor stakes, appears below:

Chapter 14, Section 5: Only stakes which are run on game birds and on both land and water shall be permitted in licensed retriever field trials. Premium lists should specify the kind of game to be used in each stake and, unless otherwise specified in the premium list, only pheasants and/or ducks may be used.

Following a motion made and seconded, it was voted to amend Chapter 9, Section 2, 6, and 7 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Basset Hounds. The amendments were submitted by the Basset Hound Club of America and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. The amendments concerning Basset Hound Field Championship requirements appear below:

Section 2: At a licensed or member Basset Hound Field Trial the regular classes shall be Open All-Age Dogs and Open All-Age Bitches. If however, when entries are closed there are less than six (6) entries in one of the classes, the class shall be combined if possible and run with both sexes in a single class.

Section 6: Field Championship points for Basset Hounds shall be awarded only to Hounds placing in a licensed or member field trial in Open All-Age Classes in which there are six (6) or more starters and shall be awarded on the following basis:

Section 7: To be recorded a Field Champion, a Basset Hound must have won championship points in Open All-Age Classes at eight (8) or more licensed or member Basset Hound Field Trials and must have won at least two (2) first places and sixty (60) points in such classes with not less than six (6) starters.

There was discussion on a proposal rescinding of the Delegate Standing Rule that provides for three minute speeches by Board candidates at the March meeting. The intent was to substitute a more interactive format for the Delegate to get to know the Board candidates at the Forum before the December/January meeting. After discussion, and following a motion made and seconded, it was voted to amend the Delegate Standing Rule as follows:

Delegate Standing Rule:
At the meeting next preceding the annual meeting, each candidate for Director shall be allowed one speech for three minutes.

A proposed amendment to ARTICLE VI of the AKC Bylaws was read, and will be voted on at the December Delegate meeting. The amendment follows:

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 – Two additional paragraphs:

No person may become or remain a Delegate if convicted of a misdemeanor or felony involving the theft, embezzlement, or misappropriation of funds from an AKC-sanctioned
licensed or member club within the previous 10 years. The same would apply to a person found liable for the theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds from an AKC-sanctioned, licensed, or member club in a civil court action within the previous ten years.

A conviction or admission of guilt or finding of liability in a court of competent jurisdiction involving theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds from an AKC-sanctioned, licensed, or member club within the last ten years, shall be deemed conclusive proof and shall be grounds for the disapproval of a Delegate candidate or the removal of a seated Delegate.

A proposed amendment to ARTICLE VII of the AKC Bylaws to remove term limits, was read, and will be voted on at the December Delegate meeting. The amendment follows:

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1:

The AKC shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of thirteen (13) voting members, all of whom must be Delegates. The Board shall be elected as follows:

At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect Directors from the list of candidates nominated as provided in Article VIII of these Bylaws. The thirteen voting Directors shall be divided into four classes of three (3), three (3), three (3), and four (4) members. Such Directors to hold office for four (4) years or until their successors are elected. At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect such other Director or Directors as shall be required to fill the place of any Director who has died or resigned before the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected.

No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. A Board member who has served more than half a term on the Board is considered to have served a full term. This section does not preclude reelection of any delegate to the Board of Directors after a one year (or greater) hiatus from Directorship.

Excluding the President, who serves as a non-voting member, no member of the Board of Directors may be employed by the AKC nor may they receive remuneration from the AKC on a consulting or contract basis.

Excluding the President, no members of the Board of Directors are eligible for employment by the AKC or any AKC division or subsidiary for a period of twelve months from the date when they last served on the Board, nor may they receive remuneration from the AKC on a contract or consulting basis for a period of twelve months from the date when they last served on the Board.

The President shall serve on the Board as an ex officio non-voting member during his/her tenure as President.

A proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would eliminate the Novice Class and substitute an Amateur-Owner-Handler Class, was read, and will be voted on at the December Delegate meeting. The amendment follows:

Chapter 3, Section 6: The Amateur-Owner-Handler class shall be for dogs that are at least six months of age that are not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog. This class is restricted to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler, AKC approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler. Additionally, members of the immediate family or household of a current professional handler are ineligible for this class (as defined in Chapter 11, Section 13).

Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

The Chair of the Tellers Committee, Michael Leoni of Ernst & Young, reported on the result of the Delegate Standing Committee:

All-Breed Clubs Committee
Three -year terms:

Robert D. Black
Crécia C. Closson
John L. Ronald
Ann Wallin

Bylaws Committee
Three-year terms:
Judith V. Daniels
William J. Feeney
Dr. John V. Ioia, M.C., Ph.D.
Harry G. Ottmann
One-year term:
Pamela Stacey Rosman

Canine Health Committee
Three-year terms:
Lee Arnold
Catherine Bell
Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki
John A. Studebaker

Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee
Three-year terms:
I. Lehr Brisbin, Jr., Ph.D.
William R. Daniels
James R. Dok
Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.

Dog Show Rules Committee
Three-year terms:
Linda C. Flynn
Sue Goldberg
Nancy J. Perrell
David M. Powers

Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee
Three-year terms:
David H. Hopkins
Jesse A. Pfeiffer, Jr.
Marshall Simonds
Lynn Worth
Two-year term:
Beth Lagimoniere

Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Events Committee
Three-year terms:
Karen Arends
Eugenia B. Bishop
Kathryn A. Hamilton
John C. McNabney
Two-year term:
Bonnie Lapham

Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee
Three-year terms:
John D. Landis

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A number of Delegates spoke during New Business. The speakers and subjects addressed were:

- Stanley Saltzman, Delegate for the San Francisco Dog Training Club, acknowledging the death of Chester F. Collier, former AKC Director
- Rose Radel, Delegate for the Ramapo Kennel Club, requesting more details on the AKC Human Fund
- Cheryl Speed, Delegate for the American Black & Tan Coonhound Club, thanking the AKC Board for revisiting and revising its plan to bring the FSS Black and Tan Coonhound into the registry
- James Smith, Delegate for the Dalmatian Club of America, speaking against the proposal to permit mixed-breed dogs in Companion Events
- Ann Wallin, Delegate for the Atlanta Kennel Club and Peter Piusz, Delegate for the American Rottweiler Club, about the recently held Parent Club Conference
- David Merriam, Delegate for the Duluth Kennel Club and AKC Vice Chairman, about the AKC Board’s proposal to the Board of the AKC Canine Health Foundation. His remarks were supported by Lee Arnold, Delegate for the Southern Colorado Kennel Club, and Andrew Mills, Delegate for the Del Sur Kennel Club
- Richard Glenn, Delegate for the American Maltese Association, acknowledging the death of Peggy Hogg, long-time judge and American Maltese Association member

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.