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QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DELEGATES
OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Dennis B. Sprung, President
PRESENT 354

Abilene Kennel Club—Neil A. Bates
Affenpinscher Club of America—Chad Howard
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Constance Butheras
Airedale Terrier Club of America—Aletta L. Moore
Akita Club of America—Sherry W. Wallis
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Virginia P. Greve
American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—Ms. Janina K. Laurin
American Bloodhound Club—Ms. Patricia A. Sample
American Boxer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Stephanie Abraham
American Brussels Griffon Association—Mark Grigalunas
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—Alan Kalter
American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—John D. Gammon
American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—Dyane Baldwin
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—Harold Miller
American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.—Mr. Edmund R. Slezik
American Manchester Terrier Club—Roberta Berman
American Pointer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Karen R. Spey
American Rottweiler Club—Mr. Peter G. Piusz
American Sealyham Terrier Club—Kenneth W. Mader
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—Marjorie Tuff
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—Mrs. Sally L. Vilas
American Spaniel Club, Inc.—Julie Virostek
American Tibetan Mastiff Association—Martha Feltenstein
American Water Spaniel Club—Beth Lagoni moniere
Anderson Kennel Club—Phillip D. Sample
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Ms. Patricia A. Sample
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—William Daniels
Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.—Jamie Mulvey
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Wallin
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia M. Mayhall
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—Kathryn A. Hamilton
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Kim Ochtiuti
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Nina Schaefer
Baltimore County Kennel Club—Mrs. Lucy Campbell-Gracie
Basenji Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Jon Curby
Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Barbara Wicklund
Battle Creek Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. John A. Studebaker
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—Wayne Boyd
Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—Robin Sayko
Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Carl E. Holder
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—Mrs. Marjorie M. Hanson
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Barbara Swisher
Berks County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frank S. Pielb
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
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly
Briard Club of America, Inc.—Tommy Millner
Bronx County Kennel Club—Ms. Alexa Samarotto
Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc.—Marie A. Fiore
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—Ruth A. Williams
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—Helma Weeks
Bull Terrier Club of America—Dr. Dale R. Schuur
Bulldog Club of America—Bob Newcomb
Bulldog Club of New England, Inc.—Francesca J. Castaneda
Bulldog Club of Philadelphia—Mrs. Lynn E. Smith
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.
Butler County Kennel Club, Inc.—John W. Towns, Jr.
Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club—Mr. Wayne F. Harmon
Canaan Dog Club of America—Pamela S. Rosman
Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Eugenia B. Bishop
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—Jamie Ashby
Catocin Kennel Club—Whitney Coombs
Catawba Kennel Club—Gary Savina
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
Channel City Kennel Club, Inc.—Claire K. Steidel
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—Pam Goldman
Charleston Kennel Club—Sylvia Arrowood
Chattanooga Kennel Club—David Gilstrap
Cheshire Kennel Club, Inc.—Paul W. Ziesmer
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—Rey Burgos
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—Marge B. Calitharp
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—Nick Piatas
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
Colorado Kennel Club—Louise Leone
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—Mrs. Andre B. Schoen
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—Norma J. Ryan
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—Michael Houchard
Cudahy Kennel Club—Don H. Adams
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Charles A. Baris

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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
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—Merlyn A. Green, D.C.
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—Andrew G. Mills
Delaware County Kennel Club, Inc.—Lindy Miller
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—Dr. A. D. Buthers
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—Mrs. Patti L. Strand
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—Mrs. Patti L. Strand
Dog Owners’ Training Club of Maryland—Kathrynn Suvinas
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
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
Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Terrie Breen
Field Spaniel Society of America—Katherine Sullivan
Finnish Spitz Club of America—Kim Raleigh
First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—Kenneth L. Wedlay
Forsyth 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
Furniture City Kennel Club, Inc.—Merry J. Millner
Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—Connie S. Clapp
German Shepherd Dog Club of America—Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—Mr. Kenneth A. Marden
German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Patricia W. Laurans
Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—Robin Greenslade
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—James R. Dok
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Bonnie Lapham
Gloucester County Kennel Club, Inc.—Carole Richards
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—Nance O. Skoglund
Great Barrington Kennel Club, Inc.—Suzanne D. Sliney
Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Robert M. Brown
Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California—Jack Smith
Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—Ms. Karen J. Burgess
Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—Barbara Shaw
Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—Patricia B. Staub
Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia M. O’Connell
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—Marlene Steinberg
Green Mountain Dog Club, Inc.—Deborah Malvey
Greenville Kennel Club—Linda A. Knorr
Greenwich Kennel Club—Dr. Stephen Blaw
Greyhound Club of America—Mrs. Melanie S. Steele
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cynthia A. Miller
Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert D. Black
Havanese Club of America—Jane F. Ruthford
Hawaiian Kennel Club—Norman B. Kenney
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.—Ms. Carol A. Williamson
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dick Blair
Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—Gwen McCal- lagh
Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—Kathy Vanacore
Illinois County Kennel Club of Peoria, Inc.—Dr. John F. Davidson
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
Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—Carole Wilson
James River Kennel Club, Inc.—Mallory C. Driskill
Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri—Cledith Wakefield
K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ, Inc.—Dace Morgan
Kachina Kennel Club—Mrs. Marilyn R. Vinson
Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc.—Joanne E. Kinnelly
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John D. Saveccki
Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.—Mrs. Gwen Wexler
Kennebec Club of Beverly Hills—Thomas Powers
Kennebec Club of Buffalo, Inc.—Carole Plesur
Kennebec Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton
Kennebec Club of Pasadena—Jarratt Brunson
Kennebec Club of Philadelphia, Inc.—Charles H. Schaefrer
Kennebec Club of Riverside—Sylvia Thomas
Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Fred C. Bock, II
Komondor Club of America, Inc.—Michael Harman
Kuvassa 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.—Mrs. Kathi Brown
Ladies’ Kennel Association of America—Ruth Winston
Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Frank Majocha
Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—Sylvia Meisels
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Creccia C. Closson
Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cynthia L. Garman
Land O’ Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Jan Croft
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert LaBerge

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Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Sue Goldberg
Lima Kennel Club—Rod Ott
Long Island Kennel Club—Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—David M. Powers
Macon Kennel Club—Nell Stumph
Manatee Kennel Club—Pat Edgington
Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.—Romana Arnold
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. J. C. Garvin
Maryland Kennel Club—John T. Ward
Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—Dr. William R. Newman
McKinley Kennel Club—Herman H. Tietjen
Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Robert D. Smith
Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.
Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Jeanette Nieder
Mid-Hudson Kennel Association, Inc.—Gayle Bontecou
Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club—John Russell
Middleburg Kennel Club—Shelley C. Roos
Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—Giselle Simonds
Mispillion Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Blackie H. Nygood
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi
Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—Robert H. McKosken
Monmouth Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Helmi Konderock
Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—James M. Burns
Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb
Mountain States Dog Training Club, Inc.—John D. Landis
Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Rebecca S. Stanovich
Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Judith V. Daniels
Myrtle Beach Kennel Club—Linda D. Witowski
Nashville Kennel Club—James Efron
National Beagle Club—Eddie Dzuk
National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson
National Shiba Club of America—Maggi Strouse
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Viola Burgos
New England Beagle Club, Inc.—Mr. Mario S. Palumbo
New Jersey Beagle Club, Inc.—Louis Schmitt
Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Mary W. Price
Newnan Kennel Club—Willie Crawford
Newton Kennel Club—Catherine H. March
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane F. Taylor
Niagara Kennel Club—R. H. Hachtel
North Shore Kennel Club—Richard F. Coletti
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—Billie Ponton
Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—Margaret K. Mott
Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club—Marjorie McTernan
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—Maride A. Waterstradt
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
Okaloosa Kennel Club—Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell
Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—Robert Nagak
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—Harvey A. Mueller
Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—Burton J. Yamada
Ox Ridge Kennel Club—Jack P. De Witt
Pacific Coast Boston Terrier Club—Mr. Carl E. Gomes
Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—Link Newcomb
Pasco Florida Kennel Club—Patricia J. Lombardi
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Judy A. Hart
Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—Joanne Jayantie-Duncan
Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—Marieann Gladstone
Pharaoh Hound Club of America—Mr. Gary A. Reed
Pedmont 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
Poodle Club of America, Inc.—Mary Ellen Fishler
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Robert A. Amen
Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—James Primmer
Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Savage
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—Karen Arends
Progressive Dog Club—William H. Blair
Provence County Kennel Club, Inc.—Kerstin T. Ottmar
Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—Florence R. Laichner
Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—Mrs. Anne M. Rappaport
Rampage Kennel Club—Mrs. Rose J. Radal
Rapid City Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Sally J. Nist
Reno Kennel Club—Mr. Steven D. Gladstone
Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—Gerard Baudet
Richland Kennel Club, Inc.—Donald B. Harris
Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—Jan M. Ritchie
Rio Grande Kennel Club—Mr. William H. Green
Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—Ronald H. Menaker
Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Janice S. Gardner
Rockland County Kennel Club, Inc.—Karen Justin
Rubber City Kennel Club—Cathy Gaidos
San Francisco Kennel Club—Rita Mather
Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—Mrs. Barbara Furbush
Saluki Club of America—Monica H. Stoner
Sammamish Kennel Club—Robert Gloster
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John L. Ronald
San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc.—Stanley S. Saltzman
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—Audrey Sutton
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—Lawrence J. Libeu

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Saratoga New York Kennel Club—Sarah Stebbins
Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Ralph Reiter
Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—Kay Alford
Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—Betty J. Patrick
Scottish Terrier Club of America—John McNabney
Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—Nancy Perrell
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Lynne M. Myall
Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—Susan L. Hamil
Shreveport Kennel Club, Inc.—LuAnn Moore
Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Donna Beckman
Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego—Nancy Dandrea
Silver State Kennel Club—Michael J. Connell
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—William J. Fenney
Skye Terrier Club of America—Mr. Walter F. Goodman
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—Cindy Vogels
Somerset Hills Kennel Club—Billie McFadden
South Hills Kennel Club—Mrs. Kathleen R. Parks
South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Linda B. Willson
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Linda C. Flynn
South Texas Obedience Club, Inc.—Mrs. Gerry Dalakian
South Windsor Kennel Club—Margarette (Peggy) Wampold
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—Dr. John V. Iaia
Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—Lee Arnold
Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay—Glenda Stephenson
Spokane Kennel Club—Lynn Worth
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Thomas M. Davies
St. Louis Beagle Club, Inc.—Charles M. Rove
St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—Dr. Gerry Meisels
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—Ms. Ann Lettis
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—Holly S. Stump
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser
Staten Island Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Bernard E. McGovern, Jr.
Steel City Kennel Club, Inc.—Miss Susan M. Napady
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert Eisele
Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Florence Duggan
Sussex Spaniel Club of America—Mr. John R. Lewis, Jr.
Tampa Bay Kennel Club—Mary Manning
Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—Karen Clausing
Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—Steve Schmidt
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Stacey La Forge
Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—William Hosler
Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—John Shoemaker
Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Christopher L. Sweetwood
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 Lakeland Terrier Club—Alfred J. Ferruggiaro
Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—J. M. Haderer
Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.—Alan King
Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—Iris K. Frankel
Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Carol Fisher
Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—Mr. William F. Dumas
Virginia Kennel Club, Inc.—Bradford W. Noyes
Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—Lynn Worth
Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—Suzanne Gray Wallkill Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Rose Robischon
Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Mr. Donald Rennick
Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Mary A. Schwoeppe
Weimaraner Club of America—Ms. Judy Colan
West Highland White Terrier Club of America—Thomas Barrie
Westbury Kennel Association, Inc.—Carmen Armstrong
Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association—Torie Steele
Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. William A. Russett
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—Mildred L. Dold
Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—Candace Mogavero
Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frederick R. Vogel
Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—Mrs. Karen Mays
Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, Inc.—Fred T. Kampo
Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—Rosann Sexton
Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Richard Lewis
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Patricia D. Reynolds

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

The Delegates cast ballots for the Delegate Standing Committees.

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

The Chair informed the Delegates of the passing of Lee Davidson on June 18th and of George Sexton on July 29th. Lee Davidson was the Delegate for the Clermont County Kennel Club since February 2008. George Sexton was the Delegate for the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States since March of 1988. To Rosann Sexton, Delegate of the Woodstock Dog Club, who was at the meeting, the Chair expressed on behalf of the AKC and the Delegate body that they would always remember George and his contributions to AKC.
The Executive Secretary read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting:

- Deborah L. Brown, North Hero, VT, Lake Champlain Retriever Club
- Dr. A. Duane Butherus, Lebanon, NJ, Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club
- Cathy De La Garza, South Houston, TX, Galveston County Kennel Club
- James R. Dok, Shelton, WA, Gig Harbor Kennel Club
- Karen Dorn, Indio, CA, Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America
- Mary Ellen Fishler, Washington Grove, MD, German Collie Clan
- Robette G. Johns, Oak Hills, CA, California Poodle Club of America
- Sharon Morgan, Welcome, MD, German Pinscher Club of America
- Margaret K. Mott, Livingston Manor, NY, Norwegian Elkhound Association of America
- Jane Pelland, Foster, RI, South County Kennel Club
- Thomas S. Powers, Northridge, CA, Kennel Club of Beverly Hills
- Dr. Robert D. Smith, St. Stephens Church, VA, Memphis Kennel Club
- Holly S. Stump, Ipswich, MA, Staffordshire Terrier Club of America
- Audrey F. Sutton, Saratoga, CA, Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club
- Christopher L. Sweetwood, Milford, CT, Trap Falls Kennel Club
- Ruth Williams, Upper Darby, PA, Bryn Mawr Kennel Club
- The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor:
  - Dr. A. Duane Butherus, Lebanon, NJ, Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club
  - Barry D. Cavanna, Pleasant Hill, CA, Contra Costa County Kennel
  - James R. Dok, Shelton, WA, Gig Harbor Kennel Club
  - Karen Dorn, Indio, CA, Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America
  - Mary Ellen Fishler, Washington Grove, MD, Poodle Club of America

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What segment of our breeder population has the biggest impact on our overall numbers? It is the breeders that produce 7+ litters annually, many of whom are no longer with AKC.

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grown by 7 percent. The percentage owning a purebred dog has
increased by almost 5 million since 2000 and
breds? No. According to the studies, the
researched. Do fewer people own pure-

ter size has been 4.8 since 1998.
Here are some additional questions we have

tion activity for just that one single group.
Let’s not forget a very telling fact that applies
to everybody in this room. During all of
your decades in the sport, the pet buyer has


eral Inspections department reveals that our

cussed was a visit to a pet store to conduct an


t were fine. However, the owner told the


to carry that heavy equipment when set-
ing up a match show; to put up arrows on
the way to your event; or to work in the
parking lot.
But what else will this mean to your club?
There will be less and less core revenue from
pet registration which will shift that financial
burden where you do not want it to wind up
— directly to your club, your members, you
and me.
Let’s look at some research in terms of lost
revenue from types of breeders: Losing one
breeder that produces seven plus litters
annually results in $24,500 in lost registra-
tion revenue; Losing one breeder that pro-
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— to carry that heavy equipment when set-
ing up a match show; to put up arrows on
the way to your event; or to work in the
parking lot.
But what else will this mean to your club?
There will be less and less core revenue from
pet registration which will shift that financial
burden where you do not want it to wind up
— directly to your club, your members, you
and me.
Let’s look at some research in terms of lost
revenue from types of breeders: Losing one
breeder that produces seven plus litters
annually results in $24,500 in lost registra-
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This one also is touting free litter registration.
We don’t know precisely what the competitors’ registration numbers are because, as for profit companies, their records are proprietary, unlike the AKC. But our research demonstrates the pool of purebred registered puppies is growing, and our relationships in the dog world as well as from our own internal Inspections department reveals that our competitors’ market share is increasing dramatically.
A few weeks ago we met with our Compliance Department field staff and one item discussed was a visit to a pet store to conduct an inspection. Everything was very good: all the puppies were healthy; care and conditions were fine. However, the owner told the Inspector not to bother to come back because they no longer choose to offer AKC-registrable puppies. We want to have access to these shops for the welfare of dogs, and that desire is enhanced by the fact that this is a growing market. The percentage of retailers carrying puppies that can be registered with AKC or elsewhere increased from 17 percent in 2005 to 23 percent in 2006. In fact, just two weeks ago, while meeting with us in our office, the new President of the American Veterinary Medical Association and his senior staff stated that the pet shop industry is flourishing and, in their own words, it would be naive to believe they will not continue to grow.
Many of us purchased our first dog from a pet store or similar retailer. For example, Ron Menaker bought his first Bedlington Terrier from Gimbels Department Store. Much like our Chairman, others went on to seek out fanciers to get their next AKC dog and eventually joined and contributed to our sport.
Today’s culture is not even allowing this to happen anymore. Without that first AKC puppy, an entire generation of exhibitors and multiple generations of future dogs are lost. We are faced with making a business decision. Our core breeders can’t supply the demand to the public. We don’t want you, your members, or other fanciers to carry the financial burden of the organization or even of the sport. You don’t want that either! So action to protect our future is necessary.
My friends, for the generations that will follow us, it can no longer be business as usual. Our creative juices began to flow as we made well researched decisions which have succeeded and resulted in significant alternative revenue streams. Jim shared with you our record breaking 2007 accomplishments of $12.6 million. Rather than pat ourselves on the back, we are being transparent with you. These represent multiple revenue streams and are the result of efforts made two, three and four years ago when we had a stronger story to tell corporate America’s marketing departments.
As every business person knows, alternative revenue is just that — a temporary alternative source at best. As constituent numbers decline, so do the revenues from these opportunities. AKC’s core business represents both our major revenue component
and the platform from which to seek licensing, sponsorship, and other marketing initiatives.
As an example, even when we approach dog food companies, traditionally the stalwart sponsor of our programs and events, they respond that the numbers of AKC’s constituent base are no longer large enough to justify sponsorships.
In closing, this last ad shows that our competition is serious about burying us and making us extinct. In order to protect AKC’s future, we will take whatever steps are necessary.

Ron Menaker, AKC Board Chairman, gave his report as follows:

Good morning. Both Jim and Dennis have outlined the enormous challenges we face in reversing the continuing decline in registrations. Today we are losing market share at an alarming rate, especially in the retail sector. We are being challenged competitively and financially. The declining registrations and associated core revenues, if allowed to continue, will fundamentally change our organization going forward.

Make no mistake, the very future of the AKC and the sport as we know it is at risk. We can all remember some of the premiere name brand companies of the past, leaders in their field, the ones we thought would be around forever. These giants, these household names, held the same standard as the name brand companies of the past, leaders we can all remember some of the premiere.

Let’s take a look at what the AKC’s dominance in the marketplace used to look like. As you can see, even places like Macy’s and Gimbel’s, sold AKC puppies. Many pet owners who bought these puppies, and I was one of them, tried a hand at showing and breeding. These owners who purchased their first purebred from a retail outlet not only added to AKC’s registrations, but those who wanted to advance in the sport then sought out fanciers to continue their journey.

The available pool of AKC registrable puppies is being lost to other registries, along with potential participants in the sport. As we lose registrations, we also lose our core revenues, our ability to generate alternative revenues, and certainly our legislative influence. We need to get back on track growing our influence as the premier registry in the world.

We know that AKC puppies and our AKC breeders are the best. They are the gold standard in the marketplace. We need to continue to raise the bar by vigorously enforcing our policies. This action is essential to protect and preserve our leadership.

As the preeminent and only not for profit registry, we live our values everyday with our commitment to the integrity of our registry and the excellence of our inspections program.

If you joined us for Stacy Mason’s presentation, you saw how having AKC involved through our compliance and inspection programs elevates the quality of these AKC puppies. Our compliance program allows us to educate breeders about puppy socialization, genetic health screening, grooming, exercise and adherence to breed standards.

In 1996, when the Board first passed our care and conditions policies, we knew it was, and still is, the right thing to do. We know that insisting upon good breeding practices is the right thing to do and we intend to continue to do the right things for the dogs. The American Kennel Club provides what no other registry provides. In order to continue to be the dog’s champion we must remain a strong, viable organization.

We are losing litters, dogs and entire colonies to competing registries. If litters and dogs aren’t registered with AKC, we can’t inspect them, we can’t help the breeders, and we can’t grow our sport.

Let’s change our mindset. It was not that long ago that there were only two all breed registries, the American Kennel Club and the UKC. Today there are at least 30 all breed registries.

For decades we collected millions of registrations dollars from AKC pet owners. These millions overwhelmingly subsidized our sport. Today this scenario no longer exists. Twenty-five years ago almost all of our revenue was registration related. Last year less than one half of our revenues came from registrations. Dog registrations peaked at 1.5 million in 1992. By the end of 2008 it is projected we will register only 725,000 dogs. This is a staggering 53 percent decline.

It was not that long ago that there were only two all breed registries, the American Kennel Club and the UKC. Today there are at least 30 all breed registries. Going forward, we need to do whatever is necessary to stop our registration freefall. We can and will be aggressive in pursuing all AKC registrable dogs and do so while upholding our values and high standards. As we go forward, let me make it clear to all, that the AKC will continue to enthusiastically support the Parent Clubs’ Codes of Ethics.

If the current trend continues and dog registrations decline to 250,000 over the next several years, AKC will face an annual revenue shortfall of $40 million. To put this in perspective, if this scenario occurred and we relied solely on raising the event service fees to make up for this revenue shortfall, the fee would be a staggering $20 per entry. Our preference is to grow our registrations to the point that we can lower, not increase, event fees. However, a $40 million revenue shortfall would necessitate a reduction of our expenses by two thirds. This is totally unrealistic.

Let me remind you that since 2002 we have reduced our headcount by more than 50 employees and aggressively controlled expenses which have remained relatively flat since 2003 in spite of inflation. Our problem is clearly not an expense problem. It is a revenue problem and a serious revenue problem.

We need to secure our AKC and our sport so that the future dog lovers can experience the same joys and passions we have so fortunately enjoyed for more than a century.

No one is suggesting we lose sight of our rich
heritage and traditions, but let’s not allow the stated goal of our competitors to be a reality. As Bill Wrigley, Jr. said recently in the New York Times, we must respect the past but at all times do what is right for the future.

The Chair reported that the Chairman and he will be meeting with all of the Delegate Committee chairs on October 22nd in our office to discuss a variety of topics concerning the AKC’s future.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, and Chapter 7, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests; Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials; Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Basset Hounds; Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Dachshunds; Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds; Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers; and Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Spaniels. This amendment was requested by the Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. It would require that dogs be individually AKC registered to compete in AKC licensed or member events. This change would resolve numerous issues resulting from ineligibility caused by dogs shown on litter numbers.

The proposal was adopted to be effective January 1, 2010:

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, Section 13 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. This amendment would clarify the limit of entries and eliminates longer days that can result from multiple entries of the same dogs, and would also permit judges to complete their provisionally approved breeds and advance to approved judging status without an avoidable delay.

The proposal was adopted.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 5, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures For Retrievers, which would add wording to make these sections consistent with Chapter 14, Section 3, providing that only amateurs may judge, and Chapter 5, New Section 5; and Chapter 14, Section 23 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures For Retrievers, which would improve the quality of judging by increasing the experience required for approval of a person to judge his or her first stake in which championship points are awarded.

The proposal was adopted.

There was a vote on Chapter 14, Section 8 of Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Retriever Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The amendment would provide clarification of retired gun tests without intruding on the reasonable discretion of the judges in setting tests.

The proposal was adopted.

There was a vote on Chapter 14, Section 20, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Retriever Advisory Committee and approved by your Board of Directors. The amendment clarifies the use of birds, which are not to be retrieved, as diversion in blind retrieves. After a motion made and seconded to change “poisoned” bird to “diversionary” bird, the proposal was adopted.

There was a vote on Chapter 14, Section 10, a new paragraph, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Retriever Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The proposal allows for CKC Field Champions to meet eligibility requirements to participate in same level AKC events, subject to AKC registration requirements.

The proposal was adopted.

The final vote was on Chapter 14, Section 25 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Retriever Advisory Committee and approved by the Board. The amendment would eliminate all references to walk ups from the rules and clarifies rules for a handler and dog.

The proposal was adopted.

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 17, Section 2 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

The Executive Secretary read a propose amendment to Chapter 17, Section 2 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The amendment would permit monthly billing of AKC superintendents to improve the efficiency and accuracy of accounting. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC GAZETTE and Delegates will be asked to vote on it at the December 2008 meeting.

The Executive Secretary read a proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6, of the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests. The amendment differentiates the Beagle Field Trial Championship title by the three distinct hunting styles demonstrated in different field trials. This amendment was submitted by the Beagle Advisory Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. The proposed amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC GAZETTE and Delegates will be asked to vote on it at the December 2008 meeting.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, New Section 11, of the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests. The amendment would provide for a new national championship for Gundog Brace Beagles. The amendment was submitted by the Beagle Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The proposed amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC GAZETTE and Delegates will be asked to vote on it at the December 2008 meeting.
The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6, of the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials. The amendment will differentiate the Beagle Field Trial Championship title by the three distinct hunting styles demonstrated in different field events. The amendment was submitted by the Beagle Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The proposed amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC GAZETTE and Delegates will be asked to vote on it at the December 2008 meeting.

John Lyons, Chief Operating Officer, made an announcement about the upcoming Open House in AKC’s North Carolina facility, presented the Third Quarter Community Achievement Awards, and medallions for 25 years of service. Mr. Lyons reported that the newly relocated Raleigh Operations Center will be holding an open house on Tuesday, October 14th from 1 to 7 p.m. Invitations have been sent to local clubs and their Delegates, in addition to many others in the fancy. Anyone who would like to attend but did not receive an invitation will be able to view the information on the AKC web site.

The third quarter Community Achievement honorees are:
Lyons Township Dog Training Club.
Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club, Delegate: Barbara Furbush.
Linda Witouski, Myrtle Beach Kennel Club, Delegate: Linda Witouski.

Delegate medallions were presented in recognition of meritorious and long term contributions to the sport to the following individuals who have served in the Delegate body for 25 years:
Barbara Furbush of the Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club.
Susan M. Napady of the Steel City Kennel Club.
Edmund R. Sledzik of the American Lhasa Apso Club.
James W. Smith of the Dalmatian Club of America.
And Constance B. Vanacore of the Irish Setter Club of America.

Please join me in congratulating the honorees.

Mr. Sprung reported that we anticipated having the tellers report for the Delegate Committees, but because of the loss of electrical power, they had to begin scanning the ballots again.

Daisy Okas, Assistant Vice President of Communications, gave an update on the Club Classified Advertising

The Chair calls on Daisy Okas to give you an update on the Club Classified Advertising Program as follows:
Hello. I’m here to provide an update on a program that we launched earlier this year, and we think it is off to a great start. It is something each of our AKC affiliated clubs and especially our member clubs should be doing, and it is our Demand AKC Papers Advertising Program.

In an effort to direct the puppy buying public to responsible breeders and AKC registered puppies, we have initiated an aggressive campaign centered around local newspaper classified advertising. We are informing consumers about how to find a responsible breeder. We have created six different URLs. And they are demandAKCpapers.com/.org/.net, puppybuyerinfo.com/.org/.net. They direct puppy buyers to learn about the value of AKC papers and registered puppies and how to recognize the false claims of scam artists or non AKC registered puppies. And they link to parent club and member club web sites through a directory or breeder referral.

Our goal is to enlist clubs to place their advertising in communities and make sure to include the AKC brand which is what sets our clubs and dogs and breeders apart.

The template program, a copy of which is on your chairs, allows clubs to easily place classified advertising highlighting the local club and AKC. Club educational credits are offered in return for meeting certain criteria. The minimum criteria is 200,000 readers in their club territory per year. Ads should refer readers to an AKC web site, preferably to the demand AKC papers or puppy buyer info web sites that I just mentioned.

Clubs should make sure to include their own web site or local contact information. The local aspect of this program is what makes it so successful.

On the screens are just some of the clubs who are participating or plan to participate. As you can see, these clubs represent various breeds and geographic regions of the country. If we can get participation from all AKC clubs we can reach every part of the country and represent every breed in the most effective way possible by directly connecting the puppy buyer with local experts and breeders who can assist and educate them.

Clubs can implement the program in whichever way makes sense to them based on local media outlets available to them in their area, the size of the market and their budget. For example, they could choose to reach this audience in one day by placing the ad once, as the Ravenna Kennel Club did, or a club in a very small area might have to place an ad 20 times consecutively in the smaller paper with a circulation of only 10,000 in order to reach the minimum.

Although we ask clubs to reach at least 200,000 people, most efforts reach many more than that.

Here are some examples from large papers such as the Atlanta Journal Constitution, the Times Picayune in New Orleans, and the Richmond Times Dispatch in Virginia. These are reaching hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people. We have even had some clubs, in particular the Golden Retriever clubs, pool their resources to create an ad representing the parent club and highlighting the fact that they are a member club of the AKC. And this appeared in the April 2008 issue of Dog Fancy and it ran consecutively.

I hope you will take a chance to review the handout that is on your chair and bring it to your next club meeting and discuss how you can implement this program in your area.

You can also find more information on our web site under the clubs tab on the home page. I have listed the URL. We think this program is a prime example of how we can work together to educate puppy buyers and potentially involve more people in the fancy. AKC spends millions of dollars each year on PR advertising and public education. On your chair today, well, actually not on your chair but when you drop off your badges you can pick up a Parade magazine. This is next Sunday’s issue. It has a banner celebrat-
ing responsible dog ownership day and one of our ads is on page 21. This is just an example of national advertising that AKC is doing. However, we can only do so much. We need each and every club to reach out and impact your local communities via events like AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and this Demand AKC Papers Program.

So in this election season I remind you, ask not what the AKC can do for you, but what you can do for your AKC. Together we can educate dog lovers and create a stronger organization. Thank you.

The Chair reported on the appointments to the Nominating Committee. At the August meeting, the Board of Directors selected the following Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the class of 2013:

Chair, Erik Bergishagen, Detroit Kennel Club.
Rey Burgos, Chihuahua Club of America.
Blackie H. Nygood, Mispillion Kennel Club.
Harry G. Ottmann, Fort Worth Kennel Club.
Jack G. Smith, Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California.

The two alternates are Carl E. Holder, Beaumont Kennel Club, and Patte Klecan, American Bouvier des Flandres Club.

The Chair called on Erik Bergishagen, Chair of the Nominating Committee, who spoke as follows:

Thank you. If I could have my Nominating Committee stand up.
(Nominating Committee rise)
I do have a questionnaire from AKC for candidates and if you would like to contact myself or my committee, please do so. My e-mail address is erik@jagersbo.com or my phone number at home is (248) 540 3738. Please contact me if you are interested. I would like to have the questionnaire back to us by approximately the 20th of September. Thank you.

The Chair reported that the Tuesday, December 16th meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach.

During New Business, the following Delegates spoke:

Rebecca Stanevich, Delegate for the Mountaineer Kennel Club, questioned the Board vote on mixed-breed dogs.
Karen Mays, Delegate for the Windward Hawaiian Hawaii Dog Fanciers Association, reminded the Delegates of the December 23, 2008 AKC/Canine Health Foundation Gala in Long Beach, California.
Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, strongly urged the Board to reconsider its decision not to pursue the creation of a mixed-breed listing and, in particular, for allowing spayed and neutered mixed-breed dogs to participate in AKC companion events.
Mary Alice Eschweiler, Delegate for the Waukesha Kennel Club, asked that the American Kennel Club staff continue to explore the inclusion of mixed breeds in the American Kennel Club companion events.
Judith Daniels, Delegate for the Mt. Baker Kennel Club, expressed regret for having made negative comments about the Petland initiative.
Dr. Gerry Meisels, Delegate for the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association, made a resolution to request that the Board again consider the question of pursuing mixed-breed dogs in some form. This resolution was supported by an overwhelming majority of the Delegates.
Patricia W. Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who expressed regret that the Board did not provide the Delegates with more information before undertaking the Petland initiative.
Ann Lettis, Delegate for the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America, thanked the Delegates for their donations to the U.S. War Dog Association.
Cynthia Garman, Delegate for the Lancaster Kennel Club, who spoke about setting up another ancillary organization to the AKC that addresses two things, one of which is creating the chain of demographics that would enhance our lobbying ability, and the other of which would be to create a continuing stream of income from given individuals to the Kennel Club.
Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston Auburn Kennel Club, who suggested that AKC reach out to the many celebrities that we know who own purebred dogs to get to them to give us public service announcements, not only extolling the virtues of a purebred dog but also letting them know that by doing so, by buying a purebred dog and by registering it with the American Kennel Club, that they are helping to fund the good works of the Canine Health Foundation, the hurricane relief that we provide, the dog museum and all the other programs that we know exist and the public has no idea of.

John Studebaker, Delegate for the Battle Creek Kennel Club, urged the Delegates to get their club members to have them on board when AKC makes the changes that are going to be necessary for us to turn around this declining registration.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY THE SPEAKERS MAY NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THOSE OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB.