

DELEGATES FORUM

SYNOPSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2009, DELEGATES FORUM

The Delegates Forum is an informal meeting of Delegates that provides an opportunity for open discussion and the expression of ideas. No official business is transacted, a quorum is not required and no attendance record is kept.

AKC Board Member Alan Kalter opened up the Forum with an introduction of the newly proposed Grand Champion title and some of the sound reasons for its recommendation.

The current economic conditions and the graying of our sport were given as two examples of why such a title will be a benefit. The pursuit of a Grand Champion title could lead to larger entries at shows, which would create a financial advantage as well as increase the number of quality exhibits in the ring. It would also give exhibitors with a limited number of dogs a way to stay active in Conformation. Mr. Kalter then introduced John Wade, AKC Director of Judging Operations, who outlined the new title program.

GRAND CHAMPION TITLE CONCEPT

GOALS

- Encourage the continued participation of AKC Champion in the conformation ring.
- Increase entries in AKC conformation events
- Increase excitement about participation in AKC conformation events

HOW?

- New Title – Grand Champion – continued participation beyond Champion Title
- Reward more than 1 dog and 1 bitch for continued competition
- First and foremost, reward quality
- A dog must earn 25 points with 3 majors under 4 different judges
- Uses the existing point schedule, but counts all dogs in competition, not just class dogs

WHO WILL PARTICIPATE?

- In 2003 – 22,385 dogs completed their championships. Of those, 14,390 (65%) competed less than 6 times after finishing for their title

- In 2008 – 19,998 dogs completed their championships. Of those, 14,956 (75%) competed less than 6 times after finishing their title.

- If 50% of eligible dogs from 2008 compete in 15 shows, they would generate 112,000+ entries

WHY WILL THEY PARTICIPATE?

- New Title
- Impressive Title Certificate
- Can be competitive even if not campaigned
- Can show dogs that would otherwise not be shown
- History has shown that 50% of dogs in agility and obedience continue competing after earning lower level titles

JUDGING PROCEDURE

- Award BOB, BOW, and BOS
- Award Select Dog, and Select Bitch from the remaining specials in the ring

TIMELINE

- Requires a Delegate vote
- Read in September
- To be voted on in December
- Implementation as soon as possible, but allowing for premium list publication lead time. May be best done with new point schedule in May 2010.

John Wade was then joined by Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations and Darrell Hayes, AKC Vice President of Dog Show Judges who held a question and answer period where good questions were asked, quality opinions were shared and positive comments were made.

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- Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Judy A. Hart*
- Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—
Marieann Gladstone
- Penn Treaty Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Jean Anderson
- Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association—*Dennis Daigle*
- Pharaoh Hound Club of America—
Mr. Gary A. Reed
- Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Larry Wilson*
- Piedmont Kennel Club, Inc.—
Joachim Blutreich
- Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Margaret Vohr
- Plainfield Kennel Club—*John McCullagh*
- Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—
William E. Ellis
- Poodle Club of America, Inc.—
Mary Ellen Fishler
- Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*
- Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—*J. Ames Primmer*
- Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Joan Savage
- Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*
- Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kerstin T. Ottmar*
- Puli Club of America, Inc.—*Maggie Witwer*
- Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—
Florence R. Laicher
- Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—
Mrs. Anne M. Rappaport
- Ramapo Kennel Club—*Mrs. Rose J. Radel*
- Rapid City Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Sally J. Nist
- Reno Kennel Club—*Mr. Steven D. Gladstone*
- Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—
Gerard Baudet
- Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Michael J. Teeling*
- 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
- Rubber City Kennel Club—*Cathy Gaidos*
- Sagehen's Retriever Club—
Katherine B. Simonds
- Sahuaro State 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 Antonio Kennel Club, Inc.—
Marilynn Ellis
- San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc.—
Stanley S. Saltzman
- Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Tom Brown
- Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—
Abbe R. Shaw
- Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—
Audrey Sutton
- Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—
Laurence J. Libeu
- Saratoga New York Kennel Club—
Sarah Stebbins
- Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. Ralph Reuter
- 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
- Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc.—
Mrs. Kriss Griffin
- Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego—*Nancy
Dandrea*
- Silver State Kennel Club—*Michael J. Connell*
- Sioux Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Jean Evanoff
- 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 County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Richard Grant
- 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
- Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club—
Medora Harper
- Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—
Dr. John V. Ioia
- Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—
Lee Arnold
- Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay—
Glenda Stephenson
- Spinone Club of America—*Karen Luckey*
- Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. Thomas M. Davies
- St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—
Kit A. Bostrom
- St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Deborah
J. Wilkins*
- St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dale Hunsburger
- St. Louis Collie Club, Inc.—
Barbara L. Schwartz
- St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—*Dr.
Gerry Meisels*
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—
Stephanie A. Crawford
- Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—*Holly
S. Stump*
- Standard Schnauzer Club of America—
Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser
- Staten Island Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. Bernard E. McGivern, Jr.
- Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mr. Robert Eisele
- Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—
Marcy L. Zingler
- Superstition Kennel Club, Inc.—
G Philip (PHIL) Booker
- Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Florence Duggan
- Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning*
- Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—
Karen Clausing
- Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kelly Yarish*
- Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*
- Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—
Mr. Herbert H. Rosen
- Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey
La Forge*
- Tidewater Kennel Club of Virginia, Inc.—
Jane Brumley
- Toledo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joyce Wilson*
- Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
William Hossler
- Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—
Robert E. Bostrom
- Town and Country Kennel Club, Inc.—
Toni Doake
- 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*
- Tucson Kennel Club—*Pat Jacobs*
- Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—
Joan Confort
- Union County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Carlotta Dennie
- United States Australian Shepherd Associa-
tion—*Leon Goetz*
- United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—
Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III
- United States Lakeland Terrier Club—
Alfred J. Ferruggiaro
- Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—
J. M. Haderer
- Upper 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
- Wampanoag Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Naida L. Parker
- Washington State Obedience Training Club,
Inc.—*Mr. Donald Rennick*

Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Anita A. Lustenberger
 Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Mary A. Eschweiler
 Weimaraner Club of America—
Ms. Judy Colan
 Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America,
 Inc.—*Donald Ong*
 Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association—
Torie Steele
 Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mr. William A. Russett
 Westminster Kennel Club—
Harvey M. Wooding
 Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—
Clare L. Lincoln
 Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mildred L. Dold*
 Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—
Candace Mogavero
 Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Freder-
 ick R. Vogel*
 Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Associa-
 tion—*Mrs. Karen Mays*
 Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, Inc.—
Fred T. Kampo
 Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—*Rosann Sexton*
 Worcester County Kennel Club—
Debra A. Hokkanen
 Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Richard Lewis
 Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—
Patricia D. Reynolds

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
 DELEGATES MEETING
 SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order at this time for the purpose of conducting the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees. The Delegates cast their ballots. The Chair reported on the passing of Jim Burns on July the 22nd. He was the Delegate from the Monticello Kennel Club since December of 1992.

The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting: Lynnette Blue, Bend, OR, to represent Mount Bachelor Kennel Club
 Kit Bostrom, Overbrook, KS, to represent St. Bernard Club of America

Katherine A.W. Coxwell, Monroeville, AL, to represent Beaded Collie Club of America
 William Ellis, Larkspur, CO, to represent Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado
 James Gibson, Marietta, GA, to represent Kennesaw Kennel Club
 Richard Grant, Foster, RI, to represent South County Kennel Club
 Karen Luckey, Old Brookville, NY, to represent Spinone Club of America
 Gloria Marshall, Neptune, NJ, to represent Bayshore Companion Dog Club
 Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Hamden, CT, to represent Elm City Kennel Club
 Judith Priestley, Flint, MI, to represent Companion Dog Training Club of Flint
 Virginia Rowland, Templeton, MA, to represent New England Dog Training Club
 Larry Sorenson, Clayton, NC, to represent Dachshund Club of America
 Marcy Zingler, Ringwood, NJ, to represent Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor:
 Kit Bostrom, Overbrook, KS, to represent St. Bernard Club of America
 Lynnette Blue, Bend, OR, to represent Mount Bachelor Kennel Club
 Katherine A.W. Coxwell, Monroeville, AL, to represent Beaded Collie Club of America
 William Ellis, Larkspur, CO, to represent Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado
 James Gibson, Marietta, GA, to represent Kennesaw Kennel Club
 Richard Grant, Foster, RI, to represent South County Kennel Club
 Karen Luckey, Old Brookville, NY, to represent Spinone Club of America
 Mary MacCollum, Stillwater, NY, to represent Albany Kennel Club
 Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Hamden, CT, to represent Elm City Kennel Club
 Judith Priestley, Flint, MI, to represent Companion Dog Training Club of Flint
 Virginia Rowland, Templeton, MA, to represent New England Dog Training Club
 Larry Sorenson, Clayton, NC, to represent Dachshund Club of America
 Joyce Wilson, Toledo, OH, Toledo, to represent Kennel Club
 Harvey M. Wooding, Redding, CT, to represent Westminster Kennel Club

Marcy Zingler, Ringwood, NJ, to represent Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno

The minutes of the June 9th, 2009 Delegates meeting as published in the July 2009 *GAZETTE* were approved.

AKC Board Chairman, Ronald Menaker, gave his report as follows:
 Good morning. This Thursday, September 17th, 2009, marks AKC's 125th anniversary. Since 1884 we have maintained the definitive registry of purebred dogs and governed thousands of annual canine competitions. We have always remained true to our original mission of promoting the sport and breeding for type and function, but have also continually broadened our purview. Advancing canine health, upholding the integrity of the registry, protecting the rights of all dog owners and promoting responsible dog ownership have all been priorities for many decades.

As we celebrate our latest birthday, we can proudly say that the AKC is the leading animal welfare organization for dogs. Beyond this year being a historic milestone, the AKC has seen the introduction of many new programs and initiatives that mark our continued commitment to all dogs. We launched our Star Puppy Program, an offshoot of our popular AKC Canine Good Citizen Test, which more than 600,000 dogs have taken since its inception in 1989. We held an enthusiastic first meeting of the Canine Health and Welfare Advisory Panel and launched AKCdoghealth.com to collectively share information and promote greater public awareness about health concerns relative to all dogs. And as of October 1st, 2009 we will welcome mixed breeds into the AKC Canine Partners Program which will offer access to the world of AKC, including competition in companion events. Our affiliates also saw high points this year: AKC's Companion Animal Recovery enrolled its 4 millionth companion animal, and the AKC Canine Health Foundation funded its 550th research grant.

Throughout the year a special 125th anniversary logo has been widely used and is currently featured in an advertising campaign in *Dog World*, *Dog Fancy*, *Pet Age*, and *Pet Business* magazines. The dog loving public is also

celebrating with us in a variety of ways. We are looking forward to our first stand alone Meet the Breeds event in New York City in October. And to reflect on the role dogs have played in our culture and personal lives throughout the years we have collaborated on a poll on AOL's Paw Nation web site. This interactive look at memorable canines from different categories such as movies, music, cartoons, mascots and others, will help us select the "125 Top Dogs in Popular Culture" in celebration of our anniversary. Visit www.pawnation.com to vote for your favorites.

In November a new book entitled Dogs: The First 125 Years of the American Kennel Club will be available as an update to the well known AKC source book last printed in 1984. This new hardcover chronicles the history of the sport and the AKC and features many highlights and famous competitors from the past 125 years.

And wrapping up this year's festivities will be a spectacular dog show, an open-entry AKC /Eukanuba National Championship. Over 260,000 square feet of space will be utilized for Conformation, 30,000 square feet for Obedience, and a 60,000 square foot tent will host our Agility invitational. And, by the way, this unique structure, this tent, has been used at four Superbowls and the Democratic National Convention. AKC Meet the Breeds will continue to be one of the many signature events taking place over this weekend.

Further commemorating the show will be an online catalogue permanently archived at the AKC web site where exhibitors can post up to four photos of their dogs.

We are pleased to have the participation of more than 130 parent clubs holding specialties and/or supported entries and hope exhibitors will enjoy the variety of medals, mementos and other keepsakes being offered to remember this anniversary experience.

We hope you are making plans to join us in Long Beach, California, on December 12th and 13th for what promises to be the AKC's biggest birthday party ever. I couldn't be prouder to wish the AKC a happy 125th birthday and I am confident we will see many more yappy returns. Thank you all very much.

The President gave his report as follows: It is my pleasure to provide each of you with an update on next month's Meet the Breeds Program. The goals of this initiative are multifaceted. First and foremost, Meet the Breeds will spread the word about Responsible Pet Ownership and educate the public about our long standing tradition of promoting responsibility through multiple initiatives.

It goes without saying that our core constituency sets the bar each day by demonstrating responsible ownership and it is with their help that we will offer many educational opportunities that are of importance to the success of the Meet the Breeds experience. We have teamed up with the Cat Fanciers' Association, allowing the world's premier dog and cat registries to build a synergy that will expand our reach by creating unique marketing and public relations opportunities. To further broaden our Responsible messaging, we have brought together 16 sponsors, led by our pet health insurance provider, Pet Partners.

In addition, we are employing a new approach to promote our juniors program by working with well established children's organizations.

Last, but certainly not least, we are reaching out to legislators to educate them about all of our quality programs in a way that goes beyond traditional communication channels. I have a formula to welcome and engage them by providing an active role.

Now I will outline the elements of the program in greater detail.

This is a list of parent clubs whose participation, whether direct or through a local affiliated club, has made it possible for hundreds of knowledgeable volunteers to be on hand at our breed booths. We thank the 146 clubs for volunteering.

There are 16 corporate sponsors supporting AKC's or CFA's efforts. From this base, vendor support has successfully been secured. 82 vendors will be on hand with pet related services or supplies. It is a credit to AKC and CFA staff to have achieved this level of participation within such a challenging economic environment.

To spread the word about our juniors program, we have worked diligently for eight months to secure acceptance of a Responsible Pet Ownership Patch that can be earned

at the event by Boy Scouts at the Cub level and also by the Girl Scouts of America. We will leverage this opportunity by providing every one of these youngsters with information introducing them to the sport of Junior Showmanship.

Planned are numerous marketing and public relations initiatives featuring social media using Youtube, Facebook, Flickr, Twitter, and MySpace, in addition to traditional media venues.

These "bumper stickers" are an example of a new social media tactic. For those of us not in today's generation, they are web banners that can be downloaded for free and used in personal sites, blogs and profiles on networking sites such as Facebook. To date, more than 30,000 people have accessed these bumper stickers.

Another initiative is a Dogs versus Cats poll featured on MeetTheBreeds.com. The media has enthusiastically embraced this contest and is looking forward to the results at an upcoming press conference. It is also a marketing tactic aimed at increasing attendance. A third marketing tool is the Meet the Breeds quiz game, already being enjoyed by the public and the fancy. The game has been played over 45,000 times to date.

One of our primary goals is not only to do what is responsible, but to communicate the accomplishments of our organization. Responsible Ownership is a mantra of AKC, CFA, and Parent Clubs. What better way to share this message than to team up with the very people who propose bills and pass laws. I'm very proud to report to you that we have 87 legislators from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey serving as Honorary Chairs of Meet the Breeds. This includes United States Senators Frank Lautenberg and Charles Schumer.

All Delegates are welcome and will receive complimentary passes at the ticket booth.

The Chief Financial Officer, James Stevens, gave the Financial Report. A summary follows:

Total revenues for the first eight months of 2009 were 11% lower than last year. The major sources of our revenues were negatively impacted by the recession. Successful cost containment efforts resulted in total operating expenses being 6% less than 2008. This resulted in a year-to-date operating sur-

plus of \$854,000 vs. \$3.5 million last year. A better performing stock market environment in 2009 has led to a year-to-date unrealized investment gain of \$6.4 million. This contrasted with last year's loss of \$4.2 million.

The first vote was to have been on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 1, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and Chapter 2 of *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline Registration -- Registered Breeds By Group*. This amendment will split the Sporting and Hound Groups and the Non Sporting Group name will be replaced with the name Companion Group and a new Northern Group will be created. If this amendment is adopted, all references to the number of Groups must be changed to accommodate the new number of Groups. The Chair reported that the Board recommended that it be referred back to the Board for a vote in March. The Board of Directors had recently received official notification from several Parent Clubs that wished to make a change regarding their placement in the proposed new groups. Based on the receipt of this information, the Board prematurely recommended postponement in good faith. To refer is a majority vote. The Chair explained that if the Delegates agreed to the Board's recommendation and referred the vote, the Board planned to incorporate the new information and have a detailed report and proposal prepared for the Delegate body.

The Chair explained that to refer would require a majority vote and that if the Delegates agreed to the Board's recommendation and referred the vote, the Board planned to incorporate the new information and have a detailed report and proposal prepared for the Delegate body.

The Chair recognized Margarette Wampold, Delegate for the South Windsor Kennel Club, who moved to refer the question back to the Board. The motion was seconded.

The Chair recognized Stephen Gladstone, Delegate for the Reno Kennel Club, who asked to amend the motion that it the Delegates refer it back to the Board with instruction to return it for a vote in March. The motion was seconded.

A number of Delegates spoke to the motion to amend, including:

Dr. Gerry Meisels, Delegate for the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association
Judith Daniels, Delegate for Mt. Baker Kennel Club
Stephen Gladstone, Delegate for the Reno Kennel Club
Patricia W. Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

Following discussion, the majority voted to refer the matter back to the Board for a vote in March 2010.

The following Delegate spoke to the main motion:

Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club

There was then a vote, with a majority referring this matter back to the Board for a vote in 2010.

The first vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 5, of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*.

The proposed amendment was submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. This amendment would permit the further division of the 12 to 18 month class at the option of the individual club. The Board recommended its approval.

The Delegates voted with a two thirds affirmative vote so that the amendment was adopted, effective July 1, 2010.

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 8, Section 9, of the *Retriever Field Trial Rules*, which would update the wording to address all contagious/communicable diseases. The proposal was approved by ballot by the 2008 Retriever Advisory Committee. The proposal was read at the June 2009 meeting and the Board recommended its approval. The Delegates voted with a two thirds affirmative vote so that the amendment was adopted, effective immediately.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 8 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*.

This amendment would bring the bred by exhibitor requirements in line with all other regular classes as defined by Chapter 11, Section 1 of the Rules, and 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* with a vote at the December 2009 meeting.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Sections 1 and 15 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications* and Chapter 16, Sections 1 through 7 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championship and Grand Championship Awards*. The amendment would allow for awarding Grand Championship points to Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed, Select Dog, and Select Bitch, and to Chapter 16, Sections 1 through 7 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championship and Grand Championship Awards*, which would allow for the creation of awards for these titles. This amendment was brought forward as a staff initiative and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* with a vote at the December 2009 meeting.

There were numerous comments on the proposed amendment:

Gwen McCullagh, Delegate for the Huntington Kennel Club, suggested that dogs that are champions who were winners of the non regular classes should be eligible.

Margaret Pough, Delegate for Finger Lakes Kennel Club, believed that the Board should consider the requirement that a dog have at least a CGC to become a Grand Champion.

Mary Alice Eschweiler, Delegate for the Waukesha Kennel Club, requested that dogs that are neutered or spayed also be included. Iris Kaye Frankel, Delegate for the Vacationland Dog Club, recommended that any dog being eligible for the Grand Champion points also have a functional title.

Ruth Ann Naun, Delegate for the Border Terrier Club of America, recommended that the working class winners, if there is a class, and if they are champions, might also be considered, lest people choose not to compete in the working class.

Barbara Schwartz, Delegate for the St. Louis Collie Club, was concerned with the judge not being aware of which dogs had titles.

Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, also wanted to include non-regular class winners.

Meg Weitz, Delegate for the Devon Dog Show Association, spoke in favor of the proposal.

Dr. Stephen Lawrence, Delegate for the Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts, had reservations with the name of the title.

Margaret Pough, Delegate for the Finger Lakes Kennel Club, was in favor of some suffix title, e.g. a CD being part of the Grand Championship.

Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, opposed making a Performance/Companion title a prerequisite for a Grand Championship.

Gayle Bontecou, Delegate for the Mid Hudson Kennel Association, asked for some clarification.

James Smith, Delegate of the Dalmatian Club of America, questioned a dog being able to get a Grand Champion without defeating even one champion.

Judy Colan, Delegate for the Weimaraner Club of America, who objected to being mandated to award a dog select title when there may be bitches that are higher in quality than any of the dog entries.

Denise Dean, Delegate for the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, supported the concept but did not think a class dog going Best of Breed should prevent other dogs from getting Grand Championship points.

Vanessa Weber, Delegate for the English Toy Spaniel Club of America, advocated some sort of exposure to a supported entry or a national specialty at least once in that context so that there are some controls on having meaningful competition.

Judith Daniels, Delegate for Mt. Baker Kennel Club, emphasized that judges should just put up the best dogs, regardless of Grand Championship points.

Judy Corbett, Delegate for the Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, suggested a check off box in the Judges' Books where the judge certifies that they believe the dogs are deserving of Grand Championship points.

Lynette Saltzman, Delegate for the Oakland

Dog Training Club, recommended that the judges be able to award Best of Breed while withholding Grand Championship points.

Carlotta Dennie, Delegate for the Union County Kennel Club, believed the Grand Championship would increase entries.

Rita Biddle, Delegate for the Ingham County Kennel Club, believed the problems should not occur if the judges just judged the dogs.

Don Adams, Delegate for the Cudahy Kennel Club, believed this would result in more entries from dogs that are also active in Performance events.

Judy Hart, Delegate for the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, had reservations with proposed title and suggested reconsidering the terminology.

Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston Auburn Kennel Club, believed we should start with this proposal and amend it later if necessary.

Monica Henderson Stoner, Delegate for the Saluki Club of America, pointed out that the proposed rule change didn't stipulate what happened when the class dog goes Best of Breed.

Sylvia Meisels, Delegate for the Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club, was in favor of other dogs getting points when a class dog went Best of Breed.

Betty Jo Patrick, Delegate for the Schipperke Club of America, suggested that the Board wait three months, make some of the suggested changes and then bring it back.

Dr. Gerry Meisels, Delegate for the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association, urged the delegates who have substantial changes to make to draft those changes long before the next meeting.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendments to Chapter 9, Section 1, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests* which would give clubs the option of combining classes by either gender or size in order to run a more efficient trial. This 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 voted on it at the December 2009 meeting.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary

to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 1, of the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests which would grant license status to events held by Beagle Field Trial Federations. This 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 will be voted on it at the December 2009 meeting.

The Chair recognized David Bagaley, Delegate for the Central Beagle Club, who spoke against the proposal. He believed that the problem has arisen because since clubs were permitted to hold two rather than one trial a year, there are just too many trials.

The Chair recognized Christopher Keenan, Delegate for the Empire Beagle Club, who spoke in favor of the proposal pointing out the disadvantage of combining classes by size, when there was a bitch in season.

The Chair called on AKC PAC Board Chairman Nina Schaefer and PAC Board member Alan Kalter to make a presentation about the American Kennel Club's Political Action Committee.

Mr. Kalter spoke as follows. First, I would like to thank President Sprung and Chairman Menaker for giving me the time to speak to you today.

We all know that there are many legislative issues facing us in the fancy today as they relate to us being able to own dogs, breed dogs, exhibit dogs, and just enjoy our having companion dogs around. The AKC Political Action Committee, the PAC, is a useful way to make sure that our voice gets heard. Now, I'm sure you've all received a copy of September's *Perspectives*. You may have noticed that Gail LaBerge, who is a member of the AKC PAC Board, wrote a rather informative article about what is the AKC PAC, how does it work, who do we give money to, who can contribute, who can't contribute, how much you are allowed to contribute, and basically covered every question from a fact based functional standpoint about how the PAC works and how it can

serve.

Then Gail asked me if I would speak to why I personally feel why I personally got involved in the PAC, why I'm emotionally committed to the PAC, and why I think others should get involved with the PAC and contribute to the PAC. So I thought okay, I will write a 20 minute speech and be prepared to explain it today. On the other hand, I think we all might be more receptive to a two minute video that I produced rather than a 20 minute speech and the meeting will get done a little earlier. So let's take a look at that two minute video.

A video presentation was played and was followed by a standing ovation.

Mrs. Schaefer spoke as follows: I'm glad to see you all stand up. We really need you to do that for us.

Two years ago we came to you asking for your support for the newly founded AKC PAC and your contribution got us off to a very good start. But there is a lot more work to be done and we need your financial support. Every cent you give to the PAC goes to support the election of legislators who will fight for your rights and our rights in Congress and in your state legislatures as well. We can apply our PAC funds to those state legislators.

So far this year we have monitored over 900 bills on various dog issues. Last year the whole year was only 800. And we are not done yet. The AKC provides support and assistance. But as Club Delegates we need to first stand up for our dogs and our rights. We need to be leaders in this fight. We need to be part of the solution. And if you were at the Legislative Committee meeting this morning you heard that is the approach, we need to be out there offering solutions. It doesn't do enough for us to just sit back and say it isn't my problem.

So we are going to try a little extra special effort this year to encourage you to go back to your clubs and invite them as individuals, not that clubs can't support us, but as individuals to support the PAC. We are going to honor the Delegates in December whose clubs have the greatest percentage of members who support our PAC. On your seat you have the handout. You can copy these donation cards. You can download them off

the Internet to take them to your club. The two papers with it give you good talking points. And we are going to ask you today to take these cards and donate to the PAC again the way you did two years ago. We need you to do this and we are going to see whether somebody won't stand up and kick off that donation effort today.

AKC Board member Dr. William Newman, Delegate for the Mastiff Club of America, announced that he was making a donation. A. Nelson Sills, Delegate for the Labrador Retriever Club, announced that the Labrador Retriever Club of America was contributing \$10,000. Mrs. Schaefer pointed out that since it was from the club, and not individuals, it

would have to go to the legislative support fund, rather than the PAC.

The Chair called on John Lyons, AKC's Chief operating officer, to present a number of awards.

Mr. Lyons announced the third quarter AKC Community Achievement Awards. The honorees are Lynne Clements of the Clackamas Kennel Club, Delegate, Steven E. Nielsen. Illinois Capitol Kennel Club, Delegate, Ann Cookson. Danita Slatton, Sussex Spaniel Club of America, Delegate, John R. Lewis, Jr.

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:

Darrell W. Baker, American Pomeranian Club; John J. Cadalso Jr., Troy Kennel Club; Harry G. Ottmann, Forth Worth Kennel Club; Betty C. Pomeroy, Northern Kentucky Kennel Club; Mary W. Price, Newfoundland Club of America, and John D. Sawicki, the Keeshond Club of America.

Mr. Lyons awarded an AKC Humane Fund grant to Tibetan Mastiff Rescue. Tibetan Mastiff Rescue was formed to help Tibetan Mastiffs that have been abandoned, placed in shelters, or that belong to people who have died or who have suffered a serious ill-

ness that have left them incapable of caring for their dog. The AKC Humane Fund is awarded Tibetan Mastiff Rescue \$1,000. The grant funds will be used to help this group continue to rescue and re-homing of Tibetan Mastiffs.

The Chair called on Jim Crowley to honor four of our member clubs. The following clubs were presented with a plaque, presented by Board Chairman, Ron Menaker, celebrating 100 years of membership with The American Kennel Club:

Chicago Collie Club
Greyhound Club of America
Pekingese Club of America
West Highland White Terrier Club of America

The next item was a report 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 2014. Constance B. Vanacore, Chair, Irish Setter Club of America; Ruth W. Crumb, Mount Vernon Dog Training Club; Martha Feltenstein, American Tibetan Mastiff Association; David H. Hopkins, English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois; and Karen J. Burgess, Greater Clark County Kennel Club.

The two alternates are Howard Miller, the American Foxhound Club, and James Efron, Nashville Kennel Club.

The Chair called on Nominating Committee Chair, Connie Vanacore, who addressed the Delegates as follows:

I'm here to encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a candidate for the class of 2014 Board of Directors to please contact me or any of our members. I would like them to stand up so that you know who they are. Karen Burgess; Ruth Crumb; Martha Feltenstein; and Dave Hopkins. And our alternates, James Efron and Harry Miller. We have resume applications. If anybody is interested you can talk to any one of us. We have a deadline of September 30th. Information about where to send your applications will be at the bottom of your resume if you choose to do that. Our deadline is September 30th. I hope we get lots of applicants. Thank you.

The Chair informed the Delegates that the next Delegate meeting is Tuesday, December 15th, at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. A block of rooms have been reserved for Delegates use. Reservations in the block can only be secured by calling AKC's Conference and Travel Department. Due to the popularity of the AKC Eukanuba National Championship, the fact that it is our 125th anniversary show, and overwhelming demand for hotel rooms, an early cancellation policy will be in effect.

The following Delegate spoke during New Business:

Barbara Shaw, Delegate for the Greater Collin Kennel Club, who wanted to publicly thank the Publications department on the 125th Anniversary issue of the *AKC GAZETTE*.

John Sawicki, Delegate for the Keeshond Club of America, expressed concern about the future of the AKC library.

Burton Yamada, Delegate for the Orange Empire Dog Club, questioned whether the AKC Board had the authority to establish a mixed-breed program under the AKC Bylaws.

There was a review of all of the discussion, polls, and the legal opinion that AKC's Board has such authority, which led to two unanimous Board votes.

Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, expressed the hope that the Delegate body will think carefully about what it does and that it be certain that it's best for The American Kennel Club.

Cindy Vogels, Delegate for the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, who wanted to remind the body that the Canine Health Foundation's National Parent Club Health Conference, which is being held in St. Louis, on October 23-25.

Marieann Gladstone, Delegate for the Penn Ridge Kennel Club, agreed with Barbara Mann, and also pointed out the importance of Delegates communicating the their clubs as Delegates often have a great deal more information than the club members.

Sylvia Arrowwood, Delegate for the Charleston Kennel Club, who asked the Board to consider setting up a separate corporation to handle the mixed-breed pro-

gram.

The Chairman addressed this subject as follows:

Mr. Menaker: Let me say this. A very, very good friend of mine, we speak often, David Merriam, recommended the subsidiary approach, but Burt, to take it a step further, and also to you, Sylvia, the subsidiary idea without the use of the AKC name was to be a totally separate subsidiary. I can tell you to run non purebred dogs in those companion events and not to use the name American Kennel Club will not in any way engage those people out there who want to participate in this type of activity. So having a subsidiary called the XYZ Subsidiary for Mixed Breeds, does nothing to achieve our objective. There are, in fact, already mixed-breed associations. There is no problem at all, Burt, with us calling, our attorneys, one of whom came out of the Attorney General's office, who told us, you can set up a subsidiary, and call it whatever you want. We can do a 501(c)(3) or a (4), it would be a (4), but to even do a mixed-breed program under a subsidiary without any reference to the AKC, or under the auspices of the AKC, would essentially be a recipe for failure.

So it is not a subsidiary per se. And I agree with you, that anybody can sue anybody. But in our legal opinions and in conversation with our attorneys, we think we have a very valid opinion. We have done our due diligence. The Delegates have stood up twice in great numbers to support the mixed-breed Program.

We were very specific and diligent in that we isolated it to a very specific program. We are trying to fight legislation. We are trying to do away with this elitist reputation. We are trying to bring in some new forms of revenue. We, the Board, are in no way trying to hurt The American Kennel Club. We have spent, as Dennis said, years on this issue. We asked the Delegates for a straw poll and when we received overwhelming support, we sought counsel, both internal and external. We were advised that if the Directors believed this would further the tax exempt purpose set forth in the AKC By-laws, it would be acceptable, and that they had the right to create this program.

So when we talk of a subsidiary that we could create tomorrow, the AKC mixed-

breed subsidiary, no problem at all, but that's not what the people who were proposing the subsidiary had in mind. A subsidiary without the use of the AKC's name in any fashion – that's very, very different.

Margaret Pough, Delegate fro the Finger Lakes Kennel Club, addressed the subject of canine influenza and the process for vaccinating dogs.

The Chair called on Dominic Pember, of KPMG to read the Teller's report as follows: For the All Breed Clubs Committee, the following Delegates have been elected for a three-year term: Fred C. Bock, Charles J. Foley, Lawrence Libeu, and Andrew Mills. For the Committee on Bylaws, the following Delegates have been elected to a three-year term: Sylvia Arrowwood, Lynn Myall, and Diane Taylor.

For the Canine Health Committee, the following Delegates have been elected to a three-year term: Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Susan Hamil, and Joan Savage. Also for the Canine Health Committee, the following Delegates have been elected to a one-year term: Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser and Melanie Steele.

For the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee, the following Delegates have been elected to a three-year term: Dick Blair, Whitney Coombs, Carol Plesur, and Edmund Sledzik.

For the Dog Show Rules Committee, the following individuals have been elected to a three-year term: Cynthia Miller, Charles Schaefer, Robert Schroll, John Shoemaker.

For the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events, the following Delegates have been elected to a three-year term: Beth Lagimoniere, Joan Tabor and Judith Tighe. Also for the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee, the following individuals have been elected to a one-year term: Fred Kampo and A. Nelson Sills.

For the Parent Clubs Committee, the following individuals have been elected to a three-year term: Ricky Blackman, Peter Piusz, Patricia Laurans and Karen Mays.

Mr. Sprung explained that there is no election required for the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee, the Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee, and for the

Perspectives Editorial Committee. The Delegates nominated for these committees are seated.

The Executive Secretary read the names of

the Delegates who will serve on those committees as follows:

Delegates who self nominated and will serve three, three-year or one, one-year term on the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee are Don H. Adams, Carol Fisher, Bonnie Lapham, and Nicklas Pisis.

Delegates who self nominated and will serve four, three-year terms or one, one-year term on the Obedience Tracking and Agility Committee are James M. Ashton, John J. Cadalso, Jr., Barbara L. Mann, Virginia Mayhall, and Patricia Scully.

Delegates who self nominated, six of whom who will serve on the *Perspectives* Editorial Committee for the Class of 2011 and one of whom will serve on the class of 2010 are Sylvia Arrowwood, Bonnie Lapham, Carol Plesur, Daniel J. Smyth, Monica Henderson Stoner, Sherry E. Wallis, and Barbara Wicklund.

As there was no further business, meeting was adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.)

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