

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 6-7, 2014

The Board convened on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 8:10 a.m. All Directors were present, except for Dr. Newman and Mr. Wooding. Mr. Wooding participated by telephone conference, but could not vote. Also present were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the December October 2013 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were unanimously adopted, absent: Dr. Newman and Mr. Wooding.

AKC ART EXHIBIT

The Chairman reported that there will be an exhibition from the AKC art collection during the day at the Westminster Kennel Club Agility Trial and throughout the dog show, featuring paintings of former Westminster Best-in-Show winners.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Dr. Garvin gave the report of the Pension Committee. The AKC employee pension fund is currently 82% funded.

The Pension Committee of the Board submitted a proposed charter, which would expand its responsibility to oversee various AKC investments, advising the Board on prudent investment policies.

The Chairman indicated that without objection, a proposed charter, which is attached to these minutes, would be adopted, effective immediately. There was no objection and the charter was adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board Action Items

Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous Action items assigned to the Staff.

Events and Entries Update

Mr. Sprung gave a year-end event status report for 2013. Entries were up by 1.2% and Events were up by 1.7% compared to 2012.

Mr. Sprung also presented statistics over the last ten years.

LEGAL REPORT

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities for the month of December 2013.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Margaret Poindexter and Mari-Beth O'Neill were present for this portion of the Meeting. Alan Slay, AKC Staff, participated via telephone conference.

Territoriality

The Board reviewed proposed amendments to Chapter 2, Sections 3, 5, 7 and 10, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which was based on input from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee, the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee as well as AKC Staff.

There was a Board consensus that the issue of territoriality needs further study to determine what model would be the best for the future of the Sport. This will be considered further at the March meeting.

Canine Legislative Position Statement on Service/Assistance Dogs

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to expand the canine legislation policy position statement on The Use of Dogs for Assistance and Service to address specific instances where individuals have fraudulently identified dogs as Service/Assistance Dogs for personal advantage. This will be considered further at the March 2014 meeting.

Canine Legislative Position Statement on Public Transportation for Dogs

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to expand the canine legislation policy position statement on Air Travel for Dogs to encourage public transit authorities to allow people to evacuate with their pets or bring pets onto public transportation during times of natural disaster or other emergencies. It also includes language to expand the current statement to include support for allowing dogs on national train services such as Amtrak. It further states that AKC expects all dog owners using public transportation to comply with all applicable laws and carrier policies. Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Newman and Mr. Wooding) to approve the following position statement effective immediately. **(New language is underlined.):**

Public Transportation for Dogs

To ensure the safest possible air and rail travel, the American Kennel Club strongly supports thorough training of transportation staff in the careful and appropriate handling of dogs, adequate environment controls in cargo spaces, and careful attention to record keeping.

The ability to ship dogs by air as excess baggage, cargo, or in the cabin is vital to dog owners, breeders, handlers, and exhibitors who want to travel on the same flights as their dogs. We encourage airlines to serve their customers by continuing to offer these necessary services.

We also encourage national train services to offer similar transportation options to their customers.

During the times of natural disasters, evacuations and other emergency situations, we encourage public transportation services (such as local buses and public commuter trains) to allow passengers to travel with their pets under specific guidelines and circumstances.

Passengers are expected to comply with all applicable laws and carrier policies regarding travel with animals.

Canine Legislative Position Statement on Animal Terrorism

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to expand the canine legislation policy statement on animal terrorism to clarify AKC's commitment to the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act and to include language that opposes acts including "intimidation" and those directed at "breeders". Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Garvin seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Newman and Mr. Wooding) to approve the following position statement effective immediately **(New language is underlined.):**

The American Kennel Club abhors acts of violence, bullying and intimidation committed against dog owners, breeders, kennels, pet stores and research facilities by those who object to the keeping and use of animals. The AKC respects the right of all individuals to express and advocate personal opinions in lawful

ways. We support full enforcement of the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act and we strongly condemn illegal actions such as the "liberation" of dogs or destruction of property. The AKC supports the right of people to own, train, interact with and exhibit their dogs without interference.

FOUNDATION STOCK SERVICE

There was a discussion on the Foundation Stock Service procedures. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Non-Event Holding Affiliate Entities

Based on a request from the Board, Staff presented ways to expand AKC's current club structure to welcome organizations that may not be event-giving entities, but that conduct other dog-related activities and programs. Staff discussed ways to identify these organizations and share with them the benefits and advantages that could be offered through AKC affiliation.

This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Parent Club Approval for Kooikerondje in Miscellaneous Class

There was a discussion on selecting the official club for the Kooikerhondje. This will be considered further at the March 2014 meeting.

EVENT MARKETING PROGRAM

Mark Dunn, Connie Percy, Alan Slay and Doug Ljungren participated in this portion of the meeting via telephone conference.

Based on a request from the Board, Staff presented a business plan that will allow clubs to leverage the AKC database to self-generate email blasts to dog owners in their club's area. This will allow clubs to market their events in an automated and cost effective manner. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

There was a discussion on strategic planning focusing on the prioritization of initiatives. The Board gave its input on which initiatives should be pursued and how these items should be prioritized. Each initiative was to be assigned to a senior staff person, who would have ownership of and responsibility for it. A full business plan for each initiative being pursued is to be provided to the Board at the March meeting. Updates are to be provided to the Board at each meeting to include the status on meeting all target dates within the approved budget.

CONSENT

Following discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Newman and Mr. Wooding) to approve the following Consent Items:

Delegates Approved

April Clyde, Dagsboro, DE
To represent California Airedale Terrier Club

Andrea Glassford, Ashtabula, OH
To represent Detroit Kennel Club

Victoria Glickstein, Abington, PA
To represent Bryn Mawr Kennel Club

Barbara Norton, San Jose, CA
To represent Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club

Ereign H. Seacord, Ithaca, NY
To represent Welsh Terrier Club of America

Carol Shields, Holmdel, NJ
To represent American Belgian Malinois Club

Betty Winthers, Lynwood, WA
To represent Olympic Kennel Club

Retirement of Registered Kennel Name - "Pepperhill"

The Board VOTED to officially retire the kennel name "Pepperhill" for Golden Retrievers based on a request from the Golden Retriever Club of America.

Retirement of Unregistered Kennel Name - "Renrock"

The Board VOTED to officially retire the kennel name "Renrock" for Mastiffs based on a request from the Mastiff Club of America.

Boerboel Eligibility to Compete in the Working Group

The Board VOTED to approve the breed standard submitted by the American Boerboel Club as the official breed standard for the Boerboel breed. The Board also VOTED to move the Boerboel from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on December 1, 2014. AKC will maintain an open registry for the breed until January 1, 2020. The Boerboel will be eligible to compete in the Working Group on January 1, 2015.

Cirneco dell'Etna Eligibility to Compete in the Hound Group

The Board VOTED to approve the breed standard submitted by the Cirneco dell'Etna Club of America as the official breed standard for the Cirneco dell'Etna breed. The Board also VOTED to move the Cirneco dell'Etna from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on December 1, 2014. AKC will maintain an open registry for the breed until January 1, 2020. The Cirneco dell'Etna will be eligible to compete in the Hound Group on January 1, 2015.

Bergamsco Eligibility to Compete in the Herding Group

The Board VOTED to approve the breed standard submitted by the Bergamsco Sheepdog Club of America as the official breed standard for the Bergamsco breed. The Board also VOTED to move the Bergamsco from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on December 1, 2014. AKC will maintain an open registry for the breed until January 1, 2020. The Bergamsco will be eligible to compete in the Herding Group on January 1, 2015.

Spanish Water Dog Eligibility to Compete in the Herding Group

The Board VOTED to approve the breed standard submitted by the Spanish Water Dog Club of America as the official breed standard for the Spanish Water Dog breed. The Board also VOTED to move the Spanish Water Dog from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on December 1, 2014. AKC will maintain an open registry for the breed until January 1, 2020. The Spanish Water Dog will be eligible to compete in the Herding Group on January 1, 2015.

Proposed Chow Chow Breed Standard Revision

The Board VOTED to grant permission to the Chow Chow Club, Inc. to ballot its membership on proposed changes to the Head, Feet and Color sections of the Breed Standard.

Obedience Group Exercises - Recommendations to Increase Safety of Dogs

The Board Voted to approve eight (8) changes to the Obedience Regulations which were recommended by the Obedience Group Exercise Task Force. These changes are meant to increase the safety of dogs participating in Obedience Group exercises. These changes are effecting May 1, 2014.

CHAPTER 1

Section 17. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs. (paragraph 5)

After all the scores are recorded for the class or division of the class, the judge will call the qualifying dogs back into the ring. For the awards ceremony, dogs may be picked up and carried into the ring if the handler desires. Before awarding the placements, the judge will inform the spectators of the maximum number of points required for a perfect score. After scores of each placement have been announced, the judge will tell the handlers their dogs' scores.

The judge must excuse a dog that attacks another dog and fill out the required "Dog on Dog Attack" form (AEDSQ3). The owner of any dog that has been excused on two occasions for attacking or attempting to attack another dog will be notified that the dog is no longer eligible to be shown in obedience classes. The judge must excuse a dog that appears dangerous to other dogs.

CHAPTER 2

Section 10. Judge's Book and Score Sheets. The judge must enter the number of points deducted from each exercise in the official judge's book immediately after each dog has been judged on the individual exercises. An "NQ" should be recorded in the proper box and in the Total Score column for any dog that fails to qualify in that exercise. This is to be completed before the next dog is judged.

Scores for the dogs performing the group exercises and qualifying total scores will be entered in the official judge's book immediately after each group of dogs has been judged.

Section 11. Announcement of Scores. Immediately following the last individual exercise in Novice, Graduate Novice and Open, the judge will inform the handler if the team should return for the group exercises. After the group exercises the judge will inform the handlers of a qualifying performance. In Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Pre-Open, Graduate Open, Pre-Utility, Versatility and Utility, the judge will inform the handler immediately following the last exercise of a qualifying performance.

Section 25. Misbehavior. Dogs must be under control at all times when entering and exiting the ring. Any display of fear or nervousness by the dog or any uncontrolled behavior such as snapping, barking or running away from its handler must be penalized according to the seriousness of the misbehavior, whether it occurs during or between an exercise or before or after judging. The judge may excuse the dog from further competition in the class.

If the behavior occurs during an exercise, the penalty must first be applied to the score for that exercise. Should the penalty be greater than the value of the exercise, the additional points will be deducted from the total score under Miscellaneous Penalties. If such behavior occurs before or after the judging or between exercises, the entire penalty will be deducted from the total score. Any dog that relieves itself at any time while in the ring for judging must receive a non-qualifying (NQ) score and may be excused from the ring.

The judge must disqualify any dog that attacks or attempts to attack any person in the ring.

Any dog that attacks another dog or that appears dangerous to other dogs must be excused and not allowed back in the ring for the group exercises.

CHAPTER 3

Section 1. Novice A Class. The Novice A class shall be for dogs that have not won the CD title. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner's household or immediate family and may not have previously handled any dog that has earned an AKC Novice, Open, or Utility title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. The same person who handles the dog in the first four exercises must handle the dog in the group exercises; however, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first four exercises that will participate in the group exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same group exercises. The additional handler for the group exercises need not be a member of the owner's household or immediate family. No dog may be entered in both Novice A and Novice B at any one trial.

Section 2. Novice B Class. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class to earn a CD title. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. The same person who handles the dog in the first four exercises must handle the dog in the group exercises; however, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first four exercises that will participate in the group exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same group exercises. No dog may be entered in both Novice A and Novice B at any one trial.

Section 12. Group Exercises. The principal feature of these exercises is that the dog remain in the sitting or down position, whichever is required by the particular exercise.

Orders are: "Sit your dogs" or "Down your dogs," "Leave your dogs," and "Back to your dogs."

If a dog has non-qualified in an individual exercise and, in the opinion of the judge the dog demonstrated uncontrolled behavior, the judge must release the dog from performing the group exercises. Dogs must be spaced with a minimum of 4 feet between each dog on one side of the ring. Dogs shall be a minimum of 4 feet from the ring barrier.

If there are more dogs competing than can be handled in one group exercise, the judge will divide the class into approximately equal sections, and the group exercise will be judged after each section.

If the same judge judges both Novice A and Novice B and the combined class would not have to be divided into equal sections, the two classes may be judged in one group.

The dogs that are in the ring will be lined up in catalog order along one of the four sides of the ring. Each handler's armband, weighted as necessary, will be placed behind their dog.

Before starting the Long Sit, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready. When the judge gives the order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to sit, if they are not already sitting. On further order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers will give a command and/or signal to stay and immediately will go to the opposite side of the ring, turn and face their dogs.

In Novice the judge must promptly instruct the handler

to remove any dog that interferes with another dog. Any dog that leaves the place where it was left during the first group exercise must be excused from the remaining group exercise.

After one minute from the time the judge has ordered the handlers to leave their dogs, the judge will give the order to return. The handler must go back promptly, walking around and in back of their own dog to the heel position. The dogs must not move from the sitting position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished." This order will not be given until the handlers are back in heel position.

Before starting the Long Down, the judge will ask if the handlers are ready. On the judge's order, the handlers will command and/or signal their dogs to down, without touching either the dogs or their collars, so that the dogs are facing the opposite side of the ring. The rest of this exercise is done in the same manner as the Long Sit, except that the judge will order the handlers to return after three minutes, and the dogs must not move from the down position until after the judge has said, "Exercise finished. Put your leash on your dog. Maintain control of your dog."

The dogs will not be required to sit at the end of this exercise.

The handlers are required to exit the ring with their dogs under control.

CHAPTER 4

Section 1. Open A Class. The Open A class will be for dogs that have won the CD title but have not won the CDX title. Anyone who has trained or exhibited a dog that has earned an OTCH may not enter or handle dogs in this class. Each dog must be handled by its owner or by a member of the owner's household or immediate family. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. The same person who handles the dog in the first five exercises must handle the dog in the group exercises. However, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first five exercises that will participate in the group exercises, that person must provide a handler for the additional dog in the same group exercises. The additional handler for the group exercises need not be a member of the owner's household or immediate family. No dog may be entered in both the Open A and Open B classes at any one trial.

Section 2. Open B Class. The Open B class will be for dogs that have won the CD or CDX titles. A dog may continue to compete in this class after it has won the UD title. The owner or any other person may handle dogs in this class. Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. The same person who handles the dog in the first five exercises must handle the dog in the group exercises. However, if a person has handled more than one dog in the first five exercises that will participate in the group exercises, that person must provide a

handler for the additional dog in the same group exercises. No dog may be entered in both Open A and Open B classes at any one trial. Prior to the start of judging, the judge will decide the order of exercises to be performed in that class. This order will not be disclosed to exhibitors until it is posted at the ring, approximately 45 minutes before the start of the class. In future assignments, judges are required to alternate the six orders of exercises so that each will be used approximately the same number of times.

Section 15. Open Group Exercises, Performance and Scoring. During these exercises the judge will stand so that all the dogs are clearly visible. Without having to turn around, judges should be able to see all the handlers as they leave and return to the ring.

If a dog leaves the place where it was left during the group exercise, the judge has the option of either asking that the handler be recalled to remove the dog or promptly instructing a steward to remove the dog, depending on the nature of the occurrence. The judge's decision shall be guided by consideration for the safety of all involved. Any dog that leaves the place where it was left during the first group exercise must be excused from the remaining group exercise.

These exercises are performed in the same manner as in the Novice classes, except that the handlers must cross to the opposite side of the ring then leave in a single file and go completely out of the dogs' sight. Counting from the judge's order to "Leave your dogs," the handlers must remain in the place designated by the judge until three minutes have passed for the Long Sit and five minutes for the Long Down. On the judge's orders, the handlers will return to the ring in reverse order, line up to face their dogs at the opposite side of the ring, and return to their dogs.

Orders and scoring are the same as in the Novice group exercises.

CHAPTER 2 (Obedience Judges' Guidelines)

Stewards. The judge shall review with the stewards their duties and the manner in which they are to be performed. Stewards are to be instructed that they are in the ring only to assist the judge. Any request from an exhibitor for special consideration must be directed to the judge.

During the Graduate Novice and Open group exercises the stewards must be used to assist the judge. Judges must provide stewards with slip leads to expedite removal of a dog that interferes with another dog or to leash a dog that attempts to leave the ring.

CHAPTER 3 (Obedience Judges' Guidelines)

Judging the Dogs. (paragraph 6)

Judges must stand with their full attention on the dogs and handlers during group exercises and remain alert to any potential problems. During the Open group exercises, judges shall be in a position to see both the dogs and the handlers as they leave and enter the ring. Fronts and finishes are to be judged from a position in front of the handler.

Group Exercises. If a dog has non-qualified in an individual exercise and, in the opinion of the judge the dog demonstrated uncontrolled behavior, the judge must release the dog from performing the group exercises and an "NQ" will be carried down to the Total Score box at the bottom of the Judges' Book.

If two classes in the same classification such as Novice A and B have different judges, each judge must judge the group exercises separately. A judge with only a single dog competing in a class would be required to have the dog perform the group exercises alone. However, if the same judge is judging both A and B classes (in the same classification) and the combined two classes do not exceed the limit of dogs based on the size of the ring, the judge may combine the two classes for the group exercises.

Judges should make every effort to equally divide a class for the group exercises.

If a judge observes any signs of aggression or potential problems when dogs are being assembled outside the ring for the group exercises or once the dogs are brought into the ring, the judge must excuse the dog and mark the judges' book "Excused - state the reason."

In the Long Down exercise, the dog should lie down on command and/or signal without being touched. In the down position, the dog should be lying straight beside the handler, facing the opposite side of the ring. Should the dog lie down facing the dog on either side or in a manner that could interfere with an adjacent competing dog, the handler should be instructed to straighten or reposition the dog, and a substantial penalty should be applied.

When positioning dogs in the ring for the group exercises in the Open classes, judges should ensure that such positioning will permit the competing dogs to keep the handlers in their direct line of vision as the handlers leave and return to the ring.

In Open classes, when signaling the steward to bring the handlers back to the ring, do not use a signal (like waving of an arm) that might cause the dogs in the ring to react.

If a dog leaves the place where it was left during the group exercise, in Novice the judge must promptly instruct the handler to remove their dog from the ring. In Open the judge has the option of either asking that the handler be recalled to remove the dog or promptly instructing the steward to remove the dog, depending on the nature of the occurrence. The judge's decision shall be guided by consideration for the safety of all involved. The judge must excuse the dog from the remaining group exercise and so mark the judge's book.

Any handlers who physically correct their dogs before or after any group exercise or while leaving the ring must be penalized under Miscellaneous Penalties.

QA2 - New Retriever Field Trial Title

The Board VOTED to amend Chapter 14 of the *Field Trial Rules & Standard Procedures for Retrievers* to create a new suffix title called Qualified All-Age 2 (QA2) that can be earned in Retriever Field Trials. The title is earned when a dog on two occasions has met the qualifications to enter the Limited All-Age stake. The QA2 title is meant to acknowledge an intermediate level of achievement in order to encourage participants to remain active in the sport and their club. This will be read at the March Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the June Delegate meeting.

Chapter 14, Section 14 (new section)

SECTION 14. QA2 Title. (Qualified All-Age 2) A Retriever shall be eligible to be awarded the suffix title QA2 if on two occasions it has met the requirements to participate in a Limited All-Age stake. The owner of a dog that is eligible for the

QA2 title shall submit a title application form developed by the Performance Events Department along with a nominal processing fee. Once the qualifications have been verified, the title shall be added to the dog's record. The title will appear on the dog's pedigree. The submittal of the title application form is up to the discretion of the owner. The QA2 title application form can be found on the AKC website at www.akc.org/events/fieldtrials/retrievers

Allow Herding Clubs to Decide if the Event Secretary May Enter

The Board VOTED to change the *Herding Regulations*, Chapter 1, Section 6, to allow clubs to decide if the herding event secretary can enter a herding trial hosted by the club. Prior to this change, event secretaries could enter herding tests but not herding trials. This change will become effective July 1, 2014.

Coursing Ability Test - Eligible to Participate at Six Months of Age & Shorter Distances for Veterans

The Board VOTED to amend the *Regulations for Coursing Ability Tests*, Chapter XV, Sections 3 and 9, to open the Coursing Ability Test (CAT) up to a wider range of dogs by (1) lowering the minimum age for a dog to participate to 6 months (currently 12 months), and (2) allowing a veteran dog to run two-thirds the regular distance at the discretion of its owner. For this purpose, a veteran dog is defined as a dog over 7 years of age. This change will become effective immediately for events that have not yet published their premiums.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER.

Coursing Ability Tests are open to all dogs at least 6 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program, individually registered with a foreign or domestic registry organization whose pedigrees are acceptable for AKC registration, dogs granted a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number, dogs with AKC Limited or Conditional Registration, or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program. Spayed and neutered dogs, dogs with breed disqualifications and monochid/cryptorchid dogs are eligible to participate. Females in season may not enter. A dog may enter only once per event. (An event is defined by an event number.) Given that breeds and individual dogs vary in their physical development, it is the owner's responsibility to decide at what age over 6 months their dog can safely run in a Coursing Ability Test.

SECTION 9. Distance and Maximum Time.

Dogs run singularly. Veteran dogs are defined for this test as dogs older than 7 years of age. Veteran dogs may run two-thirds of the normal distance at the owner's discretion. A veteran dog's owner must declare prior to the start which distance the dog will run.

300 Yard Course. This distance is for dogs shorter than 12 inches at the withers and/or brachycephalic ("flat-faced") dogs. A veteran dog may run 200 yards at the owner's discretion. A dog must complete this course in less than 1 ½ minutes.

600 Yard Course. This distance is used for all dogs that do not run the 300 yard course. A veteran dog may run 400 yards at the owner's discretion. A dog must complete this course in less than 2 minutes.

If there is a question whether a dog should run the 300 or 600 yard course, the judge will decide. The premium shall state the distance for each course and the eligibility of dogs for each course, including that veteran dogs may run two-thirds of the normal course distance at the owner's discretion. (New wording underlined)

Therapy Dog Program - Additional Titles for Lifetime Engagement

The Board VOTED to add four new titles to the Therapy Dog titling program. These additional titles are meant to reflect a dog's lifetime involvement with therapy dog activity. The four new titles are:

- Therapy Dog Novice (THDN).
To earn the Therapy Dog Novice title = minimum of 10 visits.
- Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA).
To earn the Therapy Dog Advanced title = minimum of 100 visits.
- Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX).
To earn the Therapy Dog Excellent title = minimum of 200 visits.
- Distinguished Therapy Dog (THDD).
To earn the Distinguished Therapy Dog title = minimum of 400 visits.

Titles will begin being processed on July 1, 2014. Visitations back to January 1, 2000 can be used to fulfill the requirement for these titles.

New Breeds Entering Groups

Request from the Petit Bassett Griffon Vendéen Club of America

The Board VOTED to make judging of the Petit Bassett Griffon Vendéen breed on the table optional, rather than mandatory. This change was based on a request from the Board of the Petit Bassett Griffon Vendéen Club of America.

APPEALS COMMITTEE (First Day)

Mr. Arnold gave the report of the Board Appeals Committee.
Mr. Thomson P. Stanfield applied for fifteen breeds and was given four breeds in the Working Group by the Judges Review Committee. The Board Appeals Committee voted to give him four additional Non-Sporting breeds. The Board voted to approve the Appeals Committee decision.
Dr. Daniel Fleitas had his eligibility to judge fourteen measurable breeds removed under the Removal of Breeds provision of the *AKC Judging Approval Policy*. Dr. Fleitas appealed the action. The Board Appeals Committee voted to uphold the original decision.

COMPLIANCE

Margaret Poindexter, AKC Staff, participated in this section of the meeting. Jack Norton and Marcus Bach participated by telephone conference.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)

Inspections Program

The Staff presented the Board with an extensive update of the program.

Revisions to the Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy (Section A- Care of Dogs)

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to amend the Care and Conditions of Dogs policy concerning the provision contained in Section A- Care of Dogs of the policy that pertains to dogs having access to daily play and exercise.

There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Arnold and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Newman and Mr. Wooding) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice.

There was a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, and it was VOTED unanimously; absent Dr. Newman and Mr. Wooding) to amend Section A of the Care and Condition policy as follows:

(Section A- Care of Dogs)

Dogs should have play and exercise in an area sufficient for all dogs housed in the facility to be able to engage in those activities on a daily basis. Exercise area should be a solid surface.

Revisions to the Care and Conditions Policy (Section B-Kennels and Housing)

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to amend the Care and Conditions of Dogs policy concerning the provision contained in Section B- Kennels and Housing of the Care and Conditions of Dogs policy that provides that a solid resting platform of sufficient size be provided to allow the dog(s) to attain solid footing and to offer a space for resting if the flooring of the primary kennel enclosure is comprised of a perforated or non-solid material.

The change is being requested to amend the language of this portion of the policy from “wire” to “perforated or non-solid flooring”.

There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Newman and Mr. Wooding) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual advance notice requirement.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Newman and Mr. Wooding) to amend the Board Policy on Care and conditions, Section B, to read as follows:

(Section B- Kennels and Housing)

While flooring that provides solid footing is preferred, if perforated or non-solid flooring is used in the primary enclosure, it should be comprised of a material featuring a protective coating, be appropriate for the size and weight of the dog to prevent injury (especially to feet), and must be kept in good repair. If perforated or non-solid flooring is used, a solid platform of sufficient size should be provided to allow the dog(s) to attain solid footing and to offer a space for resting

Meeting adjourned on Monday February 6, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday February 7, 2014 at 8:10 am. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

CONFORMATION

Alan Slay, Bri Tesarz and Tim Thomas, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via telephone conference.

Standing Approval of Special Attractions

The Staff requested permission to add Barn Hunt (held according to the guidelines of the Barn Hunt Association) to the list of Special Attraction demonstrations that have standing approval. Staff also requested to amend the Flyball standing approval permissions to indicate that Flyball should be held in accordance with the guidelines of the North American Flyball Association (NAFA). There was no objection to these requests, and these activities were added to the list.

Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

Staff presented information on a customer satisfaction survey that was conducted of the club secretaries and event chairpersons associated with Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally events that were approved in October 2013. The Chairman directed Staff to initiate customer satisfaction measurement protocol to include quarterly surveys and benchmarks.

Increasing the Number of Shows Offering the National Owner-Handled Series

Staff was directed to prepare a template for stewards to facilitate the running of this competition as well as to expand the guidelines for selecting judges for this competition so that judges eligible to judge at least one of the breeds in the Owner-Handled Series Group may be eligible to judge that group.

Online Competition Management System (OCMS)

There was a discussion on the launch of the new OCMS system, which would provide clubs with better online tools to manage their events. A full launch is expected by January 1, 2015 and Staff was directed to provide the Board with an update, including all interim target dates at every Board Meeting.

COMPANION EVENTS

Agility Demographics

Staff presented the demographic information it gathered from survey respondents when comments were sent in to AKC about the recent Agility Advisory Committee recommendations. The typical responder was a participant in the sport who was female, over 50 and had above average disposable income. They ran an average of three dogs and had been participating in the sport of Agility for over ten years.

REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT

Mark Dunn participated in this portion of the meeting via telephone conference.

Breeder Recognition Programs

The Board discussed the importance of supporting all responsible breeders dedicated to both improving the health of purebred dogs as well as their care and conditions and assisting the American public in its search for healthy companions. One possible option could be a branded recognition given to those breeders who were willing to utilize available health testing of their breeding stock. The role of AKC inspections and of breeders were also discussed and will be discussed further at the March meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Farnsworth commented on the unaudited financial results for the full year ending December 31, 2013. He remarked that revenues of \$60 million were \$2.4 million above 2012, driven largely by registration revenues being above 2012. In 2013, the \$30 registration fee had been in effect all year, while in 2012 it was introduced gradually during the year. Other revenues were up \$1

million, net of both ups and downs in a variety of areas. Expenses were \$3 million below 2012 largely due to substantial changes in the federally-required pension adjustments, but also due to lower IT capitalized costs. As a result of these positive elements, operating income, before investments gains and losses, was almost \$8 million or \$6 million better than in 2012. Investment gains on financial assets of AKC were \$13 million in 2013.

There was discussion regarding the mechanics of the Board-designated reserve amount. The Board asked Mr. Farnsworth to research and suggest how best to define it and its mechanics in today's context at an upcoming Board meeting.

APPEALS COMMITTEE (Second Day)

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION with the following action reported out of this session.

Bo Bengtson was denied approval for the balance of the Hound Group by the Judges Review Committee. He appealed and the Board Appeals Committee voted to approve him for the balance of the Hound Group (16 breeds). The Board voted to adopt the recommendation of the Appeals Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Alan Slay, Bri Tesarz and Tim Thomas participated in this portion of the meeting by telephone conference.

Judging Limits

The Board considered the current Conformation judging limit of 175 dogs per day at All-Breed shows. There was discussion about increasing the limit to 200 dogs when the judge was not assigned a group or Best in Show. However, there was no motion to modify the current limit.

Conflicting Show Dates

The Board considered a Staff proposal to modify the conflict distance policy requiring 200 miles between shows. In April 2013, the Board had modified the policy governing the conflict distance between Agility events. Two Agility Trials would be approved within 100 miles, provided the club with the established corresponding date gave its written consent.

Following a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Ashby, Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Scully, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Amen, Mr. Powers, Dr. Newman, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Wooding, Mr. Feeney; opposed: Dr. Garvin, Ms. Cruz) to adopt the following policy:

Dog shows may not be held closer than 200 miles in distance on the same day, except a club may be approved to hold a show within 200 miles of another club which has established its show on the same date, only if in each instance it obtains the written permission of the club with the established date and submits the written permission along with its show application. The American Kennel Club will only enforce any agreements between the clubs if they are in writing and signed by officers of the respective clubs. It is the club's responsibility to insure the length of their commitment to the show location is consistent with the written permission they receive from the established club.

Adjourned

A true record:

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

ATTACHMENT

Charter of the Pension and Investments Committee

The Pension and Investment Committee is established to advise the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club ("AKC") with respect to matters involving

- a) Investments held and investment matters related to
 - a. The AKC Pension and Retirement Plan
 - b. The AKC's 401k plan
 - c. The AKC 457b plan
 - d. AKC's own invested funds
- b) If invited to do so in writing by the respective Boards, the financial investments held in various investment accounts of AKC Reunite and the AKC Humane Fund.

The Pension and Investment Committee has different roles, depending on the entity involved:

- a. With respect to the investments held by AKC, the Pension and Investment Committee advises the Board and recommends prudent Investment Policy Statements to be followed by AKC's investment advisors and managers
- b. With respect to the investments of held by the AKC Pension and Retirement Plan, the Pension and Investment Committee advises the AKC Board on prudent Investment Policy Statements to be followed by AKC's investment advisors and managers.
- c. Very differently than the above, with respect to the 401k plan and the 457b plan, the Pension and Investment Committee may decide on investment options to be offered to participants, but in these plans each participant makes their own decision as to amount and % to be invested in each such option.
- d. Also very differently than the above, with respect to the investments of held AKC Reunite and the AKC Humane Fund, if the Pension and Investment Committee has been asked in writing by those Boards to advise them on investments, to recommend prudent Investment Policy Statements to be followed by AKC's investment advisors and managers and to advise those Boards on proposed changes to such. *However, the AKC Pension and Investment Committee will make no decisions on those funds or investments.*

The Pension and Investment Committee is empowered to direct the Chief Financial Officer of the AKC to execute decisions The Board has reached with respect to investments under the control of AKC and the AKC Pension Plan and investment *options* to be offered to participants in the 401k and 457b plans.

The Pension and Investment Committee will advise the full AKC Board of its recommended changes to documents or investments and any other matters, if any, promptly after a simple majority of the Pension and Investment Committee has voted on such at a duly convened meeting of the Pension and Investment Committee.

Members of the Pension and Investment Committee are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chairman of the AKC.

