

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 9 – 10, 2012

The Board convened on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary. Copies of the February 2012 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 10, 2012 meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the February 2012 Board minutes were unanimously adopted, with the three new Board members, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Feeney, and Mr. Powers abstaining.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel matters.
Mr. Kalter reported on the re-appointment of the following Executive Officers:

Dennis B. Sprung, President and Chief Executive Officer
John J. Lyons, Chief Operating Officer
James T. Stevens, Chief Financial Officer
James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

Mr. Kalter reported on the Board Committee and the Delegate Committee liaison appointments.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Appeals

Dr. William R. Newman, Chair
Lee Arnold
Patricia C. Scully

Audit

Robert A. Amen, Chair
Patricia Cruz
Thomas Powers

Pension

Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Chair
Carl C. Ashby III
Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

Compensation

Alan Kalter, Chair
Dr. William R. Newman
Dr. Robert Smith

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Canine Health & Advisory Panel

William Feeney

Judging Approval Process

Dr. Robert Smith, Chair

BOARD DELEGATE COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Coordinating

Alan Kalter

Delegate Advocacy and Advancement

Dr. J. Charles Garvin

All-Breed Clubs

Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

Patricia Cruz

Bylaws

Carl Ashby

Canine Health

Lee Arnold

Dr. William R. Newman

Dog Show Rules

Dr. Robert Smith

Field Trial and Hunting Tests Events

Steven Gladstone

Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Events

Patricia C. Scully

Obedience, Tracking, and Agility

Robert A. Amen

Parent Clubs

William J. Feeney

Thomas Powers

The AKC Board Chairman and Vice Chairman are ex-officio members of all Board Committees.

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 reported that for the months of January and February 2012 aggregate Entries were up by 5.14% and Events were up by 7.81% compared to the first two months of the previous year.

LEGAL REPORT

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities during the months of February and March, 2012.

Duties of Directors

David Shevlin, of Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett LLP, gave a presentation on the legal duties of directors of not-for-profit corporations.

COMPLIANCE

Margaret Poindexter participated in this portion of the meeting while Jack Norton, AKC staff, participated via video conference.

The Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy

The Board reviewed Staff recommendations for revisions to the current *Care and Conditions of Dogs* policy. These revisions will enhance the AKC's ability to promote responsible dog ownership and maintenance practices, and will also clearly set forth care and conditions guidelines that reflect the AKC's philosophy and mission.

Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Newman, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the revised policy (below). The policy will become effective June 1, 2012.

The Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy reflects the American Kennel Club's values in promoting the responsible ownership and maintenance of dogs. These guidelines are meant as a basis for helping individuals ensure that dog care practices are performed and housing facilities are maintained in a safe, humane and responsible manner. The guidelines are not intended to be all-inclusive or definitive, but rather are intended to serve as a working basic outline that can be expanded and refined as needed while lending uniform application of this policy. In addition to guidelines set forth in this policy, individuals are expected to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.

A. Care of Dogs

1. *Dogs should have access on a daily basis for play and exercise.*
2. *Dogs must have access to fresh water as appropriate.*
3. *Dogs must have access to fresh food provided at appropriate intervals to maintain a healthy weight.*
4. *Appropriate health care, including routine and preventative care, must be provided for all dogs.*
5. *Dogs should be provided with daily positive human contact and socialization.*
6. *Each dog should have its overall health and behavior assessed daily. Any deviation in health condition must be addressed expeditiously and appropriately.*
7. *Dogs should be free from internal and external parasites.*
8. *Dogs should be afforded regular grooming to ensure health and comfort.*
9. *When euthanasia is necessary, it must always be performed humanely.*

B. Kennels and Housing

1. *The primary enclosure must be large enough so the dog(s) can sit, stand, lie down, or turn around comfortably, with no overcrowding.*

2. *The primary enclosure shall be constructed and maintained so that dogs are securely confined and does not cause injury to the dogs.*
3. *Protection from adverse or extreme weather conditions must be provided.*
4. *While flooring that provides solid footing is preferred, if wire is used as flooring of a primary enclosure, it should be comprised of a material featuring a protective coating, be of an appropriate size to prevent injury (especially to feet), and must be kept in good repair. If wire 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.*
5. *Facilities must be lighted to provide a regular lighting cycle for the dogs.*
6. *Bedding material made available to dogs should be clean and not pose a risk to the dogs.*

C. Operations

1. *A sufficient number of staff must be provided to carry out appropriate levels of care and conditions for the number of dogs kept.*
2. *Facility and primary enclosures should be clean, free from debris and odor, and feces should be picked up and disposed of as frequently as necessary so as not to pose a threat to the health of the dog(s).*
3. *Each kennel should maintain an emergency preparedness plan adequate for the type of facility owned and breed(s) of dogs maintained therein.*

The above is in addition to the policy adopted at the July 1990 Board meeting to notify federal, state or local agencies of unsanitary and/or unhealthy conditions found by AKC Inspectors during inspection of kennels; that the US Department of Agriculture (APHIS) will be notified when such conditions prevail at kennels regulated by that department under the provisions of the U.S. Animal Welfare Act; and that other state/local governmental or humane agencies will be notified when such conditions are observed at kennels not regulated by federal law.

In instances when dog(s) are found in conditions that place them in immediate danger, the Inspector will immediately notify agencies with jurisdiction regarding the danger to the dogs.

During the course of an inspection, if an AKC Inspector determines that an individual is not maintaining his/her dogs or facility in a manner that is compliant with the AKC's Care and Conditions Policy, the individual's AKC privileges may be placed on temporary referral. The individual will be notified, in writing, of specific deficiencies and what steps need to be taken to come into compliance with the Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy. The individual shall be given 45 days to correct deficiencies and request a re-inspection. In cases where deficiencies are not corrected or

re-inspections are not requested, the AKC may proceed with disciplinary action leading to suspension of all AKC privileges.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jim Stevens, Chief Financial Officer, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Total revenues of \$13.9 million in the first quarter of 2012 were 1% lower than the prior year.

Total operating expenses of \$14 million during this period were 2% higher than 2011. This resulted in an operating deficit of \$151,000 for the quarter vs. an operating surplus of \$213,000 during the first quarter of last year.

Our investments generated a gain of \$4.3 million in 2012's first quarter due to a favorable performance of the stock markets. This amount was double the amount of last year's gain during the same time period.

CONSENT AGENDA

Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Arnold, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Delegates

The following Delegates were approved:

William Christensen, Palm Springs, CA
To represent Australian Terrier Club of America

Marilyn Currey, Reddick, FL
To represent American Chinese Crested Club

Frank Holloway, Foxfire Village, NC
To represent Chow Chow Club of America

Graafin Ginger M. Leeuwenburg, Sterling, CT
To represent South County Kennel Club

Vivian Moran, Waddy, KY
To represent Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America

Laurie Morris, North Augusta, SC
To represent Augusta Kennel Club

Anne Palmer, Dexter, MI
To represent Ann Arbor Kennel Club

Diane Pearson, Honey Brook, PA
To represent Bedlington Terrier Club of America

Bonnie Pike, Durham, NH
To represent Cocker Spaniel Breeders Club of New England

Rebecca Poole, Hixon, TN
To represent Bull Terrier Club of America

James W. Smith, North Collins, NY
To represent Washington State Obedience Club

Proposed Canaan Dog Standard Revision

The Board VOTED to approve the revisions to the Canaan Dog Breed Standard effective May 30, 2012.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Michael Liosis, AKC staff participated in this portion of the meeting and Mari-Beth O'Neill, Bobby Birdsong, and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

There was a motion by Mr. Ashby seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the following resolutions:

Resolution Dr. Thomas Davies

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Held on April ninth, two thousand and twelve,

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS,

Dr. Thomas M. Davies

First joined the Delegate body as the representative of the Springfield Kennel Club on September twelfth, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight; and,

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club on March fourteenth, two thousand; serving until March thirteenth, two thousand and twelve;

WHEREAS, he chaired the Board Club and Events Committee and served on the Compensation, Board Pension, Public Affairs, and Breeder of the Year Committees among others, serving as Vice Chairman, from March tenth, two thousand and nine until March thirteenth, two thousand and twelve; and,

WHEREAS, he chaired or served on a number of Board ad hoc committees involved in subjects as diverse as Judging Approval and Group Realignment, and on the Board of The American Kennel Club affiliate AKC Companion Animal Recovery; and,

WHEREAS, he was a primary contributor to many positive innovations impacting the Sport such as Canine Partners, the Grand Championship, the Four-to-Six-Month Puppy Competition, the Open Show, and many others too numerous to list; and,

WHEREAS, his deep involvement in, dedication to, and knowledge of all aspects of the Sport, proved to be invaluable assets to the Board of Directors as it addressed issues in these areas at one of the most challenging times in the organization's history; and,

WHEREAS, we are ever mindful of the great contributions he has made and continues to make to The American Kennel Club and the Sport of Purebred Dogs; and,

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished businessman, gentleman, Sportsman, and friend,

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club extend their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for his dedicated service to the American Kennel Club.

Resolution Walter Goodman

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Held on April ninth, two thousand and twelve,
The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS,

Walter F. Goodman

First joined the Delegate body as the representative of the Skye Terrier Club of America on December fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-six; and,

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club on March eighth, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, serving until March thirteenth, two thousand and twelve; and,

WHEREAS, he chaired the Board Breeders Committee and Events and Clubs Committee and also served on the Breeder of the Year, and Public Affairs Committees; and,

WHEREAS, he served as a Board member of the American Kennel Club affiliate AKC Museum of the Dog; and,

WHEREAS, his three quarters of a century involvement in all aspects of the Sport, including, but not limited to, being one of the most successful breeder-owner-handlers in the history of the Sport and serving as the President of the most prestigious Terrier Club in the world, the Montgomery County Kennel Club, as well as his first-hand knowledge of three quarters of a century of the Sport's history proved to be invaluable to the Board of Directors, as it faced all types of Sport-related challenges; and,

WHEREAS, we are ever mindful of the great contributions he has made and continues to make to The American Kennel Club and the Sport of Purebred Dogs; and,

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished businessman, gentleman, Sportsman, and friend,

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club extend their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for his dedicated service to the American Kennel Club.

Resolution Ronald Menaker

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Held on April ninth, two thousand and twelve,
The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS,

Ronald H. Menaker

First joined the Delegate body as the representative of the Bedlington Terrier Club of America on December thirteenth, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, serving until October nineteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and rejoined the body on August ninth, nineteen hundred and ninety-four, as the representative of the Des Moines Obedience Training Club, changing to the Rockford-Freeport, Illinois Kennel Club on August ninth, two thousand and four; and,

WHEREAS, he was first appointed to The American Kennel Club Board of Directors on May thirteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-six, serving until March nineteen hundred and ninety-eight and was subsequently elected on March ninth, two thousand, serving until March thirteenth, two-thousand and twelve; and,

WHEREAS, he served as The American Kennel Club's first Vice-Chairman from March fourteenth, two thousand and one until March twelfth, two thousand and two, and as Chairman from March twelfth, two thousand and two, until March thirteenth, two thousand and twelve; and,

WHEREAS, as the Show Chairman for the AKC Eukanuba Championship Show from two thousand and two until two thousand and eleven, he helped it to become one of the world's most prestigious shows; and,

WHEREAS, his hands-on leadership helped to avert a disaster and to save The American Kennel Club registry when the system failed in two thousand and three; and,

WHEREAS, his extensive business experience, universally acknowledged leadership qualities, and his aggressive management style proved to be invaluable assets to the Board and the organization as they faced a multitude of challenges; and,

WHEREAS, we are ever mindful of the great contributions he has made and continues to make to The American Kennel Club and the Sport of Purebred Dogs; and,

WHEREAS, we are will ever cherish our association with this distinguished businessman, Sportsman, and friend; and,

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club extend their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for his dedicated service to the American Kennel Club.

Resolution Darrell Hayes

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Held on April ninth, two thousand and twelve,
The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS,
Darrell Hayes

Joined the staff of The American Kennel Club as an Executive Field Representative on May twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and ninety-three, serving in that capacity until December, twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and ninety-six; and,

WHEREAS, he became Director of Judging Operations on December thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-six, serving until July eighth, two thousand and one; and,

WHEREAS, on July ninth, two thousand and one he was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Dog Show Judges, and to Vice President on June thirteenth, two thousand and six; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to overseeing the Judging Operations Department, he had supervisory responsibility for the dog show field staff; and,

WHEREAS, he also served as Chief Steward for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show, as AKC staff liaison to the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee, and as the principle staff representative on a number of committees that proposed major changes to the judging approval system, the last being those implemented on March first, two thousand and twelve; and,

WHEREAS, he was a major contributor to many positive innovations such as the Grand Championship, the Open Show, the four-to-Six-Month Competition and the Owner-Handler series; and,

WHEREAS, his knowledge of the Sport, leadership ability, and innovative ideas, have served AKC management well as they faced many challenges over the past twenty years; and,

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished Sportsman manager, leader, and friend; and,

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club extend their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for his dedicated service to the American Kennel Club.

Resolution Robin Stansell

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Held on April ninth, two thousand and twelve,
The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS,

Robin Stansell

Joined the staff of The American Kennel Club as an Executive Field Representative on October first, two thousand and one, serving in that capacity until February seventeenth, two thousand and three; and,

WHEREAS, he became Director of Conformation Rules and Policy on February seventeenth, two thousand and three, serving until January eleventh, two thousand and four; and,

WHEREAS, he was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Event Operations, on January twelfth, two thousand and four; and to Vice President on June thirteenth, two thousand and six; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to overseeing Event Operations, he served as staff liaison to the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee, and was instrumental in implementing The American Kennel Club Global Services, and in heading negotiations, leading to the agreement with the National General Kennel Club in the People's Republic of China; and,

WHEREAS, he was a major contributor to the development and implementation of many innovative concepts, such as the Grand Championship, Open Show, Four-to-Sixth-Month Puppy Competition, and the Owner-Handler series, and has drafted most of the Dog Show Rules Changes adopted in the last decade; and,

WHEREAS, his background in and knowledge of the Sport, his management skills, and his ability to reason through difficult situations, served AKC management well as they faced many challenges over the last decade; and,

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished Sportsman manager, leader, and friend; and,

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club extend their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for his dedicated service to the American Kennel Club.

Delegate Occupational Eligibility

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to remove certain professions from the list of occupational exclusions to become or remain a Delegate. As this subject was also being considered by the Delegate Bylaws Committee, it was the sense of the Board that it should wait for that committee's input before considering the matter further. In the interim, staff will provide the committee with the materials they compiled.

Proposed Amendment to ARTICLE III: Objects of the Club of the AKC Bylaws

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to add the phrase "to advance health and well-being," to the Objects of the organization, which are listed in ARTICLE III of the AKC Bylaws. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Points for a Reserve at a National Specialty

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Progressive Dog Club to add a new sixth paragraph to Chapter 16, Section 1, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows to create a new three point major for the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch at one National Specialty per year as specified by the AKC Parent Club, provided that the number of dogs competing, totals at least twice the number required for a five point major. This is a resubmission of a proposal that was withdrawn at the March 2012 Delegates meeting. This resubmission has two changes from the previous iteration; 1) giving a Parent Club the ability to opt out, and 2) stipulating that points given for Best of Winners do not go into the calculation for reserve points.

There was a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Ashby, Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Scully, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Powers, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Newman; opposed: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Smith, Mr. Amen) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirements.

Following a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Ashby, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Amen, Mr. Kalter, Ms. Cruz, Ms. Scully, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Newman, Mr. Powers, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Arnold, opposed: Dr. Smith) to send the amendment to the Delegates for a vote with no Board recommendation. This amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, will be read at the June 2012 meeting for a vote in September 2012. The proposed wording follows:

Chapter 16**Section 1** (new sixth paragraph)

Each AKC Breed Parent Specialty Club shall have one designated Parent Club National Specialty show per year. All others shall be termed a Parent Club Specialty show.

Unless the Parent Club, in its Application to the AKC to hold its National Specialty, chooses to exclude the following award: At the National Specialty the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five point major, in the region in which the event is held. No major for Reserve Winners shall be given based upon an award of Best of Winners. In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included.

In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included.

Foundation Stock Services Guidelines

The Board reviewed suggested revisions to the Guidelines for the Approval of a Breed for Regular Status. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Proposed Cairn Terrier Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed suggested revisions to the "Ideal Size" section of the Cairn Terrier Breed Standard as submitted by the Cairn Terrier Club of America. Without objection, the proposed revision will be published on the Secretary's Page of the *AKC Gazette* for comment. There was no objection.

Dogue de Bordeaux Stud Book

The Board reviewed a request from the Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America to keep the Stud Book Open for the breed. The Dogue de Bordeaux Studbook is scheduled to close August 31, 2012. Currently AKC will accept dogs registered with Dogue de Bordeaux Society and United States Bordeaux Corporation and other domestic registries. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Proposed Miniature Schnauzer Breed Standard Revision

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club (AMSC) has submitted proposed revisions to the Color, Tail and Disqualifications sections of the breed standard. The Board reviewed the results of the membership ballot which was conducted in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed standard will be published in the May Gazette.

Club Household Membership Requirements

At the request of the Board of Directors staff presented a memo regarding Club household membership requirements. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Electronic Submission of Membership Lists

Based on a request of the Board, staff presented a request that if adopted by the Board, would establish a new policy regarding the submission of club membership lists. Clubs who do not or choose not to participate in the submission of membership lists and officers electronically, effective January 1, 2013, will pay a processing fee. The electronic submission of officers and membership lists will save both the clubs and the AKC time and money. A processing fee of \$25 for a membership list is being proposed, which will be waived for an electronic submission. This will be considered in October 2012, when staff will report on the number of clubs then submitting their lists electronically.

There was an EXECUTVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

New Breed for Foundation Stock Service - Dutch Shepherd

The Board was advised that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a request for the Dutch Shepherd to be accepted into the FSS program.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Gonzalez, Mark Dunn and David Roberts, AKC staff, participated via video conference. David Roberts gave an update on Registration initiatives. Mark Dunn gave an update on the AKC Canine Partners Program. Lisa Gonzalez gave a presentation on the focus of AKC's marketing program.

AKC's Market Share of Registered Dogs

Lisa Gonzalez presented a report on AKC's Market Share of all registered dogs. The report indicates that AKC is by far the registry of choice among Purebred Dog Owners who have registered their purebred puppies in the recent past.

COMPANION EVENTS

Curt Curtis, Doug Ljungren and Pamela Manaton, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Obedience Regulations – Change to Chapter 1, Section 16a. Move Ups

Staff presented a request to change the *Obedience Regulations*, Chapter 1, Section 16A *Move ups*, to allow a dog after it earns a title to move to any eligible obedience class provided the club offers move-ups.

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to amend Chapter 1, Section 16A of the *Obedience Regulations* as follows:

Chapter 1
Section 16A.

The club will clearly state in its premium list whether move-ups will or will not be allowed.

- After a dog earns a title, it may be moved to another class in a future trial even though the closing date for the trial has passed, provided the club offers move-ups.
- Move-ups may be approved, provided the class and judge is available and the class has not reached its limit.
- A move-up may be requested if, according to the owner's records, the dog has completed the requirements for the title after the closing date of the trial in which the advanced entry is to be made.
- The request for a move-up must be in writing and presented to the superintendent or trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial.
- Movement between an "A" and "B" class at the same level is not considered a move-up.

Obedience Regulations – Moratorium on Jump Height Request from Clubs Chapter 4, Section 11

Staff presented a request to place a moratorium on jump height requests from Parent Clubs in order to give staff time to determine the impact of the new Pre Classes for Open and Utility. The moratorium would be effective immediately and run through December 31, 2016.

Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Smith, Ms. Scully, Mr. Amen, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Powers, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Battaglia; opposed: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Newman) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement.

Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Smith, Ms. Scully, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Amen, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Powers, Mr. Feeney, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Newman, Dr. Battaglia) to approve the moratorium proposed by the staff.

Allowing Recognized FSS Breeds with Recognized Parent Clubs to Hold AKC Companion Events

Staff presented a request to permit FSS breed clubs, with an AKC recognized Parent Club, to hold All-Breed AKC Companion Event sports at their breed specialty events. There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Amen, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Amen, Mr. Powers, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Feeney, Ms. Scully; Mr. Ashby, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Smith, Dr. Newman; opposed: Dr. Garvin, Mr. Gladstone) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Amen, Mr. Powers, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Ashby, Dr. Newman, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Smith, Ms. Scully; Mr. Gladstone; opposed: Dr. Garvin) to approve this proposal.

Allow Companion Events Clubs to Offer Lower Entry Fees for Juniors

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to allow clubs at their discretion the right to offer a lower entry fee for dogs entered in AKC Companion Events that are handled by a Junior Handler. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned on Monday April 9, 2012 at 5:25 pm

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday April 10, 2012 at 8:00 am. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

AKC Canine Health Foundation

The Board discussed the excellent work being done by the Canine Health Foundation and there was consensus that AKC should do everything possible to assist in this work and to strengthen the relationship between the two organizations. Under a letter of understanding adopted by the Boards of both the AKC and the AKC Health Foundation, AKC is able to designate one-third of the AKC Canine Health Foundation Board. The size of the latter is set at 15, and there are two current vacancies. As AKC Board and staff have four spots, AKC would be entitled to designate a fifth.

There was a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to designate Dr. William Newman as AKC's fifth representative on the Board of the AKC's Canine Health Foundation. It was pointed out that Dr. Newman had served as the Chairman of the Delegate Canine Health Committee and that he previously had been on the AKC Canine Health Foundation Board as well as Vice-Chair of its Grants Committee.

PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren and Lisa Carroll, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

AKC to Recognize Three North American Flyball Association Titles

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to acknowledge three titles earned in North American Flyball Association (NAFA) events. If requested by the owner, AKC will record the suffix titles of Flyball Champion (FDCh), Flyball Master (FM), and the ONYX title. Dogs must be registered or listed with the AKC. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

National Walking Gun Dog Championship For Pointing Breed Trials

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to create an annual AKC Pointing Breed National Walking Gun Dog Championship event. The purpose is to acknowledge and encourage the trend that is occurring in Pointing Breed field trials toward more foot handled Gun Dog stakes. The winner of this event would be awarded the prefix title "AKC National Walking Gun Dog Champion of 20__." (NWGDC). This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Use of Blank Guns in Pointing Breed Field Trials and Hunting Tests

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to change a procedure in the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds* and a regulation in the *Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds*. These changes will place an upper limit on the caliber of blank guns that are allowed at Pointing Breed field events, address the uses of new types of ammunition, and caution handlers on the potentially harmful impact that firing a blank gun can have on the hearing of humans, dogs and horses. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Yorkshire Terriers Eligible to Participate in AKC Earthdog Events

The Board reviewed a request, from the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, to amend the Earthdog regulations to permit the Yorkshire Terrier eligibility to compete in AKC Earthdog events. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Revisions to Earthdog Test Regulations

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to change the Earthdog Regulations to:

1. Allow a dog that has earned a qualifying score at the Senior level to enter the Junior level, allowing an owner to enter which ever level they desire.

2. Clarify that it is the Event Committee's responsibility to determine when an event shall be stopped due to bad weather and further, to decide the issue of refunds if an entrant is unable to participate due to weather delays.

This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Spaniel Hunting Tests "Advanced" Titles

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to add an Advanced Title to each of the three existing levels of Spaniel Hunting Tests – Junior Hunter Advanced, Senior Hunter Advanced and Master Hunter Advanced. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Peruvian Inca Orchid Eligible to Participate in AKC Lure Coursing Events

The Board reviewed a request from the Peruvian Inca Orchid Enthusiasts Club (AKC Parent Club). The Club is requesting eligibility to compete in AKC Lure Coursing events. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Pointing Breed Grand Field Champion Title

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to create two new Pointing Breed Field Trial titles – the Grand Field Champion and the Grand Amateur Field Champion. Points toward these titles must be earned in one hour stakes. A dog must have previously earned its Field Champion or Amateur Field Champion title before it can earn points toward the Grand titles. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Pointing Breed Field Trials - Roothing a Dog Behind the Gallery

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to allow "rooding" at Pointing Breed Field Trials that are longer than three days. "Rooding" must be at the host club's discretion and under conditions specified in the Pointing Breed Field Trial Standard Procedures. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Parent Club Performance Event – Belgian Sheepdog Drafting Titles and Schutzhund Titles

The Board reviewed a request from the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America (BSDCA). The BSDCA has requested that drafting titles earned by their breed in tests held by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America (BMDCA) and Schutzhund titles earned in American Working Malinois Association (AWMA) events be acknowledged by the AKC. If approved, there are four drafting titles – Novice Draft Dog (NDD), Draft Dog (DD), Novice Brace Draft Dog (NBDD), Brace Draft Dog (BDD) and four Schutzhund titles – BN, IPO1, IPO2, IPO3 - that AKC will record. AKC will acknowledge titles earned back to January 1, 2000. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Barbet Eligible to Participate in AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

The Board reviewed a request from the Barbet Club of America. The Club is requesting that the breed be allowed to participate in AKC Retriever Hunting Tests. Without objection the Barbet will be added to the list of breeds eligible to participate in Retriever Hunting Tests effective September 1, 2012. There was no objection.

Drentsche Patrijshond (Drent) Eligible to Participate in AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

The Board reviewed a request from the Drentsche Patrijshond Club of North Am. requesting that the Drent be allowed to participate in Retriever Hunting Tests. Without objection the Drent will be added to the list of breeds eligible to participate in AKC Retriever Hunting Tests effective September 1, 2012. There was no objection.

CONFORMATION

Bobby Birdsong, and Bri Tesarz, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Housekeeping Items

The Board reviewed the Dog Show Rules Committee's recommended changes to Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 5, Sections 6-8 to make the sections consistent with Chapter 6, Section 8 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 6

The Board reviewed the Dog Show Rules Committee's recommended change to Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 6 to bring the section in line with Chapter 3, Section 14 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Grooming Space

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to create a policy that will require all clubs to set aside an area that is reserved for grooming that is reasonable in size for the entry of the show. At least 50% of this area should be for exhibitors and designated as unpaid grooming space. This space must be in a reasonable/convenient location preferably in the main grooming area. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

Withholding Parson Russell Terrier Association of America Approval

The Board reviewed an appeal from the Blue Grass Parson Russell Terrier Club (BGPRTC). The Parson Russell Terrier Club of America withheld consent for the Blue Grass Parson Russell Terrier Club's 2012 designated specialty in accordance with Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 2, Section 11.

In accordance with this section, the Blue Grass Parson Russell Terrier Club has appealed to the AKC Board of Directors. The denial was based on a declining entry, with no entries at the last designated specialty. Contributing to this was a club policy prohibiting club members from exhibiting at this show. As this proposed event is for the Labor Day Weekend, the need for a decision was time-sensitive. Following a motion by Dr. Newman, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Newman, Dr. Smith, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Gladstone, Ms. Cruz, Ms. Scully, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Powers, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Amen, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Dr. Garvin) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior noticed requirement.

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

Consolidated Turn-Around and Close-Out Document

Staff advised the Board that in order to take full advantage of the efficiencies created by the new Event Application, a new one page document was developed to replace both the close-out document and the turn-around document. It has easy to follow directions to access the online tools needed for the next event on the corresponding date. Instructions for downloading forms for clubs who prefer using paper forms are also included. The one page document contains keywords that give access to all applicable Event Plans forms, complete instructions for all forms, and a link to find all AKC forms.

AKC MUSEUM OF THE DOG

Dorothy Welsh, Chairman, and Barbara McNab, Executive Director of the AKC Museum of the Board gave a presentation with an overview of the Museum's history and an update on current activities, and an outline of future plans.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Tim Thomas, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

Junior Showmanship Judging Applicant Qualifications

Staff presented a refinement of the criteria used for Junior Showmanship Judging applicants to define minimum acceptable requirements for All-Breed and Limited Junior Showmanship applicants. This will be considered further at the May meeting.

CLUBS

Delegates for Publication

Katie Campbell, Seattle WA
To represent Basenji Club of America
Currently represented by John Curby

Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Marion, OH
To represent Dalmatian Club of America
Formerly represented by James W. Smith

Lynn Garvin, Marion, OH
To represent Marion Ohio Kennel Club
Formerly represented by Dr. J. Charles Garvin

Don James, Washougal, WA
To represent Leonberger Club of America
New Member Club

NEW BUSINESS

A number of subjects were discussed during this portion of the meeting:

Ms. Scully reviewed a request from the Chow Chow Club to add coat type to AKC registrations and pedigrees. Staff was directed to report back with the cost of the programing, the man hours that would have to be devoted to this project, return on investment, and the cost to clubs. Dr. Battaglia also indicated that there was a long standing interest on the part of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America to have the long coat type added to registration documents to track these dogs in their pedigrees.

Mr. Ashby reported on future fundraising efforts on the part of the AKC PAC.

Dr. Smith raised an issue over procedures to limit the entry at a particular show site. Staff will report back to the Board on this.

Mr. Amen expressed his concerns over the organization's involvement and support provided for future AKC obedience teams at the U.K.'s Crufts show.

Ms. Cruz asked about possibly having the smaller dogs compete against each other for a Best in Field award in Lure Coursing.

Mr. Kalter raised the issue of the number of Board meetings that were really needed each year, with further discussion planned on this subject at the May 2012 meeting.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 12:15 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary