The Board convened on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present except for Dr. Garvin, Mr. Gladstone, and Dr. Battaglia. Dr. Garvin participated via teleconference. Also present were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary. Copies of the April 2012 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 9-10, 2012 meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Smith, the February 2012 Board minutes were unanimously adopted.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Scheduling Number of Board Meetings**

The Board discussed the scheduling of Board meetings held annually. The Bylaws require that the Board meet eight (8) times a year. The Board discussed shifting the dates of four of its meetings so that they would be held in conjunction with the Delegates meetings in March, June, Sept and December. Four times a year a stand-alone two-day meeting will be held. This will maintain the current schedule of 8 meetings and 15 meeting days.

The current schedule with four weeks between most meetings, and eight or nine weeks between meetings with an intervening Delegate Meeting, is not efficient and often gives staff only a matter of a few days to carry out actions from one meeting and to prepare for the next. The new schedule will more evenly space the meetings to allow more preparation time and more time to evaluate the progress of prior actions, enabling the Board to be more effective and efficient.

Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Cruz, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Battaglia) to schedule four free-standing Board meetings each year with four additional meetings scheduled in connection with Delegate Meetings, effective with the July 2012 Board meeting.

The 2012-2013 schedule is as follows:

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The Content of Board Meetings
The Board discussed the manner in which the regular meetings will be conducted. Staff proposals are distributed to the Board in advance. At the meeting the staff will not make a formal presentation on its proposals, but the Board will ask any questions it wishes on the detailed written presentations.
The second day of each Board meeting will be devoted to Board initiated subjects. The topics will be determined in advance, with staff supplying any applicable information requested by the Board.
There was also discussion on having more items being made part of the Consent Agenda, which is approved with one vote. The Board does have the option of removing an item from the Consent Agenda at the meeting if there are any questions or objections.

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 first three months of 2012 aggregate Entries were up by 9.21% and Events were up by 10.65%, compared to the first three months of the previous year. This increase was broad based, in 10 out of the 11 sport types, led by Agility, Conformation, Obedience and Field Trials.

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 month of April, 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA
Following discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Newman, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Garvin, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Battaglia) to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Delegates
The following Delegates were approved:
  - Katie Campbell, Seattle, WA
    To represent Basenji Club of America

  - Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Marion, OH
    To represent Dalmatian Club of America

  - Lynn Garvin, Marion, OH
    To represent Marion Ohio Kennel Club
Pamela Helmer, Cordova, MD  
To represent Talbot Kennel Club  

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

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Housekeeping Items

The Board VOTED to change the 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 read to the Delegates at the June 2012 meeting for a VOTE at the September 2012 meeting.  

(Changes are underlined)

SECTION 6. All prizes offered in a premium list of a show must be offered to be awarded in a regular procedure of judging and in accordance with Sections 7 through 12 of this Chapter to the owner and/or breeder of the dog, but any prizes or trophies not listed in the premium list may be awarded with the permission of the Event Committee and the reason for the exception included in the show report.

SECTION 7. Prizes may be offered in accordance with Sections 7 through 12 of this Chapter at a show for the following placings:
First, Second, Third, Fourth in the Puppy, Twelve-to-Eighteen Month, Novice, Amateur Owner Handler, Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-bred or Open Classes, or in any division of these designated in the Classification.
First, Second, Third, Fourth in any additional class which the show-giving club may offer in accord with the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 13, and in the Miscellaneous Class (at all-breed shows only).
Winners, Reserve Winners, Best of Winners, Select, Best of Breed or Variety, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Variety.
At all-breed shows only: First, Second, Third, Fourth in a Group Class and for Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Brace in Show and Best Team in Show.

SECTION 8. At any specialty show, prizes may also be offered in accordance with Sections 7 through 12 of this Chapter for: Best in Puppy Classes, Best in Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Classes, Best in Novice Classes, Best in Amateur Owner Handler, Best in Bred-by-Exhibitor Classes, Best in American-bred Classes, Best in Open Classes, Best in any additional classes which the show-giving club may offer in accord with the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 13, in which the sexes are divided.
(In breeds in which there are varieties, a prize may be offered for Best in any of the above classes within the variety.)
In shows held by breed Specialty clubs, awards for Best in Puppy, Twelve-to-Eighteen Month, Novice, Amateur Owner Handler, Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-bred, and Open Classes, Best in any additional classes which the show-giving club may offer in accord with the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 13, in which the sexes are divided, may also be awarded on a three-time win basis provided permanent possession goes to the owner and/or breeder winning the award.
three times, not necessarily with the same dog, provided such prizes are offered by the show-giving specialty club itself or through it for competition at its shows.

**Foundation Stock Services Guidelines**
The Board VOTED to approve revisions to the Guidelines for the Approval of a Breed for Regular Status.

**Dogue de Bordeaux Stud Book**
The Board VOTED to approve a request from the Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America to keep the Stud Book for the breed open until August 21, 2017.

**AKC to Recognize Three North American Flyball Association Titles**
The Board VOTED to record 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 is effective July 1, 2012.

**National Walking Gun Dog Championship For Pointing Breed Trials**
The Board VOTED to approve 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).

**Use of Blank Guns in Pointing Breed Field Trials and Hunting Tests**
The Board VOTED to change Procedure 1-G of Standard Procedures in the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds* and Chapter 3, Section 7, Blank Guns, in the *Regulations for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds* (changes underlined below).

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**Procedure 1**

1– G **Blank Guns.** In any stake, except in puppy or derby stakes, a blank cartridge must be fired by the handler over any dog on point after the game has been flushed. Handlers should be aware of the potentially harmful impact the repeated discharge of a blank gun can have on the hearing of people, dogs and horses. The following Regulations apply to the use of blank guns/ammunition.

Blank pistols used to fire a blank cartridge must have a solid barrel incapable of discharging live ammunition. All calibers up to .32 are acceptable. Blank pistols that fire shotgun 209 primers are also acceptable. .22 caliber “acorn” crimps shall not be used. For .22 caliber blanks produced for other purposes (not specifically for blank pistols), handlers should be guided by the recommendation of the manufacturer with regard to the safety of their use in blank pistols.

.410 gauge shotguns with blank shells may be permitted if specified in the premium list. No shotgun larger than .410 gauge is allowed. Shotguns must be fired skyward and away from the direction of the gallery and judges.

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**CHAPTER 3**

**Section 7. Blank Guns.** Only blank pistols may be used by handlers in Pointing Breed Hunting Tests. Blank pistols used to fire a blank cartridge must have a solid barrel incapable of discharging live ammunition. Handlers should be aware of the potentially harmful impact the repeated discharge of a blank pistol can have on the hearing of people, dogs and horses. The following Regulations apply to the use of blank guns/ammunition.

.22 caliber (6mm) blanks are preferred but all calibers up to .32 are acceptable. Blank pistols that fire shotgun 209 primers are also acceptable. .22 caliber
“acorn” crimps may be used. For .22 caliber blanks produced for other purposes (not specifically for blank pistols), handlers should be guided by the recommendation of the manufacturer with regard to the safety of their use in blank pistols.

Promiscuous firing of guns or blank pistols on the grounds is prohibited. Handlers in Hunting Tests shall fire one blank and no more for each flush of one or more birds provided the bird is not being shot at by official gunners. Handlers should not hold the blank pistol against their body when firing as there is a discharge of gases which may burn or otherwise harm.

The handler must shoot within the time that would be required to kill a bird at natural shotgun range. Any deliberate delay in shooting must be severely penalized.

These changes 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 is effective June 1, 2012.

**Yorkshire Terriers Eligible to Participate in AKC Earthdog Events**

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, to amend the Earthdog regulations to permit eligibility for the Yorkshire Terrier to compete in AKC Earthdog events. This is effective August 1, 2012.

**Revisions to Earthdog Test Regulations**

The Board VOTED to change Chapter 3, Section 3 of the Regulations for Earthdog Tests for Small Terriers and Dachshunds to allow a dog that has earned a qualifying score at the Senior level to continue to enter the Junior level, allowing an owner to enter which ever level they desire. This effective September 1, 2012.

**Spaniel Hunting Tests "Advanced" Titles**

The Board VOTED to amend Regulations for AKC Hunting Test for Spaniels Chapter 2, Section 1, and to create three new sections in Chapter 2 - Chapter 2, Section 2A, Chapter 2, Section 3A, and Chapter 2, Section 4A, 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 is effective July 1, 2012.

**Peruvian Inca Orchid Eligible to Participate in AKC Lure Coursing Events**

The Board VOTED to grant the Peruvian Inca Orchid eligibility to compete in AKC Lure Coursing events. This is effective September 1, 2012.

**Pointing Breed Grand Field Champion Title**

The Board VOTED to amend the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds Chapter 14, 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 is effective January 1, 2014.

**Pointing Breed Field Trials - Roading a Dog Behind the Gallery**

The Board VOTED to amend the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds Procedure 6 Running and Handling - to allow “roading” at Pointing Breed Field Trials that are longer than three days. “Roading” will be allowed at the host club’s discretion and under conditions specified in the Pointing Breed Field Trial Standard Procedures. This is effective June 1, 2012.

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

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America (BSDCA). Drafting titles earned by Belgian Sheepdogs in tests held by the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of
America (BMDCA) and Schutzhund titles earned in American Working Malinois Association (AWMA) events will be acknowledged by the AKC. AKC will record 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. AKC will acknowledge titles earned back to January 1, 2000. This is effective June 1, 2012.

**Allow Companion Events Clubs to Offer Lower Entry Fees for Juniors**

The Board VOTED to change the Agility, Obedience, Rally and Tracking Regulations, 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 is effective for events applied for after January 1, 2013.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

James Stevens, AKC’s Chief Financial Officer, gave the financial report.

Total revenues of $4.7 million in the month of April 2012 were $448,000 or 11% higher than the prior year. Total monthly operating expenses of over $4.4 million were 3.7% above 2011. This resulted in an operating surplus of $217,000 for the month. This was an improvement from last April’s monthly operating deficit of $72,000. Our investments produced a gain of $205,000 in the month of April.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Dr. Battaglia joined the meeting during the Executive Secretary’s Report section.

Michael Liosis, AKC staff participated in this portion of the meeting and Mari-Beth O’Neill, and Sheila Goffe, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

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

There was a discussion on a proposal from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to add the phrase “to advance canine 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 July 2012, meeting.

**Proposed Amendment to Chapter 2, Section 3 Rules Applying to Dog Shows**

The Board discussed a proposed change to the amendment to Chapter 2, Section 3 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows that is to be read in June and voted on at the September 2012 meeting. The amendment is proposed by the Suffolk County Kennel Club. The Board will recommend that an amendment to the Suffolk County Kennel Club’s proposal be made at the June meeting. The Board did not approve the amendment as presented.

The Suffolk County Kennel Club required that it go forward for a vote under the provisions of ARTICLE XX, SECTION 3 b) of the AKC Bylaws. The amendment reads as follows with the additions underlined:

**CHAPTER 2**

**SECTION 3.** Each member club or association not a specialty club which shall hold a show within their territory at least once in every two consecutive calendar years shall have the sole show privilege in the city, town or district which has been assigned to it as its show territory. Clubs that have not held a show in their territory within two consecutive calendar years will be granted the exclusive privilege of their territory one year after the next date they hold a show in their territory.

The Board approved the first insertion, which would enable clubs to utilize a site in a territory after the club assigned that territory has not held a show in that territory for two consecutive years.

The Board does not recommend approval of the proposed new last sentence, and would only recommend approval of the proposal if it is deleted. With this provision, a club could return to its
original territory to hold a show, after an absence of several years, re-establish its exclusivity, thereby forcing out clubs that may have been holding shows there for an extended period in the interim.

With this last sentence deleted, the original club could return to its assigned territory, (whether or not another club held shows there) but only re-establish exclusivity if no other club has held shows at a site in the territory. Otherwise the territory would be considered open and any club could be considered for approval to hold shows within it, with no club having exclusive show-giving rights within the territory.

When this proposal is voted on at the September 2012 meeting, the Board recommends that it be amended by deleting the last sentence.

**Club Household Membership Requirements**

At the request of the Board of Directors staff presented a memo regarding Club household membership requirements. Staff will develop a Fact Sheet for all club officers that offers suggestions covering a range of topics that are important for the successful running of a club.

**Re-appointment of AKC PAC Board Members**

There was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Garvin, Mr. Gladstone) to re appoint Carl Ashby, Dr. Anthony DiNardo, and Dr. William Newman to the AKC PAC Board.

**Appointment of Trial Boards**

The Board reviewed a staff recommended restructuring of AKC Trials Boards and the assigning of cases. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

**Process for Making Technical or Routine Changes to Regulations**

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation that will allow technical or routine changes to Regulations or Standard Procedures to be placed immediately in the Consent section of the Board Book without having to first appear as a yellow memo. This process will expedite the movement of these recommendations through the AKC approval process. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

**Review Limited Registration**

Based on a request from the Board, Staff presented its review of, and recommendations on, the Limited Registration option and the insights it has gained into the use and expectations of Limited Registration from the breeder and dog owner perspectives.

There was a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Amen, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Gavin) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement.

Following a motion by Mr. Amen, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Gavin) to not propose any change to the rules regarding Limited Registration.

**Norwich Terrier Club of America Request**

Mr. Crowley reported on a proposal submitted on behalf of the Norwich Terrier Club of America to have AKC use the Mars Wisdom Test to resolve cases involving a determination of whether a specific dog is a pure bred specimen of a particular breed. Staff is researching the matter and it will be considered at the July 2012 meeting.

**New Breed for Foundation Stock Service – French Spaniel**

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

**New Breed for Foundation Stock Service – Tornjak**

The Board was advised that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a request for the Tornjak to be accepted into the FSS program.
There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

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

Junior Showmanship Judging Applicant Qualifications
There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Garvin, Mr. Gladstone) to approve changes to the criteria used for Junior Showmanship Judging applicants to define minimum acceptable requirements for All-Breed and Limited Junior Showmanship applicants. The application for Junior Showmanship will be revised with the following requirements for Junior Showmanship Applicants:

Junior Showmanship All-Breed applicants must meet THREE of the following requirements and pass an Open Book Exam to be eligible to apply. Junior Showmanship Limited applicants must meet TWO of the following requirements and pass an Open Book Exam to be eligible to apply:

- Applicant previously was a Junior Showmanship Handler.
- Applicant has Judged Junior Showmanship at least 3 times at AKC All Breed Sanctioned Matches
- Applicant is the Parent of a current or former Junior Showmanship handler.
- Applicant is currently or was previously a Professional Handler.
- Applicant attended a seminar on judging of Junior Showmanship in the last 24 months sponsored by the AKC Judging Operations Department.**
- Taught All-Breed Handling classes

**Attendance at a Junior Showmanship Seminar may count as two of the requirements.

Junior Showmanship Applicants that meet the criteria to apply will be required to submit a $25 non-refundable processing fee and be interviewed by an Executive Field Representative prior to being considered by the Judges Review Committee for approval. Applicants will be expected to describe during their interview an understanding of Judging Regulations as related to Junior Showmanship classes. All-Breed Junior Showmanship applicants will be expected to indicate knowledge of breed-specific presentation and examination for various breeds during their interview. Knowledge of breed-specific presentation in various breeds will be required for applicants previously approved for Junior Showmanship-Limited status requesting All-Breed Junior Showmanship status, as well as Conformation Judges currently applying for breeds and All-Breed Junior Showmanship. Applicants who are unsuccessful in confirming this knowledge during their interview may not be approved for All-Breed Junior Showmanship and an interviewer may recommend amending the applicant’s request to Junior Showmanship – Limited Status.

Michael Heflin
The Board considered a request from Michael Heflin for the reinstatement of his judging privileges. Mr. Heflin had his judging privileges suspended for life, and he was fined $1,000 April 10, 2010. It was VOTED to deny the request.
Requests for Reinstatements
The Board considered a fee that would be required when a request for reinstatement of AKC privileges was submitted. Such a fee is provided for in ARTICLE XV, SECTION 7, of the AKC Bylaws. There was a consensus that the fee should be the monetary penalty imposed with the suspension. Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Dr. Garvin, Mr. Gladstone) to adopt the following policy:

The fee necessary for AKC Board action on an application for reinstatement or restoration of privileges is to be paid prior to the Board entertaining any such application and the fee is to be the fine set in connection with the suspension or the withholding of privileges. Payment of the required fee would not guarantee a favorable outcome on the request for reinstatement or restoration of privileges.

Further, the payment of the required fee would not guarantee a favorable outcome on the request for reinstatement or restoration of privileges.

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

Grooming Space
The Board discussed the subject of reserved grooming space, and reviewed communications received on the subject.

There was a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Mr. Powers, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Ashby, Mr. Powers, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Scully, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Amen, Dr. Newman, Mr. Feeney; opposed: Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Cruz; abstaining: Dr. Smith; absent: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin) to adopt the following Board policy concerning grooming space at AKC Conformation Events:

All clubs are required 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 space must be available for exhibitors including “Day-of-event” exhibitors and be designated as unpaid grooming space. This space must be in a reasonable/convenient location preferably in the main grooming area. The clubs will still have the right to have paid reserved grooming areas.

The effective date will be January 1, 2013.

CLUBS
Delegates for Publication
Geraldine Werk, Valencia, CA
To represent Hollywood Dog Obedience Club
Currently represented by Jan Wolf

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

The following AKC Management actions were reported:
(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary’s Page.)
**IT Presentation**
Consultants from the accounting firm of Grant Thornton, presented an analysis of AKC’s IT operations and discussed their recommendation to reduce some of these costs prospectively. Based on this analysis, management will be making a report to the Board with recommendations in July.

**NEW BUSINESS**
Mr. Ashby gave an update on fundraising efforts on behalf of the AKC PAC and the AKC Legislative Support Fund. An effort was being made to have member licensed clubs encourage their members to support both.
Dr. Battaglia raised the subject of a possible Triathlon title for dogs competing in multiple types of AKC events. This is a scheduled Action Item to be discussed at the July 2012 Board Meeting. Dr. Smith suggested that Parent Clubs be reminded of their prerogatives under the new judging approval procedures. A Parent Club may recommend that a member of the club be approved as a judge of their breed. To participate the club must have been recognized by AKC for ten years, the applicant must have 20 years in the breed and have been a member of the Parent Club for at least 10 years. Parent Clubs may also invite someone who is not an AKC-approved judge to judge its specialty shows.
Mr. Arnold reported that Dr. Newman had been unanimously elected to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Board.

Meeting adjourned on Monday May 7, 2012 at 5:10 pm

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday May 8, 2012 at 8:00 am.
All Directors were present except for Dr. Garvin and Mr. Gladstone. Dr. Garvin participated via teleconference. Also present were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

The Board considered multiple suggestions of topics for an in-depth discussion on the second day of the July 2012 Board meeting.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 11:15 am.
Adjourned
Attest:

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James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary