

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 22-23, 2013

The Board convened on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the June 2013 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were unanimously 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 an event status report for May 2013.

Entries were up by 0.84% and Events were up by 3.28% compared to the first five months of 2012.

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 months of May and June 2013.

FINANCE

Peter Farnsworth, Chief Financial Officer, participated in this portion of the meeting. The CFO, Peter Farnsworth, provided the YTD financial and operating results through June, which was an update from the one presented just last month to the Delegates showing YTD financial and operating results through May.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nominating Committee

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that the Nominating Committee for the March 2014 election of AKC Directors must be appointed by August 15, and its report must be received no later than October 15, 2013.

Following discussion, the Board elected the Nominating Committee, which is to select candidates for positions on the Board of Directors, Class of 2018, which are to be filled at the March, 2014 Delegate Meeting:

Nominating Committee

Dominic P. Carota, Chair
Pharaoh Hound Club of America

James M. Ashton
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island

Robert D. Black
Hatboro Dog Club

Constance Butherus
Afghan Hound Club of America

Marcy Zingler
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno

Alternates:
Jeffrey David Ball
Ramapo Kennel Club

Steve Schmidt
Texas Kennel Club

A Three-Year Meeting Schedule

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Amen, the Board VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Amen, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Kalter, Ms. Scully, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Newman, Mr. Ashby, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Powers, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Wooding; opposed Dr. Garvin) to approve a three-year schedule for Board/Delegate meetings with March, June and September Delegate meetings held in the New York City area and the December Delegate meetings held in Orlando, FL. (The full three-year schedule is attached to these minutes)

Educational Compliance Requirements

Every Specialty, Group and All-Breed dog club that does not hold a benched show must fulfill certain criteria to maintain its eligibility to hold dog shows. The criteria were discussed and will continue to be reviewed at the September 2013 meeting.

Review of AKC Policy Position Statements

The Board reviewed the AKC's official policy position statements. Margaret Poindexter participated in this portion of the meeting. Sheila Goffe participated via teleconference. Staff was given input into revising these positions, which will be considered at future meetings.

CONSENT

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

Delegates Approved

Debby Fowler, Carrollton, TX
To represent Trinity Valley Kennel Club

Jon Green, Westerville, OH
To represent Central Ohio Kennel Club

Helen Ingher, Weeki Wachee, FL
To represent Pasco Florida Kennel Club

Julie King, Arlington, MA
To represent New England Dog Training Club

Mary McDaniel, Babson Park, FL
To represent Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club

Nancy O'Neil, Albuquerque, NM
To represent Rio Grande Kennel Club

Erin Tallon-Carr, Raleigh, NC
To represent Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 3, Section 22, - Certificate of Merit

The Board VOTED to amend the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 3, Section 22, to provide for the awarding of additional Certificate of Merit titles. CM title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has earned the requirements of the CM title as defined in Section 22. Currently the Certificate of Merit Title requires earning 15 points.

Miscellaneous Class, Additional Adult Class

The Board VOTED to amend *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 3, Section 22, to add a Bred-By Exhibitor Class for each sex of each Miscellaneous Class breed. This will be read at the September Delegates meeting for a vote at the December Delegate meeting.

Parent Club Performance Event - Bouvier des Flanders Eligible to Earn Schutzhund Titles

The Board VOTED that AKC will record Schutzhund titles earned by Bouvier des Flandres at DVG America events. DVG America is an all-breed schutzhund organization. The AKC will record the following titles – BN, IPO1, IPO2, IPO3, SchH1, SchH2, SchH3, SchHA, FH1, FH2. The recording of these titles is at the request of the owner, who fills out a form developed by the Performance Events Department and pays a fee. The titles must be confirmed prior to being recorded by the AKC. AKC will acknowledge titles earned back to January 1, 2000. This is effective August 1, 2013.

Retriever Hunting Tests-Two Technical Recommendations from Advisory Committee

The Board VOTED to amend Chapter 5, Section 6, of the *Retriever Hunting Test Regulations* and to add a new paragraph #5 to Chapter 2, Section 1 of the *Retriever Hunting Test Regulations*. These changes are meant to bring greater consistency to the sport.

Chapter 5, Section 6 - the wording regarding walk-ups was modified in the Senior test to state "at least one of the hunting situations shall include a walk-up", The word "should" was changed to "shall" to eliminate inconsistency between tests caused by some judges interpreting "should" as meaning it is not required.

Section 6. Senior Hunting Test. Dogs shall be tested in a minimum of four hunting situations that shall include one land blind, one water blind (that may be run as a double blind on land and water), one double land mark, and one double water mark. There shall be at least one diversion shot and at least one of the hunting situations **shall** include a walk-up. In Senior tests, a double mark is defined as two marks presented before the dog is sent to retrieve. Blinds shall not be run between marks in Senior Hunting Tests.

Chapter 2, Section 1, - new paragraph 5 was inserted to require a judge to fill out the score sheet.

Paragraph 5

A judge must record on the *Evaluation Form* (score sheet) the score assigned for each ability being evaluated in each series. A judge may not simply note that the dog qualified or did not qualify. The form must be completed with the dog's numeric scores prior to determining if the dog qualified. The *Evaluation Form* must be retained by the judge for at least 60 days following the end of the test.

These changes are effective September 1, 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Christopher Walker gave the Board an update on AKC's Public Relations, Communications and Social Media efforts. He also introduced Hillary Prim, AKC's new Director, Public Relations.

MARKETING

Mark Dunn, AKC Staff participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Updates were provided on Registration and Canine Partners.

JUDGING

Tim Thomas, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Online Judges Education

The Board asked Staff to seek cost proposals from outside vendors experienced in education and testing in order to provide AKC judging seminars online. The Board reviewed the proposals, and requested additional information. This will be discussed at the September 2013 meeting.

COMPLIANCE

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

Ms. Poindexter, Mr. Norton, and Mr. Bach gave a detailed report on AKC's kennel inspections program, policies and procedures.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

CONFORMATION

Alan Slay, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Catalog Sales Board Policy Revision

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Scully, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the Board Policy on event catalogs to allow individual clubs to combine multiple events into a single catalog even if there are different secretaries/superintendents and to allow multiple clubs to combine multiple events into a single catalog if they utilize a single secretary/superintendent for managing entries.

Revised Policy

Event catalogs will not be made available for sale until one hour prior to the first AKC event in the catalog for which the catalog is the official catalog of record.

A separate copy with all placements and absences marked must be submitted to the AKC for each AKC event in the catalog for which the catalog is the official catalog of record.

Combined Catalogs

There are situations where a club or clubs can use a combined catalog of AKC events. The policy used for combined catalogs also applies to the premium lists and judging programs for the events.

Individual Clubs

Individual clubs holding single or consecutive days of competition may use a combined catalog. The combined catalog can be designated as the official catalog of record for all or some of the AKC events contained within in it. If the catalog contains AKC event and entry information for which it is not the official catalog of record, the catalog must include a disclaimer prior to each AKC event for which the catalog is not the official catalog of record. The disclaimer must designate that the information is unofficial and must identify the secretary/superintendent responsible for the content.

Multiple Clubs

Multiple clubs holding single or consecutive days of competition may use a combined catalog if the catalog is the official catalog for all AKC events within it and if a single person/entity is responsible for managing the entries for all AKC events.

Revisions to Commercial Filming at Events Policy

The Board reviewed its Commercial Filming at Events policy. Margaret Poindexter and Michael Canalizo, AKC Staff were present for this portion of the meeting. This will be reviewed further at the September 2013 meeting.

Standing Approval of Certain Special Attractions

Staff requested that without objection, the Board grant standing written approval for certain Special Attractions that are held according to AKC rules, regulations, and policies. Individual clubs will no longer have to seek written AKC approval on an event-by-event basis for the following Special Attractions.

Competitions

- Best Bred-By Exhibitor
- Best Puppy
- Best Veteran

Parades

- Champions
- Rescue Dogs
- Title Holders
- Veterans

Demonstrations

- Agility
- Carting
- Dock Dogs
- Drill Teams
- Earthdog
- Flyball
- Herding
- Lure Coursing
- Non-contact Police Dog Demonstrations
- Obedience
- Rally
- Terrier Races

Test

- Canine Good Citizen
- Community Canine

COMPANION/PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Clarifying the Process - Protests Over A Dog's Eligibility to Enter

The Board considered clarifying the process followed if there is a question regarding a dog's eligibility to enter a stake/class in any AKC Performance Event. This will be considered further at the September meeting.

Canine Partners in Companion Events

Staff gave an update on Canine Partner participation in Companion Events. In 2012 96% of Agility events, 87% of Obedience events and 89% of Rally events were open to canine partners.

In 2013, for events held or approved through June 14, 2103, 97% of Agility event, 95% of Obedience events and 95% of Rally events were open to canine partners.

Border Collie Standard

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Border Collie standard as submitted by the Border Collie Society of America.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to have the proposed breed standard revision published on the Secretary's Page for comment.

Meeting adjourned on Monday July 22, 2013 at 5:15 pm.

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday July 23, 2013 at 9:00 am.

All Directors were present, except for Mr. Kalter, who was absent due to his ongoing service as foreman of a federal grand jury, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Newman.

NEW BUSINESS

AKC/PAC

Mr. Ashby reported on the fundraising efforts of the AKC/PAC.

Online Judges Education

There was further discussion on the subject of online education for AKC conformation and obedience judges, which could supplement or replace required seminars.

Reinstatement of Disqualified Dogs

Mr. Wooding reported that the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee was looking at the reinstatement process and considering whether the reinstatement examination should be done by AKC judges when it involved a dog disqualified for attacking.

During discussion it was pointed out that the intent was to recreate the judging scenario where the decision on the disqualification occurred. The current reinstatement procedure has been in place for decades.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 11:15 am.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary

Attachment



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