

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
December 12, 2012

The Board convened on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Scully, the September 2012 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were unanimously adopted.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were EXECUTIVE SESSIONS during this meeting, with nothing reported out at this time.

**JUDGING OPERATIONS**

**Visiting Judge Policy**

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to modify the Visiting Judge Policy. There was a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, to modify the current policy to provide that:

Visiting judges who are invited to judge (breeds and) groups which contain breeds not registered in their country of origin, may apply for, take the test for and pay a \$25.00 fee for each breed. Upon successful completion of this process, such judges will be approved by the American Kennel Club to judge those breeds in the future.

Visiting judges who decline to apply under this process may continue to be approved such breeds and groups as they were previously approvable under the terms, conditions, agreements and understanding under previous policy, provided that they judge breeds constituting at least 75% of the annual entries in that group, based on the previous year's count of entries.

There was a motion by Ms. Cruz, seconded by Mr. Feeney, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Kalter, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Feeney, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Amen, Mr. Powers, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Newman; opposed: Dr. Smith, Mr. Gladstone, Ms. Scully, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Ashby) to table the motion. Staff was directed to provide additional documentation on the visiting judge policy including the previous, existing, and proposed policy side-by-side and the breeds in each group that would comprise 75% of the entries in that Group.

**CONSENT**

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

**Delegates For Approval**

The following Delegates were approved:

Dian Albright, Tucson, AZ  
To represent Tucson Kennel Club

Brenda A. Algar, Landenberg, PA  
To represent Delaware county Kennel Club

Judy Corbett, Columbus, WI  
To represent Badger Kennel Club

Theodore C. Hollander, Jr., Sherman, CT  
To represent Eastern Dog Club

Scott E. Holmes, DMD, Lexington, KY  
To represent Lexington Kennel Club

Barry A. Hoovis, Fallsburg, NY  
To represent Monticello New York Kennel Club

Karen J'Anthony, Camden, DE  
To represent Skye Terrier Club of America

Fred T. Kampo, Oshkosh, WI  
To represent Labrador Retriever Club of America

Linda King, Earlysville, VA  
To represent Charlottesville-Albermarle Kennel Club

Robert Lachman, Norwalk, CT  
To represent Norfolk Terrier Club

Stephen Skolnik, Abingdon, MD  
To represent Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club

### **Retriever Hunting Tests - Limiting Entries in Master Level Tests**

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation from the Retriever Hunting Test Advisory Committee to allow Retriever Hunting Test clubs, at their option, to limit the size of entry at the Master level test to 60, 90 or 120 entries. The limit must be stated in the premium list for the event. A club also has the right to offer an unlimited size Master test if they choose. Currently clubs may not limit the size of their entry. They approved to add a new paragraph to Chapter 1, Section 3 of the Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers, effective April 1, 2013. The new paragraph reads:

**Limiting Entries in Master Hunter Tests:** Clubs may at their option limit the number of entries in their Master Hunter test to either 60, 90 or 120 entries. Clubs may run unlimited entry Master level tests if they choose. If limited, the limit must be stated on the premium and announcements for the event. Entries shall be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The regulation regarding days required for testing and the splitting of test levels remains the same as explained in Chapter 1,

### **Event Service Fees for Performance Events**

The Board VOTED to assess a single fee, called a service fee of \$3.50 per entry for all Performance Events. Previously, some events were assessed at \$3.50 for the first entry of a dog in an event plus \$3.00 on all additional entries of that dog. Other events pay \$3.50 for every entry. This recommendation will simplify administration and result in a consistent fee across all

Performance Events. Chapter 13, Section 3 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds Recording/Event Service Fees will read:

### **Recording/Event Service Fee**

At every licensed or member club field trial held under the Rules of The American Kennel Club, an event service fee of \$3.50 per entry is required. The event service fee is to help defray expenses involved in maintaining the records and administrating the events.

The Board of Directors shall determine, from time to time, whether a recording fee/event service fee shall be required and the amount of it.

This will take effect for events held after July 1, 2013.

### **AKC Rally®- Restructure**

The Board VOTED to restructure the Rally Regulations to modify restrictions that were placed on how Rally trials may be held. The changes remove the requirement that clubs licensed for obedience and rally must hold their rally trial concurrently with their obedience trial. Clubs may hold their rally trial within one year of their approved obedience event. Clubs would still be restricted to holding no more than one rally trial per approved obedience trial where all regular classes are offered.

In addition, clubs are allowed to format their rally trial in the manner that they feel works best. A club would no longer be required to limit the size of their rally trial to no greater than their obedience trial and to restrict the rally trial to the same breeds as their obedience trial. These changes are effective for Rally Trials held on or after April 1, 2013.

The revised Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 1 follow:

#### **Section 1. Application to Hold a Rally Trial.**

Clubs meeting the requirements of AKC that wish to hold a rally trial must submit the form provided by AKC with the appropriate application fee. A rally trial is a separate event, with a separate event number, and the rally trial application with appropriate fee must be submitted at least 18 weeks before the closing date for entries to the event.

In order for a club to receive AKC approval to hold a rally trial, the club must have held or been approved to hold an obedience trial with all regular obedience classes offered within one calendar year of the rally trial. One rally trial will be approved for each obedience trial where all regular classes are offered.

A club may limit the number of entries in their rally trial. No judge will be assigned to judge more than eight hours in one day, including any other judging assignments when the rally trial is held in conjunction with another event. The rally trial need not be limited in the same manner as the club's obedience trial, either in terms of entries or breed allowed.

A licensed or member rally trial need not include all the regular rally classes, but a club will not be approved to hold Advanced classes unless it also holds Novice classes. Nor will it be approved to hold Excellent classes unless it also holds Novice and Advanced classes. Any club that has been approved to hold a licensed or member rally trial may offer additional non-regular classes upon AKC approval. If a non-regular class is one that is not defined in these regulations, a clear and complete description of both the eligibility and performance requirements will appear in the premium list.

Any club eligible to hold all-breed rally trials may open their trial to dogs listed with AKC Canine Partners at their option.

### **COMPANION/PERFORMANCE**

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

#### **Irish Setter Club of America National Gun Dog Championship**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to grant the Irish Setter Club of America permission to hold a National Gun Dog Championship field trial. The dog winning this event would be granted the title NGDC. This is a walking trial and is consistent with events currently held by the Brittanys, German Shorthaired Pointers and the Vizslas. This will be discussed further at the February 2013 meeting.

#### **Recognizing Titles Earned in the New Sport of Barn Hunt**

The Board reviewed a recommendation for the AKC to recognize titles earned in the new sport of Barn Hunt as offered by the Barn Hunt Association. These would be suffix titles. Barn Hunt is a sport fashioned after the work of "rat catchers" that farmers hired to preserve food grains. Barn Hunt is a pass-fail event open to all breeds and mixed breeds. It is a test of the dog's nose, speed, agility and surefootedness. The owner of a dog that earns a Barn Hunt title must apply on a form developed by the Performance Events Department, supply a copy of their Barn Hunt Association title certificate and pay a nominal processing fee. The title will be placed on the dog's record and will appear on the dog's AKC pedigree. The dog must be registered or listed with the AKC. This will be discussed further at the February 2013 meeting.

#### **Tracking – Judges Handling Dogs Owned By Others in Non-Tracking Events**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow tracking judges to handle dogs that they do not own or co-own in non-tracking events. Currently the Tracking Regulations forbid a tracking judge from handling a dog not owned or co-owned by themselves in any AKC event. Tracking judges will still not be allowed to handle dogs other than those owned or co-owned by themselves or a family member in tracking tests. This will be discussed further at the February 2013 meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

#### **Proposed German Shorthaired Pointer Breed Standard Revision**

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Head, Color, and Disqualifications sections of the German Shorthaired Pointer breed standard as submitted by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America. Following a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit to the Parent Club to ballot its membership on the proposed breed standard revisions, in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws.

#### **Proposed Scottish Terrier Breed Standard Revision**

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Size, Proportion, Substance and the Color sections of the Scottish Terrier breed standard as submitted by the Scottish Terrier Club of America. Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Powers, it was VOTED (unanimously) that the proposed revisions will be published in the AKC Secretary's Page for comment.

#### **New Breed for Miscellaneous - Norrbottenspets**

The Board reviewed a request to designate the American Norrbottenspets Association as the Parent Club of the breed. Staff recommends that the breed be approved to advance to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2014. This will be discussed further at the February 2013 meeting.

#### **New Breed for Miscellaneous – American Hairless Terrier**

The Board reviewed a request to designate the American Hairless Terrier Club of America as the Parent Club of the Breed. Staff recommends that the breed be approved to advance to the

Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2014. This will be discussed further at the February 2013 meeting.

## **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 ten months of 2012 aggregate Entries were up by 3.60% and Events were up by 1.66%, compared to the first ten 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.

## **CONFORMATION**

### **Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations**

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to change the eligibility dates for the Junior Showmanship Master Class to be consistent with the eligibility dates of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve this request, effective immediately. Staff was directed to publicize the exact dates as soon as possible each year.

### **Judging Eligibility for the Four-to-Six Month Beginner Puppy Competition**

The Board considered a Staff recommendation to modify the eligibility criteria for this non-regular competition. Since no dog entered in the Four-to-Six Month Competition is eligible to enter a regular class in the show, AKC Staff recommended that the judge of the Four-to-Six Month Competition be eligible to compete in the other competition at the show.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt and implement this change to the Regulation for the Four-to-Six Month Competition, effective immediately.

## **COMPLIANCE**

Margaret Poindexter and Jack Norton participated in this portion of the meeting.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

## **APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Newman gave the report of the Appeals Committee.

The Appeals Committee of the Board considered Ms. Margaret Hamilton's (Issaquah, Washington) appeal of a suspension that was imposed because she violated the AKC's Inappropriate Treatment Policy.

Ms. Hamilton pled guilty to two counts of cruelty. The Appeals Committee determined that Ms. Hamilton's conduct was prejudicial to the sport of purebred dogs and her suspension was properly imposed. The portions of Ms. Hamilton's appeal that pertain to not imposing a suspension for this violation and modifying the penalty were denied. The committee agreed that the portion of her request to have her suspension be effective November 7, 2011, be granted.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Peter Farnsworth, AKC's Chief Financial Officer, gave the financial report.

Total revenues of \$4.5 million in the month of November were \$100,000 below budget. Total monthly operating expenses of \$4.3 million were \$300,000 below budget. This resulted in an operating profit of \$200,000 for the month.

Our Year to date total revenues through November of \$51.9 million were \$1.8 million below budget. Total year to date operating expenses of \$49.7 million were \$2.7 million below budget. This resulted in an operating profit of \$2.2 million for the 11 months year to date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Permit Judges**

There was a discussion on the requirements for a judge on permit status for breeds to advance to regular status.

Dr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, to amend the requirements so that if a judge is not observed on permit breeds by an AKC Field Representative after three assignments, that judge must do three additional assignments. However, if still not receiving an observation in any of these three additional assignments, the judge, upon request, would be granted regular status in these breeds.

There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Powers to amend the above motion, to provide that a judge with permit status in breeds would, upon request, be advanced to regular breed status after three permit assignments, even if not receiving an observation by an AKC Field Representative.

There was a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Newman, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Garvin, Dr. Newman, Mr. Powers, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Ms. Scully, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Gladstone; opposed: Dr. Smith, Dr. Battaglia; Mr. Amen) to postpone consideration of the motion until the February meeting.

### **Canine Health Foundation**

There was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Smith, to make a one-time additional donation to the Canine Health Foundation of \$250,000 to be used for additional grants. This would not be a precedent and it would be contingent upon AKC's investment gains at the end of the year being at least five million dollars. It would also not affect the evaluation of Staff's performance in meeting budget goals.

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

### **The Use of an Asterisk**

There was discussion on the possible use of an asterisk to designate Provisional judges in premium lists and Delegate judges in the AKC Online Judges Directory.

### **The Owner-Handler Series**

There was discussion on the judging in this class. There was a suggestion that the name of the series be changed from Owner-Handler to Owner Handled. As an alternative it was recommended that an explanation of how this competition should be judged be included in the Judges Newsletter.

### **Show Rosettes and Ribbons**

The Board discussed the potential savings to clubs that could be realized if the date on rosettes and ribbons was made optional, which would require a rule change. The date could be stamped or added with a sticker on the day of the event. This would enable clubs to use rosettes and ribbons not awarded at one event to be used for the next. This would require a rule change, and additional input was sought from Staff regarding possible ramifications.

It was VOTED to adjourn Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 4:00 pm.  
Adjourned  
Attest:

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James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary