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QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB JUNE 9, 2014

Dennis B. Sprung, President
PRESENT 276

Affenpinscher Club of America—*Letisha Wubbel*
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Constance Butherus*
Airedale Terrier Club of America—*Aletta L. Moore*
Akita Club of America—*Sherry E. Wallis*
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—*Patricia A. Peel*
Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mary M. MacCollum*
American Belgian Malinois Club—*Carol J. Shields*
American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—*Ms. Janina K. Laurin*
American Bloodhound Club—*Mary L. Olszewski*
American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—*Patte Klecan*
American Brittany Club, Inc.—*Judith Tighe*
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—*Alan Kalter*
American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.—*Marilyn E. Currey*
American Fox Terrier Club—*Connie Clark*
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—*Harold Miller*
American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.—*Don Hanson*
American Manchester Terrier Club—*Roberta Berman*
American Pointer Club, Inc.—*Karen R. Spey*
American Pomeranian Club, Inc.—*Dr. Geno Sisneros*
American Rottweiler Club—*Mr. Peter G. Piusz*
American Sealyham Terrier Club—*Kenneth W. Mader*
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—*Marjorie Tuff*
Anderson Kennel Club—*Phillip D. Sample*
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia A. Sample*
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—*Gail A. LaBerge*

Austin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Bette D. Williams*
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—*Joyce Rowland*
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*William I. Christensen*
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Nina Schaefer*
Basenji Club of America, Inc.—*Katie Campbell*
Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Sanda J. Launey*
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wayne Boyd*
Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—*Gloria Marshall*
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—*Diane Pearson*
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Barbara Swisher*
Blennerhassett Kennel Club, Inc.—*John McCullagh*
Border Collie Society of America—*Ms. Carol Clark*
Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Ruth A. Naun*
Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—*Barbara O'Neill*
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly*
Bronx County Kennel Club—*Ms. Alexa Samarotto*
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—*Victoria Glickstein*
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Helma Weeks*
Bull Terrier Club of America—*Rebecca Poole*
Bulldog Club of America—*Robert L. Newcomb*
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.*
Cairn Terrier Club of America—*Pam Davis*
California Collie Clan, Inc.—*Robette G. Johns*
Canaan Dog Club of America—*Pamela S. Rosman*
Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—*Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki*
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—*Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge*
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Vivian A. Moran*
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Ashby*
Catoctin Kennel Club—*Whitney Coombs*
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—*Julian Prager*

Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*
Chattanooga Kennel Club—*David Gilstrap*
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—*Kenneth Saenz*
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—*Marge B. Calltharp*
Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts—*Dr. Stephen Lawrence*
Clearwater Kennel Club—*Daniel T. Stolz*
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Maureen R. Setter*
Collie Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom*
Colorado Kennel Club—*Mrs. Louise Leone*
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—*Norma J. Ryan*
Connecticut River Working Group Association—*Fred G. Ferris*
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—*Michael Houchard*
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—*Larry Sorenson*
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. Charles Garvin*
Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Karen Dorn*
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Barbara L. Mann*
Dayton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sandra Groeschel*
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—*Andrew G. Mills*
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—*Dr. A. D. Butherus*
Detroit Kennel Club—*Andrea Glassford*
Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—*Meg Weitz*
Doberman Pinscher Club of America—*Janet Van Wormer*
Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland—*Kathrynann Sarvinas*
Durham Kennel Club Inc—*Linda C. Wozniak*
Eastern Dog Club—*Mr. Theodore C. Hollander, Jr.*
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—*Jeffrey Drogin*
Elm City Kennel Club—*Dr. Gregory J. Paveza*
Elmira Kennel Club, Inc.—*Homer R. Hastings, III*
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—*Mr. John P. Nielsen*
English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan, Inc.—*Barbara J. Gates*



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- English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—*Susanne Burgess*
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*
Erie Kennel Club, Inc.—*Peggy Helming*
Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Terrie Breen*
Finnish Spitz Club of America—*Mrs. Cindy Stansell*
Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Almira B. Dallas*
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*
French Bulldog Club of America—*Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard*
Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Cindy Collins*
German Pinscher Club of America—*Deidre E. Gannon*
German Shepherd Dog Club of America—*Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia*
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—*Mr. Kenneth A. Marden*
German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia W. Laurans*
Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—*Kimberly Demchak*
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—*James R. Dok*
Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America—*Bruce H. Sussman*
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Bonnie Lapham*
Golden Retriever Club of America—*Ellen Hardin*
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Nance O. Skoglund*
Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Lettis*
Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—*Dale S. Tarbox*
Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—*Ms. Karen J. Burgess*
Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara Shaw*
Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club, Inc.—*Margaret DiCorleto*
Greater Naples Dog Club—*Steven D. Gladstone*
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—*Linda L. LaFrance*
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—*Marlene Steinberg*
Greenville Kennel Club—*Linda A. Knorr*
Greenwich Kennel Club—*Margaret K. Curtis*
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cindy Miller*
Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert D. Black*
Havanese Club of America—*Jane F. Ruthford*
Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—*Patricia M. Cruz*
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Fisk*
Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jane Wilkinson*
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Carol A. Williamson*
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dick Blair*
Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gwen McCullagh*
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara A. Penny*
Ibizan Hound Club of the United States—*Luane V. Williams*
Illinois Valley Kennel Club of Peoria, Inc.—*Dr. John F. Davidson*
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rita J. Biddle*
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—*Jack McDaniel*
Irish Wolfhound Club of America—*Eugenia Hunter*
Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—*Carole Plesur*
K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ, Inc.—*Dave Morgan*
Kanasaga Kennel Club—*Mrs. Beverly M. Nosiglia*
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John D. Sawicki*
Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—*Thomas Powers*
Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—*Margaret Doster*
Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—*Esther J. Cassatt*
Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton*
Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Inc.—*Charles H. Schaefer*
Kennel Club of Riverside—*Sylvia A. Thomas*
Kennesaw Kennel Club—*James F. Gibson*
Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jacquelyn J. Fogel*
Komondor Club of America, Inc.—*Michael Harman*
Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Virginia Van Doren*
Ladies' Dog Club, Inc.—*Kathi Brown*
Ladies' Kennel Association of America—*Ruth Winston*
Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Diana Skibinski*
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Crecia C. Closson*
Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carolyn M. Vack*
Land O'Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jan Croft*
Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club, Inc.—*Deborah Ashlock*
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert N. LaBerge*
Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dominic P. DiBalsi*
Leonberger Club of America—*Don James*
Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sue Goldberg*
Long Island Kennel Club—*Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.*
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—*David M. Powers*
Maryland Kennel Club—*Gary Sarvinas*
Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—*Rebecca Campbell*
Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jeannette Nieder*
Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ralph Hogancamp*
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Gretchen Bernardi*
Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—*Robert H. McKowen*
Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harold E. Perry*
Montgomery County Kennel Club—*Ms. Ida E. Weinstock*
Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—*Ruth Crumb*
Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mary Yoders*
National Beagle Club—*Eddie Dziuk*
National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson*
National Shiba Club of America—*Maggi Strouse*
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—*Viola Burgos*
Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—*David Helming*
Newnan Kennel Club—*Willie Crawford*
Newton Kennel Club—*Catherine H. Murch*
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane F. Taylor*
Nisqually Kennel Club—*R. H. Hachtel*
Norfolk Terrier Club—*Robert Lachman*
North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*

Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club—*Stephen Skolnik*
 Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—*Billie Ponton*
 Norwich Terrier Club of America—*Betty McDonnell*
 Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—*Ms. Marile A. Waterstraat*
 Oakland Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Lynette J. Saltzman*
 Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—*James M. Ashton*
 Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Felice Jarrold*
 Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Betty M. Winthers*
 Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—*Daniel R. Cunningham*
 Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—*Burton J. Yamada*
 Otterhound Club of America—*Joellen Gregory, D.V.M.*
 Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—*Link Newcomb*
 Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—*Gary Koepfel*
 Pasco Florida Kennel Club—*Helen Ingher*
 Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Anne Bowes*
 Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dennis J. Gallant*
 Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Larry Wilson*
 Plainfield Kennel Club—*Amy Kiell-Green*
 Pocono Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sandra Krieger*
 Poodle Club of America, Inc.—*Mary Ellen Fishler*
 Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*
 Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*
 Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Richard E. Grant*
 Queensboro Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Linda M. Lacchia*
 Ramapo Kennel Club—*Jeffrey D. Ball*
 Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—*Jan M. Ritchie*
 Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Janice S. Gardner*
 Rubber City Kennel Club—*Cathy Gaidos*
 Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Rita L. Mather*
 Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—*Mrs. Barbara Furbush*
 Sammamish Kennel Club—*Dr. Robert C. Gloster, M.D.*

Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John L. Ronald*
 San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Stanley S. Saltzman*
 Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeu*
 Saratoga New York Kennel Club—*Wanda H. Allen*
 Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Andrew I. Kalmanash*
 Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—*Darlene Kelley*
 Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—*Betty Jo Patrick*
 Scottish Terrier Club of America—*Helen A. Prince*
 Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sandra Frei*
 Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—*Susan L. Hamil*
 Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—*Ann M. Cook*
 Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—*William J. Feeney*
 Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—*Robert Bergman*
 South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*
 South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*
 South Windsor Kennel Club—*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*
 Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club—*Ricky Adams*
 Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club—*Marilyn R. Vinson*
 Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*John V. Ioia*
 Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Arnold*
 Spinone Club of America—*Karen Luckey*
 Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Thomas M. Davies*
 St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—*Kit A. Bostrom*
 St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Deborah J. Wilkins*
 St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—*Dr. Gerry Meisels*
 Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—*Jenny Merritt*
 Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—*Holly E. Sheltry*
 Staten Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marianne Megna*
 Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert Eisele*
 Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—*Marcy L. Zingler*

Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laura Trainor*
 Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Florence Duggan*
 Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marylyn DeGregorio*
 Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning-Stolz*
 Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—*Judy Hart*
 Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey La Forge*
 Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert E. Bostrom*
 Town and Country Kennel Club, Inc.—*Toni Doake*
 Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—*John Shoemaker*
 Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Christopher L. Sweetwood*
 Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joseph Martyn*
 Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*
 Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*
 Tucson Kennel Club—*Dian Albright*
 Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—*Patricia C. Sarles*
 United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III*
 United States Lakeland Terrier Club—*Alfred J. Ferruggiario*
 Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club—*Josephine De Menna*
 Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Tabor*
 Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Carol Fisher*
 Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—*Mr. William F. Dumas*
 Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Lynn Worth-Smith*
 Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—*Virginia Rowland*
 Wallkill Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rose M. Robischon*
 Wampanoag Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Naida L. Parker*
 Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*James W. Smith*
 Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Richard Rohrbacher*
 Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Ereign Seacord*
 West Highland White Terrier Club of America—*Thomas H. Barrie*
 Westchester Kennel Club—*Ronald W. Readmond*



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Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ann Yuhasz
Westminster Kennel Club—*Harvey M. Wooding*
Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—
Colleen McDaniel
Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Frederick R. Vogel
Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers
Association—*Mrs. Karen Mays*
Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—*Rosann Sexton*
Worcester County Kennel Club—*Debra A. Hokkanen*

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DELEGATES MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014**

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the dais: Chairman, Alan Kalter; Vice Chairman, Dr. J. Charles Garvin; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley, Executive Secretary; and Susan Styron, the court reporter.

The Chair informed the Delegates of the passing of two Delegates. Mario Palumbo died on April 28th. He was the Delegate of the New England Beagle Club since September 1985. John Studebaker, Delegate for the Battle Creek Kennel Club since December 13, 1993, died on June 4th.

The Executive Secretary read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting:
Cindy Collins, to represent Genesee County Kennel Club
Delene E. Henry-Vota, to represent Rhode Island Kennel Club
Darleen Knapp, to represent Northern Kentucky Kennel Club
Becky A. Luft, to represent Santa Clara Dog Training Club
Dr. Sharon Manning, to represent Harrier Club of America
Ronald H. Menaker, to represent Memphis Kennel Club
Anne L. Testoni, PhD, to represent Concord Dog Training Club
Joan Urban, to represent Corpus Christi Kennel Club
Mary C. Yoders, to represent

Mountaineer Kennel Club
The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor: Deborah Ashlock, to represent Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club
Cindy Collins, to represent Genesee County Kennel Club
Andrea Glassford, to represent Detroit Kennel Club
Dale Suzanne Tarbox, to represent Great Dane Club of America
Joan Urban, to represent, Corpus Christi Kennel Club
Mary C. Yoders, to represent, Mountaineer Kennel Club

The minutes of the March 2014 Delegates meeting were published in the April 2014 online AKC GAZETTE. The complete transcript was posted on the Delegate Portal on AKC's Website. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved as published.

The Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club was duly elected a member of the American Kennel Club.

The Chair called on Alan Kalter for the Chairman's report. Mr. Kalter spoke as follows:
If you're anything like my wife and I, it all started the day you brought that one dog into your life. For us, it was Caesar – our first Bullmastiff. Since there was no Internet back then, we found him through the classifieds in our local paper. He was a great dog, just not a great Bullmastiff. But that didn't matter to us. We loved him – and lost him much too early. But in that short time, he made us fall in love with the Bullmastiff breed. We researched the breed and breeders, learned about conformation events, attended dog shows, and began to collect that array of breed paraphernalia that somehow invades every corner of your home. I imagine many of you are wearing your breed on you somewhere right now – pins or jewelry or clothing or even, I would wager, some have a tattoo. In short, we, like you, became fans of a breed and fans of our sports.

I like being called a fan, don't you? I like what it stands for, even though some people believe the idea of "fans" came

from "fanatics" – a usually pejorative word. Actually, The Dickson Baseball Dictionary cites William Henry Nugent's work asserting that "fan" was derived from "the fancy," a term from England referring to the enthusiasts of a specific hobby or sport – like dog shows. The word came into common usage in America in 1889, just five years after the launch of the American Kennel Club. Coincidence? I think not.
It is an accepted fact in sports that your fans can have a demonstrable impact on performance. In football, which allows 11 players on the field, the assemblage of fans in the stadium is collectively referred to as the "12th man." A researcher from Harvard University discovered that the home team achieved a tenth of a point advantage for every 10,000 fans in the stadium.

Imagine the advantage we could have for purebred dogs, for breeders, and for our sport with a much larger active fan base. We have already begun to do just that with Facebook.
There are lots of numbers associated with Facebook, but the most important are those that identify your true fan base. There is a simple equation that does that: the number of "people talking about this" divided by the total number of "likes" which is called "engagement." According to experts, an acceptable engagement rate, or true fans, is in the range of one to two percent.
Two baseball teams with very strong fan bases are the New York Yankees and the New York Mets. The Yankees have an engagement rate of 4% and the Mets have 6%. Both are doing better than acceptable in growing their fan base. Apple, one of the world's strongest and best-liked brands, is at 1.4%
HSUS is at 1.6% and ASPCA is at 4%.

The AKC's engagement rate – the measurement of true fans – is an astounding 30%! The actual number of true fans is 535,000 – higher than any of those I just mentioned by a multiple. In fact, we have 16 times more true fans than HSUS.
You cannot manufacture a fan base. You cannot buy a fan base. You create it by telling stories about the many things that happen in our world, throughout the day, throughout the years. Sometimes it is



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about winning, but mostly it is about unique, emotional experiences that can only happen when dogs and people come together. Those stories are best when told by fans – people like you. As Napoleon said, “Ten people who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent.”

At the Delegates Forum today, Chris Walker presented an informative guide to utilizing social media to help your clubs. It will be posted on AKC.org. I'll reiterate the conclusion of the presentation: We need you to talk – promote yourselves, promote your dogs and promote the sport of purebred dogs. And educate people about responsible dog ownership. Be proud of the love and service you have given the sport over the years and nurture new people into the sport.

In short, spread the truth.

There are people and organizations that don't want the truth about the AKC to be known. Hate may attack it and ignorance may ridicule it, but in the end, the truth is irrefutable. While yawns, laughter, and germs are infectious, the most powerful infectious thing is spreading the truth.

As true fans, we will stay strong, stand up for dogs, and speak out for our values. And we won't stop until every critic becomes a fan.

(Applause)

Mr. Kalter: Now I would like Michael Canalizo to join me up here.

How are you, Michael? For those of you who attended the caucus yesterday I just wanted everyone to see what Michael looks like today, and opposed to when he was 16. You have a few more years on you now. And I have something else to talk about.

WHEREAS, Michael has been a respected member of the Sport for over half a century, showing his first dog in nineteen hundred and sixty-one; and,

WHEREAS, he was a successful breeder, handler, judge, club officer and show chairman, before joining the AKC field staff in two thousand and five, and becoming the Director AKC Events Management in two thousand and seven, overseeing the success and growth of the AKC/Eukanuba National

Championship, and AKC Meet the Breeds; and,

WHEREAS, on Thursday, May twenty-ninth, two thousand and fourteen, this mild-mannered AKC employee showed what he was really made of; and

WHEREAS, on that morning, Michael joined tens of thousands of other Long Island Rail Road commuters, making their way into Manhattan, in this case at the crowded Syosset, New York station; and,

WHEREAS, while waiting for the approaching train, he noticed a fellow commuter falling off the platform onto the tracks, and while hundreds of others stood by, not knowing what to do or not wanting to put themselves in danger, Michael and only two others acted; and,

WHEREAS, one other commuter ran to the end of the platform to flag down the oncoming commuter train, Michael and one other person jumped on the tracks several feet below the platform, just a few feet from the electrified third rail; and,

WHEREAS, they somehow lifted the incoherent victim, who they later learned was deaf, onto the platform before pulling themselves up as the slowed train pulled into the station; and,

WHEREAS, hundreds of others froze in a crisis, Michael's only instinct was to act, heedless of the danger to himself; and,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Board and staff of the American Kennel Club, who have always appreciated his knowledge, work-ethic, and cool demeanor in a crises, unanimously agree that in any situation there is no one they would rather have their back.

Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung gave the President's report as follows:

I would like to spend a few moments to honor one of our own. Less than a month ago, on May 12th, a gallant fight was lost. Our dear friend Dr. William "Bill" Randolph Newman passed away at home in Bedford, Pennsylvania. Dr. Bill was born in Rosedale, New York,

on June 16, 1931. His professional accomplishments prove a long history of dedication to his community in Bedford. He was director of radiology at both Sacred Heart and Bedford Memorial Hospitals, having risen to Chief of Staff at Sacred Heart. A true public servant, our friend Bill was elected President of two county medical societies and was ultimately elected twice as the Mayor of the Borough of Bedford. Those of us who knew him well realize he was always the “Mayor” ... but this confirmed it at the ballot box.

Bill was a great supporter of the arts and knew the public deserved greater access to them. Late last year he initiated and arranged the largest ever off-site exhibition of the AKC's art collection at the Pennsylvania's Governor's residence in Harrisburg.

The good doctor's efforts on behalf of dogs had no boundaries. In commitment to our business, he was a board member for eight years, Vice Chairman and also Chaired the Appeals Committee.

In his busy world there was always time to volunteer including serving on the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation Board, Chairing the Delegate Canine Health Committee and Chairing AKC's PAC.

His successes in the sport are almost too numerous to mention, not least of which include exhibiting the top-winning English Foxhound and Alaskan Malamute. But none gave him that special twinkle in his eye more than his love affair with Mastiffs, having bred a three-time National Specialty Winner. He was oft-quoted as saying "I am a Mastiff person." The profound admiration for Mastiffs inspired him to do everything at the club level, from volunteering as the newsletter editor, show chair, Vice President and President, and acting as an affable ambassador for the breed. After 16 years as the Delegate for the club, he ended his career as the Delegate of Golden Gate Kennel Club. He had a great sense of humor and as a judge he shared a memorable prayer: "Hail Mary, full of grace, send me a dog I can place."

The staff admired him for being a colleague, mentor and a loyal friend. In December, with Dr. Newman present, Alan Kalter eloquently praised him in so many ways. Now is our time to

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remember him, one of our own. Echoing the words of Alan that day, I know you will all join me in saying, "We thank you, Dr. Bill." And we will miss you, too." Thank you.

The Chair called on Peter Farnsworth, who gave the financial report. A summary follows:

AKC's Revenues for the four months ended April 2014 were approximately \$19.7 million, while Operating Expenses during this same time period were \$17.3 million, resulting in Operating Income of \$2.4 million for four months. In line with the markets, our investments returns were overall unremarkable, but generated a gain of \$400 thousand for the first four months of this year. Both the Operating Results and the Balance Sheet remain healthy.

The CFO introduced Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Sports and Events who spoke as follows:

This is the 20th Anniversary of AKC Agility. To commemorate two decades in this sport it's my pleasure to give you a short presentation regarding its history, some of its milestones, and some of the lessons learned. In the early years, agility started as an entertainment event at Crufts. It was so positively received that in 1980 the Kennel Club in England adopted agility as a sport. The first event in the United States was held in 1986 by the United States Dog Agility Association. AKC's involvement with agility started in 1993. Agility was in the Performance Events Department. As a sidelight, the person who was in charge of that department organized the Agility Advisory Committee without seeking the approval of the Board of Directors. He took some money from other areas in his budget and formed the advisory committee. This was the start of AKC Agility. AKC's first event was held in 1994. I assume he sought approval from the Board before we had our first event. It was held in Houston, Texas, in August. There was one class with three levels of difficulty. The sport continued to evolve. In 1996 AKC held its first agility nationals, which were in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also in 1996, AKC sent its first agility team to the FCI World Championship. Here's a picture of that team in their red, white and blue

proudly representing the United States and AKC at that event.

Over the 20 years, three additional classes have been added: The preferred class has been added, which allows a little lower jump height and a little longer time period to complete the course in order to accommodate all different breeds and different handlers. In 1999 the title that's probably most associated with agility was added, and that was the MACH. And, quite cleverly, it was named MACH. You have to earn 750 speed points as one of the criteria to earn your MACH. The speed of sound is 767 miles an hour. This was also the first title where AKC put a number behind it. This provides an incentive to stay engaged with the sport and have your accomplishments recognized. This graph shows the growth of agility over the last 20 years. There are nine agility organizations in the United States. From a business point of view that means we have competition, and we have to stay on our game.

Thus far we have done that. We have grown every year, and it's the second AKC sport to exceed 1 million entries a year. What are the factors that have led to this success? What have we learned? Agility is successful because it's fun for dogs and owners. Owners and their dogs can achieve success as they progress and develop in the sport. It has graduated levels. Its titling system recognizes ongoing accomplishments. It's a sport that's open to all breeds, including Canine Partners. It's a very healthy activity since you have to run around the course. Not a tremendous exertion, but it is healthy. It's a very friendly sport. The staff has kept the sport fresh by introducing new classes every five or six years. To sum it up, I think you can say "if you make it fun, they will come" These are some pictures of our 2014 National Championship which is held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It was the largest agility event that's ever been held in North America. We had 1,650 dogs competing over four days to determine the champions. The picture on the top are the winners from the preferred class, the bottom are the regular classes. And I should point out the lady on the left-hand side of the picture is our director of agility, Carrie DeYoung, who does a great job of staying in front of this rapidly growing sport. To show you some

of the action I'd like to show a video clip from that event. This was posted on the AKC YouTube channel.

(Video shown)

(Applause)

Mr. Ljungren: I think you can see why it's such a popular sport and a great spectator sport. It obviously takes a team to launch a new sport, but there is one individual that stands above the others as being the most responsible for AKC's involvement with agility. This is the same individual that back in 1993 organized the first Advisory Committee without gaining the Board's approval. That person is still with us as a Delegate. This is a picture of Bob McKowen receiving a commemorative certificate at the first event. The dapper looking gentleman to his right is Ken Marden. I would like to ask Bob to please come forward to receive from Chairman Kalter and President Sprung an AKC resolution honoring him for his involvement with this wonderful sport. Bob, would you please come forward?

(Applause)

Mr. Ljungren: While Bob is coming forward I would like to read to you in part the resolution that Bob will receive. "The Board and the staff of the American Kennel Club wish to commemorate the 20th anniversary of agility and honor Robert H. McKowen. Bob joined the staff as the AKC Vice President of Performance Events in February 1988. He retired in April 1997. During that time he was totally devoted to expanding the opportunities for dog owners to participate in AKC events. His legacy includes the launch of AKC lure coursing, herding and earth dog events. All significant performance events for breeds. However, the contribution which has the greatest impact on AKC and the sport of dogs was the addition of agility. It is only fitting that he be officially recognized at the same time we celebrate the 20th anniversary of his sport."

(Standing Ovation)

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, New Section, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers. The Qualified All-Age 2, or QA2, is a new title that can be earned in Retriever Field Trials. The



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QA2 title is meant to acknowledge an intermediate level of achievement in order to encourage participants to remain in the sport and their club. The amendment was adopted.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5, of The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. The Bylaw Committee withdrew the second portion of the amendment which deals with cruelty convictions, which is already covered under AKC policy.

There was a motion to divide the question on ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. This motion failed.

The proposed amendment did not receive an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Delegates, and was therefore not adopted.

The Executive Secretary read the vacancies on Delegate committees that are to be filled at the September Delegate meeting:

All-Breed Clubs Committee: Three, three-year terms.

Bylaws Committee: Four, three-year terms.

Canine Health Committee: Four, three-year terms

Companion Events Committee: Three, three-year terms.

Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee: Three, three year terms and one, two-year term.

Dog Show Rules Committee: Three, three-year terms.

Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee: Four, three-year terms.

Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Events Committee: Four, three-year terms.

Parent Clubs Committee: Three, three-year terms.

Perspectives Editorial Staff: Six, two-year terms, and three, one-year terms.

The Chair called on Alan Slay, Director of Events Programs, to provide an update on the progress made on the processing of applications and judges panels. Mr. Slay spoke as follows:

Thank you, Dennis. At the last Delegate meeting I told you that we were going to improve our customer service and I would come back here and let you know how we're doing. I'm happy to report

we're doing very well in the processing of applications and panels as well as results. We have been concentrating on the timely initial processing of application panels and then letting our customers know the status of that processing. We have streamlined some processes, we have modified our workflow, some of our newer staff members have taken on additional responsibility, and we've worked some extra hours. The manager of that area, Tabitha Sheppard, has done a great job overseeing these improvements.

Currently we're averaging eight days for the initial processing of applications and panels. That is the lowest that average has been since 2011, and it's about a third of where we were at when I was here in March. We have other improvements and modifications that we've identified that we'll be implementing in the next weeks and months. Additionally, we have a member of our Audit and Control Department who has experience in business process analysis and we've engaged her to help our department. She's currently interviewing our team members and reviewing our processes. She is going to make suggestions of how we can further improve. I'm also happy to report that while we've been focusing on the applications and panels we're also doing very well in the processing of results. We're averaging about eight days or less to process results, and we'll continue to do that. I appreciate all the feedback that both you and our other customers have given me since I've been here last. We appreciate the time you volunteer, and we do understand you are volunteers, for the clubs. I thank you for the time that you have given me to talk to you and we'll continue to do a better job with our customer service. If you have anything you'd like to discuss with me personally I'll be here after the meeting and I welcome the opportunity to speak with you. Thank you. (Applause)

The Chair informed the Delegates that the September 2014 Delegates meeting will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Newark Airport Hotel on Monday September 8th, and that the December meeting will be in Orlando at the Rosen Centre Hotel on Friday, December 12th.

The following discussion took place during New Business:

Ms. Bernardi thanked the Bylaws Subcommittee and the Committee as well as all the Delegates who thought hard about the proposed amendment. She indicated that the Committee's intent is to get more Delegate input so that it can re-work the amendment with the intention of bringing it back again.

Carl Ashby, Delegate of the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, spoke as follows: I am speaking today on behalf of the AKC PAC. I want to give you a really brief report. We have about \$11,500 in the President's Challenge. We knew we were running behind and so we did a little bit of investigation, and realized we had a breakdown with the emails notifying you and the follow-up emails. Consequently we are going to extend the drive. As I asked those of you who were in the Legislative Caucus this morning, I am now asking all of you for a renewed push on your part by encouraging your club members to make donations. Gail did a very good job this morning at the caucus explaining exactly how effective the PAC can be influencing legislation in matters that are important to all of us as dog owners and citizens in our community. And so please watch your emails. We think we have those problems corrected, and we're asking for a little bit of an extra push. It is

Carol Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club and Editor of Perspectives newsletter, asked the Delegate to get their articles for Perspectives to her or Gino Sisneros by June 15th.

Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, expressed dissatisfaction with the Newark site for Delegate meetings. She requested that other locations be considered for future meetings.

Sanda Launey, Delegate for the Basset Hound Club of America, advocated the use of ramps for Junior Showmanship.

Kenneth Mader, Delegate for the American Sealyham Terrier Club, suggested there be a donation portal on the American Kennel Club website.

Naida Parker, Delegate for the Wampanoag Kennel Club, spoke about the future of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in view of Proctor & Gamble selling the Eukanuba and Iams lines to Mars, Pedigree and Royal Canine.

Glenda Stevenson, Delegate for Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, spoke about the Reserve Junior Award. She indicated that the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee disagreed with the AKC staff, and preferred to do a Reserved Junior much like Winners Dog and Bitch and Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch.

Jeffrey Drogin, Delegate for the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, spoke about a proposal in front of the New York City Council that all dogs to be sold within the City of New York, from in New York or outside of New York, would have to be neutered before they could be brought into New York City. He believed that the AKC must up their efforts with lobbyists in places like New York City.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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