SYNOPSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 DELEGATES FORUM

The Delegates Forum is an informal meeting of Delegates that provides an opportunity for open discussion and the expression of ideas. No official business is transacted, a quorum is not required and no attendance record is kept.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief program

The Delegate Forum featured a presentation about the AKC Pet Disaster Relief program, which is celebrating its one-year anniversary.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief donates trailers fully stocked with pet care and sheltering supplies to eligible Emergency Management teams across the country. The trailer is stocked with crates, microchips, a microchip scanner, cleaning supplies, administrative supplies, and much more. The trailer also has lighting and is wired for electricity, to run of the generator provided with the trailer or a 110v power supply. Its contents are influenced by North Carolina’s State Animal Response Team expertise handling hurricanes, floods, fires, hazmat situations and tornadoes. The life-saving equipment helps create a safe, temporary home-base for at least 65 pets immediately after a disaster is declared, allowing people to safely evacuate with their pets to emergency shelters. No longer will pets need to be left behind, or will people need to put themselves in harm’s way by “riding out” a storm to take care of their pets. Or, when disaster strikes with little or no warning, the supplies can be used to safely shelter displaced pets until they are reunited with their owners. Trailers are donated to a county Emergency Management team by generous donations from AKC Clubs, animal lovers and AKC Reunite.

Pat Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America and co-chair of the AKC Pet Disaster Relief program, congratulated AKC clubs on their support of the program, and introduced Tom Sharp, CEO of AKC Reunite and the other co-chair of the program. Mr. Sharp updated the Delegates regarding the ten trailers delivered in the first year, the ten coming soon and the twelve more trailers in the pipeline. Mr. Sharp announced that the program had raised over $716,000 in its first year, including the $250,000 commitment from the AKC Reunite Board of Directors.

Mr. Sharp introduced guest speaker Sharron Stewart, Director of Emergency Programs, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Ms. Stewart discussed how pet emergency response operates at the state level and the need for the trailers being donated through the program.

Mr. Sharp then introduced guest speakers Richard Brooks, III, Director of Emergency Services from Cecil County, Maryland, and Mark Sweitzer, Cecil County Emergency Services. Cecil County is the recipient of an AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer, and Mr. Brooks and Mr. Sweitzer discussed the value of this equipment, training, and their new-found relationship with AKC and local AKC clubs.

The program ended with a true/false quiz of frequently asked questions and recognition of clubs who have donated to support the program to date.

DELEGATE COMMITTEES AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

COORDINATING COMMITTEE:
Gretchen Bernardi – Mississippi Valley Kennel Club
Ruth W. Crumb, Secretary (Pro Tem) – Mount Vernon Dog Training Club
Susan LaCroix Hamil – Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County
David H. Hopkins, Chair (Pro-Tem) – English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois
Robert Neff LaBerge – Lawrenceville Kennel Club
Patricia W. Laurans – German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America
Cynthia (Cindy) A. Miller – Harrisburg Kennel Club
Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., – Burlington County Kennel Club
Ann Wallin – Atlanta Kennel Club

ALL-BREED:
Margaret DiCorleto – Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club
Margaret Doster – Kennel Club of Buffalo
Lawrence J. Libeu – Santa Maria Kennel Club

Cathleen (Cathy) Rubens – Fayetteville Kennel Club
Robert D. Black, Secretary – Hatboro Dog Club
Sandra Frei – Seattle Kennel Club
John L. Ronald – Samoyed Club of America
Ann Wallin, Chair – Atlanta Kennel Club
Margarette (Peggy) L. Wampold – South Windsor Kennel Club

BYLAWS:
Sylvia Arrowood – Charleston Kennel Club
Dr. Gregory J. Paveza – Elm City Kennel Club
Diane E. Taylor – Newton Kennel Club

CANINE HEALTH:
Susan LaCroix Hamil, Chair – Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County
Joan Savage – Portland Kennel Club
Sherry E. Wallys, Secretary – Akita Club of America

Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki – Canada Del Oro Kennel Club
Dr. Harvey Morhenweiser – Standard Schnauzer Club of America
Holly E. Sheltry – Staffordshire Terrier Club of America
Marcy Zingler – Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno
Three-Year Term
William Christensen, MD, MPH – Australian Terrier Club of America
Eddie Dziuk – National Beagle Club
Dr. Joellen Gregory – Otterhound Club of America
Margaret B. Pough – Finger Lakes Kennel Club

Two-Year Term
Dan T. Stolz – Clearwater Kennel Club
County Kennel Club
Cub of America
Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., Chair, Burlington

One-Year Term
Sheepdog Association
Marjorie A. Tuff – American Shetland Fanciers Association
Carolynne N. Sarvinas – Dog Owners’ Training Club of Maryland

Three-Year Term
Dr. Joyce Dandridge – Capital Dog Training Club of Washington D.C.
Barbara L. Mann – Dayton Dog Training Club
Patricia A. Sample – Anderson Obedience Training Club
Maureen R. Setter – Cleveland All-Breed Training Club

Three-Year Term
Ruth W. Crumb, Chair – Mount Vernon Dog Training Club
Larry Wilson – Philadelphia Dog Training Club
Betty Winthers – Olympic Kennel Club

DELEGATE ADVOCACY AND ADVANCEMENT:

One-Year Term
Dick Blair – Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club
Whitney Coombs – Catoctin Kennel Club
Mary Lou Olszewski – American Bloodhound Club
Carole Plesur – Italian Greyhound Club of America

Two-Year Term
Harold E. Perry – Monmouth County Kennel Club
Jane F. Ruthford, Secretary, – Havanese Club of America
Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., Chair, Burlington County Kennel Club
Dan T. Stolz – Clearwater Kennel Club

Three-Year Term
Marge Calharp – Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America
Dr. Gerry Meisels – St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association
Marjorie A. Tuff – American Shetland Sheepdog Association

DOG SHOW RULES:

One-Year Term
Mary Manning-Stolz (Appointed) – Tampa Bay Kennel Club
Cynthia (Cindy) A. Miller, Chair – Harrisburg Kennel Club
Robert A. Schroll – Clarksville Kennel Club
John Shoemaker – Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California

Two-Year Term
Linda C. Flynn, Secretary – South Shore Kennel Club
Sue Goldberg – Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club
Nancy J. Perrell – Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association
Cindy Stansell – Finnish Spitz Club of America

Three-Year Term
Dr. Duane A. Butherus – Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club
Harold Miller – American Foxhound Club
David Michael Powers – Los Encinos Kennel Club

FIELD TRIAL AND HUNTING TEST EVENTS:

One-Year Term
Florence Duggan – Sussex Hills Kennel Club
Colleen McDaniel – Whidbey Island Kennel Club
Christopher L. Sweetwood – Trapp Falls Kennel Club

Two-Year Term
David H. Hopkins, Chair – English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois
Fred T. Kampo – Labrador Retriever Club
Karolyne McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America
Lynn Worth-Smith, Secretary – Vizsla Club of America

Three-Year Term
James S. Corbett – Tualatin Kennel Club
Kenneth A. Marden – German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
Robert H. McKowen – Mississippi Valley Retriever Club
Judith H. Tighe – American Brittany Club

HERDING, EARTHDOG, AND COURSING EVENTS:

One-Year Term
Dominic Carota – Pharaoh Hound Club of America

COMpanion EVENTS:

One-Year Term
James M. Ashton – Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island
John J. Cadalso, Jr. – Troy Kennel Club
Gail LaBerge, Secretary – Atlanta Obedience Club
Kathrynn N. Sarvinas – Dog Owners’ Training Club of Maryland

Two-Year Term
Dr. Duane A. Butherus – Capital Dog Training Club of Washington D.C.
Barbara L. Mann – Dayton Dog Training Club
Patricia A. Sample – Anderson Obedience Training Club
Maureen R. Setter – Cleveland All-Breed Training Club

Three-Year Term
Ruth W. Crumb, Chair – Mount Vernon Dog Training Club
Larry Wilson – Philadelphia Dog Training Club
Betty Winthers – Olympic Kennel Club

PARENT CLUBS:

One-Year Term
Patricia W. Laurans, Chair – German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America
Karen Mays, Secretary – Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association
Betty Jo Patrick, Schipperke Club of America
Peter G. Piusz – American Rottweiler Club

Two-Year Term
Anne H. Bowes – Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America
Constance Butherus – Afghan Hound Club of America
John P. Nielsen – English Setter Association of America
Larry Sorenson – Dachshund Club of America

Three-Year Term
William H. Blair – Progressive Dog Club
Karen Burgess – Greater Clark County Kennel Club
Karen R. Spey – American Pointer Club

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One-Year Term
Sylvia Arrowood – Charleston Kennel Club
Crecia Closson – Lakes Region Kennel Club
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Daniel J. Smyth, Esq. – Burlington County Kennel Club
Sherry E. Wallis – Akita Club of America
Two-Year Term
Dr. Gerry Meisels - St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association
Dr. Geno Sirneros - American Pomeranian Club
Monica Henderson Stoner - Saluki Club of America
Sylvia Thomas, Secretary - Kennel Club of Riverside
Lynn Worth-Smith - Vizsla Club of America

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Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—William I. Christensen
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Basenji Club of America, Inc.—Katie Campbell
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—Wayne Boyd
Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.—Kathy Coxwell
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Blennerhassett Kennel Club, Inc.—John McCullagh
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Briard Club of America, Inc.—Michael Gibson
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Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—Victoria Glickstein
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Bulldog Club of America—Robert L. Newcomb
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Cairn Terrier Club of America—Pam Davis
California Airedale Terrier Club—April Clyde
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
Catsville Kennel Club—Beverly A. Drake
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—Julian Prager
Central Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.—Sally Allen
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane D. Abry
Central Ohio Kennel Club—Jon M. Green
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—Pam Goldman
Charleston Kennel Club—Sylvia Arrowswood
Chattanooga Kennel Club—Mr. David Gilstrop
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—Kenneth Saenz
Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts—Dr. Stephen Lawrence
Clearwater Kennel Club—Daniel T. Stolz
Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—Majorie Underwood
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—Mrs. Maureen R. Setter
Clumber Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Bryant Freeman
Colorado Kennel Club—Mrs. Louise Leone
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—Sidney L. Marx
Columbia Missouri Kennel Club—Robert E. Ekle
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—Norma J. Ryan
Connecticut River Working Group Association—Fred G. Ferris
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—Michael Howland
Cudahy Kennel Club—Mr. Don H. Adams
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Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Charles Garvin
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Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—Barbara L. Mann
Dayton Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Goeschel
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—Merlyn A. Green, D.C.
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—Andrew G. Mills
Delaware County Kennel Club, Inc.—Brenda A. Algar
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—Dr. A. D. Bathens
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—Mrs. Patti L. Strand
Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland—Kathyann 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. Pavela
Elmira Kennel Club, Inc.—Honore R. Hastings, III
English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Sharon K. Collins
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—Mr. John P. Nielsen
English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan, Inc.—Barbara J. Gates
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—Susanne Burgess
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—David H. Hopkins
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Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—Cathleen Rubens
Field Spaniel Society of America—Katherine Sullivan
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Margaret B. Pough
Finnish Spitz Club of America—Mrs. Cindy Stansell
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—Charles Arnold
Fort Worth Kennel Club—Harold Tatuto III
Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc.—Barbara S. Dalane
Genesee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia Denninger
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. Lauans
Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—Kimberly Denchk
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—James R. Duk
Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America—Bruce H. Sussman
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Bonnie Lapham
Gloucester County Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Carole L. Richards
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 T. Tarbox
Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Robert M. Brown
Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—Ms. Karen J. Burgess
Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—Barbara Shaw
Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—Patricia B. Staub
Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia M. O’Connell
Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club, Inc.—Margaret DiCicco
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—Linda L. LaFrance
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—Marlene Steinberg
Green Mountain Dog Club, Inc.—Kathie S. Moulton
Greenville Kennel Club—Linda A. Knox
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Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—Cindy Miller
Hatchoro Dog Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert D. Black
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Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy Fisk
Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—Jane Wilkinson
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dick Blair
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—Barbara A. Penny
Ibizan Hound Club of the United States—Liane V. Williams
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Rita J. Bidder
Irish Setter Club of America—Kavolynne McAteer
Irish Terrier Club of America—Douglas L. Rapport
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—Jack McDaniell
Irish Wolfhound Club of America—Eugenia Hunter
James River Kennel Club, Inc.—Mallory C. Driskell
Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc.—Joanne E. Kennelly
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John D. Savicki
Kenneck Club of Beverly Hills—Thomas Powers
Kenneck Club of Buffalo, Inc.—Margaret Doster
Kenneck Club of Niagara Falls—Esther J. Cassatt
Kenneck Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton
Kenneck Club of Riverside—Sylvia A. Thomas
Kennesaw Kennel Club—James F. Gibson
Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaquelyn J. Fogel
Komondor Club of America, Inc.—Michael Harman
Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.—Fred T. Kampo
Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia Van Doren
Ladies’ Dog Club, Inc.—Kathi Brown
Ladies’ Kennel Association of America—Ruth Winston
Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—Mary McDaniell, D.V.M.
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Crecia C. Closson
Land O’Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Jan Croft
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert N. LaBenge
Leonberger Club of America—Don James
Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—Sue Golabek
Lexington Kennel Club Inc.—Scott E. Holmes
Long Island Kennel Club—Mr. William B. Tahler, Jr.
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—David M. Powers
Manee Kennel Club—Pat Edgington
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—Lynn Garvin
Maryland Kennel Club—Gary Sarris
Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—Rebecca Campbell
McKinley Kennel Club—Herman H. Tietjen
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Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club—John Russell
Middlesex County Kennel Club—Nicky Patterson
Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—Giselle Simonds
Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.—Virian A. Hogan
Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—Ralph Hogancamp
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—Grethen Bernardi
Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—Robert H. McKowen
Mohawk Valley Kennel Club—Sandra Haber
Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—Harold E. Perry
Montgomery County Kennel Club—Ms. Ida E. Weinstock
Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—Ruth Grumb
Muncie Kennel Club, Inc.—Susan Thrasher
Nashville Kennel Club—James Efron
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
Nebraska Dog and Hunt Club—Gary Kavan
Newnan Kennel Club—Willie Crawford
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane F. Taylor
Niskally Kennel Club—R. H. Hachtel
Norfolk Terrier Club—Robert Lachman
North Country Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Douglas R. Lehr
North Shore Kennel Club—Richard F. Coletti
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—Billie Ponton
Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—Lori Webster
Norwich Terrier Club of America—Betty McDonnell
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—Ms. Marie A. Waterstraat
Oakland County Kennel Club, Inc.—Michael Sasse
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—James M. Ashton
Okaloosa Kennel Club—Karen M. Williams
Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Christiana Gaburri
Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, Inc.—Felce Jarrod
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—Betty M. Winthers
Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—Burton J. Yamada
Otterhound Club of America—Joelieu Gregory, D.V.M.
Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—Link Newcomb
Pacific Coast Pekingese Club—Steven Hamblin
Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—Gary Keppel
Pasco Florida Kennel Club—Helen Ingher
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Anne Boves
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America—Anne Gallant, Ph. D.
Pharaoh Hound Club of America—Dominic P. Carota
Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—Larry Wilson
Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Margaret Voehr
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—William E. Ellis
Pocono Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Krieger
Poodle Club of America, Inc.—Mary Ellen Fishker
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Robert A. Amen
Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Savage
Progressive Dog Club—William H. Blair
Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—Richard E. Grant
Puli Club of America, Inc.—Maggie Witwer
Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—Florence R. Laicher
Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—Frances Stephens
Ramapo Kennel Club—Jeffrey D. Ball
Rapid City Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Sally J. Nist
Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—Jan M. Ritchie
Rio Grande Kennel Club—Nancy O’Neal
Riverhead Kennel Club, Inc.—Bonnie Lane
Rubber City Kennel Club—Cathy Gaidos
Sagehen’s Retriever Club—Katharine B. Simonds
Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club—Bob Busby
Saluki Club of America—Monica H. Stoner
Sammanish Kennel Club—Dr. Robert C. Glover, M.D.
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John L. Ronald
San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club—Anthony Vasquez
Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—Abbe R. Shaw
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—Audrey Sutton
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—Lawrence J. Libeu
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
Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Sharryn Y. Hutchens
Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—Susan L. Hamil
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—William J. Feeney
Skokie Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Pat Grossmann
Skyline Kennel Club, Inc.—Gloria Shaver
South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Linda B. Wilson
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. Ionia
Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—
Lee Arnold
Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay—
Glenda Stephenson
Spinone Club of America—Karen Luckey
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr.
Thomas M. Davies
Stark County Bull Terrier Club of
America—Jenny Merritt
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—
Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr.
Robert Eisele
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—
Macy L. Zingler
Superstition Kennel Club, Inc.—Roger
M. Arbuthnot
Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs.
Florence Duggan
Sussex Spaniel Club of America—
Mr. John R. Lewis, Jr.
Tacoma Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—
Marilyn DeGregorio
Tampa Bay Kennel Club—Mary
Manning-Stolz
Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—Judith Hart
Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—Steve Schmidt
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Herbert H. Rosen
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—
Stacey LaForge
Toy Dog Breeders Association of
Southern California—John Shoemaker
Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Christopher
L. Sweetwood
Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—Joseph
Martyn
Trinity Valley Kennel Club—Debbie
Fouler
Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—John J. Cadalso,
Jr.
Tuatatin Kennel Club, Inc.—James S.
Corbett
Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—Patricia
C. Sarles
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Inc.—Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III
United States Lakeland Terrier Club—
Alfred J. Ferragamo
Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club—
Josephine De Menna
Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan
Taber
Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs.
Carol Fisher
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Association—Mr. William E. Dumas
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Worth-Smith
Wallkill Kennel Club, Inc.—Rose M.
Robischon
Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—Steven D.
Gladstone
Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—Mary A.
Eischeider
Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America,
Inc.—Richard Rohrbacher
Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—
Enigion Seacord
West Highland White Terrier Club of
America—Thomas H. Barrie
Westbury Kennel Association, Inc.—
Geraldine Jatin
Westchester Kennel Club—Ronald W.
Readmond
Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ann Yiasz
Westminster Kennel Club—Harvey M.
Wooding
Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc.—
Colleen McDaniel
Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—Candace
Mogavero
Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers
Association—Mrs. Karen Mays
Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Adele
Keyfel
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America,
Inc.—Claudia M. Grunstra-Pierro

\textbf{AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
DELEGATES MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014}

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.
(National Anthem)

The first order of business was the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees.

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him at the dais: Chairman, Alan
Kalter; Vice Chairman, Dr. J. Charles Garvin; Doris Abbate, Professional
Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley, the Executive Secretary; and Todd
DeSimone, the Court Reporter.

The Executive Secretary read the names of Delegates seated since the last
meeting:
Warren Cook, to represent Southern
Oregon Kennel Club
Rhoda T. Ezell, to represent Queen City
Dog Training Club
Steven D. Gladstone, to represent
Waterloo Kennel Club
Harvey Goldberg, to represent Somerset
Hills Kennel Club
Claudia M. Grunstra-Pierro, to represent
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America
Linda Hattrem, to represent American
Water Spaniel Club
Vivian Hogan, to represent Miniature
Pinscher Club of America
Catherin Iacopelli, to represent Augusta
Kennel Club
Patricia Kanan, to represent American
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club
Douglas R. Lehr, to represent North
Country Kennel Club
Victoria Ann Marks, to represent
Jacksonville Dog Fanciers’ Association
Kathie S. Moulton, to represent Green
Mountain Dog Club
Raul J. Peralta, to represent Fort Worth
Kennel Club
Susan G. Thrasher, to represent Muncie
Kennel Club
Kathie D. Vogel, to represent Tidewater
Kennel Club
Lori Webster, to represent Norwegian
Elkhound Association of America
Karen M. Williams, to represent
Okaloosa Kennel Club

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since
approval, were introduced from the floor.
Harvey Goldberg, to represent
Somerset Hills Kennel Club
Claudia M. Grunstra-Pierro, to represent
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America
Catherine Iacopelli, to represent
August Kennel Club
Patricia Kanan, to represent American
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club
Douglas R. Lehr, to represent North
Country Kennel Club
Kathie S. Moulton, to represent Green
Mountain Kennel Club
Raul Peralta, to represent American
Brussels Griffon Association
Harold Tatro III, to represent Fort Worth
Kennel Club
Susan G. Thrasher, to represent Muncie
Kennel Club
Karen M. Williams, to represent
Okaloosa Kennel Club

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The Chairman of the Board gave his report as follows:
Mr. Kalter: Good morning, fellow Delegates. Thank you, Dennis. To start with, how many of you are familiar with a fundraiser that’s been going around for the past month or so called the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge? For those who aren’t familiar with that it is a pretty interesting fundraiser that became a viral sensation. Basically the way it works is somebody gets challenged to have a large bucket of ice water dumped on their head and they also write a check to the ALS Foundation. In a month, that little viral sensation raised over $20 million for ALS. In memory and in honor of Bill Newman, I have a video I would like to show you. (Video played of the Chairman taking the Ice Bucket Challenge)

Mr. Kalter: Now, AKC Board, you either have to write a check, get the bucket dumped on your head, or both. I want to thank David Woo from AKC who shot the video and who came out this Saturday and a special thanks to AKC’s Dallas Harza who was actually the one who dumped the bucket on my head. It is back to school time across America and students are being asked that time-tested question – “What did you do over the summer?” For my wife and I, it’s a rather easy question to sum up in just five words – “We had 13 Bullmastiff puppies.” Enough said. For the American Kennel Club, answering that question takes considerably more words. The summer yielded a large number of new initiatives to help dogs and the people who love and care for them, beyond the normal day-to-day world of certifying and recording registrations and listings; managing thousands of Conformation, Companion, and Performance events; and the current programs educating the dog owning public about responsible breeding, ownership, care, health and welfare, and training. Summer at AKC saw a continuation of our commitment to relentless positive action. We continue to improve our customer service quality and response times – achieving over 90% of our performance goals for the period – with no day falling below acceptable performance.

We increased the number of Customer Service Representatives with Spanish language skills to better serve this important and growing customer segment. We leveraged technology to assure uninterrupted customer service – even when the North Carolina office was closed due to inclement weather – and to improve the user experience for breeders with our new EZ Breeder Reg service. This service is receiving strong positive reviews and eager acceptance by breeders, particularly AKC Breeder of Merit program participants. The two shows in one-day pilot was employed three times with terrific results. The originator of the Board action allowing the pilot, Pat Cruz, participated in the first pilot at the Riverhead and Brookhaven Kennel Clubs on July 12, 2014. The other participating clubs were the Memphis Toy Dog Club and the Marquette Kennel Club in Michigan. In all three instances, the events were a success. Most interestingly, the entry at Marquette’s other three shows was up almost 15%.

I directed Staff to reach out to Parent Club officers and Delegates through two online surveys requesting advice on both effective educational experiences for judges seeking approval in that club’s breed and for their opinion of the breed exam and its use. Our goal is to continue to ensure we approve knowledgeable breed judges. With the help of the Parent Clubs, I believe we can accomplish that. New opportunities for participation with your dog were created in a variety of other areas. There are now two new Performance event titles to acknowledge higher levels of achievement – the Grand Field Champion title for Pointing breeds and the Retriever Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement title. In response to requests for the ability to create special events, starting January 1, 2015, Agility clubs may host special events in which a club proposes a unique mix of regular AKC classes. The AKC associated with the North American Dock Diving organization, allowing us to recognize the achievement of AKC registered or listed dogs in the growing sport of dock diving.

Participation in therapy dog work has grown, as has interest in the AKC Therapy Dog titling program. As a result of this growth, four new Therapy Dog titles were added starting July 1 to acknowledge a dog’s lifetime achievement in this very valuable service to those in need. We increased our outreach to public shelters and to owners of dogs from shelters. A major concern for shelters is their recidivism rate – the number of dogs returned. Adding a dog to one’s family is a major life decision, and there are responsible and necessary questions to ask before this step is taken, no matter where the prospective owners plan to obtain the dog. Responsible breeders have long known the importance of addressing questions like these. We developed a helpful list of the most important questions to ask when getting a dog from a shelter to aid in that quest for a forever home. In addition, we are expanding our AKC Canine Partners and AKC GoodDog Helpline programs with shelters as tools to aid in lowering recidivism at their shelter.

On the legislative front, AKC Government Relations – led by Sheila Goffe – is developing two new programs to increase our visibility with legislators. We plan to award approximately 50 AKC Legislator of the Year Awards for federal and state legislators across the country who play an important role in supporting responsible dog ownership, and protecting the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders. In addition, AKC Government Relations is developing a law school outreach program for future legislators and policymakers. Law schools are one of the primary training grounds for future state and congressional lawmakers. AKC is collaborating with other groups, such as the AVMA and Cat Fanciers Association, to develop writing contests, a speakers bureau, and other outreach to this important segment. Understanding the critical importance of grassroots legislative efforts, we developed the Canine Legislative...
Support Fund Educational Grants program in support of clubs’ educational and advocacy initiatives to help protect the future of responsible dog owners and breeders.

We continue to fuel a positive, engaging, and educational conversation with our many constituents through AKC Communicates emailed every Friday; WOOFipedia™, the consumer website for everyday dog owners with over one million users a month; our new content syndication with Vet Street, Pet 360, Best in Show Daily, ShowSight and Canine Chronicle – and more on the way; our new AKC Breeder Education and Government Relations pages on Facebook; and the continued growth of our Facebook page, now with over 2.1 million fans.

The AKC has had a very busy, innovative, and productive summer. So, what lies ahead for the balance of the year? We are working on a major effort that will combine a number of initiatives all aimed at enhancing our role as the leading authority and voice on dogs, and increasing the public’s ability to find a happy, healthy puppy or purebred rescue. Those initiatives include a way to identify those breeders who follow Parent Club recommended health testing. A sub-committee of the Parent Clubs Committee is responsible for assembling the information and I will make sure it is readily available on the AKC website for all those looking for a puppy. How many people was that last year? In 2013 we had 20 million individual visitors and 95 million page views, of which 3.2 million were the breeder classifieds. We will exceed those numbers this year and we are planning for even more in 2015 with the new website.

I have been working with Staff on renewing the TV broadcast of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. We have a proposal to present to the Board this week that would create a TV showcase for all the events during the weekend. I will strongly recommend the Board approve it, allowing Chris, Gina and Michael to move forward with the final negotiations.

A lot changed this summer at the American Kennel Club. A lot more will be changing in the future. Even though, as Billy Crystal said, change is such hard work, we know without change, there is no progress. With change, there is great opportunity.

As we pursue those changes, we will do so understanding those things that should change for the better and those things that must not change, so we are sure to stay true to our principles. I believe you will appreciate those changes, and like what stayed the same.

In the spirit of change, we all remember our friends at The Today Show. We never gave up making friends at The Today Show, because the world is too small for us to have enemies out there when we could be making friends. So the Public Relations, Communications and Marketing Departments never gave up working with The Today Show to get some positive stories out there about the American Kennel Club. At 8 o’clock this morning, there was some good news and we would like to show you exactly what happened on the Today Show this morning.

(Video played.)

Mr. Kalter: Congratulations to the entire AKC Communications team that worked so hard to deliver that. And what that’s worth in media value would be millions of dollars if we had to pay for it. I think it is a good example of the culture that exists inside these areas at AKC. It is sort of like training a dog when it comes to training the media. You have to be nice, but you have to work at it over and over and over until they understand how to do it. That is exactly what happened with The Today Show. My compliments to our team. Thank you.

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

I have a few updates to share. As part of Responsible Dog Ownership Days, our Raleigh flagship event on Saturday, September 20th, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of AKC’s Canine Good Citizen Program. To highlight the important role that CGC plays in responsible dog ownership, we are including a free CGC test kit in our RDO Day Event kits this year.

I am delighted to announce that AKC’s website WOOFipedia™, which was launched less than one year ago and to which Alan referred, achieved a milestone when we reached 1.1 million unique visitors and 4.2 million page views in the month of August. This is the highest number of monthly unique visitors to date. The site has impressively been growing exponentially each month in both metrics. WOOFipedia™ offers content that aims to engage, educate and entertain a younger demographic, one that is eager for information about dogs and the positive role of breeders and previously may not have engaged with AKC. Congratulations to the MarComms and Publications teams for this success.

I am pleased to report the number of National Owner-Handled Series events being offered throughout the country is increasing. In fact from now through the end of the year there are over 270 different events for owner-handlers to compete in. In 2014 a total of almost 600 NOHS events are offered. Additionally, all clubs offering NOHS will benefit from the assistance of AKC in promoting the series via e-mails prior to the show. I must report that last Tuesday, September 2nd, our friend and General Counsel, Margaret Poindexter, voluntarily retired from AKC. For the past number of years Margaret’s dedication to dogs, staff and our business has been appreciated by all of us at the American Kennel Club. On behalf of the Board and the Staff, we thank her for her service and we wish her the very best for a happy and healthy future.

Mr. Farnsworth, Chief Financial Officer gave the Financial report as follows:

So thank you all for this moment. I want to apologize first to Fred, the first Delegate who was introduced today. Fred was announced as a CFO. I apologize, Fred, this is not your typical CFO presentation, as this audience has witnessed over a while. We try to summarize things and distill things down to what matters. Barbara, on the other hand, up front was talking to me earlier and she wondered why it was that AKC seemed to get CFOs who weren’t as boring as the typical CFO presentations that she observes. And, again, we apologize but that is what they seem to be acquiring at AKC. Jim Stevens was great at that stuff. Charlie Garvin gave me advice today that said it is okay to
give your presentation as long as you

don't announce some $7 million loss or

investment or something, so everything
else will be okay. So here it goes....

So how are things financially, September
6th? Well, it could be complicated. So to
understand our financial system, we check
all our financial systems. The center of [the slide showing] is cash and we have a variety of financial systems to
check in, and with the help of my
finance team and others we do great
diligence. I'm going to go through each
one of these. [not really]

I was planning on it, but Steve, my
barber, said don't do that. He said keep it
simple, communicate what is really
important and you will do much better.
Steve also has some simple policies. One,
he doesn't allow refunds, which is
something we might change, and he
keeps his cash drawer handy and open
and he is the only one who gets into it.
We have similar policies like that.
Okay, simple: Cash in our cash drawer is
about $112 million. Now, when I say
cash, I mean to say readily marketable
investments in a broad variety of perhaps
two dozen financial managers who in
turn are putting it in thousands of
individual stocks and other investments.
So we have broad financial support in
cash and near cash items. We do have
obligations to retirees and others that are
in the future, some of which are recorded
directly on the balance sheet, some are
off-balance sheet obligations like future
lease payments, for example. So we have
some of those monies earmarked for
things that must be preserved in order to
achieve the future credibility. And we have
to spend some money to keep systems
and services up to date. That's going to
come out of not just immediate cash
flow, but some of those investments. As
Steve would say, to stay in business, you
have to spend money to keep your
scissors sharp.

How's business? Steve might say " Eh, it's
been okay so far." Year to date revenues
are about $38 million, about $1 million
less than last year. But we also have kept
costs less than last year by about
$300,000, to a total of about $34 million.
So net operating profit is approximately
$4 million year to date, but this is less
than last year. We will go into that a
second as to why that is.

Seve asked me, "what, the usual
customers not coming back for their
haircuts?" I said "no, Steve, that's not it."

In our case, dog-related revenues are
about the same. It is about $32 million of
our $38 million worth of revenue. So
core kind of basic things that we do, we
are continuing to do very well. But the
extras aren't selling well. They are down
about 1.4 million, that is to say royalties,
sponsorships, advertising. It is consistent
with both the recovery in which we are
still recovering. It is also consistent with
the role of sponsorships in the future.
That has been dwindling as people have
moved towards social media. And it is not
inconsistent with what is happening with
Steve, he says his products aren't selling
so well, same idea.

I said "Steve, what do you do in this
economic climate to improve things?"
This is what he does, but I observe it is
also what we are doing in the AKC.
"Steve, what do you do?"
He replied:
"Well, we do more services for the
customer."

"I keep prices up with the times."
"We offer up what people want." He said
"You think I like having a beard?" He said
"No, I don't like having a beard. But
people have beards now. Now I get to
cut hair and beards. I doubled my source
of revenue that way." [Smart guy.]

"I don't hire barbers I don't need." About
half a million dollars so far this
year has been saved through labor that
we have not replaced people that have
left. So we are in fact keeping our
number of people trim in the organi-
zation by not hiring people that we don't
essentially need.

"We get customers to come back again
and sooner." The repeat customer, of
course, is your easiest customer. We are
doing that at AKC and I see that in so
many areas, whether it is the events area,
the registration, titles, getting them to
come back again and again is great. In
my case, he cuts my hair a lot less short
than I want so I have to come back every
three weeks.

"I get out in the neighborhood," he said,
"I'm seen. I want to be out there. I want
people to recognize I'm part of their life
and part of their daily neighborhood." And
that's of course what all of you do
so well and that helps us at AKC.
He added, "We don't give away so much
in this climate." So he doesn't give away
so much. He doesn't do the freebies that
he used to do. We have to do that too. At
AKC we raised some prices and we cut
back some freebies. We had some free
shipping on a lot of things. We continue
to cut away so to speak, no pun intended,
at some of that activity.

"I always ask about the kids. I try to get
them to come in". The easiest customer
you have is that one that is growing up
in your neighborhood and you get those
kids to come in and you get more
revenue. Of course, that's one of our key
aspects of what we are also doing.
So how does the rest of the year look for
us financially?

Our basic types of involvement with
each customer are improving. By that I
mean to say broader and deeper and
more frequent contact with the
customers. I see it, the things that Alan
and Dennis are talking about, repeat that,
all of which you can do to help us also
have more involvement with each
customer.
During the rest of the year, we will
continue to invest in our business, toward
the development of new and easier
services for each of you and your
members. The Online Competition
Management System, Breeder Easy
Registration, those are examples of
things that are we are trying to make life
easier for you and of course for the
general public, for our website and our
outreach and our Facebook presence, all
of which gets us out into the
neighborhood so to speak.

Our financial information is detailed.
I have in front of me about 400 different
numbers that I can access but I wanted
to give you an overview for where we are
financially year to date.
I will be at the front of the room after
the next break and I can answer any
detailed questions you want and we will
have more detailed information up on
the website.
Thank you very much.

The Executive Secretary read the
proposed amendment to Chapter 14,
Section 11, of the Field Trial Rules and
Standard Procedures for Retrievers as
follows:

This amendment is to Chapter 14,
Section 11, of the Field Trial Rules and
Standard Procedures for Retrievers. It
would allow a club to hold an Amateur
The Chair recognized Timothy Carrion, Delegate for the American Chesapeake Club, who spoke as follows: One item that is also a restriction that is not listed for the Delegates here is that in order to hold this stake, two other minor stakes must be held in conjunction with it. For those who are not familiar with Retriever Field Trials, there are four levels of competition, an Open All-Age, an Amateur All-Age, a Qualifying and a Derby. It is the Amateur All-Age stake that is the only stake which cannot be used in combination with just a single other stake unless there is an open. This would allow that amateur stake to occur without the open, but it would still be treating the amateur stake as different because an open or any of the other two combinations can be held with a single other stake rather than requiring two more. For the benefit of the Delegate body, we will be offering an amendment to this to help bring this needed change in line to make it beneficial to not only clubs that hold two trials a year, but all clubs and actually to the clubs that need it the most. Thank you very much.

The Chair called on Jim Crowley to recognize the AKC Delegates who have served this body for 25 years and a member club celebrating their centennial.

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: We will now honor Delegates who have served for 25 years. This is the 16th time that AKC has had the privilege to present Delegate medallions. The medallion is in recognition of meritorious and long-term contributions to the sport. All three of these individuals have served in this body for 25 years, and they join 97 previously honored Delegates. This medallion program recognizes our core constituency and allows a grateful American Kennel Club the opportunity to honor our own.

If present, will the following Delegates please come forward to receive their medallion from the AKC Board Chairman.

Don H. Adams, Cudahy Kennel Club; Diane Demma Almy, Central New York Kennel Club; John D. Landis, Mountain States Dog Training Club.

We would now like to take this opportunity to congratulate the New Jersey Beagle Club, which is celebrating 100 years of membership in the American Kennel Club. The club is currently without Delegate representation, so we will mail them a plaque to commemorate this occasion. Thank you and congratulations to all the recipients.

Mr. Crowley gave the report on the Nominating Committee as follows: Before I give the report on the Nominating Committee, the Perspectives Editorial Committee did not require and election. Those Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Perspectives Editorial Committee are: Crecia Closson; Deidre E. Gannon, Esq.; Don James; Dr. Gerry Meisels; Dr. Geno Sisneros.; Monica Henderson Stoner; Sylvia A. Thomas; Carol A. Williamson; and Lynn Worth-Smith.

The Nominating Committee was appointed by the Board of Directors at the July 2014 meeting. The following Delegates were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee to select candidates for the Class of 2019: Wayne Boyd, Chair, Bayou Kennel Club; Connie Clark, American Fox Terrier Club; Linda Ayres Turner Knorr, Greenville Kennel Club; Gail LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club; and Steve Schmidt, Texas Kennel Club. Alternates: Ann Bowes, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America and Andrew G. Mills, Del Sur Kennel Club.

I have been advised by the Chair of the committee that the committee has concluded its consideration of candidates who submitted resumes and were personally interviewed by the committee yesterday and today. The written report has been submitted. As per the Bylaws, I will be notifying all Delegates in writing within five days of the Nominating Committee announcing the slate. Any Delegate wishing to run by petition has until November 15th to submit the required 50 signatures in order to become a candidate for the Class of 2019.

Mr. Sprung informed the Delegates that the December Delegates meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida. The meeting will be at the Rosen Centre Hotel on Friday, December the 12th. A block of rooms have been reserved for the Delegates’ use. To reserve, Delegates should call the hotel with the special code that was sent to them.

The Executive Secretary explained how the results of the Delegate Standing Committees would be handled as follows:

Mr. Crowley: If, at the conclusion of the meeting, we don’t yet have the Teller’s Report on the committees, as in previous years, the results of the election will be announced during lunch. Per the Standing Rule, if there is a tie for a position on a class on a committee, the committee decides who gets which term. If there is a tie for the last position on the committee, it would be determined, again, per the Standing Rule. In that case, we would have to make that determination at the December meeting. After lunch, Delegate Committees may have their organizational meetings.

The following subjects were discussed during New Business:

Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, spoke for the Bylaws Committee, and thanked the Delegates who participated in the committee’s survey. She reported that the results of and a summary of the survey would be put on the Delegate Portal.

Betty McDonnell, Delegate for the Norwich Terrier Club of America, spoke about what she believed were mixed breeds being registered through the Administrative Registration Research Service.

Julian Prager, Delegate for Central Florida Kennel Club, spoke about the retail pet store rule and about regulations under the AWA. He indicated that he has been hired by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and APHIS in animal care to
assist them with writing the new regulations to deal with de minimis exclusions from the Animal Welfare Act. He asked that he be emailed, julian.d.prager@aphis.usda.gov regarding ideas on what everyone thought would work with a de minimis exemption. He clarified that De minimis means you have little to do with interstate commerce, not that you have nothing to do with it, but what level of shipping, for example do you think ought to be allowed as an exemption for people who are breeding, what do you think we should do about low number of registration breeds to provide an exemption for them, because breeding purposes is one of the reasons that it is exempt from regulation under the AWA.

Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, thanked the Event Operations department. Recently, as trial secretary for one of the trials, she received very good assistance from Event Operations. She suggested that the particular person responsible for an event be asked to send an email to the trial secretary so that the trial secretary will know that this is the person that they need to talk with.

Ann Lettis, Delegate for Grand River Kennel Club, spoke about her appearance before the New York City Health Committee in April.

Sherry Wallis, Delegate of the Akita Club of America, spoke about the next issue of Perspectives. Articles for the next issue are due by October 15th. The article coordinator is Sylvia Thomas.

Douglas Rapport, Delegate for the Irish Terrier Club of America, spoke about having meetings at hotels which accepted dogs.

Ms. Bernardi, Delegate for the Mississippi Kennel Club spoke about a request from her club, which voted unanimously to respectfully request the AKC Board of Directors to end the program known as the Administrative Research Registry. Brenda Algar, Delegate for the Delaware County Kennel Club, spoke about AKC recommending that their clubs have automatic external defibrillators at AKC shows.

Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, spoke about a Dog Show Rules Committee recommendation to have signs posted throughout a show under the tents stating if there are EMTs at the show or there are not, and if there are, a phone number where they could be reached and providing EMTs with a layout of the show so that they could find an exhibitor in the event of something happening. She also spoke about the Board reconsidering scheduling Delegate meetings and committee meetings on so they do not conflict with events.

Glenda Stephenson, Delegate for the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, spoke about weekend meetings being better for Delegates who are employed.

Don Adams, Delegate for the Cudahy Kennel Club, expressed his appreciation to the AKC staff for trying to improve its level of service.

Maureen Setter, Delegate for the Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, spoke about challenging every club to have at least one match, whether it be Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, and donating the proceeds, to the Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Fund.

Ann Wallin, Delegate for the Atlanta Kennel Club, asked the Board to make an offering of the National Owner Handled Series completely optional.

Felice Jarrold, Delegate for the Old Pueblo Dog Training spoke in favor of continuing the meetings on Sundays and Mondays.

Sid Marx, Delegate for the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, also asked the Board to remove the word mandatory from the National Owner Handled Series.

Abbe Shaw, Delegate for the Santa Barbara Kennel Club, spoke in favor of scheduling the Delegate meetings on Monday and Tuesday.

Peggy Wampold, Delegate for the South Windsor Kennel Club, spoke about once again making AKC Coloring Books available for clubs to give to the public.

Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, spoke in favor of Sunday/Monday meetings.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

(Adjourned 11:42 a.m.)

The opinions expressed by the speakers may not necessarily reflect those of The American Kennel Club