

# G7 DELEGATES' ANNUAL MEETING

## **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 off 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 then 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:**

#### **One-Year Term**

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

#### **Two-Year Term**

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

#### **Three-Year Term**

Nancy B. Fisk – Hockamock Kennel Club  
Margarette (Peggy) L. Wampold – South Windsor Kennel Club

### **BYLAWS:**

#### **One-Year Term**

Sylvia Arrowwood – Charleston Kennel Club  
Dr. Gregory J. Paveza – Elm City Kennel Club  
Diane F. Taylor – Newtown Kennel Club

#### **Two-Year Term**

Rita J. Biddle, Esq. – Ingham County Kennel Club  
Judy A. Hart – Tennessee Valley Kennel Club  
Dr. John V. Ioia, M.D., Ph.D, Secretary – Southern Adirondack Dog Club  
Jan M. Ritchie, Esq. – Richmond Dog Fanciers Club

#### **Three-Year Term**

Gretchen Bernardi, Chair – Mississippi Valley Kennel Club  
Julian Prager – Central Florida Kennel Club  
Pamela Stacey Rosman – Canaan Dog Club of America  
Burton J. Yamada – Orange Empire Kennel Club

### **CANINE HEALTH:**

#### **One-Year Term**

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

#### **Two-Year Term**

Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki – Canada Del Oro Kennel Club  
Dr. Harvey Morhrenweiser – Standard Schnauzer Club of America  
Holly E. Sheltry – Staffordshire Terrier Club of America  
Marcy Zingler – Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno



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## **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

## **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  
Kathrynann N. Sarvinas – Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland

### **Two-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 Caltharp – 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  
Karolynne 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

Carol Fisher – Valley Forge Kennel Club  
Gwen McCullagh – Huntington Kennel Club

### **Two-Year Term**

Thomas H. Barrie – West Highland White Terrier Club of America  
Carol Clark – Border Collie Society of America  
Bonnie Lapham, Secretary (Pro Tem) – Glens Falls Kennel Club  
Nicklas G. Piasis – Chintimini Kennel Club

### **Three-Year Term**

Don H. Adams – Cudahy Kennel Club  
Dr. John S. Fitzpatrick – Mensona Kennel Club  
Robert Neff LaBerge, Chair (Pro Tem) – Lawrenceville Kennel Club  
Barbara O'Neill – Borzoi Club of America

## **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

## **PERSPECTIVES EDITORIAL STAFF:**

### **One-Year Term**

Sylvia Arrowwood – Charleston Kennel Club  
Crecia Closson – Lakes Region Kennel Club  
Don James – Leonberger Club of America  
Deidre E., Gannon, Esq. – German Pinscher Club of America  
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 Sisneros - American Pomeranian Club  
 Monica Henderson Stoner - Saluki Club of America  
 Sylvia Thomas, Secretary - Kennel Club of Riverside  
 Lynn Worth-Smith - Vizsla Club of America

## QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

Dennis B. Sprung, President  
 PRESENT 313

Affenpinscher Club of America—*Letisha Wubbel*  
 Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Constance Buthenis*  
 Akita Club of America—*Sherry E. Wallis*  
 Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—*Patricia A. Peel*  
 American Belgian Malinois Club—*Carol J. Shields*  
 American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—*Ms. Janina K. Laurin*  
 American Black & Tan Coonhound Club, Inc.—*Robert Urban*  
 American Bloodhound Club—*Mary L. Olszewski*  
 American Brittany Club, Inc.—*Judith Tighe*  
 American Brussels Griffon Association—*Raul Peralta*  
 American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—*Alan Kalter*  
 American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Patricia Kanan*  
 American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—*Timothy Carrion*  
 American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.—*Marilyn E. Currey*  
 American Fox Terrier Club—*Connie Clark*  
 American Foxhound Club, Inc.—*Harold Miller*  
 American Maltese Association, Inc.—*John R. Barnes*  
 American Pointer Club, Inc.—*Karen R. Speny*

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*  
 American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Sally L. Vilas*  
 Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia A. Sample*  
 Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*  
 Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—*Gail A. LaBerge*  
 Augusta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Catherine Iacopelli*  
 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*  
 Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wayne Boyd*  
 Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.—*Kathy Coxwell*  
 Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carl Holder*  
 Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Phyllis Belcastro*  
 Bedlington Terrier Club of America—*Diane Pearson*  
 Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carole A. Wilson*  
 Berks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sharon Deputy*  
 Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Sara Karl*  
 Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Gerald H. Yarbrough*  
 Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—*Martha Griffin*  
 Black Russian Terrier Club of America—*Susan Sholar*  
 Blennerhassett Kennel Club, Inc.—*John McCullagh*  
 Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Ruth A. Naum*  
 Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—*Barbara O'Neill*  
 Briard Club of America, Inc.—*Michael Gibson*  
 Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marie A. Fiore*  
 Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—*Victoria Glickstein*  
 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 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*  
 Catonsville 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. Almy*  
 Central Ohio Kennel Club—*Jon M. Green*  
 Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—*Pam Goldman*  
 Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*  
 Chattanooga Kennel Club—*Mr. David Gilstrap*  
 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.—*Marjorie 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 Houchard*  
 Cudahy Kennel Club—*Mr. Don H. Adams*



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- 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 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. Butherus*
- Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—*Mrs. Patti L. Strand*
- 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 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*
- English Toy Spaniel Club of America—*Bruce J. Van Deman*
- 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 Tatro III*
- Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc.—*Barbara S. Dalane*
- Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Cindy Collins*
- 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. 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*
- 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 Lettisi*
- Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—*Dale S. 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 DiCorleto*
- 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. Knorr*
- Greenwich Kennel Club—*Margaret K. Curtis*
- Greyhound Club of America—*Melanie S. Steele*
- 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*
- Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dick Blair*
- Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara A. Penny*
- Ibizan Hound Club of the United States—*Luane V. Williams*
- Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rita J. Biddle*
- Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Karolynne McAteer*
- Irish Terrier Club of America—*Douglas L. Rapport*
- Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—*Jack McDaniel*
- Irish Wolfhound Club of America—*Eugenia Hunter*
- James River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mallory C. Driskill*
- Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joanne E. Kinnelly*
- 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 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*
- 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 McDaniel, 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. LaBerge*
- Leonberger Club of America—*Don James*
- Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sue Goldberg*
- Lexington Kennel Club Inc—*Scott E. Holmes*
- Long Island Kennel Club—*Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.*



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- Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—*David M. Powers*  
Manatee Kennel Club—*Pat Edgington*  
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lynn Garvin*  
Maryland Kennel Club—*Gary Sarvinas*  
Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—*Rebecca Campbell*  
McKinley Kennel Club—*Herman H. Tietjen*  
Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Ronald H. Menaker*  
Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jeannette Nieder*  
Mid-Hudson Kennel Association, Inc.—*Gayle Bontecou*  
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.—*Vivian A. Hogan*  
Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ralph Hогanсamp*  
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Gretchen 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 Crumb*  
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*  
Nisqually 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. Marile A. Waterstraat*  
Oakland County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Michael Sosne*  
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.—*Felice Jarrold*  
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Betty M. Winthers*  
Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—*Burton J. Yamada*  
Otterhound Club of America—*Joellen Gregory, D.V.M.*  
Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—*Link Newcomb*  
Pacific Coast Pekingese Club—*Steven Hamblin*  
Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—*Gary Koepfel*  
Pasco Florida Kennel Club—*Helen Ingher*  
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Anne Bowes*  
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 Vohr*  
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—*William E. Ellis*  
Pocono Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sandra Krieger*  
Poodle Club of America, Inc.—*Mary Ellen Fishler*  
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.—*Maggi 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*  
Sammamish Kennel Club—*Dr. Robert C. Gloster, 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.—*Laurence 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.—*Sharyn 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. 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*



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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*  
 Staffordshire 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.—*Marcy 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.*  
 Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marylyn DeGregorio*  
 Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning-Stolz*  
 Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—*Judy Hart*  
 Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*  
 Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—*Mr. Herbert H. Rosen*  
 Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey La Forge*  
 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 Fowler*  
 Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*  
 Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*  
 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. Ferruggiaro*  
 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*

Wallkill Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rose M. Robischon*  
 Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steven D. Gladstone*  
 Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mary A. Eschweiler*  
 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*  
 Westbury Kennel Association, Inc.—*Geraldine Jaitin*  
 Westchester Kennel Club—*Ronald W. Readmond*  
 Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Yuhasz*  
 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*

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 American Brussels Griffon Association  
 Harold Tatro III, 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

## 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

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 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  
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## delegates' annual meeting

The minutes of the June 9, 2014 Delegates meeting were approved as published in the online AKC Gazette and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegates Portal on AKC's website.

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 Harsa 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 real 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 credibly. 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.

Steve 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 organization 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



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All-Age only trial in place of their Open/Amateur All-Age trial once every other year, provided their three trials over that two-year period are Open/Amateur All-Age trials. It will be published in two issues of the online AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2014 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed to you.

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; Deirdre 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



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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 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.)

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