Attention Delegates

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on Monday June 9, 2014, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the 9:00 a.m. Delegate Forum.

Delegates Credentials

Warren Cook, Eagle Point, OR, Southern Oregon Kennel Club
Rhonda T. Ezell, Cincinnati, OH, Queen City Dog Training Club
Harvey Goldberg, Warren, NJ, Somerset Hills Kennel Club
Claudia M. Grunstra-Pierro, Waldwick, NJ, Yorkshire Terrier Club of America
Linda Hattrem, Sparta, WI, American Water Spaniel Club
Vivian A Hogan, Damascus MD, Miniature Pinscher Club of America
Douglas R. Lehr, Pennsville, NY, North Country Kennel Club
Raul J. Peralta, Trinity, NC, American Brussels Griffon Association

Notice

Mr. Robert “Skip” Bittner (Newnan, GA) Action was taken by the Greater Ocala Dog Club for conduct at its November 16, 2013, event. Mr. Bittner was charged with verbal abuse (inappropriate abusive or foul language) directed personally to a judge and disruptive behavior at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the event committee’s report and the penalty was set at a five year event suspension and a $10,000 fine, effective November 16, 2013.

Notice

Mr. Richard Bohannon (Fairview, NC) Action was taken by the Lawrenceville Kennel Club for conduct at its February 2, 2014, event. Mr. Bohannon was charged with inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating a lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and $50 fine.

Notice

Mr. Paul Urban (Cheraw, SC) Action was taken by the Moore County Kennel Club for conduct at its January 26, 2014 event. Mr. Urban was charged with disruptive behavior at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine.

Notice

Mr. Duane Forbes (Mesa, AZ) Action was taken by the Arizona Herding Association for conduct at its February 15, 2014 event. Mr. Forbes was charged with improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a one month suspension from all AKC privileges and a $300 fine, effective February 17, 2014.

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Ms. Pamela Kruse (Laramie, WY) for her submission of an online litter registration application and five dog registration applications without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form. (Boston Terrier)

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Sarah Atterberry (Oakford, IL) from all AKC privileges for one year and imposed a $1000 fine, effective March 12, 2014, for her violation of the AKC’s Unauthorized Use of Club Funds Policy. (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Jennifer Locklear (Lumberton, NC) from all AKC privileges for one year and imposed a $1000 fine, effective March 12, 2014, for non-compliance with AKC’s recordkeeping and dog identification requirements, and the AKC’s Care and Conditions Policy (unacceptable conditions, dogs and/or facility). (Multiple Breeds)
Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for one year and imposed a $1000 fine, for non-compliance with the AKC’s Care and Conditions Policy (unacceptable conditions, dogs and/or facility):

Effective March 12, 2014

Mr. David Proveaux (Lexington, SC)
Chihuahua
Ms. Jean Proveaux (Lexington, SC)
Multiple Breeds

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Margaret Hill (Lake Stevens, WA) from all AKC privileges for five years and imposed a $1000 fine, effective March 12, 2014, for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection when requested.

(Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, for refusal to make their dogs and records available for inspection when requested:

Effective March 12, 2014

Mr. Jose Hernandez (Houston, TX)
Dachshund, Great Dane
Ms. Deborah Stevens (Krum, TX)
Multiple Breeds

Proposed Amendment to The Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club

The Delegate Bylaws Committee has proposed the following amendment to ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5, of the The Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, to be voted on at the March 9, 2014 Delegates Meeting.

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 (first paragraph)

Any person in good standing with the AKC who is a resident citizen of the United States, its territories or possessions, or has permanent resident alien status as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Act, shall be eligible to become or remain a Delegate, providing this person meets the criteria for occupational eligibility given herein. No person is eligible to become or remain a Delegate if he or she (a) is engaged in trade or traffic in dogs, which includes commercial breeders or brokers of dogs for resale as determined by the American Kennel Club, or (b) has a significant interest in a dog registry, dog event giving organization or any organization deemed to be in competition with AKC or in conflict with its objects. Significant interest would include by but not be limited to, ownership in, employment by, a directorship of, and holding an office in:

No person may become or remain a Delegate if convicted of a misdemeanor or felony involving the theft, embezzlement, or misappropriation of funds or property from The American Kennel Club, any AKC subsidiary, or affiliated organization, or an AKC sanctioned, licensed or member club in a civil court action within the previous ten years. No person may become or remain a Delegate if convicted of a misdemeanor or felony animal cruelty in the previous ten years. A conviction or admission of guilt or finding of liability in a court of competent jurisdiction on any of the items in this paragraph within the last ten years, shall be deemed conclusive proof and shall be grounds for the disapproval of a Delegate candidate or the removal of a seated Delegate.

Proposed Amendment to Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers

The Performance Events Staff has brought forward the following amendment to Chapter 14, Rules for Retriever Trials, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers, to be voted on at the June 9, 2014, Delegates Meeting.

Section 14. QA2 Title (Qualified All-Age 2)

A Retriever shall be eligible to be awarded the suffix title QA2 if on two occasions it has met the requirements to participate in a Limited All-Age stake. The owner of a dog that is eligible for the QA2 title shall submit a title application form developed by the Performance Events Department along with a nominal processing fee. Once the qualifications have been verified, the title shall be added to the dog’s record. The title will appear on the dog’s pedigree. The submittal of the title application form is up to the discretion of the owner. The QA2 title application form can be found one the AKC website at www.akc.org/events/field_trials/retrievers

Notice

Reprimands and Fines

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on clubs for late submission of applications. Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 2, Section 4 & 9.

Bulldog Club of America ..........$90.00
German Shepherd Dog Club of Central Massachusetts .........................$60.00
Golden Gate Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club ................................$60.00
Kentuckiana Bulldog Club ......$100.00
Myrtle Beach Kennel Club .........$60.00
Poodle Club of Tulsa, Inc. .........$110.00
Salt Lake Doberman Pinscher Club ...............................................$60.00
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc. ........$60.00
Weimaraner Club of Greater Louisville .................$60.00
Western Massachusetts Shetland Sheepdog Club ......................$60.00

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges’ panel, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 4, Section 1.

Bulldog Club of America ..........$120.00
Golden Gate Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club ..........................$60.00
Irish Setter Club of Jacksonville ....$90.00
Kentuckiana Bulldog Club .........$100.00
Poodle Club of Tulsa, Inc. .........$70.00
Saint Bernard Club of Southern Oregon ........................................$90.00
Weimaraner Club of Greater Louisville ..........................................$60.00
Western Massachusetts Shetland Sheepdog Club ......................$60.00

Notification of reprimands and/or fines imposed on superintendents/sec-
CONFORMATION JUDGES

As a result of the October 2010 Board Meeting, publication notice in the Gazette was combined into one notice, therefore the judging approval process continues to include an opportunity for the fancy to respond to each permit judge.

Letters concerning judges and permit judges should be addressed to the Judging Operations Department at PO Box 900062, Raleigh, NC 27675-9062. Letters concerning Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants should be addressed to the Companion Events Department in North Carolina.

The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received by AKC concerning their qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge.

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and JS judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or email. These changes are very important because they affect your judges’ record, the web site and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations at (919) 816-3593 or email, judgingops@akc.org.

PERMIT JUDGES

The following persons have been approved on a Permit basis for the designated breeds in accordance with the current judging approval process. They may now accept assignments and the fancy may still offer comments to Judging Operations.

NEW BREED JUDGES

Mr. Don L. Hanson (97239) WA
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sounderfan@comcast.net
Lhasa Apsos

Mrs. Lorrie Kvaamme (97191) OR
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suntrading@earthlink.net
English Cocker Spaniels

Ms. Marlin Kvaamme (97192) OR
(541) 660-7292
suntrading@earthlink.net
English Cocker Spaniels

Ms. Sharon K. Masnick (97181) SC
(843) 558-7360
skmasnick@aol.com
Pekingese, Pomeranians

Mr. Michael Rathje (97267) NJ
(856) 693-4111
mr08039@gmail.com
Bulldogs, JS-Limited

Mr. Benson E. Ray (97179) SC
(843) 558-7360
benson592@aol.com
Pekingese, Pomeranians

Mr. J. Clifford Schultz (97115) PA
(610) 458-5820
clifford.schultz.jcs@gmail.com
Scottish Terriers

Ms. J A Sutherland (97231) CA
(213) 819-6218
moonryst@hotmail.com
Clumber Spaniels, JS

APPROVED BREED JUDGES

Ms. Beverly Andersen (66209) AZ
(480) 991-7485
beverly@cox.net
British, German Wirehaired Pointers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, English Springer Spaniels, Welsh Springer Spaniels, Spinone Italiano, Doberman Pinschers, Smooth Fox Terriers, Wire Fox Terriers

Mr. Kenneth E. Berg (6162) CA
(925) 376-0136
keberg@fire-eng.net
American Staffordshire Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Irish Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers

Mrs. Terri L. Burrows (17371) TX
(281) 351-7081
idyllics@sbcglobal.net
English Setters, Irish Setters, Spinone Italiano

Mrs. Janet Cohen (90134) NJ
(516) 459-0211
newvie219@aol.com
Boxers, Great Pyrenees, Rottweilers, Samoyeds

Dr. John F. Davidson (25844) IL
(309) 243-7506
johnfd@hotmail.com
Balance of Toy Group (Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffons, English Toy Spaniels, Poodles)

Ms. Jane Haefner (6202) WI
(262) 490-1566
haefnercenturytel.net
Anatolian Shepherds, Black Russian Terriers, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Rottweilers, Standard Schnauzers

Dr. Eric Liebes (6051) TX
(281) 239-9095
ericliebes@earthlink.net
Balance of Herding Group (Australian Cattle Dogs, Bearded Collies, Beaucerons, Border Collies, Briards, Cattle Dogs, Collies, Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Finnish Lapphunds, German Shepherd Dogs, Icelandic Sheepdogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pyrenean Shepherds, Swedish Vallhunds)

Mrs. Joan Luna Liebes (6515) TX
(281) 239-9095
joanluna@hotmail.com
Balance of Herding Group (Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Finnish Lapphunds, Icelandic Sheepdogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pyrenean Shepherds, Swedish Vallhunds)

Mrs. Sharon Newcomb (2799) NM
(505) 983-0444
snew0444@aol.com
Finnish Spitz, Lhasa Apsos, Norwegian Lundehunds, Tibetan Spaniels, Xoloitzcuintli

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES

Ms. Brooke Aimar (97187) MI
(734) 789-7053
xxquatrieme@hotmail.com
JS

Mr. James “Jim” Bowron (90461) SC
(843) 559-4755
fortunelabs@mindspring.com
JS-Limited

Mrs. Mary Beth Ensor (97136) PA
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JS

Ms. Laurin Howard (97241) KY
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JS

Ms Eleanor Main (97275) MA
(478) 397-3052
crystalyme@gmail.com
JS

Ms. Kendyl Schultze (97243) CA
(925) 577-6791
redmoontollers@gmail.com
JS

Mrs. Vanessa Skou (97359) HI
(808) 866-6431
vanjaril@hotmail.com
JS
PERMIT ASSIGNMENTS COMPLETED

The following persons have completed their Permit Judging assignments in the breeds listed, and their names have been added to the list of regular approved judges.

NEW BREED JUDGES

Mrs. Vicky Creamer (95841) MD
(301) 831-7507
belquest1@aol.com
Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers

Mr. Glenn R. Hoffman (93975) PA
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karhiba@aol.com
Rhodesian Ridgebacks

Ms. Cynthia Hutt (95461) CO
(720) 933-8328
lapicfern@gmail.com
Akitas

Ms. Susan N. Napady (95639) IN
(219) 762-5203
susan.napady@frontier.com
Cairn Terriers, West Highland White Terriers

Ms. Teresa C. Nesmith (80629) AL
(256) 820-1430
encorebeagles@aol.com
Beagles

Ms. Susan Landry Whiticar (94953) FL
(386) 963-4494
susandawilwhiticar@gmail.com
Australian Shepherds

Mr. John Richard Wood Jr. (95552) OR
(503) 581-4868
woodelliot@aol.com
Brittanys, Afghan Hounds, Salukis, English Toy Spaniels

APPROVED BREED JUDGES

Mr. David A. Alexander (5971) TX
(831) 455-2135
teesnterriers@aol.com
Balance of Non-Sporting Group (Poodles)

Ms. Kathy L. Beliew (18970) CA
(909) 792-2122
bischows@imaginechows.com
Beagles, Bloodhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Norwegian Elkhounds

Dr. Mary-Helene (Mimi) Brown, M.D. (34835) AZ
(602) 228-9386
adrastia@aol.com
Great Danes

Mr. Whitney J. Coombs (5555) PA
(717) 359-9459
ncoombsmaranatha@embarqmail.com
Balance of Hound Group (American English Coonhounds, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Norwegian Elkhounds, Otterhounds, Plott, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Redbone Coonhounds, Treeing Walker Coonhounds)

Mrs. Julie Felten (17972) IL
(847) 526-9332
jacfelten@aol.com
Balance of Terrier Group (Australian Terriers, Bull Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Manchester Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Rat Terriers, Russell Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers)

Mrs. Judith A. Franklin (7539) VA
(757) 565-1287
blackhorn21@cox.net
Brussels Griffons, Papillons

Ms. Amy Gau (90627) MN
(507) 843-5312
rosepoint@sleepyeyenet.net
Australian Shepherds, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis

Mrs. Peggy J. Hauck (6793) FL
(407) 366-5978
peguy@bellsouth.net
Australian Shepherds, Bearded Collies, Border Collies, Bouviers des Flandres, Briards, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Collies, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Shetland Sheepdogs

Dr. Steven D. Herman (6305) FL
(352) 521-4388
sherman@wearethope.org
African Hounds

Ms. Minna-Lisa Koltes (22597) NC
(704) 658-6269
bronywnorwich@yahoo.com
Alaskan Malamutes, Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Airedale Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Welsh Terriers

Mrs. Kathy Lorentzen (15475) MI
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vincefan@centurytel.net
German Shorthaired Pointers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Curly-Coated Retrievers, English Setters, Gordon Setters, Sussex Spaniels, Vizlas, Weimaraners

Mr. Charles L. Olvis (5724) VA
(610) 360-1527
sunup1001@gmail.com
West Highland Terriers

Mrs. Charlotte P. Patterson (5362) FL
(850) 837-2657
ivanvold@gnet.net

Mrs. Jacqueline M. Rayner (19275) NJ
(609) 587-2586
jaken5995@aol.com
Black Russian Terriers, Cane Corsos, Dogues de Bordeaux, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Komondorok, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES

Ms. Nancy G. Johnson (44816) MA
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manarjdobes@gmail.com

Miss. Maureen Mybeck (27237) OR
(503) 377-2744
maureen.mybeck@gmail.com

Ms. Maryke Nau (93853) WA
(360) 727-3101
goldenonyx@hotmail.com

BEST IN SHOW

The following persons, having successfully completed the required Group Assignments in the first Variety Group for which they are approved, have been added to the list of judges eligible for approval to judge Best In Show.

Ms. Diane Anderson (17566) OH
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likeabear@sbcglobal.net

Ms. Patricia A. Keenan (5357) IL
(352) 361-1807
wishingwellknl@aol.com

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The following persons have been approved as a judge on a Provisional basis for the class/test indicated in accordance with the Provisional judging system. They may now accept assignments.

Mrs. Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell (39068) NE (402) 203-0369 cleverk9@cox.net Obedience – Open
Ms. Meg Azevedo (90144) CA (916) 683-3220 megaz@frontier.com Tracking – TDX

Mrs. Karen (Kay) Bedeau (21038) SD (605) 745-5796 token@gwtc.net Obedience – Utility
Ms. Patricia Crawford (95091) TX (940) 637-2670 pizzazzstrides@intn.net Obedience – Novice
Mr. Paul Howe (95285) MN (507) 250-6056 phowe48@gmail.com Obedience – Novice

Ms. Shirley A Spall (39543) IN (765) 778-2866 adhulsey@aol.com Obedience – Open

DECEASED OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRACKING JUDGES

Ms. Nancy Watson (26243) FL (813) 503-9464 nwatson194@gmail.com Obedience – Utility

Application for Breed-Specific Registered Name Prefix

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary:

ARKGOLD – Golden Retrievers – Marissa E. Geels
AHADI – Basenjis-Amy S. Davis & Ali L. Davis
ASLAN – Pekingese – Lori M. Stephen
COUNTRY MANOR – Labrador Retrievers – Susan G. Merrill & Rod A. Merrill
DE LEEUW – German Shepherd Dogs – Wilma C. Bruining
FOREVER’S – Newfoundland – Mary K. Porod
GREAT SCOTT – Border Collies – Chris Scott
IMARA – Basenjis – Constance L. Camp

Registered Name Prefixes Granted

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:

ADIRONDAC – Golden Retrievers – Carol. M. Lantiegne
BALANCE POINT – Border Collies – Nancy L. Jablonski
BOLD LEGEND – Miniature American Shepherds – Jeanette Wright-Harden
FLY’N HI – Golden Retrievers – Linda Eklund-Francis
HUBERT’S – German Shorthaired Pointers – Jeffrey A. Drogin
KILBRIDES PRIDE – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Gayle T. Reardon
REDEMPTION’S – Bulldogs – Holly E. Wright

REGARDLESS – German Shorthaired Pointers – Jeffrey A. Drogin & Judith Royal
ROCKNREIGN – Bearded Collies – Stuart W. Kline & Dana H. Kline
SEMINARY RIDGE – Labrador Retrievers – Adair B. Toddes & Steven P. Toddes
TERRA ALTO – Australian Shepherds – Tim J. Sledge

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 11-12, 2014

The Board convened on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. All Directors were present. Also present were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. The February 2014 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were discussed. It was agreed to reflect that the Board decision to grant the appeal to Bo Bengtson of a denial of additional breeds was not unanimous, but approved by a vote of 11 affirmative, one opposed, and one absent.

Upon a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the minutes amended were approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel and sensitive business matters. It was reported out of this session that the following Board officers were elected:

Alan Kalter, Chairman
Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Vice Chairman

It was also reported that the following Executive Officers were elected: Dennis B. Sprung, President and CEO
Peter Farnsworth, Chief Financial Officer
James F. Crowley, Executive Secretary

In addition, it was also reported that Daryl Hendricks, the Chief Operating Officer, had resigned, effective March 11, 2014. On an interim basis his direct subordinates will report to the President.

Location of AKC

There was discussion on determining the location(s) of The American Kennel Club after 2019, when the leases for the New York and North Carolina facilities will expire. The Chair expressed his desire to appoint a committee to address this issue. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to appoint a Real Estate Operations Committee to be chaired by Ron Menaker. Mr. Menaker is to determine who is to serve on the committee. The committee is to consider all possible alternatives, including the options of one or multiple locations, and where such facility or facilities should be located.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Board Action Items

Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous Action items assigned to the Staff.

Events and Entries Update

Mr. Sprung gave a status report on entries and events for January 2014. Entries were up by 9.07% and Events were up by 12.67% compared to same period in 2013.

LEGAL REPORT

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities for the months of January and February 2014.

CONSENT

Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Garvin, and it was VOTED unanimously to approve the following Consent Items:

Delegates Approved

Delene Henry-Vota, Scituate, RI
To represent Rhode Island Kennel Club

Darleen Knapp, Cleves, OH
To represent Northern Kentucky Kennel Club

Becky A. Luft, San Jose, CA
To represent Santa Clara Dog Training Club

Dr. Sharon Manning, Stilwell, KS
To represent Harrier Club of America

Joan Urban, Corpus Christi, TX
To represent Corpus Christi Kennel Club

Saluki Club of America Request for Age Change in Lure Coursing Veteran Stake

The Board VOTED to amend the Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials, Chapter VIII, Section 4, to modify the age that Salukis run in the Veteran stake in a lure coursing trial from 6 to 7 years of age.

CONFORMATION

Alan Slay, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting. Bri Tesarz and Tim Thomas, AKC Staff participated by telephone conference.

Proposed Amendments to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows

There was discussion on proposed amendments to Chapter 7, Sections 1, 3, and 10, and Chapters 11, Section 13 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. These changes were proposed by the Delegates Dog Show Rules Committee. Both the AKC Event Operations and Judging Operations Staff as well as the Board had concerns with these proposed amendments. This will be considered further at the April 2014 Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned on Tuesday March 11, 2014 at 5:40 pm

Meeting reconvened on Wednesday March 12, 2014 at 8:00 am.
All Directors were present as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION with nothing reported out of this session.

CONFORMATION - cont’d

The Board continued its discussion of items in the Conformation area. Alan Slay, AKC Staff was present for this portion of the meeting. Doug Ljunggren, Tim Thomas, and Bri Tesarz participated by telephone conference.

AKC National Owner-Handled Series

Based on a request from the Board, the Event Operations Staff presented alternative methods to increase the number of National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) special attractions being offered at events. The goal is to increase the number of entries in conformation events by providing a competition that is desired by the owner-handled exhibitors, embraced by the clubs, respected by the judges and supported by the superintendents.

The Board discussed Special Attractions with Competition (National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS), Best Bred-By Exhibitor, Best Veteran, Best Puppy). Staff shared data that showed the National Owner-Handled Series does increase entries where it was offered while there was no impact on entries when Best Puppy, and Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition was available as a special attraction at a show.
The Board considered making the NOHS the primary Special Attraction with Competition that a club may offer. If a club wishes to offer one Special Attraction with competition it must offer the NOHS. If a club chooses to offer two Special Attractions with Competition then it may offer NOHS and choose one other (Best Bred-By Exhibitor, Best Veteran, Best Puppy). This will be considered further at the April 2014 Board meeting.

Four-Six Month Beginner Puppy
There was also discussion on the success of the Four-Six Month Beginner Puppy Class in attracting new exhibitors to conformation (50% of the exhibitors are new and 68% of the dogs continue on to the regular classes.)

Strategic Planning
There was a report on Strategic Planning. Mark Dunn, AKC Staff was present for this portion of the meeting. Doug Ljungren, AKC Staff participated by telephone conference. The discussion covered a number of initiatives including a program to recognize and support all breeders who perform health testing recommended by the breed’s Parent Club and to help the American public find responsible breeders. This program would include making this health information available to everyone at no charge, along with recognizing those who complete a course developed by AKC. There was also a discussion on the development of new sports, either by AKC or by working with existing organizations involved in those activities.

Coursing Ability Test
In December 2012, the Board lowered the minimum age for dogs participating in the CAT (Coursing Aptitude Test) to six months from twelve months. This action was based upon a recommendation from the Delegate Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Events Committee. At its March 2014 meeting, the HEC Committee voted to recommend that the twelve-month age restriction be reinstated. Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the new recommendation of the HEC committee, and to return eligibility for entry to twelve months, effective immediately.

Judging and Delegate Eligibility
Margaret Poindexter, AKC Staff was present for this portion of the meeting. Tim Thomas, AKC Staff, participated by telephone conference. The Board considered the status of Bo Bengtson as both a judge and a Delegate. The Rules Applying to Dog Shows prohibit the publisher of a commercial dog magazine from becoming or remaining a judge. The AKC Bylaws have the same prohibition with regards to an individual being eligible to become or remain a Delegate. AKC was advised by Mr. Bengtson’s attorney that he purchased Sighthound Review magazine in December 2013.

Marketing
There was a presentation on new business initiatives given by Chris Walker, AKC Staff. The discussion covered the AKC Database, akc.org, Woofpedia, as well as new products and services that are in development.

Mr. Wooding, Mr. Feeney, Dr. Garvin, and Dr. Battaglia were not present for the remainder of the meeting.

Executive Secretary
Margaret Poindexter was present for this portion of the Meeting.

Canine Legislative Position Statement on Service/Assistance Dogs
The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to create a new canine legislation policy position statement on The Use of Dogs for Assistance and Service. Following discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Dok, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Garvin, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Feeney and Mr. Wooding) to approve the following new position statement:

Misuse of Service Dogs
Service dogs are defined as those that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. The AKC strongly supports public accommodations that allow individuals with disabilities to use service dogs.

The AKC strongly condemns characterizing dogs as service animals when they are not, or attempting to benefit from a dog’s service dog status when the individual using the dog is not a person with a disability.

Canine Legislative Position Statement on Breeding Restrictions and Regulations
The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to expand the current AKC Canine Legislation Position Statement on Breeding Restrictions and Regulations in order to clarify AKC’s position on the regulation of breeders. Government Relations Staff recommends updating the canine legislation policy position statement on Breeder Restrictions as follows. (New language is underlined.) This will be considered further at the April 2014 Board meeting.
Breeding Regulations and Restrictions
The American Kennel Club strongly supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to educate the public about responsible breeding practices and the responsibilities of dog ownership. AKC supports reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities.

The AKC opposes the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans or mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs, specifically, those based on the number of dogs owned or maintained.

AKC expects responsible dog owners and breeders to know, understand and obey laws that apply to them.

Foundation Stock Service Open Show Regulations
The Board reviewed a Staff proposal to make two changes to the Foundations Stock Service Open Show Regulations.

1) Allow an individual who would be defined as a professional handler to be eligible to exhibit a dog in an FSS Open Show if the individual is an owner of record.

2) Revise the awarding of points in the Group of an Open Show to be consistent with that of Best in Miscellaneous Class.

This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Berger Picard Eligibility to Compete in the Herding Group
The Board reviewed a request from the Berger Picard Club of America to 1) approve the breed standard submitted as the official breed standard for the Berger Picard breed, and 2) move the Berger Picard from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on June 1, 2015. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Parent Club Approval for Kooikerhondje in Miscellaneous Class
There was a discussion on selecting the official Parent Club for the Kooikerhondje. This will be considered further at the April 2014 meeting.

Foundation Stock Service – Australian Kelpie
The Board was advised that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee approved a petition for the Australian Kelpie to be admitted into the FSS program. There was no objection.

COMPLIANCE
Margaret Poindexter, AKC Staff, participated in this section of the meeting.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:
(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary’s Page.)

Cancellation of Awards Appeal– Jorge and Susie Olivera
The Event Operations Department cancelled a number of awards given to dogs regularly shown by Jorge and Suzie Olivera, professional handlers. The judge was Patricia Nemirovsky de Alsina. Mrs. Nemirovsky de Alsina is the mother of an employee of the Oliveras, who resides on their property. The judge has stayed at the Oliveras residence and the Oliveras hosted a birthday party there two weeks before the weekend where the dogs were shown to her. The Oliveras requested that the AKC Board consider an appeal to the AKC staff action. There was no motion to consider such an appeal.

Adjourned 3:00 p.m.

Attest
James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary