ATTENTION DELEGATES

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on Monday September 8, 2014, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the 9:00 a.m. Delegate Forum.

DELEGATES CREDENTIALS

Bonnie Berney, Sapula, OK, Mid-Continent Kennel Club
Charlotte I. Borghardt, Sierra Vista, AZ, Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club
Col. Harold R. Brizee, Boise, ID, ID Capital City Kennel Club
Virginia A. Brookings, DVM, Shreveport, LA, Shreveport Kennel Club
Peggy Burns, Ash, NC, Myrtle Beach Kennel Club
Mary D. Curtis, Washington Township, NJ, First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey
Sarah E. Gaunt, Signal Mountain, TN, Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia
Dean Langwiser, Los Alamitos, CA, Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club
Karen Bowers Lee, Lincoln University, PA, American Whippet Club
Janet Narushka, Ormond Beach, FL West Volusia Kennel Club
Kathy Sanders, Linden, NJ, Union County Kennel Club
William L. Totten III, Vinton, VA, Roanokeoke Kennel Club
Mary E. Vanderlinden, Reidsville, NC, Carolina Dog Training Club

NOTICE

As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individual stands suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that this determination may still be appealed and may be reversed. Upon expiration of the appeal process, an appropriate notice describing the status of the individual’s suspension, if any, will appear in this column:

Ms. Iva Fisher (Westminster, MD)

Ms. Jean Pray (West Des Moines, IA)
NOTICE
Ms. Abba Mansfield (Houston, TX) Action was taken by the Acadiana Kennel Club for conduct at its June 5 and 6, 2014, event. Ms. Mansfield was charged with impairing a club’s ability to retain a site. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a three month event suspension and a $500 fine, effective June 8, 2014. (Finnish Spitz and Chesapeake Bay Retriever)

NOTICE
Mr. Andrew Mansfield (Houston, TX) Action was taken by the Acadiana Kennel Club for conduct at its June 5 and 6, 2014, event. Mr. Mansfield was charged with impairing a club’s ability to retain a site. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty at a three month event suspension and a $500 fine, effective June 8, 2014. (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)

NOTICE
Ms. Maria Devier (Groveland, FL) Action was taken by the Central Florida Kennel Club for conduct at its June 21, 2014, event. Ms. Devier was charged with leaving the ring without permission and 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 a $100 fine. (Mastiff)

NOTICE
Ms. Lena Moles (New Ulm, TX) Action was taken by the Bexar County Kennel Club for conduct at its July 13, 2014, event. Ms. Moles was charged with neglect at or 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 $100 fine, effective July 13, 2014. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Lester Miller (Baltic, OH) Yorkshire Terrier, Cairn Terrier Mr. Steven Miller (Baltic, OH) Boxer for entering/exhibiting a bitch in AKC confirmation events that she knew, should have known or had a duty to know had been spayed, which rendered it ineligible to compete, pursuant to Chapter 11, Section 8, of the AKC’s Rules Applying to Dog Shows. (Boxer)

NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Deborah McCarroll (Aptos, CA) from AKC event privileges for two years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective July 21, 2014, for entering/exhibiting a bitch in AKC confirmation events that she knew, should have known or had a duty to know had been spayed, which rendered it ineligible to compete, pursuant to Chapter 11, Section 8, of the AKC’s Rules Applying to Dog Shows. (Boxer)

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Jennifer Richard (Hillman, MI) from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective April 21, 2014, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interest of The American Kennel Club based on her violation of the AKC’s Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy.

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 website 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
Miss Amanda J. Ashley (97633) CA (515) 440-0216 allusiondogs@gmail.com French Bulldogs
Mrs. Allison C. Rogers (16204) OR (503) 563-5211 devonshirelabs@comcast.net Labrador Retrievers
Mr. Edwin (Ed) Valle (93014) FL (407) 766-2604 edrey524@gmail.com Lhasa Apso

APPROVED BREED JUDGES
Ms. JoAnne M. Buehler (22770) DC (301) 590-9056 joaneb@his.com Balance of Hound Group (American English Coonhounds, Black and Tan

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Donald Davidson (Salisbury, NC) from all AKC privileges for five years and imposed a $1000 fine, effective July 21, 2014, for refusal to make his dogs and records available for inspection when requested.

(Multiple Breeds)
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**

- Ms. S. Marie (Miki) Cooney (15638) MA
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  - Email: miki@kreedphoto.com
  - Website: Irish Terriers, Lhasa Apso

- Ms. Dawn Eisele (93881) NY
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  - Email: dawnieselee@aol.com
  - Website: Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan Terriers

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES**

- Ms. Cheryl S. Chang (97669) HI
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  - Website: JS

- Ms. Sydney Taylor Duspiva (97621) CA
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  - Email: sydneyduspiva@yahoo.com
  - Website: JS

- Ms. Andrea O’Connell (18519) NY
  - Phone: (845) 626-4137
  - Email: amtekel@gmail.com
  - Website: JS-Limited

- Ms. Whitney Perry (97709) MA
  - Phone: (508) 367-3905
  - Email: foxwatch19@aol.com
  - Website: JS

**PERMIT ASSIGNMENTS COMPLETED**

- Ms. Kathryn Cowser (17121) CA
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  - Website: American English Coonhounds, American Foxhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Plott’s, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Russian Retrievers, Field Spaniels, Weimaraners

- Dr. Steven Herman (6305) FL
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  - Email: sherman@wearethehope.org
  - Website: Bloodhounds, Greyhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis, Scottish Deerhounds

- Mr. Kenneth Kauffman (4823) PA
  - Phone: (215) 453-0399
  - Email: brenham@hotmail.com
  - Website: Balance of Toy Group (Havanese, Italian Greyhounds, Miniature Pinschers)

- Ms. Gay Kuehn-Hisatake (17375) NY
  - Phone: (845) 626-5332
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  - Website: Balance of Working Group (Anatolian Shepherds, Black Russian Terriers, Boerboel, Chinook, Dogues de Bordeaux, German Pinschers, Great Danes, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Komondorok, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers, Saint Bernards, Tibetan Mastiffs)
**APPROVED BREED JUDGES**

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**Mr. Charles A. Bagnell (43466) WA**  
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Basset Hounds, Beagles, English Foxhounds, Greyhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Salukis

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Afghan Hounds, Salukis, Papillons, Yorkshire Terrier

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Basset Hounds, Otterhounds

**Mr. Dana Cline (7276) IL**  
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Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffons, Chihuahuas, Chinese Cresteds, Havanese, Maltese, Miniature Pinschers, Papillons, Pomeranians, Poodles, Pugs, Toy Fox Terriers

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Afghan Hounds, Basset Hounds

**Mrs. Beverly A. Drake (41442) MD**  
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Chow Chows, Schipperkes, JS

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Pointers, Flat Coated Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, English Cocker Spaniels, Vizslas, Weimaraners, Dalmatians

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**Mr. Peter A. Gaeta (90490) MI**  
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Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Samoyeds, JS

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

BELLISSIMO – Bouvier des Flandres – Angela K. Sugimura
BIG LUV – Newfoundland – Kate A. Stankey
CHAVER – Australian Shepherds – Carol Stuckey
DENALLI – Doberman Pinschers – Leona K. Sibo
DODGE CITY – Miniature American Shepherds – Jesse J. Horn
DREAMCASTLE – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Sally J. Slusher
DREAMERS – Golden Retrievers – Pedro V. Lopez
DULCINEA’S – Poodles – Letitia Sue Talkington
ESTRELLAS – Boxers – Michal E. Ruff
FAWKZFIREFZ – Pomeranians – Laura L. Jennings
FEZZIWIG – Wirehaired Pointing Griffons – Nancy Swiechowicz & Kevin Swiechowicz
HAUSVINZANT – German Shepherd Dogs – Larry D. Vinzant & Cheri J. Vinzant
KARISMA – Silky Terriers – Kathleen E. Gilbert
LA HISTORIA – Dogo Argentino – Joshua Faulkner

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Mrs. Robert L. Boothe
Ms. Cheryl A. Lent

DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES
Mr. G. William Andree
Mrs. Estelle B. Cohen
Mr. Michael J. Dachel
Mr. Roy Prado

PROVISIONAL Obedience/Rally/Tracking Judges COMPLETED

The following persons have completed their Provisional Judging assignments and their names have been added to the list of regular approved judges.

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Obedience – Novice

Ms. Lynda S. Moore (38343) CT
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Obedience – Utility

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Obedience – Open

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Rally – All

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:

BLACK SADDLE – Beagles – John H. Hurt III
BIG PAWZ – Mastiffs – Janet Torna & Carlos R. Aponte
BRAESIDE – Rottweilers – Leslie A. Fried
FOXEL – Pembroke Welsh Corgis – Patricia E. DeChick
GOLD POND – Golden Retrievers – Alice K. Brown

HOLLYWOODCHIS – Chihuahuas – Vanessa S. Semler & Edwin E. Davila Pollack
LAU-MOR – Beagles – Fred A. Edwards
LUV’N COUNTRY – Bichon Frise – Terri L. Mills
MAJESTIC’S ROYAL – German Shepherd Dogs – Tina M. Blackford
PARAMOUNT – Akitas – Laura L. Pfleghardt
OLYMPIC’S – German Shorthaired Pointers – Sarah J. McIntosh
ROYALMARK – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Suzanne McCoy & Todd McCoy
SANDY CREEK – Miniature American Shepherds – Wanda J. Ashleben
SKYBREEZE – Poodles – Frank Furlett & Christine Furlett
STEELE TOWN – Beagles – Niki Happel
SWISS STAR – Bernese Mountain Dogs – Bobbie Hefner
TRUE STORY – Matsis – Robin F. Tabor

Registered Name Prefixes Granted

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Mrs. Terry D. Chacon (17843) CA
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Mr. Clifford Steele (16630) NY
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BEST IN SHOW
The following person, 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.

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Mr. George Mulitunovich (15748) CA
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MADCAP – Bull Terriers – Jane Killion & Mark Lindquist
MIHOLIDAY – Collies – Marilyn A. Lindauer
NIGHTWING – Irish Wolfhounds – Joel M. Mattson & Wendy J. Mattson
NOTTINGHAM’S – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Ingrid A. Wik
OHNO – Bulldogs – Brett R. McDonough & Christy A. McDonough
OVERLOOK MTN – Labrador Retrievers – Mark Rothe
THORNHILL – Boykin Spaniels – Leslie K. Kern
WAR BOUVIATOR – Bouvier des Flandres – Debbie J. Potter & Denise Hunse
WATERSEDGE – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Noreen N. Walzer & Donald A. Walzer
WICKLOW – Collies – Erin J. Matthews & Richard S. Bellows

The Board convened on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 8:05 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. The June 2014 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were discussed. Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Garvin, the June 2014 minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Board Action Items
Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous Action Items assigned to the Staff as well as an introduction of new initiatives.

Events and Entries Update
Mr. Sprung gave a report on entries and events though May 2014. Entries were up by 1% and Events were up by 4% 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 month of June 2014.

DOBERMAN PINSCHER CLUB OF AMERICA
Margaret Poindexter, Heather McManus, and Michael Liosis, AKC Staff, was present for this portion of the meeting.

The Board received the history behind the procedures being followed by the Doberman Pinscher Club of America in regard to its 2015 annual election.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Powers, it was VOTED (unanimously) to rescind the reprimand and fine issued in June. The Board further acknowledged the DPCA’s notice to the membership of its intent to proceed with this election by extending the time for additional nominations to August 1, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Nominating Committee
The Executive Secretary informed the Board that the Nominating Committee for the March 2015 election of AKC Directors must be appointed by August 15, and its report must be received no later than October 15, 2014.

Following discussion, the Board elected the Nominating Committee, which is to select candidates for positions on the Board of Directors, Class of 2019, which are to be filled at the March, 2015 Delegate Meeting:

Nominating Committee
Wayne Boyd, Chair
Bayou Kennel Club

Connie Clark
American Fox Terrier Club

Linda Ayers Turner Knorr
Greenville Kennel Club

Gail LaBerge
Atlanta Obedience Club

Steve Schmidt
Texas Kennel Club

Acceptance of Breeds into the AKC’s Foundation Stock Service®
An overview of the breeds accepted into the AKC FSS program since 1995

Alternates:
Anne Bowes
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America

Andrew G. Mills
Del Sur Kennel Club

Mari-Beth O’Neill, AKC Staff, was present for the remainder of the Executive Secretary section.

Kooikerhondje - Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous
The Board reviewed a recommendation from Sport Services that the Kooikerhondje be approved to advance to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2015. This will be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

FSS Breed Progression
Based on a Board request, Staff presented information about the path from FSS to full recognition, and discussed ways to provide judges with increased opportunities to become knowledgeable about these breeds before they are asked to judge them in AKC events.

Some breeds have remained in FSS for many years and may not ever satisfy the criteria to move into the Miscellaneous Class and eventually full recognition due to a lack of dogs in this country and/or having a club to represent the breed that fulfill the membership requirement. It was noted that even if these breeds never achieve Miscellaneous status, maintaining these breeds in the AKC’s FSS program provides a service to those who own the breed and allows these dogs to compete in AKC Companion Events, Performance Events, Open shows and Match shows, which is a benefit to the breed and additionally generates revenue through recording fees for AKC.

Currently, when a breed moves to full recognition, those approved to judge all breeds within the group in which the breed will be eligible to compete are required to take an open book test on the breed standard and submit a processing fee. Ideas were discussed to offer judges the opportunity to better educate themselves on these new breeds.

Additional methods to test for competency in the new breeds were also discussed.

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and their progression to full recognition was presented. Data about the number of entries generated by FSS breeds in AKC Conformation Dog Shows was also reviewed.

There was discussion on recognizing a new breed whose country of origin would be considered the United States versus a breed whose country of origin was a foreign country. The Biewer Terrier was discussed specifically in this regard.

The Board discussed the discrepancy that exists between how breeds developed in the United States are considered as opposed to breeds developed in other countries.

In the former, AKC will not consider the acceptance of breeds created by crossbreeding two existing breeds, making the development of new AKC breeds in the United States impossible. However, when a breed is developed in another country, and then breeds true for a number of documented generations, it would be considered for acceptance into AKC’s FSS after being recognized by an approved foreign registry.

Staff was directed to seek the input of the AKC Health and Welfare Advisory Panel on the question of what constitutes a purebred dog, considering how current AKC breeds were developed, and how more recently developed breeds should be handled.

**FINANCE**

Peter Farnsworth, Chief Financial Officer, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Farnsworth provided a six-month review of the finances which showed that, in aggregate, the operating income is less than last year but better than what was planned. We anticipated continued erosion in dog registrations for 2014, however the decline has been less than expected and better than recent years. The balance sheet continues to show substantial cash and investments, even after allowing for Board-designated reserves for emergencies and other contingencies.

**DELEGATE MEETING**

There was a discussion on possible Delegate meeting sites in Manhattan. The staff had explored all available options as an alternative to meetings in New Jersey. Hotel rates would be considerably higher for attendees, and the most reasonable hotels could accommodate Committee meetings and the general meeting, but with only one ballroom, could not also have a luncheon. It was the sense of the Board that Delegate input would be sought before considering such a change.

**MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There was a presentation on new business initiatives given by Chris Walker, AKC Staff.

**COMPANION**

Doug Ljungren and Pam Manaton, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

**Tracking - Making Life Easier**

The Board reviewed nine (9) recommended changes to the Tracking Regulations that are meant to reduce the administrative burden on clubs holding tracking tests. The recommendations originate from a Tracking Focus Group formed in the fall of 2013 by the Companion Events Department. Most of the recommendations are technical in nature, allowing clubs to more efficiently use the available land by providing flexibility in the planning of tests. This will be discussed further at the September meeting.

**Capturing Agility Entries**

Staff presented details regarding identifying the number of unique dogs competing in agility. Currently, given the manner that results are received, it is estimated that 86% of the unique dogs are identified. The Board felt this was enough information to be representative of trends in the sport.

**Required Printed Documents – Recommendations for Publications**

Following the June Board Meeting, the Staff was instructed to review the requirements for clubs to publish printed materials for their events, specifically premium lists, judging programs, and catalogs. Staff was asked to consider changes that can reduce the administrative burden on clubs while still meeting the needs of exhibitors. The Staff has sought input from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and the Companion Events Delegate Committee and requested a response from the committees no later than September 15th. It will also be sent to the Delegate All-Breed Clubs committee for its input. A recommendation regarding possible changes to the current requirements will be presented to the Board in October.

**Judges Task Force Report**

The Board discussed the report of the Judges Task Force. The discussion was to be continued on the second day of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned on Monday July 21, 2014 at 5:30 pm

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday July 22, 2014 at 8:00 am.

All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

**REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT**

Mark Dunn participated in this portion of the meeting via conference call. There was a review of registration numbers and revenue over the year.

**Global Services**

There was a general discussion on the current status of and the future plans for Global Services.

**New Breeder Program**

Mr. Dunn presented an overview of a program currently in development designed for all breeders. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

**JUDGING OPERATIONS**

Doug Ljungren and Tim Thomas, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

**Judging Approval Process Survey III**

Staff presented the results of the third survey conducted by the Judging Operations to obtain feedback from judging applicants concerning the current process of applying for additional breeds which became effective March 1, 2012. This survey was conducted one year from the date of a previous survey on the same topic to obtain additional feedback.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business and personnel matters.

**CONFORMATION**

Doug Ljungren, Alan Slay, Tim Thomas, and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, par-
ticipated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

**Overview of Judging Eligibility**

The Board approved the distribution of a chart that shows in one easy-to-read document, the eligibility criteria for judges of the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy competition, the AKC National Owner-Handled Series, Sweepstakes and Futurities and FSS Open Shows. The final version of the chart will be posted on the AKC website.

**Points Schedule Analysis**

Based on a Board request Staff presented an overview on how the points schedule is set as a whole and looked at potential changes that would improve the points schedule for the sport. The points schedule is based on the number of competitors in the previous calendar year for each division, breed/variety, and sex. The points-calculation process considers only the number of dogs that actually competed (not those that were entered) in regular class competition during the previous year. This included comparison of the number of majors now as compared to 10 years ago; the effect on majors if all specialty shows were removed from the points-schedule calculation process; the effect of combining the sexes in class competition on some low-entry breeds; and a review of the effect of non-parent club breed/variety competition adjacent to (+/-3 days) of Parent Club competition for the breed/variety and a review of the percentage of shows with majors offered at the same show as the special attraction with group competition.

Changes to which shows are included in the point schedule calculation and the percentage of shows projected to carry forward a formal proposal for consideration at the September meeting.

**AKC NOHS Program Changes**

Staff presented input on the AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) based on the responses to a survey of clubs, judges, exhibitors, and superintendents to better understand the perceived benefits and limitations of the existing program. Also considered in this review are the phone calls and emails received by Event Operations Staff. The review of the NOHS resulted in three recommended program changes which the Staff planned to implement, unless there was any Board objection.

There was no objection and effective October 9, 2014, the changes below will apply to NOHS:

1. The limitation that dogs co-owned by a professional handler are not eligible to be exhibited in the NOHS is removed. Professional handlers would still be prohibited from handling the dog in the NOHS.
2. Definition of professional handler is:

   **Professional Handlers** are defined as anyone who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers’ organization, distributed rated cards, or otherwise advertised or presented themselves as handling dog for pay within the last five years.
3. Entries into the Amateur-Owner-Handler class are automatically entered into the AKC NOHS.

**The NOHS Requirements**

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Powers, Mr. Amen, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Dok, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Wooding, Mr. Arnold, opposed: Ms. Cruz, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Battaglia) to amend the NOHS policy for clubs:

- All-Breed and Group Clubs that hold at least two shows per year and offer a special attraction with group competition must offer the NOHS at a minimum of 50% of their shows in the calendar year.
- The NOHS does not have to be offered at the same show as the special attraction with group competition.
- Any All-Breed or Group Club that holds only one show per year is not required to hold NOHS competition in order to hold another special attraction with group competition.

There was a motion by Ms. Cruz, seconded by Mr. Menaker to eliminate the NOHS requirement, making it an opt-in program. This motion was defeated (affirmative: Ms. Cruz, Mr. Menaker, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Feeney, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Wooding; opposed: Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Amen, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Dok, Mr. Powers).

**Judges Task Force Report (continued)**

The Board continued discussion of the Judges Task Force Report. Among the matters discussed was a survey of Parent Clubs to determine what they consider to be important educational components for individuals seeking to judge their breeds. The Task Force Report will be discussed further in September. Whatever changes are ultimately considered will be put out for comment before final adoption.

**COMPLIANCE**

Margaret Poindexter, AKC Staff was present for this portion of the meeting.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

(Continued)
Boykin Spaniel Stud Book

The Board VOTED to approve the request from the Boykin Spaniel Club & Breeders Association to allow the Boykin Spaniel Stud Book to remain open until January 1, 2025.

Miniature American Shepherd Eligibility to Compete in the Herding Group

The Board VOTED to move Miniature American Shepherd from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on June 1, 2015. The breed will be eligible to compete in the Herding Group July 1, 2015. AKC will maintain an open registry for the breed until July 1, 2020. The Board also approved the breed standard as submitted by the Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA.

Registered Kennel Name Fee

The Board VOTED to increase the fee for registering a kennel name with AKC from $100 for five years to $150 for five years, effective January 1, 2015.

Special Event Agility Trials

The Board VOTED to approve a proposal from the Agility Staff to allow clubs licensed for Agility to hold one Special Event Agility Trial per year. A Special Event Agility Trial is defined as one where the club proposes a unique mix of regular AKC classes or a unique eligibility criterion. A Special Event Agility Trial must be open to all breeds, including Canine Partners. Regular classes held at Special Event Agility Trials will count toward titles. A Special Event Agility Trial must be approved by the Agility Department and will count as one of the club’s 12 trials per year. In addition, clubs may make up unique non-regular classes to offer at their trials. A clear and complete description of the eligibility and performance requirements for a non-regular class must appear in the premium list. Amendments will be made to Chapter 1, Section 3; Chapter 1, Section 31; and Chapter 2, Section 1 as follows (new wording underlined):

CHAPTER 2

Section 1. Classes. All agility classes held on the day of a member club or licensed trial must have prior approval by the AKC. Only approved classes such as the Standard (Std) Agility class, the Jumpers With Weaves class (JWW), Time 2 Beat class (T2B), FAST class and other approved non-regular classes are allowed. A dog may be entered in only one Standard Agility class, one Jumpers With Weaves class, one Time 2 Beat class, and one FAST class offered by a club per day. This shall not preclude eligible dogs from competing in additional prior-approved non-regular classes on the same day. If a club has been approved to hold a Special Event Agility Trial with the same class offered multiple times, the above participation limit does not apply for the approved Special Event.

A licensed or member agility trial need not include all of the regular agility classes, but a club will not be approved to hold the Open Standard/Jumpers With Weaves/FAST class unless it also holds the Novice Standard/Jumpers With Weaves/FAST class. A licensed or member agility trial will not be approved to hold Excellent and Master Standard/Jumpers With Weaves/FAST class unless it also holds the Open Standard/Jumpers With Weaves/FAST class. If a club has been approved to hold a Special Event Trial, the above limitation on how classes may be offered does not apply for the approved Special Event.

The licensed or member agility trial may also offer the T2B class and Excellent/Master FAST classes, and/or the non-regular International Sweepstakes (ISC) class in conjunction with the Regular and Preferred classes on the Excellent/Master trial day. Any licensed or member club that has been approved to hold an agility trial may offer additional optional non-regular classes. The non-regular class must be submitted on a special non-regular class application form and approved by the AKC. If a non-regular class is one that is not defined in these regulations, a clear and complete description of both the eligibility and performance requirements must appear in the premium list.

Retriever Hunt Test – Six Events Per Year

The Board VOTED to increase the number of Retriever Hunting Tests a club may hold from four to six per year.

Retriever Field Trials – All-Age Only Trials

The Board VOTED to allow clubs licensed to hold Retriever Field Trials, at their option, to hold an Amateur All-Age only trial once every other year provided that the club has held two all-age trials consisting of both Open and Amateur All-Age stakes in the previous calendar year. The Amateur All-Age stake must be accompanied by two minor stakes.

This will be read at the September 2014 Delegates meeting and be voted on at the December Delegates meeting.

The Board Adjourned 4:00 p.m.

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary