QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DELEGATES
OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
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Dennis B. Sprung, President
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Affenpinscher Club of America—Letisha Wübbel
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Constance Butherus
Airedale Terrier Club of America—Aletta L. Moore
Akita Club of America—Sherry E. Wallis
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—Patricia A. Peek
Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—Mary M. MacCollum
American Belgian Malinois Club—Carol J. Shields
American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—Ms. Janina K. Laurin
American Bloodhound Club—Mary L. Olszewski
American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—Patte Klecan
American Brittany Club, Inc.—Judith Tighe
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—Alan Kalter
American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.—Marilyn E. Currey
American Fox Terrier Club—Connie Clark
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—Harold Miller
American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.—Don Hanson
American Manchester Terrier Club—Roberta Berman
American Pointer Club, Inc.—Karen R. Spey
American Pomeranian Club, Inc.—Dr. Geno Sinseros
American Rottweiler Club—Mr. Peter G. Piusz
American Sealyham Terrier Club—Kenneth W. Mader
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—Marjorie Tuff
Anderson Kennel Club—Phillip D. Sample
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Ms. Patricia A. Sample
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Wallin
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—Gail A. LaBerge
Austin Kennel Club, Inc.—Bette D. Williams
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—Joyce Rowland
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—William L. Christensen
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Nina Schaefer
Basenji Club of America, Inc.—Katie Campbell
Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—Sanda J. Launey
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—Wayne Boyd
Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—Gloria Marshall
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—Diane Pearson
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Barbara Swisher
Blennerhassett Kennel Club, Inc.—John McCullagh
Border Collie Society of America—Ms. Carol Clark
Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Ruth A. Naun
Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—Barbara O’Neill
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly
Bronx County Kennel Club—Ms. Alexa Samarotto
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—Victoria Glickstein
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—Helma Weeks
Bull Terrier Club of America—Rebecca Poole
Bulldog Club of America—Robert L. Newcomb
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.
Cairn Terrier Club of America—Pam Davis
California Collie Clan, Inc.—Robette G. Johns
Canaan Dog Club of America—Pamela S. Rosman
Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Vivian A. Moran
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Ashby
Catoctin Kennel Club—Whitney Coombs
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—Julian Prager
Charleston Kennel Club—Sylvia Arrowood
Chattanooga Kennel Club—David Gilstrap
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—Kenneth Saenz
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—Marge B. Calltharp
Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts—Dr. Stephen Lawrence
Clearwater Kennel Club—Daniel T. Stolz
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—Mrs. Maureen R. Setter
Collie Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom
Colorado Kennel Club—Mrs. Louise Leone
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—Norma J. Ryan
Connecticut River Working Group Association—Fred G. Ferris
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—Michael Houchard
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—Larry Sorensen
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Charles Garvin
Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Karen Dorn
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—Barbara L. Mann
Dayton Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Groeschel
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—Andrew G. Mills
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—Dr. A. D. Butherus
Detroit Kennel Club—Andrea Glassford
Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—Meg Wetzel
Doberman Pinscher Club of America—Janet Van Wormer
Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland—Kathrynn Sarvinas
Durham Kennel Club Inc.—Linda C. Wozniak
Eastern Dog Club—Mr. Theodore C. Hollander, Jr.
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—Jeffrey Drogin
Elm City Kennel Club—Dr. Gregory J. Paveza
Elmira Kennel Club, Inc.—Homer R. Hastings, III
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—Mr. John P. Nielsen
English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan, Inc.—Barbara J. Gates
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English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—Susanne Burgess
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—David H. Hopkins
Erie Kennel Club, Inc.—Peggy Helming
Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Terrie Breen
Finnish Spitz Club of America—Mrs. Cindy Stansell
Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Almira B. Dallas
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—Charles Arnold
French Bulldog Club of America—Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard
Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Cindy Collins
German Pinscher Club of America—Deidre E. Gannon
German Shepherd Dog Club of America—Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—Mr. Kenneth A. Marden
German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Patricia W. Laurans
Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—Kimberly Demchak
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—James R. Dok
Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America—Bruce H. Sussman
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Bonnie Lapham
Golden Retriever Club of America—Ellen Hardin
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—Nance O. Skoglund
Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Lettsi
Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—Dale S. Tarbox
Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—Ms. Karen J. Burgess
Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—Barbara Shaw
Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club, Inc.—Margaret DiCorleto
Greater Naples Dog Club—Steven D. Gladstone
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—Linda L. LaFrance
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—Marlene Steinberg
Greenville Kennel Club—Linda A. Knorr
Greenwich Kennel Club—Margaret K. Curtis
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—Cindy Miller
Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert D. Black
Havanese Club of America—Jane F. Ruthford
Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—Patricia M. Cruz
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy Fisk
Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—Jane Wilkinson
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Carol A. Williamson
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dick Blair
Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—Gwen McCullagh
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—Barbara A. Penny
Ibizan Hound Club of the United States—Luane V. Williams
Illinois Valley Kennel Club of Peoria, Inc.—Dr. John F. Davidson
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Rita J. Biddle
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—Jack McDaniel
Irish Wolfhound Club of America—Eugenia Hunter
Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—Carole Pleasur
K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ, Inc.—Dave Morgan
Kanadasaga Kennel Club—Mrs. Beverly M. Nosiglia
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John D. Sawicki
Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—Thomas Powers
Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—Margaret Doster
Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—Esther J. Cassatt
Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton
Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Inc.—Charles H. Schaefer
Kennel Club of Riverside—Sylvia A. Thomas
Kennesaw Kennel Club—James F. Gibson
Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—Jacquelyn J. Fogel
Komondor Club of America, Inc.—Michael Harman
Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia Van Doren
Ladies’ Dog Club, Inc.—Kathi Brown
Ladies’ Kennel Association of America—Ruth Winston
Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Diana Skibinski
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cecelia C. Clossen
Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—Carolyn M. Vack
Land O’Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Jan Croft
Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club, Inc.—Deborah Ashlock
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert N. LaBerge
Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dominic P. DiBalsi
Leonberger Club of America—Don James
Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—Sue Goldberg
Long Island Kennel Club—Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—David M. Powers
Maryland Kennel Club—Gary Sarvins
Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—Rebecca Campbell
Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Jeanette Nieder
Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—Ralph Hogancamp
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—Gretchen Bernardi
Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—Robert H. McKown
Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—Harold E. Perry
Montgomery County Kennel Club—Ms. Ida E. Weinstock
Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—Ruth Crumb
Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—Mary Yoders
National Beagle Club—Eddie Dziak
National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson
National Shiba Club of America—Maggi Strouse
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—Viola Burgos
Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—David Helming
Newnan Kennel Club—Willie Crawford
Newton Kennel Club—Catherine H. Murch
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane E. Taylor
Nisqually Kennel Club—R. H. Hachtel
Norfolk Terrier Club—Robert Lachman
North Shore Kennel Club—Richard F. Coletti
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Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club—
Stephen Skolnik
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—Billie Ponston
Norwich Terrier Club of America—
Betty McDonnell
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—Ms. Marile A. Waterstraat
Oakland Dog Training Club, Inc.—
Lynette J. Saltzman
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—James M. Ashton
Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, Inc.—Felice farrold
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—Betty M. Winthers
Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—
Daniel R. Cunningham
Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—Burton J. Yamada
Otterhound Club of America—Joellen Gregory, D.V.M.
Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—Link Newcomb
Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—Gary Koeppe1
Pasco Florida Kennel Club—Helen Ingher
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Anne Boves
Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—Dennis J. Gallant
Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—Larry Wilson
Plainfield Kennel Club—Amy Kiell-Green
Pocono Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Krieger
Poodle Club of America, Inc.—Mary Ellen Fishler
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Robert A. Amen
Progressive Dog Club—William H. Blair
Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—Richard E. Grant
Queensboro Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Linda M. Lachica
Ramapo Kennel Club—Jeffrey D. Bull
Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—Jan M. Ritchie
Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Janice S. Gardner
Rubber City Kennel Club—Cathy Gaidos
Sahurato State Kennel Club—Rita L. Mather
Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—Mrs. Barbara Furbush
Sammanish Kennel Club—Dr. Robert C. Gloster, M.D.
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John L. Ronald
San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc.—Stanley S. Saltzman
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—Laurence J. Libeu
Saratoga New York Kennel Club—Wanda H. Allen
Savannah Kennel Club of Georgia—Darlene Kelley
Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—Betty Jo Patrick
Scottish Terrier Club of America—Helen A. Prince
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—Sandra Frei
Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—Susan L. Hamil
Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—Ann M. Cook
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc—William J. Feeney
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—Robert Bergman
South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Linda B. Willson
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Linda C. Flynn
South Windsor Kennel Club—Margarette (Peggy) Wampold
Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club—Ricky Adams
Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club—Marilyn R. Vinson
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—John V. Ioa
Southern Colorado Kennel Club—Lee Arnold
Spinone Club of America—Karen Luckey
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Thomas M. Davies
St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—Kit A. Bostrom
St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Deborah J. Wilkins
St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—Dr. Gerry Meisels
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—Jenny Merritt
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—Holly E. Shelty
Staten Island Kennel Club, Inc.—Marianne Megna
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert Eisele
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—Marcy L. Zinger
Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—Laura Trainer
Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Florence Duggan
Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Maryllyn DeGregorio
Tampa Bay Kennel Club—Mary Manning-Stolz
Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—Judy Hart
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Stacey La Forge
Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert E. Bostrom
Town and Country Kennel Club, Inc.—Toni Doake
Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—John Shoemaker
Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Christopher L. Sweetwood
Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—Joseph Martyn
Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—John J. Cadalso, Jr.
Tuatatin Kennel Club, Inc.—James S. Corbett
Tucson Kennel Club—Dian Albright
Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—Patricia C. Sarles
United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III
United States Lakeland Terrier Club—Alfred J. Ferruggiario
Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club—Josephine De Menna
Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Tabor
Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Carol Fisher
Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—Mr. William F. Dumas
Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—Lynn Worth-Smith
Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia Rowland
Wallkill Kennel Club, Inc.—Rose M. Robischon
Wampanoag Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Naida L. Parker
Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—James W. Smith
Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Richard Rohtbacher
Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Eriga Seacord
West Highland White Terrier Club of America—Thomas H. Barrie
Westchester Kennel Club—Ronald W. Readmond
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Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Yuhasz
Westminster Kennel Club—Harvey M. Wooding
Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc.—Colleen McDaniel
Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frederick R. Vogel
Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—Mrs. Karen Mays
Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—Rosann Sexton
Worcester County Kennel Club—Debra A. Hokkanen

Mountaineer Kennel Club

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

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

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

The Chair called on Alan Kalter for the Chairman’s report. Mr. Kalter spoke as follows:

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

I like being called a fan, don’t you? I like what it stands for, even though some people believe the idea of “fans” came from “fanatics”—a usually pejorative word. Actually, The Dickson Baseball Dictionary cites William Henry Nugent’s work asserting that “fan” was derived from “the fancy,” a term from England referring to the enthusiasts of a specific hobby or sport—like dog shows. The word came into common usage in America in 1889, just five years after the launch of the American Kennel Club. Coincidence? I think not.

It is an accepted fact in sports that your fans can have a demonstrable impact on performance. In football, which allows 11 players on the field, the assemblage of fans in the stadium is collectively referred to as the “12th man.” A researcher from Harvard University discovered that the home team achieved a tenth of a point advantage for every 10,000 fans in the stadium.

Imagine the advantage we could have for purebred dogs, for breeders, and for our sport with a much larger active fan base. We have already begun to do just that with Facebook. There are lots of numbers associated with Facebook, but the most important are those that identify your true fan base. There is a simple equation that does that: the number of “people talking about this” divided by the total number of “likes” which is called “engagement.” According to experts, an acceptable engagement rate, or true fans, is in the range of one to two percent.

Two baseball teams with very strong fan bases are the New York Yankees and the New York Mets. The Yankees have an engagement rate of 4% and the Mets have 6%. Both are doing better than acceptable in growing their fan base. Apple, one of the world’s strongest and best-liked brands, is at 1.4% HSUS is at 1.6% and ASPCA is at 4%.

The AKC’s engagement rate—the measurement of true fans—is an astounding 30%! The actual number of true fans is 535,000—higher than any of those I just mentioned by a multiple. In fact, we have 16 times more true fans than HSUS.

You cannot manufacture a fan base. You cannot buy a fan base. You create it by telling stories about the many things that happen in our world, throughout the day, throughout the years. Sometimes it is
Championship, and AKC Meet the Breeds; and, WHEREAS, on Thursday, May twenty-ninth, two thousand and fourteen, this mild-mannered AKC employee showed what he was really made of; and WHEREAS, on that morning, Michael joined tens of thousands of other Long Island Rail Road commuters, making their way into Manhattan, in this case at the crowded Syosset, New York station; and, WHEREAS, while waiting for the approaching train, he noticed a fellow commuter falling off the platform onto the tracks, and while hundreds of others stood by, not knowing what to do or not wanting to put themselves in danger, Michael and only two others acted; and, WHEREAS, one other commuter ran to the end of the platform to flag down the oncoming commuter train, Michael and one other person jumped on the tracks several feet below the platform, just a few feet from the electrified third rail; and, WHEREAS, they somehow lifted the incoherent victim, who they later learned was deaf, onto the platform before pulling themselves up as the slowed train pulled into the station; and, WHEREAS, hundreds of others froze in a crisis, Michael's only instinct was to act, heedless of the danger to himself; and, NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Board and staff of the American Kennel Club, who have always appreciated his knowledge, work-ethic, and cool demeanor in a crises, unanimously agree that in any situation there is no one they would rather have their back.

Thank you. (Applause)

Mr. Sprung gave the President's report as follows:
I would like to spend a few moments to honor one of our own. Less than a month ago, on May 12th, a gallant fight was lost. Our dear friend Dr. William "Bill" Randolph Newman passed away at home in Bedford, Pennsylvania. Dr. Bill was born in Rosedale, New York, on June 16, 1931. His professional accomplishments prove a long history of dedication to his community in Bedford. He was director of radiology at both Sacred Heart and Bedford Memorial Hospitals, having risen to Chief of Staff at Sacred Heart. A true public servant, our friend Bill was elected President of two county medical societies and was ultimately elected twice as the Mayor of the Borough of Bedford. Those of us who knew him well realize he was always the “Mayor”... but this confirmed it at the ballot box.

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

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

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

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

He had a great sense of humor and as a judge he shared a memorable prayer: "Hail Mary, full of grace, send me a dog I can place."

The staff admired him for being a colleague, mentor and a loyal friend.

In December, with Dr. Newman present, Alan Kalter eloquently praised him in so many ways. Now is our time to
remember him, one of our own. Echoing the words of Alan that day, I know you will all join me in saying, "We thank you, Dr. Bill." And we will miss you, too."
Thank you.

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

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

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

This is the 20th Anniversary of AKC Agility. To commemorate two decades in this sport it’s my pleasure to give you a short presentation regarding its history, some of its milestones, and some of the lessons learned. In the early years, agility started as an entertainment event at Crufts. It was so positively received that in 1980 the Kennel Club in England adopted agility as a sport. The first event in the United States was held in 1986 by the United States Dog Agility Association. AKC’s involvement with agility started in 1993.

Agility was in the Performance Events Department. As a sidelight, the person who was in charge of that department organized the Agility Advisory Committee without seeking the approval of the Board of Directors. He took some money from other areas in his budget and formed the advisory committee. This was the start of AKC Agility. AKC’s first event was held in 1994. I assume he sought approval from the Board before we had our first event. It was held in Houston, Texas, in August. There was one class with three levels of difficulty.

The sport continued to evolve. In 1996 AKC held its first agility nationals, which were in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also in 1996, AKC sent its first agility team to the FCI World Championship. Here’s a picture of that team in their red, white and blue proudly representing the United States and AKC at that event.

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

Thus far we have done that. We have grown every year, and it’s the second AKC sport to exceed 1 million entries a year. What are the factors that have led to this success? What have we learned?

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

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

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

Standing Ovation

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, New Section, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers. The Qualified All-Age 2, or QA2, is a new title that can be earned in Retriever Field Trials. The
we're doing very well in the processing of applications and panels as well as results. We have been concentrating on the timely initial processing of application panels and then letting our customers know the status of that processing. We have streamlined some processes, we have modified our workflow, some of our newer staff members have taken on additional responsibility, and we've worked some extra hours. The manager of that area, Tabitha Sheppard, has done a great job overseeing these improvements. Currently we're averaging eight days for the initial processing of applications and panels. That is the lowest that average has been since 2011, and it's about a third of where we were at when I was here in March. We have other improvements and modifications that we've identified that we'll be implementing in the next weeks and months. Additionally, we have a member of our Audit and Control Department who has experience in business process analysis and we've taken on the project of bringing back the amendment. That is the lowest that average has been since 2011, and it's about a third of where we were at when I was here in March. We have other improvements and modifications that we've identified that we'll be implementing in the next weeks and months. Additionally, we have a member of our Audit and Control Department who has experience in business process analysis and we've identified that we'll be implementing in the next weeks and months.

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

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

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

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

- All-Breed Clubs Committee: Three, three-year terms.
- Bylaws Committee: Four, three-year terms.
- Canine Health Committee: Four, three-year terms.
- Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee: Three, three-year terms and one, two-year term.
- Dog Show Rules Committee: Three, three-year terms.
- Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee: Four, three-year terms.
- Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Events Committee: Four, three-year terms.
- Parent Clubs Committee: Three, three-year terms.
- Perspectives Editorial Staff: Six, two-year terms, and three, one-year terms.

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

Thank you, Dennis. At the last Delegate meeting I told you that we were going to improve our customer service and I would come back here and let you know how we're doing. I'm happy to report that we're doing very well in the processing of applications and panels as well as results. We have been concentrating on the timely initial processing of application panels and then letting our customers know the status of that processing. We have streamlined some processes, we have modified our workflow, some of our newer staff members have taken on additional responsibility, and we've worked some extra hours. The manager of that area, Tabitha Sheppard, has done a great job overseeing these improvements. Currently we're averaging eight days for the initial processing of applications and panels. That is the lowest that average has been since 2011, and it's about a third of where we were at when I was here in March. We have other improvements and modifications that we've identified that we'll be implementing in the next weeks and months. Additionally, we have a member of our Audit and Control Department who has experience in business process analysis and we've identified that we'll be implementing in the next weeks and months. Additionally, we have a member of our Audit and Control Department who has experience in business process analysis and we've identified that we'll be implementing in the next weeks and months.

The following discussion took place during New Business:

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

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

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

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

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

Kenneth Mader, Delegate for the American Sealyham Terrier Club, suggested there be a donation portal on the American Kennel Club website.
Naida Parker, Delegate for the Wampanoag Kennel Club, spoke about the future of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in view of Proctor & Gamble selling the Eukanuba and Iams lines to Mars, Pedigree and Royal Canine.

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

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

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

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

Col. Harold R. Brizee, Boise, ID, Idaho Capital City Kennel Club

Sarah E. Gaunt, Signal Mountain, Tennessee, Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia

Steven D. Gladstone, Mt. Pocono, PA, Waterloo Kennel Club

Catherine Iacobelli, East Meadow, NY, Augusta Kennel Club

Patricia Kanan, Santa Ynez, CA, American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club

Karen Bowers Lee, Lincoln University, PA, American Whippet Club

Kathie S. Moulton, Plainfield, VT, Green Mountain Dog Club

Kathy Sanders, Linden, NJ, Union County Kennel Club

William L. Totten III, Vinton, VA, Roanoke Kennel Club

Mary E. Vanderlinden, Reidsville, NC, Carolina Dog Training Club

Kathie D. Vogel, Virginia Beach, VA, Tidewater Kennel Club of Virginia

Lori Webster, Amherst, NY, Norwegian Elkhound Association of America

Mr. Andrew Mansfield (Houston, TX)

Ms. Abba Mansfield (Houston, TX)

NOTICE

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Dee Langley (Hollywood, SC) from AKC registration privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, effective June 10, 2014, for her submission of an online litter registration application containing a false certification as to the signature of the co-litter owner. (Papillon, Yorkshire Terrier)

NOTICE

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Lucy Moreno A.K.A. Lucero Moreno (Sanford, NC) from all AKC privileges for one year and imposed a $1000 fine, effective June 10, 2014, for non-compliance with AKC’s record keeping and dog identification requirements, and the AKC’s Care and Conditions Policy (unacceptable conditions, dogs and/or facility). (Boxer)

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for five years and imposed a $1000 fine, for refusal to make their dogs and records available for inspection when requested:

Effective June 10, 2014

Mr. Cecil Crittenden (Westville, OK)

Multiple Breeds

Ms. Virginia Rocklin (Yadkinville, NC)

Chihuahua

Mr. Paul Shelton (Martinsburg, WV)

Multiple Breeds

Ms. Penny Shelton (Martinsburg, WV)

Chihuahua
NOTICE
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has the following individuals from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of The American Kennel Club based on their violation of the AKC’s Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy:

Effective June 10, 2014
Ms. Bella Boyarsky (Bethany, CT) Multiple Breeds
Mr. Jeffrey Boyarsky (Bethany, CT) Multiple Breeds
Mr. Dale Ferguson (Fountain Inn, SC) Multiple Breeds
Mr. Joseph Valentino (Colts Neck, NJ) Multiple Breeds
Ms. Darcy Smith (Wheatland, ND) Multiple Breeds

NOITICE
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.
Border Collie Club of Northern California $70.00
Border Collie Club of Greater Los Angeles $90.00
German Shepherd Dog Club of Detroit, Inc. $90.00
Río Salado Vizsla Club, Inc. $80.00
Sleepy Hollow German Shorthaired Pointer 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.
Border Collie Club of Northern California $70.00
Border Collie Club of Greater Los Angeles $60.00
Cascade Schipperke Club $90.00
Dachshund Club of America, Inc. $90.00
German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis and St. Paul $90.00
German Shepherd Dog Club of Detroit, Inc. $60.00
Northern California Basset Hound Club $90.00
Río Salado Vizsla Club, Inc. $80.00

Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club $90.00
Topline German Shepherd Dog Club of Illinois, Inc. $500.00
Roy Jones Dog Shows $200.00

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 emails. 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.

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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.

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Ms. Sally Poole

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Mr. Eugene W. Haupt
Mr. Robert D. Sharp
DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES
Mr. David G. Doane
Ms. Mary Lou Harris
Ms. Susan Parsons
Mrs. Cynthia Sommers
Dr. Todd D.L. Woods

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

PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES
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.

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Tracking – Tracking Dog

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Obedience - Novice

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:

CABIN-CRITTERS – Yorkshire Terriers – Anita S. Hopkins
DUCKDAWG – Labrador Retrievers – Libby Milroy
ENCLAVE – Shetland Sheepdogs – Hector Hector & Meredith Hector
FAVME – French Bulldogs – LuAnn Belock
HARVESTMOON – Labrador Retrievers – Connie A. Cramer
HI HOPES – Australian Shepherds – Angela Parker
HIRED GUN – Bulldogs – Anna Dolegiewicz
HUESOFGOLD – Golden Retrievers – April M. Fulk
KINGSTON’S – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Becky S. Holleman
MAYFLOWER – Retriever – Kirk Blank & Kamila Blank
OAKHAVEN – Rhodesian Ridgebacks – Linda A. Shue
SAPPHIRE – French Bulldogs – Carol L. Arbuthnot & Roger M. Arbuthnot
SHADYMAST – Golden Retrievers – Marnie J. Harrell
SWEETBRIAR – Vizslas – Christine M. Walter
WYNDANCER – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Susan (Sue) Barrett, DVM
ZA ZA – Bouvier des Flandres – Priscilla W. Martin

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

AHADI – Basenji-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 – Basenji – Constance (Connie) L. Camp
JASET – Poodles – Chris Bailey & Sandra Tompkins
MARGAUX – Bouviers des Flandres – Sandi Lyon
POISE – Australian Shepherds – Angie T. Claussen & Mandy Rose
RAMBLEWOOD – English Springer Spaniels – Linda M. Riedel
SIXBELLS – Australian Shepherds – Cheryl Bell
SUNNYACRE – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Kathleen F. Burke
TATTLE TAIL – Labrador Retrievers – Brenda D. Owens
VINDACHS – Dachshunds – E. Richard Vincent & Twyla J. Vincent
WILANE – Manchester Terriers – JoAnn C. Emrick
WILD WEST – Australian Terriers – Eve Steele
WINTER VALLEY – Labrador Retrievers – Crystal A. Macris

BOARD OF DIRECTORS JUNE 9-10, 2014

The Board convened on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. The April 2014 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Menaker, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the April 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 status report on entries and events though April 2014. Entries were flat with a 0% change and Events were up by 3% 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 April and May 2014.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
There was a discussion on a number of issues regarding judging, which were raised at the Delegate Parent Clubs Committee meeting in June. They included the increase in the number of low entry breeds; ideas of acceptable education and training for judges; the process of ringside observations by AKC Field Representatives to evaluate placements; Parent Club input on breed standard tests; the demeanor of some judges and the possibility of some type of Low Entry Breed Institute.

**JUDGING TASK FORCE**
Dr. Garvin updated the Board on the work of the Judging Task Force, including ongoing projects and a review of areas where improvement was needed and areas where further discussion was needed.

He outlined a pilot program to develop online breed specific judge’s education, referred to as the Canine College. The Parent Clubs for Basenjis, Lhasa Apso and Dalmatians were taking part in the pilot program.

Chris Walker, AKC Staff, reported on a platform that could be purchased, which would enable AKC to develop software to deliver the Canine College. Following a motion by Mr. Amen, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) to authorize staff to purchase the platform and to develop the software necessary to do this.

The Board also considered what education experiences were really pertinent and should be included as necessary preparation for judging applicants which would instill confidence by exhibitors that each individual is knowledgeable about the breed.

It was suggested that there be an additional survey of judges, the Judges Review Committee and exhibitors.

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

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONT’D**

**February 2015 Board Meeting**
It was pointed out that the dates for the February 2015 Board Meeting were set prior to the Westminster Kennel Club changing its dates in 2015. Without objection, the dates for the meeting were changed to Thursday/Friday, February 12-13, 2015.

The Doberman Pinscher Club of America
The Board reviewed a report on alleged Bylaw violations on the part of the board of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America (DPCA). Article III, Section 4 of the DPCA bylaws specifically provide that the Board may fill any vacancy in officer or board positions only until the Annual Meeting. While being advised of this by AKC, the Board of the DPCA insisted on filling the vacancies for president and first vice president for the remainder of the unexpired term of the individuals previously holding these positions rather than until the next annual meeting. The DPCA membership was not afforded the opportunity to submit nominations for the two vacancies.

There was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Amen, to reprimand the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, and to impose a staff-recommended fine of $500 for the known violation of its bylaws.

There was a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Cruz, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Powers, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Amen, Mr. Dok, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Menaker, opposed: Mr. Feeney, Mr. Wooding, Mr. Gladstone) to increase the fine to $2,500.

The main motion, as amended, was then voted (affirmative Mr. Powers, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Amen, Mr. Dok, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Gladstone; opposed Mr. Feeney, Mr. Wooding).

FCI
The Board discussed a request from the FCI to provide it with a list of all dogs it registers based on a National General Kennel Club pedigree, so that it can prevent them from being registered by any FCI member based on its AKC registration. In addition the FCI general Committee asked that AKC Global definitely not approach non FCI member clubs in countries establishing a business relationship. FCI had declined to cooperate with AKC Global in countries with FCI clubs for a portion of any revenue earned.

The Board did not direct or authorize AKC and AKC Global staff to comply with either request. Staff was directed to relay that to FCI.

Meeting adjourned on Monday June 9, 2014 at 5:30 pm

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday June 10, 2014 at 8:00 am.

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

**AKC Canine Health Foundation**
Duane Butherus, the AKC Canine Health Foundation Board Chairman, updated the AKC on a number of matters, including staff changes, fundraising efforts, and procedures for making research grants.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONT’D**
Margaret Poindexter, AKC Staff, was present for this portion of the meeting.

**Trial Boards**
There was a discussion on the reappointment of Trial Boards. The Executive Secretary had communicated with current members to determine which of them wished to continue as Trial Board members. The only current members who declined to be reappointed were Edd Biven and Donald Boobum. Staff was directed to extend the Board’s sincere appreciation to both for their years of service.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, it was VOTED (unanimously) to appoint the following Trial Board members:

**Appeals Trial Board**
Ralph Del Deo, Esq. Chair
Barbara W. Meiner, Esq.
Martha Feltenstein, Esq.

**Trial Board Chairs**
Laurie Raymond, Esq.
Daniel Smyth, Esq.
Rita Biddle, Esq.
Theresa Dowell, Esq.
Jan Ritchie, Esq.

**Trial Board Members**
Dr. Klaus Anselm
Charles Foley
Roger Hartinger
MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS
There was a presentation on new business initiatives given by Chris Walker, AKC Staff. The discussion covered a multitude of areas including the redesign of AKC’s website to make it more user friendly, AKC’s numerous social media advances, and the plans to market the sport.

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

New Breeder Program
The staff presented an overview of a program currently in development designed for all breeders. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

CONFORMATION
Doug Ljungren, Alan Slay, Bri Tesarz, Mark Dunn and Amy Chou, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by telephone conference.

Exhibitor Convenience Issues
Based on a request from the Board at the March meeting, Event Operations staff provided a copy of a letter that was sent to clubs regarding best practices for Superintendents. The letter was originally mailed to all Conformation club presidents in November 2007 via an all clubs mailing. The purpose of the letter was to point out scheduling options that are available to a club that if utilized could make the running of a dog show more convenient for exhibitors. Staff was directed to survey exhibitors and judges regarding the concept in the 2007 letter.

Streamlining the Event Application Process
Based on a request from the Board, the Event Operations staff identified and presented ways to streamline the event application process and make the process easier for both the AKC customers and the Event Operations staff. A number of short-term actions were presented and accepted by the Board. The Event Operations staff will be notifying the clubs of the improvements prior to the next Board meeting.

4-6 Month Puppy Update
Based on a request from the Board, Event Operations determined how many 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy exhibitors are truly new to conformation. It was determined that 26% of 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy exhibitors are new to conformation. 65% of these new exhibitors continue on to show dogs in regular classes. Therefore, of all the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy exhibitors, 17% are new exhibitors that continue to show beyond the 4-6 month class.

Staff was directed to emphasize to clubs that the 4-6 Month Puppy competition is a special event and not a special attraction. Thus, a club holding a 4-6 Month Puppy Competition would not be required to have a NOHS.

Territoriality
Based on a request from the Board, a Staff Committee was created to evaluate the issue of territoriality strictly from a best business practice view, using the clean-slate approach. Staff presented recommendations to the issue strictly from the point of view of how would a club’s territory be defined and what restrictions would be put into place if we were creating a new club and event structure for the first time today.

The Board was aware that a sub-committee of the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee was working on a Territoriality proposal. It was suggested that the committee be contacted to forward that proposal to the Board for consideration, after it has been approved by the committee.

National Owner Handler Series
There was a discussion on the NOHS. There was a motion by Ms. Cruz to again make it an opt-in program which would enable clubs to offer Special Attractions with group competition without having NOHS. This motion was not seconded.

The Board discussed the apparent confusion of the applicability of the Board decision requiring a club to hold a NOHS event if they chose to hold any other competitive Special Attraction. It was not the Board’s intent to include Specialty Clubs in the decision.

Therefore, the Board decided a clarification was needed and there was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Powers and it was VOTED (unanimously) to make this clarification in a formal manner.

COMPANION
Doug Ljungren, Pam Manaton and Carrie DeYoung, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by telephone conference.
Special Event Agility Trials

The Board reviewed 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. This will be considered further at the July Board Meeting.

History of Agility

Based on a request from the Board, Staff presented an overview of the history of Agility. The Board believes that, as this program has been very successful, reviewing its evolution might provide insight for the development and/or growth of other sports. There was discussion on the history of Agility, how the sport became an AKC event, the evolution of the sport, the staff’s philosophy used when adding new classes and titles.

Day of Show Entries

Based on a request from the Board, staff conducted research to determine if it would be advantageous to allow day-of-show entries in conformation, obedience and/or rally events. It is the staff’s conclusion that day-of-show entries do not make sense for these AKC events, and the Board concurred.

Companion Events Open to Canine Partners

Staff presented a memo based on a Board request to develop a plan to increase the number of all-breed Companion Events open to Canine Partners. In 2013, 98% of Agility, 95% of Obedience and 96% of Rally events were open to Canine Partners. Given the high level of participation, staff recommended maintaining the status quo and to continue allowing clubs the option to decide if they want to offer classes for Canine Partners.

New Events

Staff gave an update to the Board on three new activities that are being researched to enhance AKC’s existing portfolio of sports.

**COMPLIANCE**

Margaret Psindexter, AKC staff was present for this portion of the meeting.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary’s Page.)

**CONSENT**

Following discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent Items:

**Delegates Approved**

- Warren Cook, Eagle Point, OR
- Southern Oregon Kennel Club
- Rhoda 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, Pennellville, NY
- North Country Kennel Club
- Victoria Ann Marks, Jacksonville, FL
- Jacksonville Dog Fanciers Association
- Raul J. Peralta, Trinity, NC
- American Brussels Griffon Association
- Harold Tatro III, Crowley, TX
- Ft. Worth Kennel Club
- Susan G. Thrasher, New Castle, IN
- Muncie Kennel Club
- Karen M. Williams, Crestview, FL
- Okaloosa Kennel Club

**Modification of the Clusters and Back-to-Back Policy**

The Board VOTED to modify the current policy pertaining to the length of clusters to exclude National Specialties and associated events and to clarify that this applies to conformation shows.

The revised portion of the policy follows (Revisions underlined)

- Approval of more than four days of unique AKC conformation events is contingent upon exceptional site capabilities, Executive Field Staff recommendation, and subsequent site approval by Event Plans. There is a checklist for site inspection. Clusters of more than five days of unique AKC conformation events will not be approved except in the case of National Specialties and associated events hosted by the Parent clubs or specialty clubs of the same breed.

**Lagotto Romagnolo Eligibility to Compete in the Sporting Group**

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the Lagotto Club of America to 1) approve the breed standard submitted as the official breed standard for the Lagotto Romagnolo, 2) move the Lagotto Romagnolo from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on June 1, 2015, and 3) approve the Lagotto Romagnolo to compete in the Sporting Group, effective July 1, 2015.

**Miniature Pinscher in AKC Earthdog Tests**

The Board VOTED to allow Miniature Pinschers to be eligible to participate in AKC Earthdog tests.

**Match Regulations**

The Board considered a number of modifications to Chapter 2, Section 1, of the Match Regulations, based on input from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. They were intended to:

- Make FSS breeds eligible for breed and group competition.
- Remove the requirement that the FSS breeds be listed on the Match Application and in the advertising for the Match.
- Providing that breed standards could be available at the Match, either digitally or on paper.

Following a motion by Mr. Wooding, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to amend the last two
paragraphs of Chapter 2, Section 1, of the Match Regulations to read as follows:

Conformation competition is for breeds which are registrable, eligible for Miscellaneous Class, or FSS breeds. Such dogs would be eligible to compete in the respective group competition and eligible for Best in Match level. FSS breeds and dogs with an AKC Canine Partners listing number are permitted to compete, at any level for which they meet the necessary requirements at Obedience, Rally, or Agility trials if such classes are offered.

A club wishing to accept entries for FSS breeds would be required to indicate that at the time that the match application is submitted to The American Kennel Club for approval. The club will be required to have a breed standard for FSS breeds, approved by a foreign registry or a national breed club in the United States, available at the match on paper or viewed digitally.

**New Business**

The Board discussed the policy prohibiting a professional handler from showing under a judge for four months before and after handling a dog for that judge. There was no action taken to change that policy.

The Board Adjourned 3:50 p.m.

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary