Attention Delegates
Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Hilton North Raleigh, in Raleigh, North Carolina, on June 11, 2013, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the 9:00 a.m. Delegates Forum.

Delegates Credentials

Paul Bodeving, Cave Junction, OR,
Rogue Valley Kennel Club

Lonnie Carroll, Greer, SC , Spartanburg Kennel Club

Carlene Dowell, Cumberland, MD,
Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club

Debby Fowler, Carrollton, TX, Trinity Valley Kennel Club

Eugenia Hunter, Makanda, IL, Irish Wolfhound Club of America

Jack McDaniel, Bothell, WA, Irish Water Spaniel Club of America

Ronald Readmond, Trappe, MD, Westminster Kennel Club

Nancy Shaw, Fredericksburg, TX San Antonio Kennel 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:

Capt. Athanasios P Sevastopoulos (Salt Lake City, UT)

Notice

Mr. David Hawkins (Camarillo, CA)
Action was taken by the Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles for conduct at its March 17, 2013, event. Mr. Hawkins was charged with verbal abuse (inappropriate, abusive or foul language) directed personally to a judge. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the report and set the penalty at a two month event suspension and a $100 fine, effective March 18, 2013. (Miniature American Shepherd)

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Dorothy Stinson (Columbia, KY) from all AKC privileges for five years and imposed a $1000 fine, effective April 23, 2013, for refusing to make her dogs and records available for inspection when requested. (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Brant Panter (Jasper, AL) from AKC registration privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, effective April 23, 2013, for submission of an online litter registration application and the issuance of PIN numbers for the members of the litter, without written permission of the co-owner of the dam. (Great Dane)

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Deborah McCarroll (Aptos, CA) from AKC registration privileges for three months and imposed a $500 fine, effective April 23, 2013, for signing eight dog registration applications and four registration certificates of transfer on behalf of another without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form. (Boxer)

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Deborah McCarroll (Aptos, CA) from AKC registration privileges for three months and imposed a $500 fine, effective April 23, 2013, for signing eight dog registration applications and four registration certificates of transfer on behalf of another without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form. (Boxer)

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Virginia Rockwell (Enterprise, WV) from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective April 23, 2013, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best inter-
ests of the American Kennel Club based on their violation of the AKC’s Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy.

(Laborador Retriever, Golden Retriever)

Proposed Amendment to Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.

The Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club has proposed the following amendment to ARTICLE VII: Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc., to be voted on at the June 11, 2013 Delegates Meeting. The AKC Board of Directors did not approve or disapprove this proposal.

The following Proviso is to be considered before the vote on ARTICLE VII, Section 1:

If the amendment to ARTICLE VII, Section 1 is adopted, effective immediately, it will not apply to any currently seated AKC Board members, who may complete their current term and serve an additional consecutive term if eligible under the third paragraph of this section.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1

Excluding the President, who serves as a non-voting member, no members of the Board of Directors may be currently or formerly employed by AKC, any AKC division, subsidiary or affiliated organization nor may they receive remuneration from the AKC on a consulting or contract basis nor be a member of the household of same.

Proposed Amendment to Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds

The American Kennel Club Performance Staff has brought forward the following amendment to Chapter 14, New Section: National Championship Events, Section 18A of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, to be voted on at the June 11, 2013 Delegates Meeting.

Chapter 14

National Championship Events

Section 18A A National Gun Dog Championship for Irish Setters may be held not more than once in any calendar year. The event must exceed the AKC’s minimum standards to qualify as a National Championship event. The event shall be for dogs over six (6) months of age. The stake must be held by the Parent Club which shall file an application for permission to run it under procedures approved in advance by the Performance Events Department. The ISCA may develop entry qualifications that exceed the AKC minimum standard. Dogs placing in this stake shall be credited with championship points in accord with the schedule for Field Championships and the winner shall be entitled to the designation “National Irish Setter Gun Dog Champion of 20, (NGDC)"

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 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

Mr. Bobby Birdsong (96067) NC
bw3217@bellsouth.net
Working Group (Akitas, Alaskan Malamutes, Anatolian Shepherds, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Black Russian Terriers, Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Cane Corsos, Chinooks, Doberman Pinschers, Dogues de Bordeaux, German Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Great Danes, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Komondorok, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers, Mastiffs, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Newfoundland, Portuguese Water Dogs, Rottweilers, Saint Bernards, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies, Standard Schnauzers, Tibetan Mastiffs)

Mrs. Shirley A. Cole (93493) AZ
(480) 948-0657
kcole22@cox.net
Miniature Schnauzers

Mrs. Vicky Creamer (95841) MD
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Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, JS

Mrs. Claudia Fowler (95925) TX
(940) 325-3856
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Schipperkes, JS

Mrs. Heather Lindberg (95941) CO
(303) 485-2176
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Pointers, Afghan Hounds, Beagles, Chinese Cresteds, JS

Dr. Loui Reyes (95923) NM
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Chinese Cresteds, JS

Mr. Wood Wornall, Jr (95931) CA
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Terrier Group(Airedale Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Australian Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Border Terriers, Bull Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Smooth Fox Terriers, Wire Fox Terriers, Glen of Imaal Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Lakeland Terriers, Manchester Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Rat Terriers,
Russell Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Welsh Terriers, West Highland White Terriers

**APPROVED BREED JUDGES**

**Mr. Alberto Berrios (6945) GA**
(678) 447-6382
albertoberrios@yahoo.com
German Wirehaired Pointers, Flat Coated Retrievers, Gordon Setters, English Cocker Spaniels, Irish Water Spaniels

**Ms. Amy Gau (90627) MN**
(507) 843-5312
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Australian Shepherds, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, JS-Limited

**Ms. Patricia A. Keenan (5357) IL**
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Balance of Terrier Group (American Staffordshire Terriers, Australian Terriers, Bedlington Terriers, Border Terriers, Bull Terriers, Cesky Terriers, Dandie Dinmont Terriers, Irish Terriers, Manchester Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers, Parson Russell Terriers, Rat Terriers, Russell Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers)

**Mr. Richard W. Powell (17447) PA**
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**Dr. Bob G. Smith (59862) LA**
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bobgsmith58@yahoo.com
Balance of Sporting Group (Pointers, Curly-Coated Retrievers, Flat Coated Retrievers, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, American Water Spaniels, Boykin Spaniels, Clumber Spaniels, Field Spaniels, Irish Water Spaniels, Sussex Spaniels, Spinone Italiani, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons)

**Ms. Debra Thornton (18837) VA**
(434) 286-9504
cypressbaydl@gmail.com

**Mrs. Patricia Ulloa (5721) CA**
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Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Curly-Coated Retrievers, Irish Red and White Setters, Clumber Spaniels, Cocker Spaniels, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons

**Mr. R.C. Williams (93917) CA**
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rcwilliams@earthlink.net
Airedale Terriers, Australian Terriers, Border Terriers, Bull Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, West Highland White Terriers

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES**

**Ms. Julie K. Bremsen (95879) NM**
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JS

**Miss Andie Hall (95873) NM**
(505) 982-5900
andiejhall@gmail.com
JS

**Mr. Jeffrey P. Ryman (93219) WA**
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rotor8@aol.com
JS-Limited

**PERMIT ASSIGNMENTS COMPLETED**

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

**NEW BREED JUDGES**

**Mr. Lloyd J. Amodei (95053) PA**
(215) 570-6674
ljamodei@msn.com
Boston Terriers

**Miss. Evalyn R. Gregory (6130) KY**
(502) 777-1969
evjudge@aol.com
Beagles, Dachshunds, Boxers, Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffons, Maltese, Papillons, Pekingese, Yorkshire Terriers, Chow Chows

**Mr. Eric C. Henningsten (94775) AZ**
(623) 271-2081
jagies@aol.com
Dachshunds

**Ms. Tina Webb Heres (94741) NC**
(919) 562-0356
bayleafpugs@aol.com
Pugs

**Ms. Vivian Andre Moran (93751) KY**
(502) 875-9145
raconteur@shelbywireless.net
Cardigan Welsh Corgis

**Ms. Denise J. Nardini (91810) NJ**
(201) 962-5924
djnardini@yahoo.com
Rottweilers

**Mrs. Faye E. Richardson (94109) IN**
(317) 645-3373
empirebulldogs@aol.com
Bulldogs

**APPROVED BREED JUDGES**

**Ms. Mary Anne Brociou (3691) MI**
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Balance of Working Group (Anatolian Shepherds, Cane Corsos, Chinoök, Dogues de Bordeaux, Komondorok, Leonbergers, Neapolitan Mastiffs)

**Mrs. Danielle M. Brown (7231) TX**
(512) 863-4341
nomadcorgis@att.net
Labrador Retrievers, Boxers

**Mrs. April Clyde (52836) DE**
(302) 542-3033
longvue@msn.com
Wire Fox Terriers

**Mr. Todd Clyde (52861) DE**
(302) 542-3416
tclyde002@msn.com
Kerry Blue Terriers, Welsh Terriers

**Mrs. Janet Cohen (90134) NJ**
(609) 566-3217
newfie219@aol.com
Mastiffs, Havaneses

**Mrs. Judith V. Daniels (4160) CA**
(661) 269-1331
starzendi@rglobal.net
Akita, Black Russian Terriers, Dogues de Bordeaux, German Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Saint Bernards
Mr. Thomas E. Daniels (7033) FL
(239) 293-5882
bjgulfl2@aol.com
Balance of Non-Sporting Group
(American Eskimo Dogs, Finnish Spitz, Lowchen, Norwegian Lundehunds, Tibetan Terriers, Xoloitzcuintli)

Mrs. Debra L. Davis (25320) MI
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debbie.davis@cookmedical.com
Brittany, German Shorthaired Pointers, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Vizslas

Mrs. Penny DiSiena (76729) OH
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Golden Retrievers, Gordon Setters

Dr. Daniel W. Dowling (5972) ME
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Balance of Toy Group (Maltese, Manchester Terriers, Miniature Pinschers, Shih Tzu, Toy Fox Terriers)

Mrs. Irma S. Fertl (49392) NY
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Havanese

Ms. Mary C. Murphy-East (36967) MN
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Ms. Helene Nietsch (7259) CT
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Mr. Roland L. Pelland (6940) RI
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Pugs, JS

Mrs. Diana L. Skibinski (7258) IN
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American Eskimo Dogs, Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, Lowchen, Xoloitzcuintli

Ms. Cindy Stansell (44666) NC
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Alaskan Malamutes, Great Danes, Samoyeds, Bulldogs, Dalmatians, French Bulldogs, Keeshonden, Shiba Inu

Mr. Robin L. Stansell (5580) NC
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Akita, Alaskan Malamute, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Black Russian Terriers, Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Cane Corsos, Doberman Pinschers, Dogues de Bordeaux, German Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Great Danes, Leonbergers, Mastiffs, Newfoundlands, Portuguese Water Dogs, Rottweilers, Saint Bernards, Siberian Huskies, Tibetan Mastiffs

Mr. William K. Stauder (7521) MN
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Irish Setters, English Springer Spaniels

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Vizslas, Weimaraners

Ms. Wendy E. Teach (90248) AR
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Bulldogs

Mrs. Barbara L. Trezza (18908) GA
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German Shepherd Dogs

Ms. Mimi Winkler (65274) NY
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Cane Corsos, Chow Chows

Mrs. Ruth H. Zimmerman (4353) DE
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Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Flat Coated Retrievers, Gordon Setters, Field Spaniels

ADJUNCT JUDGE

Ms. Carol Jean Nelson (17019) TX
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Lovennybear2899@aol.com
Cane Corsos

BEST IN SHOW

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

Ms. Vandra L. Huber (6857) WA
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vandra@uw.edu
BREEDS REMOVED
The American Kennel Club Board of Directors removed Lakeland Terriers and Welsh Terriers from the breeds Marcia Feld is eligible to judge in addition to the Terrier Group, effective December 3, 2012. This action was based on her judging at the Suffolk County Kennel Club’s September 29, 2012 show.

RESIGNED BREED OR JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP
The judges below have notified AKC to resign their privileges for the following:
Mr. James Anthony Zarifis (33259) OH
Junior Showmanship
Mrs. Judith A. Franklin (7539) VA
judging at the Suffolk County Kennel 2012. This action was based on her judging in the Terrier Group, effective December 3, 2012.

RESIGNED CONFORMATION JUDGES
Mrs. Barbara W. Weekes

DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES
Mr. William Cunningham

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.

Ms. Judy Stromquist (95803) OR
(541) 995-9240
hanstrom@pacinfo.com
Tracking – Tracking Dog

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.

Ms. Laurie Beck (91764) OR
(503) 925-9571
JTB99@aol.com
Obedience – Novice

Mr. Anthony Ginter (94111) KY
(502) 241-9127
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Tracking – Tracking Dog

Mr. Thomas Hacholski (91598) TX
(972) 771-5156
tilbury.hac@netzero.net
Tracking – Tracking Dog Excellent

Ms. Lois Leidahl-Marsh (93717) IL
(847) 635-9263
bernersplus@comcast.net
Tracking – Tracking Dog

Mrs. Barbara Wedekind Shelton (90892) MN
(651) 893-1493
BAW4305@aol.com
Obedience – Open

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:

Ms. Nancy Cheski (70979) KY
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hrdesgn@live.com
Obedience – Utility

Ms. Mary Ginter (96327) KY
(270) 465-6299
backhome@toast.net
Tracking – Tracking Dog

Mr. Tony Hinson (92682) NC
(704) 795-9511
samboomer@ctc.net
Tracking – Tracking Dog Excellent

Ms. Bonnie Hornfisher (81331) TN
(731) 414-9450
hornfisher@comcast.net
Obedience – Utility
Rally – All

Mrs. Lisa Paul (95817) IL
(309) 310-2624
Lmpaul76@gmail.com
Rally – All

Mrs. Lucinda Seeley (90148) FL
(772) 871-1752
happytracking96@bellsouth.net
Obedience – Novice

Ms. Judy Stromquist (95803) OR
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hanstrom@pacinfo.com
Tracking – Tracking Dog

Ms. Laurie Beck (91764) OR
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(651) 893-1493
BAW4305@aol.com
Obedience – Open

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

BELCARRA – Labrador Retrievers – Shawna S. Lawson & Jason P. Lawson
BELLE HARBOUR – Newfoundlands – Dawn L. Blaine
FALMARK – Boxers – Laura A. Cuthbert
HASLREMERE – Scottish Terriers – Jeanice Barton
IMPERIOUS – Bulldogs – Kelly Franz & Rick Franz
INISFREE – Afghan Hounds – Anna C. Tyler
LAZY PAW’S – Cardigan Welsh Corgis – Shari A. Curran & Kevin A. Curran
REIGNINGPOM – Pomeranians – Gail Bertrand & Bill Bertrand
SOWLITTLETHEME – Miniature Pinschers – Jennifer S. Littrell
STAR GATE – Australian Shepherds – Shelly K. Gordon
TERRA CHRISTA – Rhodesian Ridgebacks – Alessandra G. Thomas
THYSTLE DOWNS – Collies – Robyn R. Butcher

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 22-23, 2013

The Board convened on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 8:03 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the March 2013 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were unanimously adopted.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Board Action Items

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

Events and Entries Update

Mr. Sprung gave an event status report on the first two months of 2013. Entries were down by 0.05% and Events were down by 0.14% compared to the first two months of 2012.

Social Media

Christopher Walker, Vice President Social Media and Communications and Jillian Cheli, Staff, presented an update on growth including significant increase in fans, engagement and audience.

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 March 2013.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

Staff was asked to look into modifying the current AKC Code of Sportsmanship so that it could be more relevant to today’s participants in the Sport. Staff recommended that the Code of Sportsmanship, which outlines timeless principles that should govern the Sport, remain unchanged, but that Staff should continue to update the Discipline Guidelines as needed, as new infractions come to light or when it is determined that penalties should be changed. The Board accepted this recommendation.

CONSENT

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

Delegates For Approval

The following Delegates were approved:

- Robert P. Bergman, Centennial, CO
  To represent Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America

- Virginia Demninger, Rochester, NY
  To represent Genesee Valley Kennel Club

- Diane D. Fye, Pikeville, TN
  To represent East Tennessee Retriever Club

- Judy A. Hart, Knoxville, TN
  To represent Tennessee Valley Kennel Club

- C. Edward Lane, Newton, NC
  To represent Greater Hickory Kennel Club

- Dr. William R. Newman, Bedford, PA
  To represent Golden Gate Kennel Club

- Elizabeth Tilley-Poole, Dunnellon, FL
  To represent Pekingese Club of America

Resolution

The Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert D. Smith was first elected a Director of The American Kennel Club on March twelfth, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, serving until March twelfth, two thousand and two; and,

WHEREAS, during his first Board service, he held position on a number of Board Committees and made major contributions to the organization and the Sport, those committees including Business and Planning, Judges Review, Alternate Revenue Territoriality, the Future Direction of Dog Shows, and the Appeals Committee; which he chaired; and,

WHEREAS, he was again elected to the Board on March tenth, two thousand and nine, serving until March twelfth, two thousand and thirteen; and,

WHEREAS, during his second period of Board service he chaired the Board Audit Committee and at different times served as Board Liaisons to the following Delegate Committees: All-Breed Clubs, Delegate Advocacy and Advancement, Dog Show Rules, Field Trial and Hunting Test Events; and,

WHEREAS, he served as Board Vice Chairman from March thirteenth two thousand and twelve until March twelfth, two thousand and thirteen; and,

WHEREAS, during two thousand and twelve and two thousand and thirteen he chaired an Ad Hoc Committee, which made recommendations that led to major modifications to The American Kennel Club’s Judging Approval procedures; and,

WHEREAS, his long-time experience as a breeder, club official, exhibitor, and All-Breed judge provided vital knowledge and expertise to The American Kennel Club Board as it addressed numerous issues impacting the Sport; and,

WHEREAS, we are ever mindful of the great contributions he has made and continues to make to The American Kennel Club and to the Sport of Purebred Dogs; and,

WHEREAS, we shall ever cherish our association with this distinguished Sportsman, educator, and friend;

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club extend their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for his many years of...
dedicated service to the American Kennel Club.

Ms. Mindy Dean (Request for Reinstatement)
The Board VOTED to approve the reinstatement of Ms. Mindy Dean’s AKC privileges, pending the completion of her reinstatement inspection. On March 16, 2006, Ms. Dean was suspended from all AKC privileges for failure to comply with the rules and regulations for record keeping and identification and for failure to complete a proper chain of title on an AKC registered or registrable dog.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 4, Section 2 - Electronic Premium Lists
The Board VOTED to amend the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 4, Sections 2, as follows:

   SECTION 2. Premium list and entry forms must be printed and sent to prospective exhibitors at least FIVE WEEKS prior to the closing date for entries of show. Four copies of the premium list must be sent to The American Kennel Club at time of distribution.

This will be read at the June Delegate meeting for a vote in September

Open Show Regulation Changes
The Board VOTED to change the Open Show regulations to make Open Show competition only available for FSS breed clubs. This includes those FSS breeds eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class. This will be effective for competition on or after January 1, 2014. In recognition of this change, the competition will be renamed “FSS Open Show.”

AKC Rally® National Championship
The Board VOTED to create an AKC Rally® National Championship. The first AKC Rally® National Championship will be held in the spring of 2014 in conjunction with the National Obedience Championship and the National Agility Championship.

Companion Event Application Fees
The Board VOTED to establish a minimum event application fee of $25 for Rally, stand-alone obedience and agility. For Rally trials with over 30 entries, (based on the previous year’s corresponding trial), the application fee will be lowered from $100 to $50. This makes Rally consistent with obedience.

Tracking Event Application Fee
The Board VOTED to establish an application fee of $25 for Tracking events, effective January 1, 2014.

Labrador and Golden Retrievers Eligible to Participate in the Spaniel (Upland) Hunting Tests
The Board VOTED to permit the Labrador Retriever and the Golden Retriever to participate in the Spaniel (Upland) Hunting Test program. Spaniel Clubs have the option of giving preference to Spaniel entries, only taking entries for Retrievers if the limit had not been reached.

Beagle Two Couple Pack - Spayed and Neutered Dogs May Participate
The Board VOTED to amend Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Beagle Field Trials - General Procedures Governing Beagle Field Trials & Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests - Procedure 2, to allow spayed and neutered Beagles to participate in Beagle Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests. This is effective June 1, 2013.

AKC to Award Wilderness Search and Rescue Dog Titles
The Board VOTED to award titles to Wilderness Search and Rescue Dogs. To earn this title a dog must have participated in a minimum of five actual wilderness SAR efforts and have been certified by an AKC recognized SAR certification organization. The title awarded will be Search and Rescue – Wilderness (SAR-W). This program complements the Urban Search and Rescue dog title announced on September 11, 2012. Upon verification, the title would be placed on the dog’s record and will appear on a dog’s AKC pedigree. The title is open to all purebred or mixed-breed dogs that are properly registered or listed with the AKC. There is a nominal processing fee for the recording of the title. Dogs that meet the criteria back to January 1, 2000 are eligible to apply for the title. This program is effective June 1, 2013.

2014, 2015 & 2016 Board and Delegate Meeting Schedule
Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Cruz, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to set the 2014, 2015, and 2016 Board meeting schedules. Staff was directed to seek input from the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee on whether the March, June, and September Delegate meetings should be held on a Monday or a Tuesday. The December meeting is to be the day before the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

The March and September meetings will be in held in Newark, New Jersey, with the June meetings in Raleigh, North Carolina and the December meetings in Orlando, Florida.

Wirehaired Vizsla Eligibility to Compete in the Sporting Group
Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Cruz, the Board voted unanimously to permit the Wirehaired Vizsla to be eligible to compete in the Sporting Group as of July 2, 2014. The Board approved the breed standard as submitted by the Wirehaired Vizsla Club of America as the official standard for the breed. The breed will be moved from the Foundation Stock Service into the Stud Book of the American Kennel Club on June 2, 2014.

Parent Club Approval for Russian Toy
The Board considered the approval of an AKC Parent Club to represent the Russian Toy breed as it seeks AKC Registration. The Russian Toy Dog Club of America and the Russian Toy Club of America were both to be advised that the two organizations had to demonstrate that they were working together so that there would be one National Club representing the breed.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 3, Section 16 - Reserve Best in Show
Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Garvin, it was VOTED (Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Newman, Mr. Kalter, Ms. Scully, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Amen, Mr. Powers, Mr. Wooding, Mr. Arnold; opposed: Mr. Feeney) to add the following italicized statement to Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 3, Section 16 and Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges for clarification purposes:

   Section 16. A club giving group classes must also give a Best in Show, the winner to be entitled “Best in Show”. No entry fee shall be charged but the group winners must compete. The club or association giving group classes must also give a Reserve Best in Show, the winner to be chosen by the Best in Show judge from among those group class winners remaining in the ring, the winner to be entitled “Reserve Best in Show.” No entry fee shall be charged but the remaining group winners must compete.
The Best in Show judge at an All-Breed show shall first award Reserve Best in Show, followed by Best in Show.

**Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations Changes**

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations to allow dogs owned or co-owned by professional handlers to be exhibited, if handled by a non-professional handler in these events. This amendment is effective April 22, 2013.

**Agility – Providing Flexibility in the “100 Miles Between Events” Rule**

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Amen, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to allow Agility trials to be held within 100 miles of each other if the club desiring to hold a new trial obtains the written permission of the club holding an established trial on the same dates. The amendment to the Agility Regulations, effective September 1, 2013 are as follows:

**Chapter 1**

**Section 1. Application to Hold a Rally Trial.** Any AKC club may be granted permission to hold a rally trial if, in the opinion of the AKC Board of Directors, it is qualified to do so, provided the club holds the event(s) for which it was originally formed at least once every two years.

Clubs meeting the AKC requirements that wish to hold a rally trial must apply on the form provided by the AKC and submit the appropriate application fee. A rally trial is a separate event with a separate event number. The event application and fee must be submitted at least 18 weeks before the closing date for entries to the event. The trial may be held as a separate event or in conjunction with another event. Clubs may hold no more than 12 Rally trials per calendar year.

A rally trial need not include all regular classes, but a club will not be approved to hold Advanced classes unless it holds Novice classes. Nor will it be approved to hold Excellent classes unless it also holds Novice and Advanced classes. A club may offer additional non-regular classes upon AKC approval. 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.

A club may hold two rally trials concurrently or consecutively, at the same site on the same day or two clubs may hold their rally trials consecutively, at the same site on the same day. If two trials are held consecutively on the same day, the schedule judging program for both events cannot exceed eight hours of judging time. A club may limit the number of entries in its rally trial. No judge will be assigned to judge for more than eight hours in one day, including any other judging assignments when the rally trial is held in conjunction with other events.

Specialty and group clubs have three options with regard to the breeds that are eligible to enter their trial.

1. These clubs may hold a trial exclusively for their own breed(s).
2. If entries are limited, these clubs may accept entries of dogs from their own breed(s) first then accept entries from group breeds or all breeds until the entry limit specified in the premium is reached.
3. These clubs may hold a trial open to all breeds group breeds.

A rally event open to all breeds may be open to AKC Canine Partners at the option of the host club.

**Introduction to Rally Stewarding**

(First paragraph)

Planning a rally trial involves many months of preparation by a Rally Trial Committee. The tasks are varied, demanding and including, but are not limited to: selecting judges, preparing a premium list, compiling a mailing list, soliciting trophies, preparing or obtaining equipment, making luncheon arrangements, and printing a catalog. One essential element that is the selection and training of stewards. Stewards will be needed who have been specifically trained to assist with rally events. A steward who is not familiar with rally procedures will require time consuming instructions from the judge and can severely slow down the entire judging procedure.

**Drafting - An All-Breed Titling Activity**

There was a discussion on recognizing Drafting Titles. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to direct Staff to consult with AKC Parent Clubs with drafting programs regarding the idea of allowing all dogs (purebreds and Canine Partners) to earn AKC-recognized titles in drafting events. Titles earned back to January 2000 will be recognized. All dogs would have to be registered or listed in order for the owner to apply for the title. Once the title is verified, the title is placed on the dog’s AKC record. This will be discussed further at the June 2013 meeting.

**Obedience Jump Heights for the Rottweiler**

The Board considered a request from the American Rottweiler Club to grant an exception to the standard obedience jump height so that Rottweilers would be required to jump at three-quarters of the height at the withers. This is the first breed making this request since the end of the moratorium on these requests and the development of a standard application form.

In considering this request, it was noted that since July 2012, AKC has recognized the Schutzhund titles for the breed. In those events, Rottweilers retrieve a dumbbell and jump over a 39 1/2” solid jump and climb over a 71” A-frame wall from which the dog jumps downward. In making the request to reduce the obedience jumps for the breed the club expressed safety concerns. The breed’s standard jump height in obedience is in the 22” to 26” range. The breed is acknowledged as a great working dog, and it is described in the breed standard as having great strength, agility and endurance. The breed standard further describes the breed as an intelligent dog of extreme hardness and adaptability. Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Ms. Cruz, it was VOTED (unanimously) to deny the American Rottweiler Club request.
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
Mark Dunn, Margaret Poindexter, and Amy Chou, AKC Staff participated in this portion of the meeting. Staff prepared reports to the Board on various Marketing initiatives. Updates were provided on Registration and Canine Partners.

COMPLIANCE
Margaret Poindexter, AKC Staff, participated in this section of the meeting. The following AKC Management actions were reported:
(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary’s Page.)

CONFORMATION
Alan Slay, and Brit Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Better Utilization of Tools
Staff reviewed with the Board the tools and initiatives currently utilized to reach out to new exhibitors.

National Owner Handler Series at National Specialties
Staff was asked to evaluate the merit of expanding the AKC National Owner Handler Series competition to National Specialties. The Board believes that it should be extended to all AKC events, effective with the start of the next qualification period. This will be considered further at the June meeting. Following discussion, there was agreement that “owner handled” better described this competition.

Following a motion by Ms. Cruz, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to change the title of the event to the National Owner Handled Series.

Conformation Entry Trends
Staff gave a report on trends in Conformation. The total number of dogs and households involved in Conformation has decreased over time, while Conformation entries per distinct dog has increased.

Board Appeals Committee
Dr. Newman, the chair of the Board Appeals Committee gave a report. The committee heard an appeal from Mrs. Julie Felton. Mrs. Felton’s original application for eleven breeds (the balance of the Terrier Group) was originally denied. As the result of a request for re-evaluation she was granted five breeds. Mrs. Felton appealed, and it was the decision of the Appeals Committee to grant the eleven breeds requested.

Meeting adjourned on Monday April 22, 2013 at 5:30 pm.

COMPLIANCE
Margaret Poindexter, AKC Staff, participated in this section of the meeting. The following AKC Management actions were reported:
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CONFORMANCE
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Following a motion by Ms. Cruz, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) to place a moratorium on any new invitations to apply for additional breeds.

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Gladstone, it was VOTED (unanimously) to mask the identity of all judging applications when considered by the Judging Review Committee.

The subject of Judging Approval will be discussed further at the June 2013 Board meeting.

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

He reported on revenues and expenses for March 2013, as well as the performance of AKC’s investment funds.

NEW BUSINESS
Dr. Battaglia reported on a meeting he attended to discuss ways to continue the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) research-based breeding program for detection dogs. The meeting was attended by scientists, researchers, and government representatives. There will be future meetings to discuss this subject further. Dr. Battaglia will report on sources of funding for this governmental proposal.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 1:30 pm.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary