DELEGATES’ QUARTERLY MEETING

SYNOPSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 DELEGATES FORUM

The Delegates Forum is an informal meeting of Delegates that provides an opportunity for open discussion and expression of ideas. No official business is transacted, a quorum is not required and no attendance record is kept.

Social Media and Facebook for Clubs
AKC Vice President of Marketing Michael Ganey and AKC Communications Director Lisa Peterson presented an overview of the current social media landscape and how AKC clubs can take advantage of this new technology. Topics discussed included: what is social media, how does it work, an overview of Facebook and how to start the conversation, create community, and drive engagement among those your club wants to reach most. Why Facebook matters for AKC clubs was covered as well as the results of a survey to clubs. Five guidelines and best practices for clubs using Facebook were presented which would help to increase membership, drive spectator gate, and educate the public, would help to increase membership, drive engagement among those your club wants to reach most.

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Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—Colleen McDaniel
Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—Candace Mogavero
Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frederick R. Vogel
Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—Mrs. Karen Mays
Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, Inc.—Fred T. Kampo
Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—Rosann Sexton
Worcester County Kennel Club—Debra A. Hokkanen
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Patricia D. Reynolds
The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor:

* Douglas Rapport, to represent, Irish Terrier Club of America
* Geraldine Werk, to represent Hollywood Dog Obedience Club

The minutes of the June 12, 2012 Delegates meeting were published in the online AKC Gazette, and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegates Portal. The minutes were approved as published.

Alan Kalter gave the Chairman’s report as follows:

Thank you, Dennis.

Good morning, fellow Delegates. When we met in June, we spoke of the proposed new regulations to the Animal Welfare Act and the onerous impact it would have on AKC fancy breeders like you and I.

We were determined to act quickly and with great purpose to address this issue, and we did. The AKC government relations team developed comprehensive, compassionate and convincing comments requiring a rethink of the USDA proposal. Thousands of you took individual action and posted comments on the site. The comments were constructive, and I believe they will be reviewed with great thought from the USDA.

The petition we started that day advocating for the AKC position ignited the passionate support of over 70,000 followers, and we believe our voice will be strongly and undeniably heard. The quest for equitable regulations will continue for some time. This was just the beginning of a long journey, one that we were prepared for and committed to for as far and as long as it takes.

Now, earlier this year, as I was traveling to New York for an AKC Board meeting and with these anti breeder actions on my mind, I was approached by a flight attendant as I was boarding the plane. She mentioned that she had noticed my AKC Breeder of Merit pin and asked if I was a dog breeder. I responded yes, and then steeled myself for what might come next.

Well, I was truly unprepared for her comment. She said, "Thank you, thank you." She went on to explain that a dog has always been an important part of her family’s life, her children’s lives and her grandchildren’s lives; each a purebred dog, albeit several different breeds, and each acquired from a breeder.

She understood that the lifelong joy her dogs brought to her and her family was made possible by a breeder. She just wanted me to know that my role as a breeder was appreciated and worthwhile. It was good to be reminded of that. Unfortunately, every day we are confronted by those who see a breeder very differently. Those who work law by law by restrictive law to take our rights away. Every day we fight to protect those rights from the onslaught of extremists who would see breeding restricted to the point of elimination.

The American Kennel Club believes in your rights as responsible owners and responsible breeders. We stand up for your rights whenever and wherever necessary, We will not stand by and let breeders be bullied into hiding.

To ensure that will not happen we need more than a strong argument about what we are against. We need to be just as strong about what we are for. In September, we have the perfect opportunity to tell everyone about that. This month, hundreds of our clubs will participate in the tenth annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day, by hosting free community events reaching dog owners, potential pet owners, voters and legislators.

The AKC will host its flagship event in Raleigh on September 22nd. We welcome AKC clubs, Canine Good Citizen evaluators, rescue groups, dog trainers, vet clinics and all other dog loving groups to join us in making this year the biggest month long event celebration yet. If you haven’t already, I urge you and your club to sign up for an event.

Last year more than 630 dog clubs and other organizations hosted events reaching millions of dog lovers and potential pet owners through extensive media coverage. Dog lovers also posted thousands of acts of responsible dog ownership on their Facebook and Twitter pages to help us celebrate virtual AKC RDO Days.

If you follow us on Facebook and Twitter to get the latest AKC RDO days and updates, you can participate in our virtual celebrations; and for those of you who have a Facebook page, or those who will now have one after you attended the
obedience and agility are some of the enhanced in our traditional performance required have been maintained and function for our dogs. The attributes.

Urban SAR is a modern day working function for our dogs. The attributes required have been maintained and enhanced in our traditional performance and companion events. High drive, sound temperament, scent discrimination, obedience and agility are some of the characteristics of an outstanding SAR dog. Because of the large investment in training, it is desirable that these dogs enjoy a long, productive career. In this regard, purebred dogs are preferred as they have better known genetics and are more predictable for success. Purebreds comprise over 95% of the FEMA certified dogs.

In June we heard from Cindy Otto, Director of the PennVET Working Dog Center in Philadelphia. Today is their grand opening. In attendance are three 9-11 dogs. Each will be receiving their AKC Urban SAR dog title. With these titles, the AKC is memorializing the skills and service of SAR dogs. In our own way, we are saying “We will never forget.” While we tend to think of our titles as honoring dogs, many activities are a team effort, with the other half of the team being the handler. This certainly is the case with SAR work.

We are very fortunate to have such a team member in our Delegate body. At this time I would like to ask Becky Stanevich, Delegate for the Mountaineer KC, and her dog Juno to please step forward to receive the first AKC Urban SAR dog title. Becky and Juno are members of FEMA’s Ohio Task Force One.

Congratulations Becky and Juno.

Ms. Stanevich spoke as follows:

Good morning. I really don’t like speaking, but this is such an important and special topic for me that I decided I’d speak. At any rate, I prefer to start with early training with a dog. And, of course, dogs can be almost any breed, but the purebred hunting, working and herding breeds are the most obvious choices. The most common breeds we see in the system are Labrador Retrievers, German Shepherd Dogs, Belgian Malinois, Border Collies and Golden Retrievers. Regardless of the breed or the size, only a very small percentage of dogs have all the skills necessary to complete those tasks. And currently there are only about 250 dogs in the FEMA system in the entire country. They must have exceptionally high drive, have very stable temperament, be totally fearless, ultimately confident and have sold conformation that aids them in being excellent athletes. And they must have a driving desire to work.

I prefer to start with early training with my puppies. Some people will prefer to have a started dog, an 18 month old, 20 month old dog. But I like the early ones; I like to know what I’m exposing them to. So in this picture, Juno is walking over slippery things; even the leaves make noises and give her something to play in.
The picture on the right is really an important picture. She is just walking up a piece of plywood there, but look at her toes. Her toes are spread and she's made her feet very big, and this gives her a lot of traction on that board. When they're scared, their toenails come out and they have nothing to grip with. They use those feet so much, that's another reason we don't like to put boots on our dogs unless they're injured, because they really need to use their feet when they're out there working.

The first stage in the certification process is what we call the foundation skills assessment, and it's really looking at the foundation skills that we think are essential for a dog to work in the rubble. And in this test, the dog is close to the handler most of the time, so there's some support from the handler.

The scent problems are very straightforward. And you can see here the five elements that the dogs are tested on. Let me just say that for me, this is like taking a dog to an obedience trial for novice heeling to utility scent discrimination; an agility trial, where the dog climbs a ladder and traverses a six foot dog walk; and a field trial, where the dog must find two victims in 15 minutes, and it's all done in one day. So our dogs have to have a lot of skills, and the skills have to be maintained at a high level.

The second step, and this is the deployable step, is called the certification evaluation. It consists of one element, which is the canine disaster search. And the dogs have two 20 minute search problems. They might be working on a wood pallet pile, as Juno is on the left hand side; or they might be working on concrete rubble, as Ben is on the right side. Ben has found his victim; he's got his nose right in the hole where the victim is.

In the certification evaluation, they will have one to six victims to find. The problems involve very complex scent problems and the distractions such as animal remains, food and human clothing are there to confuse the issue a little bit.

Doug wanted to know what this tail was. Well, I call this a "Springer flag," and I think if you've hunted behind a Springer in the field, you know it tells you that the dog is on a bird. In the rubble, it tells me that the dog is in victim scent, so it's really an important thing. And right now she is telling me we're kind of at the end of the certification part, and I better hurry up and tell you a little bit about the handler part.

Because we are a team. I've taken literally hundreds of hours of classroom and field training in topics such as structural collapse, confined spaces, hazardous materials, etc., so that I can assess the situations that we need to move into and search to make sure they're not too dangerous for me or for the dog. Our training is ongoing; we have topics that we have to recertify in; and the certification evaluation has to be done every three years.

A little bit about the role of the canine in a deployment. Canine teams are part of our search team. This is a picture from 9/11, actually; Pennsylvania Task Force One Canines. Four canines are deployed in each deployment. There are two dogs that operate for 12 hours during the day, and two dogs that operate during the night. So this is the night shift, and you can see there is a dog handler, a search manager and a search technician and a dog. The two dogs and the two search teams will usually work in different sectors. If one dog finds a live scent, then the other dog will come over and confirm that is live human scent and that it's in the same area where the first dog is indicating.

During Hurricane Irene, Juno and I went to New Jersey and New York. They had devastating rains in New York, and that's where we ended up. We started off being pre positioned in New Jersey, where the hurricane's eye passed over us, but the devastation wasn't very great there. New Jersey was able to take care of it themselves without federal assistance, so we moved to New York where it was unexpected, where they didn't have the same resources New Jersey had.

Moving a task force of 80 people and all of our equipment is a really impressive task. We have 15 to 18 vehicles, including an 18 wheeler. Remember we have to be ready to be self-sufficient for seven days. We've slept in hotels, Air Force hangars, dining halls and in our own tent city. This tent city, I don't know how many buildings there were, it goes up in a matter of an hour. It's pretty impressive.

Our mission in New York was to make sure that people isolated by impassable roads and bridges had food, water, medications and were safe. We also surveyed damage in the area. To do this, we were airlifted into these isolated areas. The dogs were included on the search teams in case there were structures that needed to be searched.

Now we'll move on to 9/11. A good friend from the Pennsylvania task force and her dog, Willow, deployed, and she's lent me a few of her slides. Sometimes the dogs work. You can see maybe actually you can't see very well, but behind the big piece of yellow plywood or cardboard, there's a dog working back there.

And this is actually a fairly close to working distance. Our dogs oftentimes have to work long distances away from us.

And then the other picture, we have the two dog team getting ready to deploy. Sometimes the dogs help. They serve as therapy dogs, and they got a little bit of relaxation while the people around them were able to pet them and just relax a little bit.

And then sometimes they got help. You can see the dog on the left is being what we call “deconned”, cleaned up after his shift. This is Logan. And on the right hand side, I'm not sure who the dog is, you can see Cindy Otto kind of in the middle right of your picture. She is rehydrating a dog. If you'll remember, she said dehydration is the most commonly seen health problem. This dog is getting fluids right now.

There is a lot of competition between task forces, because we all want to go out the door and we all can't go out the door at the same time, obviously. But there's also a lot of camaraderie. So one week after the towers fell, on the 18th, Pennsylvania welcomed Texas Task Force 1 in to take their place.

And we train together. This coming weekend, I'll be training with people in Indianapolis from all over the country. So we learn from each other; we work with each other; we have a great deal of respect for one another. It's a really good group of people.

Almost since I started this work, my husband asked me why we don't breed dogs specifically to search for people. The one reason that I'm standing up here talking, that I've said yes to Doug when he's asked me to do things, is that it's so
vitaly important to find dogs who can
do this work. Having this title provides
us with an invaluable tool to breed a
better search dog.

When I first started this, I thought
somebody asked me if I’d take to the
AKC the concept of a title for urban
search dogs. I thought oh, sure; another
title. It took me a little while to really
understand what this title could do for
dogs and for the search world in general.

So I think in the long run, the AKC is
contributing to the development of a
better working dog, and dogs that can be
used in scent discriminating jobs
impacting national security.

Finally, I want to thank the AKC and
especially Doug Ljungren for making
these titles possible. Really it was just
three months ago that Doug and I started
working on this. And working with
Doug and the other people in the AKC
that have been invaluable in this project
has shown me the real heart of the AKC.
This project has never been about
money, making money. You know, we
hear that all the time: “Oh, that’s just the
AKC trying to make money.” It’s never
been about making money; it’s been
about honoring these wonderful,
wonderful dogs. I’m tearing up, I’m sorry.
With the addition of this title and other
up and coming titles, the AKC is moving
forward. I can honestly say that the AKC
is for everyone who loves their dogs.
Thank you.

(Standing ovation)

Mr. Sprung gave the President’s report as
follows:

I’d like to ask you to please stand for a
moment of silence in memory of the
tragedy that occurred during this
Delegates meeting 11 years ago today.

(A moment of silence is observed)
A great deal has changed in all of our
lives as a result of 9/11. I will repeat what
was shared with you in the past since
AKC’s family accomplished so much in
this area, as we pulled together and not
apart.

That morning, Ron Menaker and I were
in the lobby of this very hotel when
Blackie came up to us and said that a
plane had hit the World Trade Center. We
walked over to the deserted bar area,
where an elderly gentleman was
watching the news. When we approached
he said to us, “My son called last night;
one of our planes is missing and they are
coming to get us.” Within minutes, the
next plane hit. We turned around but the
gentleman was gone.

That day we were together as one. There
were 284 Delegates in attendance, less
than half; 137 of you, are still serving.

Naturally the meeting bordered on
chaotic. We hugged and reassured each
other outwardly, but inside there was fear
and anger. The screens will show you
that there were very valid but opposing
points of view. (Quotes from) Nina
Schaefer, Blackie Nygood, and Ruth Ann
Naun.

After a discussion about the agenda and a
vote for the Standing Committees, we
adjourned and helped one another begin
going home or finding safe haven for the
night.

In reflecting on the 9/11 anniversary, the
thought that always resonates with me is
the type of very special people that make
up our community. I recall how the
DOGNY project came about, allowing
the American Kennel Club to honor
search and rescue dogs that helped in
Pennsylvania, Washington and New York
City, and will provide some behind the
scenes facts.

It was very much a shared success.
Delegate Tom Davies, Springfield Kennel
Club, was the very first sponsor, and
many clubs followed. Fed Ex, IAM S, J.P.
Morgan and Hartz became major
corporate sponsors. Before too long,
numerous other organizations heeded
our call and we received help from many
household names.

It took until the following evening for
me to arrive at home, where the Ladies
Kennel Association was holding a
meeting, so one could find me in the
basement. CBS Radio began
broadcasting a plea for the donation of a
portable x ray machine for rescue dogs
that were hurt searching through the
rubble. My thought was: “Dog people
could do that.”
So I went up the stairs and asked the
ladies to post an online request to
purchase an x ray machine. About nine
p.m. that night, a call came in and we
were able to purchase everything that we
needed from a salesman in West Virginia.

Our next challenge was how to transport
the x ray machine, numerous cartons of
gloves, aprons and film, so another
request went out to relay the equipment
to Ground Zero. Dozens of our own
caring people called throughout the
evening, and by early morning the race
was on: From West Virginia to Maryland
to Pennsylvania, ending up in New
Jersey with Afghan Hound breeders Bob
and Angela Dimicola, who passed it on
for the final delivery. Luckily, AKC had
presented one of our very first ACE
Awards to a member of the Canine Unit
the year before at the Queensboro
Kennel Club, thanks to the courtesy of
Linda Lacchia and Rey and Viola Burgos.
A call was made to Lieutenant Donadio,
and he instructed us to have the
equipment brought through the Lincoln
Tunnel and to proceed down 11th
Avenue until we were stopped.

Well, indeed we were stopped. But we
were allowed to make one phone call.
Within moments, we were surrounded
by police and unmarked cars with sirens
blasting and were escorted to the very
street corner of Ground Zero amidst
smoke that was still rising from the ashes.

Just as the car was coming to a stop, the
veterinarians from the Suffolk County
SPCA, headed by Gerald Lauber, came
running towards us and began assembling
the x ray machine. We weren’t there
enough to see it in operation, as we were
escorted out of Ground Zero. But I
knew then and there that the American
Kennel Club did the right thing.

It was the most emotional moment in
my life. The streets were lined with tens
of thousands of people waving flags and
cheering us, but I knew better. They
were cheering you, the American Kennel
Club.

In the back of my mind, there was
another thought. We could do a lot more.
So the idea for DOGNY actually began
just two days following 9/11, eventually
raising over three and a half million
dollars for search and rescue organi-
izations throughout our nation, as we
worked with fanciers, corporations and
the public. In fact, it was with these funds
that the AKC CAR Canine Support and
Relief Fund was begun.

Since that time, AKC CAR has made
numerous significant grants nationwide.
Interestingly, following 9/11, the
government chose to keep secret the
names of the organizations that came to
help. But AKC staff did their research
and identified over 90 amateur and
professional groups that went to the
three cities with their dogs. Each organization was sent several thousand dollars as a thank you and as a way to defer their costs. After all, this could occur again where you live.

Looking back, the project almost didn't happen. Daphna Strauss was hired as a consultant. Today she is our Assistant Vice President of Business Development. And she, along with our legal team, began working through the maze of red tape necessary for the City to give us contractual permission to have statues displayed on the streets to commemorate the very first anniversary of 9/11.

For some unknown reason, the newly elected Bloomberg administration, busily taking over for everybody's hero, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, seemed to concentrate on things other than the American Kennel Club. Can you imagine? Almost two months into the project, it was time to call upon Co Chair Karen LeFrak, and tell her about my frustration. Actually, I spent a long time bitching.

This project just may not go anywhere. Well, surprisingly, the very next morning I received a telephone call from the First Deputy Mayor: "The City is ready to sign." After patting myself on the back about 100 times, I mean, this was like going best, I finally remembered to call Karen to tell her about this coincidently good news.

Silence. "Can you hear me?" More silence. "Okay. What happened?" After my call the previous day, Karen had walked over to Mayor Bloomberg's townhouse and left him a note on the kitchen table.

We had to figure out how to transport 111 raw sculptures from the foundry to different artists' studios throughout the city, and then have each one individually picked up and taken to another company to be mounted on bases. We reached out to fancier Honi Reisman, who arranged a call with Ken May, the Senior Vice President of Federal Express.

AKC was lucky again, perhaps because we were doing the right thing. He said, "We could do this," but I missed his meaning, as my response was, "I know you could do it, but can we pay for it?" Ken's answer was astounding. He said, "You will pay for nothing. Your company's a hero. We're just going to make it happen." And they did, providing tens of thousands of dollars of free shipments and logistics. I'll also tell you about what was a guarded secret for quite a while with another member of our community. AKC received a call for help from the police department that of the approximately 300 dog teams that had come to the city, some of the dogs were injured and being treated at a hospital, but the owners or their handlers were being charged. So I called a member of their Board of Directors to ask with whom I could speak. The response was, quote, "Dennis, I'll make you a deal. I will pay for the care of every single dog if you will keep this a secret between the two of us."

Well, that deal is long over, and the angel is Tony Sosnoff, another example of the quality people with whom each of us is blessed to share our passion. The cooperation amongst clubs, fanciers, corporate America and the media was extraordinary, growing into our largest public outreach up until that time.

However, without passionate dog people, it would simply have been another good idea. I'm going to stop my speech to walk you through something special. This sculpture is of a handsome German Shepherd in good coat, just like it should be. But there's a lot of passion and emotion in this statue. The coat is made up of the name, age, city and state of every person in America who perished on that day. I am very, very proud to tell you that AKC's Board of Directors instantly supported this public art exhibition and fund raiser. Rubenstein Associates, American's premiere PR firm, required a formal presentation before agreeing to work on the project. Midway through the presentation, they proclaimed, "We're in." With their efforts, AKC benefited by a wide variety of media appearances.

Sculptures bearing The American Kennel Club's name that were displayed for the very first anniversary still remain in some places: St. Vincent's Hospital, PACE University, the Fire Department Museum, Veteran's Administration Hospital, Purina Farms, Station One of the Portland Fire Department and at AKC headquarters.

Statues were painted live on The Today Show during numerous segments, and the NASDAQ screens in Times Square featured our program. In Georgia, Governor Sonny Perdue unveiled a bronze DOGNY statue at the State Capitol building in Atlanta, with Delegates Ann Wallin, Karen and Asa Mays and Carmen Battaglia representing 32 clubs and organizations.

In Oklahoma, Onofrio and four of our All Breed clubs dedicated a statue near the site of the bombing of the federal building. A bronze version marks the entrance to the world headquarters of Hartz in New Jersey, and one welcomes visitors to our operations center in North Carolina.

AKC was made appealing to the public from a canine perspective and a human one. For shoppers and tourists, when Saks Fifth Avenue blackened all but two of their 34 windows for a two week period to commemorate the first anniversary, both of those windows facing St. Patrick's Cathedral displayed only DOGNY dogs. Broadway buffs saw a pair of sculptures over three-month's in the heart of Shubert Alley, where two and a half million people visit every week.

In the sports arena, we were fortunate that the three year wait for a special event at Yankee Stadium was handled in one week, and that organization offered DOGNY Day, at which 25,000 special edition pin striped "Help a Hero" toys were donated by Hartz. A statue purchased by breeder/exhibiter Amy Khiel Green bears the signatures of the entire Yankee team.

Major League Baseball, as well as the New York Mets organization and their owners, obedience enthusiasts Fred and Judy Wilpon, also sponsored statues. Plush dog mementoes carrying AKC's messaging appeared in over 12,000 stores nationwide.

Some will recall that the president of Hartz, Robert Devine, attended our meeting in this very room in September of 2002 as a guest of this Body, and presented a check for $775,000 to Ron Menaker. Hartz then donated an additional $500,000. Ron did a great deal as co Chair throughout the entire DOGNY project.

TFH published a commemorative book, and after the public art display, Sotheby's Auction House donated their main gallery, along with the services of Vice Chairman Benjamin Doller as auctioneer. Famed columnist and
Dachshund fancier Liz Smith also donated her services as guest auctioneer and graced us with more publicity. This gives you a bit of a history about DOGNY and its accomplishments during a time of crisis in our nation, and the numerous reasons to be proud of yourselves, your clubs and the many special people in our community, as well as AKC CAR and the American Kennel Club.

Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung introduced Peter Farnsworth, AKC’s new Chief Financial Officer, who joined AKC in July. He comes to us after an extensive financial career on Wall Street. He was CFO for the AmericaCares Foundation, which includes five diverse businesses, and served as the CFO of Amnesty International USA.

Mr. Farnsworth gave his Financial Report. A summary follows:

- Total revenues of $4.6 million in the month of August 2012 were $250,000 below budget but $350,000 above 2011. Total monthly operating expenses of $4.7 million were $200,000 below budget but $200,000 above 2011. This resulted in an operating loss of $67,000 for the month.
- This was an improvement from last August’s monthly operating loss of $217,000. Our investments, Year-To-Date, are up $4.9 million but we recognize this could change at any time.

The first vote was on the proposed Amendment to Chapter 2, Section 3, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would require clubs to hold shows in their territory in order to maintain exclusive privilege in their territory. The amendment was proposed by the Suffolk County Kennel Club. The AKC Board approved the first insertion, which would enable clubs to utilize a site in their territory after the club assigned that territory had not held a show in that territory for two consecutive years.

The Board did not recommend approval of the proposed new last sentence, which would enable the original club to reestablish exclusivity and would only recommend approval on the proposal if it is deleted.

Robert Eisele, Delegate for the Suffolk County Kennel Club, spoke as follows:

On the presentation of this, it was pointed out to me the reason that the Board did not like the second sentence was the fact that a club could be out of a territory for a number of years, a second club could come in and have shows there for a number of years, and the first club could come back and actually kick them out.

So we’ve come up with an amendment we’d like to add to this. I had sent it to Jim, so I think he can print it as I read it:

“Each member club or association, not a specialty club, which shall hold a show within their territory at least once in every two consecutive calendar years shall have the sole show privilege in the city, town or district which has been assigned to it as its show territory.”

The paragraph that’s not being printed that I had sent was: “Failure to hold a show at least once in two consecutive years will result in that territory being open to other clubs wishing to hold a show in that territory without needing permission from another club assigned to that territory.”

What I’m basically doing there is defining that the area that has not had a show within a period of time is then considered open; and this paragraph refers back to that paragraph.

Clubs that have not held a show in their territory within two consecutive calendar years will be granted the exclusive privilege to their territory one year after the next date they hold a show in their territory. Any clubs that have held a show in an open territory will be granted concurrent privileges to that territory if ever the original club reestablishes exclusivity.

That was what was pointed out to me by the Board, that they were concerned that the second club would be adversely affected by a club coming back to their territory.

This motion really doesn’t change anything. It just encourages people to keep a local show. It doesn’t stop anybody from having a cluster and moving outside their territory, but it doesn’t stop somebody from going into that territory that’s been basically abandoned.

Following discussion, it was voted to refer the proposed amendment to the Dog Show Rules Committee.

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 5, Section 6 through 8 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Ribbon, Prizes and Trophies, which would make all sections in this chapter consistent.

There were two thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted, effective immediately.

The final vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, a new sixth paragraph of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would create a new three point major for the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch at one national specialty each year, specified by the Parent Club, provided there are twice the number required for a five point major in the winner’s sex. The Parent Club would have the option of not providing this additional major.

There were two thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted, effective January 1, 2013.

The Chair called on John Lyons, who will retire in January of 2013, to provide an update about the process of selecting his successor.

Mr. Lyons: Good morning, everyone. In July, AKC launched a public search for a new Chief Operating Officer, using the same firm responsible for finding me nine years ago. Advertisements began appearing two months ago. This outreach included a posting on our web site and ads in all major dog publications, as well as in the online and print versions of the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times.

The initial round of cuts has been made and will be presented to the officers, and interviews will begin. The lists of finalists will be vetted with the Board. Chairman Alan Kalter and Board members Dr. William Newman, Patricia Cruz and Robert Amen will then interview candidates. The President will make a recommendation to the Directors for election to the COO position, effective January 7th, 2013.

The target for the completion of this
Directors selected the following delegates to the Nominating Committee. At the July 2012 meeting, the Board of Directors selected the following delegates to the Nominating Committee to select candidates for the class of 2017. Gretchen Bernardi, Chair, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club; Karolynn McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America; Patricia Sample, Anderson Obedience Training Club; Patti Strand, Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon; Meg Weitz, Devon Dog Show Association. Alternate: Dominic Carota, Pharaoh Hound Club of America.

Judith V. Daniels, Mount Baker Kennel Club, was also appointed by the Nominating Committee as an alternate. As per an email on July 24 to the Chair of the Committee, she resigned from this position.

The Chair called on Gretchen Bernardi to address the delegates.

Ms. Bernardi: Before I say anything about that, could I just say that although being a Delegate for 25 years has been a great privilege, Becky Stanevich puts us all to shame. She is the real deal, and I’m humbled to have her among us.

(Applause)

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work since we were selected, and we were privileged to have had an extra month to be doing our work and so we’ve taken advantage of that. We’ve reached out to everyone, and yesterday we conducted nine interviews, all afternoon, almost an hour each. It was very, very exciting to be able to do that, and we’re proud of our work.

We know that people can still put their names into us. We’re meeting at the end of this month. The names, the final slate is due the 15th of October, and will be on time, and we’re going to have one more face to face meeting.

But we also know that it is possible for Delegates to run from the floor and bypass the interview process. And we hope that all the Delegates are mindful of that when they cast their ballots. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

The Chair called on Carl Ashby to give an update on the status of the Club President’s Challenge.

Mr. Ashby: In June we shared with you the Presidents Challenge. This annual fund drive will support the American Kennel Club Political Action Committee as well as the Canine Legislative Support Fund. Today, I plan to update you on the status of the Challenge, recognize some Clubs who have both and exceeded it and continue to ask for your support and we close out the 2012 Presidents Challenge.

As I have talked with you the last two days it’s has been gratifying to hear your response to the Challenge. If I could change the presentation shown today it would add thousands to the total of $54,000 in the last 3 months. Your support of the Challenge has been truly gratifying and I ask you continue to work with your as we move into fall, as our clubs are getting back into the swing of things, and we know that you will have the opportunity to talk and bring this before your clubs.

Now, I would like to share with you a couple of honor rolls. We are going to honor everyone that does this; we are going to be sure that everyone appears on the website, and appears in our e letters and so forth, because we have had a tremendous broad based support that I am going to talk about in just a second. And then if you take a look at the folks who have donated a thousand dollars and up as of last week, and I apologize as always if a name has been left off, but as of early last week, this is what it was, and it’s just great results.

The American Tibetan Mastiff
delegates’ quarterly meeting

Association; the Basenji Club of America; the Basset Hound Club of America; Greater Hickory Kennel Club; Marion Kennel Club; Penn Ridge Kennel Club; and the Siberian Husky Club of America. These have just gone way beyond what we asked in the challenge, and we couldn’t be more proud and pleased for their support. And then if you take a look at that 500 to a thousand dollars, and that’s the roll here, and I’ve just listed the clubs in this case; I won’t read those, but you can see we have broad based support.

But what I think is more important is in the details of this. When this started, the first year of the PAC, we had 65 donors. It’s true we raised about $16,000, but only 65 eligible individuals, made that up. This time, though, just in the PAC side alone, which once the money is totally vetted you will have raised about $21,000. First, that’s a record and secondly it was done in just three months.

On top of that, 892 different individuals participated in the PAC. We were able to spread the base of the giving pyramid, and that is so important. In any kind of fundraising, particularly nonprofit, the more participation you have, the more impact it’s going to have, and that’s certainly been the case during the Challenge.

If you take a look at licensed and member clubs, it shows you the potential. There are 5,047 clubs that are either licensed or members of the American Kennel Club. We have had 100 of our member clubs participate, 16 percent, and I think that is an outstanding start; but I think it also shows you the potential we have. And just the folks in this room clearly represent just by numbers about two and a half times that number.

So if you will carry that message back just in the member clubs alone of the Delegates that are present today, we can get another 150 clubs, member clubs, into the fold. And licensed clubs at 120 represents only two percent of the licensed clubs. I think that’s pretty remarkable, given the fact it’s the first significant outreach we have had to them and they don’t have the benefit of you. If we can continue to build that relationship, we are going to be able to do a whole lot a whole lot more.

Let’s now consider the Canine Legislative Support Fund. This is the easier fund in the sense that clubs can actually write checks; and the clubs have done that, you have done that. And, thanks to you, we have raised 31,000 so far, $234 per club. This is an outstanding start to the Challenge. So, what’s next? Well, the 2012 Challenge is going to continue into Fall. If you haven’t already asked your club we are asking you remind your Club of how they can help. Finally, this is an ongoing process. The 2013 Presidents Challenge is right around the corner. What you can do to get ready for that is this: Discuss with your club about designating a portion of your dues in 2013 to the PAC. We know that a lot of your philanthropic activities had already been planned for 2012 but we ask you to plan for the Challenge in 2013. Most clubs collect their dues in the first quarter, and this is a great opportunity to get a head start on the 2013 Challenge.

Thank you very much. (Applause)

The Chair recognized Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, who spoke as follows:

I just wanted to share with you an idea that I had about the PAC, and I’ll find out when I get home whether it worked or not. I challenged my club members that I would match their donations to the PAC up to a certain amount. Our quarterly meeting was last night. So I’m here and they’re there. But I had various plants put in to help see if this is going to work. So I’ll find out when I get back how we did. I’m hoping that we get over the goal. We’re going to try hard. I’m not going to tell you how much I’ve set that match up to.

The Chair recognized: Margaret Doster, Delegate for the Kennel Club of Buffalo, who spoke as follows:

I’ve presented this information to my Kennel Club, and they continue to have concerns regarding their 501C3 status and how making donations to either of these funds would affect the club and our account.

Mr. Sprung: We will be able to get you answers on that so you go about it properly and legally.

Ms. Doster: Thank you.

The Chair announced that the December Delegate meeting will be held in Orlando in connection with the AKC Eukanuba National Championship, will be at the Rosen Centre Hotel on Friday, December the 14th.

The following subjects were discussed during New Business:

Sydney Marx, Delegate for the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, thanked the AKC and many individual Delegates for the concern and support they showed those of us in Colorado during those horrendous fires.

“Almost from Day One, I received calls and e-mails from Delegates such as Duane and Connie Butherus; clubs like the Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club and the Afghan Hound Club of America sent financial and emotional assistance. The AKC through AKC CAR donated $6,000 to three nonprofits caring for displaced pets. In addition, the Humane Society of Boulder received a grant of $5,000 to purchase supplies for their emergency trailers. The Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation received a grant of $3,000 presented by the Colorado Kennel Club. Two search and rescue groups received $2,000 each. As we have seen in the past, when things get tough, we all come together. We applaud and thank you all.” (Applause)

John Nielsen, Delegate for the English Setter Association of America, asked whether AKC advertised in the Raleigh newspapers regarding the COO position. Mr. Sprung responded that he would find out.

Ms. Bernardi asked if AKC could find a way to bring back our field reps to our shows?

Mr. Sprung: Thank you for that, Gretchen, and we did have a discussion just this past weekend with Patty Proctor
about that very item.

The Chair recognized Lee Arnold, Delegate for Southern Colorado Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: Fellow Delegates, I would like to give you an update on the AKC CHF. This past Sunday, we had two meetings. The first meeting took place with our grants committee, which is an annual meeting, at which time they approve and recommend grants to the Board of Directors for their afternoon meeting. Last year they approved an aggregate sum for research for 1.3 million dollars. This year they approved 17 grants to the tune of 1.7 million dollars, an increase of $400,000 from last year.

I would like to extend my thanks, gratitude and appreciation to the entire Delegate Body, those of you from clubs, individuals, who have all made this possible, and hopefully there will be even more next year.

Two more points I would like to make concerning the CHF. We have always had a wonderful program in place called the Heritage Society, in which people, while we are still here on this good Earth, have obligated a sum of money to be given to the Foundation upon their demise. We have revised that program a little bit to make it an annuity program that’s now called the Heritage Society Annuity Program, in which when you make that commitment, you receive money during your lifetime. If you are interested, you can call Terry Warren, who is our CEO, at 888 682 9696 and she’ll give you further details.

Lastly, I would just like to mention every year there’s a very important award called the President’s Award, which is given for meritorious service to either an individual or an organization. This year, being Chair of the organization, I selected Jim Stevens to receive the President’s Award for his service. And if you will indulge me (Applause)

I had this letter prepared by our CEO, Terry Warren, to be sent with the award to Jim: "Dear Jim, Lee Arnold, Chair of the AKC Canine Health Foundation, has chosen to recognize you as the recipient of this year’s President’s Award. Lee was very excited to present this award to you as you certainly represent a person who has made an exceptional contribution to advancing canine health by the extraordinary time and commitment you dedicated to seeing the Foundation go forward with fiscal responsibility.

We are grateful for your service to CHF. With your help and leadership, we were able to navigate through financial and personnel turmoil. As the Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee, you helped secure the Foundation’s financial integrity, allowing us to continue to grow through donations from individuals, foundations and corporations.

As a member of the Board of Directors, you have gone above and beyond your commitment to helping dogs live longer, healthier lives. Your leadership has helped pave the way for the future of CHF, ensuring the work we do will continue to benefit dogs now and in the future.

We are grateful for your commitment and we thank you for the time you have given and wish you much good health and great times in your retirement."

Thank you all. (Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you for that positive information.

Carol Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club, spoke as follows: Speaking on behalf of Perspectives, the deadline for articles for our next issue will be the 15th of the month. Send them to Monica Stoner or to any of our committee members who are listed in the front page of Perspectives. The other thing is in answer to Peggy Wampold’s talking about Perspectives last meeting, I polled the members. 65 responded to me. If you were one of the 65 who responded, I have your printed copies with me. Please see me at the end of the meeting. And we’re still working on things to see how they’ll come out. We’ll keep you posted. Thank you.

Joan Tabor, Delegate for the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, asked about reinstating a printed Gazette.

Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, confirmed, as per Carol Williams, that the deadline for Perspectives Articles is the 15th of October.

She asked about AKC’s policy of responding to negative articles in the National Press. She felt that AKC should be ready to respond to any article about dogs that appears in any national newspaper.

Mr. Sprung: The fact is that many newspapers have a policy of not publishing responses to certain types of articles like Op Ed and opinion pieces. We do write to them regardless of their policy, and we call them, but we are not in a position to change their policy. Fortunately, in other circumstances they do publish our responses. It is something that we are prepared for and that we do. Your suggestions are good, and fortunately we are doing that.

Mr. Marx: I know he’ll be upset with me for acknowledging this, but I think I’ll do it anyway. I just wanted to let you know that the President of the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, who is also a former Breeder of the Year, Doug Johnson, opened both of his kennels to these displaced dogs and for no charge.

Ann Lettis, Delegate for the Grand River Kennel Club, also asked about reinstating the printed Gazette.

Kim Johnson of KPMG read the Teller’s report for the Delegate Standing Committees.

Ms. Johnston: For the All Breed Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Margaret DiCorleto; Margaret Doster; Lawrence Libeu; Cathleen Rubens.

For the Bylaws Committee, the following three candidates were elected for three year terms: Sylvia Arrowood; Dr. Gregory J. Paveza; Diane F. Taylor. Also for the Bylaws Committee, the following candidate was elected for a two year term: Harry Ottmann.

For the Canine Health Committee, the following three candidates were elected for three year terms: Susan LaCroix Hamil; Joan Savage; Sherry E. Wallis.

For the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Dick Blair; Whitney Coombs; Mary Lou Olszewski; Carole Plesur.
For the Dog Show Rules Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Cindy Miller; Charles Schaefer; Robert A. Schroll; Johnny Shoemaker.
For the Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: James Ashton; Jack Cadalso; Gail LaBerge; Kathrynann Sarvinas.
For the Parents Club Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Patricia W. Laurans; Karen Mays; Betty Jo Patrick and Peter Piusz.
Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: There is no election required for the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee and for the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee, as well as the Perspectives Editorial Committee.
The Delegates nominated for these committees are seated.
The Executive Secretary will read the names of the Delegates who will serve on these Committees.

Mr. Crowley: Delegates who self nominated there to serve three three year terms and one one year term on the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee are: Colleen McDaniel; Christopher Sweetwood; Joan Tabor; Judith Tighe.
Delegates who self nominated and will serve three three year terms, two two year terms and one one year term on the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee are: Don Adams; Dominic Carota; Carol Fisher; Gwen McCullagh; Dr. Nicklas Pisias.
Delegates who self nominated and will serve six two year terms on the Perspectives Editorial Committee are Dr. Gerry Meisels; Dr. Geno Sisneros; Monica Henderson Stoner; Sylvia Thomas; Carol Williamson and Lynn Worth Smith.
An additional member may be appointed for a one year term, as a seat remains open.

(The meeting is adjourned at 12:10 p.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 Rosen Center Hotel, Orlando, FL, on Friday December 14, 2012, immediately following the 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Delegates Forum.

Delegates Credentials

John Barnes, Marietta, GA, American Maltese Association
Barbara Jane Gates, Utica, MI, English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association
Richard E. Grant, Foster, RI, Providence County Kennel Club
Richard Rohrbacher, Sparta, NJ, Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America
Carla Jo Ryan, Snow Camp, NC, Japanese Chin Club of America
Kenneth M. Saenz, Felton, PA, Chihuahua Club of America
Stephen J. Skolnik, Abingdon, MD, Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club
Zane Smith, Boerne, TX, Hawaiian Kennel Club
Cindy Stansell, Clayton, NC, Finnish Spitz Club of America
Constance D. Townsend, Farmington, MN, Kuvasz Club of America
Letisha Wubble, Mohnton, PA, Affenpinscher Club of America

Stein was charged with physical altercation in connection with an event and improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee’s report and found it in order and set the penalty at a one month suspension from all AKC privileges and a $300 fine, and a five month suspension from AKC event privileges and a $300 fine, effective July 11, 2012. (Multiple Breeds)

Notice

Mrs. Susan Ross (Pittsgrove, NJ) Action was taken by the Penn Treaty Kennel Club for conduct in connection with its April 29, 2012, event. Mrs. Susan Ross was charged with improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee’s report, found it in order and set the penalty at a reprimand and $100 fine. (Bearded Collie)

Notice

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Mrs. Sheri Francis (Sandy, OR) for signing an AKC document on behalf of another without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form. (German Shepherd Dog)

Notice

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

Effective August 13, 2012
Mrs. Dawn Fowler (Salem, IL) Multiple Breeds
Effective September 10, 2012
Mrs. Patricia Edwards (China Spring, TX) Multiple Breeds
Mrs. Mary Foster (Neosho, MO) Multiple Breeds

Notice

Mr. Larry Stein (Mount Holly, NJ) Action was taken by the Penn Treaty Kennel Club for conduct in connection with its April 29, 2012, event. Mr. Larry
five years and imposed a $1000 fine, for refusing to make their dogs and records available for inspection when requested:

Effective September 10, 2012
Mr. Randell White (Mize, MS)
Australian Cattle Dog
Mrs. Susan White (Mize, MS)
Australian Cattle Dog, Pomeranian

Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mrs. Colleen Fitzgerald (Duncanville, TX) from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective September 10, 2012, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of the American Kennel Club based on her violation of the AKC’s Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy. (Multiple Breeds)

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

Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc. ..........$100.00
Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club (2 events x $150.00) ..............................................$300.00
Kennel Club of Salinas (2 events x $100.00) ......................................................$200.00
Great Dane Club of Milwaukee, Inc. .......
......................................................$190.00
Camino Real Siberian Husky Club ...$150.00
Simi Valley Kennel Club ...............$140.00
Memphis Toy Dog Club ...............$170.00
Muncie Kennel Club (2 events x $120.00) ......................................................$240.00
Anderson Kennel Club ...............$130.00

PROPOSED GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER STANDARD FOR COMMENT:
In accordance with the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions this is being published to receive any comments prior to the balloting of the club membership. Any comments may be forwarded directly to:
Mari-Beth O’Neill
AVP Sport Services
mbo@akc.org

GENERAL APPEARANCE
The German Shorthaired Pointer is a versatile hunter, an all-purpose gun dog capable of high performance in field and water. The judgment of Shorthairs in the show ring reflects this basic characteristic. The overall picture which is created in the observer’s eye is that of an aristocratic, well balanced, symmetrical animal with conformation indicating power, endurance and agility and a look of intelligence and animation. The dog is neither unduly small nor conspicuously large. It gives the impression of medium size, but is like the proper hunter, “with a short back, but standing over plenty of ground.” Symmetry and field quality are most essential. A dog in hard and lean field condition is not to be penalized; however, overly fat or poorly muscled dogs are to be penalized. A dog well balanced in all points is preferable to one with outstanding good qualities and defects. Grace of outline, clean-cut head, sloping shoulders, deep chest, powerful back, strong quarters, good bone composition, adequate muscle, well carried tail and taut coat produce a look of nobility and indicate a heritage of purposefully conducted breeding. Further evidence of this heritage is movement which is balanced, alertly coordinated and without wasted motion.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE
Size — height of dogs, measured at the withers, 23 to 25 inches. Height of bitches, measured at the withers, 21 to 23 inches. Deviations of one inch above or below the described heights are to be severely penalized. Weight of dogs 55 to 70 pounds. Weight of bitches 45 to 60 pounds. Proportion—measuring from the forechest to the rearmost projection of the rump and from the withers to the ground, the Shorthair is permissible either square or slightly longer than he is tall. Substance—thin and fine bones are by no means desirable in a dog which must possess strength and be able to work over any type of terrain. The main importance is not laid so much on the size of bone, but rather on the bone being in proper proportion to the body. Bone structure too heavy or too light is a fault. Tall and leggy dogs, dogs which are ponderous because of excess substance, doggy bitches, and bitchy dogs are to be faulted.

HEAD
The head is clean-cut, is neither too light nor too heavy, and is in proper proportion to the body. The eyes are of medium size, full of intelligence and expression, good-humored and yet radiating energy, neither protruding nor sunken. The eye is almond shaped, not circular. The preferred color is dark brown. Light yellow eyes are not desirable and are a fault. Closely set eyes are to be faulted. China or wall eyes are to be disqualified. The ears are broad and set fairly high, lie flat and never hang away from the head. Their placement is just above eye level. The ears when laid in front without being pulled should extend to the corner of the mouth. In the case of heavier dogs, the ears are correspondingly longer. Ears too long or fleshy are to be faulted. The skull is reasonably broad, arched on the side and slightly round on top. Unlike the Pointer, the median line between the eyes at the forehead is not too deep and the occipital bone is not very conspicuous. The forehead rises gradually from nose to forehead. The rise is more strongly pronounced in the dog than in the bitch. The jaw is powerful and the muscles well developed. The line to the forehead rises gradually and never has a definite stop as that of the Pointer, but rather a stop-effect when viewed from the side, due to the position of the eyebrows. The muzzle is sufficiently long to enable the dog to seize game properly and be able to carry it for a long time. A pointed muzzle is not desirable. The depth is in the right proportion to the length, both in the muzzle and in the skull proper. The length of the muzzle
should equal the length of skull. A dish-shaped muzzle is a fault. A definite Pointer stop is a serious fault. Too many wrinkles in the forehead are a fault. The nose is brown on a dog that is solid liver or a combination of liver and white such as liver and white ticked, liver patched and white ticked, or liver roan the larger the better, and with nostrils well opened and broad. The nose is black on a dog solid liver or a combination of liver and white such as liver and white ticked, liver patched and white ticked, or liver roan the larger the better, and with nostrils well opened and broad. The nose is black on a dog that is solid black or a combination of black and white such as black and white ticked, black patched and white ticked, or black roan, the larger the better, and with nostrils well opened and broad. A spotted nose is not desirable. A flesh colored nose disqualifies. The chops fall away from the somewhat projecting nose. Lips are full and deep yet are never flyey. The teeth are strong and healthy. The molars intermesh properly. The bite is a true scissors bite. A perfect level bite is not desirable and must be penalized. Extreme overshot or undershot disqualifies.

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY
The neck is of proper length to permit the jaws reaching game to be retrieved, sloping downwards on beautifully curving lines. The nape is rather muscular, becoming gradually larger toward the shoulders. Moderate throatiness is permitted. The skin is close and tight. The chest in general gives the impression of depth rather than breadth; for all that, it is in correct proportion to the other parts of the body. The chest reaches down to the elbows, the ribs forming the thorax show a rib spring and are not flat or slabsided; they are not perfectly round or barrel-shaped. The back ribs reach well down. The circumference of the thorax immediately behind the elbows is smaller than that of the thorax about a hand's breadth behind elbows, so that the upper arm has room for movement. Tuck-up is apparent. The back is short, strong, and straight with a slight rise from the root of the tail to the withers. The loin is strong, is of moderate length, and is slightly arched. An excessively long, roached or swayed back must be penalized. The hips are broad with hip sockets wide apart and fall slightly toward the tail in a graceful curve. A steep croup is a fault. The tail is set high and firm, and must be docked, leaving approximately 40% of its length. The tail hangs down when the dog is quiet and is held horizontally when he is walking. The tail must never be curved over the back toward the head when the dog is moving. A tail curled or bent toward the head is to be severely penalized.

FOREQUARTERS
The shoulders are sloping, movable, and well covered with muscle. The shoulder blades lie flat and are well laid back near a 45 degree angle. The upper arm (the bones between the shoulder and elbow joint) is as long as possible, standing away somewhat from the trunk so that the straight and closely muscled legs, when viewed from the front, appear to be parallel. Elbows which stand away from the body or are too close result in toes turning inwards or outwards and must be faulted. Pasterns are strong, short and nearly vertical with a slight spring. Loose, short-bladed or straight shoulders must be faulted. Knuckling over is to be faulted. Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed. The feet are compact, close-knit and round to spoon-shaped. The toes are sufficiently arched and heavily nailed. The pads are strong, hard and thick.

HINDQUARTERS
Thighs are strong and well muscled. Stifles are well bent. Hock joints are well angulated and strong with straight bone structure from hock to pad. Angulation of both stifle and hock joint is such as to achieve the optimal balance of drive and traction. Hocks turn neither in nor out. Cowhocked legs are a serious fault.

COAT
The hair is short and thick and feels tough to the hand; it is somewhat longer on the underside of the tail and the back edges of the haunches. The hair is softer, thinner and shorter on the ears and the head. Any dog with long hair in the body coat is to be severely penalized.

COLOR
The coat may be of solid liver or a combination of liver and white such as liver and white ticked, liver patched and white ticked, or liver roan. Or, the coat may be of solid black or a combination of black and white such as black and white ticked, black patched and white ticked, or liver roan. Or, the coat may be of solid liver or a combination of liver and white such as liver and white ticked, liver patched and white ticked, or black roan. A dog with any area of red, orange, lemon or tan, or a dog solid white, will be disqualified.

GAIT
A smooth little gait is essential. It is to be noted that as gait increases from the walk to a faster speed, the legs converge beneath the body. The tendency to single track is desirable. The forelegs reach well ahead as if to pull in the ground without giving the appearance of a hackney gait. The hindquarters drive the back legs smoothly and with great power.

TEMPERAMENT
The Shorthair is friendly, intelligent, and willing to please. The first impression is that of a keen enthusiasm for work without indication of nervous or flightly character.

DISQUALIFICATIONS
China or wall eyes
Flesh colored nose.
Extrem e overshot or undershot.
A dog with any area of red, orange, lemon or tan, or a dog solid white.

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.

NEW BREED JUDGES
Mr. James Dalton (95445) OH
(740) 353-8243
fabelhaft@roadrunner.com
Afghan Hounds, French Bulldogs
Mrs. Pam Davis (95305) PA
(610) 564-8401
davispcjg@aol.com
Carin Terriers
Miss Margaret L. Doster (95343) NY
(716) 646-1694
xpertise_kennel@verizon.net
American Staffordshire Terriers
Mrs. Keven Birdwell (95045) CA
(925) 743-0880
rottenpug@aol.com
Pugs

APPROVED BREED JUDGES
Mr. Alan R. Arthur (65781) TX
(817) 431-2835
alan.r.arthur@verizon.net
Borzoi, Greyhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, R hodesian Ridgebacks, Salukis
Ms. Rita A. Bell (6570) NY
(716) 337-3319
charid337@aol.com
Balance of Hound Group (American English Coonhounds, Basenjis, Beagles, Black and Tan Coonhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, English Foxhounds, Greyhounds, Harriers, Norwegian Elkhounds, Plotts, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Redbone Coonhounds, Treeing Walker Coonhounds)
Ms. JoAnne M. Buehler (22770) MD
(301) 590-9056
joanneb@his.com
American Foxhounds, Basset Hounds, Beagles, Dachshunds, English Foxhounds, Greyhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens, Pharaoh Hounds

Mr. Michael J. Dachel (6270) WI
(715) 214-6741
mdachel476@charter.net
Balance of Sporting Group (Brittanys, Pointers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Curly-Coated Retrievers, Flat Coated Retrievers, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, Irish Red & White Setters, American Water Spaniels, Boykin Spaniels, Clumber Spaniels, Field Spaniels, Sussex Spaniels, Welsh Springer Spaniels, Spinone Italiani, Vizslas, Wirehaired Pointing Griffons), Afghan Hounds
Mr. Don L. Evans (5916) MD
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Dr. Robert K. Place (48116) NM
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Greyhounds, Scottish Deerhounds
Mr. Timothy S. Robbins (5365) TX
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Balance of Hound Group (American English Coonhounds, Bluetick Coonhounds, English Foxhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Pharaoh Hounds, Plotts, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Redbone Coonhounds, Scottish Deerhounds, Treeing Walker Coonhounds)
Mrs. Ann F. Yuhasz (5019) OH
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engsett@windstream.net
Balance of Herding Group (Australian Cattle Dogs, Beaucerons, Border Collies, Bouvier des Flandres, Briards, Canaan Dogs, Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Finnish Lapphunds, German Shepherd Dogs, Icelandic Sheepdogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pulik, Pyrenean Shepherds, Swedish Vallhunds)

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
Ms. Sally A. Birgl (94665) PA
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Vizslas

Mrs. Jean A. Boyd (94716) MD
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BEST IN SHOW

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

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EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGE

Mr. James Neal Barrett

DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mr. Paul (Pogo) A. Thomann  
Mrs. Carol H. Willumsen

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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Obedience – Open

PROVISIONAL OBEEDIENCE/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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Rally – All

EMERITUS OBEEDIENCE JUDGE
Mrs. Karen S. Mills

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:

KISEKI – Akitas – Linda M. Logan
TRES BEAU – Chihuahuas – Valerie J. Brown
ALL-TIME – English Springer Spaniels – Carol A. Hamilton
FOUR-T – Bernese Mountain Dogs – Karen A. Thomas & Fred D. Thomas
COSTA BEL – Cane Corso – Yvonne A. Aleman Quevedo
HEATHERWOOD – Irish Setters – Sheila F. Smith
TORRID ZONE – Portuguese Water Dogs – Margaret Q. DeFore
FISHERCREEK – Flat Coated Retrievers – Barry A. Harrison & Pauline Harrison
BLUE-CHIP – Maltese – Soon-Mi Jung
BELLALUNA – French Bulldogs – Matthew L. Dover
CAMPICOVO – French Bulldogs – Billy J. Covalucci
RUMMER RUN – Boxers – Ann B. Anderson & Steven G. Anderson
D’TOLEDO – Bulldogs – Lley Toledo & Alberto Toledo
REVELAIRe – Scottish Terriers & Norfolk Terriers – Susan A. Schneider & Bonnie K. Schneider
EZ GOINS – Dachshunds – Robbie Loyd
JURA BMD – Bernese Mountain Dogs – Kim M. McIntyre
VOM HOGNADOTTIR – Rottweilers & German Shepherd Dogs – Betty Burden
TRUPRIDE – Labrador Retrievers – Erica M. Owen
WILDHORSE – Australian Shepherds – Kay Edwards
BIG-CREEK – Labrador Retrievers – David A. Oglesby & Teresa S. Oglesby
COUNTRY FOWL - Labrador Retrievers – Kimberly M. Hood
JETCITY – Manchester Terriers – Lisa M. Nonog
BIHAR – Lowchens – Greg O. Strong & Margaret Cropsey
HOLLOWCREEK – Beagles – Joy L. Secor

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

SASSAFRAS – Vizslas – Richard W. & Melina W. Black
TRILogy – French Bulldogs – Susan Cooper
DEPHAL – German Shepherd Dogs – Denise Black-Hollister
ROSE RIDGE – Collies – Mary J. Smith
RON-DEL – Yorkshire Terriers – Carol L. Lackey
PIKESPEAK – Bloodhounds & Beagles – Elissa Befus
CANE RIVER - Chihuahuas – Kristie Davis
ESSGERMANY – English Springer Spaniels – Petra Neumueller
STONE HAVEN – Labrador Retrievers – Dorothy Cavallo
XTREME – Akitas – Hollis Zane

SOUTHERN FARMS – Golden Retrievers – Randy Watson
GRANITEHILL – Labrador Retrievers – Susan M. Gardner
LUMINARY – Poodles – Victoria L. Law
LAGNIAPPE – Vizslas – Elizabeth Chandler & Glen Saucier
ESPIRITU – Xoloitzcuintli – Traci L. Johnson & Lynda Hylton

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEPTEMBER 11 – 12, 2012

The Board convened on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 2:49 p.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary. Copies of the July 2012 minutes were made available to all Directors. The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 9-10, 2012 meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the July 2012 Board minutes were unanimously adopted.

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 reported that for the first seven months of 2012 aggregate Entries were up by 3.77% and Events were up by 1.36%, compared to the first seven months of the previous year.

AKC Humane Fund
Daphna Straus, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting. Staff gave an update on the AKC Humane Fund. To date the Fund has disbursed grants to Parent Clubs and their affiliated rescue groups, women’s shelters accepting dogs, and for educational scholarships.

ISD Update
Connie Pearth, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting. Staff gave an update on the allocation of ISD costs to the various divisions to align revenue centers with the related costs.

LEGAL REPORT
Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities during the months of July and August, 2012.
MARKETING
Michael Ganey and Connie Pearcy, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 5:32 pm.

Meeting reconvened on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 8:00 am.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT
Peter Farnsworth, AKC’s Chief Financial Officer, gave the financial report.

Total revenues of $4.6 million in the month of August 2012 were $250,000 below budget but $350,000 above 2011. Total monthly operating expenses of $4.7 million were $200,000 below budget but $200,000 above 2011. This resulted in an operating loss of $67,000 for the month. This was an improvement from last August’s monthly operating loss of $217,000. Our investments, Year-To-Date, are up $4.9 million but we recognize this could change at any time.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT
Agility Club Membership
The Board reviewed a proposal to amend ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1, and SECTION 3, of the AKC Bylaws to expand the eligibility requirements for AKC membership to permit licensed Agility clubs that meet the criteria, to apply to become AKC members. Following discussion, there was a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Smith, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to amend ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 1 and 3, of the AKC Bylaws as follows (changes underlined):

Section 1
All Clubs or Associations which have held at least three Dog Shows, Obedience Trials, Field Trials, or Agility Trials in consecutive years under rules of the AKC and all Specialty Clubs which have been or shall be formed for the improvement of any breed of purebred dogs shall be eligible to become members of the AKC.

Section 3
No Club or Association shall be eligible to be admitted to membership in the AKC unless its Constitution and Bylaws shall provide that among the objects for which said Club or Association has been formed are the holding of annual dog shows, annual obedience trials, or annual field trials, or annual agility trials, or that said Club or Association was formed for the protection or benefit of purebred dogs.

This will be read at the December Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the March Delegate meeting.

Member Club Admission Fee
ARTICLE V, SECTION 1, of the AKC Bylaws, provides for a one-time admission fee for new Member Clubs. The fee is to be determined by the Board subject to approval by the Delegates. Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to raise the $250 admission fee to $1,500. The admission fee of $250 was established in 1925 and in today’s dollars would be over $3,500. This will be read at the December Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the March Delegate meeting. The effective date would be one year from the date of adoption.

Proposal to Reduce the Number of Delegate Meetings
The Board reviewed a proposal from the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee to reduce the number of yearly Delegate meetings from four to three per year. The proposal suggests that two of these meetings be expanded from two days to three days in order to enable increased attendance at the various Delegate committee meetings. AKC staff endorses this proposal. There was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Cruz, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to send the proposed amendment to ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 1 of the AKC Bylaws to the Delegates with no recommendation. The proposal reads as follows (changes underlined):

SECTION 1: The annual meeting of the AKC shall be the regular meeting held in April. There shall also be a regular meeting of the AKC in August. There shall be one regular meeting held in December or January announced at least two years in advance. The exact date, time and location of all meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Standing Delegate Committee meetings shall be scheduled on the two days immediately preceding each regular meeting in April and August and the day preceding the December or January meeting.

This will be read at the December Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the March Delegate meeting. If adopted, the effective date would be January 1, 2015.

Recognition of Registries in China
There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Smith, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to add the National General Kennel Club (China), to the list of registries with pedigrees acceptable for AKC registration.

Proposed German Shorthaired Pointer Breed Standard Revision
The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the color section of the German Shorthaired Pointer breed standard as submitted by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America (GSPCA). Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) that the proposed revisions will be published in the AKC Secretary’s Page for comment, provided the club accepted the changes recommended by the AKC Board.

Proposed Revision to the Komondor Breed Standard
The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the bite section of the Komondor breed standard as submitted by the Komondor Club of America. This will be considered further at the October 2012 meeting.

Yorkshire Terrier Breed Standard Revision
The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the color section of the Yorkshire Terrier breed standard as submitted by the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America. The Board had recommendations on further changes which will be communicated to the club.

Definition of a Purebred Dog
Based on a request from the Board, Staff discussed the term “Purebred” in relation to the American Kennel Club. The term “Purebred” is defined in The Glossary section of The Complete Dog
Book as: “A dog whose sire and dam belong to the same breed and are themselves of unmixed descent since recognition of the breed.” It was the sense of the Board that there was no need to expand this definition.

**New Breed for Foundation Stock Service® - American Leopard Hound**

The Board was advised that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a petition for the American Leopard Hound to be accepted into the FSS program.

**New Breed for Foundation Stock Service® - Portuguese Sheepdog**

The Board was advised that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Committee recently approved a petition for the Portuguese Sheepdog to be accepted into the FSS program.

**Adding Coat Type to Registry**

Based on a request from the Board, Staff was directed to provide more details to explain its cost estimate for capturing Coat Type as part of the registration of a dog. Staff outlined the impact this change would have on IT, Support Services and Registration Services and estimates that the entire project will have a negative ROI of $230,000.

**Low Uric Acid Dalmatians**

Mr. Crowley reported on a request he had received from Dr. Robert Schaible, who was the owner of the original Dalmatian/Pointer backcross registered over thirty years ago. Dr. Schaible requested that AKC ease the criteria for the AKC registration of LUA Dalmatians to enable every living decedent of the original registered backcross to become AKC registered to make the gene responsible for normal concentration of uric acid more readily available to breeders around the world. The board of the Dalmatian Club of America, which developed the current registration procedures in cooperation with the AKC Staff, believes that it has worked well in introducing the LUA gene into the AKC gene pool. Over one hundred and twenty LUA Dalmatians and twenty litters with one or both of the parents being a LUA Dalmatian have been registered. There was no motion to change the current criteria.

**Parent Clubs Excellence**

The Board considered a proposal from the Delegate Parent Club Committee for the establishment of a program to recognize Parent Clubs that excel in organization of representation of their breeds, including their protection, preservation and promotion as well as the objectives of The American Kennel Club. The proposal would be for an AKC award administered by the Parent Club Committee with AKC Board oversight. This will be considered further at the October 2012 meeting.

**CONSENT**

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

**Delegates For Approval**

The following Delegates were approved:

- Roger M. Arbuthnot, Mesa, AZ
  To represent Superstition Kennel Club
- John R. Barnes, Marietta, GA
  To represent American Maltese Association
- Jeffrey David Bell, Ridgewood, NJ
  To represent Ramapo Kennel Club
- Tarianne Gallegos, Albuquerque, NM
  To represent Silky Terrier Club of America
- Richard E. Grant, Foster, RI
  To represent Providence County Kennel Club
- Andrew J. Kalmanash, Stamford, CT
  To represent Saw Mill River Kennel Club
- Adele Keyfél, Yakima, WA
  To represent Yakima Valley Kennel Club
- Richard Rohrbacher, Sparta, NJ
  To represent Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America
- Michael Sosne, Attica, MI
  To represent Oakland County Kennel Club
- Constance D. Townsend, Farmington, MN
  To represent Kuvasz Club of America
- Letisha Wubble, Mohnton, PA
  To represent Affenpinscher Club of America

**Request for AKC Membership**

The following Club was approved for AKC Membership:

Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club
Rowan County, NC

**Retirement of Registered Kennel Name - “Brackenhollow”**

The Board VOTED to approve the request of the Golden Retriever Club of America to officially retire the kennel name “Brackenhollow” which was owned by the late Sheila Fowler Ward.

Resolution Vicki Lane Rees

The Board VOTED to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, Vicki Lane Rees joined the staff of The American Kennel Club, upon being elected Assistant Vice President for Human Resources on June eighth, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, serving in that capacity until August third, two thousand and twelve; and,

WHEREAS, as a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources, she was responsible for developing policies and directing Human Resources programs over the last fourteen years; and,

WHEREAS, her responsibilities included employment, compensation, benefits, training, and employee relations for nearly four hundred employees around the country; and,

WHEREAS, she oversaw a retirement plan and post-retirement benefits for over five hundred retirees; and,

WHEREAS, she was charged with ensuring that all American Kennel Club policies and activities were in full compliance with all federal, state and local laws; and,

WHEREAS, her expertise and advice on Human Resource benefits, and employee relations matters were invaluable to the President and the Board as they addressed these issues; and,

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished businesswoman, Human Resources professional, manager, leader, and friend;

Now therefore, be it

Resolved, that 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 dedicated service to The American Kennel Club.

Resolution James T. Stevens

The Board VOTED to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, James T. Stevens joined the staff of the American Kennel Club, upon being elected Chief Financial Officer on April 8th, two thousand and two, serving in that capacity until July twenty-seventh, two thousand and twelve; and,

WHEREAS, he oversaw the American Kennel Club’s financial reporting, analysis and planning, and its relationship with lending institutions; working closely with the President and the Board’s Pension and Audit Committees; and,

WHEREAS, he managed the investments of the American Kennel Club’s pension plan, operating funds and reserves; and,

WHEREAS, he was responsible for the American Kennel Club’s Finance, Audit, and Control, and Human Resources Divisions; and,

WHEREAS, he served as the Secretary, Treasurer, and as a Board member of the AKC Companion Animal Recovery, the Treasurer and member of the AKC Political Action Committee Board, and as a Board member and Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee of the AKC Canine Health Committee; and,

WHEREAS, his financial acumen, innovative ideas, accessibility, and leadership by example, have served the American Kennel Club well as it faced many challenges over the past decade; and,

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished leader, manager, financial expert, and friend,

Now therefore, be it

Resolved, that 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 dedicated service to the American Kennel Club.

Board Moratorium on the Licensing of Specialty Conformation Clubs

Following a motion by Mr. Feeney, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Feeney, Ms. Scully, Dr. Kelter, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Smith, Jr., Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Powers, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Amen, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Newman; opposed: Dr. Garvin) to approve the addition of the following criteria to the policy regarding the licensing of specialty clubs which was adopted in July 2011:

A new specialty clubs which had attained Plan A level status on or before the July 12, 2011 Board meeting may continue to license status even if the club is within one hundred miles of another specialty club for the same breed.

This allows specialty clubs that were in process of becoming licensed, prior to the Board moratorium, the opportunity to complete the process and move to licensed status.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Occupational Eligibility

The Board reviewed a staff recommendation to modify the policy restricting when a judge may present a seminar in conjunction with a judging assignment. This will be considered further at the October 2012 meeting.

COMPANION/PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, participated in this portion of the meeting, while Lisa Carroll, and Pam Manaton, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference and Carrie de Young participated by teleconference.

Beagle Two Couple Pack – Changing the Running Order

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Beagle Advisory Committee to amend Chapter 10, Procedure 9. Beagle Hunting Test for Two Couple Pack, Section 1 of the Beagle Field Trial Rules to allow the handler of a dog running in multiple packs that are drawn to run back-to-back or simultaneously to request a change in the running order.

There was a motion by Mr. Amen, seconded by Mr. Powers, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following regulation change effective October 1, 2012.

Section 1. The running order of the packs in first series shall be determined by random draw. However the owner/handler may request a change in the running order if a particular hound is running in multiple packs simultaneously or back-to-back. The request must be made immediately at the conclusion of the drawing. The field trial committee will decide how best to make the change(s) with consideration to staying as close as possible to the original draw.

Herding Judges Seminar Requirement

Currently a herding judge is required to attend a seminar once every three years to maintain eligibility to judge. The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to change this requirement to attend a judge’s educational seminar, from attending a seminar once every three years to once every four years. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Retriever Hunting Test – Retrieves Up To 150 Yards

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Retriever Hunting Test Advisory Committee to amend the Regulations For AKC Hunting Tests For Retrievers to increase the distance for retrieves in the Master level Retriever Hunting Test from 100 yards to “should not normally exceed 150 yards.” The Junior and Senior level test would remain unchanged. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

English Springer Spaniel Field Trials – Allowing Three Trials Per Year

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association to allow licensed clubs to hold up to three English Springer Spaniel Field Trials per calendar year. The current limit is two. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Agility Clubs Allowed to Hold Twelve Events Per Year

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to allow clubs licensed for Agility to hold up to twelve events per calendar year. Currently, clubs licensed for Agility are limited to eight events per year. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Amen, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Amen, Ms. Williamston) to allow the following...
Cruz, Ms. Scully, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Smith, Mr. Arnold, Dr. Newman, Mr. Feeney; opposed: Mr. Ashby, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Powers) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual notice requirement.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (unanimously) to permit a club to hold up to twelve Agility Trials in a calendar year, effective January 1, 2013.

Obedience Graduate Classes-Only One Class

Staff advised the Board that without objection they will change the eligibility standard for the Obedience classes Graduate Novice and Graduate Open to allow a dog to remain in the current class after it has earned a title in these classes, for as long as the owner desires. The changes to the eligibility standards for the graduate classes will become effective January 1, 2013.

A “B” class for each of the Graduate levels, which was scheduled to begin in July of 2013 as part of the Board approved the Companion Events Business Plan will not be created.

CLUBS

Delegates for Publication

Barbara Jane Gates, Utica, MI
To represent English Springer Spaniel Club of America
No current Delegate

Carla Jo Ryan, Snow Camp, NC
To represent Japanese Chin Club of America
Currently represented by Suzanne Warfield

Zane Smith, Boerne, TX
To represent Hawaiian Kennel Club
No current Delegate

Clubs for Application

Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club
Sierra Vista, AZ

Lassen Retriever Club
Anderson, CA

Great Lakes American Water Spaniel Club

Michael Liosis, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting. The Board reviewed an appeal of the AKC’s accreditation of The Great Lakes American Water Spaniel Club which was submitted by The American Water Spaniel Club.

Staff indicated that the Great Lakes American Water Spaniel Club has met the usual AKC accreditation requirements. After discussion, the Board concurred with staff’s recommendation and accreditation of The Great Lakes American Water Spaniel Club will not be rescinded.

COMPLIANCE

Margaret Poindeaster participated in this portion of the meeting, while Sheila Goffe and Jack Norton, AKC Staff, participated via video conference.

Request to Amend the Discipline Guidelines for Discrimination and Harassment

The Board reviewed a Staff request to expand the current AKC Discipline Guideline used to set the penalty for conduct classified as sexual harassment so that it encompasses inappropriate comments and/or conduct regarding an individual’s race, color, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, age or gender. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Opportunities for Proactive Government Relations Work

Staff presented its plans to link Government Relations (GR) proactive work on local and state bills with Compliance and Communications.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Judging Approval Process

Staff was directed to take a survey to evaluate the judging approval process and to report the results back to the Board.

It was VOTED to adjourn Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 1:00 pm.
Adjourned
Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary