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Attention Delegates
Notice of Meeting

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

Delegates Credentials

Robert Bergman, Centennial, CO, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club
Sharon K. Collins, Decatur, IL English Cocker Spaniel Club of America
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Elizabeth Tilley-Poole, Dunnellon, FL, Pekingese Club of America
Jane Wilkinson, Springfield, MA, Holyoke Kennel Club

Notice

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

Ernest Weir III (Argyle, NY

Notice

Mrs. Constance Tedford (Wittmann, AZ) Action was taken by the Saint Bernard Club for conduct at its September 27, 2013, event. Ms. Tedford was charged with impairing a club's ability to maintain a site. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report and set the penalty at a three month event suspension and a $100 fine, effective September 27, 2012.

Mrs. Tedford appealed the decision to an AKC Trial Board. The Trial Board denied her appeal.

Notice

Mrs. Susan Kraus (Indianapolis, IN) Action was taken by the Central Indiana Shetland Sheepdog Club for conduct at its November 17, 2012, event. Mrs. Kraus was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the committee's report and set the penalty for her violation at a reprimand and $200 fine.

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Mrs. Leslie Papa (Williamsville, NY) for signing transfer paperwork on behalf of another without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form. (Bearded Collie, Chinese Crested)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mrs. Martha Davidson (Green Cove Springs, FL) from AKC registration privileges for six months and imposed a $500 fine, effective January 15, 2013, for having PIN numbers issued for the dog applications for an online litter, without the permission of the co-owner of the litter. (Great Dane)

Notice

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mrs. Mary Brodersen (Kiron, IA) from all AKC privileges for fifteen years and imposed a $3000 fine, effective February 11, 2013, 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)

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

Mrs. Linda Clark (94461) OK
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Flat Coated Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Vizslas, Beagles, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Akita, Alaskan Malamutes, Bullmastiffs, Giant Schnauzers, Australian Cattle Dogs, Bouviers des Flandres, German Shepherd Dogs and Pembroke Welsh Corgis

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Collies

Mr. Hector Hector (95831) FL
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Shetland Sheepdogs

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Shetland Sheepdogs

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Norwegian Elkhounds

APPROVED BREED JUDGES

Ms. Carolyn I. Alexander (6797) CA
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Balance of Toy Group (Affenpinschers, Brussels Griffons, Chinese Cresteds, English Toy Spaniels, Havanese, Japanese Chin, Maltese, Pomeranians, Poodles, Shih Tzu, Toy Fox Terriers, Yorkshire Terriers)

Mr. Lewis W. Bayne (0106) NM
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lewisbayne50@gmail.com
Balance of Toy Group (Brussels Griffons, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Chinese Cresteds, English Toy Spaniels, Havanese, Maltese, Manchester Terriers, Miniature Pinschers, Pekingese, Silky Terriers)

Mr. Ian Copus (15605) CN
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Border Collies

Mr. Edmund Dziuk (26469) MO
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Cocker Spaniels, Afghan Hounds, American Foxhounds, Basset Hounds, Bloodhounds, Dachshunds, English Foxhounds, Harriers, Whippets

Mr. Peter J. Green (59239) PA
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Balance of Herding Group (Australian Shepherds, Beaucerons, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdogs, Belgian Tervuren, Border Collies, Briards, Canaan Dogs, Collies, Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Finnish Lapphunds, German Shepherd Dogs, Icelandic Sheepdogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Pulik, Pyrenean Shepherds, Shetland Sheepdogs, Swedish Vallhunds), Bichons Frises, Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, Chow Chows, Keeshonden, Lhasa Apsos, Schipperkes, Shiba Inu, Tibetan Spaniels, Tibetan Terriers

Ms. Carolyn A. Herbel (4112) OK
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Akita, Anatolian Shepherds, Bullmastiffs, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Portuguese Water Dogs

Mrs. Anne Katona (4579) NV
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Balance of Hound Group (American English Coonhounds, Dachshunds, Portuguese Podengo Pequeno, Treeing Walker Coonhounds)

Mrs. Nancy Liebes (5170) PA
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American Staffordshire Terriers

Ms.Kathryn Madden (92226) NY
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Australian Shepherds, Border Collies, Collies

Ms. Deirdre Petrie (63937) PA
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Black Russian Terriers, Cane Corsos, German Pinschers, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Komondorok, Leonbergers, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Saint Bernards, Standard Schnauzers

Mr. Terry Stacy (6611) NC
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wtsdog@yahoo.com
Akita, Alaskan Malamutes, Anatolian Shepherds, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Bullmastiffs, Doberman Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Great Danes, Great Pyrenees, Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs, Komondorok, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers, Mastiffs, Newfoundlands, Portuguese Water Dogs, Rottweilers, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies, Standard Schnauzers

Mr. Robert L. Vandiver (6691) SC
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Norwegian Buhunds, Old English Sheepdogs, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs)

ADJUNCT JUDGE

Ms. Stacy Faw (95797) IN
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Portuguese Podengo Pequeno

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. Marilyn E. Currey (92106) FL
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Chinese Shar-Pei

Ms. Cindy Huggins (92440) CA
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Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

Ms. Jane Snider (94845) GA
(901) 674-4690
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Beagles, Papillons

APPROVED BREED JUDGES

Ms. Carole Beyerle (64912) CA
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Afghan Hounds, Borzois

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Mrs. Bernadette Cox (5062) WA
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Basset Hounds, Bloodhounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Whippets

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Boxers, Bullmastiffs, Dogues de Bordeaux, Great Danes, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies, Chihuahuas, Poodles, Pugs

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Mr. Dennis J. Gallant (6675) TN
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Mr. Wayne F. Harmon (18525) MN
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Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies

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Beagles, Dachshunds, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens, Pharaoh Hounds, Scottish Deerhounds, Italian Greyhounds

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Australian Shepherds

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Miniature Pinschers

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Great Danes

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Bichons Frises, Dalmatians, Poodles

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Balance of Working Group (Anatolian Shepherds, Black Russian Terriers, Cane Corsos, Chinooks, Dogues de Bordeaux, Giant Schnauzers, Komondorok, Kuvaszok, Leonbergers, Neapolitan Mastiffs, Standard Schnauzers, Tibetan Mastiffs)

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Pembroke Welsh Corgis

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Bulldogs, Lhasa Apsos
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Havanese, Japanese Chin, Papillons, Yorkshire Terriers
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JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE

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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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DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mrs. Lucretia Dye
Mrs. Jane G. Kay

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 – Novice
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Obedience – Novice
Ms. Kathy Sweet (92976) MI
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Obedience – Open
Ms. Lynda Moore (38343) CT
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Obedience – Utility
Ms. Robin Botelho (95951) MA
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Rally – All
Ms. Patricia Crawford (95091) TX
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Rally – All
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Rally – All

PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/ RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES COMPLETED

The following persons have completed their Provisional Judging assignments and their names have been added to the list of **regular approved** judges
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Obedience – Open
Ms. Gina Grissom (43516) CA
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Obedience – Open
Ms. Bonnie Hornfisher (81331) MI
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Obedience – Open
Ms. Nancy Grimm (42091) AZ
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Obedience – Utility
Ms. Margot McKereghan (5942) CA
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Obedience – Utility
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thesieve@btopenworld.com
Tracking – VST

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:
APACHERUN – American Staffordshire Terriers - Kathy J. Hoover & Bruce Hoover
ASHGATE US – West Highland White Terriers – Naomi M. Brown
CALIBRE'S – Vizslas – Jamie D. Walton
CONFIDANTS – Maltese – Cassie G. Day
DAYBREAK – German Wirehaired Pointers – Dawn E. Phillips
EPIC'S – Mastiffs – Lisa K. Armstrong
FURBERRI – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Brittani D. Williams
GROUSE RIDGE – English Springer Spaniels – Michael J. Brittnacher
HAMITUP – Bulldogs – Suzanne Glover & Rick Glover
HEDGEHOG HILL – German Shorthaired Pointers – Cheryl L. Thrall & Robert Kapitan
JAYBA – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Patricia A. Lander & Michelle B. Lander
LAMZ – Bedlington Terriers – Laurie W. Zembrzuski & Gabrielle M. Gilbeau
LOEWENKIND – Great Danes – Nadine E. Fers-Hildenbrand
NAUTYDOG – German Shorthaired Pointers – Timothy J. Ricketts
NEW MOON – Neapolitan Mastiffs – Sherry J. Subler
NORTHSTAR'S - Bernese Mountain Dogs & Tibetan Mastiffs – Denise B.

Bosak
PAKAJACK – Russell Terriers – Connie J. Mathewson & WA Mathewson
POPPLE RIVER – Labrador Retrievers – Bernard V. Carey
POTOMAC FALLS – Labrador Retrievers – Tom A. Jerman
RYLAND – Whippets – Angella M. Martin
STONEWALL ROAD – Cairn Terriers – Dennis M. Broderick
SUNROSE – Lhasa Apsos – Dorothy V. Leslie
TARA OAKS – Boston Terriers – Stella L. Jowers
TIMBERIDGE – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Michael Spaeth
TRINITY COVE – Newfoundlands – CeCe A. Guyatt & Bryson M. Guyatt
VICTOIRE – Bichon Frise – Vickie A. Halstead
WHISPERINGWIND – Collies – Kathleen P. Orndorff

Registered Name Prefixes Granted

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:
HEAVEN SENT'S – Chinese Crested - Traci L. Ingle & Stan M. Ingle
BLUANARCHIA – Neapolitan Mastiffs – Tabitha L. Ames
CARA-MIA – Maltese – Judy M. Pondo
STERLINGHALL – Labrador Retrievers – Penny L. Higginbottom
DIG'N – Lagotto Romagnolo – Robin L. Moorehouse
SORELLA – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Donna M. Savage & Susan Savage Green
KELL'S – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Michelle L. Alameda-Wilkinson
YUKI OOKAMI – Siberian Huskies & Schipperkes – Amanda A. Matthew
TIERAH – Vizslas – Jill L. Brennan
HAV DEGRACE – Havanese – Deborah S. Heydt & Edward E. Heydt
BRICRIU – Yorkshire Terriers – Jennifer White
SHEROC – Poodles – Sheryl D. Pyle
TROPICALS – English Springer Spaniels – Susan R. Schrank & Edward L. Schrank
VKVARIAN – German Shepherd Dogs & Labrador Retrievers – Patricia K. Varian
MOONRIVER – Great Danes – T. Lynn Adams
ZHEN'S – Chinese Crested – Carol L. Clouse
OZELLELILY – Chinese Shar-Pei – Anna M. Villarreal
GOLDBERRY – Labrador Retrievers & French Bulldogs – Charles E. Tolkien & Martha A. Tolkien
SLY DOG – Miniature Bull Terriers – Wendy L. Becker

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEBRUARY 7-8, 2013

The Board convened on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

Upon a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Smith, the December 2012 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were unanimously adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were EXECUTIVE SESSIONS during this meeting, with nothing reported out at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on, and without objection, a Legal Outreach Committee was appointed to open lines of communication with the legal community. The committee is to be chaired by David Hopkins, with members, William Feeney, Martha Feltenstein, Barbara Penny, Margaret Poindexter, and Sheila Goffe. The committee is to report back to the Board with goals and a business plan.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board Action Items

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

Events and Entries Update

Mr. Sprung gave a 2012 year end event status report. In 2012 Entries were up by 3.35% and Events were up by 2.07%, compared to 2011. The number of entries is the highest in AKC's history, exceeding well over 3,000,000 with an increase of more than 103,000 in 2012.

Open Shows

There was a discussion on the Open Show. It was agreed that the current structure of the Open Show was overly restrictive, which is reflected in their very limited success. The current Open Show Regulations will be reviewed, looking to make them more user-friendly for the clubs, and less expensive to hold.

Public Outreach

There was a discussion on how to assist clubs in reaching out to the public in their areas. A suggestion was made to explore the feasibility of developing an online tool, which would enable a club to solicit entries for its sanctioned events from among registrants in its area. Staff was directed to study this and to advise the Board of the cost associated with developing such a tool.

LEGAL REPORT

Margaret Poindexter, General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. She presented a status report on pending litigation and other activities for the months of December, 2012 and January 2013.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Daphna Strauss and Amy Chou, AKC Staff, gave a presentation on possible business opportunities. As this involves sensitive business matters, details have not been made public at this time.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Streamlining the Meeting Agenda

There was a discussion on how to streamline the Board meeting agenda. The focus was on items that could possibly be delegated to Staff and those which are pro forma which could be included in the Consent section, where several items are approved with no discussion and one vote. This will continue to be explored.

Club Event-giving Eligibility

There was discussion on the educational requirements that clubs have to complete in order to be eligible for AKC show approval. Staff was directed to review the current requirements to determine if they are both doable and relevant. A report with recommendations is to be prepared for the Board.

December 2014 Delegate Meeting

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers, it was VOTED (unanimously) to set the date for the

December/January Delegate meeting in 2014/15 to Friday, December 12, 2014, with the Delegate Committee meetings to be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014.

Proposed Chow Chow Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Head and Color sections of the Chow Chow breed standard as submitted by the Chow Chow Club, Inc. The Board did have questions on terminology in the proposal, which will be discussed with the club prior to publication for comment.

Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (unanimously) to advance the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2014. The Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America was designated as the official AKC Parent Club for the breed.

Portuguese Podengo

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (unanimously) to advance the Portuguese Podengo to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2014. The American Portuguese Podengo Medio/Grande Club was designated as the official AKC Parent Club for the breed.

Delegate Meeting Mailings

The Board reviewed a request from David Hopkins as Chair of the Coordinating Committee to keep all clubs informed of contemplated Delegate actions. Mr. Hopkins requested that AKC consider sending all licensed clubs a notice about upcoming Delegate votes. Staff was directed to survey a sampling of clubs to determine if they in fact wished to receive such communications.

CONSENT

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

Delegates For Approval

The following Delegates were approved:

Bob Busby, Mooresville, NC
To represent Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club

Annette M. Didier, Fort Wayne, IN
To represent Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club

Don L. Hanson, Anacortes, WA
To represent American Lhasa Apso Club

Jane Harding, Chester, CT
To represent Ox Ridge Kennel Club

Geraldine Jaitin, Centerport NY
To represent Westbury Kennel Association

Karl H. Kreck, Greenwood, IN
To represent Hoosier Kennel Club

Sylvia, K. Meisels, Thonotosassa, FL
To represent Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club

Nicky Patterson, Wayland, MA
To represent Middlesex County Kennel Club

Harold E. Perry, Keyport, NJ
To represent Monmouth County Kennel Club

Virginia Rowland, Templeton, MA
To represent Wachusett Kennel Club

Laura Gilbert Trainor, Vestal, NY
To represent Susque-Nango Kennel Club

John Lyons Resolution

The Board adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, John J. Lyons joined the Staff of The American Kennel Club as Chief Operating Officer on March first, two thousand and four, serving in that capacity until January fifth, two thousand and thirteen; and,

WHEREAS, his prior involvement in the Sport of Purebred Dogs included experience as a breeder, exhibitor, multi-group judge, National and Regional Specialty and All-Breed Club Show Chairman, Parent Club President, and American Kennel Club Delegate; and,

WHEREAS, as Chief Operating Officer, he oversaw the activities of the American Kennel Club's Operation Center in Raleigh, North Carolina, including, but not limited to, Marketing and Communications, Registration, and Customer Service, Event and Judging Operations, and Sport Services; and,

WHEREAS, in two thousand and eight, he coordinated the move of the American Kennel Club's Raleigh Operations to a newly constructed, state-of-the-art office building, enabling the organization to improve work flow and business processes; and,

WHEREAS, he served as Staff liaison to a number of Delegate Standing Committees, including the Coordinating, All-Breed Clubs, and Parent Clubs Committees; and,

WHEREAS, he chaired The American Kennel Club's Judges Review Committee, which handled the granting of Conformation judging status as well as the approval of additional breeds; and,

WHEREAS, he served on the Board of the AKC Companion Animal Recovery, from April thirteenth, two thousand and four until the present; and,

WHEREAS, his background in and knowledge of the Sport, his business and management skill, his outstanding leadership ability, and his innovative ideas, have served The American Kennel Club well as it faced many difficult challenges over the past several years; and,

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

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished sportsman, businessman, leader, and friend; and,

NOW THEREFORE, be it

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

Retirement of Registered Kennel Name – "Farmion"

The Board VOTED to approve the request for retirement of the kennel name "Farmion" for Portuguese Water Dogs, as submitted by the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America.

New Breed for Miscellaneous – American Hairless Terrier

The Board VOTED to designate the American Hairless Terrier Club of America as the Parent Club of the Breed, and to advance the American Hairless Terrier to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2014.

Proposed Komondor Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Bite section of the Komondor breed standard as submitted by the Komondor Club of America. The Board VOTED to permit the Parent Club to ballot its membership on the proposed breed standard revisions, in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws.

New Breed for Miscellaneous - Norrbottenspets

The Board VOTED to designate the American Norrbottenspets Association as the official AKC Parent Club to represent the Norrbottenspets. The Board VOTED to advance the breed to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2014.

Proposed Yorkshire Terrier Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Color, and Disqualifications sections of the Yorkshire Terrier breed standard as submitted by the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America. The Board VOTED (unanimously) to permit the Parent Club to ballot its membership on the proposed breed standard revisions, in accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws.

Tracking – Judges Handling Dogs Owned By Others in Non-Tracking Events

The Board VOTED to amend the *Tracking Regulations* – Tracking Judges Guidelines, to permit tracking judges to handle dogs that they do not own or co-own in non-tracking events. The revised policy reads (revision underlined):

> Exhibiting Dogs Owned By Others. Judges (including provisional) may not handle dogs that are not owned or co-owned by themselves or a family member in tracking tests. It is not proper for a judge to co-own a dog solely to permit the judge to handle the dog. Tracking judges may handle dogs not owned or co-owned by them in other types of events (non-tracking events).

Agility Regulations - Equipment - Use of Break-Away Tire

The Board VOTED to modify Chapter 3, Section 12, Chapter 5, Section 5, and Chapter 13, Section 17 of the Regulations for Agility Trials to provide for a change in the equipment used in the Agility Tire Jump. The tire jump will change from a solid tire to a break-away tire. This will be a safety enhancement for the sport. There will be a six-month trial period (March 1 – September 3) during which clubs may use either the solid tire or the break-away tire. Starting September 4, 2013, clubs will be required to use the break-away tire.

Changes underlined:

Chapter 3, Section 12

Section 12. Tire Jump. The Tire Jump consists of a tire (or a circular object that resembles a tire) suspended from a rectangular frame. The tire is constructed of two 180 degree segments that are connected at the top to allow for independent movement of each segment. The connection must be adjustable to allow for calibration/testing at the trial site by the Judge of record for the class. The setting for the connection is 16-20 pounds of horizontal force with 18 pounds preferred. The setting will be confirmed by using a calibrated scale (in foot pounds) attached to a tire side mounting point. With one side secured to the frame, the opposite side is pulled using the scale until the segments pull apart. When the tire is broken open it must stay open and not automatically reset. The inner diameter of the tire is 24 inches plus or minus an inch, and the wall is 3 to 8 inches thick. The tire must be connected to the frame at 3 points. There must be at least 7 inches between the outside of the tire and the sides of the frame, and the frame must be tall enough to accommodate the tire at the seven different jump heights, as specified for the Bar Jump. The uprights of the frame shall be secured to the base and the base must be weighted or secured properly to the running surface. The jump height is measured from the ground to the bottom of the tire opening. The tire shall not be displaceable off the frame. The tire shall have a minimum depth of 2 inches and must be made of flexible material, such as rubber or plastic to allow some give if hit by the dog.

Preferred Class Requirement: The Tire shall be set at 4 inches lower than the Regular class jump height or as close as possible given the construction of the tire. In the 4" jump height the tire will be placed with the bottom edge on the ground.

Performance: Dogs must jump through the tire opening in the direction specified by the judge without breaking the tire segments apart or knocking the tire/frame over. The Tire's jump height will be set one jump height lower than the Bar Jump height, with the exception of the 4 inch jump height.

Chapter 5, Section 5

Section 5. Mandatory Elimination (NQ). The following individual faults call for Mandatory Elimination which shall be marked as an "F" on the scribe sheet resulting in a non-qualifying score (NQ). The dog/handler may continue their run except as may be noted elsewhere in these Regulations.

1. Handler or dog knocking down any obstacle or jump that is either presently being performed or will be performed. Handler jumps over, goes under, or steps on top of any obstacle. (If excessive the judge may excuse the handler for their own safety.)
2. Displacing the top bar(s) or panel of a jump or breaking apart the tire jump.

Chapter 13, Section 17

Section 17. Standard Faults. Standard faults incurring a five (5) point penalty include:

1. A displaced bar, plank, or displaceable surface that the dog was to jump over.
2. Missed contact zones (including the upside of the A-Frame).
3. Seesaw fly-off.
4. Leaving the table prior to completion of the five (5) second count. (This penalty can be assessed one time only.) Dog must complete the table before going on.
5. Anticipation of the table count. (A

dog leaving between the word "One" and the word "Go".) Dog proceeds with remainder of the course.
6. Missed weave pole once entered correctly. (This penalty can be assessed on time only per set of weave poles.) However, missed poles must be re-attempted and completed.
7. Visible moving or stepping on top of the Broad Jump.
8. Tire jump broken apart.

Irish Setter Club of America National Gun Dog Championship

The Board VOTED to add a new Section 18A to Chapter 14 of *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds* to permit the Irish Setter Club of America to hold a National Gun Dog Championship field trial. This event is a walking trial. The dog winning this event will be granted the title NGDC. This change will be read at the March Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the June Delegate meeting.

Section 18A
National Championship Events

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

Lure Coursing – Single Stakes

The Board VOTED to amend Chapter IV, Section 11, and Chapter VIII, Section 5 of the Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials, to restrict entries of dogs that have been disqualified by a judge for being aggressive toward another dog while in competition in a Lure Coursing Stake to only Single Stakes at Lure Coursing trials, unless and until the dog's eligibility has be reinstated. This change is effective April 1, 2013.

Changes underlined:

Chapter IV, Section 11
DISQUALIFIED BY JUDGE. A dog is not eligible to be entered in a licensed or member club Lure Coursing Trial in any stake except the Singles Stake if the dog has on one occasion been made subject to the following report: If a dog, while under judgment at a Lure Coursing Trial attacks another dog, and the judge is of the opinion that such attack was without reasonable cause, the judge shall identify the offending dog on the judging sheet and the name of the offending dogs shall be listed in the report of the Lure Coursing Trial sent to the American Kennel Club. The disqualified dog may not compete in any AKC lure coursing stake except the Singles Stake until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to The American Kennel club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

Chapter VIII Section 5
SINGLES STAKE. A Singles Stake may be offered at a lure coursing trial at the option of the host club. If a Singles Stake is offered, it must appear on the event premium list. No points or passes counting toward AKC titles shall be awarded. All regulations pertaining to regular stakes shall apply unless modified by the Regulations specific to this stake. Singles Stakes shall be run as follows:
(a) Open to all sighthound breeds approved to participate in AKC Lure Coursing trials.
(b) Hounds with breed disqualifications are eligible to enter.
(c) Hounds entered in the Single Stake shall not be allowed to enter the regular stakes (open, specials or veteran) at the same event.
(d) Dogs that have been disqualified by a judge (see chapter IV, section 11) may enter Single Stakes. Note: Dogs that have been disqualified by an event committee are not eligible to participate in Single stakes. (See chapter IV, section 12.)
(e) Order of running shall be determined by random draw.
(f) Each hound shall run the course alone.

Dachshund Field Trials –Mileage Conflict Policy

The Board VOTED to amend its mileage conflict policy for Dachshund Field Trials, as requested by the Dachshund Club of America. The minimum mileage conflict distance will be changed from 100 to 200 miles, effective immediately. Chapter 3, Section 2, of Dachshund Field Trial Rules will now read:

Section 2. Each member or licensed club or association which held a field trial(s) in any one year shall have first right to claim the corresponding dates for its trial(s) to be held in the succeeding year.

The AKC has established a policy that new trials or existing trials that have changed dates from the previous year will not be approved when they occur on the same dates as another trial and the distance between the events is less than 200 miles. Distance is based on a straight line measurement between locations. This policy may be waived in unusual situations as determined by the Performance Events Department or when the club hosting the "new" event obtains the agreement of the club hosting the original trial on an established date.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Mark Dunn, Michael Gainey, and Connie Pearcy, AKC Staff, gave reports to the Board on various Marketing initiatives. Updates were given on Registration and Canine Partners, Market research was presented on the desire for purebred dogs and recent PR campaigns were reviewed.

AKC Special Registry Services: Foreign Dogs

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to permit the registration of Foreign dogs in the AKC Stud Book, provided the dog is registered in its country of birth with a Foreign Registry Organization recognized by The

American Kennel Club and listed in Section IV of AKC's Special Services regulations. This removes the restriction that dogs must be physically on US soil prior to AKC registration.

AKC Special Registry Services
I. FOREIGN DOGS
A. Eligibility

Foreign dogs may be eligible for registration in the AKC Stud Book, provided:
1. The dog is of a breed eligible for individual registration in the AKC Stud Book.
2. The dog was registered in country of birth with a Foreign Registry Organization listed in Section IV of this pamphlet.
3. The AKC application form is accompanied by a legible photocopy of the complete official three-generation pedigree of the Certificate of Registration from the Foreign Registry Organization. The dog must have an unrestricted registration. Do not send originals.
4. The AKC application and the foreign registration must reflect identical ownership.
5. The dog has been positively and permanently identified (microchip, DNA or tattoo) prior to being registered.
6. Photographs required for all dogs

CONFORMATION

Bobby Birdsong, Alan Slay, and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 3, Section 16 – Reserve Best in Show

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to amend Chapter 3, Section 16 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to clarify that Reserve Best in Show is to be awarded before Best in Show.
A majority of the Board believed that this was a simple clarification of judging procedure, handled expeditiously with an italicized explanation rather than a Rule change. This explanation will also be included in the Judging Guidelines. Staff was directed to contact the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee for their input on this recommendation.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 4, Section 2 – Electronic Premium Lists

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to amend Chapter 4, Section 2 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to allow for the sending of premium list electronically to reduce expenses on postage and printing.

CHAPTER 4, SECTION 2.
Premium list and entry forms must be sent to prospective exhibitors at least FIVE WEEKS prior to the closing date for entries of show if sent by bulk mail, or at least FOUR WEEKS if sent by First Class Mail or electronically. Four copies of the premium list must be sent to The American Kennel Club at time of distribution.

This proposed Rule change will be considered further at a future meeting.

Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 5, Section 2 – Dates on Ribbons

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to amend Chapter 5, Section 2 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to remove the requirement that conformation award ribbons have the date and city/town of the event printed on them. This will allow clubs to save money and to avoid wastage by purchasing ribbons in bulk.
The Board saw the advantages of unawarded rosettes or ribbons, which could be used for subsequent club events. This particularly applied to class placements ribbons and rosettes. However, the Board also believes that certain awards, e.g. Best-in-Show, Reserve Best in Show, and Group Placements are keepsakes often kept displayed by exhibitors, and that in those instances dates and locations are important. The Board recommended that the date and location continue to be required for these ribbons or rosettes. Staff was directed to obtain the input of the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee on this possible modification to the proposed amendments.

Conformation Entry Analysis

Based on a Board request, Staff presented an analysis of the number of unique dogs and number of new dogs in conformation competition for the 2011 and 2012 calendar years.
It was noted that entries were up for some clubs and down for others. There was discussion on how clubs which had been successful in increasing entries could best share how they did it with other clubs.

The Use of an Asterisk

There was discussion on the possible use of an asterisk to designate Provisional judges in premium lists.
There was a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Garvin, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to include an asterisk with the name of every provisional judge in the premium list judging program and catalog, effective July 1, 2013. The status would be determined as of the date the judging panel is approved.

Meeting adjourned on Thursday February 7, 2013 at 5:30 pm

Meeting reconvened on Friday February 8, 2013 at 8:00 am.
All Directors were present as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer and the Assistant Executive Secretary.

CLUBS

Michael Liosis, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Kennel Club of Texarkana

Staff presented information to the Board pending litigation among the members of the Kennel Club of Texarkana

Pekingese Club of America

Staff presented a report and eight recommendations resulting from a complaint filed against the Pekingese Club of America for alleged bylaw non-compliance. This matter, which was thoroughly investigated by Staff, related to the club's last two annual elections, was discussed. The Board also reviewed the apparent trouble the club had in paying the facility rental for its last specialty show.
Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Garvin, it was VOTED (unanimously) to withhold approval on all future Pekingese Clubs of America events, unless and until the following conditions are fulfilled.

1) The four PCA directors who were not nominated pursuant to the bylaws and subsequently elected in the 2011

election (Class of 2016) vacate their positions;
2) The four petition candidates who were nominated in accordance with the bylaws and received the most votes in the 2012 election (Class of 2017) are seated;
3) Any board vacancies filled since the 2011 election are ratified by the constitutionally elected PCA board;
4) The 13 remaining PCA directors appoint one of their own to be AKC's contact person;
5) We are provided with a copy of the Treasurer's annual report for the last three years as presented to the members as required in Article III, Section 2d. Section 519 of New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law also applies;
6) An independent audit of the PCA's financial records be undertaken at the expense of the Pekingese Club of America, and a copy of the audited financial statement sent to AKC and also made available to all PCA members;
7) AKC monitors each constitutionally mandated step of the 2013 (Class of 2018) election to insure complete compliance;
8) Verification is received of the payment of all outstanding bills for the 2012 show. The original results from the show (November 16-17, 2012) have not been received. Faxed copies were received on December 18, 2012.

The club was also to be advised that the above action does not preclude The American Kennel Club from reviewing this matter pursuant to ARTICLE XII of the AKC Charter and Bylaws.

Electronic Club Membership Submission

Staff presented a status report on the electronic submission of club membership lists.

Live Streaming Video of AKC Licensed Events

Staff reviewed the current "Commercial Filming at Events Contractual and Operational Policies" as it relates to the live streaming of Dog Shows. Plans to help clubs promote this format to the general public were discussed.

Mr. Feeney left the meeting, having had to change his travel plans due to weather-related conditions.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Tim Thomas, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Visiting Judges Policy

There was a review of the policy governing the approval of Visiting Judges.
At the December 2012 Board Meeting, the following proposed amendment to the visiting judges policy was tabled.

> Visiting judges who are invited to judge (breeds and) groups which contain breeds not registered in their country of origin, may apply for, take the test for and pay a $25.00 fee for each breed. Upon successful completion of this process, such judges will be approved by the American Kennel Club to judge those breeds in the future.
> Visiting judges who decline to apply under this process may continue to be approved for such breeds and groups as they were previously approvable under the terms, conditions, agreements and understanding under previous policy, provided that they judge breeds constituting at least 75% of the annual entries in that group, based on the previous year's count of entries.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Feeney) to bring the proposal back for consideration at this meeting.

There was a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Scully to amend the proposal by removing the words "breeds and" from the second line of the second paragraph and to add the following new paragraph:

> Judges from countries in which the AKC recognized registry registers all the breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club may judge all breeds and groups for which they approved by their home kennel club to award championship points (including CC's or CAC's).

This motion was VOTED and approved (affirmative: Dr. Smith, Ms. Scully, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Powers, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Gladstone; opposed: Mr. Kalter, Dr. Newman, Mr. Amen, Ms. Cruz; absent: Mr. Feeney).

There was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers, and it was VOTED (unanimously, absent Mr. Feeney) to change the 75% to 80% in the first paragraph.
The main motion, effective immediately, was then VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Smith, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Powers, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Scully, Mr. Ashby, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Kalter; opposed: Dr. Newman, Mr. Amen, Ms. Cruz; absent: Mr. Feeney).

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> Visiting judges who decline to apply under this process may continue to be approved for such groups as they were previously approvable under the terms, conditions, agreements and understanding under previous policy, provided that they judge breeds constituting at least 80% of the annual entries in that group at the time they are first approved for that group, based on the previous year's count of entries.
> Judges from countries in which the AKC recognized registry registers all the breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club may judge all breeds and groups for which they approved by their home kennel club to award championship points (including CC's or CAC's).

Group Approval

Staff presented a report on Conformation Judges approved to judge at the Group level. Following the December 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors, Staff was instructed to explore options for allowing AKC judges to adjudicate the group without being approved for all the breeds within that group due to the Board's conclusion that the AKC currently is facing a shortage of multiple Group Judges.
This report was to include an analysis of the effect if judges were approved to judge a group based upon that individual being approved for breeds comprising

80% of the entries in that group. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Online Judges Directory

Based on a Board request Staff presented a report outlining the cost, timing to complete, and ROI of a policy whereby an asterisk(*) was indicated next to Judge/Delegates on the online judges directory. Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Battaglia, Dr. Garvin, Dr. Newman, Mr. Amen, Ms. Scully; Mr. Ashby, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Smith, Mr. Powers; opposed: Ms. Cruz; absent: Mr. Feeney) to add an asterisk to the name of any Delegate on the Online Judges Directory as soon as the necessary programming has been completed.

Regular Status Requests

Staff presented a report on proposed policy change that would grant regular status to Permit judges who were not observed in their first 6 Permit Assignments.

There was a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent: Mr. Feeney) to modify the requirements for a judge on permit status for breeds to advance to regular status. Effective immediately, if a judge on permit status is not observed on permit breeds by an AKC Field Representative after three assignments, the judge must do three additional assignments. However, if still not receiving an observation in any of three additional assignments, the judge, upon request, would be granted regular status in these breeds.

COMPANION/PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Pamela Manaton and Lisa Carroll, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Recognizing Titles Earned in the New Sport of Barn Hunt

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Scully, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Battaglia, Ms. Scully, Dr. Newman, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Amen, Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Smith, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Powers; opposed: Dr. Garvin; absent: Mr. Feeney) to approve a policy that allows AKC to recognize titles earned in the new sport of Barn Hunt as offered by the Barn Hunt Association. These will be suffix titles.

The owner of a dog that earns a Barn Hunt title must apply on a form developed by the Performance Events Department, supply a copy of their Barn Hunt Association title certificate and pay a nominal processing fee. The title will be placed on the dog's record and will appear on the dog's AKC pedigree. The dog must be registered or listed with the AKC.

This is effective for titles earned after April 1, 2013.

Obedience Regulations

The Board reviewed seven Staff recommended changes to the Obedience Regulations.

The seven recommendations are:

1. Modify the regulations pertaining to "judging times" to take into consideration the transition between classes.
2. Allow any AKC club with the interest and knowledge to become licensed to hold obedience.
3. Allow specialty clubs, after first accepting entries from their breed, the option of accepting entries from either breeds in their conformation group or all breeds.
4. Make the timing consistent for several types of judge/handler/dog training relationships that prohibit a dog/person from entering under a judge.
5. Allow transfers from the "A" to "B" class at the same level provided transfers between classes are allowed by the host club.
6. Allow a judge to accept two assignments over the course of a cluster.
7. Allow clubs to decide if the obedience trial secretary may enter their trial.

There was a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, and it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Feeney) to consider these amendments at this meeting, waiving the usual advance notice requirement.

Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Amen, and it was VOTED (affirmative: Ms. Scully, Mr. Amen, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Ashby, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Cruz, Dr. Smith, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Powers, Dr. Newman; opposed: Dr. Gavin; absent: Mr. Feeney) the following amendment's new verbiage, underlined, were adopted effective April 1, 2013.

Chapter 1

(Paragraph 2)

Section 1. Obedience Clubs.

A club may hold two all-breed obedience trials concurrently or consecutively, at the same site on the same day, or two all-breed obedience clubs may hold their obedience trials one following another, if the events are held on the same site on the same day. No judge will be assigned to judge for more than eight hours in one day if judging less than five classes, or for more than seven hours in one day if judging five or more classes. This limit includes rally and/or any breed judging assignments. The "A" and "B" classes of the same level are considered two classes. In situations where the club feels this regulation does not result in a reasonable outcome, the club must contact the judge to gain approval for additional judging time.

Section 2. Other Clubs Eligible to Hold Obedience Trials. In addition to obedience clubs, any AKC club may be granted permission to hold an obedience trial if, in the opinion of the AKC Board of Directors, it is qualified to do so, provided the club holds the event(s) for which it was originally formed at least once every two years,.

Specialty and group clubs have three options to hold an obedience trial.

(1) These clubs may hold a trial exclusively for their own breed(s).

(2) If entries are limited, these clubs may accept entries of dogs of their own breed(s) first then accept entries from group breeds or all breeds until the entry limit specified in the premium list is reached.

(3) These clubs may hold their specialty or group obedience trial followed by an all-breed or group obedience trial, so long as the scheduled judging program for both events does not exceed eight hours of judging

(Paragraph 4)

Section 14. Dogs That May Not Compete. No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at an obedience trial if the dog has been owned, sold, held under lease, or handled in the ring within 30 days prior to the date of the obedience trial by the judge or by any person residing in the same household as the judge. "Trained or instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs and to judges who train individual dogs or train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers (see "Glossary of Terms").

No exhibitor may show a dog under a judge at an obedience or rally trial if the exhibitor has participated in a training session taught by that judge within thirty (30) days prior to the date of the event.

No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at an obedience trial if the dog is owned or handled by any person who has regularly served as a trainer or instructor of that judge, either individually or through classes, within thirty (30) days; or if the dog has been has been regularly trained or instructed by the judge within thirty (30) days prior to the date of the obedience trial.

Section 16a. Transfers (formerly move-ups).

- The club will clearly state in its premium list whether transfers will or will not be allowed. If no statement is provided in the premium list the default is to allow transfers.
- After a dog earns a title, it may be transferred to another class in a future trial, even though the closing date for the trial has passed, provided the club offers transfers.
- A transfer (i.e., from an obedience class to an obedience class; or a rally class to a rally class) may be requested if, according to the owner's records the handler and dog are eligible and the dog has completed the requirements for the title after the closing date of the trial in which the advanced entry is to be made.
- Transfers between an "A" and "B" class at the same level are allowed provided the host club allows transfers.
- The request for a transfer must be in writing and presented to the superintendent or trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial.
- Transfers may be approved provided the class and judge are available and the class has not reached its limit.

Assignment Limitations. A judge will not be approved to judge the same regular or optional titling classes at all-breed events within 30 days and 100 straight line miles of each other with the following exceptions:

- A judge may accept assignments to judge the same classes for two obedience trials that fall on the same day at the same site.
- A judge may accept assignments to judge the same classes at two obedience trials over the course of a cluster of no more than five (5) consecutive days at the same site or within a local geographical area as determined by the AKC.

There are no such restrictions on non-regular classes or tracking tests. Assignments to judge the same class or classes at two different breed specialty or group obedience trials are not considered to be a conflict. Breed specialty obedience assignments or group shows are not in conflict with assignments to judge the same class(es) at an all-breed obedience trial.

Section 14. Dogs That May Not Compete. No dog under six months of age may compete. No dog belonging wholly or in part to a judge or superintendent, or any member of such a person's household may be entered in any obedience trial at which such person officiates or is scheduled to officiate. Nor may they handle or act as an agent for any dog entered at that obedience trial.

If allowed by the host club, the obedience trial secretary may enter dogs owned or co-owned by the secretary and may handle dogs in the obedience trial. The secretary's priority must be the handling of official secretary duties in a timely manner. If participation in the trial interferes with these duties, other arrangements for handling dogs must be made.

Obedience Entries Update

Based on a Board request, Staff supplied a report on obedience entries by class. The analysis of this report shows gains across the entire spectrum of obedience classes for 2012 over 2011 and showed that 2012 was the fourth straight year of growth in the sport.

COMPLIANCE

Margaret Poindexter and Jack Norton AKC Staff participated in this section of the meeting, while Doug Ljungren, Bobby Birdsong, and Heather McManus, AKC Staff, were present for a portion of this section.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

FINANCE

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

He reported on revenues and expenses, comparing 2012 and 2011, as well as the performance of AKC's investment funds. Mr. Farnsworth also provided a summary of the end-of-year preliminary figures for AKC, the AKC Humane Fund, AKC CAR, AKC CHF and the AKC Museum of the Dog.

It was VOTED to adjourn Friday, February 8, 2013 at 3:00 pm.
Adjourned
Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary