

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 9, 2015

The Board convened on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, as were the Executive Secretary, and the Assistant Executive Secretary. The October Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the October 2015 minutes were approved as amended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board Action Items

Mr. Sprung gave a status report on previous staff Action Items.

AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

Susan Lily, AKC Canine Health Foundation, CEO and Diane Brown, DVM, AKC Canine Health Foundation Scientific Officer, gave a report on the AKC Canine Health Foundation's plans for future grants. It was also reported that prior to December, the Foundation was within \$70,000 of meeting the AKC's maximum matching grant of \$500,000. It was reported that Carol Williamson had left the AKC Canine Health Foundation \$100,000 in her will. This generous, caring donation by Ms. Williamson was acknowledged by the AKC Board with gratitude.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

2016 BUDGET

The Board reviewed the proposed 2016 Budget. There was an in-depth discussion of the budget.

The budget was amended so that the budget revenue in the Events and Judging Operations area for 2016 was to equal the projected revenue for 2015. Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Feeney, it was VOTED (affirmative: Mr. Feeney, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Kalter, Mr. Ashby, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Dok, Mr. Wooding, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Powers, Dr. Davies; opposed: Mr. Gladstone, Dr. Battaglia) to approve the 2016 budget.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Doug Ljungren, Tim Thomas, and Patricia Proctor, AKC staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Patricia Proctor, AKC Senior Field Representative, reviewed the duties of the AKC Conformation Field Representatives on the day of the show. This included their work with the Show Chair, judges, the Fancy, new exhibitors, club members and stewards. It included a description of the multiple reports that had to be filed for judging observations, interviews, show wins, test results, show hearings, reinstatement committee reports, etc. Also addressed were the preparation, clinics, and club speeches, etc.

The Board also discussed the need to support our Clubs and the need for active club support and development by AKC. This discussion will continue into 2016.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Staff, was present for this portion of the meeting.

Recognition of the Turkish Kennel Club, a.k.a. KIF (Köpek Irkları ve Kinoloji Federasyonu)

The Board reviewed a request for recognition from the Turkish Kennel Club. The Turkish Kennel Club was formed in 2006 and shortly after that became an FCI contract partner. The Turkish Kennel Club became an FCI Associate Member earlier this year, and they register over 3,000 dogs annually. Their registration rules and procedures exceed AKC requirements. Following a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Ashby, it was VOTED (unanimously) to add the Turkish Kennel Club to the list of registries with pedigrees accepted for AKC registration.

Barbet - Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous

The Board reviewed a Sport Services department recommendation to approve the Barbet to advance to the Miscellaneous. The Board of Directors approved the Barbet to be eligible for recording in the Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®) program with a Sporting designation in 2007. The Barbet Club of America has met the requirements of the Recognition of New Breeds Policy approved in January 2004 by the Board of Directors.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to advance the Barbet to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2017. The Barbet Club of America is designated as the Parent Club for the breed.

Irish Red and White Setter Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the breed standard for the Irish Red and White Setter as submitted by the Irish Red and White Setter Association of America (IRWSAA). Revisions are proposed to the following sections of the breed standard: SIZE, PROPORTION & SUBSTANCE, HEAD and COLOR. The current standard was approved by the AKC Board on October 19, 2009. In accordance with the procedures for a breed standard revision, the proposed revisions will first be published on the Secretary's page for comment. Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the publication of the proposed revisions.

CLUBS

A written report was provided on Member Club Bylaws approved in September and October:

- Atlanta Obedience Club, Atlanta, GA (1971)
- Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America (1935)
- Greater Kingsport Kennel Club, Kingsport, TN (1992)
- Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America (2014)
- Parson Russell Terrier Association of America (2003)
- Seattle Kennel Club, Seattle, WA (1905)
- Vizsla Club of America (1971)

A written report was provided on new clubs licensed in September and October:

- Boston Terrier Club of North Carolina
- Great Dane Club of Mat Su Alaska
- Iowa Sporting Spaniel Club, Des Moines, IA
- North Dakota Pointing Dog Club, Bismarck-Mandan, ND

Rising Sun Beagle Club of Cecil County, MD

COMPANION & PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Agility Grand Champion

The Board reviewed a recommendation to create a new title called Agility Grand Champion (AGCH). This prefix title is designed to recognize the lifetime achievement of dogs that excel across all classes in the AKC agility program. The AGCH title will add value to the FAST, Time 2 Beat, Premier Standard and Premier JWW classes. These classes currently are not part of the Master Agility Championship (MACH) or Preferred Agility Champion (PACH) titles.

To earn the AGCH title, the following number of qualifying scores must be earned at the highest level of these classes: Standard & Jumper with Weaves – 100 each; Fast and Time 2 Beat – 75 each; Premier Standard and Premier JWW – 50 each.

These qualifying scores may be earned from either the Regular or Preferred classes or a combination of both these classes. Qualifying legs will be grandfathered back to July 1, 1999. Following a motion by Mr. Kalter, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the addition of this title and approved the following changes to the **Regulations for Agility Trials - Chapter 2**, with titles starting to be awarded on July 6, 2016.

Regulations for Agility Trials Chapter 2

Section 3. Recognized Achievement. (insert as last paragraph in Section)

Agility Grand Champion (AGCH) Title. The Agility Grand Champion (AGCH) recognizes dogs that show consistency and versatility across all classes of the AKC agility program. To earn the AGCH title, the following number of qualifying scores must be earned at the highest level of these classes: Standard & Jumper with Weaves – 100 each; Fast and Time 2 Beat – 75 each; Premier Standard and Premier JWW – 50 each. These qualifying scores may be earned from either the Regular or Preferred classes or a combination of both these classes. Qualifying scores will be grandfathered.

This title will start to be awarded on July 6, 2016.

Jagdterrier Eligible to Participate in AKC Earthdog Tests

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow Jagdterriers to participate in AKC Earthdog tests.

Following a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to amend the AKC Earthdog Regulations to allow Jagdterriers to participate in AKC Earthdog tests effective January 1, 2016.

COMPLIANCE

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

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

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

CONFORMATION

Doug Ljungren, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting. Alan Slay, and Bri Tesarz, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via teleconference.

Modification to Grooming Space Policy

The Board reviewed an Event Operations recommendation to modify the Board Policy on Grooming Space so that clubs are not required to submit a grooming plan.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to modify the Board policy on Grooming Space as follows:

Grooming Space (July 2012 Board Meeting) (Modified December 2015 Meeting)

It is the policy of the AKC to encourage and welcome all exhibitors. Keeping the cost of participating in the Sport reasonable for current as well as potential new competitors is crucial to its future health and growth. At the same time, the Board recognizes the financial pressure faced by many clubs in putting on their events. The Board has therefore established the following policy, effective January 1, 2013, with regards to grooming space: All clubs are required to set aside an area designated for grooming/crating. "Day of event" grooming must be provided that is reasonable in relation to entry of the show. A club holding a conformation event may, at its option, offer reserved grooming/crating space for a fee, provided that it makes available, at no charge in addition to the entry fee for the show, a reasonable amount of grooming/crating space of equal desirability to the exhibitors. Such free space need not include additional services such as the availability of electrical hookups.

Event Operations recommends that Board Policy on grooming space be modified so that clubs are not required to submit a grooming plan. On request, Event Operations staff will counsel clubs on complying with the Board Policy. If Event Operations becomes aware of a club not being in compliance, they will directly address the matter with the club.

Match Regulations - Age of Puppies - Housekeeping

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to amend the *Match Regulations* to bring them in compliance with current rules, regulations, and practices pertaining to Dog Shows regarding the age of puppies on show grounds. The language stating that dogs less than 6 months of age are ineligible to be on the grounds of licensed or member shows or trials during licensed or member events would be removed from the regulations.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (unanimously) to amend Chapter 2, Section 1, and Chapter 3, Section 8, of the *Match Regulations* effective January 1, 2016. (Changes underlined)

Chapter 2

Section 1. Entry Requirements. All-Breed clubs for breed, obedience, rally, agility, and tracking may offer classes for all registrable breeds and varieties and for purebred dogs of any breed eligible for entry in the Miscellaneous class and all FSS recordable breeds.

While The American Kennel Club does not require that a dog entered in a sanctioned match be registered, the club itself may, at its discretion, add this requirement.

Group and Specialty clubs must restrict their breed competition to the breeds they were formed to serve; obedience and rally matches may be open to all AKC registerable breeds and all FSS recordable breeds. Group clubs may also offer breed competition for any appropriate Miscellaneous Class breeds. Dogs that are listed with the AKC Canine Partners may at the club's option, be permitted to compete in approved Companion events open to all breeds.

Dogs must be of an age that they are eligible to compete to be on the grounds of sanctioned match events. At sanctioned A matches dogs must be at least 4 months of age on the date of the event. At Sanctioned OA and OB obedience matches, dogs must be at least 6 months of age on the date of the event. At sanctioned B matches, dogs must be at least 3 months of age.

Chapter 3

Section 8. Classes. All of the regular classes (as defined by Chapter 3, Section 3 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*) of The American Kennel Club may be given, except Winners, but the Puppy, American Bred, and Open classes must be given. All classes must be divided by sex. Clubs may also offer any non-regular classes, subject to AKC approval. A list of all classes to be offered must be given on the application form, as well as a complete description and the entry requirements of all non-regular classes.

The requirements for eligibility to enter the various classes are the same as those stated in Chapter 3, Sections 4 through 10 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*.

Best of Breed/Variety and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety may be given.

Group classes may be given in an all-breed match. Dogs selected Best of Breed or Best of Variety are eligible. Best of Match may be given

Table & Ramp Identifiers in Judge's Book

The Board requested that information be added to the judge's book which would indicate whether a breed is examined on a table, ramp or options. Currently there are 36 breeds, not counting the Terrier Group and Toy Group, which must be judged on a table or a ramp. Due to the increasing number of table and/or ramp breeds, AKC was asked that the correct examination location or options be included in the judge's book. AKC has notified the superintendents to include the examination requirements and options for the breed being judged in the judge's book on the breed pages by July 1, 2016.

CONSENT

Following discussion, there was a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent Items:

- **Delegate and Club Approvals**
- **Re-Appointment of two AKC PAC Board Members to the AKC PAC Board**

Delegates Approved

Robin L. Burmeister, Galloway, OH
To represent Portuguese Water Dog Club of America

Ruth Crumb, Annandale, VA
To represent Magic Valley Kennel Club

Linda Krukar, Brooksville, FL
To represent Doberman Pinscher Club of America

David Petko, Lockport, NY
To represent Kennel Club of Niagara Falls

Member Club Approval

Durango Kennel Club

Re-Appointment of two AKC PAC Board Members to the AKC PAC Board

The Board VOTED to reappoint Mr. Carl Ashby and Ms. Wendy Jordan to serve new two-year terms on the AKC PAC Board.

It was VOTED to adjourn Wednesday, December 9th, 2015 at 4:50 pm.

Adjourned

Attest:

James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary