

## Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee

September 11, 2015 at the Doubletree Hilton in Newark, NJ

In attendance: Nancy Perrell, Cindy Miller, Johnny S, Harry Miller, Nancy Perrell, Cindy Stansell, David Powers, Robert, Duane, Sue Goldberg. Absent: Linda Flynn

Also in attendance: Board Liaisons Harvey Wooding (Westminster KC) and Tom Davies, and AKC Staff Liaison Gina DiNardo.

Guests: Abbe R. Shaw (Santa Barbara KC), Steven Hamblin (Pacific Coast Pekingese Club), Jon M. Green (Central Ohio Kennel Club), Bob Ekle (Columbia Missouri KC), Karl Kreck (Hooster KC), Virginia Rowland (Wachusett KC), Adele Keyfel (Yakima Valley KC), Joan S. Tabor (Vactionland DC), James Corbett (Tulalatin KC), Larry Libeu (Santa Maria KC), Kenny Saenz (Chihuahua Club of America), Jerry Yarbrough (Bexar County KC), Janet Narushka (West Volusia KC), Sid Marx (Colorado Springs KC), William E. Ellis (Plum Creek KC of Colorado), Beverly Drake (Catonsville KC), Flo Laicher (Putnam KC), Barbra Steinhacher Dalane (Garden State All Terrier), Margaret Pough (Finger Lakes KC), Linda LaFrance (Greater Ocala Dog Club), Joyce Engle (Northeastern MD KC), Julian Prager (Central Florida KC), Tom Pincus (Houston KC), Walter O'Brien (Macon KC), Bill Dumas (Ventura County Dog Fanciers), Ralph Hogancamp (Minneapolis KC), Wayne Harmon (Cambridge MN KC), Deborah Wilkins (St. Croix Valley KC), Marilyn DeGregorio (Taconic Hills KC), Willie Crawford (Newnan KC), Darlene Kelley (Sawnee Mountain KC), Cathy Nelson (National Capital KC), Jacquelyn Fogel (Kettle Moraine KC), Kathi Brown (Ladies Dogs Club), Louise Leone (Colorado Kennel Club), Nancy O'Neal (Rio Grande Kennel Club), Janet Vining Mitchell (Channel City KC), Frances Stephens (Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers), Bill Totten (Roanoke Kennel Club), Richard F. Coletti (North Shore KC), Diana Skibinski (Lake Shore KC), Marilyn Green (Del Monte

KC), Bob Eisele (Suffolk County KC), Karen Dorn (Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America), Marlene \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ DFA) \_\_\_\_\_ Dalley (Forsyth KC), Sally \_\_\_\_ (Central I---- KC), Barbara Shaw (Greater Collin KC), Margaret Curtis (Greenich KC), Julie Lux (Heart of America KC), Ann Cookson (ICKC), Pat Grossman (SVKC), Rita Biddle (Ingham County KC), Dean Purwell (Piedmont KC), Ann Lettis (Grand River KC), Patricia Cruz (Heart of the Plains KC), Barbara Gates (English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan), Jeffrey Drogin (Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club), Sally Nist (Rapid City KC), Diane Almy (Central New York KC), Nicky Patterson (Middlesex County KC), Jeannette Nieder (Merrimack Valley KC), Jane Wilkerson (Holyoke KC), Pat Edgington (Manatee KC), Virginia Denninger (Genesee Valley KC).

Cindy Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. She asked Cindy Stansell to take the minutes in Linda Flynn's absence.

Fred Ferris suggested a moment of silence in honor of 9/11/15.

Introduction of committee members.

Cindy M asked the people who were running for Rules to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 2. Chair housekeeping items:

1. No report from the Board regarding Chapter 11, Section 8A.
2. Change in policy regarding deadline for entry in 4-6 month puppy. Initially this program allowed for day-of-show entry but was changed to normal entry times. At a previous committee meeting, this committee asked the Board to consider day-of-show entries.
3. Delegate dates. Sunday/Monday vs. Monday/Tuesday.
4. CM points in the regular puppy class. Cindy M anticipates that there will be some changes.
5. This meeting there will be Readings on:

- a. Electronic transmissions in
  - i. Chapter 4, section 2 - Premium Lists
  - ii. Chapter 7, Section 12 – Judging Programs
  - iii. Chapter 12, 1, 3, 4, 6 – Catalogs
- b. Chapter 16, section 7 – Titles for Grand Championship levels.

#### Agenda Item 3. Board of Directors Liaison Report by Harvey

- Entry deadline for 4-6 month puppy. At the September 2015 meeting, the Board approved the ability to enter day of show. This is effective January 1, 2016 and is at the election of the club. Tom Davies opposed day of show entry because that opens up the possibility of an unregistered dog being entered and makes scheduling harder. There was discussion about registering dogs on the spot. One possibility is allowing the superintendent to coordinate the registration of the dog.
- Reserve junior stays as previously decided. Discussed twice and voted on twice and no change.
- Reserve Best Owner Handler. Board is considering this.
- Junior judging at Group shows was allowed for limited Junior Judges as long as the judge has all the breeds in the group.

#### Agenda Item 4. Update from Staff Liaison, Gina DiNardo:

- 4-6 month CM suffix title requires 15 points. No puppy has ever achieved this title because they age out. The allowance of one champion point from CM is being withdrawn. The rest stands and will be voted upon. Cindy Miller – the parent club committee is discussing this issue. This is a confusing issue because the open shows for FSS and Miscellaneous breeds are also CMs with a different point schedule. Some ideas that came from Parent Club Committee include:

- Change the name to Certificate of Achievement. (A guest pointed out that there already exists a performance suffix for Certificate of Achievement so a different name must be considered.)
- Must defeat a puppy where under the current proposal does not require defeating any dogs to get the certificate.

Carl Ashby stated that this proposal is trying to attract new people and to encourage them to go on to compete in other events. The newbie may not have a champion quality dog but could be brought along. The program is also to aid in the training of puppies. In conformation we only have two titles – champions and grand champions where other sports have multiple levels of titles. Clubs need puppies back in the ring to have sufficient entries to survive. Now 80% of people who enter Beginner puppy are show people. We have a number of suffix titles where nothing is defeated. CGC is an example. Millennials will not do anything unless they get some recognition.

- The Rules Committee asked staff to consider allowing altered animals to compete in Open Shows. Gina reported that currently a club may offer special attractions for altered animals.
- Carry-over points earned in Miscellaneous. Nothing at this time.
- Formation of new clubs – Currently the policy requires two A matches and three B matches. There is a proposal to reduce this requirement to one A match or other combinations of A and B matches. The matches were designed to train the club in holding events. A club with few experienced members should do more matches than a club with very experienced members.

- Update on special attractions – may altered dogs be allowed to compete in them such as Brace. This has been discussed over many years and no other change was proposed.

Agenda Item 5. Harry reported on the Territory Issue which was sent back to committee by the delegate body. Harry does not feel that a club should be able to hold another club “hostage.” Over two years ago, the Rules Committee formed a subcommittee of Harry, Robert and Duane to look at this issue. Harvey reminded everyone that this is a rule change only about accessibility to facilities. It is a venue issue not a club territory issue. The Rules Committee has no control over territory for events other than conformation. Tom Pincus, Houston KC delegate, raised two concerns - protecting the site from clubs who abuse the site, and shows like Houston which financially relies upon the gate and could not succeed if the gate was diluted among different dates.

Concerns expressed included:

- Protecting sites from clubs that jeopardize its use.
- Protecting clubs when another club which uses the site is not kind to the exhibitors (home club seems to get the blame no matter which club).
- Protecting hotels near show sites.
- Protecting urban shows at expensive venues that financially depend on the gate to finance the show. Other shows at that venue would dilute the gate.
- Acknowledging the financial investment that some clubs have put into the site. Some clubs have made capital improvements to a site to better equip it for dog shows.
- Penalize clubs which jeopardize sites, hotels, or exhibitors.
- Specify the time and mechanism of notification to the host club.

- Make the appeal process two ways - appeal denial of site and appeal permission for site.

Walter O'Brien, the Macon KC delegate, raised the issue of the Peach Blossom using the State Fairgrounds. He expressed his club's desire to be able to approve anyone using the State Fairgrounds because of his club's close proximity to the site. It was explained to him that that site was an "Open Site." The Rules committee asked Mike Liosis to come to the committee to discuss how Open Show Sites are established. Mike Liosis explained that a new club provides a list of their membership when they first apply to be a club. That membership roster is used to establish club territory. Any area that is not taken by an existing club is open territory. Any site within the open territory is designated an Open Site. Currently AKC does not maintain a list of Open Sites. Gina will see if this list can be maintained and published.

Agenda Item 6. Update on Open shows for FSS and Miscellaneous breeds. Cindy Stansell read a report on her research which is attached here along with the survey questions.

Johnny Moved, Robert 2nd to withdraw The Dog Show Rules Committee's previous recommendation to the board to allow altered classes for CM points. Motion Passed with no nays but one abstention.

Agenda Item 7. Italicized Portions of the Rules Subcommittee. Cindy Stansell reported that the committee has met and has working drafts on all the chapters. Cindy Miller asked the committee to bring a portion of the chapters to the December meeting for a vote but not to bring the entire work at one time!

Agenda Item 10. This topic is tabled.

Agenda Item 8. Inclusion of non-regular classes in the calculation of Grand Championship points. Right now the veteran classes do not

count towards championship points nor do any other non-regular classes such as the performance classes. A new subcommittee composed of Johnny and Robert was established to look at this.

Agenda Item 9. Should Chapter 16, Section 1 be amended to allow Best of Winners to get a maximum of one point by combining the sexes in the count? Initially this was proposed only for low entry breeds. This committee rejected this for only low entry breeds. The proposal is now to allow it for any breed. Cindy moved and Mary 2<sup>nd</sup> to Recommend to the board that Chapter 16, Section 1 be amended to give a maximum of one point to BW when combining the sexes. Motion Passes with no nays and two abstentions.

Points for Group Placements other than Group 1. This was tabled.

Practice ring. Tabled until December.

Nancy moved to adjourn, Robert 2nd at 11:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary, Cindy Stansell

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Cindy Miller asked Cindy Stansell to take the minutes in Linda's absence.

Nominations for Secretary: Cindy Miller moved, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> that Linda Flynn be appointed secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominations for Chair: Nancy moved, Duane 2<sup>nd</sup> that Cindy Miller be appointed Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominations for Vice Chair: Robert moved, Duane 2<sup>nd</sup> that Johnny be appointed Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on territory and how it could be tweaked to respond to the issues raised. Issues that had been raised included:

David said that we should encourage clubs to stay in their territory. He would like to know how many shows are in the club territory. If not, why? Cindy Miller will try to find out.

Harry said that we should encourage shows to take responsibility to enforce/monitor site rules and hotels. Maybe each club should appoint a club representative to check the hotel rooms for compliance.

Robert moved, Harry 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Stansell

Acting Secretary