American Kennel Club, Inc.
MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC Offices at 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY
May 9-10, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

All Directors were present in the New York office, except for Ms. McAteer and Mr. Powers who participated via videoconference. The Executive Secretary was also present.

The April 11-12, 2022 Board Meeting minutes, copies provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the April 2022 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
Mr. Sprung reviewed the status of the action items emanating from the past Board meetings.

Mr. Sprung reported that Events are up over the first quarter of last year by 1,500 to 4,656. Entries are up 261,000 (+53%) and on track to once again break 3 million annually this year but are below 2019 record numbers which reached 3,200,000 entries.

Mr. Sprung reported that Jane Myers rejoined the Executive Field Representative Staff and that no shows will lose coverage.

Registration finished Q1 with very strong numbers, April had a few points decline. We see a slowing down compared to 2021. Foreign Registration is up 10% over last year. Most inquiries are handled in under one week. Also, two new Inspectors started at the beginning of May.

Mark Dunn and Mr. Sprung continue regular meetings with The Kennel Club (TKC) to discuss registration items. Jamie Fritz, our Archivist, was introduced to Ciara Farrell of TKC for an exchange of ideas, and also Sheila Goffe, VP GR, is speaking with her counterpart Dr. Ed Hayes.

Mr. Dunn and Mr. Sprung also met in Raleigh with the Canadian Kennel Club’s Jeff Cornett, Executive Director, plus 3 other executives (Andrew McCallister, E-business Director, Sherry Weiss, Director of Operations, and Jackie Boychuck, Product Manager). The meeting covered several areas and there were several sessions including IT, Registration, Sports & Events and Customer Service.

One initiative brought forward to the CKC by Mr. Sprung is the possibility to have a check-off box for foreign registration so that a dog in Canada may be registered with both the CKC and AKC using the same form. If successful, Mr. Dunn will look at expanding to other countries,
NFT:
The NFT project has been placed on the back burner due to a number of complex obstacles, not the least of which is applicable NYS laws governing this type of business.

Legal Update
The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of April 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters.

FINANCE
Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented interim financial statements (unaudited) as of March 31, 2022.

Unaudited Financial Results for the three months ended March 31, 2022
Net Operating Income is $8 million due to higher revenue along with lower controllable expenses.

REVENUES:
Total Revenues of $26.9 million exceed budget by 15%, led by online registrations.
Registration Fees total $11.9 million exceeding budget by 18%.
Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition and Event Applications fees total $3.4 million, exceeding budget by 15%.
Product & Service Sales total $3.3 million are lower than budget by 17%.
Advertising, Sponsorship and Royalties total $4.3 million exceeding budget by 1%.

EXPENSES:
Controllable Expenses total $16.3 million are lower than budget by $1.8 million or 10%.
Non-Controllable expenses were lower than budget by $254k or 9%.

Non-Financial Statistics as of March 31, 2022 Registrations
YTD Litter Reg. 20% ahead of budget, 3% ahead of prior YTD.
YTD Dog Reg. 18% ahead of budget, 8% lower than prior YTD.

Events and Entries
Events & Entries were up by 50% & 35% respectively vs. prior YTD.

Board Committee Charters
Best Practices of Not-for-Profit Organizations recommend charters for board committees.
Committee charters are founding documents that help the board meet its legal and regulatory commitments. Also, a charter provides basic guidelines to a Committee member.

The Board reviewed recommended charters for the Compensation Committee and the Audit Committee. The Board also reviewed a recommended AKC Philanthropy or ‘Giving’ Policy.
Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended Board Committee Charter for the Compensation Committee.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended Board Audit Committee Charter.

Following a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended AKC Philanthropy or ‘Giving’ Policy to define the policy and guidelines for donations and grants made to AKC affiliates and other charitable organizations.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Brandi Hunter Munden, Vice President of Communication and Public Relations participated in this portion of the meeting. Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President, Sports Services, Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations, and Ashley Jacot, Director, Education, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

**AKC Bylaw Amendment – Term Limits**

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to eliminate term limits from the Bylaws by deleting, Paragraph 3 of Article VII, Section 1.

“No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. A Board member who has served more than half a term on the board has served a full term. This section does not preclude re-election of any Delegate to the Board of Directors after a one-year (or greater) hiatus from Directorship.”

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Knight, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended Bylaw Amendment to eliminate Term Limits.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting.

**Proposed AKC Bylaw Amendment to Article IV, Section 1**

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to approve the addition of “Multi-Breed Clubs” to Article IV, Section 1 of the AKC Bylaws.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended amendment to add “Multi-Breed Clubs” back into the list of clubs described in Article IV, Section 1.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Article VI, New Section 2**

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to approve the
wording of a new Section 2 in Article VI of AKC's Bylaws to prohibit Proxy voting expressly.

“Article VI, Section 2 - The use of proxy voting in any election or vote by the Delegates is prohibited.”

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed wording for a new section 2 of Article VI.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Article XVIII – Section 1**

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to amend Article XVIII, Section 1 of the Bylaws, to remove the two-year notice requirement for the December or January Delegate Meeting.

**ARTICLE XVIII**

**SECTION 1.** The annual meeting of the AKC shall be the regular meeting held in March. There shall also be regular meetings of the AKC in June and September. There shall be one regular meeting held in December or January. The exact date, time, and location of all meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revisions to Article XVIII, Section 1.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting.

**German Shorthaired Pointer Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

The Board reviewed the proposed Breed Standard changes submitted by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America, Inc. (GSPCA). The proposed revision is to the Color and related sections of the breed standard, eliminating the disqualification for black. The proposed revision was submitted by petition to the Board of the GSPCA. The standard was last revised and approved by the AKC Board on August 11, 1992.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to permit the GSPCA to ballot its members on the proposed standard revision in accordance with the Club’s Constitution and Bylaws.

**Re-Appointment of AKC PAC Board Members**

In April 2022, the two-year terms of three members of the AKC PAC Board expire.

AKC Board approval is required for all AKC PAC Board appointments.
Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to reappoint Mr. Chris Sweetwood and Ms. Wendy Jordan for new two-year terms. A third AKC PAC Board appointment will be presented for approval later.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment to Article XX, Section 6**
The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to update the wording of Article XX, Section 6 so that it is current and will always remain accurate should additional Articles be added in the future.

The Bylaw currently reads:
ARTICLE XX
SECTION 6. Unless otherwise specified in this Article XVIII, all proposed amendments, demands, recommendations and other writings hereunder shall be filed with the Executive Secretary.

Suggested wording is:
ARTICLE XX
SECTION 6. Unless otherwise specified in this Article, all proposed amendments, demands, recommendations and other writings hereunder shall be filed with the Executive Secretary.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Dr. Davies, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommended changes to Article XX, Section 6.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting.

**Foundation Stock Service Guidelines Revision**
The Board reviewed Staff recommended revisions to the AKC Foundation Stock Service (FSS). Guidelines for recognition of a new breed to include:
1) a breed must be recognized by a foreign registry for a minimum of 40 years, with dogs having three-generation pedigrees. If the breed developed within the United States, there must be a minimum documented history of 40 years of registry with dogs having three-generation pedigrees.
2) The AKC Parent Club(s) shall approve the breed’s acceptance if the breed is in some way associated with a currently recognized AKC Breed.
3) The breed’s name may not include the name of a currently recognized AKC Breed if the breed has been under development since 2000.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

**New Parent Club Role – Breeder Education Coordinator**
The Parent Club Delegate Breeder Subcommittee and Staff recommended the creation of a new Breeder Education role for Parent Clubs. Parent Clubs will submit the contact information for the
person in the club identified in this role. This will allow AKC to more readily access and communicate with those who serve in this role.

**AKC Public Relations Crisis Plan Outline**

Based on a request from the Board, Staff provided an example of an already prepared crisis communication action plan that would be used if a crisis communications situation developed and there was a media attack on purebred dogs or the AKC.

**AKC Communications Q1 2022**

Brandi Hunter Munden presented the first-quarter communications report highlighting the achievements of the Communications department on behalf of the AKC.

**TOTALS:**
- Clips Evaluated in Q1: 8,919 (-0.2% from 8,937 in 2021)
- Q1 Estimated Audience Reached: 11,573,861,989 (+10% from 10,481,192,432 in 2021)
- Publicity Value for Q1: $15,999,247.51 (+69% from $9,444,035.22 in 2021)

**Media Coverage Highlights Resulting from Proactive Pitches:**

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Other highlights include:
- Announced two new breeds with an online exclusive with the Associated Press, resulting in coverage on NPR, CNN, and USA Today, among others.
  - Estimated reach for each outlet:
    - Associated Press: 6,257,000
    - NPR: 84,700,000
    - CNN: 35,900,000
    - USA Today: 20,613,846

Planned and executed the PR campaign for the Most Popular Dogs announcement, which included a broadcast exclusive on Good Morning America, an online exclusive with the Associated Press, and a special episode of AKC.tv’s Dog Center in the AKC Museum of the Dog.
  - Estimated reach for each outlet:
    - Good Morning America: 726,009
    - Associated Press: 6,257,000

AKC Education Department Q1 2022 Review
Ashley Jacot presented an update of department activities and accomplishments for Q1 of 2022.

Online Education
LMS Migration - Completed all revisions, publishing, and uploading of 400+ courses, exams, and webinars to Matrix.

Breed and Breeder Courses
58 breeds are now available at Canine College. Two courses were launched in Q1, five courses are complete and in various stages of review, and two courses are under development.

Special Projects
• AKC FIT DOG: Level 3 – Under development, launch May 2022
• Judge’s Recertification Exams – Under development, launch May 2022
• Obedience Education - Canine College is developing a series of 6 courses for Judge’s Education for the sport of Obedience.
  o Course 1: Obedience Judges Getting Started – Development completed
  o Course 2: General Regulations – Development completed
  o Course 3: Judging Standards and Procedures – In development
  o Course 4: Judging Novice Classes – Ready for development
  o Course 5: Judging Open Classes – Storyboard complete, acquiring course assets
  o Course 6: Judging Utility Classes – Storyboard complete, acquiring course assets
• Dog Pass Service Program - In coordination with Government Relations, Canine College is working to develop a series of multimedia and eLearning components for a nationwide initiative to certify evaluators and teams.
• Patriotic Puppy Program – Confident Puppy eLearning Program

In February 2022, Government Relations and Canine College launched the new Confident Puppy eLearning Program.

Public Education
• AKC Public Education now offers many resources in Spanish. The goal is to provide AKC Education resources to a broader audience while seeking opportunities to serve the changing demographics of the U.S. Translated resources include numerous K-12 lessons, Safety around Dogs resources, and the AKC Patch Program.

To reach more educators, AKC Public Education now offers content on Teachers Pay Teachers. Teachers Pay Teachers is a marketplace platform that allows teachers to access and create content to share amongst the education community. Since its launch on Teachers Pay Teachers, the AKC Public Education page has a 4 out of 5-star rating.

AKC Education Webinar Series
In Q1 of 2022, AKC Education hosted nine webinars for 1,164 participants, bringing the total number of participants to 55,356 since the Series began in 2018. These webinars include:
• “AKC DDTF Webinar Series: 6-9 Month Puppies, Getting Started Right for Detection Work” in collaboration with Government Relations
• “Judges Education Webinar: Portuguese Podengo.”
• “Review and FAQs on Conformation Judging Procedures, Policies, and Guidelines.”
• “CBEST Webinar Series: Dr. Karen VonDollen-Antibiotic Use in Breeding Animals.”
• “CBEST Webinar Series: Dr. Jamie Douglas-Study Dog Infertility.”
• “CBEST Webinar Series: Dr. Katie Withowski-Herpes Virus.”
• “CBEST Webinar Series: Dr. Alexandria Horner-Neonatal Resuscitation”
• “AKC DDTF Webinar Series: Introduction to the Confident Puppy e-Learning Course.”

**Government Relations Q1 2022 Update**

Sheila Goffe presented an update of department activities and accomplishments for Q1 of 2022.

The AKC GR team is currently monitoring more than 2,100 legislative bills that could impact responsible dog ownership, the health and wellbeing of dogs, the rights of dog owners, and/or the interests of the sport and the American Kennel Club.

To date, GR has published 117 legislative alerts online and via geo-targeted emails to impacted constituents and social media. This number is consistent with 2021 but represents a 100% increase in advocacy of this type over the last three years.

AKC GR is also monitoring approximately 550 actively pending proposed regulations (administrative or implementing changes) at the state and federal level.

GR prepared and published some 100 geo-targeted legislative alerts and provided direct advocacy to lawmakers or written and/or oral testimony for more than 80 measures. This volume of advocacy is consistent with 2021 (110 alerts in Q1 2021) but represents a 100% increase over the last three years.

**New Legislative Advocacy and Educational Resources**

New communications tools and new policy resources are continuously developed to engage the public, dog enthusiasts, and lawmakers more effectively. These materials are available in the AKC Legislative Action Center, [www.akcgr.org](http://www.akcgr.org).

New resources developed and launched in the first quarter include:
• One-page flyer for constituents, lawmakers, and the public: The Truth About Ear Cropping, Tail Docking, Dewclaw Removal and Debarking
• Two-page flyer and illustration: Understanding USDA Dog Breeder Licensing Requirements
• One-pager: Breed Discrimination by Insurers Leads to Unsound, Inefficient, and Unfair Practices
• One-Pager Issue Brief: Bond for Care (Due Process issues)
• Policy Explainer Video (brief) on Due Process/ Cost of Care: Protecting Due Process Rights for Dog Owners
Confident Puppy E-learning Course
After more than a year of work, the team launched the new Confident Puppy E-learning course, which leverages broad expertise from the AKC Detection Dog Task Force and the Patriotic Puppy Program to help dog owners and enthusiasts raise resilient, well-socialized, and confident dogs. The course provides a collection of educational resources for individual breeders, trainers, and puppy raisers. The online course resides on the AKC Canine College Platform and comprises seven sessions and was developed with AKC Public Education/Canine College Staff. For all dog owners to learn how to produce confident puppies capable of a future as a working dog, exceptional performance dog, or great pet.

Blogs
AKC GR published 23 blogs covering policy issues and resources for advocates and the public. Blogs are published on the AKC GR blog site at www.akcgr.org.

MARKETING
Kirsten Bahlke, VP of Marketing, and Melissa Olund, Director of Digital Content, participated in this portion of the meeting,

2022 Q1 Digital Report

AKC.org
All measures of Q1 2022 traffic for AKC.org are well above pre-pandemic levels of Q1 2019 and 2020 indicating that AKC retains a portion of the gains realized during the pandemic. SEO optimization efforts continue to address recent Google Search algorithm changes which are critical to keeping the momentum going for AKC.org.

AKC Shop
AKC Shop launched a new product on January 1st of this year called “Birthday Box”.

Final sales from the Peace for Ukraine collection amounted to $127K in retail sales and a $32K donation to Casa lui Patrocle to benefit the well-being of Ukrainian dogs.

Social Media
AKC obtained a 2.2% total follower increase vs. Q1 2021

Q1 2022 TOTAL FOLLOWERS BY PLATFORM:
Facebook: 4,006,722 followers
Instagram: 368,309 followers
Twitter: 99,352 followers
TikTok: 192,229 followers
Pinterest: 62,227 followers
Total*: 4,692,735 followers

COMPANION and PERFORMANCE
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Caroline Murphy, Director,
Performance Events; Mary Burch, Director Family Dog Programs, Carrie DeYoung, Director Agility; and Diane Schultz, Director Obedience, Rally, and Tracking participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

**Match Regulations – Fun Matches**
The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to modify the Match Regulations to allow clubs to hold fun matches open to the public to introduce new dog owners to their club and AKC sports. Currently, the Regulations state that once a club becomes sanctioned, the club may not hold a fun match open to the public.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

**Pack Hike Titles – Greater Swiss Mountain Dog**
The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA) requests that the AKC recognize their Pack Hike titles under the Performance Events Parent Club Title Recognition Program. There are three titles in the parent club program – Working Pack Dog Novice (WPDN), Working Pack Dog (WPD), and Working Pack Dog Excellent (WPDX).

The Parent Club has taken the initiative to develop a program to help encourage Swissy owners to work with their dogs to pursue endurance and prove their dog’s ability to carry weight for long distances across various types of terrain while in a pack with other dogs and owners.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

**AKC FIT DOG Titles**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to expand the AKC FIT DOG Program by offering three levels of titles - Bronze, Silver, and Gold. AKC’s FIT DOG Program has been of interest to many dog owners that have not participated in AKC activities, and staff believes a FIT DOG titling program will engage a new segment of dog owners. The program is extremely positive and demonstrates AKC’s interest in promoting healthy, happy dogs, and the health benefits dogs bring to their owners.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

**Rally A Class Eligibility**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the Rally Regulations to allow exhibitors who have earned the Obedience Beginner Novice (BN) title to be eligible to enter the Rally “A” classes. Currently, the Rally Regulations state that for a dog to be eligible to enter the Rally Novice A, Rally Advanced A, and/or Rally Excellent A class(es), it may not have won any AKC Obedience title (which includes the Beginner Novice (BN) title) before the close of entries.

Staff believes exhibitors should be eligible to enter the Rally “A” classes without the Obedience Beginner Novice (BN) title affecting the dog’s eligibility to better serve our newer and varied participants in each sport.
This recommendation was presented to the Companion Events Delegate Committee at their March 2022 meeting and was unanimously supported.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

**Prizes for Club Members or Breed Owners**
Currently, an Obedience and Rally Regulation states - “Prizes offered only to members of certain clubs or organizations will not be approved for publication in premium lists.” Some clubs offer prizes; they simply don’t state it in the premium list. Staff is recommending this be modified as follows:

Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1 Section 21. Ribbons and Prizes, and Rally Regulations, Chapter 1 Section 30. Ribbons and Prizes.

Prizes offered only to members of certain clubs or owners of specific breeds may appear in premium lists.

Allowing clubs to publish prizes in the premium list offered to club members or breed owners only will enable clubs to encourage and recognize these exhibitors. It may encourage exhibitors to join local, regional, and national clubs.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

**Virtual Scent Work Test – Make Permanent**
The Board reviewed a recommendation for the Virtual Scent Work Test pilot program to be made permanently available. The AKC Virtual Scent Work Test (VSWT) aims to offer both dogs and owners a way to engage in an activity that utilizes a dog’s natural ability to detect search items through self-reward and from the convenience of a home environment. This test serves as an introduction and preparatory stage for a dog/handler team wishing to start detection work.

VSWT has proven to be a successful addition to the Scent Work program. It has provided exactly what it was designed for, serving as an introduction to Scent Work and allowing owners to take part in a fun activity they can do from home. In looking at the participation level of this program, 120 unique breeds plus Canine Partners have earned VSWT titles. The program has experienced participation from all 50 states plus Canada, the U.K, and Australia. Of the dogs that have earned a VSWT title, 10% were from dogs that have not previously earned an AKC sports title (excluding a CGC title).

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

**Clarification on Run-Offs for Best of Breed in Lure Coursing**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to provide further clarification in the Regulations for Lure Coursing Test and Trials to specify when there are multiple stake winners, they must all advance and be randomly drawn into the Best of Breed run rather than be run off against each other first to determine which one dog would be the overall stake winner and advance to the Best of Breed.
run. This clarification will prevent misinterpretation leading to dogs having the undue burden of running an additional time.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

**Fast CAT® and CAT – AKC’s Approval to Hold an Event Cannot Be Transferred**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to add a Fast CAT® and CAT Regulation that states AKC’s approval to hold an event cannot be transferred. It is the club’s responsibility to manage the event in accordance with AKC Regulations and Policies. The purpose of this addition is to remind clubs licensed for Fast CAT® and CAT that, while they can hire a service provider to assist the club, it is the club’s responsibility to manage the event in accordance with AKC Regulations and Policies.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

**CONFORMATION**
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; and Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President, Sports Services; participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

**Juniors Competing with Canine Partners**
Staff provided an update to the AKC Board on the number of Juniors participating in Junior Showmanship with Canine Partners.

The number of entries in Junior Showmanship with a Canine Partner through March 31, 2022, is six.

**Data on Clubs Allowing Canine Partners:**

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**Junior Scholarships Update**
Staff provided the Board with an update on AKC Scholarships awarded to Juniors competing in AKC events. The scholarships cover Conformation, Companion, and Performance events.

- Ten Junior Showmanship participants were awarded scholarships totaling $22,000.
- Five Performance Events junior percipients were awarded scholarships totaling $10,000.
- Seven Companion Events junior percipients were awarded scholarships totaling $10,000.

**JUDGES**
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President of Sports & Events, and Tim Thomas, Vice President of Dog Show Judges, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.
Executive Session
There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. There was nothing reported out of this session.

Mandatory Ramp Examination – Kerry Blue Terrier
The United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club requested that the Board of Directors mandate the use of a ramp for all examinations of the breed, including during group and Best in Show judging. Currently, Kerry Blue Terriers may be judged either on the ground or the ramp at the judge’s discretion.

The AKC Board of Directors reviewed the USKBTC’s request at its January 2022 meeting and asked that the USKBTC poll its membership on this question and provide the results to AKC. The original survey results indicate that the entire membership was not balloted on the question. After returning the matter to the USKBTC to re-ballot its members, the Board reviewed the most recent responses to the request at its May meeting.

There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, to approve the USKBTC’s request to make the ramp mandatory for all examinations of the breed, including during Group and Best in Show judging. The motion did not pass. (VOTING in favor: Battaglia, Hamblin, Davies, and Powers. Against Biddle, Garvin, Knight, McAteer, Smyth, Sweetwood, Wallin. Abstained: Carota, Tatro)

Judges Misconduct Policy
Based on a Board request, the Staff presented recommended changes to the Judges Misconduct Policy and the procedures for handling complaints.

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss this matter. It was reported out of this session that the Board approved the recommended changes to the Internal Procedures for the Handling of Complaints Concerning Judges’ Alleged Misconduct and the edits to the Judges Disciplinary Guidelines. It was also reported that the Board subsequently voted to publish the Judges Disciplinary Guidelines.

Arizona Dog Judges Education, Inc
The Board reviewed a request from the Arizona Dog Judges Education, Inc. to be assigned Advanced Institute designation.

This will be discussed further at the July Board meeting.

CLUBS
Glenn Lycan, Director of Event Operations Support, and Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.
Delegates and Member Clubs
The Board reviewed a report on the prospective Delegate credentials to be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette, requests for AKC membership applications, information on Member Club Bylaws approved, and clubs newly licensed.

REPORT ON MEMBER CLUB BYLAWS APPROVED IN MARCH AND APRIL
American Lhasa Apso Club (1974)
Austin Kennel Club, Austin, TX (1947)
Chattanooga Kennel Club, Chattanooga, TN (1953)
Doberman Pinscher Club of America (1921)

REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS APPROVED IN MARCH AND APRIL
Delaware Valley Hound Association, Pottstown, PA (including communities north to Kutztown, south to Philadelphia, west to Leola, east to Route 611), 33 total households, 21 local.

Greater Twin Cities French Bulldog Club, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN (including communities north to Princeton and south to Farmington, MN), 22 total households, 17 local.

Northwest New Jersey Agility Club, Bernardsville, NJ (including communities north to Interstate 78, south to Interstate 80/280), 32 total households, 14 local.

Red River Standard Schnauzer Club of Texas, Killeen, TX (including communities in the triangle of Dallas/Fort Worth, southwest to San Antonio and southeast to Houston), 34 total households, 17 local.

St. Francis County Arkansas Beagle Club, Forrest City, AR (St. Francis County, AR), 20 total households, 15 local.

Saluki Association of New England, Worcester, MA (including communities west to Northampton; east to Boston; southeast to Fall River; west to New Hartford, CT, including Rhode Island), 27 total households, 14 local.

Tired Creek Retriever Club of Southern Georgia, Cairo, GA (including communities north to Pelham, west to Climax, east to Route 19), 35 total households, 19 local.

Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club, Albuquerque, NM (including communities north to Santa Fe, east to Las Vegas, NM southwest to Socorro), 21 total households, 17 local.

Wolverine Scent Work Club of Southeastern Michigan, Farmington Hills, MI (including communities north to Waterford, south to Monroe, west to Novi), 23 total households, 20 local.
**COMPLIANCE**
Bri Tesarz, Director, Compliance, participated in this meeting portion via video conference.

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

**CONSENT**
Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent items:

**Delegates Approved**
Cathy J. Burleson, Jackson, TN
To represent Jackson Tennessee Dog Fanciers Association

Dennis McCoy, Apex, NC
To represent Poodle Club of America

Janice L. MacWhade, Medina, OH
To represent Medina Kennel Club

Deb Phillips, Sun City, AZ
To represent Arrowhead Kennel Club

Giselle Simonds, Petluma, CA
To represent Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America

Elizabeth S. Trail, West Glover, VT
To represent Green Mountain Dog Club

Mary Wilder, Winchester, VA
To represent Middleburg Kennel Club

**FSS Open Show Regulations – Entry Restrictions**
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to modify the FSS Open Show Regulations to specify assistants to professional handlers and agents are subject to the same entry restrictions as the professional handler/agent themself.

**Section 4, FSS Open Show Entry Restrictions—effective June 29, 2022.**
• Dogs less than 4 months of age are ineligible to be on the grounds of licensed or member shows during AKC events.
• Dogs are required to be vaccinated in accordance with their veterinarian’s protocol (including rabies vaccination) to avoid inadvertent transmission of illness by/to puppies not yet fully immunized.
• Professional handlers or agents, **members of their household, and their current assistants** are
only permitted to exhibit in FSS Open Shows if they are listed as an owner of record of the dog being exhibited. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs, or has belonged to an experienced handlers’ organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

The remainder of the section is unchanged.

**Pointing Breed Field Trials – Roading Behind the Gallery**
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to allow the roading of dogs behind the gallery at any Pointing Breed Field Trials at the host club’s discretion. If a club does not want to allow roading at their trial, they can state this in the premium.

Previously, roading a dog behind the gallery was allowed at trials, or a series of trials, lasting more than three days.

**Standard Procedures for Pointing Breed Field Trials**

**Procedure 6-Q Roading Behind the Gallery.**

Roading behind the gallery is intended solely for the purpose of exercising a dog. Safety and not interfering with the event are of primary importance. At a trial, roading a dog behind the gallery will be allowed at the host club’s discretion under the following conditions:

- If the host club does not want to allow roading at a trial, it shall state this in the premium.

All additional conditions remain unchanged.

**Pointing Breed Field Trials – Grand Field Champion #**
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to expand the Grand Field Champion program for Pointing Breeds by allowing dogs to be awarded a Grand Field Champion title followed by a number indicating the number of times a dog has met the GFC criteria. This will recognize dogs that continue to excel in Grand stakes. These titles will be grandfathered back to the start of the Grand stakes program. This is effective September 1, 2022.

**FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR POINTING BREEDS**

**Chapter 14. Section 7. Grand Field Championship**

A dog that has previously been awarded its Field Championship title will be recorded a Grand Field Champion (GFC) if it subsequently earns 6 points or more according to the FC point schedule in Grand Open Limited All-Age or Grand Open Limited Gun Dog stakes, provided the points include at least one first-place win of 3 points or more. A dog may be awarded a GFC title followed by a number (GFC#) for each additional 6 Grand points and additional 3+ point wins it earns in Grand Open Limited stakes. For example, a dog that has earned 12 Grand Open Limited points and two 3-point wins in Grand Open Limited stakes shall be awarded the GFC2 title.

Dogs that are not Field Champions that earn points in Grand Open stakes will have the points
credited toward their Field Championship title. Points earned by a dog in a Grand stake will not be split between FC and GFC titles.

The GFC title will supersede the FC title on a dog’s pedigree. A higher-numbered GFC title shall supersede a lowered numbered GFC title on a dog’s pedigree.

**Pointing Breed Field Trials – Derby Placements That Qualify a Dog for Limited Stakes**
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve an amendment to *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*, Chapter 14, Section 2 (new Section 2A) to refine how Derby stake placements qualify a dog to enter a Limited stake. Previously, only first-place qualifies a dog to enter a Limited stake, regardless of the number of starters in the Derby stake. The recommendation is to allow additional placements, depending on the size of the Derby stake, to qualify the dog for a Limited stake.

The amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting. If approved by the Delegates, the change will become effective September 30, 2022.

**Pointing Breed Field Trials – Regional Field Championship Titles and Events**
All the members of the Board VOTED in support of a Staff recommendation to amend *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*, Chapter 14, Section 7 (new paragraphs) for the AKC to expand its Pointing Breed Field Trial program by offering one hour or longer Regional Championship events. This will encourage continued participation in the sport by providing a higher level of competition. Regional Championship events must be run as a Grand Limited stake and must have a minimum of 13 starters. Parent Clubs will be granted the right to hold Regional Championship events, with the number indexed off the breed’s activity level. Regional Championships may be open to the breed of the host club or open to all breeds.

**National Lure Coursing Championship Running Rules**
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve a recommendation to clarify the National Lure Coursing Championship (NLCC) Running Rules by stating that in each of the two qualifying trials leading up to the finals, multiple entries from the same owner shall be divided as evenly as possible between stakes when there is more than one stake. This is consistent with how local trials are drawn. This will, in some cases, encourage owners to enter additional dogs.

This will apply to the 2022 National Lure Coursing Championship (NLCC).

**Scent Work Numeric Elite Titles**
All the members of the Board VOTED in support of a recommendation to offer numeric Elite level titles in both the Odor Search and Handler Discrimination Divisions of Scent Work which would be applied after a dog earns an additional ten qualifying scores past their initial Elite level title. The purpose is to provide additional challenges to keep our most advanced participants engaged with AKC Scent Work.
Regulations for AKC Scent Work

Section 6. Odor Search Division Elite Level Titles.

Numeric Elite level titles will be granted when an additional ten qualifying scores are earned in each of the elements of the same difficulty level past the standard Elite level title. For example, once a SWNE title is earned, another ten qualifying scores earned in each of the four elements (forty qualifying scores total) at the Novice level, must be earned in order to receive a SWNE2 title.

Numeric Elite level titles may be earned repeatedly. Numeric Elite level titles will have a number appear after the standard Elite title and will supersede the standard Elite level title in a given difficulty level. For example, a SWNE2 will supersede a SWNE.

Section 8. Handler Discrimination Division Elite Titles.

Numeric Elite level titles will be granted when an additional ten qualifying scores are earned in the Handler Discrimination Division class of the same difficulty level past the standard Elite level title of the same difficulty level. For example, once a SHDNE title is earned, another ten qualifying scores must be earned at the Novice level to receive a SHDNE2 title.

Numeric Elite level titles may be earned repeatedly. Numeric Elite level titles will have a number appear after the standard Elite title and will supersede the standard Elite level title in a given difficulty level. For example.

Agility Grand Champion Numeric Title

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve a recommendation to offer additional numeric levels to the Agility Grand Champion title (AGCH). The purpose is to provide recognition for those teams that continue to excel at the top levels of the AKC Agility program. To earn the next numeric 2, 3, 4…, the dog will need to meet the same criteria for the original AGCH title. Numeric titles will be grandfathered.

This change to the Agility Regulation will be effective on November 1, 2022.

Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)

Chapter 2

Section 3. Recognizable Achievement.

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 in each of these classes: Standard & Jumper with Weaves – 100; Fast and Time 2 Beat – 75; Premier Standard and Premier; JWW – 50. These qualifying scores may be earned from either the Regular or Preferred classes or a combination of both of these classes.

The AGCH title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has met the requirements of the AGCH after the initial recognition, e.g., AGCH2. The numeric titles will supersede the AGCH and any subsequent AGCH numeric titles earned prior.

Entry Limitation for Two AB Shows in One Day Policy

At the May 2020 Board meeting, the Board approved increasing the entry limit for two shows in
one day from 500 to 600. The approval included a sunset clause through July 2022. The Board Voted to make the change permanent. The other provisions of this policy will remain unchanged.

**Isolated Small Clubs – Allow Four Shows in Two or Three Days**
At the May 2020 Board meeting, the Board approved allowing clubs that qualify for three shows, and also qualify for two shows in one day, the option of holding four shows over a maximum of 3 days. The approval included a sunset clause through July 2022. The Board Voted to make the change permanent.

**Akita Proposed Breed Standard Revision**
All the members of the Board VOTED in support of a proposed revision to the Akita standard as balloted by the membership of the ACA with an effective date of August 8, 2022.

Head: Massive but in balance with body; free of wrinkle when at ease. Skull flat between ears and broad; jaws square and powerful with minimal dewlap. Head forms a blunt triangle when viewed from above. Fault – Narrow or snipy head. Muzzle – Broad and full. Distance from nose to stop is to distance from stop to occiput as 2 is to 3. Stop – Well defined, but not too abrupt. A shallow furrow extends well up forehead. Nose – Broad and black. Black noses on white Akitas preferred, but a lighter colored nose with or without shading of black or gray tone is acceptable. Disqualification – partial or total lack of pigmentation on the nose surface. Any nose color other than black, except on white Akitas. Ears – The ears of the Akita are characteristic of the breed. They are strongly erect and small in relation to rest of head. If ear is folded forward for measuring length, tip will touch upper eye rim. Ears are triangular, slightly rounded at tip, wide at base, set wide on head but not too low, and carried slightly forward over eyes in line with back of neck. Disqualification – Drop or broken ears. Eyes – Dark brown, small, deepset and triangular in shape. Eye rims black and tight. Lips and Tongue – Lips black and not pendulous; tongue pink. Teeth – Strong with scissors bite preferred, but level bite acceptable. Disqualification undershot or overshot.

Color and Marking Patterns: Any color including white; brindle; or pinto. Exceptions: Merle marking pattern. Liver color. Colors are rich, brilliant and clear and markings are well balanced, with or without mask or blaze. White Akitas have no mask. Pinto has a white background with large, evenly placed patches covering head and more than one-third of body. Undercoat may be a different color from outer coat. Disqualification – Merle marking pattern. Liver color.

**German Pinscher Proposed Breed Standard Revision**
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed revision to the German Pinscher Standard with an effective date of August 8, 2022. One sentence from the breed standard’s general appearance portion was eliminated – “The German Pinscher is examined on the ground.”

**Rottweiler Breed Standard Revision by Petition**
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed revision to the Tail Section of the Rottweiler Standard that was submitted to the ARC Board by a petition of the membership. The revision is effective as of August 8, 2022.
Tail: The set of the tail is more important than its length. Properly set, it gives an impression of elongation of the topline; carried slightly above horizontal when the dog is excited or moving. Docked, the tail is short, close to the body leaving one or two tail vertebrae. Undocked, the tail is carried straight or upward curved and may hang at rest. Faults: Tails with kinks, strong lateral deviation, or ringtails."

**Sloughi Proposed Breed Standard Revision**
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed revisions to the Sloughi Standard with an effective date of August 8, 2022.

| General Appearance: The Sloughi is a powerful and elegant, medium-large, short-haired, smooth-coated, athletic sighthound developed in North Africa (in the region including Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya) to hunt game such as hare, fox, jackal, gazelle, and wild pigs. It is an ancient breed, treasured in North Africa for its hunting skills, speed, agility, and endurance over long distances. It is a robust, but elegant and racy, pursuit dog with no exaggeration of length of body or limbs, muscle development, angulation, nor curve of loin. The Sloughi is not a fragile dog; it is a dog with class and grace. The attitude is noble and somewhat aloof, and the expression of the dark eyes is gentle and melancholy. The Sloughi’s head has a sturdy character and is long and elegant with drop ears and a black nose. The body and legs show defined bony structure and strong, lean muscles and black or pigmented nails. The skeletal structure is sturdy. The topline is essentially horizontal blending into a bony, gently sloping croup. The tail is long and carried at or below the topline at its insertion with a small ring or an upward curve at the end. |
| Size, Proportion, Substance: A male Sloughi is very slightly taller, measured from the top of the withers to the ground, than it is long, measured from the point of the shoulder to the point of the buttocks. Ideally, a Sloughi’s length from point of shoulder to point of buttock is 96% of its height. Height at the withers for males is normally 26 to 29 inches (66-74 cm). For females it is normally 24 to 27 inches (61-68 cm). Somewhat taller Sloughis are allowed. |
| Head: In profile, the head is long and refined with a deep and sturdy character. From above, it has the shape of a long wedge, tapering from the cranial area to the tip of the nose. Expression - The expression is gentle, slightly sad, and melancholy. Eyes - The eyes are large, dark, well set in their sockets, and oval to almond-shaped. The eye color is shades of dark brown to dark amber. The eye rims are pigmented. Ears - The ears are of set slightly above the eye line, drooping, close to the head, medium in size, triangular and slightly rounded at the tips. Disqualifications are ears erect, raised with tips, drooping, or rose ears that cannot drop close to the head. Skull - Viewed from above, the cranial area is rather broad, measuring approximately 4.75 - 5.5 inches (12 - 14 cm) between the ears, and is rounded at the back and curves harmoniously on the sides. In profile, the top part of the cranial area is flat, the brows are scarcely projecting, the frontal groove is hardly marked, and the occipital crest and protuberance are barely visible. |
Stop - The stop is barely pronounced. **Muzzle** - The muzzle has the shape of an elongated wedge and forms about half the total length of the head. The jaws are strong and regular. **Planes** - The profile is straight, with the lines of the muzzle and skull approximately parallel. **Nose** - The nose is black and strong, not pinched. Any nose color other than black is a disqualification. The planes of the nose and the muzzle are almost the same. The nose leather, not being supported by the skeletal structure, is slightly inclined down towards the tip. **Lips** - The lips are thin and supple, black or dark brown, and completely pigmented. **Flews** - The lips just cover the lower jaw. The corner of the mouth is very slightly visible. **Bite** - A scissor bite is preferable; a level bite is allowed. An overshot or undershot jaw is a disqualification. **Teeth** - Full Dentition; the teeth are healthy and strong.

**Neck, Topline and Body:**  
**Neck** - The neck is long and springs well up from the shoulders. It is slightly arched at the crest. Its length is similar to that of the head. It should be elegant and powerful. The skin is fine, tight, with no dewlap and the hair is very smooth. **Topline** - The topline of a Sloughi is level (horizontal) or essentially level between the withers and the hip bones; the hip bones may be slightly higher than the withers. The withers are apparent. **Body** - Chest - The chest is not too wide and almost, but not quite, reaches the level of the elbow. The ratio between depth of chest and height at withers should be ideally 4:10. Ribs - The ribs are flat, long, and slightly curved in the posterior third of the chest. Underline - The underline starts as a straight line at the sternum and rises up in a smooth curve to the belly. **Tuck-up** - The belly is well tucked up. Back - The back is short, almost level (horizontal) between the withers and the hip bones. **Loin** - The loin is short, lean, wide, and slightly arched. **Croup** - The croup is bony and oblique with apparent hip bones that project above the line of the back to the same height as, or slightly higher than, the withers. **Tail** - The tail is long enough to reach the point of the hocks, thin, set in line with the croup, and has a small ring or an upward curve at the tip. The tail is carried low (at or below the line of the back at its insertion), though when excited the end portion of the tail may rise above the topline.

**Forequarters:**  
**Angulation** - Well open. **Shoulders** - **Shoulder Blades** - The shoulder blades are long and oblique. The upper arm is strong. **Legs** - The forelegs are straight, bony, and muscular. The forelegs appear long. **Pasterns** - The pasterns are slightly sloping, supple, and strong. **Dewclaws** - Dewclaws are present but may be removed. **Feet** - The feet are lean and have the shape of an elongated oval. In many lightly built Sloughis, the foot is shaped like a hare-foot. **Toes** - The toes are pointed forward with the middle two toes distinctly longer than the others. **Nails** - The nails are black or pigmented. White or depigmented nails on toes with small white markings are faults. Sloughis with a majority of depigmented or white nails disqualify.

**Hindquarters:**  
**Angulation** - Open angulation, stifle and hock well open. **Legs** - When showing, the hind legs should be left in their natural, upright position so that the level (horizontal) line of the back remains apparent. **Upper Thigh** - The upper thigh is lean, flat, and muscular and, at rest, is nearly vertical. **Second Thigh** - The second thigh is long and well-muscled. **Hocks** (Rear Pastern) - Hocks are strong and well bent without closed angles. The rear pasterns are also strong. The tendons are well chiseled. **Dewclaws** - No
rear dewclaws. Feet - The feet are lean and have the shape of an elongated oval. Toes - The toes are pointed forward with the middle two toes distinctly longer than the others. Nails - The nails are black or pigmented.

**Coat:** The coat of the Sloughi is always smooth. The hair is short, tight, and fine all over the body. The Sloughi is presented in natural condition. Disqualifications are feathering on the ears, tail, and/or legs, or coat that is not short, tight, and smooth.

**Color:** The coat colors are all shades of light sand (cream) to mahogany red fawn, with or without brindling or with or without black markings such as black mask, black ears, dark overlay, and black mantle (black and sand or black and brindle). A small white mark on the chest or small white marks on the toes are faults. White, anywhere on the body, due to aging or scars is allowed. Disqualifications are color not in accordance with the standard, larger white markings, solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest.

**Gait:** The Sloughi has a supple, smooth, and effortless gait with long strides, covering plenty of ground and reaching from the shoulders in front. The tail is held low, at or below the topline at its insertion. The ring or upward curve at the end may rise above the topline when the dog is excited. The head is held at a moderate angle to the body.

**Temperament:** The Sloughi is a dog with class and grace. The attitude is noble and somewhat aloof.

**Summary of Disqualifications:**
- Ears erect, *raised with tips drooping, or rose ears that cannot drop close to the head*.  
- Nose pigment any color other than black.  
- An overshot or undershot jaw.  
- Coat too long and/or feathering on the ears, tail, and/or legs.  
- Dogs with a majority of white or depigmented nails.  
- Color not in accordance with the standard, larger white markings, solid white extending above the toes or white anywhere else on the dog except the forechest.

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**Designation for Alaskan Klee Kai**
The Board VOTED unanimously to designate the Alaskan Klee Kai Club of America as the AKC Parent Club for the Alaskan Klee Kai breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

**Parent Club Designation for Carolina Dog**
The Board VOTED unanimously to designate the Carolina Dog Fanciers of America as the AKC Parent Club for the Carolina Dog breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

**Parent Club Designation for Kishu Ken**
The Board VOTED unanimously to designate the National Kishu Ken as the Parent Club for the Kishu Ken breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

The Board adjourned at 5:26 p.m.
The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office, except for Ms. McAteer and Mr. Powers, who participated via videoconference. The Executive Secretary was also present in person.

**Junior Showmanship Regulations, Section 7 Dog Eligibility**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to revise the *Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations, Guidelines for Judging Juniors in Conformation,* and the *Juniors in Performance Events Regulations, Section 7. Dog Eligibility* to eliminate the ownership requirement for a dog to be entered in Conformation Junior Showmanship.

The purpose is to increase participation in Junior Showmanship and allow Juniors to participating in other sports to receive credit toward rankings in those sports regardless of dog ownership.

Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (In favor: Biddle, Carota, Hamblin, Knight, McAteer, Powers, Sweetwood, Smyth, Tatro, Wallin, opposed: Garvin, abstained: Battaglia, Davies) to approve the elimination of the ownership requirement as a one-year pilot program. This change is effective July 1, 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Building a Judging Panel**

Dr. Knight brought up the topic of Show Chairs building a judging panel and how AKC could be of assistance. Alan Slay, AKC Staff, joined the meeting to share all the tools that are currently available to show chairs as well as to update the Board on the software that AKC is developing.

**Judging Entry Limits for Group Judges**

Dr. Davies asked the Board to consider a revision to policy that would limit any regular group judge to 150 dogs at the breed level on the same day they are judging a group. Additionally, Dr. Davies asked the Board to consider limiting group judges’ ability to judge special attraction groups on the same day that they are judging regular groups. Staff was directed to bring a memo back on the topic in July.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 11:40 a.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest: ________________________________

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary