American Kennel Club, Inc.
MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC Offices at 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY
April 11-12, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

All Directors were present in the New York office. The Executive Secretary was also present.

The February 7-8, 2022 Board Meeting minutes, copies provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Ms. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the February 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 first-quarter results are doing well compared to budget. Litter registration is up 20% against budget and 3% compared to the prior year. Individual dog registrations are up 18% versus budget but minus 8% compared to 2021.

Regarding Sports & Events, other than Lure Coursing, Coonhounds, and Coursing Ability tests, every sport sees increases in both entries and the number of events.

Our Media and Sponsorship department continues to add new non-endemic sponsors to our events and broadcasts.

From a financial perspective, we have had a solid first quarter.

Support for UKRAINE – Through the very thoughtful and successful efforts of our online store selling t-shirts, the staff decided to donate 100% of the profits, which to date is $37,000. Donations are made through Casa Lui Patrodea Animal Rescue, located in Romania 25 miles from the Ukrainian border, helping people cross with their pets.

The Executive Field Staff continues ongoing education. The current series of classes started in December 2021 with an in-person conference. Since then, there have been monthly classes ranging from Diversity, Inclusion & Equity to Emotional Intelligence and conflict resolution. This online training is in addition to the 15 classes required of all staff annually. AKC also offers about 300 other optional courses.

Mr. Sprung introduced Jaimie Fritz, AKC’s new Archivist. She holds a B.A. in English Language and Literature and an MS in Library and Information Science. Before joining AKC, Jaimie spent seven years as the University Archivist at Bentley University outside Boston. Jaimie brings careful
attention to detail and a passionate dedication to the preservation of the AKC Library.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**
There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. It was reported that the Executive Officers were re-elected to the following positions:

Dennis B. Sprung - President and Chief Executive Officer
Gina M. DiNardo - Executive Secretary
Theodore E. Phillips - Chief Financial Officer

**CMS Project Update**
AKC Staff members Doug Ljungren, Torraine Williams, Alan Slay, and Keith Frazier participated in this portion of the meeting.

Staff provided the Board with an update on rebuilding the Competition Management System (CMS). The Vision, Goals, and Scope of the project have been defined. Full time and contract resources to support the project are all in place. And internal and external users are being identified and interviews to gather requirements have begun to take place.

The End Goal is to develop a comprehensive system that enables all users to collaboratively exchange event information to efficiently manage their events and involvement with AKC sports and events.

**AKC Canine Health Foundation Update**
Dr. Darin Collins, Chief Executive Officer, AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), gave the board a report.

Dr. Collins reported that CHF continues to be grateful that the AKC provided an additional $1 million gift of support in 2022. A generous $100k donation from the Kennel Club of Philadelphia for 2022 was reported.

It was also reported that:

- CHF approved a $460k MOU grant (one of its most extensive MOUs) to develop a blood-based biomarker for the early detection of osteosarcoma, uniting the efforts of six breed clubs.

- The University of Minnesota has named CHF the Distinguished Research Partner for their 2022 Research Day.

- CHF awarded $3.4 million in 50 canine health research and educational grants in 2021.
**AKC Reunite Update**
Tom Sharp, CEO, AKC Reunite, and Mark Dunn, AKC Executive Vice President, gave the board a report.

Reunite’s core service is its lost and found pet recovery service, a 24/7 call center, including weekends and holidays. Reunite enrolled almost 800,000 pets last year and will register its ten millionth pet this year. This program has helped reunite over 600,000 pets with their owners.

In 2021, 460 thousand pets were enrolled, bringing our total to 6.6 million pets, of 35 different species in the recovery service.

As a not-for-profit, AKC Reunite donates its proceeds back to the US pet community in a few ways. We have donated over $10 million since 2002 to pet-related disaster preparedness and relief grants, microchip scanners donated to shelters, and our newest program, the Adopt a K-9 Cop grant.

**Adopt a K-9 Cop**
Adopt a K-9 Cop is a matching grant program. This program started in 2013, but last year we increased the match from Reunite to a 3 to 1 match, so if a club donates $2500, then Reunite will match that with $7500, so a police department can purchase a K-9 officer. This program really took off last year, and we’ve approved over 133 grants and donated over $900,000, with more applications coming in each week.

**FINANCE**
Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented interim financial statements (unaudited) as of February 28, 2022.

**Unaudited Financial Results for the two months ended February 28, 2022**
Net Operating Income is $5.6 million due to higher registration revenue and lower expenses.

**REVENUES:**
Total Revenues of $17.5 million exceed the budget by 14%, led by Registration Fees of $7.8 million, Pedigree, and Related Registration Fees of $2.5 million. Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition, and Event Applications fees total $2.1 million, exceeding the budget by 12%. Product & Service Sales total of $2.1 million are lower than budget by 11%. Advertising, Sponsorship, and Royalties total $2.9 million and exceed budget by 4%.

**EXPENSES:**
Controllable Expenses total $10.1 million, which are lower than the budget by 13% or $1.5 million. Non-Controllable expenses total $1.7 million and are lower than budget by 10% or $189k.

**Non-Financial Statistics as of February 28, 2022**
Registrations: 2022 YTD Litter Reg. 17% ahead of budget, 3% ahead of 2021 YTD.
2022 YTD Dog Reg. 18% ahead of budget, 7% lower than 2021 YTD.

Events and Entries: Compared to the same period in 2021, Events & Entries were up by 62% & 65%, respectively.

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.

These will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President, Sports Services, and Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Spanish Water Dog Proposed Breed Standard Revision
The Board reviewed the proposed Breed Standard changes submitted by the Spanish Water Dog Club of America (SWDCA). Clarifications were made to the topline, tail, and disqualification portions for the standard. The current standard was approved on April 10, 2012.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Smyth, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to permit the SWDCA to ballot its membership in accordance with the Club’s Constitution and Bylaws.

Brussels Griffon Proposed Breed Standard Revision
The Board reviewed the proposed Breed Standard changes submitted by the American Brussels Griffon Association (ABGA). The ABGA has submitted a proposed revision to the Tail section of the breed standard; the proposed revision includes a description of an undocked tail. The current Brussels Griffon Standard was approved on September 11, 1990.

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revision to be published in the May Secretary’s Page of the AKC Gazette for comment.

Japanese Akitainu Club of America – Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous
The Board reviewed a recommendation for the Japanese Akitainu Club of America to become the Parent Club for the breed and for the Japanese Akitainu be approved to advance to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2023.

The Board of Directors approved the Japanese Akitainu to be eligible for recording in the
Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®) program with a Non-Sporting designation in 2020. The Japanese Akitainu Club of America has met the requirements of the Recognition of New Breeds Board Policy approved in February 2017. Requirements include an active Parent Club, with serious and expanding breeding activity over a wide geographic area and documented club activity.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (In favor: Battaglia, Carota, Davies, Garvin, Hamblin, Knight, McAteer, Powers, Smyth, Sweetwood, Tatro, Wallin. Abstained: Biddle) to approve the Japanese Akitainu Club of America as the Parent Club for the breed and for the Japanese Akitainu be approved to advance to the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2023.

**Parent Club Designation for Alaskan Klee Kai**
The Board reviewed a request from the Alaskan Klee Kai Club of America to be designated as the Parent Club for the Breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**Parent Club Designation for Carolina Dog**
The Board reviewed a request from the Carolina Dog Fanciers of America to be designated as the Parent Club for the Breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**Parent Club Designation for Kishu Ken**
The Board reviewed a request from the National Kishu Ken Club to be designated as the Parent Club for the Breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**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.”

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

If approved, the amendment will be read at the June 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.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

If approved, 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.”

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

If approved, 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.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

If approved, the amendment will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting for a VOTE at the September Delegate Meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**
There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. There was nothing reported out of this session.

**AKC Government Relations**
Sheila Goffe presented a Government Relations monthly general highlight of active, priority legislative issues, as of March 15, 2022, with an overview of accomplishments, and a discussion of objectives.
Thirty-five states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Congress are in session. AKC GR is monitoring more than 2,100 pieces of legislation that could impact dog ownership, the wellbeing of dogs, or AKC events and operations. This includes positive as well as negative legislation. AKC GR has released 78 geotargeted legislative action alerts on important legislation asking club members to take action.

**COMPANION and PERFORMANCE**
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President, Sports Services; Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events; Carrie DeYoung, Director Agility; and Diane Schultz, Director Obedience, Rally, and Tracking participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

**Field Dog Stud Book Registrations**
The Board reviewed its policy on dogs registered by Field Dog Stud Book (FDSB). In November 2021, the AKC Board voted to stop registering dogs based on FDSB registration papers effective July 1, 2022. The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to refine the policy to state that the AKC will not register dogs based on FDSB registration papers if the registration papers are issued after July 1, 2022.

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

Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the revision to the policy: AKC will not register dogs based on FDSB registration papers if the registration papers are issued after July 1, 2022.

**Pointing Breed Field Trials – Roading Behind the Gallery**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow the roading of dogs behind the gallery at Pointing Breed Field Trials at the host club’s discretion. Currently, roading a dog behind the gallery is allowed at trials, or a series of trials, lasting more than three days. Recently, there have been requests to allow roading behind the gallery at any trial 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.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**Pointing Breed Field Trials – Grand Field Champion #**
The Board reviewed 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 will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.
**Pointing Breed Field Trials – Derby Placements That Qualify a Dog for Limited Stakes**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to refine how Derby stake placements qualify a dog to enter a Limited stake. Currently, 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.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**Pointing Breed Field Trials – Regional Field Championship Titles and Events**
The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation 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 breeds level of activity. Regional Championships may be open to the breed of the host club or open to all breeds.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**National Lure Coursing Championship Running Rules**
The Board reviewed 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 be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**Scent Work Numeric Elite Titles**
The Board reviewed 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 10 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.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**Tracking Tests Closing Dates**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify the closing date for Tracking events to be at least seven (7) days prior to the event. This provides exhibitors more flexibility when deciding their schedules.

The recommendation is consistent with the modifications made during COVID. The same recommendation was approved for Obedience and Rally events.
Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the normal notice procedures.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to change the Tracking Regulations to allow clubs holding tracking tests at their option to close the events at a specified closing date and time no later than seven (7) days before the event.

This change is effective July 1, 2022.

Agility Grand Champion Numeric Title
The Board reviewed 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 set forth for the original AGCH title. Numeric titles will be grandfathered.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

Preventing Fast CAT® Service Providers from Using a Club’s Name
Based on the board’s request, the Staff presented a memo regarding what actions can prevent Fast CAT® service providers from using a club’s name to hold Fast CAT® events.

Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Powers, 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 send a memo to all clubs licensed to hold Fast CAT® or CAT reminding clubs that the management of an event is the responsibility of the AKC club. Responsibility for these activities cannot be transferred to a third party.

Discipline Information – Fast CAT®, CAT, Lure Coursing, Scent Work
The Performance Events Department suggests including information about complaints pertaining to Regulation violations in the Fast CAT, CAT, Lure Coursing, and Scent Work Regulations. The information would be located on its own page preceding the Code of Sportsmanship and would explain the types of complaints handled within the Performance Events Department, what information is needed when sending a complaint, where to send it and what to expect when a complaint is submitted. There would also be a brief explanation to help exhibitors differentiate misconduct complaints per the Dealing with Misconduct book and the contact info for the Compliance Department. This is the process that will be implemented going forward.

CONFORMATION
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President, Sports Services; Tim Thomas, Vice President of Dog Show Judges; Alan Slay, Director, Event
Programs; and Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

**AKC Approved On-Site Show Secretaries**
The Board reviewed a proposal that outlined a plan to create a program called “AKC Approved On-Site Show Secretaries.” Individuals that qualify would be allowed to perform the function of an on-site show secretary for more than one club in a calendar year when the pre-show role is handled as a package show by a licensed superintendent. Limitations will be established by the Sports & Events Department regarding the number and size of shows that on-site show secretaries can work. This recommendation aims to provide clubs with another option for managing their performance. The plan included a recommendation to modify Chapter 9, Section 2 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* to allow those individuals approved by the AKC to serve as an on-site show secretary for up to 18 All-Breed or Group shows per year.

The proposal was reviewed by the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee and Dog Show Rules Committee for their input.

Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Dr. Knight, the Board VOTED (In favor: Battaglia, Biddle, Carota, Davies, Garvin, Knight, Hamblin. McAteer, Powers, Smyth, Sweetwood, Wallin. Opposed: Tatro) to approve the proposed rule change.

This recommendation will be read at the June Delegate Meeting for a vote in September. If approved, it will become effective on January 1, 2023.

**Opportunity for Championship Points for Group 2-3-4 Placements**
The Board reviewed a recommendation to modify Chapter 16, Section 2 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which would award Championship points to a Winners dog/bitch that is awarded BOB and places second, third, or fourth in group competition.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (In favor: Battaglia, Biddle, Carota, Davies, Garvin, Knight, Hamblin. McAteer, Powers, Smyth, Sweetwood, Wallin. Opposed: Tatro) to approve the proposed rule change.

The recommendation will be read at the June Delegate Meeting for a vote in September. If approved, it will become effective on January 1, 2023.

**Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 5, Section 2**
The Board reviewed a proposal submitted by the Suffolk County Kennel Club to modify Chapter 5, Section 2 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. The proposal would allow clubs to offer award cards with date and location information of the event instead of including on ribbons and rosettes where presently required. The Board revisited this proposal after it had previously forwarded it to the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) for its feedback. The DSRC recommended not to approve this proposal following its March 2022 meeting.
Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED not to approve the proposal.

**Show Secretaries – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 9, Section 2**
The Board reviewed a proposal submitted by the Suffolk County Kennel Club to modify Chapter 9, Section 2 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows to allow an individual to act as Show Secretary for up to 12 group or All-Breed Club shows within a 200-mile radius of their primary location. The Board revisited this proposal after it had previously forwarded it to the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) for its feedback. The DSRC recommended not to approve this proposal following its March 2022 meeting.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED not to approve the recommended changes as these issues have been discussed in the earlier approval of the new “AKC Approved On-Site Show Secretaries” program.

**FSS Open Show Regulations – Entry Restrictions**
The Board reviewed 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.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**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. This memo recommends making the change permanent. The other provisions of this policy will remain unchanged.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**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 Staff recommends making the change permanent.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**Junior Committee**
The Delegate Junior Subcommittee, established by the Delegate Coordinating Committee, submitted its final report at the December 2021 meeting. The committee members expressed a desire to continue their work. The Sports & Events Staff is requesting the establishment of a Board-appointed Junior Committee, consisting of the Junior Subcommittee representatives from each Delegate Committee and additional Delegates with extensive
knowledge of Juniors and 4-H. The Staff Liaison would be Mari-Beth O’Neill and AKC Board Member Liaison, Michael Knight.

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

Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to establish an Ad Hoc Delegates Junior Task Force Committee. This Committee will report to the Board in July 2023 on the work performed and progress made.

**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 which eliminates 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.

This is a change to Regulations and may be made by the Board’s vote. If approved, the change would become effective July 1, 2022.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

**2022 Point Schedule Modification**

The point schedule is adjusted annually based on an established formula that considers class competitors per show by breed/sex by division from the previous year. Early in 2021, there were very large entries per show due to the number of shows being restricted in some areas of the country. The situation gradually smoothed out during the year as the number of shows returned to a more normal level. In some instances, this made the point schedule higher for those areas.

To offset this unique situation, the staff is limiting the increase in the number of competitors required to earn points to no more than 20% compared to the 2021 point schedule. The 20% limit will not include situations where an increase of one competitor equals more than 20%. Imposing this modification will reduce the increase in the point schedule for 2.3% of the combinations.

**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.

**Mandatory Ramp Examination – Kerry Blue Terrier**

The AKC received a letter submitted on behalf of the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club asking
that the Kerry Blue Terrier be added to the list of breeds required to be judged on the ramp through all levels of Conformation competition, including Group and Best in Show judging at AKC Conformation events.

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 survey results indicate that the entire membership was not balloted on the question.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to return this matter to the USKBTC, noting that the entire membership of the USKBTC should be balloted on this question before resubmitting it to the AKC for consideration.

Conformation Judging Statistics

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CLUBS
Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Operations Support, and Lisa Cecin, Director 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 FEBRUARY AND MARCH**
American Fox Terrier Club (1886)
Pacific Coast Pekingese Club, Los Angeles, CA (1917)

**REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS APPROVED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH**
Heartland Belgian Tervuren Club, St. Louis, MO (including communities west to Kansas City, MO, southwest to Oklahoma City, OK, east to Harrison, AR), 22 total households, 14 local.

Hurricane Creek Beagle Club of Mississippi, Marion County, MS (including communities in the triangle of Raleigh, southeast to Waynesboro, west to Sandy Hook), 22 total households, 16 local.

NorAust K9 Agility Club of Mid Florida, greater Ocala, FL (including communities north to Alachua, south to south to Dunnellon in proximity to Interstate 75), 40 total households, 15 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.)*

**Approval of Annual Fees**
The *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc.* require that the Board of Directors set deposits annually for the submission of complaints pursuant to Article XII, Section 1; as well as deposits for appeals to an Appeal Trial Board pursuant to Article XIII, Section 7.

The current deposit to file a complaint pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 is $500. The current deposit to file an Appeal to an Appeal Trial Board is $200.

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

Following a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Mr. Carota, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the annual fee to submit a complaint pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 of the *Charter and
Bylaws to remain the same at $500 for 2022. Further, the Board of Directors approved the annual fee to submit an appeal pursuant to Article XIII, Section 7 of the Charter and Bylaws to remain the same at $200 for 2022.

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

Delegates Approved
Kim Brinker, Clovis, CA
To represent the Italian Greyhound Club of America

Todd E. Clyde, Selbyville, DE
To represent Mispillion Kennel Club

Marc A. Crews, Broken Arrow, OK
To represent the Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa

Pamela Deleppo, Cranston, RI
To represent Providence County Kennel Club

Lucy Grant-Ruane, Reading, MA
To represent New England Dog Training Club

Elisabeth LeBris, Winnetka, IL
To represent North Shore Dog Training Club

Molly Neville, Collins, NY
To represent Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club

Barbara Shapiro, Boynton Beach, FL
To represent American Sealyham Terrier Club

Victor C. Smith, Mt. Pleasant, SC
To represent the Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America

Selection of Superintendent, Show Secretary, and Veterinarians — Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 8
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to delete Chapter 9, Section 3 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows and correspondingly amend Chapter 8 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows to add verbiage to address the event committee’s responsibility to complete arrangements with the veterinarian selected to service its show.

The proposal will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting and VOTED at the
September Delegate Meeting. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will be November 1, 2022.

CHAPTER 8
Before receiving permission to hold a dog show or companion event, every licensed or member club must contract with a veterinarian(s) or local veterinary clinic to serve as the Show Veterinarian.

The club must submit the name, complete address, and daytime telephone number of the Superintendent or Show Secretary and Show Veterinarian contracted by the club to service the event.

For unbenched shows, the Show Veterinarian may be either in attendance or “on call.” The club must provide adequate contact information of the “on call” veterinarian to the Superintendent or Show Secretary.

Superintendents and Show Secretaries – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 9
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to modify Chapter 9, Section 5 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which specifies the obligation of the Superintendent or Show Secretary related to the furnish of forms pertaining to requested health examinations of dogs.

The proposal will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting and voted at the September Delegate Meeting. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will be November 1, 2022. The section will be renumbered to Section 4 based on other proposed amendments.

CHAPTER 9
SECTION 4. Superintendents and Show Secretaries shall be prepared to furnish the forms to be used by an exhibitor or handler who seeks a health examination of a dog. Upon the filing of the completed form, it shall be the superintendent’s or show secretary’s duty to inform the owner or agent of the dog of the requirement that the dog be taken to the Show Veterinarian for the examination.

Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 10 Title and Section 2
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to rename Chapter 10 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, and to modify Chapter 10, Section 2, which addresses the obligation of an on-call veterinarian to be available during show hours.

CHAPTER 10 would now be titled, SHOW VETERINARIANS

SECTION 2. The Show Veterinarian must be available to treat any dog that becomes ill or injured at the dog show during show hours. It will be the responsibility of the owner or owner’s
agent to transport the dog to the veterinarian and for any cost associated with the dog’s illness or injury. “On-call” veterinarians are not required to be present at the event.

The proposal will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting and VOTED at the September Delegate Meeting.

**Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 10, Section 4**  
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to modify Chapter 10, Section 4 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which addresses the obligations of clubs who use an on-call veterinarian as the event’s show veterinarian.

SECTION 4. Clubs that use “on call” veterinarians or veterinary clinics are required to:
(a) Assure that services are available during the show hours and discuss the duties of the “on call” veterinarian prior to the event judging schedule
(b) Provide exhibitors with contact information and detailed directions to the facility in the judging schedule and at the event.

The proposal will be read at the June 2022 Delegate Meeting and VOTED at the September Delegate Meeting.

**Opening of Entries – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 6, Section 2**  
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (DSRC) to insert verbiage in italics into Chapter 6, Section 2 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* related to the Board’s *Limited All-Breed Event Opening of Entries Policy* requiring the publishing of premium lists for all breed dog shows with an entry limit at least 72 hours before the acceptance of any entries.

*All-Breed Conformation events whose entries are limited must have a defined date and time for the opening of entries that is to be prominently displayed in the premium list. For these events the premium list is required to be published at least 72 hours prior to the acceptance of entries.*

**Fitness to Participate in Fast CAT® and CAT**  
The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to define fitness to participate in the AKC Fast CAT® and Coursing Ability Test (CAT) Regulations. In these sports, all dogs must be evaluated by an inspection committee prior to running. The recommendation is to expand on what is meant by fitness to participate in the AKC Fast CAT and Coursing Ability Test (CAT) Regulations. All dogs entered must pass inspection by an inspection committee who determines that the dog is 1) not lame 2) is fit to participate and 3) if female, is not in season. The recommendation is to describe fitness to participate as a dog exhibiting a state of well-being, showing no signs of discomfort and in the opinion of the inspection committee, appears to physically have the potential to safely complete the course.

**Fast CAT® Regulations, Section 12. Inspection Committee**  
To help all parties, the recommendation is to expand the section of the Regulations providing guidance to the inspection committee.
An inspection committee consisting of at least two persons who are members of the field committee shall inspect each entry for lameness, fitness to participate compete and females in season. The inspection shall take place before any form of wrapping is applied to the dog. In the opinion of the inspection committee, any entry found to be lame, unfit to participate compete or a female in season, shall not be allowed to enter and entry fees shall be refunded.

Dogs that are physically challenged due to loss of limbs are eligible to enter and should be given the same consideration by the inspection committee as four-legged dogs. A dog that exhibits a state of well-being at the time of inspection, shows no signs of physical discomfort, and in the opinion of the inspection committee, appears to physically have the potential to safely complete the course is to be considered fit to participate. For safety purposes, any dog requiring an assistance apparatus, such as a wheeled cart, will not be allowed to participate.

**Pointing Breed Field Trials – 60 Minute Derby Stakes**
The Board VOTED to amend Standard Procedures for Pointing Breed Field Trials, Procedure 1-B Derby Stakes to allow licensed derby stakes to be run up to 60-minutes at AKC Pointing Breed Field Trials. The length of a derby stake must be stated in the premium list.

**Wirehaired Vizsla Allowed to Participate in Retriever Hunting Tests**
The Board VOTED to allow the Wirehaired Vizsla to participate in Retriever hunting tests as requested by the Parent Club. The request is consistent with the breed’s history and purpose.

The breed was developed to be a versatile hunting dog, capable of hunting both upland birds and waterfowl.

**Parent Clubs May Hold Up to Two Retriever Hunting Tests Per Year Open to Their Breed Only**
The Board VOTED to amend *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers*, Chapter 1, Section 4, Paragraph 3 to allow the Parent Club for any breed eligible to participate in Retriever Hunting Tests to hold up to two tests per year that are open to their breed only. This enables a Parent Club to hold single breed hunting tests in conjunction with regional or local special breed events.

**Parent Club Designation for Basset Fauve de Bretagne**
The Board VOTED to approve the request from the Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club of America (BFBCA) to be designated as the Parent Club for the Breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

The Board adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

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The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, April 11, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. All Directors were present in New York. The Executive Secretary was also present in person.
INTERNAL CONSULTING AND BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE
Demographic Analysis of Dog Owners Engaged by the AKC Unregistered Dog (URD) Campaign
Kassandra McCombe, Chuck Bettini, Seth Fera-Schanes, and Mark Dunn, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting in person.

Ms. McCombe gave a report on a study that sought to identify the demographic profiles of URD campaign recipients and determine their likelihood of completing dog registration using demographic insights. This analysis was the first time the American Kennel Club has had the opportunity to investigate the demographic profiles of its puppy buyers included in the Unregistered Dog campaign.

NEW BUSINESS
AKC Branded Signs
Following a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to amend the Branded Signs policy to remove the requirement that the required AKC Flag signage must be hung on a wall and instead must be prominently displayed. The required group ring floor signage must be Blue with a white logo.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 12:03 a.m. Eastern Time.
Adjourned
Attest: ____________________________
Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary