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

All Directors were present in the New York office, except for Dr. Battaglia, who participated via videoconference. The Executive Secretary was also present.

The May 9-10, 2022, Board Meeting minutes, copies provided to all Directors, were reviewed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the May 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 on behalf of the Board and Staff, he thanked Houston and Toddie Clark for their devotion to the Sport over decades on the occasion of their retirement as AKC Judges.

Amanda Ciaravino, AKC’s newest Conformation Field Representative, started working at the beginning of July. She will be based out of Illinois.

AKC Booth – Veterans Discount: Dominic Carota suggested offering discounts at the AKC Booth to Veterans. Mr. Sprung spoke with Jackie Fisher and implemented a 20% discount that day.

DWAA: AKC will assist the Dog Writer’s Association of America (DWAA) with processing entries for the historic Maxwell Awards from the DWAA. AKC will provide services in terms of some administrative work.

Stewards: Mr. Sprung identified a need amongst our clubs for stewards in Obedience, Rally, and Conformation. As a result, Ashley Jacot and Magen Leavell in our Public Education Department will create courses to teach these skills. Storyboards are being developed, and the Education Department will collaborate with Tim Thomas and Diane Schultz. These courses will be complimentary to help our clubs long-term and will be available on AKC’s Canine College platform.

**Legal Update**

The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of June 2022.

**CMS Project Update**

AKC Staff members Doug Ljungren, Keith Frazier, Torraine Williams and Alan Slay participated in
The AKC has launched a multi-year project to modernize one of its core computer systems, the Competition Management System (CMS). Staff provided the Board with another update on the rebuilding of the Competition Management System (CMS) to create a comprehensive system that enables all users to collaboratively exchange information to efficiently manage their involvement with AKC Sports & Events. CMS is used to manage a wide variety of information that pertains to AKC Sports. This includes event applications and results, club information, judge information, dog placements and titles, owner information, and event site information. This is a joint effort between the Sports & Events Department and the Information Technology (IT) Department.

The vision, goals, and scope of the project have been defined. Internal and external users have been interviewed to gather requirements.

This multi-year project aims to make it easier for clubs to manage their events, support Staff in efficiently managing event-related processes such as event application and result processing and enhance reporting capabilities by providing flexible access and utilizing data.

The Sports and Events information that will be managed in the new system will include:
1. Events – Applications, judging panels, results, notices
2. Judges – Includes CGC and ATT Evaluators
3. Role and Contact Management – Club Officer, Event Chairs and Secretaries, AKC approved Event Secretaries, Breeders of Merit
4. Clubs – Officers, Delegates, event history, notes, financial ledger, bylaws, territory
5. Dogs – Placements, titles, breeder, sire/dam, offspring
6. Owners – Dogs owned, participation, Juniors, litters bred, misconduct
7. Event Site Information

Deliverables have been identified and prioritized based on level of effort, benefit to our clubs and staff, and interdependencies to other features.

**AKC Canine Health Foundation Update**
The Board reviewed a report from Dr. Darin Collins, AKC Canine Health Foundation Chief Executive Officer.

**Resolution to Establish the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank**
AKC Staff members Mark Dunn, Ted Phillips, Heather McManus and Danielle Weitzman participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed documents that would establish the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank. Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, 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. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to
establish the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (AKCPPB) by approving three documents listed below:
1. FORM OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE AKC PUREBRED PRESERVATION BANK INCORPORATION, BYLAWS, DIRECTORS
2. APPENDIX A: CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE AKC PUREBRED PRESERVATION BANK
3. APPENDIX B: BYLAWS OF THE AKC PUREBRED PRESERVATION BANK (a Delaware corporation not for profit and without capital stock)

Form of Proposed Resolutions Authorizing the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank Incorporation, Bylaws, Directors

The Board of Directors of American Kennel Club, Inc. ("AKC"), upon motion duly made by Dr. Charles Garvin and seconded by Mr. Thomas Powers, and following full consideration and open discussion by the 13 Board members present at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2022, by unanimous vote, hereby:

(1) Acknowledges that encouraging and facilitating the preservation of genetic material of former and current quality dogs will further the AKC’s mission to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of purebred dogs by maintaining and improving purebred dog breeds and mitigating the risk of extinction faced by breeds due to infrequent breeding, times of war and genetic disorders;

(2) Authorizes the incorporation in the State of Delaware of The AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (the “AKCPPB”) pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation (the “Certificate”), in the form annexed hereto as Appendix A, as a non-stock, not-for-profit corporation, which will seek recognition of exemption from the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization under sections 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(vii) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(3) Authorizes the acceptance of the AKC of the designation as sole member of the AKCPPB;

(4) Authorizes the adoption by the AKC, acting in its capacity as the sole member of the AKCPPB, of the Bylaws of the AKCPBB (the “Bylaws”), in the form annexed hereto as Appendix B;

(5) Authorizes the election by the AKC, acting in its capacity as sole member of the AKCPPB of the following individuals to the Board of Directors of the AKCPPB:
   a. Thomas Powers, as the first AKC Board Director, as defined in the Bylaws, to serve a term of one year.
   b. Dominic Carota as the second AKC Board Director, to serve a term of two years.
   c. Dr. Charles Garvin, as the third AKC Board Director, to serve a term of three years.
   d. Vanessa Skou as the first AKC Staff Director, as defined in the Bylaws, to serve a term of one year.
   e. Theodore Phillips as the second AKC Staff Director, to serve a term of two years.
   f. Mark Dunn as the third AKC Staff Director, to serve a term of three years.
   g. Dr. Jerold Bell as the first Community Director, as defined in the Bylaws, to serve a term of one year.
   h. Dr. Marti Greer as the second Community Director, to serve a term of two years.
i. Dr. Joellen Gregory as the third Community Director, to serve a term of three years;

(6) Authorizes and directs any of the officers, directors, or attorneys-in-fact of the AKC (the “Authorized Persons,” and each, an “Authorized Person”) severally to do or cause to be done any and all such other acts and things and to execute and deliver any and all such further documents, instruments and certificates, in the name and on behalf of the AKC, as they or any of them may deem necessary or appropriate to carry into effect the full intent and purpose of the foregoing resolutions; and

(7) Approves and ratifies any and all acts, transactions, agreements or certificates previously taken or signed, as the case may be, on behalf of the AKC by the Authorized Persons whom would have been authorized pursuant to the foregoing resolutions.

**FINANCE**

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

**Unaudited Financial Results for the five months ended May 30, 2022**

Net Operating Income is $12 million due to higher revenue and lowers controllable expenses.

**REVENUES:**

Total Revenues of $45.2 million exceed the budget by 14%, led by online registrations. Registration Fees total $19.1 million, exceeding the budget by 16%. Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition and Event Applications fees total $6.4 million, exceeding the budget by 6%. Product & Service Sales total $5.4 million higher than budget by 17%. Advertising, Sponsorship, and Royalties total $7.8 million exceeding the budget by 10%.

**EXPENSES:**

Controllable Expenses total of $28.9 million are lower than budget by $2.4 million or 8%. Non-Controllable expenses were lower than budget by $432k or 9%.

**Non-Financial Statistics as of May 30, 2022 Registrations**

Registrations: 2022 YTD Litter Reg. 18% ahead of budget, 2% ahead of 2021 YTD. 2022 YTD Dog Reg. 16% ahead of budget, 9% lower than 2021 YTD.

**Events and Entries**

Compared to the same period in 2021, Events & Entries were up by 31% & 26%, respectively, vs. prior YTD.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Mari-Beth O’Neill, Vice President, Sports Services and Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Breed Standard Revision
The Board reviewed a proposed revision to the Color section of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel breed standard, submitted by the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club. The proposed revision includes a disqualification for any color not described in the standard.

The current Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Standard was approved on January 10, 1995.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed revision to be published on the August 2022 Secretary’s Page in the AKC Gazette.

Parent Club Designation for German Spitz
The German Spitz Club of America requests to be designated as the Parent Club for the German Spitz breed, allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Parent Club Designation for Kromfohrlander
The Kromfohrlander Club of America requests to be designated as the Parent Club for the Kromfohrlander breed allowing them to hold FSS Open Shows.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

AKC-AKCCHF-TF Theriogenology Residency Program 2024-2026
Andrea Fiumefreddo, AKC CHF VP Programs & Operations and Dr. Darin Collins, AKC CHF CEO, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Since 2014, the American Kennel Club (AKC) and AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKCCHF), in consult with the Theriogenology Foundation (TF), have identified a need to invest in the training of future veterinary specialists in the medical and surgical management, treatment and research of canine reproductive health and disease and genetics to ensure the health and well-being of purebred and purpose-bred dogs.

The most recent funding was in 2019. In 2019, AKC and AKCCHF committed to $600,000 for three years (2021, 2022, 2023); $100,000 per grant at two per year, with $170,000 from the AKC annually and $30,000 from AKCCHF annually. TF contributed $10,000 per year, paid in full annually to AKCCHF, by May 1st for 2021, 2022, and 2023 to support grants administration.

Since the program’s inception: Seven new board-certified theriogenologists now actively working in this field; two more are board-eligible as of May 2022. There have been over fifteen important
peer-reviewed publications due to this residency program and additional AKCCHF research funding.

Based on progress to date, AKC Sport Services and AKCCHF recommend continuing funding for the AKC/AKCCHF/TF Theriogenology Residency Program for an additional three years, from 2024-2026.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

**Proposed AKC Bylaw Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1**
The Board reviewed a proposal from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the AKC Bylaws, to specify that two alternates should be named to the nominating committee in addition to the five-member committee. This is what has been done in practice for over 25 years.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

**Proposed AKC Bylaw Amendment to Article X, Section 1**
The Board reviewed a proposal from the Delegate Bylaws Committee to amend Article X, Section 1 of the AKC Bylaws, to specify that the CFO oversees the day-to-day financial operations of the organization, which is the current practice.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

**AKC Agility League Pilot**
Penny Leigh, Seth Fera-Schanes and Kassandra McCombe, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Staff presented an update on the AKC Agility League Pilot. The AKC Agility League (the “League”) is an exciting way for Agility enthusiasts to practice, compete and earn regional and national recognition in their sport. The League gives agility enthusiasts a platform for competing locally in smaller competitions with a more laid-back atmosphere and great training opportunities for newcomers. The League allows clubs, schools, and/or individuals to form teams and compete on a date that they select at their local facilities. The League gives the opportunity to compete on a national level and earn regional and national rankings for individual members and their teams. The League will culminate with annual regional competitions with winners progressing to an annual national championship.

The AKC Agility League Pilot Program launched on May 20, 2022, with a limited number of teams around the country competing. The pilot participants consist of 19 groups sponsoring 40 teams and represents nine regions, including Alaska and Hawaii. The pilot season will run for 12 weeks, ending on August 21, 2022. During this season, the teams will run six Masters-level courses, one released every two weeks. They will be ranked by team and individual dog performance, culminating in season champions named at the pilot’s conclusion. The teams have been highly
enthusiastic; there are many positive comments about the program on the AKC Agility League Facebook Group and Staff has received great feedback from participants.

Staff has received hundreds of messages and emails from Agility competitors who want to become involved in the League. With Board approval, Staff plans to open the program to all Agility enthusiasts in Fall 2022.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

**AKC Agility League Regulations**

Penny Leigh, Seth Fera-Schanes and Kassandra McCombe, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the proposed AKC Agility League Regulations.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

**Government Relations Legislation Monthly Update**

Sheila Goffe presented a highlight of active, priority legislative issues, as of June 17, 2022, that AKC Government Relations (GR) is currently working on.

AKC GR is currently 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. To date, AKC GR has released 170 geotargeted legislative action alerts on important legislation asking club members to become active.

**2022 Nominating Committee**

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that the Nominating Committee for the March 2023 election of AKC Directors must be appointed by August 15, 2022, and its report must be received no later than October 15, 2022.

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

Following discussion, the Board elected the Nominating Committee, which is to select candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors, which are to be filled at the March 2023 meeting.

There are three (3) vacancies for the Class of 2027.

**Nominating Committee**

Sylvia A. Thomas - Chairperson
Kennel Club of Riverside
Karen J. Burgess  
Greater Clark County Kennel Club, Inc.

Marge B. Calltharp  
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.

Linda C. Flynn  
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.

Laurie Maulucci  
South Windsor Kennel Club

Alternates
Connie Clark  
American Fox Terrier Club

Don Hanson  
American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.

**MEDIA AND SPONSORSHIPS**

The Board reviewed Mid-Year Report on Media and Sales Activities.

The AKC’s over-the-top video network, AKC.tv, has experienced growth in plays across all platforms, including Web plays on AKC.tv via desktop or mobile, AKC.tv app plays and plays on AKC.org via our digital content management system. The channel continues to grow in reach as well as in breadth and scope of content.

Staff recently reformatted the popular news and information program, *DogCenter*, to become a thirty-minute, weekly show in order to strengthen and expand the impact of the program and reached.

The AKC.tv app has been enhanced with a new dynamic design, an Events Calendar to promote interest in upcoming shows, and options to “Favorite” and “Continue Watching” videos through this important tool.

The broadcast and distribution of AKC programming on both ABC and ESPN Networks has achieved vital advancement and promotion of AKC’s mission through commercials, signage, branding and custom content in our shows. Year to date, AKC has achieved one hundred thirteen hours of airtime.

**REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT**

Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President, participated in this portion of the meeting.
Eliminate Multi-Sire Litter Penalty Fee
The American Kennel Club currently allows litters to be registered with more than one sire, per Board Policy. Staff is requesting that the policy be revised to remove the $200 “penalty fee”.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Registration Update
2022 May YTD Litters were 18% better than budget and 2% better than 2021
2022 May YTD Dogs were 16% better than budget and -9% below 2021

Use of Online Registration applications (instead of paper) continues to increase:
• 83% for Dogs and 86% for Litters

Electronic Litter Kits Launched 12 months ago allowing online litter registrants to pay to receive litter kit immediately via digital file, no forms are printed or shipped.

Launched AKC Online Duplicates in April ‘22, allowing self-service for customers in need of Duplicate Certificates, Registration Applications and Litter Kits.

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

The Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, July 12 at 8:30 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office, except for Dr. Battaglia, who participated via videoconference. The Executive Secretary was also present.

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

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE
Mark Dunn, Executive Vice President and Seth Fera-Schanes, Director Planning & ICG, participated in this portion of the meeting. Chuck Bettini, Senior Business Analyst, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

AKC Corporate Project Roadmap Review
The American Kennel Club uses a corporate roadmap to prioritize projects across departments. The roadmap serves multiple purposes including understanding cross-team dependencies, highlighting the status of projects, ensuring transparency, and optimizing decision making and serves to correlate the roadmap with objectives and budgets.
Staff presented a status update. There was a report of work completed in the first six months of 2022 and a review of work in progress.

**COMPLIANCE**
Bri Tesarz, Director, Compliance, participated in this meeting portion via video conference.

**Ms. Mary Wild - Request for Early Reinstatement**
The Board reviewed a request from Ms. Mary Wild. Ms. Wild has requested reinstatement of her AKC privileges pursuant to Article XV, Section 7 of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc.* On August 9, 2010, Mary Wild was suspended for a lifetime from all AKC privileges and fined $3,000 for violation of the AKC’s Cruelty Convictions (now called Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment policy) policy.

This will be considered further at the August Board meeting.

**Stopping Payment on Event Entries After Closing**
Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to create a new offense and penalty to address intentionally stopping payment of an event entry after entry closing.

**Changes to AKC Discipline Guidelines**
The mitigated penalties for the following offenses in the current Discipline Guidelines do not include a fine in addition to a reprimand:
VI. e-3) Refusing to continue to compete
VI. e-4) Failure to follow a judge’s instruction
VIII. c) Benching violations (per dog)
VIII. h) Gun safety violation (by gunner)
IX. e) Submission of an online application without written permission from the co-owner or co-litter owner
IX. f) Signing AKC documents on behalf of another without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form.

The Board reviewed the Staff’s recommended changes to these mitigated penalties to add a fine into the Guidelines.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

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

**COMPANION and PERFORMANCE**
Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events and Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.
COVID Provisions Set to Expire at Year-End 2022
Many temporary COVID provisions were implemented during the pandemic to provide clubs, judges, and exhibitors flexibility during uncertain times. Five of these temporary provisions are still in effect and are due to expire at the end of 2022. The Board reviewed the Staff’s recommendations on whether these provisions should be terminated or made permanent.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Discipline Information – Fast CAT®, CAT, Lure Coursing, Scent Work
The Board reviewed a recommendation to include information in the regulations for Fast CAT®, CAT, Lure Coursing and Scent Work, to better assist clubs and exhibitors understand the AKC processes for complaints and discipline and to make the information more accessible.

The Performance Events Department will communicate this change by updating the regulation books, updating web pages, and sending out emails.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Public Service Dog Titles
The Board reviewed a recommendation for the AKC to publicly acknowledge and honor dogs that work for a government agency to keep our communities safe by awarding titles to Public Service Dogs. There would be three titles depending on the working skill of the dog – Public Service Detection Dogs (PSDD), Patrol Dogs (PSPD), and Tracking Dogs (PSTD). This new titling program is consistent with AKC’s mission of promoting purpose-bred dogs.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

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

Leonberger Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA) Program
The Board reviewed a recommendation for the AKC to recognize the Leonberger Club of America Certificate of Conformation Assessment Program by awarding the suffix CCA title to any dog that passes the evaluation under three different judges. This is a non-competitive event where dogs are evaluated against the breed standard. A passing score is a minimum of 75 out of 100. The program provides both an assessment of the dog and an educational opportunity for owners and breeders. The Leonberger program was modeled after the Golden Retriever Club of America’s CCA program, which the AKC has recognized since October 2018. Owners must apply to the AKC for the title.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.
Emergency Procedures at Dog Events

The Board reviewed a memorandum with a request submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (“DSRC”) to modify the Emergency Procedures at Dog Events Policy. Specifically, the DSRC has asked to change the requirements for group and All-Breed events to have a qualified emergency medical technician (CPR certified) in attendance to a CPR certified health professional. Staff suggested an alternative to add a “CPR certified qualified healthcare professional (QHP)” as an option rather than replace the current title.

Recommend changes:

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AT DOG EVENTS POLICY

3. All clubs are strongly encouraged to have a qualified emergency medical technician (CPR certified) or CPR certified qualified healthcare professional (QHP) in attendance at each event.

4. At group and all-breed conformation events, clubs are required to have a qualified emergency medical technician (CPR certified) or CPR certified qualified healthcare professional (QHP) in attendance from one hour prior to the start of judging until completion of all judging.

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Dogs Disqualified for Aggression

AKC Staff presented a proposal to the Board recommending the AKC establish by policy that dogs disqualified more than once under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 8-A of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows are ineligible for reinstatement.

Dogs disqualified more than once under the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 8-A of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows are ineligible for reinstatement. (By judge for attacking a person in the ring, by Event Committee for attacking and injuring a person or a dog, or administratively barred due to multiple excuses for aggression).

This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Impact of the 1+1 Initiative

Staff presented a memo which reviewed the impact that the “1+1 Initiative” has had on Conformation entries and absentees. The conclusion is the 1+1 Initiative has had a positive impact on the sport.

The findings are:

- There was an increase in number of instances of 1+1 entries. This amounted to an average of 4.8 additional entries in the regular classes per AB show.
- For exhibitors that entered and found themselves in a 1+1 situation, the absentee rate was
reduced from 48% to 31%.

- The combined impact of these two changes is that an average of 7.4 additional dogs were shown in the regular classes per AB show.

**Memphis Kennel Club Request for Exception to the Distance a Club May Travel Outside of its Territory to Hold an Event Policy**

The Board reviewed a request from the Memphis Kennel Club to be granted an exception to the 125-mile distance a club may travel to hold a show allowed by policy. The club wishes to hold events outside of its territory while it looks for a more suitable venue within its territory.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to grant the club an exception to this event policy for 2 years.

**Del Sur Kennel Club Request for Modification to Limited Number of Events Policy**

The Board reviewed a request from the Del Sur Kennel Club (DSKC). DSKC requested that the AKC Board modify the Limited Number of Events Policy and approve DSKC as an isolated geographic area, granting them third show approval.

The Board did not act on this request.

**JUDGING OPERATIONS**

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.

**Arizona Dog Judges Education, Inc**

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

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to deny the request at this time.

**Conformation Judges Daily Limit**

At the Chairman’s request, the Staff was directed to provide a memo in July concerning establishing a policy to limit any regular group judge to 150 dogs at the breed level on the same day they are judging a group. Additionally, the Chairman asked the Board to consider limiting group judges’ ability to judge special attraction groups on the same day that they are judging regular groups. The Board reviewed Staff’s memorandum which provided background on the applicable rules and policies impacting the suggested changes. There was a motion to adopt a policy limiting judges assigned regular group to no more than 150 entries on the day. There was no second to the motion.
Conformation Judging Statistics

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

**CLUBS**

**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 MAY and JUNE
Boca Raton Dog Club, Boca Raton, FL (2009)
Central Iowa Kennel Club, Jasper County, IA (1973)
Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club, Kitsap County, WA (1999)
Pharaoh Hound Club of America (1996)
Pekingese Club of America (1909)
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado, Douglas and western Elbert Counties (2001)
Ramapo Kennel Club, Passaic County, NJ (1969)
Redwood Empire Kennel Club, Petaluma, CA (1993)
Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club, Clearwater, FL (1982)
Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America (1990)

REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUBS APPROVED IN MAY AND JUNE
Blue Ridge Virginia Dachshund Club, Locust Grove, VA (including communities north to Warrenton, south to Louisa, east to Fredericksburg, west to Routes 15/211), 30 total households, 8 local.

Boykin Spaniel Club & Breeders Association of America, 114 total households; 81 households in 7 states west of the Mississippi River; 33 households in 13 states east of the Mississippi River.

Cane Corso Club of the Carolinas, Charlotte, NC (including communities east to Wilmington, north to Burlington, west to Hickory and south to Columbia, SC), 27 total households, 15 local.

Doberman Pinscher Club of Central Kansas, greater Wichita, KS, 22 total households, 15 local.

Dogo Argentino Club of America, 180 total households; 103 households residing in 19 states west of the Mississippi River; 77 households in 17 states (including Puerto Rico) east of the Mississippi River.

Mt. Rainier Labrador Retriever Club, greater Rochester, WA (including communities along Interstate 5, north to Olympia, and south to Onalaska), 54 total households, 24 local.

North San Diego County Agility Club, Escondido, CA (including communities north to Vista, south to Poway, east to Ramona, west to the Pacific Coast), 25 total households, 15 local.

Palmetto Poodle Club, Anderson, SC (including communities southwest to Atlanta, GA, southeast to Columbia, SC, north to Georgia/North Carolina state line), 28 total households, 12 local.

Patriot Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club, Worcester, MA (including communities from North
Hampton, NH, west along Highway 101 and Interstate 91, south to Branford, CT), 43 total households, 26 local.

Rogue Valley Sporting Spaniel Club, greater Medford, OR, 23 total households, 17 local.

Russian Toy Club of America, 121 total households; 74 households in 21 states west of the Mississippi River, 47 households in 15 states east of the Mississippi River.

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

**Delegates Approved**
Pamela Bagley
To represent Santa Maria Kennel Club

Barbara Breidenback
To represent Gloucester County Kennel Club

Mary Lynne Elliott
To represent Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the U.S.

Glenn Glass
To represent Onondaga Kennel Association

Pamela E. Ireland
To represent Memphis Kennel Club

Sue Ritter
To represent Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA

Dan Sayers
To represent Irish Water Spaniel Club of America

Dr. Donald Sturz
To represent Westminster Kennel Club

Nili Young
To represent Columbia Kennel Club

**Rally A Class Eligibility**
The Board VOTED to modify Chapter 3, Sections 2, 8 and 12 of 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. These changes will become effective October 3, 2022.

Chapter 3 – Classes and Titles

Section 2. Rally Novice A Class. To be eligible for entry in this class, dogs may not have won an AKC Rally Novice (RN) title or an AKC Obedience Companion Dog (CD) title or higher prior to the close of entries. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner’s household or immediate family. The handler may not have previously handled any dog that has earned an AKC Rally title or an AKC Obedience Companion Dog (CD) title or higher. AKC Virtual Obedience titles do not impact the eligibility for a dog or handler in this class. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. After a dog earns the Rally Novice (RN) title, it may continue to compete in this class for 60 days. No dog may be entered in both Rally Novice A and Rally Novice B at any one trial.

Section 8. Rally Advanced A Class. To be eligible for entry in this class, dogs must have won the Rally Novice (RN) title and may have won the Rally Intermediate (RI) title but may not have won the Rally Advanced (RA) title or an AKC Obedience Companion Dog (CD) title or higher prior to the close of entries. AKC Virtual Obedience titles do not impact the eligibility for a dog in this class. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner’s household or immediate family. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. After a dog earns the Rally Advanced (RA) title, it may continue to compete in this class for 60 days. No dog may be entered in both Rally Advanced A and Rally Advanced B at any one trial.

Section 12. Rally Excellent A Class. To be eligible for entry in this class, dogs must have won the Rally Advanced (RA) title but may not have won the Rally Excellent (RE) title or an AKC Obedience Companion Dog (CD) title or higher prior to the close of entries. AKC Virtual Obedience titles do not impact the eligibility for a dog in this class. A handler must own the dog entered or be a member of the owner’s household or immediate family. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. After earning the Rally Excellent (RE) title, a dog may continue to compete in this class for 60 days. No dog may be entered in both Rally Excellent A and Rally Excellent B at any one trial.

Prizes for Club Members or Breed Owners

The Board VOTED to modify the Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 21 – Ribbons and Prizes, and Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 30 – Ribbons and Prizes to allow clubs to publish prizes in the event premium list that are being offered only to members of clubs or owners of specific breeds.

Prizes offered only to members of certain clubs or owners of specific breeds may now 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.

**Pack Hike Titles – Greater Swiss Mountain Dog**
The Board VOTED to approve the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America’s (GSMDCA) request for AKC to 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 is effective January 2, 2023.

**AKC FIT DOG Titles**
The Board VOTED 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.

The FIT DOG Titling Program
The three levels of AKC FIT DOG titles (Bronze, Silver, Gold) will be systematically sequenced with each level requiring greater frequency and distances. There are six main categories in each of the title levels:
A. AKC FIT DOG Course taught by an approved instructor
B. Organized Community Runs
C. Walks and Hikes - on your own or with an AKC FIT DOG Club
D. “Unique to You and Your Dog” (Swimming, Parkour, etc.)
E. AKC Titles that are Fitness Related (e.g., Agility, Fast CAT®, etc.)
F. Parent Club Performance Titles (e.g., Carting, Pack Dog, Coach Dog, Sledding).

A specified number of points must be earned in at least two of the categories above to earn each of the titles. Title applications will be accepted starting January 2, 2023.

**Match Regulations – Fun Matches**
The Board VOTED to modify Chapter 1, Section 3 of 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.
Chapter 1. General Explanations
Section 3. Fun Matches
A fun match is an informal dog event that does not require American Kennel Club approval. AKC clubs are encouraged to hold fun matches open to the public in order to introduce new dog owners to their club and the sports. Fun matches may be held in conjunction with a licensed event (on the same day and location), or they may be an independent event. If held in conjunction with an event, the fun match must abide by the Regulations, policies and procedure that apply to that sport. In addition, caution must be taken so the fun match does not disrupt the licensed event. Any AKC class may be offered. In addition, “run-throughs” may be offered where the exhibitor may do all or part of the exercises from a class, or a specific amount of “ring time” may be provided. AKC clubs holding fun matches should follow the basic structure of the class in order to familiarize exhibitors with the AKC Sport. Corrections shall be limited to verbal corrections or gently guiding the dog. At the option of the sponsoring club, food and/or toys may be allowed in the ring. Clubs should not schedule fun matches to conflict with sanctioned or licensed events of the same sport as defined by the mileage restriction that applies for that sport. AKC may take action against a club should this occur.

Virtual Scent Work Test – Make Permanent
The Board VOTED to make the Virtual Scent Work Test, permanently available. It was a pilot program.

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 is a change to the Scent Work Regulations and will become effective August 1, 2022.

Clarification on Run-Offs for Best of Breed in Lure Coursing
The Board VOTED 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. Effective August 1, 2022.
Chapter VIII. RUNNING THE MEET, TRIAL AND TEST PROGRAMS  
Section 6. All Stakes  
9. If Best of Breed cannot be determined initially with one run, or there is more than one winner of the same stake for any of the three stakes (Open, Specials, Veteran) likely due to splits where there are higher entries, any and all winners of each stake will be randomly drawn into the Best of Breed run. The highest scoring hound will be awarded Best of Breed for that breed. High score will also be used to determine the 1st placing hound for any stake in which there was more than one stake winner prior to the Best of Breed draw. In no case will any winners of the same stake be run against each other in a runoff prior to the Best of Breed draw for the purposes of determining the top dog (overall winner) of the Open, Specials or Veteran stakes.

**Foundation Stock Service Guidelines Revision**  
The Board VOTED to approve the Staff recommended revisions to the AKC Foundation Stock Service (FSS) Guidelines for recognition of a new breed to include:

1) A breed to have been recognized by a foreign registry for a minimum of 40 years of three generation dogs of the breed.

2) The AKC Parent Club(s) approve the acceptance of the breed if there is an association with a currently recognized AKC Breed.

3) The name of the breed may not include the name of a currently recognized AKC Breed, if the breed has been under development since the year 2000,

4) While in the Miscellaneous Class, a minimum of 20 litters within a current 5-year period, must be registered to be eligible to request full recognition.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Delegate Subcommittee on Group Realignment**  
The Board unanimously elected Rita Biddle to the Committee to serve as the AKC Board representative.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 12:40 p.m. Eastern Time.  
Adjourned  
Attest:  
Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary