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NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, FL on **Friday, December 15, 2023**, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the Delegate Forum which will begin at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Bracco Italiano Club of America

DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

Robin Barkhaus, Hartford, WI,
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Karen Park, Layton, UT,
Mount Ogden Kennel Club

Julie Poulin Siefert, Neenah, WI,
Newfoundland Club of America

Susan Sorbo, Bradenton, FL,
Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern
Virginia

NOTICE

The American Kennel Club Board of Directors at its August 2023 meeting imposed a suspension of Mr. RC Williams' judging privileges for a period of one year and a fine of \$1000 for inappropriate comments and/or conduct with exhibitors regarding but not limited to, race, color, religion, disability, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or are sexual in nature. As Mr. Williams elected to appeal the Board's decision, the effective date for any disciplinary action was deferred until after his hearing with the Board Appeals Committee.

The Board Appeals Committee considered Mr. RC Williams' appeal of the suspension of his judging privileges and presented its findings to the Board at its October 2023 meeting. Based on its review of the record and Mr. Williams' written appeal, the Appeals Committee determined that the suspension of Mr. Williams' judging privileges was properly imposed, and therefore, it denied Mr. Williams'

appeal, upholding the suspension of his judging privileges for a period of one year and imposing a fine of \$1000.00 effective October 10, 2023.

NOTICE

As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individual stands suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that this determination may still be appealed and may be reversed. Upon expiration of the appeal process, an appropriate notice describing the status of the individual's suspension, if any, will appear in this column:

Mr. Cody Bowen (Kerrville, TX)

Mr. Bob Burgess (Aurora, CO)

Mr. Paul Dochmechewsky (Huntington
Beach, CA)

Ms. Dee Miller (Bastrop, TX)

Ms. Janis Moriarity (Azle, TX)

NOTICE

Mr. Jeffrey Creasey (Bedford, VA). Action was taken by the Fort Dearborn Basset Hound Club for conduct at its August 28, 2023 event. Mr. Creasey was charged with neglect of a dog at or in connect with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a six-month suspension of AKC privileges and a \$1,000 fine, effective August 29, 2023. (St. Bernards)

NOTICE

Mr. Jon Hopkins (Mesa, AZ). Action was taken by the Bonneville Basin Kennel Association for conduct at its September 16, 2023 event. Mr. Hopkins was charged with physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature and inappropriate, abusive, or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a three-month event suspension and a \$500 fine, effective September 16, 2023. (Staffordshire Bull Terriers)

NOTICE

Mr. Kueper Kuhni (American Ford, UT). Action was taken by the Bonneville Basin Kennel Association for conduct at its September 16, 2023 event. Mr. Kuhni was charged with harassment, verbal or written. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a three-month suspension of all AKC privileges and a \$500 fine, effective September 16, 2023.

NOTICE

Ms. Tana Rugg (Monument, CO). Action was taken by the Cheyenne Kennel Club for conduct at its September 7, 2023 event. Ms. Rugg was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the pen-

alty as one-month event suspension and a \$500 fine, effective August 30, 2023. (Dalmatians)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Virginia Bellino (Bemidji, MN) from all AKC privileges and imposed a \$1,000 fine, for non-compliance with AKC's Care and Conditions Policy (unacceptable conditions, dogs, and/or facility and record keeping and dog identification requirements, effective October 10, 2023. (English Springer Spaniels, Labrador Retrievers)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals for all AKC privileges for five years and imposed a \$1,000 fine, for refusal to make their dogs and records available for inspection when requested:

Effective October 10, 2023:

Ms. Carmina Ibarra (Tomball, TX)

French Bulldogs

Mr. Ephraim Zook (Fort Plain, NY)

Multiple Breeds

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for

six-months and imposed a \$500 fine, for refusal to make their dogs and records available for inspection when requested:

Effective October 10, 2023:

Ms. Paula O'Flynn (Taylorsville, KY)
Basset Hounds

Mr. Emilio Perez (Spring, TX) French
Bulldogs

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Tara Richardson (Kidder, MO) from registration privileges and imposed a \$500 fine, for submitted false online application without written permission from the co-owner or co-litter owner, effective October 10, 2023. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals from all AKC privileges for five years and imposed a \$2,000 fine, for neglect at or in connection with an event by an individual and disregard of published club regulations:

Effective October 10, 2023:

Ms. Keiko Shimizu (Rancho Santa
Margarita, CA) Multiple Breeds

Mr. Masuki Shimizu (Rancho Santa
Margarita, CA) Multiple Breeds

NOTICE

REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of a fine imposed on clubs for late submission of event records, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 17, Section 2
German Shepherd Dog Club of Greater Washington..... \$75

Notification of a fine imposed on a secretary for late submission of event records, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 17, Section 2 and Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 4
Cindy O'Hare, Dog Shows by Design
..... \$150

Notification of a fine imposed on a club for not fulfilling their responsibility as an event committee, *Dealing With Misconduct*
Greater Kerrville Kennel Club \$500

Notification of fines imposed on a performance club for late submission of results, Regulations for Lure Coursing Tests and Trials, Chapter 10
Midwest Coursing Club (Lure Coursing)
..... \$150

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. – ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 2

The AKC Board has endorsed the follow-

ing amendment to **Article XIII, Section 2**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc.*, proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. This will be voted on at the December 15, 2023 Delegate Meeting.

ARTICLE XIII

SECTION 2. When charges have been filed and referred to a Trial Board, a notice which shall state that such charges have been filed and a copy of the charges shall be sent to the club or association, or person or persons against which or whom said charges have been preferred which club or association, or person or persons herein shall be known as and called the defendant. The club or association or person or persons which or who shall have filed the complaint leading to the charges shall be known and called the complainant.

Such notice shall state that the defendant may attend the hearing and present a defense or written answer and may be represented by counsel and that the time and place of a hearing shall be determined by the Trial Board Chair in consultation with the parties. If the complainant shall fail or refuse to cooperate with the AKC in the prosecution of said charges, without giving reasonable excuse for such failure or refusal, the AKC or the Trial Board presiding may suspend said complainant for a

period of six months or until such time as the party is prepared to cooperate with the AKC. Appeals to such suspensions shall be to the Appeals Trial Board.

If the complainant shall fail or refuse to cooperate with the AKC, the defendant may submit a written request to the Trial Board to dismiss the charges. The Trial Board shall permit the AKC to submit a written response to the defendant's request to dismiss the charges or the AKC may proceed to a hearing without the complainant's testimony. The Trial Board shall issue a determination based on the defendant's written request to dismiss and the AKC's response.

If the defendant shall fail to appear at the hearing, without giving reasonable excuse for such failure or refusal, the complainant's evidence may be heard and the defendant's written answer, if any, will be considered. The record of the hearing shall also include a statement by the Trial Board Chair of any conversations with the defendant concerning the failure or refusal to appear. In such cases, the Trial Board may make a finding. The Trial Board may also suspend the defendant for six months or until the party is prepared to present a defense.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. – ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 7

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Article XIII, Section 7**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc.*, proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. This will be voted on at the December 15, 2023 Delegate Meeting.

ARTICLE XIII

SECTION 7. An appeal may be taken from any decision of a Trial Board, except where it is acting as the appellate body for an Event Committee appeal, where its decision is final. Notice in writing claiming such appeal together with a deposit, the amount of which is determined annually by the AKC Board of Directors, must be sent to the AKC (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) within thirty days after the receipt of the notice of the decision of the Trial Board. A three-member Appeals Trial Board shall hear said appeal on the record.

The deposit shall become the property of the AKC if the decision of the Trial Board shall be confirmed in whole or in part, or shall be returned to the appellant if it shall not be confirmed. If the aggrieved party shall fail to take such appeal, there shall be

no further right of appeal of any kind.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC. – ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 1

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Article XIV, Section 1** of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, Inc.*, proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. This will be voted on at the December 15, 2023 Delegate Meeting.

ARTICLE XIV SECTION 1.

The Event Committee of a club or association shall have the right and responsibility to suspend any person from AKC privileges for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or the AKC, alleged to have occurred in connection with or during the progress of its event, after the alleged offender has been given the opportunity to be heard. When the penalty for the offense as set forth in the guidelines authorized by the Board of Directors provides for a reprimand in certain instances, the Event Committee shall have the authority to stay the suspension of the penalty for the offense as set forth in the guidelines authorized by the Board of Directors pending a final determination by the AKC.

Notice in writing must be sent within five (5) business days by the Event Committee by certified mail to the person suspended and a duplicate notice giving the name and address of the person suspended and full details as to the reasons for the suspension and if applicable, the reasons for the stay of suspension must be forwarded to the AKC (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) within five days.

An appeal may be taken from a decision of an Event Committee and any subsequent disciplinary action applied by the AKC. Notice in writing claiming such appeal together with a deposit, at an amount established by the AKC Board of Directors, must be sent to the AKC (ATTENTION: Executive Secretary) within thirty days after the date of the suspension. At the time the appeal is filed, the appellant may request the Trial Board to stay any disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension, until such time as the appeal is heard and decided by the Trial Board. The decision by a Trial Board is final. The deposit shall become the property of the AKC if the decision is upheld in whole or in part or returned if not upheld.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES
APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER
11, SECTION 13** – DOG SHOW ENTRIES,
CONDITIONS OF DOGS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 11, Section 13**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by Staff and approved by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the December 15, 2023 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 11 SECTION 13.

Previous portions of this section are unchanged.

No entry shall be made at any show under a judge of any dog which said judge or any member of his/her immediate household or immediate family has been known to have owned, handled in the ring more than twice, sold, held under lease or boarded within one year prior to the date of the show.

For the purposes of this section, the members of an immediate family are one's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included in immediate family.

Judges of sweepstakes and futurities, and all other special attractions held with a conformation show should refer to the Rules, Policies

and Guidelines for Conformation Judges for any applicable exhibiting restrictions as they are defined by Board policy.

This provision prohibiting judges or those residing in the same household from exhibiting on the same day does not apply to the judge of the Four-to-Six Month Competition or to Junior Showmanship only judges. Such judges may also exhibit on the day(s) they judge.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 16, SECTION 1 – CHAMPIONSHIPS

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 16, Section 1**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, proposed by the AKC Board and approved by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the December 15, 2023 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 16 **SECTION 1.**

Previous portions of this section are unchanged.

Unless a Breed Club, in its Application to the AKC to hold a specialty show, chooses to exclude, the following award shall be offered: At a specialty show the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch will be

awarded a three-point major, provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five point major, in the region in which the event is held. No major for Reserve Winners shall be given based upon an award of Best of Winners.

In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld, shall not be included.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FIELD TRIAL RULES AND STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR POINTING BREEDS – CHAPTER 14, SECTION 29

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 14, Section 29**, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*, proposed by the Gordon Setter Club of America. This will be voted on at the December 15, 2023 Delegate Meeting.

CHAPTER 14 **RULES FOR POINTING BREED TRIALS – National Championship Events**

SECTION 29. A National Gun Dog Championship for Gordon Setters may be held not more than once in any calen-

dar year. This will be a walking stake. The stake must be held by the Parent Club. ~~If the Club fails to hold its traditional horseback National Championship field trial, the right to hold the walking NGD Championship stake may be rescinded by the Performance Events Department.~~ The event shall be for dogs over six (6) months of age. The GSCA may develop entry qualifications that exceed the AKC minimum standard. Dogs placing in this stake shall be credited with championship points in accord with the schedule for Field Championships and the winner shall be entitled to the designation "National Gun Dog Champion of 20__." (NWGDC)

PROPOSED KEESHOND STANDARD FOR COMMENT:

In accordance with the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions this is being published to receive any comments prior to the balloting of the club membership. Any comments may be forwarded directly to:

Mari-Beth O'Neill
VP Sport Services

mbo@akc.org

General Appearance: The Keeshond (pronounced *kayz-hawnd*) is a natural, handsome ~~dog of well-balanced, well-balanced dog with a short-coupled body.~~ They attract ~~attracting~~ attention ~~not only by his~~ by their coloration, alert carriage,

intelligent foxlike expression, ~~but also by his characteristic spectacles and small pointed ears.~~ They also have a stand-off coat, his and richly plumed tail that is well curled over the back, well curled over his back, his foxlike expression, and his small pointed ears. His ~~The~~ coat is very thick around the neck, fore part of the shoulders and chest, forming a lion-like ruff—more profuse in the male. His ~~The~~ rump and hind legs, down to the hocks, are also thickly coated, forming the characteristic "trousers." His ~~The~~ head, ears, and lower legs are covered with thick, short hair.

Size, Proportion, Substance: The Keeshond is a medium-sized and square-appearing. They are sturdy, ~~dog,~~ with bone in proportion to the overall dog, neither coarse nor lightly made. The ideal height of fully matured dogs when measured from top of withers to the ground is 18 inches for males and 17 inches for bitches - a 1-inch variance either way is acceptable. While correct size is very important, it should not outweigh that of type. When dogs are judged equal in type, the dog nearest the ideal height is to be preferred.

Head: *Expression* - Expression is largely dependent on the distinctive characteristic called "spectacles"—a hallmark of the breed. Spectacles are a combination of

markings and shadings in the orbital area which must include a delicate, dark line slanting from the outer corner of each eye toward the lower corner of each ear coupled with expressive eyebrows. Markings (or shadings) on face and head must present a pleasing appearance, imparting to the dog an alert and intelligent expression. Very Serious Fault - Absence of dark lines which form the "spectacles." *Eyes* - Eyes should be dark brown in color, of medium size, almond shaped, set obliquely and neither too wide apart nor too close together. Eye rims are black. Faults - Round and/or protruding eyes or eyes light of color. *Ears* - Ears should be small, triangular in shape, mounted high on head and carried erect. Size should be of the ear is proportionate to the head-length approximating the distance from the outer corner of the eye to the nearest edge of the ear. Fault - Ears not carried erect when at attention. *Skull* - The head ~~should be well-proportioned~~ is in proportion to the body and wedge-shaped when viewed from above. - ~~not only the muzzle, but the whole head should give this impression when the ears are drawn back by covering the nape of the neck and the ears with one hand.~~ Head In profile should exhibit a definite stop. it has a defined stop. The topskull is somewhat flat and in parallel planes with the top of the muzzle. Faults - Apple head or absence of stop. *Muzzle* - Of medium

length, neither coarse nor snipey, and well-proportioned to the skull. The muzzle, from tip of nose to stop, should be approximately the same length as from stop to occiput. Mouth - ~~The mouth should be neither overshot nor undershot. Lips should be black and closely meeting-not thick, coarse or sagging, and with no wrinkle at the corner of the mouth.~~ Lips should be black and closely meeting-not thick, coarse or sagging, and with no wrinkle at the corner of the mouth. Faults - ~~Overshot, undershot or wry mouth.~~ Teeth - The teeth should be white, sound and strong meeting in a scissors bite. Fault - ~~Misaligned teeth.~~ Faults-Overshot, undershot or wry mouth.

Neck, Topline Body: The *neck* should be moderately long, ~~well-shaped and well-set on shoulders.~~ and set well into the shoulders. The *topline* is straight with a slight slope to the hindquarters. The *body* is well ribbed, compact and strong with a good spring of rib. The easily felt proster-num is in line with the point of shoulder with a deep chest that extends approximately to the elbow. The loin is short, with the belly moderately tucked up. ~~should be compact with a short, straight back sloping slightly downward toward the hindquarters: well-ribbed, barrel well rounded, short in loin, belly moderately tucked up, deep and strong of chest.~~ *Tail* - The tail should be moderately long and well feathered, set

on high, tightly curled over the back and lying close to the body. ~~and tightly curled over the back. It should lie flat and close to the body.~~ The tail must form a part of the “silhouette” of the dog’s body, rather than give the appearance of an appendage. Fault - Tail not lying close to the back.

Forequarters: ~~Forelegs should be straight seen from any angle. Pasterns are strong with a slight slope. Legs must be of good bone in proportion to the overall dog. Shoulder to upper arm angulation is between slight to moderate. The shoulder blade, upper arm and forearm are of equal length, with the highest point of the withers being in line with the elbow. Elbows are held close to the body. Forelegs are straight seen from any angle and set behind the forechest. Distance from withers to elbows approximately equals distance from elbows to ground. Ideal shoulder angulation is moderate. Pasterns are strong with a slight slope. The feet are compact, well-rounded, cat-like. Toes are nicely arched, with black nails. Dewclaws may be removed.~~

Hindquarters: ~~Angulation in rear should be between slight to moderate to complement the forequarters, creating balance and typical gait. Hindquarters are well-muscled with hocks perpendicular to the ground. Feet - The feet should be compact, well rounded, cat-like. Toes are nicely~~

~~arched, with black nails. The hindquarters are well muscled, moderately angulated, and in balance with the forequarters. Hocks are perpendicular to the ground, neither under nor extended way behind the croup. Feet are the same as described in the forequarters section.~~

Coat: The body ~~should be~~ is abundantly covered with long, straight, harsh hair standing well out from a thick, downy undercoat. Head, including muzzle, skull and ears, ~~should be~~ are covered with smooth, soft, short hair-velvety in texture on the ears. The neck is covered with a mane-more profuse in the male-sweeping from under the jaw and covering the whole of the front part of the shoulders and chest, as well as the top part of the shoulders. The hair on the legs ~~should be~~ is smooth and short, except for feathering on the front legs and “trousers” on the hind legs. Hind legs ~~should be~~ are profusely feathered down to the hocks-not below. The hair on the tail ~~should~~ forms a rich plume. Coat must not part down the back. The Keeshond ~~is to be shown in a natural state with trimming permissible only on feet, pasterns, hocks and - if desired - whiskers. Trimming other than as described to be severely penalized.~~ Bitch Coat: The bitch coat may be less abundant than that of the male. Bitches should not be penalized for their shorter coats.

They may also carry as much coat as their male counterparts. The bitch's coat should reflect her feminine type and appearance, making it easy to distinguish her from the male. *Puppy Coat:* The puppy coat may be predominately undercoat. It may feel soft in texture as it lacks the harsh guard hairs present in adults. The age and rate at which guard hair grows varies among puppies. *Trimming:* The Keeshond is to be shown in a natural state. Trimming permissible only on feet, pasterns, hocks and—if desired—whiskers. Trimming or sculpting of the coat or any grooming which alters the natural appearance to be severely penalized. Faults - Silky, wavy, or curly coats. ~~Part in coat down the back.~~

Color and Markings: A dramatically marked dog, the adult Keeshond is a mixture of gray, black and cream. This ~~color-~~ation coloring may vary from light to dark. The hair of the outer coat is black tipped, the length of the black tips producing the characteristic shading of color. ~~Puppies are often less intensely marked.~~ The undercoat is very pale gray or cream, never ~~tawny-~~containing tan, brown, or orange tones. Puppies are often less intensely marked. The dramatic color and contrast seen in adults may be lacking in some puppies as they haven't developed the guard coat that typically determines the variations in the black color.

Head: The muzzle ~~should be~~ and ears are dark in color with some natural shading, seldom solid black. “Spectacles” and shadings, as previously described, are characteristic of the breed and must be present to some degree. ~~Ears should be very dark almost black.~~

Ruff, Shoulders and “Trousers”: The color of the ruff and “trousers” is lighter than that of the body. The light gray shoulder line markings ~~of light gray~~ must be well defined.

Tail: The plume of the tail is very light in color when curled on the back, and the tip of the tail ~~should be~~ is black.

Legs and Feet: Legs and feet are cream. Faults - Pronounced white markings. Black markings more than halfway down the foreleg. ~~Penciling excepted.~~ is acceptable on the toes and feet. White foot or feet. Very Serious Faults - Entirely black or white or any solid color; any pronounced deviation from the color as described.

Gait: ~~The distinctive gait of the Keeshond is unique to the breed. Dogs should move boldly and keep tails curled over the back. They should move cleanly and briskly; the movement should be straight and sharp with reach and drive between slight to moderate.~~ The Keeshond movement is clean and brisk with balanced reach and drive. They move confidently, with the head carried naturally above a steady

topline, while keeping the tail tightly curled over the back. When seen from the side they should not move with extended reach and drive. There is no overstepping or interfering between the front and rear movement. The Keeshond is a double tracking breed. The legs move parallel coming and going but as speed increases the legs tend to slightly converge toward a center line.

Temperament: Temperament is of primary importance. The Keeshond is neither timid nor aggressive but, instead, is outgoing and friendly with both people and other dogs. The Keeshond is a lively, intelligent, alert and affectionate companion.

OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE SUSSEX SPANIEL

General Appearance: The Sussex Spaniel was among the first ten breeds to be recognized and admitted to the Stud Book when the American Kennel Club was formed in 1884, but it has existed as a distinct breed for much longer. As its name implies, it derives its origin from the county of Sussex, England, and it was used there since the eighteenth century as a field dog. During the late 1800's the reputation of the Sussex Spaniel as an excellent hunting companion was well known among the estates surrounding Sussex County. Its short legs, massive build, long

body, and habit of giving tongue when on scent made the breed ideally suited to penetrating the dense undergrowth and flushing game within range of the gun. Strength, maneuverability, and desire were essential for this purpose. Although it has never gained great popularity in numbers, the Sussex Spaniel continues today essentially unchanged in character and general appearance from those 19th century sporting dogs.

The Sussex Spaniel presents a long and low, rectangular and rather massive appearance coupled with free movements and nice tail action. The breed has a somber and serious expression. The rich golden liver color is unique to the breed.

Size, Proportion, Substance: *Size -*

The height of the Sussex Spaniel as measured at the withers ranges from 13 to 15 inches. Any deviation from these measurements is a minor fault. The weight of the Sussex Spaniel ranges between 35 and 45 pounds. *Proportion -* The Sussex Spaniel presents a rectangular outline as the breed is longer in body than it is tall. *Substance -* The Sussex Spaniel is muscular and rather massive.

Head: Correct head and expression are important features of the breed. *Eyes -* The eyes are hazel in color, fairly large, soft and languishing, but do not show the haw

overmuch. *Expression* - The Sussex Spaniel has a somber and serious appearance, and its fairly heavy brows produce a frowning expression. *Ears* - The ears are thick, fairly large, and lobe-shaped and are set moderately low, slightly above the outside corner of the eye. *Skull and Muzzle* - The skull is moderately long and also wide with an indentation in the middle and with a full stop. The brows are fairly heavy, the occiput is full but not pointed, the whole giving an appearance of heaviness without dullness. The muzzle should be approximately three inches long, broad, and square in profile. The skull as measured from the stop to the occiput is longer than the muzzle. The nostrils are well-developed and liver colored. The lips are somewhat pendulous. *Bite* - A scissors bite is preferred. Any deviation from a scissors bite is a minor fault.

Neck, Topline, Body: *Neck* - The neck is rather short, strong, and slightly arched, but does not carry the head much above the level of the back. There should not be much throatiness about the skin. *Topline and Body* - The whole body is characterized as low and long with a level topline. The chest is round, especially behind the shoulders, and is deep and wide which gives a good girth. The back and loin are long and very muscular both in width and depth. For this development, the back ribs must be deep. *Tail* - The tail is set low.

When gaiting, the Sussex Spaniel exhibits nice tail action, but does not carry the tail above the level of the back. The tail may be docked or undocked. If docked, the tail is 5 to 7 inches long.

Forequarters: The shoulders are well laid back and muscular. The upper arm should correspond in length and angle of return to the shoulder blade so that the legs are set well under the dog. The forelegs should be very short, strong, and heavily boned. They may show a slight bow. Both straight and slightly bowed constructions are proper and correct. The pasterns are very short and heavily boned. The feet are large and round with short hair between the toes.

Hindquarters: The hindquarters are full and well-rounded, strong, and heavily boned. They should be parallel with each other and also set wide apart-about as wide as the dog at the shoulders. The hind legs are short from the hock to the ground, heavily boned, and should seem neither shorter than the forelegs nor much bent at the hocks. The hindquarters must correspond in angulation to the forequarters. The hocks should turn neither in nor out. The rear feet are like the front feet.

Coat: The body coat is abundant, flat or slightly waved, with no tendency to curl.

The legs are moderately well-feathered, but clean below the hocks. The ears are furnished with soft, wavy hair. The neck has a well-marked frill in the coat. The tail is thickly covered with moderately long feather. No trimming is acceptable except to shape foot feather, or to remove feather between the pads or between the hock and the feet. The feather between the toes must be left in sufficient length to cover the nails.

Color: Rich golden liver is the only acceptable color and is a certain sign of the purity of the breed. Dark liver or puce is a major fault. White on the chest is a minor fault. White on any other part of the body is a major fault.

Gait: The round, deep and wide chest of the Sussex Spaniel coupled with its short legs and long body produce a rolling gait. While its movement is deliberate, the Sussex Spaniel is in no sense clumsy. Gait is powerful and true with perfect coordination between the front and hind legs. The front legs do not paddle, wave, or overlap. The head is held low when gaiting. The breed should be shown on a loose lead so that its natural gait is evident.

Temperament: Despite its somber and serious expression, the breed is friendly and has a cheerful and tractable disposition.

Faults: The standard ranks features of the breed into three categories. The most important features of the breed are color and general appearance. The features of secondary importance are the head, ears, back and back ribs, legs, and feet. The features of lesser importance are the eyes, nose, neck, chest and shoulders, tail, and coat. Faults also fall into three categories. Major faults are color that is too light or too dark, white on any part of the body other than the chest, and a curled coat. Serious faults are a narrow head, weak muzzle, the presence of a topknot, and a general appearance that is sour and crouching. Minor faults are light eyes, white on chest, the deviation from proper height ranges, lightness of bone, shortness of body or a body that is flatsided, and a bite other than scissors. There are no disqualifications in the Sussex Spaniel standard.

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Obedience & Rally

APPLICATION FOR BREED-SPECIFIC REGISTERED NAME PREFIX

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club.

BLU DIAMOND= Silky Terriers -Johanna L. Shewan & David K. Shewan

CAERLEON- Great Danes- Lucy Conroy

CHALAND- Belgian Malinois- Angela Chamberlain

FIRE SKY- Papillons- Julita A. Deddo

FOREVER CHARMED- Biewer Terriers – Chris Caldwell & Jessica Caldwell

GRAYSON'S- Belgian Malinois- Ashley N. Walker

HALESTORM- German Shorthaired Pointers- Christy J. Hale

LAROH- Miniature Schnauzers- Rod Hartshorn, DVM & Laura Hartshorn

LNL- Giant Schnauzers- Frank E. LaVoie

LOUCAN- Chihuahuas- Candace Henry

NOBLERIDGE- Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

PERSEVERE- German Shepherd Dogs- Chasity Casey

POPOFF-Pomeranians-Mary Hart

RUBYREDS- Poodles- Louie A. Martucci

RUFFIAN'S- French Bulldogs- Stacey D. Hayes

SUMMERS- Bernese Mountain Dogs- Anne Summers

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted.

ANGEDOR- Golden Retrievers- Laurie Grall

APEX- Cane Corso- Wendy Burns

AZURE- Papillons- Kathy E. Patterson

2BLUE BAYOU – Australian Cattle

Dogs- Dawn R. Carr & Thomas N Carr

BEAR CREEK-Giant Schnauzers – Victoria G. Kallett

BONNIE BRAE- Golden Retrievers- Susan J. Wilcox

CRAFT-ED-Miniature Schnauzers- Julie E. Craft

DOG LAWZ-Labrador Retrievers-Joy D. Lucero & Dave M Lucero

ENCANTOS-Poodles-Vimarie Monge Pagan

FOG HOWL- Border Terriers- Ivan Hudak & Carol Yarbrough

FOREBEAR- Newfoundlands- Ivy C. Surdi

GRAVES FARM- Mudik- Denise Graves

GREEN GABLES- Havanese – Lisa B. Minshull & Collin W. Minshull

GOTTA GO- Australian Cattle Dogs- Nancy L. Hansen

KARDROVI- Siberian Huskies- Sandra Alvarez

KNOCKOUT- Miniature American Shepherds-Matthew M. Reed & Gennefer L. Reed

LAW DOGZ-Labrador Retrievers-Joy D.

Lucero & Dave M Lucero

PROVIDENCE-Doberman Pinschers-

Tamara L. Young

QUAIL RUN- Flat-Coated Retrievers-

Amy D. Petti

SKY BLUE-Collies- Johanna M. Lance

SPOTLIGHT- Dalmatians- Connie M.

Wagner

SPRUCE RUN- Wire Haired Pointing

Griffons- Cindy V. Grodkiewicz & Jeffrey

P. Grodkiewicz

WESTVIEW- Dalmatians – Debra Ben-
nett



MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AKC Offices at 101 Park Avenue,

New York, NY

October 9-10, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

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

Copies of the August 7-8, 2023, Board Meeting minutes had been previously provided to all Directors for review.

Dr. Garvin asked that the language for the proposed revision to the Tail section of the English Springer Spaniel Breed Standard be included in the August Minutes. The Board VOTED to approve this addition.

Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. McAteer, the August 2023 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sprung updated the Board on several business matters as well as on past

action items.

Entries are now open for the America's National Championship, which will take place in Orlando on December 16-17, 2023.

Litter Registration is at the level planned, while individual dog registration is trailing. The aggregate financials are level.

Through August, Events and Entries are both positive, with a 5% increase in events and a 3% increase in entries led by Fast CAT®, Scent Work, Rally, and Conformation in that order.

Mr. Sprung will distribute a new quarterly email for Delegates and Club Officers reminding them of tips for their Club's fiduciary responsibilities, to continue to be watchful for email Phishing scams, and an explanation that Pop Ups ads on akc.org are not generated internally. He will also provide information to Parent Clubs to take advantage of the Grants for Breed rescue that are offered through the AKC Humane Fund.

The Executive Secretary introduced the new Executive Director of the AKC Museum of the Dog, Christopher Bromson.

Legal Update

The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of September 2023.

2024 Budget

The Board reviewed the draft of the 2024 budget.

It will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

Canine Health Foundation 2023 Q3 Update

Stephanie Montgomery, AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Chief Executive Officer, and Andrea Fiumefreddo, AKC CHF Chief Operating Officer, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Alongside the 2024 budget preparation, CHF is conducting strategic planning. The immediate focus is a 1-year 2024 plan to guide a coordinated effort across the organization and promote the success of each department in achieving CHF's mission. The focus is on actualizing CHF's mission through strengthening our partnerships, thoughtfully expanding our constituency and sponsors, funding impactful research, and providing educational resources and communications to meet needs that align with CHF programs.

This past quarter, Susan Childs, MSA,

CPA, CHF Director of Finance, prioritized completing 2022 financial statements in preparation for CHF's 2022 financial audit.

Thus far, in 2023, 24 new grants have been awarded, totaling \$1.65M in new funding.

The Theriogenology selection committee met in July to evaluate this year's applications. Two programs were selected, one supporting a resident at the Ohio State University and one supporting a resident at Colorado State University. The Theriogenology Residency continues to be a fruitful collaboration between AKC, CHF, and the Theriogenology Foundation.

Invitations for the 2024 CHF Clinician-Scientist Fellowship Program were sent to selected institutions. This program supports Clinician-Scientist trainees who work with CHF-funded mentors. Applications for this program are due in mid-October.

CHF's most recent call for proposals was on infectious disease and One Health. CHF currently has an open request for Early Career Investigators, who can submit proposals in any of the 23 established program areas. The purpose of this award is to advance the health of dogs while investing in outstanding early career individuals who have the potential to be tomor-

row's leading canine health researchers.

The 2023 National Parent Club Conference was held in St. Louis on August 11-13, 2023, made possible through the support of AKC, Purina, and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

In July, CHF celebrated the 1,000th scientific article stemming from CHF-funded studies.

CHF presented a proposal for a 3-year AKC/AKC-CHF sponsored veterinary Residency Program in Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, starting in 2025.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

FINANCE

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented preliminary financial statements (unaudited) as of August 31, 2023.

Unaudited Financial Results for the 8 months ended August 31, 2023

Net Operating Income is \$9.6 million.

REVENUES:

Total Revenues of \$68.8 million are lower than budget by 1%, excluding Interest & Dividends.

Registration Fees excluding Registration-Related revenues total \$26.9 million, and trail by 3%.

Registration-related Revenues exceeded budget by \$104k or 1%.

Recording & Event Service fees, Title Recognition, and Event Application fees total \$11.4 million and are higher than budget by 7%.

Product & Service Sales total \$8.2 million are lower by 9%.

Advertising, Sponsorship, and Royalties total \$12.8 million, which are higher than the budget by 1%.

EXPENSES:

Controllable Expenses total \$52.9 million and are lower than budget by \$3.8 million or 7%.

Non-controllable expenses are higher than budget by \$44k or 1%.

Non-Financial Statistics for the 6 months ended June 30, 2023

Registrations: 2023 YTD Litter

Registrations are 1% ahead of budget and 8% lower than 2022 YTD.

2023 YTD Dog Registrations are trailing the budget by 8% and are 15% lower than 2022 YTD.

Events & Entries

Compared to the same period in 2022, Events are 5% ahead, and Entries are 3% higher YTD.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary, participated in this portion of the meeting. Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President of Sports Services; Sheila Goffe, Vice President of Government Relations; and Ashley Jacot, Director of Education, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Beagle Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The National Beagle Club (NBC) has submitted a proposed revision to the color section of the Beagle standard. The Board has additional questions, which will be directed back to the Parent Club.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

Keeshond Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the breed standard as submitted by the Keeshond Club of America.

Following a motion from Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (Unanimously) to approve the proposed revisions to the Keeshond Standard to be published for comment in the November 2023 Secretary's Page of the *AKC Gazette*.

Delegate Bylaws Committee

Recommendation to require a Fee to File a Complaint

The Delegate Bylaws Committee voted unanimously to send a memo to the Board, which asks the Board to consider requiring a \$50 fee to file a complaint at an AKC event. They concluded that requiring a small fee to file a complaint might deter the most frivolous complaints. They also suggest that AKC judges and show committee members be exempt from this fee.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

2024 and 2025 Delegate and Board Meetings

The Board reviewed the 2024 Board

meeting dates, which were approved in October of 2022, and the proposed Board and Delegate meeting dates for 2025.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

Danish-Swedish Farmdog Eligibility to Compete in the Working Group

The Board reviewed a petition from the Danish-Swedish Farmdog Club of America, which is seeking acceptance into the AKC Stud Book for the Danish-Swedish Farmdog so that it may be registerable and eligible to compete in the Working Group.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

Perro de Presa Canario Name Change

The Presa Canario Club of America has requested that the breed's name be officially changed to Presa Canario, as opposed to Perro de Presa Canario, to be consistent with the country of origin.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

AKC Education Quarter 3 Review

Online Education

Breed-Specific and Breeder Courses and Exams

A total of 65 breed-specific courses and 27 breeder courses, webinars, and exams are now available on Canine College. In Q3, one course was completed and launched, four courses are under final Parent Club review, and five breed courses are under development.

Breed-Specific Courses Launched in Q3

- o Pembroke Welsh Corgi

Breed-Specific Courses Updated in Q3

- o Dachshund
- o English Cocker Spaniel

Breed-Specific Courses under Parent Club

Committee Review

- o Manchester Terrier
- o French Bulldog
- o Beagle
- o German Shorthaired Pointer

Breed-Specific Courses in Development

- o Alaskan Malamute
- o Beauceron
- o Biewer Terrier
- o Borzoi
- o Bracco Italiano

Breed-Specific Course in Queue

- o Lancashire Heeler
- o Leonberger

Public Education

Major Work in Q3

- Releasing “AKC Read with Bailey” Videos
- Processed New AKC Canine Ambassador Members
- Hosted Art Contest at AKC Meet the Breeds® - Chicago
- Hosted Information Booth at AKC Meet the Breeds® - Chicago
- Preparing for AKC Meet the Breeds® - Columbus
- Updated AKC PupPals Program
- New Issues of AKC Kids News and AKC Canine Corner

New “AKC Read with Bailey” Videos Released

During Q3, three new “AKC Read with Bailey” videos were released, each celebrating a different holiday (French Heritage Month, National Dog Month, and Hispanic Heritage Month). Related resources were also provided. The videos reached a total audience of over 1,300.

AKC Canine Corner & AKC Kids News Newsletters

During Q3 we released three new issues of the AKC Canine Corner Newsletter and made visual updates. Additionally, a new issue of AKC Kids News was released with information about Pee Wee events.

AKC Education Webinar Series

In Quarter 3 of 2023, AKC Education hosted four webinars for 2,230 participants, bringing the total number of participants to 60,665 since March 2020.

The following webinars were offered in Quarter 3 of 2023:

- Managing Your Litters in AKC Breeder Toolkit
- Club Development Presents: Using Technology to Teach 'Old Dogs' New Tricks!
- Review & FAQs on Conformation Judging Procedures, Policies & Guidelines
- Judges Education Webinar: Sloughi

AKC Breeder Education

A presentation was given on the new AKC Breeder Education course called Breeding Fundamentals. The course content was Streamlined from 7 courses into 1 course. This new format will:

- Increase participation with badges and a leaderboard.
- Foster peer engagement and new connections.
- Better track learner progress.
- Drive actionable marketing messages.

A digital badge is now available for every module the learner finishes.

The following content has been moved from Canine College to AKC.org and is available on a Complimentary basis:

- The revised, original breeder education courses
 - Dog Breeding and Health Articles
 - Breeder Webinars
 - AKC Breeder Newsletters
 - AKC's Guide to Responsible Dog Ownership
 - AKC Breeder to Breeder Presentations

Government Relations (GR) Monthly Update:

Sheila Goffe highlighted numerous active priority legislation and administrative regulations in Congress and in State Legislation as of September 14, 2023.

She noted that additional information is available on the AKC legislative action center microsite: <https://www.akcgr.org>.

COMPLIANCE

Bri Tesarz, Director of Compliance and Jessica Lopez, Compliance Specialist, participated in this meeting portion via video conference.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to

discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

MARKETING

Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President of Marketing, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Jacqueline Taylor, Director of Marketing and Dylan Gibbons, Brand Marketing Associate, participated in this portion of the meeting.

There was a presentation on Sports & Events Marketing initiatives through September 2023.

The focus was on entry-level activities for dog owners, including the AKC Canine Good Citizen test, AKC FIT DOG, Fast CAT®, Scent Work and AKC Trick Dog. There was also a campaign to promote multiple sports that new dog owners could attend as spectators. It was noted that the majority of CGC titleholders typically achieved their first title through CGC. Among these initial titleholders, 42% later earned additional AKC Titles.

A nurturing Sports and Events email series was highlighted, which targeted new dog registrants to foster engagement, education, and enthusiasm in AKC Sports & Events.

There was also an initiative to increase the

number of Parent Clubs and local specialty clubs participating in the Pupdate Newsletter. This program helps establish AKC Clubs as a lifelong resource for new puppy owners. Currently, there are over 100 clubs participating; over 20 have joined this year.

CLUBS

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, of Sports & Events; Glenn Lycan, Director of Event Operations Support; and Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Exploring Options for Existing Local Specialty Club Territories

The American Kennel Club expands existing club territories upon written request. The basis for warranting these territory expansions includes household membership shifting over time, event site issues, and the proximity of local specialty clubs of the same breed. Only newly accredited local specialty clubs are eligible for statewide and multi-state territories to help newly forming clubs meet AKC's minimum household requirements. The Board reviewed a recommendation to permit existing clubs to expand their territories in the same manner as newly accredited local specialty clubs, provided certain parameters are met.

Staff is recommending expanding territories for existing local specialty clubs with the following parameters:

1. Club membership changes and/or event site changes warrant the need for an expansion.
2. Expansion may include statewide or communities in multiple states if necessary to meet the minimum of 12 local households required for local specialty clubs, as long as it does not infringe on another local specialty club's territory.
3. As with all territory expansion requests, AKC reserves the right to adjust club territories by reducing a territory should the breed become more popular in the future and another club in the area is justified.
4. All other policies and standard practices will remain unchanged.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

REPORT ON MEMBER CLUB BYLAWS APPROVED IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Chicago Collie Club, Chicago, IL (1914)
Dachshund Club of America (1895)
Irish Terrier Club of America (1897)
Lowchen Club of America (2018)
Mensona Kennel Club, Santa Rosa, CA, (1973)

REPORT ON NEWLY LICENSED CLUB APPROVED IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Cane Corso Club of the Pacific Northwest, greater Enumclaw, WA (including communities north to Sedro-Wooley, south to Vancouver and east to Yakima), 26 total households, 13 local.

Central Florida Dogo Argentino Club, greater Lakeland, FL (including communities north to Ormond, northwest to Cedar Key, southeast to Pierce, southwest to Bradenton), 29 total households, 18 local.

Irish Wolfhound Association of the Carolinas, greater Asheboro, NC (including all communities in both North and South Carolina, south to southern Virginia communities of Danville, Suffolk, Newport News and Norfolk), 22 total households, 17 local.

Piedmont Bernese Mountain Dog Club of South Carolina, greater Greenville, NC (including communities south to Anderson, east to Rock Hill and north to the North Carolina state line), 20 total households, 14 local.

Rocky Mountain Saint Bernard Club, greater Colorado Springs, CO (including communities north to Cheyenne, WY, southeast to Strasburg, CO, and west to

Buena Vista, CO), 35 total households, 12 local.

Swan Lake Retriever Club, Marceline, MO (including towns of Brookfield, Sumner, Rothville, Mendon Salisbury), 22 total households, 13 local.

CONFORMATION

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

Sweepstakes Age Limit

Currently, The *AKC Show Manual* restricts sweepstakes to dogs less than 18 months old. The Staff recommends updating the guideline to allow dogs less than 24 months old to compete in sweepstakes.

Following a motion from Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to update the *AKC Show Manual*.

Sweepstakes or Futurity Classes

A specialty club that has been approved by the AKC to hold sweepstakes and futurities may hold these events in conjunction

with its event or with an All-Breed event. The following conditions must be met:

- An application is submitted by the specialty club.
- Entries for sweepstakes or futurity are only accepted for dogs that are at least six months of age.
- Sweepstakes entries are for dogs up to 24 months of age.
- The class divisions are specified in the premium list. Age divisions are determined by the specialty club. Classes must be divided by sex.
- All other qualifications for the dogs and handlers may be set by the specialty club and must be stated in the premium list.
- The club may retain for expenses up to 50% of the sweepstakes entry fees collected. The club should only retain enough of the entry fee to cover the expenses of the competition.

Clubs have the flexibility to determine certain aspects of the sweepstakes competition. The following criteria may be adjusted by the club: age (up to 24 months), Dog (titled or not), Handler (professional or not). These items must be clearly defined in the premium list.

Catalogs - Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Chapter 12, Sections 1 & 4

Pursuant to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*

("Rules"), Chapter 12, Section 1 and Chapter 12, Section 4, dog show catalogs must publish the names and addresses of the owners for all dogs entered. The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to modify the Rules removing the requirement to publish the owner's complete address and replacing it with the publication of the name, city, state, and email (if provided) of the owners for all dogs entered.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Staff recommendations.

These changes will be read at the December 2023 Delegate Meeting to be voted on at the March 2024 Delegate Meeting.

Judging Programs for Multi-Day Events

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to establish Board Policy to require judging programs for single shows with multiple days of judging to include the day or date and time for which transfers to Best of Breed/Variety must be completed.

There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Powers to consider the matter at the meeting waiving the normal notice procedures. This motion was unanimously passed.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the staff recommendation effective January 1, 2024.

Conflict Distance National Specialty

The current Show Conflict Distance Policy imposes a 500-mile limit on local specialty clubs when participating with the National Specialty. However, the Parent Clubs Committee has proposed the elimination of this limit. The Staff supports the Parent Clubs Committee's request to remove the 500-mile restriction.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

The Board adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, October 10, at 8:30 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office. The Executive Secretary was also present.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Tim Thomas, Vice President of Conformation, and Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events participated in this portion of the meeting.

Conformation Judges Assignment Conflict Policy

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to modify the Board Policy, which defines the minimum time and distance between assignments to judge the regular classes for the same breed, group, or Best in Show at AKC Conformation Dog Shows. Under current policy, Conformation Judges may not be approved to judge the regular classes for the same breed, group, or Best in Show at AKC Conformation events held within 30

days and 200 miles. Staff recommends the policy be modified to events held within 21 days and 200 miles.

This will be discussed further at the November Board meeting.

Conformation Judging Statistics

Judging Operations provided statistics related to Conformation judging applications considered by the Department in the preceding three months. Following are the statistics for New Breed (NB) and Additional Breed (AB) judges whose

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2023 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS**

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	1	0	1	0	0	0	13	10	0
February	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
March	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
April	10	10	0	0	0	0	17	17	0
May	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
June	8	7	0	1	0	0	43	40	0
July	8	8	0	0	0	0	9	9	0
August	8	7	0	1	0	0	15	14	0
September	10	9	0	1	0	0	24	23	0
NB TOTAL	56	52	1	3	0	0	132	124	0

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2023 ADDITIONAL BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS**

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Wthdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
January	22	21	1	0	0	0	134	131	0
February	39	38	0	1	0	0	183	180	0
March	21	20	1	0	0	0	120	117	0
April	57	55	1	1	0	1	342	332	0
May	41	40	1	0	0	0	215	211	0
June	20	20	0	0	0	0	76	76	0
July	30	27	2	1	0	0	122	115	0
August	19	19	0	0	0	0	90	90	0
September	27	23	4	0	0	0	134	128	0
AB TOTAL	277	263	10	3	0	1	1416	1380	0

FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY 2023 YEAR-TO-DATE

	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully Appr.	Limited	Denied	Withdrn	Held	Req.	Appr.	Pend.
NB	56	52	1	3	0	0	132	124	0
AB	277	263	10	3	0	1	1416	1380	0
TOTAL	333	315	11	6	0	1	1548	1504	0

applications were presented for final approval in the months of July through September 2023.

COMPANION and PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events; Diane Schultz, Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking; and Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

\$3.50 Recording/Service Fee for all Entries

The Board reviewed a recommendation to adopt a consistent recording/service fee of \$3.50 per entry across all sports. Currently, all Performance Events are \$3.50 per entry, while Conformation and Companion Events are \$3.50 for the first entry and \$3.00 for all subsequent entries of a dog at the same event.

The change would result in consistency across all sports. Since July 1, 2013, all Performance Events have had a \$3.50 fee for every entry of a dog in the event.

If the \$3.50 fee implemented in 2008 for Conformation was adjusted for inflation, it would be \$4.76 today.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the recommendation effective January 1, 2024.

Parent Club Request for Three-Quarter Jump Heights in Obedience – Australian Terrier and Old English Sheepdog

The Australian Terrier Club of America (ATCA) and the Old English Sheepdog Club of America (OESDCA) have submitted documentation to support their request to have the jump height requirement in obedience for their breed to be lowered to three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers.

In the Obedience regular classes with jumps (Open and Utility), the minimum required jump height is the height of the dog at the withers. However, based on each breed's structure and the impact

jumping has on the dog's body, Parent Clubs can request to have their breed approved to jump three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers.

Australian Terrier – Under current regulations, the breed's regular jump height is 10-12 inches; with the requested change, they will be allowed to jump 7-9 inches. The request is consistent with previously approved breeds with a similar height/length/weight ratio of the Australian Terrier.

Old English Sheepdog – Under current regulations, the breed's regular jump height is 22 inches and up; with the requested change, they will be allowed to jump 16 inches and up, depending on the height of the dog. The breed is thickset and heavy-boned. The request is consistent with previously approved breeds that are heavy in bone and have a thickset body.

There was a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Smyth to consider the matter at the meeting waiving the normal notice procedures. This motion was unanimously passed.

There was a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, and the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the requests of the ATCA and the OESDCA to have the jump height requirement in Obedience for their breed to be lowered to

three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers. This change will become effective January 1, 2024.

Lancashire Heeler – Eligibility for Earthdog Tests

The Board reviewed a recommendation to approve the request from the United States Lancashire Heeler Club (USLHC) to allow their breed to be eligible to participate in Earthdog Tests. It has been documented the breed was used and developed to be a successful ratter by local farmers. They helped farmers hunt vermin and control rat populations in rural areas.

CONSENT

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent items:

Delegates and Approved

Cameron R. Capozzi

To represent Queensboro Kennel Club

Heidi Kilgore

To represent Evansville Kennel Club

Teresa Nash

To represent American Belgian Tervuren Club

Helen Norton
To represent Greater Fredericksburg
Kennel Club

Dr. LeeAnn Podruch
To represent Silky Terrier Club of America

Renee Lynn Popkey
To represent Pasco Florida Kennel Club

Sandra Schumacher
To represent Papillon Club of America

Elizabeth Szymanski
To represent Wallkill Kennel Club

Member Club Approved

Barbet Club of America
155 Total Households
1st Licensed Show: November 18, 2021
Bylaws: Acceptable
Recommendation: Approve – Published in
August 2023 and September 2023 *AKC
Gazettes*.

Junior Showmanship Regulations - Junior Showmanship Judging Guidelines

The Board VOTED to approve a Staff recommendation to revise the *Junior Showmanship Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations, Guidelines for Judging Juniors in Conformation, Juniors in Performance Event Regulations* to clarify and specifically state that dogs with breed

disqualifications may be shown in Junior Showmanship competition.

German Spitz Club of America – Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous

The Board VOTED to approve the request from the German Spitz Club of America to move the German Spitz into the Miscellaneous Class effective June 26, 2024.

Sussex Spaniel

The Board VOTED to approve the proposed revision to the Tail Section of the breed standard with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

Revision to the Tail Section:
Tail-The tail is set low. When gaiting, the Sussex Spaniel exhibits nice tail action, but does not carry the tail above the level of the back. The tail may be docked or undocked. If docked, the tail is 5 to 7 inches long.

Catalog Class Order – Obedience

The Board VOTED to approve a Staff recommendation to modify Chapter 1, Section 3 of the *Obedience Regulations* to state that the Regular and Preferred Open and Utility class entries may be listed together in the catalog, the same as they are in the judging program and judge's book.

Awarding a Fifth Placement – Beagle Field Trials

The Board VOTED to amend *AKC Beagle Field Trial Rules* to allow judges to award a fifth placement rather than an NBQ designation for the next best-qualified hound per class in Beagle field trials except for brace trials. This placement would award 1/5 of a champion point for each starter (minimum six required), which would be applied towards a Field Champion title. The Beagle Advisory Committee voted unanimously for this change.

This is a change to the *AKC Beagle Field Trial Rules*, it will be read at the December 2023 Delegate Meeting to be voted on at the March 2024 Delegate Meeting. If approved, this would become effective May 1, 2024.

Remove 30 Day Restriction – Beagle Field Trials

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to amend *AKC Beagle Field Trial Rules* Chapter 3, Section 3 to remove a 30-day waiting period that restricts a Beagle Field Trial Club from holding its second trial in the same year.

Previously, Beagle Field Trial Clubs could hold a maximum of two trials per year and were required to space trials out a minimum of 30 days. The 30-day restriction

has been in the regulations for over 20 years and was originally intended to spread trials throughout the calendar.

This will be read at the December 2023 Delegate Meeting to be voted on at the March 2024 Delegate Meeting. If approved, this would become effective April 1, 2024.

Parent Club Beagle Hunt Test Titles – Title Recognition

The Board reviewed a request from the National Beagle Club of America to offer two Beagle Hunting Test titles. The National Beagle Club of America has taken the initiative to develop a Beagle Hunt Test Program in hopes of encouraging more beagle owners to work with their Beagles in the field. The Parent Club recognizes there has been no dual champion Beagles in over 20 years.

The Parent Club is requesting AKC recognize two titles under the Parent Club Title Recognition Program – 1) Hunting Beagle Novice (HBN) and 2) Hunting Beagle Advanced (HBA). A Hunt Test evaluates a dog's abilities against a standard of performance. It is a pass/fail event, there are no placements.

The Board VOTED to approve this request. This will become effective December 1, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

4-6 Month Puppy Class

There was discussion of the 4-6 month puppy class and the Board asked Staff to consider means to enhance the program.

Recording of Colors on Registrations

The Board asked Staff to review the registration process with respect to how standard and nonstandard colors are recorded and to make recommendations.

It was VOTED to adjourn on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 10:45 a.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest: _____

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary