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### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**, beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m. There will not be a Delegate Forum.

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## NOTICE

### REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of fine imposed on  
Superintendents for failure to distribute  
ribbons within 60 days Rules Applying to  
Dog Shows, Chapter 5, Section 12.  
Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC .....\$700

Notification of fine imposed on a club  
for late submission of event records,  
Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 17,  
Section 2.  
Mohawk River Obedience Training Club ...  
.....\$100

Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America.....  
.....\$150

Notification of fines imposed on  
Performance Clubs for late submission of  
results Coursing Ability Test (CAT) and Fast  
CAT Regulations, Chapter 2.

Beaver County Kennel Club.....\$135  
Three Rivers Shetland Sheepdog Club of  
Greater Pittsburgh .....\$50  
Jaxon Kennel Club .....\$50

Notification of fines imposed on  
Performance Clubs for late submission  
of results Field Trial Rules and Standard  
Procedure for Pointing Breeds, Chapter 13,  
Section 3.  
Sahuaro Brittany Club .....\$100

Notification of fines imposed on  
Performance Clubs for late submission of  
Results Regulations & Guidelines for AKC  
Hunting Tests for Retrievers, Chapter 1,  
Section 21.

Long Island Retriever Field Trial Club  
.....\$50  
Port Arthor Retriever Club .....\$50

Notification of fines imposed on  
Performance Clubs for late submission of  
results Regulations & Guidelines for AKC  
Hunting Tests for Spaniels, Chapter 1,  
Section 18.



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Clumber Spaniel Club of America, Inc. ....  
.....\$50

Notification of fines imposed on Performance Clubs for late submission of results *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Beagle Field Trials*, Chapter 8, Section 6.

Mohawk Beagle Club.....\$100

Notification of fines imposed on Performance Clubs for late submission of results *AKC Herding Regulations, Farm Dog Certified (FDC) Test Regulations*, Chapter 1, Section 17.

Savannah Kennel Club .....\$100

Southern California Bouvier des Flandres Club .....\$50

FDC Judge Leah Gross .....\$50

## NOTICE

Ms. Tiffany Elliott (Cody, WY). Action was taken by the Arapahoe Kennel Club for conduct at its September 20, 2024 event. Ms. Elliott was charged with neglect at or in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty as a three-month suspension of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$500 fine, effective December 15, 2024. (Golden Retrievers, Miniature Schnauzers)

## NOTICE

Ms. Lola McDermott (Rio, WI). Action was taken by the Oshkosh Kennel Club for conduct at its October 6, 2024 event. Ms. McDermott was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee’s report and set the penalty as a three-month event suspension and imposed a \$500 fine, effective December 1, 2024. (Multiple Breeds)

## NOTICE

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Jeb Johnson (Santa Ysabel, CA) for a lifetime of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$10,000 fine, for violating AKC’s *Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment* policy, effective September 10, 2024. Mr. Johnson appealed this decision to the Board Appeals Committee who denied the appeal. (Labrador Retrievers)

## NOTICE

The AKC Board of Directors has suspended Ms. Ann DiSilvestre (Fort Mill, SC) from all AKC privileges for one year and imposed a \$1,000 fine for harassment, written or verbal, effective December 28, 2024. (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers)

## NOTICE

On October 30, 2024, the Trial Board (Vincent Indeglia, Esq., Chair, Dr. Klaus Anselm, Medora Harper) of The American Kennel Club heard charges against Ms. Tina Harbert (Spring Arbor, MI) for violating AKC's *Personal Conduct Policy*. The Trial Board sustained the charges and suspended Ms. Harbert from all AKC privileges for a lifetime, imposed a \$10,000 fine, prohibited him from being on the grounds of AKC events, and can administratively remove his name of registrations, effective January 13, 2025. (Multiple Breeds)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Debra Hildenbrand (Pulaski, TN) for five-years from all AKC privileges and imposed a \$5,000 fine, for non-compliance with AKC's *Care and Conditions Policy* (unacceptable conditions, dogs, and/or facility), effective January 14, 2025. (German Shepherd Dogs)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee suspended the following individuals for a lifetime of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$10,000 fine, for violating AKC's *Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment* policy:

Effective January 14, 2025:  
Mr. Campbell Bee (Saint Charles & Macomb, MO) Multiple Breeds  
Ms. Andre Damrill (Noel, MO) Multiple Breeds  
Ms. Debra Gray (Racine, WI) Boston Terriers

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended the following individuals for one year 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) as well as AKC's record keeping and dog identification requirements:

Effective January 14, 2025:  
Ms. Tammy Dixon (Pittsgrove, NJ) Multiple Breeds  
Mr. Timothy Dixon (Pittsgrove, NJ) Multiple Breeds  
Ms. Angela Kostron (Springfield, MO) Labrador Retrievers, Shih Tzus, Bulldogs

## 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 January 14, 2025:

Ms. Rhanell Eccles (Graham, WA)

Labrador Retrievers

Ms. Maria Garcia (Houston, TX)

Bulldogs, French Bulldogs

Ms. Sinai Elizabeth Payan (San

Diego, CA) Bulldogs, French

Bulldogs

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 11, SECTION 8-A**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 11, Section 8-A** of the *Rules Applying to Dogs Shows*, proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee and endorsed by the Companion Events, Field Trial and Hunting Test Events, and Herding, Earthdog, Coursing and Scent Work Events Committees. This will be voted on at the March 11, 2025 Delegate Meeting.

## **CHAPTER 11 DOG SHOW ENTRIES, CONDITIONS OF DOGS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY SECTION 8-A.**

A Any dog that ~~in the opinion of the~~ judge determines menaces or threatens or exhibits any sign that it may not be safely

approached by the judge or examined by the judge in the normal manner shall be excused from the ring. When the judge excuses the dog, he/she shall mark the dog “Excused,” stating the reason in the judge’s book. A dog so excused shall not be counted as having competed. A dog recorded as “Excused for threatening or menacing” by a judge on three occasions ~~will~~ shall be administratively disqualified by ~~the~~ The American Kennel Club.

~~A~~ Any dog that ~~in the opinion of the~~ judge ~~attacks~~ determines ~~attacked~~ any person in the ring shall be disqualified. When the judge disqualifies the dog, he/she shall mark the dog “Disqualified,” stating the reason in the judge’s book.

~~When a dog has been disqualified under this Section, any awards at that show shall be canceled by The American Kennel Club, and the dog may not again compete unless and until, following application by the owner to The American Kennel Club, the owner has received official notification from The American Kennel Club that the dog’s show eligibility has been reinstated.~~

Any dog, ~~that in the opinion of the Event Committee~~ ~~attacks~~ determines ~~attacked~~ a person or dog at an AKC event resulting in an injury and is ~~believed by that Event Committee to present~~ a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, and a report of the findings shall be

filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club.

Any dog the Event Committee determines attacked a person or dog at an AKC event and presents a hazard to persons or other dogs, but no injury resulted, may not be disqualified, but a report of the findings shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of The American Kennel Club. Such reports are subject to review by The American Kennel Club. A dog receiving these reports by an Event Committee on three occasions shall be administratively disqualified by The American Kennel Club.

The disqualified dog When a dog has been disqualified under this Section by a judge or the Event Committee, any awards at that show shall be canceled by The American Kennel Club. A dog disqualified under this section by a judge, the Event Committee, or administratively by The American Kennel Club may not again compete at any AKC event nor be on the grounds of an AKC event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the The American Kennel Club, the owner receives official notification in writing from the AKC that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.

Upon approval corresponding revisions will be made to the following Performance Events rulebooks:

- *Basset Hound Field Trial Rules – Chap-*

*ter 7, Section 14*

- *Beagle Field Trial Rules for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option – Chapter 7, Section 14*
- *Beagle Field Trial Rules for Large Pack Field Trials – Chapter 7, Section 14*
- *Dachshund Field Trial Rules – Chapter 7, Section 14*
- *Pointing Breed Field Trial Rules – Chapter 8, Section 13*
- *Retriever Field Trial Rules – Chapter 6, Section 5*
- *Spaniel Field Trial Rules – Chapter 10*

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 11, SECTION 8 AND CHAPTER 6, SECTION 2**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendments to **Chapter 11, Section 8 and Chapter 6, Section 2**, of the *Rules Applying to Dogs Shows*, proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the March 11, 2025 Delegate Meeting.

## **CHAPTER 11 DOG SHOW ENTRIES, CONDITIONS OF DOGS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY SECTION 8.**

A dog which is blind, deaf, castrated, spayed, or which has been changed in appearance by artificial means except as specified in the standard for its breed, or

a male which does not have two normal testicles normally located in the scrotum, may not compete at any show and will be disqualified except that a castrated male may be entered as Stud Dog in the Stud Dog Class and a spayed bitch may be entered as Brood Bitch in the Brood Bitch Class. A dog will not be considered to have been changed by artificial means because of removal of dewclaws or docking of tail if it is of a breed in which such removal or docking is a regularly approved practice which is not contrary to the standard. Neutered dogs and spayed bitches would be allowed to compete in Brace, Team, Veterans, and all other single entry non-regular classes only at independent specialties and/or those all-breed shows which do not offer any competitive classes beyond Best of Breed.

*The remainder of this section is unchanged.*

## CHAPTER 6 PREMIUM LISTS AND CLOSING OF ENTRIES SECTION 2.

*Previous portions of this section are unchanged.*

- the name and address of the superintendent and/or show secretary who has been approved by The American Kennel Club
- the entry fee(s)
- whether the show is benched or

unbenched

- the exact location of the show
- the date or dates on which it is to be held
- the times of opening and closing of the show

Notification must be printed in the Premium List only if the club is not offering the three-point major to the Reserve Winners at the National Specialty.

Notification must be printed in the Premium List for independent specialties and/or all-breed shows which do not offer any competitive classes beyond Best of Breed only if neutered dogs and spayed bitches are allowed to compete in Brace, Team, Veterans and/or any other single entry non-regular classes.

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

## CONFORMATION JUDGES

Letters concerning judges and provisional judges should be addressed to the Judging Operations Department at PO Box 900062, Raleigh, NC 27675-9062. Letters concerning Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants should be addressed to the Companion

Events Department in North Carolina.

The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their judging qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge or judge applicant.

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges' record, the web site and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations by email at [judgingops@akc.org](mailto:judgingops@akc.org).

## APPLICANTS

The following persons applications have been submitted for the breed(s) specified ***but they are NOT eligible to accept assignments.***

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ture Schnauzers, Norfolk Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Rat Terriers, Russell Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Skye Terriers, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Welsh Terriers, West Highland White Terriers)

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Greyhounds, Maltese, Pomeranians,

Poodles, Pugs

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The following person applications has been accepted for the breed(s) specified under the Adjunct System **but they are NOT eligible to accept assignments.**

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JS

**Ms. Kimarie Wolf (116854) OR**

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**PERMIT JUDGES**

The following persons have been approved on a **Permit** basis for the designated breeds in accordance with the current judging approval process. **They may now accept assignments** and the fancy may still offer comments to Judging Operations.

**NEW BREED PERMIT JUDGES**

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Great Danes, JS

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Bulldogs

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Affenpinschers, Biewer Terriers, Brussels  
Griffons, Chihuahuas, Miniature Pin-  
schers, Russian Toys

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Terriers, Irish Terriers, Kerry Blue Terriers,  
Miniature Bull Terriers, Norfolk Terriers,  
Parson Russell Terriers, Sealyham Terriers,  
West Highland White Terriers

### Mrs. Chris Ann Moore (108927) AR

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Giant Schnauzers, Great Pyrenees

### Mrs. Dayl Phillip (103551) MO

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Bouvier des Flandres

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French Bulldogs

## JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP PERMIT JUDGES

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### Mrs. Kellene Ruffoni (116659) CA

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## BEST IN SHOW

The following persons, having success-  
fully completed **the required Group  
Assignments in the first Variety  
Group for which they were** approved,  
have been added to the list of judges eligi-  
ble for approval to judge Best In Show.

### Mrs. Pat M. Jenkins (99451) UT

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### Mrs. Charlene Rutar (94495) IN

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## REINSTATED JUDGE

The Judging eligibility of the following person has been reinstated.

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**NV**

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## CONFORMATION JUDGE: RESIGNED BREED OR JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

The judge below has notified AKC to resign their privileges for the following:

**Ms. Collen Stone**

Junior Showmanship

## RESIGNED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Ms. Dyane Baldwin

Mrs. Doris A. Farrell

Ms. Barbara (Stogel) Parker

Mrs. Rachal McKee Sager

## EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGES

Mr. Peter Gaeta

Dr. Svlvia J. Kerr

Mr. Michael Madl

Mrs. Janet Turnage Nahikian

Ms. Sherrill C. Snyder

Mrs. Myra S. Wallis

## DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES

Ms. Nancy Christensen

Mrs. Sharon Lyons

Ms. Madeline Miller

Mr. Jeffrey G. Pepper

Ms. Kathy Ann Ryan

Mrs. Jeanine Sudinski

## REGULAR STATUS APPROVED

### OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES

The following persons have completed their Provisional Judging assignments, and their names have been added to the list of **regular approved** judges for the class indicated.

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Obedience – Novice



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Obedience – Open

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Obedience – Utility

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Tracking – TD/TDU

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Tracking – TD/TDU

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Tracking – TDX

**NEW PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/  
TRACKING JUDGES**

The following persons have been approved as a judge on a **Provisional** basis for the class/test indicated in accordance with the Provisional judging system. **They may now accept assignments.**

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Tracking - VST

**EMERITUS OBEDIENCE/ RALLY/  
TRACKING JUDGES**

**Phyllis Broderick (NJ)**

Obedience/ Rally

**Kathy Griner (GA)**

Obedience

**James Thomson (NV)**

Obedience & Rally

**Sally Hensen (FL)**

Rally

**Lynn Kalinoski (OH)**

Obedience & Rally

**Betty Ribble (CA)**

Rally

**Sally Diess (OR)**

Tracking

**Terri Everwine (NC)**

Tracking

**Walter O'Brien (IL)**

Tracking

**Jeanene Tessari (KY)**

Tracking

**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. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary:

ABREISEN- Poodles – Colleen Wilson

ABSOLUTELY- Bichon Frise- Sheri

Kennedy & Tasheena Housman

BELLA FLEUR- Cavalier King Charles

Spaniels- Carol Lynn Johnson

CLOVER CREEK- Australian

Shepherds- Jacqueline M. Orlando

CROSS L's- Miniature American

Shepherds- LeeAnna D. Moore

ENCORE'S- Pomeranians- Smantha R.

Aimar

ETERNITY- Labrador Retrievers- Amy

E. Peterson

JUBELAND- Nederlandse

Kooikerhondje-Sharon L. Heimenz

LIBERTYDACHS- Dachshunds- Kristen Morris

NANTICOKE- Labrador Retrievers- Vance E. Price Jr.

NOVGOROD - Borzoi- Lyn S. Hoflin

OCEAN'S HORIZON- Dandie Dinmont Terriers- Michael P. Radzinski & Teresa A. Radzinski

POSH- Poodles & Chinese Cresteds- Alexis S. Helsley

ROSEMARY'S – Golden Retrievers – Hannah E Crews

SINCERELY – Brittanys – Kassandra M Pickel

SUMMITS- Golden Retrievers- Beth M. Johnson

WANDERLUST-Poodles- Misty S. Frye

**REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED**

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

AVIATOR'S-Dachshunds- Cathie Davie

DELLAROSA- Italian Greyhounds- Mary Franco

FARMORE- Boxer- Amber M. Gates

LOLALAND- Poodles- Polina Kuklina

PROVIDENCE FARM- Pembroke Welsh Corgis



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AKC OFFICES AT 101 PARK AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NY  
JANUARY 13-14, 2025**

The Board convened on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 8:32 a.m. Eastern Time.

All Directors were present in the New York office, as were the Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Chief Financial Officer.

### **November Minutes**

Copies of the November 11-12, 2024, Board Meeting minutes had previously been provided to all Directors for review. Upon a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED to approve the November 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

### **President's Update**

Mr. Sprung reported that registration declines continue to affect the corporation's profitability.

We ended 2024 with litters down 9% and individual dogs down 15% to budget. This

dilemma is universal, and the pet world has defined it as the "COVID Bump." This is not an excuse but a fact, and it is being addressed across departments to counter the decline, which we believe will be with us until 2026.

Conversely, Sports and Events are still prospering. In 2024, results through mid-December highlight year-over-year increases in events by 11% and entries up 2%. Gains are more significant in Fast CAT® and Scent Work, each with a 25,000+ increase. Rally and Agility are both up more than 12,000 entries, and our newest sport, Fetch, is up 20,000 entries.

Our 28 different sports offer something for everyone, and the Staff is actively finalizing due diligence as we explore new and exciting ways to expand upon this. Once again, the number of clubs continues to grow. This challenging year follows 12 very strong ones, each with positive net operating results.

AKC is determined to use our talented in-house resources to enhance existing programs and develop new opportunities in various areas, including government relations, education for different audiences, public relations, televised events, media, communications, and branding.

We remain creative, flexible, and willing to pivot when necessary.

## **Legal Update**

Heather McManus, VP & General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of December 2024.

## **Revision and Establishment of AKC Board Committee Charters**

Heather McManus, VP & General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting.

Simpson Thacher, AKC's long-term not-for-profit counsel, recommended the establishment of Committee Charters for each AKC Board Committee and the establishment of administrative procedures. The AKC Board has six (6) Committees: 1) Audit; 2) Finance; 3) Retirement Plans; 4) Investment; 5) Compensation; and 6) Appeal. The only Board Committee that currently has a Committee Charter is the Audit Committee. Prior to the meeting, each committee reviewed its charter and made recommendations for changes.

AKC Board Audit Committee Charter  
Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, sec-

onded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Charter of the American Kennel Club Audit Committee.

AKC Board Finance Committee Charter  
Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Charter of the American Kennel Club Finance Committee.

AKC Board Retirement Plans Committee Charter  
Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Charter of the American Kennel Club Retirement Plans Committee.

AKC Board Compensation Committee Charter  
There was a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Knight, not to approve the Charter of the American Kennel Club Compensation Committee. The Board VOTED not to approve the Charter. (Ms. Biddle and Mr. Sweetwood abstained).

AKC Board Appeals Committee Charter  
Following a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Ms. Biddle, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Charter

of the American Kennel Club Appeals Committee.

## AKC Board Investment Committee Charter

Following a motion by Dr. Knight, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Charter of the American Kennel Club Investment Committee.

## AKC Board Committee Charters Administrative Procedures

Following a motion by Mrs. Wallin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Administrative Procedures to the American Kennel Club Board Committee Charters.

1) Each April after the AKC Annual Meeting, the Board Chair will recommend Committee appointments to the Board in keeping with each Committee's Charter and applicable law; 2) The full Board will then vote on the recommended appointments; 3) In the timeframe specified in each Committee Charter, each Committee will review its Charter and make a determination whether or not changes need to be made; 4) If a Committee recommends changes to its Charter, those changes will be discussed with AKC's General Counsel and any change will be presented to the Board for consideration; 5) The

Retirement Plans Committee will annually receive training from ERISA counsel on its roles and responsibilities; 6) Each Committee will maintain contemporaneous minutes of its meetings – an AKC Staff member will be directed to take the minutes unless it is determined that only Committee members will be present, in which case one Board member shall be designated to take the Committee minutes; 7) Sample draft minutes will be provided; and 8) Approved Committee minutes shall be forwarded to the Executive Secretary for retention within 5 days of approval.

## Report of the Board Appeals Committee

Mr. Smyth, Chair of the Board Appeals Committee, reported on the committee's action on three matters.

## FINANCE

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, presented unaudited interim financial results as of October 31, 2024. Net Operating Income is \$778k on operating revenues of \$79.2 million. This total comprises registrations from litters and dogs, recording and event service fees, and related revenues, which total \$52.5 million; advertising, sponsorship, and royalty revenues total \$15.8 million; product and service sales total \$8.6 million. Total operating expenses are \$78.4 million.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary, participated in this portion of the meeting. Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP of Sports Services, and Sheila Goffe, VP of Government Relations, also participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Drentsche Patrijshond – Recommendation to Advance to Miscellaneous**

The Drentsche Patrijshond Club of America requests approval to move the breed into the Miscellaneous Class.

The Board of Directors approved the Drentsche Patrijshond to be eligible for recording in the Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®) program with a Sporting designation in May 2010. The Drentsche Patrijshond met the requirements of the Recognition of New Breeds Board Policy, which was approved in February 2017. Requirements include an active Parent Club with serious and expanding breeding activity over a wide geographic area and documented club activity.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **Basset Fauve de Bretagne Eligibility to Compete in the Hound Group**

The Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club of

America has submitted a petition seeking acceptance into the AKC Stud Book and for the Basset Fauve de Bretagne to be eligible to compete in the Hound Group. The Board of Directors, at the February 2023 Board Meeting, approved the Basset Fauve de Bretagne as eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class effective June 28, 2023. Per the approved policy, breeds will remain in the Miscellaneous Class for one to three years and be evaluated at the end of the first year. Staff recommends that the AKC Board of Directors approve the request and the submitted breed standard.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka's Eligibility to Compete in the Toy Group**

The Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka Club of America has submitted a petition seeking acceptance into the AKC Stud Book and for the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka to be eligible to compete in the Toy Group. The Board of Directors, at the February 2022 Board Meeting, approved the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka as eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class effective January 1, 2023. Staff recommends that the AKC Board of Directors approve the request and the submitted breed standard.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **Sloughi Stud Book**

The American Sloughi Association Club has submitted a request to keep the Sloughi Stud Book Open for the Breed. The Sloughi Stud Book is scheduled to close on January 1, 2026. Currently, AKC will accept dogs registered with the American Sloughi Association. Staff recommends that the Sloughi Stud Book remain open until January 1, 2031.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **Appointment of Trial Board**

### **Members**

Under the AKC Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 1, the AKC Board is to appoint Trial Boards and an Appeal Trial Board from time to time. The most recent appointment of Trial Board members occurred in January 2024. Before that, appointments were made in 2019, and the previous appointments occurred in June 2014. The Board identified potential candidates for the positions. The Executive Secretary will contact them to assess their interest in serving on the Trial Boards or the Appeal Trial Board.

This will be discussed further at the

February Board meeting.

## **Article VII, Section 1 AKC Bylaw Amendment**

The Delegate for the Doberman Pinscher Club of America (DPCA) has submitted a Bylaw amendment on behalf of the DPCA in accordance with Article XX, Section 1 of the of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club*. DPCA is recommending a Bylaw amendment to Article VII, Section 1 regarding term limits. The recommendation is to change the period that a Board member must remain off the Board from at least one year to at least four years, amending the third paragraph of Article VII, Section 1.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **Bylaws Committee Proposed Amendment to AKC Bylaws Article XI, Section 9**

Based on a request from the Board of Directors and with the approval of the Delegate Bylaws Committee, the Committee is proposing an amendment to Article XI, Section 9 of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club* to require the President to obtain the advice and consent of the Board of Directors prior to appointing an Executive Vice President, a Vice President, or an Assistant Vice President.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **Bylaws Committee Recommendation to Require a Fee to File a Complaint, AKC Bylaws Article XIV, Section 1**

At the September 2024 Committee meeting, the Bylaws Committee voted unanimously to ask that the Board consider a new amendment addressing the issue requiring a fee to be submitted to the club when a complaint is filed at an AKC Event. The \$50 deposit would become the club's property; if the Event Committee exercises jurisdiction over the matter, the deposit is returned to the Complainant; if the Event Committee does not entertain the complaint, the Event-giving club keeps the deposit. This is a different wording from the proposal submitted in June 2023.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **New Breed for Foundation Stock Service® – Calupoh**

The Foundation Stock Service® (FSS®) Committee recently approved a petition to accept the Calupoh into the FSS® program.

The Calupoh is more than five centuries old, was part of an offering found in the "Plaza Mayor," and was dressed in impressive gold pieces. In the excavations

of the archaeological zone of Teotihuacan, some specimens were also found in the Temple of Quetzalcoatl and the Pyramid of the Moon. In both cases, the findings were part of offerings of the Teotihuacan elite, which shows that the Calupoh was an animal with very important spiritual and social significance.

There are approximately 220 dogs in the United States that are eligible for recording with FSS®.

Federacion Canafila Mexicana recognizes the breed.

## **Parent Club Request to Retire Kennel Name Gunpowder (English Cocker Spaniel)**

The English Cocker Spaniel Club of America has requested that the kennel name "Gunpowder" be retired on behalf of its owners. "Gunpowder" was never registered; however, it was uniquely associated with Barbara McDougall since the mid-70s and has not been used since the 2020s.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to retire the "Gunpowder" kennel name for English Cocker Spaniels.

## **AKC GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Sheila Goffe, VP of Government Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

### **“Extreme” Breeding Legislation**

Government Relations recommends developing a new canine legislation policy position statement on extreme breeding legislation that iterates AKC’s commitment to responsible breeding, the unique characteristics of AKC registered breeds, cites the animal rights agenda of “extreme breeding” legislation, refutes misinformation about breed characteristics, emphasizes the importance of science and data, and emphasizes the significant value of AKC-approved breed standards as providing a blueprint for breeding healthy dogs that are free from unhealthy extremes.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **COMPANION and PERFORMANCE**

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

### **Obedience – Parent Club Request for Three Quarter Jump Height – Bouvier des Flandres**

The American Bouvier des Flandres Parent Club has submitted a request to have the regular jump height requirement in obedience lowered to three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers.

Under current regulations, the Bouvier’s regular jump height is 24-28 inches. With the requested change, they will be allowed to jump 18-22 inches. The request is consistent with other breeds previously approved to jump three-quarter heights, with a similar height/length/weight ratio, such as the Great Pyrenees, the Irish Wolfhound, and the Bassett Hound.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

### **Agility – Transferring of Points and QQs from MACH to PACH**

The Agility Staff recommends changing the Agility Regulations to allow for the transfer of accumulated points and double Qs (QQ) from the Master Agility Championship title (MACH) title track to the Preferred Agility Championship title (PACH) title track.

This is a frequent request from exhibitors

in the AKC Agility program. They have requested this change to allow for a dog that has reached an age where the lower preferred height is best for the dog or who may have recovered from an injury and is now jumping at their preferred height. The transfer of the MACH points towards a PACH title would allow the dog and handler to continue to strive for and earn their Preferred Agility Championship title.

If approved, once entered in the preferred master-level classes, the owner may, at their discretion, transfer one-time QQs and points earned towards the MACH title to those needed to earn a PACH title. Only points and QQs that have not been applied to an awarded MACH title may be transferred.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

### **Agility – Regulation Clarification for the Tire Jump**

The *Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)*, Chapter 3, Section 3, 11. Tire Jump describes the method for attaching the connecting straps to secure the tire to the frame with the provided strap or elastic band. Staff feels there is a safety concern as the strap does not break away should a dog become lodged between the tire and the tire frame,

potentially causing injury.

The recommendation is to change the definition of a connecting strap to include the wording that the connecting strap must be displaceable.

This is a change to the Regulations and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved by the Board, these changes will become effective on July 1, 2025.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

### **Agility – International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) Updates**

The Board reviewed recommended updates to the International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) Regulations to keep this class consistent with changes in international Agility. Most changes are housekeeping changes to the ISC regulations to keep them consistent with international Agility practices. The only “new” Regulation is to allow bitches in season to compete at ISC-only trials at the option of the host club. This will be done on a one-year trial basis.

These are changes to the Regulations that may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved by the Board, they will become effective May 1, 2025.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **Herding – Change to the Minimum Field Size for Course B Ducks**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to reduce the minimum field size in Herding for Course B Ducks to allow clubs with smaller open fields to hold duck trials.

Currently, the minimum field size for Course B Ducks is 200 feet by 250 feet. This is 1.15 acres.

A Herding breed club representative on the HEC Committee suggested that if the field could be reduced in size without reducing the distances of the exercises, more clubs would be able to offer duck trials. The Performance Events Department agrees. The recommendation is to reduce the minimum field size to 150 feet by 200 feet. This field is 60% of the current size. The distances for the exercises do not change. This change will allow clubs with smaller open fields to hold duck trials.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **Herding – Regulation Clarifications for Course D**

The Board reviewed recommendations to provide additional clarifications to Chapter

8, which covers Course D of the *AKC Herding Regulations*. These clarifications will give more specific information about the Herding work required for this course. These clarifications will benefit our judges when scoring each performance and allow exhibitors to gain more technical information about what will be required to earn a qualifying score. This recommendation also includes permitting cattle as livestock.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

## **CONFORMATION**

Doug Ljungren, EVP of Sports & Events; Diane Schultz, Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking; Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP of Sports Services; Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation; Glenn Lycan, Director, Event Ops Support; Mark Desrosiers, Director of Event Programs, and Ian Hennigan, Sports & Events Project Manager participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Susque-Nango Kennel Club – Fine Appeal**

The Susque-Nango Kennel Club (SNKC) has requested a review of the \$200 fine assessed by the American Kennel Club for the cancellation of its May 4, 2024, Obedience Trial.

Staff recommends that the Board modify the fine levied to the Susque-Nango Kennel Club for canceling the May 4, 2024, Obedience Trial to \$100.

Following a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mrs. Wallin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the staff recommendation to amend the fine to \$100.

### **NOHS Regional Update**

The NOHS Regional pilot program consists of eight approved events held from September 2024 to September 2025.

Three events were held, and Staff presented their results. The Board will discuss this further in May after most of the approved events have been held.

### **JUDGING OPERATIONS**

Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation, and Doug Ljungren, EVP of Sports & Events, participated in this portion of the meeting.

### **AKC Educational Requirements**

#### **Policy Update**

Staff presented a memorandum to update the Board on the progress of implementing the *AKC Educational Requirements Policy and Recommendations* adopted by the Board at its April 2024 meeting.

On April 10, 2024, notice was sent to all judges across all sports informing them of

this new requirement.

On May 1, 2024, 2295 AKC-approved Junior Showmanship Judges were notified that they must complete the Stewards of Children® course by August 1, 2024.

On August 27, 2024, notice was sent to all AKC-approved Agility, Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and Temperament Test Judges informing them of the need to complete the *Stewards of Children*® course by November 30, 2024. Staff tracked completion data across sports in the weeks leading up to the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. After the Thanksgiving Holiday, it was decided to extend the deadline to complete to January 1, 2025, due to the busy time of year between the holidays and the AKC National events in Orlando.

Per the procedures put in place, failure to complete the *Stewards of Children*® course by the completion date would result in the denial of any future assignments submitted to the AKC for approval.

The second wave of judges was scheduled to receive notification of the requirement to complete the course in January 2025. The last group will be notified in April 2025, completing the phase-in process.

The Staff has moved to secure additional seats to cover all remaining judges left to fulfill this requirement and any newly approved judges through 2025.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

## Conformation Judging Statistics

Judging Operations provides the Board with statistics related to Conformation judging applications considered by the Department during the preceding three months. The following is the list of New Breed (NB) and Additional Breed (AB) applicants whose applications were presented for final approval from October through December 2024.

| FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY<br>2024 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS |              |                |          |          |          |          |            |            |          |
|--|--------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|----------|
|  | APPLICATIONS |                |          |          |          |          | BREEDS     |            |          |
|  | Total        | Fully<br>Appr. | Limited  | Denied   | Wthdrn   | Held     | Req.       | Appr.      | Pend.    |
| January  | 4            | 4              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 17         | 17         | 0        |
| February   | 5            | 5              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 8          | 8          | 0        |
| March  | 7            | 7              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 8          | 8          | 0        |
| April  | 6            | 6              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 15         | 15         | 0        |
| May  | 4            | 4              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 6          | 6          | 0        |
| June   | 10           | 10             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 13         | 13         | 0        |
| July   | 3            | 3              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 7          | 7          | 0        |
| August   | 2            | 2              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2          | 2          | 0        |
| September  | 9            | 9              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 36         | 36         | 0        |
| October  | 2            | 2              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 5          | 5          | 0        |
| November   | 7            | 7              | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 9          | 9          | 0        |
| December   | 10           | 9              | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 29         | 28         | 0        |
| <b>NB TOTAL</b>  | <b>69</b>    | <b>68</b>      | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>155</b> | <b>154</b> | <b>0</b> |

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY  
2024 ADDITIONAL BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS**

|                  | APPLICATIONS |             |           |          |          |          | BREEDS      |             |          |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------|
|                  | Total        | Fully Appr. | Limited   | Denied   | Wthdrn   | Held     | Req.        | Appr.       | Pend.    |
| <b>January</b>   | 23           | 21          | 1         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 102         | 99          | 0        |
| <b>February</b>  | 27           | 22          | 5         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 135         | 125         | 0        |
| <b>March</b>     | 26           | 26          | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 148         | 148         | 0        |
| <b>April</b>     | 36           | 32          | 2         | 2        | 0        | 2        | 267         | 249         | 3        |
| <b>May</b>       | 36           | 31          | 0         | 4        | 1        | 0        | 132         | 111         | 0        |
| <b>June</b>      | 42           | 42          | 0         | 0        | 0        | 2        | 192         | 192         | 9        |
| <b>July</b>      | 24           | 21          | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 172         | 169         | 0        |
| <b>August</b>    | 43           | 41          | 1         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 204         | 202         | 0        |
| <b>September</b> | 23           | 23          | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 86          | 86          | 0        |
| <b>October</b>   | 49           | 49          | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 227         | 227         | 0        |
| <b>November</b>  | 28           | 26          | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 146         | 140         | 0        |
| <b>December</b>  | 33           | 32          | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 173         | 168         | 0        |
| <b>AB TOTAL</b>  | <b>390</b>   | <b>366</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1984</b> | <b>1916</b> | <b>0</b> |

**FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY  
2024 YEAR-END**

|              | APPLICATIONS |             |           |          |          |          | BREEDS      |             |          |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------|
|              | Total        | Fully Appr. | Limited   | Denied   | Wthdrn   | On Hold  | Req.        | Appr.       | Pend.    |
| <b>NB</b>    | 69           | 68          | 0         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 155         | 154         | 0        |
| <b>AB</b>    | 390          | 366         | 15        | 8        | 1        | 0        | 1984        | 1916        | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>459</b>   | <b>434</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2139</b> | <b>2070</b> | <b>0</b> |

## **CLUBS**

Doug Ljungren, EVP of Sports & Events participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting in person.

### **Report on Member Club Bylaws Approved in November and December**

American Belgian Tervuren Club of America (1980)

Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America (2010)

Barbet Club of America (2023)

Central Indiana Kennel Club, Lebanon, IN (2007)

Chaparral Kennel Club, Alamogordo, NM (1997)

Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon (1946)

Italian Greyhound Club of America (1959)

Norwich Terrier Club of America (2009)

Tibetan Terrier Club of America (1984)

Welsh Terrier Club of America (1900)

**Report on Newly Licensed Clubs  
Approved in November and  
December**

Black Creek Beagle Club of Mississippi, Moss Point, MS (including towns of Pascagoula and Lucedale, in proximity to Route 63), 22 total households, 11 local.

Central Maine Coursing Club, Waterville, ME (including communities northeast to Bangor, south to Brunswick in proximity to Interstates 95/295), 36 total households, 24 local.

Southwest Treeing Walker Coonhound Club of Arizona, Florence, AZ (including communities north to Scottsdale, west to Surprise, east to Apache Junction, south to Green Valley, including communities along Interstate 10); 20 total households, 15 local.

United States Lancashire Heeler Club, 73 total households (27 households in 13 states west of the Mississippi River; 46 households in 19 states east of the Mississippi River).

**AKC Membership Application for  
"Publication"**

Biewer Terrier Club of America

Households: 107 HH

1st Licensed Show: February 5, 2021

Bylaws: Acceptable

Recommendation: Publish in February 2025 and March 2025 issues of the AKC Gazette

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**COMPLIANCE**

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

**Approval of Annual Fees**

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

The current deposit to file a complaint pursuant to Article XII, Section 1, is \$625. The current deposit to file an Appeal to an

Appeal Trial Board is \$250. Staff requests that these deposits remain the same for 2025.

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

### **Adding a New Offense & Penalty**

The current *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* do not include any time frame regarding exposure to a communicable disease or any restriction from attending an event after a dog has had a communicable disease; only that their veterinarian's recommendations be followed. The *AKC Discipline Guidelines* do not have a penalty for an individual who knowingly brings a dog sick with a communicable disease or exposed to a communicable disease on AKC event grounds.

The Staff requests that the Board of Directors approve penalties for the offense of "Knowingly bringing a dog on event grounds within 30 days of displaying the first clinical signs of communicable disease" and "Knowingly bringing a dog on event grounds within 14 days of it being in contact with another dog displaying signs of communicable disease."

This will be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

### **Discipline Flowchart**

At their November 2024 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors requested a flowchart of how disciplinary matters proceed.

The Board asked that more detail be added and presented in February.

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

The Board recessed at 5:20 p.m.

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The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 8:33 a.m. All Directors were present in the New York office. The Executive Secretary, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Chief Financial Officer were also present.

### **CONSENT**

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Consent agenda items.

## **Delegate and Club Approvals**

Sylvia Arrowwood

To represent Clarksville Kennel Club  
Published November, December 2024

Krista Beal

To represent Labrador Retriever Club  
Published November, December 2024

Cathy Eke

To represent Chicago Bulldog Club  
Published November, December 2024

Vicki Gray

To represent Havanese Club of America  
Published November, December 2024

Marilyn Jacobs

To represent Norwich Terrier Club of  
America  
Published November, December 2024

Lawrence Letsche, DVM

To represent Detroit Kennel Club  
Published November, December 2024

Cheryl Maass

To represent Scottsdale Dog Fanciers  
Association  
Published November, December 2024

Teresa Marley

To represent Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club  
Published October, November 2024

Sylvie McGee

To represent Nisqually Kennel Club  
Published September, October 2024

Mark Walsh

To represent Del Sur Kennel Club  
Published November, December 2024

## **Approved For AKC Membership**

### **Cheyenne Kennel Club**

Focal Point: Cheyenne, Wyoming  
Households: 38 Total Households/30  
Local

1st Licensed Show: June 1, 1948

Published in November 2024 & December  
2024 AKC Gazette.

## **Mudi Proposed Breed Standard**

### **Revision**

The Board voted to approve the proposed revisions to the Mudi Breed Standard as submitted by the Mudi Club of America (MCA). In accordance with the club's Constitution and Bylaws, the MCA is approved to ballot the membership on the revisions to the standard.

## **COO Report on Strategic Planning**

Gordon Comfort, COO, presented an update on the work done on the Strategic Plan to date.

The plan will be used to allocate resources, set goals, and identify risks and opportunities.

The Board was pleased with the project. Staff will have a draft to present to the Board for discussion in February.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **AKC August 2025 Board Meeting**

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Garvin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to hold the August 2025 Board meeting at the Raleigh office.

### **Conformation Recertification Exams**

Dr. Battaglia, Chair of the Board Committee appointed to review the Conformation Recertification Exams, gave a report. Suggested changes have been made to the format of the exams and the wording of some questions. Feedback on the suggestions was provided to the Board.

This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

### **Board Show Conflict Distance Policy**

Following a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (Mr. Smyth abstaining) to approve the following Clarification to the *Show Conflict Distance Policy*.

*Clarification: It is the intent of this policy to allow clubs that successfully appeal to host their events on the approved date(s) and at the approved site/venue. However, it is not intended to allow additional clubs at the same site/venue if that results in more than two consecutive days of all-breed events.*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Sprung called an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

It was VOTED to adjourn on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 12:44 a.m. Eastern Time.

Adjourned

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary