

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, seconded 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 *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 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 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 30th 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									
2024 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS									
	APPLICATIONS						BREEDS		
	Total	Fully 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
NB TOTAL	69	68	0	1	0	0	155	154	0

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

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

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

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

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 Cub 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).

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.

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

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Krista Beal

To represent Labrador Retriever Club

Published November, December 2024

Cathy Eke

To represent Chicago Bulldog Club

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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