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## **November AKC Board Meeting**

The following is interesting parts of the meeting. The complete minutes may be viewed at: [http://www.akc.org/about/board\\_minutes.cfm](http://www.akc.org/about/board_minutes.cfm)  
Please note how the AKC Board Members vote.

**Please remember the DCA position on this issue. LLS**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Dalmatian/Pointer Backcross**

The Board discussed the issue of whether or not to consider the registration of descendents of a Dalmatian Pointer cross.

Among the material considered by the Board was information submitted by the Dalmatian Club of America, by the supporters of registering the low uric acid (LUC) dogs, and the report of the AKC Canine Health and Welfare Committee (the latter is attached to these minutes as Attachment A) This discussion was to be continued on the second day of the meeting.

### **Events and Entries Update**

Mr. Sprung reported that for the **first nine months of 2010 Events were down (1.70%) from the previous year and entries were down (2.24%) from the previous year.**

**AKC hired a new VP and other staff to get a handle on this program. LLS**

### **AKC Canine Partners Program**

Mark Dunn, Curt Curtis, Barbara Ohmann, and Michelle Baker, AKC staff, participated via video conference. Staff provided a status report on the AKC Canine Partners program. Through the end of October 2010, 578 unique AKC Canine Partners dogs have earned 1,265 titles in companion events.

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### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

James Stevens, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting.  
Total revenues for the month of **October 2010 were \$5.3 million, which were \$250,000 or 4 1/2% lower than the prior year. Total operating expenses of \$5.4 million during the month were 6% greater than 2009. This resulted in an operating deficit of \$64,000 for the month vs. a surplus of \$498,000 last year.**  
Investments generated a gain of \$1.1million in the month of October. This compared to a monthly gain of \$15,000 last year.

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### **The 2011 Budget**

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2011 annual budget. Following a motion by Mrs. Strand seconded by, Dr. Newman, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve the 2011 budget.

### **Imagining the Future of the AKC**

There was discussion and a consensus that AKC should consider the needs of the sport and the organization in the future. The Chairman appointed a Board/Staff committee to consider this subject and to report back to the Board in February 2011.

**The committee consists of Alan Kalter, Chair, Ronald Menaker, Dr. Thomas Davies, John Lyons, Mark Dunn, and Lisa Gonzalez.**

### **We need to pay attention to this subject. LLS**

#### **Article VII, Section 1 of AKC Bylaws**

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Greater Collin Kennel Club to amend Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of The America Kennel Club to preclude someone from being re-elected to the AKC Board of Directors for a full term of four years after they have served two consecutive terms. This will be discussed further at the January Board meeting.

### **This is the continued discussion from the first day. LLS**

#### **Registration of Dalmatian/Pointer Cross decedents**

The Board agreed to a proposed agreement, pending acceptance of the Dalmatian Club of America (DCA) Board, which would bring the matter to a vote by the DCA membership in June 2011. The AKC Board would consider this vote, along with other factors in reaching its final decision.

### **Please read his one!!!! LLS**

#### **JUDGING OPERATIONS**

Darrell Hayes and John Wade, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference. Curt Curtis and Doug Ljungren also participated via video conference for the next item.

#### **AKC Judges and Visiting Judges Annual Maintenance Fee**

The Board discussed the possible adoption of an annual maintenance fee schedule for all Conformation, Obedience and Performance judges. No action was taken.

#### **Judges Temporary Referral Policy**

**The Board reviewed a staff proposed policy to permit AKC to place a hold on an AKC approved judge's eligibility to judge or to accept assignments in abeyance on a temporary basis, pending the outcome of certain criminal charges. Following a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Newman, it was VOTED (unanimously) to approve a Judges' Temporary Referral policy, effective January 1, 2011. The new policy follows:**

**When an AKC-approved judge is charged by a government entity with cruelty, inhumane treatment of animals, or similar offense involving inhumane or cruel treatment of dogs, or charged by a government entity with any crime involving moral turpitude, especially as it concerns dog-related activities, AKC may temporarily place the judge on referral, which would have the effect of temporarily holding the judge's approval to judge or accept assignments in abeyance. The purpose of this procedure is to prevent the judge from judging or from accepting assignments to judge while the charges are pending. If and when the charges are resolved and AKC's inquiry into the matter determines that no action will be taken by the AKC to cause a suspension of judging privileges, the temporary judging referral will be removed.**

### **FSS Breeds to become Licensed to Hold Performance Events**

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it was VOTED (affirmative: Dr. Davies, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Marden, Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Strand, Ms. Scully, Mr. Menaker, Mr. Kalter, Dr. Newman, Mr. Ashby, Dr. Garvin; opposed: Dr. Haines, Dr. Smith) to allow parent clubs of FSS breeds that are eligible to participate in a performance event to become licensed to hold those event types, effective December 1, 2010.

### **Fee increase for earthdog entries. LLS**

#### **Increase in Recording Fees for Herding, Earthdog and Lure Coursing**

The Board discussed a Staff recommendation to raise the recording fee for the Herding, Earthdog and Lure Coursing sports from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per entry to make it consistent with other AKC events. These three sports were AKC approved during the period 1990 to 1992. The recording fee has been the same since inception.

There was a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Mrs. Strand, to consider the above at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement. This motion was VOTED and approved (unanimously).

### **Note of interest for clubs. LLS**

There was a motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Scully, and it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt this recommendation, effective for events held on and after March 1, 2011.

#### **Performance Event Application Fee Refunds**

The Board discussed a Staff recommendation to discontinue the practice of refunding a club its AKC event application fee if its Performance event is cancelled.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Davies, it was VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirements.

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mrs. Strand, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt this proposal.

### **CONFORMATION**

Robin Stansell, Bobby Birdsong and Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

#### **Four to Six Month Puppy Competition**

The Board reviewed the staff's recommended proposal for the addition of a 4-6 month beginner puppy class to be held as a special attraction at All-Breed and Specialty conformation events. **This will be tried at a number of clubs on a trial basis.**

### **Start thinking how DCA wants to vote on this?**

#### **Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 2, Section 4**

The Board reviewed a proposed rule change submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to reduce the due date of a show event application from 24 weeks prior to closing date to 18 weeks prior to closing date. Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mrs. Strand, it was VOTED (unanimously) to consider the matter at this meeting, waiving the usual prior notice requirement.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Smith, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt this change, which is to be read at the **December 2010 Delegate meeting, for a VOTE in March 2011.**

### **I don't think this one will come to be. LLS**

#### **Additional Group Placements**

The Board considered and discussed amendments to the Dog Show Rules to create a Reserve Best in Show Placement, and a Fifth and Sixth group placement at Group and All Breed Shows. No action was taken at this meeting.

[Go to the AKC Website to view attachment B. LLS](#)

#### **Companion Event Seminars and Exhibiting**

The Board considered a clarification of the policy governing when Obedience, Tracking, and Rally judges may judge dogs that have participated in their seminars, classes or training session. Following a motion by Ms. Scully, seconded by Mr. Menaker, it was VOTED (unanimously) to amend the Obedience, Rally and Tracking Regulations, effective January 1, 2011.

#### **For all Obedience, Rally and Tracking exhibitors and their dogs:**

Any person and/or their dogs who receives instruction, training, or instruction through the attendance at a seminar or clinic given by an AKC judge is not eligible to show or compete under that judge for a period of thirty (30) days after such instruction, training, and/or seminar/clinic attendance.

**The amendments to the Obedience Regulations, Obedience, Judging Guidelines, Tracking Regulations, and Tracking test Judges Guidelines are listed in Attachment B.**

[Looking to the future. LLS](#)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the concept of a special Owner Handler competition consisting of a series of events, allowing for a national and regional ranking. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

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