

FINAL

MAY 13-14, 2019

**American Kennel Club, Inc.  
MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

comparable four-month period. Additionally, our investment portfolio reflects year to date unrealized gains on investments totaling \$10.8 million dollars.

Ms. McAteer joined the meeting at 9:43 am.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Mari- President, Sport Services, Sheila Goffe, Vice President, Government Relations and Ashley Jacot, Director of Education participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

### **Lagotto Romagnolo Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

The Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America, Inc. (LRCA) submitted proposed revisions to the breed standard for review. The original standard was approved November 2012. Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (unanimously; Mr. Wooding not voting) to publish the proposed revisions for comment in the the May AKC *Gazette*.

### **Norwegian Buhund Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

The Norwegian Buhund Club of America (NBCA) has submitted proposed revisions to the Norwegian Buhund breed standard. The current standard was approved April 11, 2006. Following a motion by Mr. Sweetwood, seconded by Mr. Smyth, the Board VOTED (unanimously; Mr. Wooding not voting) to publish the proposed revisions for comment in the May AKC *Gazette*.

### **Revision to the Delegate Credential Forms Candidate/Club**

The Board reviewed the current Delegate Credential Forms. There are two types of Delegate

**Appointment of Trial Boards**

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 last time the AKC Board appointed Trial Board members was June 2014.

Over the past three years AKC has lost 2 Trial Board Chairs and 4 Trial Board Members. AKC currently has three (3) Trial Board Chairs and six (6) Trial Board members and a Performance Event Trial Board, consisting of a designated chair who must be an attorney, 2 members and 2 alternates. The Board reviewed the list of trial board members.

This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

**Plott Name Change**

The Board reviewed a request from the Plott Association of America (PAA). The PAA has requested that the breed name be officially changed to Plott Hound to be consistent with the other Coon Hound Breeds.

**Q1 2019 Communications Report**

The Board reviewed a report from the Communications department highlighting results for the first quarter of 2019.

**TOTALS:**

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| <b>Clips Evaluated in Q1:</b> | <b>12,154</b>         |
| <b>Q1 Audience Reached:</b>   | <b>30,353,407,816</b> |

confidence.

The program is primarily designed for children to read to their own dog or to the dog of a family member or friend. For those children who do not have a dog to which they can read, AKC Public Education provides a list of carefully vetted and qualified AKC Canine Ambassadors whom their parent/guardian can contact regarding a school/community organization visit.

To ensure that volunteers are qualified to take part in the AKC B.A.R.K. Program, they first must be registered AKC Canine Ambassadors, which stipulates that their dog is CGC certified.

### **AKC Education Q1 Report**

The Board reviewed a report of the work completed by the Education Department in Quarter 1 of 2019.

The AKC Canine College created and launched fifteen courses and exams and gathered more than 9,000 assets for courses that will be developed through 2020.

Public Education launched four new successful programs, while continuously growing longstanding programs.

In Q1, the following four webinars were aired through the AKC Education Webinar Series:

- Using the Online Education Management System (OEMS)
- Misconduct
- Working with Other Clubs
- Finding Your Social Media Voice

### **GR Update First Quarter 2019**

The Board reviewed an update from the AKC Government Relations Department (GR) on activity for the first quarter of 2019 and a status update on current department activity, major projects, significant legislative issues and accomplishments.

Legislative/Regulatory Tracking: As of April 19, 2019, Congress and legislatures in forty-two states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are in session. Five states have already adjourned for the year. The AKC GR team is currently monitoring more than 2,100 legislative bills that could impact responsible dog ownership, the health and wellbeing of dogs, the rights of dog owners, and/or the interests of the American Kennel Club.

To date, GR has published more than 60 legislative alerts online, to social media, and through geo-targeted emails to impacted constituents. AKC GR provided written or in-person testimony or comments, recommendations, or alternatives for the majority of these measures as well.

AKC GR is also monitoring approximately 756 active proposed regulation changes at the state and federal level, with some 450 actively pending. highlight as of May 9 were provided in the Board member mailboxes.

The number of active pieces of proposed legislation, legislative alerts and active implementing regulation changes represents a significant increase in activity over the same time last year.



**COMPANION AND PERFORMANCE**

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events, and Caroline Murphy, Director, Performance Events, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference and Mark Sjogren, Senior Field Representative, Agility, participated in this portion of the meeting via teleconference.

**Agility Recommendations from Advisory Committee**

The Board reviewed recommended changes to the *Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)* intended

Effective: June 1, 2019

Following a motion by Ms. Biddle, seconded by Mr. Carota it was VOTED (unanimously; Mr. Wooding not voting) to amend Chapter 8, Section 3 of the







**The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, May 13, 2019 at 10:03 a.m.**

All Directors were present, except for Mr. Wooding. Mr. Wooding participated in the entire meeting by teleconference but could not vote by Board policy. Also present was the Executive Secretary.

**CLUBS**

Lisa Cecin, Director, Club Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting.

**Delegates and Member Clubs**

The Board reviewed a report on the prospective Delegate credentials to be published in two issues of the AKC *Gazette*, a report on Member Club Bylaws approved and newly licensed clubs.

**Report on Member Clubs Bylaws Approved in March and April 2019**

Durango Kennel Club, La Plata and Montezuma Counties, CO (2015)

Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Gwinnett County, GA (1998)

Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK (1935)

Mount Bachelor Kennel Club, Bend, OR (2008)

**Report on Newly Licensed Clubs Approved in March and April 2019**

All-Breed Herding Club of Lower Michigan, greater Ann Arbor, MI (north to Interstate 69, west to Route 127), 35 total households, 19 local households.

Eastern PA Scent Work Club, greater Stroudsburg, PA, 32 total households, 25 local households.

Heartland Afghan Hound Club of Greater Kansas City, greater Kansas City, KS (west to Topeka, northeast to St. Joseph, MO, south to Independence, MO), 27 total households, 12 local households.

**COMPLIANCE**

Heather McManus, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, participated in this portion of the meeting. Wanda Forlines, Director of Compliance, and Marcus Bach, Director, Inspections and Investigations, participated by teleconference.

**Article XII Complaint filed by Cress and Sheaffer Against the American Boerboel Club**

The Board reviewed a





### **Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 2 Identification of Person/Dog in the Ring**

The Board VOTED to approve the rewording of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapter 14, Section 2, which addresses armbands and identification of people and dogs in the ring. Chapter 14, Section 2 addresses the requirement to wear an armband in the ring and that no means of identification of the person or dog may be displayed in the ring. Proposed wording changes follow (underlined):

SECTION 2. Any club or association holding a dog show must provide armbands displaying the catalog number of the dog being exhibited which must be worn by each exhibitor while in the ring. No exhibitor in the ring may display any identification of the person or the dog. Identification includes the name of the breeder, owner, kennel name or past awards the dog has won. Lapel pins denoting membership in local, national or charitable organizations are permitted.

The proposal will be read at the June Delegates meeting and voted on at the September Delegates meeting.

### **Hunt Test Titles - Petit Basset Griffon Vendéens**

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America (PBGVCA) to approve their breed to be eligible to apply for AKC Hunting Hound (HH, SHH, MHH, MHE) titles after having successfully passed a hunt test conducted by the Basset Hound Club of America.

### **Working Aptitude Title Doberman Pinschers**

The Board VOTED to approve a request from the Doberman Pinscher Club of America (DPCA) for AKC to recognize a Working Aptitude (WAC) title for Dobermans who have passed the Working Aptitude Evaluation test. This (WAC) title would be offered under the AKC Parent Club Title Recognition Program.

Shirley Petko  
To represent Havanese Club of America

Tammy Russell-Rice  
To represent Silver State Kennel Club

Nancy Zinkhan

**Scottish Terrier Draft Dog Title**

The Board agreed to pull this item out of the published CONSENT AGENDA for further discussion. The Board reviewed a request from the Scottish Terrier Club of America (STCA) to approve their breed to be eligible to apply for an AKC Draft Dog (DD) title for any dog which passes a draft dog test conducted by the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America (GSMDCA). The (DD) title is currently recognized under the AKC Parent Club Title Recognition Program. The Scottish Terrier is clearly not a drafting breed. However, this draft dog test held by the GSMDCA is open to any breed or mixed breed that is at least 18 months old. The STCA views this test not so much as a drafting test but more like an obedience/rally exercise involving a cart and obstacles.

Following a motion from Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Tatro, it was VOTED (unanimously; Mr. Wooding not voting) to direct Staff to contact the Parent Clubs of the breeds that currently earn AKC Draft Dog titles for their opinions regarding permitting non-drafting breeds to earn AKC drafting titles.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 12:20 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary