

American Kennel Club, Inc.
MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AKC Offices at 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY
October 14 -15, 2019

increase from the prior year as well. Total operating expenses of \$48 million were \$3.2 million or \$3.2 million less than actual. Operating income for the year to date through Aug 31, 2019 was \$3.7 million which was favorable compared to both 2019 budgeted operating income of \$2 million as well as the 2018 mark of \$1 million. Furthermore, our investment portfolio reflects unrealized gains for the year totaling \$11.7 million dollars.

2020 Budget
Joseph Baffuto, CFO

Chow Chow Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to *Nose Color* section of the Chow Chow standard as submitted by the Chow Chow Club, Inc. The current standard was approved October 10, 2005.

Following a motion by Dr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve to have the proposed revisions published in the June issue of the AKC Gazette.

Field Spaniel Proposed Breed Standard Revision

The Field Spaniel Society of America, Inc (FSSA) has submitted proposed revisions to the *Color* section of the Field Spaniel standard, specifically to add a disqualification for the sable color

All-Breed Events Held in 2018 and not in 2019

The Board reviewed a Staff memo detailing the conformation clubs that held an event in 2018 that did not or will not hold an event in 2019.

Each year about fifty clubs hold a different number of all-breed shows than they did the year before. Some hold more and some hold less. Club Development conducted an analysis of sixteen clubs that held an all-breed show(s) in 2018, but no all-breeds shows in 2019.

In 2019 there was no net change in the number of all-breed events over 2018.

Mr. Sprung will share this information with our Member clubs.

Show Trial Manual – Listing of Parent Club Titles in Catalogs at National Specialties

The section of the AKC Show Manual pertaining to titles in show catalogs to the following (underline indicates new text).

Only official AKC titles and AKC recognized titles may be included in the catalog. See the list of Official AKC Titles for Catalog, pp. 13-34 . 13-36. The inclusion of AKC recognized titles is not required and at the discretion of the event superintendent or secretary. A complete and current listing of all prefix, suffix, and recognized parent club titles along with all title recognition programs can be found on the AKC website at <https://www.akc.org/sports/titles-and-abbreviations/>.

For independent parent club national specialties only: _____ parent club titles not recognized by the AKC may be included in the show catalog if (1) the title is not affiliated with a competing domestic registry or event hosting organization, and (2) the non-AKC recognized parent club title(s) may only be listed as suffix titles, and after all AKC titles, and all AKC recognized parent club or other titles.

There was no objection.

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Doug Ljungren, Executive Vice President, Sports & Events, and Tim Thomas, Vice President of Dog Show Judges participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Judges Who Ring Steward

The Board reviewed a request, from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee, to modify policy in the Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges to allow judges to ring steward at an event with a separate catalog prior to completing their entire judging assignment for the same weekend/cluster.

Currently the guideline states: *If you are asked to steward, do so only after you have completed your entire judging assignment for the weekend/cluster.*

Following a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Powers, the Board VOTED (

FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY**2019 NEW BREED JUDGING APPLICANTS**

Number of Applicants	Breed Requested	Breeds Accepted	Aps
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FINAL REVIEW ACTION SUMMARY
2019 YEAR-TO-DATE

	Number of Applicants	Breed Requested	Breeds Accepted	Aps Limited	Aps Fully Approved	Aps Denied	Aps Wthdrn	Aps Held
NB	44	85	85	0	44	0	0	0
AB	282	1563	1519	11	264	6	0	2
TOTAL	326	1648	1604	11	308	6	0	2

The Board adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 8:33 a.m.

All Directors were present. Also present was the Executive Secretary.

AKC Museum of the Dog Update

Alan Fausel, Executive Director, AKC Museum of the Dog, gave an update on the AKC Museum to the Board. He provided information on attendance and Museum Shop revenue as well as the year-to-date donation figures and membership totals.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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Circumstances that could, but that would not necessarily result in an act of misconduct being Aggravated would include, but not be limited to:

1. A record of prior offense(s).
2. Extensive experience as a participant in events.
3. The seriousness of the offense.
4. Refusal to acknowledge wrongdoing prior to formal issuance of Charges.
5. The recommendation of the Events Committee
6. The action(s) of the individual resulted in the death of dog(s)
7. The misconduct is directed towards or with a person under 18 years of age.
8. Failure to reach an agreement regarding restitution prior to AKC reviewing the matter.

Setting of Penalties

Staff was asked to review what privileges should be impacted when an individual is suspended.

The following AKC Management

Retriever Hunting Tests – Increasing Capacity in MH Tests

The Board VOTED to make three changes to Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers, to increase the capacity of the Master Hunter level test and have a more efficiently run event.

- 1) Increase the entry limit in the Master level test by approximately 10%, (2) limit the scratch fee for dogs that scratch prior to closing to approximately the credit card processing fee incurred by the club or entry service, and (3) request that individuals that handle more than 12 dogs in a hunting test bring along assistance to get the dogs to the proper test and get them to the line in a timely manner.

These changes are effective for events held after January 1, 2020. Changes underlined below:

Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers,

Chapter 1 . Section 3 . Limiting Entries to Master Hunter Tests

Clubs may at their option limit the number of entries in their Master Hunter test to either 66, 100, 132, or 200 entries. Clubs may run unlimited Master level tests if they choose. If entries are limited, the number must be stated in the premium and announcements for the event. Entries shall be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The regulations regarding the days required for testing and the splitting of test levels remains the same as explained in Chapter 1, Section 18.

Remaining paragraphs in this section are unchanged.

Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers,Chapter 1 . Section 5 . Bitches in Season / Scratches / Refunds .

Bitches in season shall not be eligible for entry in any Hunting Test and shall not be allowed on the grounds. Entry fees paid for a bitch withdrawn because of coming in season or for a dog withdrawn because of injury or illness, or for a dog that dies, shall be refunded in full by the test-giving club. Prior to paying such refund, the club may require an appropriate veterinary certificate. In the event a dog is withdrawn for other reasons after entries have closed, the test-giving club is free to formulate its own policy regarding refunds provided the said policy is fixed in advance of the mailing of the premium list for any particular test.

If a handler knows that a dog will be withdrawn for reasons other than a bitch in season, injury, sickness or death, it is in the best interest of the event that the dog be withdrawn prior to closing so another dog may utilize the slot. Therefore, the club or an entry service employed by the club, may only charge a scratch fee approximately equal to the credit card processing fee that they incurred.

Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers,

Chapter 1 . Section 4 . Entry requirements.

New paragraph 14.

Efficient Running of an Events . For the efficient running of an event and with consideration for fellow

AKC licensed events to qualify to hold a mentored conformation show, it must have at least 5 club members with extensive experience in the sport. For new local specialty clubs, approximately 50% of club members must have extensive member experience in the sport.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 12:34 p.m.

Adjourned

Attest: _____

Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary