

June 26, 2015
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America Board Meeting Minutes
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Conference Call

Members Present:

Frances Conner, Brenda Martz, Tom Rapinchuk, Lydia Castagna, Carrie Huddleston, Al Bincarousky, Stephanie Rogers, Monique Bertrand

Members Absent:

Jeff Morrison.

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. CST

Recording Secretary: Tom Rapinchuk

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes for the June 26, 2015 meeting were read. Corrections were made. Monique Bertrand motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Al Bincarousky 2nd Passed

Presidents Report: Brenda Martz

Received and responded to several inquiries about the Club and Breed in general.

Received and answered email inquiries concerning non-delivery of magazine. Worked with Carla to get the magazines out to our members.

Sent 8 letters via email to people that placed ads in the First Quarter that still needed to be paid for.

Sent two invitation letters to the Nationals for two breeders needing visas from the Ukraine to attend the specialty week.

Worked with Sandy Underwood and Mary Beth from Onofrio to put together the premium list and schedule for the National.

All the people who owed money for ads published in the 1st quarter magazine were contacted except for Rodney Rindlisbacher who did not reply. All will be paid except for Rodney who has yet to respond to our collection notice.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Frances Conner

AKC correspondence for the Eukanuba Meet the Breeds will be forwarded to Pam Nemeec.

A Parliamentarian is being contacted and will be hired for the General Membership meeting at the National.

The mailing for the nominating committee was sent out in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the club.

Stephanie Rogers motioned to accept the Corresponding Secretary's report. Al Bincarousky 2nd. Passed

Treasurer's Report: Carrie Huddleston

May 2015

Beginning Balance	\$37,739.70
Deposits/Credits	\$2,192.96
Checks Cleared	\$5,014.19
Cash Withdrawals	\$0.00

Ending Balance	\$34,918.47
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Cleared Checks

Check #2331	\$138.71	Nancy Hjelmstad Postage Shipping Yearbooks & Magazines to Carla Restivo
Check #2789	\$264.00	Store More – Forney Archive Storage 5/1/15 thru 6/30/15

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Check #2790	\$2,305.10	Tiarra Printing MMP 1st Quarter Magazine Printing
Check #2791	\$300.00	USPS Postage for mailing 1st Quarter Magazine
Check #2972	\$406.19	Sonia Bincarousky Purchase airline ticket from NC to TX - June Agility Trial
Check #2973	\$50.00	AKC Event Fee for Oct. 5 & 6, 2015 Rally Trial
Check #2794	\$270.19	Frances Conner Postage for Corr Sec & Membership Cards & Envelopes
Check #2795	\$1,080.00	Terry Stevens Inv # 2015-05-400 - Trophies for 2015 National Specialty
Check #2796	\$200.00	Raynor's Port Inv #0021 - 100 toys for June Agility Trial

Outstanding Checks

Check #2797	\$15.00	AKC Fee for Event #2015011525 - Obedience on Oct. 6, 2015
Check #2798	\$115.96	Carrie Huddleston Reimburse for Treasurer's Expenses

Legislative	\$1,126.17
Rescue	\$7,498.56
Health	\$4,064.77
Archive	-\$3,279.92
Performance	\$4,745.26
Public Relations	\$702.29
Futurity 2015	\$1,698.06
Futurity 2016	\$75.38
Committee Funds	\$16,630.57
Club Funds	\$18,287.90

\$34,918.47

Luca Landi still owes the club \$75.00 for ads placed but not paid for.

Payments for ads through paypal may be going to the wrong account. Carrie Huddleston is verifying and will correct the situation if need be.

Pam Nemecek needs to be paid for her website work.

A check was sent to pay for our domain name hosting.

An NSF check for \$156 from the Agility trial was returned. The agility people will be contacted to collect the fee.

The club should realize about a \$3,500 and a \$1,500 profit from the North Carolina and Texas performance events respectively.

Committee Reports:

Health Committee: Faith Beiser Chairperson

Faith Beiser reported that she would like Sean Nowicki to be a participant on the Health Committee. The board has no objection to this request as Faith Beiser runs the committee and has done an exemplary job as the leader of this committee.

Public Relations: Pam Nemecek Chairperson

Susan Waterman did the International Cheese, Wine and Canine Festival at Purina Farms and is in the process of sending me photos. They will be posted on facebook.

San Antonio Meet the Breeds Saturday July 11, 2015, we will be representing both the American Staffordshire Terrier and the STCA. They only need 2 Amstaffs and humans though so I will grab someone that afternoon.

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The Houston World of Dog Shows Meet the Breeds will need volunteers. We will be representing both the American Staffordshire Terrier and the STCA.

The STCA is now representing Amstaffs as part of the Canine Ambassador Program and it will also count as Education for our Club. I am the Canine Ambassador where I can be called upon to talk to schools, scouts, etc about dogs ...I currently already give demos to children and show them how to approach dogs and show them "The Dog Listener" video from AKC. I also dress up one my amstaffs with a basketball outfit and he has to drop the jolly ball in the modified little tykes basketball hoop. We show the kids if they are playing ball and a dog approaches that the kids should throw the ball the other way act like a tree and slowly turn the other way and walk away etc. like in the AKC video. It is not about my dog or me but about Amstaffs representing the breed well. I have a Canine Ambassador Pin I have to wear and I am in the process of reading the material and printing the brochures etc. that the AKC Education Department requires. I will also put it on our web page.

Archives Committee: Richard Gray Chairperson
No Report.

Judge's Education/Mentor: Sara Nugent Chairperson
No Report.

Moonlight World Challenge: Carrie Huddleston Chairperson
No Report.

Editorial/Magazine Yearbook: Al Bincarousky Chairperson
Once again we have ads for the magazine being published without payments. This is for the 2nd Quarter issue. Al Bincarousky will collect the money.

Futurity: Brenda Martz Chairperson
For the 2015 Futurity we have 11 litters nominated and to date have 24 individually nominated puppies that are eligible to compete in the 2015 Futurity! The breeder participants have until 6/30/15 to send me their nomination for a judge for 2015, so that will be announced soon.

For the 2016 Futurity we have 4 litters nominated so far.

2016 will see the start of Maturity. All eligible puppies from the 2015 Futurity Year will be able to participate in the 2016 Maturity once their Maturity forfeit is paid. More on this program to come.

The Futurity Program is starting to catch on, resulting in more members and funds coming in to the Club. We are very excited about this young program!

Website: Frances Conner Chairperson
The Breeders list has been updated for this year and each "Breeder that Paid" is in contact to make sure their paid listing is correct.
Other web updates are done as received

Judges Selection: Tom Rapinchuk Chairperson
No Report.

Awards:
No Report

Rescue: Courtney Morris
No Report

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No Report

Standing Rules: Monica Davi Chairperson

No Report

Legislation:

The Board is seeking a replacement chairperson.

Delegate: Jeanette O'Hanlon

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Parent Club Meeting

Last year, the Parent Club Committee sent out a survey to collect information that may be used to publish a best practices National Specialty Manual. Only 27 clubs replied, and with such a small sample, the Committee does not believe the data collected reflects the actual activity at Nationals. In this small sample,

- The average entry was 89.6 dogs
- 11 clubs increased their membership
- Less than half reported a Junior or scholarship program
- 25 recommended health screenings
- More than half had a breeder mentor program
- More than half have requested the AKC include a breed brochure with registrations
- One club reported "Zero" for AKC events in the last year
- 26 of the 27 clubs had a Code of Ethics
- One club had by-laws that are not consistent with AKC Regulations

A new survey is being developed and the Parent Club Committee asked the Delegates to encourage their clubs to participate.

Canine Good Citizen Program – The number of CGC titles is increasing at a good rate. As of September 2014, 22,600 titles were awarded. By December 2014, that number had risen to 27,300. By May 31st the number had reached 31,800.

The Delegate for The Dachshund Club of America reported that partnering with the AKC to advertise their California regional specialty was very successful. The AKC issued a press release and sent emails to all who had registered a Dachshund within 100 miles of the location within the last two years. More than 80 spectators showed up and there were 14 requests for breeder referrals. They had the same results in Tennessee where 70 spectators showed up to see the Dachshunds, where they received another handful of requests for breeder information.

Parent Club Rescue List – Currently there are 176 members of the Parent Clubs' Rescue Electronic List. The listing was published on the Parent Club Delegates list. There are still 173 open invitations outstanding. It is a very active list with an average of 120 messages a month. There have been questions on the Federal APHIS rules and state laws concerning rescue activities. Many also asked for information on insurance so the coverage is consistent with other groups doing the same activities. The Parent Club Rescue list members have been reaching out to each other for assistance in transporting dogs. There has been a lot of cooperation among the members by helping to transport dogs that are not even their breed.

Crop & Dock – Referred to Peter Piusz who will call a meeting at 3:45 pm.

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Website – Sixty-two Parent Clubs have appointed a contact to work with the AKC Communications Department.

AKC Market Place – A beta version of the website was tested. It involves a Parent Club creating and maintaining a webpage under the umbrella of the AKC. Parent Club Delegates were not happy with this as they have their own websites and many have paid large sums of money to develop and maintain them. The AKC Marketplace is intended to promote our events, registrations, etc., but many Parent Clubs don't want to spend the \$99 per year for this. It is a great resource for smaller clubs who do not have a website or have a very plain website.

The Committee asked if someone from our Parent Club checked our breed page for accuracy. If not it needs to be done. There have been many problems with the breed pages listing wrong information. The Golden Retriever Standard was wrong and there were too many colors listed for the Portuguese Water Dog, which only comes in three colors (7 were listed).

It was noted that the breeder locator on the AKC website was not working well when searched by zip code.

Previously, all Parent Clubs were asked for a list of recommended health tests for their breed. Only 96 have replied and there have been no responses since March 15th.

It was previously asked if the Parent Clubs could get a list of the Breeders of Merit for their breed. It was explained that over 11,000 applications had been received. The Breeder of Merit program only requires membership in one AKC club. If more than one club was listed, only the first listed club was captured and this might not have been the Parent Club. The AKC stated it would take 183 man-hours to go through and pull this information. It has been decided that a survey will be sent out to the current Breeders of Merit asking for their club affiliations and data will be captured on Parent Club membership. This will be done in the next couple of months.

Currently, there are three categories for the Online Breeders Classifieds. The listings appear in this order. The first is AKC Breeders of Merit, the second is breeders who are members of their Parent/Regional specialty club, the third is all other breeders.

Peter Piusz (Rottweiler Club of America) made a motion that this be expanded to 5 categories to be listed in this order:
Motion Passed.

- Breeders of Merit in this Breed's Parent Club
- Breeders of Merit – Other
- Member of the Parent Club for this Breed
- Member of any AKC affiliated club (other than Parent)
- Everyone else

This will also require those advertising to state what breed they are a Breeder of Merit of, as some breeders may have multiple breeds, but are only a Breeder of Merit in one of those breeds.

One of the AKC's objectives is canine health and welfare. The Breeder of Heart program is designed to promote healthier dogs. Breeders have to certify they do the health testing recommended by the Parent Club. Inspectors have gone out and will be going out to verify that this testing is being done. So far 80 breeders have signed up (mostly commercial breeders) and there have been 20 inspections so far (only one was found to have missed one of the required health tests). These are full inspections. Breeders of Heart must also complete continuing education on breeding better dogs.

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Judge's Approval – The original proposal was sent out on October 14, 2014, there were 750 responses and suggestions. April 30, 2015, the revised version was sent out. There were 140 responses, mostly from judges. The overwhelming consensus was that the AKC was receptive to the comments made. The responses and input from the AKC staff and Board were incorporated. The latest version will be voted on by the Board of Directors on Tuesday, June 09, 2015.

Emergency Trailers – The first donations were received in September of 2013. They are \$9,308 short of having raised a million dollars, \$250,000 of that was from AKC Reunite. Twenty-four trailers have been delivered and there are 11 in production. Currently, 16 areas are actively raising funds to purchase trailers.

Low Entry Breeds – Discussion was held on whether the AKC was sending, with the registrations, information that details all the events that are available to the new owners & their dogs. The proposal to give points for BOW for both sexes in low entry breeds is not being pursued. The AKC Board of Directors agreed.

Parent Club Archivist – A letter was sent to ask the status of the Archivist Project. Little progress has been made. The Parent Club Committee asked for volunteers for a sub-committee to push progress. Discussion was held on how to collect and store the information. The volunteers were: Helen Prince, Scottish Terrier Club of America, Katie Sullivan, Field Spaniel Association of America, Jo Patrick, Schipperke Club of American, Marile Waterstraat, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA).

On Site Secretaries – As most clubs rotate the location of their specialties, a way to cut the costs, is to use On Site Secretaries. Karen Burgess, Delegate from the Greater Clark County Kennel Club has been working as an on-site secretary for over 12 years. The Parent Club Committee along with the All Breed Club Committee will create a sub-committee to prepare a directory of on-site show secretaries for National Specialties. Karen Burgess will chair the sub-committee.

Discussion was held on the proposed amendment that will allow a one-time only championship point to a puppy from the 4 – 6 month puppy class who earns an Certificate of Merit. Discussion was held on the requirements to get a COM (15 points from the 4-6 mo. Class, which depends on how many puppies are beaten) and many felt it was unrealistic for a puppy to get these points in two months.

A Power Point Presentation was presented developed by the All Breed Club Committee on Best Practices. The information was compiled from a questionnaire that was sent out last year. Some of the topics were; mission statements, advancement of dogs (especially purebreds), promoting shows and events, education, responsible dog ownership, use of social media, mentor program, humane and effective training. The presentation will be sent as a PDF file to the Delegate E List, and the Power Point presentation will be available on the All Breed Club Resource Library on the AKC website.

Additional statistics were presented on all breed clubs; location 18% urban, 37% suburban, 24 major cities and the rest rural. Membership; 59% had less than 50 members, 26% had 50 to 100, 7.7% had 100 – 200 members; and 3.6% had more than 400 members. Trouble recruiting new members – 65% said yes, 35% said no. Difficulty attaining a quorum for meetings - 74% said no, 26% said yes. Majority stated young people are not entering the sport. The next questionnaire will cover events, and the one after that, financials.

Federal 1099's for Judges – KPMG issued an opinion that Delegates who judge and are reimbursed for their expenses based on receipts need not be issued a 1099.

Event Hearings – AKC Field Staff were polled for the most common offenses committed at dog shows. AKC Staff is reviewing the booklet "Guide for Event Committees and Dealing with Misconduct", to see if they can make it easier to find things and easier to understand. Special Events such as Dock Diving, Barn Hunt, Coursing, work under their own rules.

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If there is an incident during the Lure Coursing, it is the Coursing Club's responsibility to deal with it. Clear lines of authority should be established (i.e.: there is an incident in the parking lot). Please send any suggestions for revision to the booklet to Michael Liosis at the AKC.

Update on the number of events – The revisions voted at the March meeting have shown an increase in entries when two short shows are held.

Reserve Best Owner Handler – this has been approved and is effective on 10/18/2015. If a club offers the Best Owner Handler class, they must also offer the Reserve BOH. Also effective on 10/18 is the Reserve Best Jr. Handler. The Reserve Best Jr. is optional.

FSS Open Shows – The Board approved changes to allow all breed clubs to hold FSS Open Shows as a separate event in conjunction with their all breed shows. This is effective 7/1/15 and the hope is the FSS entries will also enter the Miscellaneous Class at the show.

Additional Breeds for Mandatory Ramp Examination – Effective 7/1/15 the Sussex Spaniel and Chinese Shar Pei will be required to be examined on the ramp.

Crop & Dock Meeting

Discussion was held, again, on the Canine Chronicle article. It was reported that the author is no longer writing for the Chronicle, no one is sure why. The outcome of the discussion was a consensus that we should not respond to the article, but instead issue our positions and their reasons. It was reported that many veterinarians are not members of the AVMA, and the Chronicle article did not mention modern veterinary practices used in cropping and docking. There is a Canadian association, APPD (Assn. to Preserve Purebred Dogs), who are asserting their rights to crop and dock. The committee will see if they have useful information we can use in our position statement.

Peter Piusz, Delegate from the Rottweiler Club of America, asked for suggestions on the best way to spend money to document the minimal impact crop/dock has on puppies. It was mentioned that Patty Strand of the NAIA knows how to produce these types of videos and is really very interested in working with us to produce something. She will be contacted.

One item of Note – Oregon Members – a debarking bill was slipped into the legislature and they need to write to their Senators.

General Caucus

Open Mike Caucus – Delegates were encouraged to speak on any topic they liked.

There were many comments about the changes regarding territories that were coming up for vote at the meeting on Monday. Also, many comments were made by Delegates regarding the issue of clubs having trouble finding a suitable venue for a large dog show in their own territory, while a smaller/specialty club may have no trouble finding a venue in the same territory. Many Delegates asked others to vote for the amendment, others asked we vote no. One Delegate asked the wording be changed to include "dog show, or any other AKC event."

Newtown Kennel Club reported that they put together a committee of several local clubs and raised funds to buy a new K-9 for the Newtown Police Department. Newtown had recently lost their police K-9 and could not afford to purchase

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another. It was so successful that they continued fund raising and have now purchased a total of six police K-9's located throughout the State of Connecticut.

Delegate Advancement Committee – A video is being produced by the DAC, which will explain how the Delegate Body impacts local clubs and parent clubs. It is hoped that when available, Delegates will show it to their club members.

One Delegate noted an anti-purebred comment on the AKC website and asked if there is a filter in place so unfavorable comments can be removed.

That started another discussion about the AKC website, but the topics have all been covered previously.

Legislative Caucus

Sheila Goff, Director of the AKC's Government Relations Department, reported that there are currently 22 State Legislatures in session. Her office is tracking approximately 1,500 bills at the Federal, State and Local levels. One disturbing bill arose in Louisiana. It would heavily regulate breeders of all sizes. Louisiana will be developing a list of breeders by their USDA license numbers. If a breeder is found who is not USDA licensed, they will send a letter asking for an explanation.

There are increasing numbers of cost of care bills being introduced. If someone is charged with cruelty or neglect, their animals can be confiscated and held until the outcome of the trial, which could be months. If they miss a payment or can't afford the cost of care for their animals, the animals are forfeited to the shelter to be spayed/neutered, adopted or euthanized. Even if the accused is later found innocent of all charges, they get no compensation for the loss of their pets.

PAWS – 2015: This bill addresses domestic violence cases. Violence against women and/or children can be redirected at the household pets. Many women don't want to leave their pets behind for fear of this. AKC supports the issuance of an order of protection to include pets and allowing them in shelters.

Ms. Goff also advised that the Government Relations Department has developed a Legislative Action Center. You just put in your zip code and your legislative representatives are listed. There are links to talking points you can copy and paste and send directly to your Legislators. There are Legislative Alerts and AKC Tweets are listed. There are nine tabs on the top menu bar, such as a key issue page, AKC position statements, talking points, etc. You can donate directly to the AKC Legislative Support Fund or the AKC PAC. It is easy to use, and there is a video tutorial which runs about 3 minutes to help you navigate.

Cindy Buckmaster PhD

We were incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to listen to Keynote Speaker, Dr. Cindy Buckmaster, PhD and Chair of the Board of Directors of Americans for Medical Progress. She was one of the most dynamic speakers I have ever heard. First she thanked the Delegate Body for filling the world with joy and love by bringing our purebred puppies into it. She explained that activists are really good people. They love animals, the elderly, their families, are kind hearted and have a passion for compassion. However, they don't know the truth. They are fed a half-truth from the extremists who are the real enemy. Extremists have an agenda – no farming, no hunting, no fishing, no eggs, no dairy, no working animals, no zoos, no research. They do not act from love and would like to sever the symbiotic relationship between animals and people. They will lie to manipulate the public to get their own way.

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Dr. Buckmaster explained the need for animal research. She said she wished we were at a point where it was no longer necessary and a computer would be able to replicate the workings of living organisms, but we are not there yet. She said it was time to take back the conversation and start exposing the lies and letting the public know how well cared for research animals are. There were pictures in the slide show of their Beagles, cats and pigs playing with the caretakers and running free in large fenced paddock.

Dr. Buckmaster explained that if the extremists have their way and the U.S. bans animal testing, all the testing will be done in India and China – and the animals will suffer as those countries have very low standards of care. The U.S. has the highest regulated standards of care in the world.

One example of the extremists using bald-faced lies is the Beagle Freedom Project. University of California – Davis, uses two Beagle puppies to teach the vet students how to give an exam. After each term, the pups are adopted out to local families. The founder of the Beagle Freedom Project misrepresented herself and adopted one of the pups. She then launched an ad campaign for the BFP, lying that “Jerry” the Beagle was rescued from an abusive laboratory and had been poked and prodded his entire short life with no human contact. This was absolutely not true. UC Davis, realizing they had been scammed, no longer adopts out the pups, they are euthanized. But there is hope. Dr. Buckmaster is starting a nationwide initiative to adopt out all research dogs. It’s called Homes for Animal Heroes and will be launched on social media soon.

Forum:

The topic of the Monday morning Forum was the 20th Anniversary of the AKC’s Canine Health Foundation. The Canine Health Conference is scheduled for August 7 thru 9, 2015 at the St. Louis Hyatt Regency. Parent Club Health Chairs will receive a discounted rate of \$250 for the conference that includes hotel, and some meals. Registration is open.

Delegate’s Meeting

It was reported that two Delegates have passed away: Schaefer and Marden.

New Delegates were introduced to the Body.

Minutes were accepted as published.

Chairman’s Report – Dog shows produce financial benefits for the localities in which they are held. The results from a recent survey, it is hoped, will help secure venues for dog shows. The survey proved that AKC events are a boon to the local economy. A brochure is being developed to share with legislators, chambers of commerce and vendors, detailing all the benefits of having a dog show in their area. More than 14,000 people completed the survey. There were over 3 million entries last year, with more than 200,000 participants. Clubs averaged spending \$9,000 to hold an event of any kind. Greatest concentrations of dog shows are in the Mid-West, bringing in more than \$300 million per year. Nationwide, more than 1.5 billion was spent. Benefits go further than just the fancier. Local businesses and services received much of the business of the show-giving clubs.

President’s Report – Recognition of Michael Liosis for 45 years of service with the American Kennel Club.

Financial Report – As of May 31, 2015, 86,000 litters have been registered (-1%); 214,000 dogs have been registered (+1%); Revenue is up \$738,000 over the same period in 2014. Mainly due to sponsorships (Meet the Breeds) \$352,000;

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Advertising \$161,000; Recording/Event Fees \$105,000, Investment returns for this period were 2.8%. Expenses were down \$118,000 for this period over the same period last year.

A vote was taken on the amendment to Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 2. The amendment was split so there would be two votes. The first was for Sections 1 – 16, Except for Section 3. The second vote would be for the changes to Section 3. The amendments to sections 1 – 16 was passed. Section 3 did not go to vote as it is being referred back to Committee for some language changes.

First reading of the Certificate of Merit proposal for puppies in the 4 to 6 month class. The Chairwoman of the Parent Club Committee asked that the amendment be divided as the Parent Club Committee supports the Certificate of Merit, but opposes the one time Championship point.

Vacancies on the various committees were read. Self-nomination forms for the committees will be sent out by August and Delegates can complete only one self-nomination form.

Next meeting will be held on September 11 – 12, 2015 in Newark. The December meeting will be in Orlando, FL on December 11th.

A new Special Attraction was discussed – the Pee Wee Class. It is a non-competitive class for children aged 5 to 9 years of age. Safety is #1 and each unit goes into the ring by itself. A unit is the child, the dog and an adult. If the dog needs to be lifted to a table, the adult will be responsible for that. Every child receives a rosette and there is usually a Pee Wee Party afterwards.

The Pyrenean Shepherd Club of America has been trying to get status as an AKC Parent Club; they are still an FSS breed. They have met all the requirements listed in the by-laws to become a member club, however, they were denied. They received a letter stating a Parent Club must have a membership of 100 or more to be admitted. This is not in the by-laws. The Board will look into this and reply within a week.

The Delegate from the Shetland Sheepdog Club of America asked the Board to reconsider passing the Judge's Approval changes. There hasn't been consistency in the approval process for 30 years. She asked they delay the vote and talk to the judges about the changes.

Another Delegate asked why they now have to pay for public information literature when it was free in the past. Now AKC charges for the pamphlets. Delegate would like a compromise on the costs.

Another Delegate asked the Board to consider developing the sport of nosework for the AKC as we have a surplus of funds and this would be beneficial to the sport.

The meeting then adjourned.

Jeanette O'Hanlon reported that the breed page for our breed should be checked out for correcting. Al Bincarousky will do this.

The club can participate in the AKC market place for \$99 per year if it so desires.

The Canine Health Foundation Seminar will be taking place in St. Louis on August 7 through 9 if anyone on the Health Committee is interested in attending.

Performance: Sonia Bincarousky and Jeanette O'Hanlon Co-Chairpersons

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Special thanks went out to John and Jeanette O'Hanlon for helping out at the North Carolina Agility Trial. The North Carolina Trial was a huge success. It appears that a \$3500 profit will be realized. Work has already begun for this show for 2016.

Registry of Merit: Lydia Castagna
No Report

Sportsmanship Award: Monique Bertrand
Ballots for the Sportsmanship Award will be sent out with the election Ballots.

Email Activity:
Discussion took place surrounding the Sportsmanship Award.

Old Business:
The board decided not to donate to the NAIA. Monique Bertrand motioned to not donate to the NAIA. Tom Rapinchuk 2nd. Passed

2015 National Specialty
Sandy Underwood gave a report on the show. Discussions took place on the banquet, the schedule of events that is being finalized, editing of the premium list, and the photographer for the show who will be Sara Nugent. Donovan Winn would like to sell t-shirts at our Nationals. The board decided a charge of \$65 per day would be appropriate for this request.
The Agility Premium list is being edited.
A CGC and/or Temperament Test are planned for on Friday of this week.
Catalog Ads are done.
Judges education is done.

2016 National Specialty:

New Business:
Discussion took place surrounding the AKC Gazette articles published for our breed and who should author the article. Tom Rapinchuk volunteered to write the articles and have the board approve them prior to publishing. The board gave no approval or decision although the board agreed that any submission should go through the board.
Zane Smith reported that he is not getting his Magazines. Although he is not a member he is a judge and an ad participant. Al Bincarousky will take care of the situation.
The Magazines for the 1st Quarter were to be sent to all the Judges of the AKC. They were not sent to them. These magazines will be sent to the Judges, however, a reprint and re-mailing will cost the club over \$1500. This will more than negate any savings previously reported due to this mistake.
The Board is looking for a location for the 2017 National. A discussion took place to form an executive committee to undertake this task.

Election of Members:
An application was read for a family membership for Jennifer Clark and Clay Johnson.
Monique Bertrand motioned to accept Jennifer Clark and Clay Johnson as family members. Stephanie Rogers 2nd. Passed
Kelly Townsend has withdrawn her signature for Carla Edwards as a new member. The Board has not yet received this application.

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Next meeting will be July 31, 2015 at 7:30 CST.

Al Bincarousky motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lydia Castagna 2nd. Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 pm CST

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rapinchuk
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