

AKC Delegate's Report

Committee Meeting

June 13, 2022

Dan Smyth gave the Board liaison report noting a new joint registration program between Canadian KC and the AKC.

Karolynne McAteer sent a note from the Irish Setter Nationals that she is interested in limited registration. Why do breeders use it, and why is it getting more popular? She challenged the committee to study the issue.

Discussion by the Board regarding assisting judges by limiting judges with 150 dog assignments to no more than two group assignments at a show.

Breed tests on Canine College have 50% price reduction through July 2022. Discussion of another realignment of groups and a proposal to increase group placements from 4 to 6.

Revisiting the issue of Delegate judges' inability to charge a fee. Are we keeping good people out of the Delegate Body by not allowing fees?

Ring Stewards: The Importance of training members to be courteous while stewarding. Identify local Stewarding Associations. Best practices for stewards being developed - first experience at a dog show may be a negative experience at a dog show. Bichon Frise Delegate is doing a seminar and book on stewarding. Jackie Fogel did a seminar on stewarding for all club members using the Tim Thomas webinar. Barbara Burns trains the 4-H parents and kids to steward. Lackawanna KC uses the Boy Scouts to steward. Pet owners who are club members can be trained to steward. Retirement communities. AKC Judges - Local and Permit.

Bailey's Book Club: Book donations for Title 1 K-12 schools. Amazon has a list of dog related books that can be purchased for donation. AKC has a donate button on their website.

Signage at Shows: Must have AKC signage at all shows and in all group rings, arm bands, photo stands and ring gates. Dimensions are specified, and most signs will be provided by Superintendents. Additional signs may be purchased from the AKC.

Delegates' Meeting

June 14, 2022

President Dennis Sprung called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

The minutes of the March 2022 Delegates meeting were adopted without addition or correction.

The Chairman's Report: Dr. Tom Davies gave the chairman's report, which highlighted:

- Our survival through the COVID years and Zoom meetings
- The increase in events and entries,
- 50% increase in events over 2021

- 53% increase in entries over 2021
- 71,000 Titles earned in 2021
- An amazing comeback due to dedication and hard work
- The new Centennial Club Banner program
- The New Mentorship Program
- AKC Newsletter

The President's Report: Dennis Sprung gave us his report, which highlighted:

- The 8th consecutive year of increased Registration of Dogs and Litters
- 25% of Event Chairs are new each year
- The Canine Extravaganza Program - 6 Events in one day
- Social media
- Membership enhancement

A vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which reformats the section for easier comprehension. It inserts verbiage to allow transfer between the divisions of the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class (puppy/adult) if offered, adds verbiage to specify transfer between the divisions of the Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Class and permits age divisions of the Veterans Class. It also inserts language to recognize that transfer between Puppy and Twelve-to-Eighteen Month Classes may involve divisions of either and adds language for clarity as to when a transfer between classes must be completed at multi-day events. – Passed

There were 14 reads on proposed changes to the AKC By-Laws and Regulations. They will be voted on at the September Delegates' meeting.

The September meeting will be September 13, 2022, at the Newark DoubleTree.

Meeting adjourned.