

Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting
Potluck dinner: 6:30 PM
Program: 7:15 PM
Meeting to follow the program
Durham Kennel Club Building, Durham, NC

Program: Corporal Kirby and his canine partner from Durham Sheriff's Dept. will join us to talk about and demonstrate their work and answer questions.

Meeting was called to order at 8:25 PM

Approval of the minutes from the November 21, 2016 member meeting. Joe Zawadowski made motion to approve as written. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report (Ann Carter): None

Treasurer's Report (Linda Wozniak): Treasurer's report is available on request

AKC Delegate (Linda Wozniak): See below

Committee Reports:

Anne Truesdale: Chair Spring agility trials. Planning has started. Trial opens in a few weeks. Dates are April 21, 22, and 23, 2017

Linda Wozniak reported on the March show. March 24, 2017. Premium will be out next week. Need volunteers.

Donna Goldstein: Barn hunt trials are March 11 and 12, 2017. Trials need volunteers. Donna will send request for help.

Sharon Pitz: Obedience instructors meeting was rescheduled to Feb. 5 due to bad weather. Obedience/rally classes started this week.

Awards Committee: Lisa Roberts reported on the upcoming awards banquet. Reminded that the banquet will be Saturday, February 18, 2017. Banquet

reservations are on the website and are to be mailed to Nancy Akers. Deadline for applications is this coming Monday, January 23, 2017.

Tracy Fletcher reported on meeting with finance commit and agility equipment needs. Tracy reported our equipment is aging and exhibitors expect good, safe equipment. Equipment would be replaced using the same vendors that provide equipment for the AKC National Agility Championships (MAD, MAX200). Tracy has already repaired and recoated our contact equipment. Older equipment can be sold that will help offset some of the cost of new equipment. Tracy reported he thought we should be more proactive in replacing our aging equipment. He asked for an additional \$1600.00 beyond the current budget of \$1500.00 for replacement.

Kirk Ridge made motion to accept Tracy Fletcher's request for an additional \$1600.00 for agility equipment replacement. Joe Zawadowski seconded. Motion passed.

Membership (Terri Toohil):

Candidate Membership:

Maria Kenny; Veterinarian; Pembroke Corgi; Interested in Obedience, Agility and Coursing; Titles: MACH 2, PACH, UD, CDX; Learned about the DKC through participation in Agility Trials, Sho-N-Go, husband and friends; Reasons for joining: to be part of the club and training.

Michele Wrath; Dell Technology Director; Dalmatians; Interested in Conformation; Titles: CH, GCH, ROMX; Learned about the DKC from attending handling classes.; Reasons for joining: She has wants to participate and contribute to the purebred dog community at a local level. Her husband is already a member.

Kieran Ioneson; Homemaker; All American; Interested in Agility; Learned about the DKC by researching activities to do with my dog on the internet; Reasons for joining: to become a more informed pet owner and be able to participate in activities like agility, earth dog and terrier trials.

Full Membership:

Edith Braginton; German Shepherd, Has the required meetings and services:
Sponsored by Cathy Wells and Sharon Pitz

Victoria Brown; German Shepherd, Cairn Terrier; Has the required meetings and services: Sponsored by Cathy Wells and Sharon Pitz

Marcia McGrory; German Shepherd, Has the required meetings and services:
Sponsored by Carol Collins-Clapp and Yvonne Millspaugh

Marie-Angela Della Pia; Standard Poodle; Has the required meetings and services:
Sponsored by Nancy Akers and Colleen Hobbs

All voted in unanimously

Other Committee reports:

Old Business

Spring member picnic/meeting date – Saturday, April 29, 2017

Announcements:

Mary Bell announced that Maureen Lucas husband passed away.

Gail Kanas reported on a Durham County sheriffs deputy was severely injured helping a friend. He is at home recuperating. There will be a fund raiser bbq and chicken dinner January 28 at the Bahama Ruritan Club.

Adjourned: 8:50

Brag:

Delegate's report:

Rally Program Enhancements: Staff recommended the creation of two additional Rally classes – the Intermediate class and the Master class. In terms of difficulty, the Intermediate class is between the current Novice and Advanced classes. The Master class will be more difficult than the Excellent class. There will be titles associated with these new classes. In addition, a Rally Championship prefix title (RACH) is recommended for dogs that achieve a given number of triple Qs

(qualify in the Advanced, Excellent and Master class at the same trial) plus earn a given number of points from the Master class. If approved, clubs may start to apply for events with these new classes on August 1, 2017 for events held on or after December 1, 2017.

Updates to Agility Equipment and Use: Recommendation was made by Staff to modify some of the equipment used in AKC agility in order to modernize and improve safety. In addition, two new jumps are also recommended to be added to the AKC program to add variety and keep the sport fresh. Also, changes are recommended to the equipment used in the International Sweepstakes Class (ISC) in order to keep this class aligned with the FCI agility program. If approved, the equipment changes must be implemented no later than January 2, 2018 by the clubs. All of the equipment changes can be implemented immediately by clubs if they have conforming equipment with the exception of the new pause table heights, which will become effective January 2, 2018. The changes to Chapter 14, of the ISC regulations, are effective April 1, 2017, which corresponds to the start of the qualifying year for the 2018 World Team tryouts change to Premier Jumpers with Weaves Course Time. The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to increase the course times slightly for some jump heights in the Premier Jumpers with Weaves class and to refine the jump heights from three to five groupings. The Premier class launched in October 2015. The initial course times were based on testing prior to implementation, however, given the critical nature of course times to the success of the sport, it was prudent to continue to study this after launch. Based on data collected and input from judges, the staff is recommending a refinement of the jump heights from three to five groupings in both the Regular and Preferred classes and a slight increase in course times in six out of the ten jump heights.

Norwegian Elkhounds Eligible to Participate in AKC Herding Events:

Norwegian Elkhound Association of America requested to allow the Norwegian Elkhound breed to participate in the AKC Herding program. Herding is governed by Regulations which may be modified by a vote of the Board. If approved this recommendation would become effective April 1, 2017. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

AKC Scent Work - A New Sport Recommendation was made for a new sport called AKC Scent Work. Scent Work is a sport that mimics the task of working detection dogs to locate a scent and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. This proposal responds to many requests that the American Kennel Club provide such an event. Significant research has been done in developing this program and it is believed it will meet the needs of many dog owners. Scent Work is a sport in which a dog-handler team must locate hidden scents within a defined search area. The dog uses their sense of smell to locate the target odor, which may

be an essential oil or the scent of the handler. Any team who finds and calls all hidden odors within the designated time will qualify. Scent Work is a pass/fail sport, however placements will be awarded for the first through fourth place teams, based on fewest number of faults and then on time. Titles are earned when teams reach a certain number of qualifying legs. The event will be open to all breeds and Canine Partners. Dogs must be registered/listed with the AKC. Scent Work is a fun and engaging activity that taps into the dog's strongest sense. If approved, clubs may start applying to hold AKC Scent Work events on August 1, 2017. Events may be held starting October 1, 2017.

New Trick Dog Program Recommendation was made to develop an AKC Trick Dog titling program. If approved, There will be four levels of titles - Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Performer Trick Dogs. The performance of a dog attempting to earn its trick dog title will be certified by CGC evaluators. In addition, titles earned through the Do More with Your Dog (DMWYD) trick dog organization will be acknowledged by the AKC at the request of the owner. This program may be approved by the Board of Directors, and if approved would be effective May 1 2017.

Changes to Dogs Counted for Grand Championship Points - Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 16, Section 6 a request was made to amend Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 16, Section 6, to include non-regular, single dog entries in the calculation of Grand Championship points. The amended Chapter 16, Section 6, in the Rules Applying to Dog Shows will be read at the March Delegate meeting and voted at the June Delegate meeting. If approved, the effective date will be November 1, 2017.

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NOTES FROM AKC DELEGATES' MEETING—DECEMBER 2016

The COMPANION EVENTS COMMITTEE discussed the general trends in obedience entries. Through 2016 there has been a decline of entries of approximately 5 percent. Forty-five conformation all-breed clubs have dropped obedience trials from there events, thirty-two specialties have dropped obedience. Standalone obedience trials provide 65 percent of the total obedience entries.

Comments were that clubs are having a difficult time attracting and training individuals to enter trials at the entry level. Novice Only trials were discussed as events where new exhibitors may not feel as

intimidated. New classes at the lower levels are being investigated, i.e. the Beginner Novice Plus class.

Effective February 1, 2017 clubs will be able to offer separate events for Juniors. Clubs that are licensed for obedience, rally, and agility will be allowed to hold Juniors Only Trials. Such trials would be open to all breeds, including Canine Partners, and would count toward titles. The events can be held in conjunction with regular events or may be standalone events.

Staff has recommended allowing clubs licensed for obedience to hold trials limited to the Preferred classes without offering the Regular classes. A Preferred class trial would be defined as one where the club offers the Preferred Novice, Preferred Open and/or the Preferred Utility classes without the Regular AKC classes. Currently, AKC does not allow the Preferred classes to be offered, unless the club also offers at least one of the Regular classes. The Non-Regular classes will be allowed to utilize the Preferred class jump heights in all obedience trials. Clubs still will have the ability to offer the optional or non-regular classes like Beginner Nov- ice and Veterans in addition to the Regular or Preferred class trials. This recommendation is a change to Regulations and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, the change would become effective February 1, 2017. This will be discussed further at the January meeting

The ALL BREED CLUB COMMITTEE discussed the investigation of Group Realignment. A recent survey sent by the committee indicated that 72 percent of delegates are in favor of having the issue reexamined.

The AKC Board has approved to change the road mileage between show sites from 100 driving miles to 75 driving miles which will provide more clubs to apply to isolated status. (Isolated clubs are determined as no AKC club within 75 straight-line miles between territories). The Board approved a change to the number of shows a club can hold - AB, two shows in a calendar year, Specialty Clubs, two shows plus one in conjunction with their national, no limit on national clubs, no limit on

obedience trials.

There was discussion of a staff proposal which would allow two all-breed shows to be spread over two days, i.e. the same four groups for both shows on the 1st day then the three remaining groups and BIS for both shows on the 2nd day. Questions were raised about the impact this would have on attracting professional handlers and the potentially negative financial impact this would have on the local communities. It was suggested that clubs should be given every opportunity to be successful and this might be a good option since it might allow clubs to use a smaller, less expensive, venue.

Discussion was held on the perception that events are going longer than before. There is no current evidence that shows are any longer than previously, approximately 9 hours in both 2016 and 2015. As some shows have smaller entries, fewer judges and rings are used which may impact length. Sub-committee will be reaching out to review factors affecting length of show, including number of rings, number of judges, special attractions, club requests, scheduling, etc.

The discussion of the new National Owner Handler Series (NOHS) regulations included the perception that

the changes could end up costing clubs additional monies and consequently clubs are reconsidering holding the competition in conjunction with their events. Suggestions made including setting up NOHS like sweepstakes, where exhibitors would pay an additional entry, but would winners would receive a percentage.

Entries at All Breed events are down approximately 3 percent or 29,000 for the year, 3,500 fewer unique dogs in competition. While it is uncertain, as the numbers can't be quantified, whether NOHS increases entries at an event, it is believed that the class helps stem the decline. Best Puppy and Best Bred By have been shown not to increase entries through the market research down in 2016.

Best Practices, including information for clubs, all-breed club survey

results, new ideas for clubs, etc. can be found on the AKC website under the Club Resource tab at the top of the page.

An All Breed Advisory Team has been formed at the AKC to assist clubs in numerous aspects including championing best practices/successes, being a proactive assistant to clubs, developing education material for new event committee members, helping with loss of show sites of cluster partnerships, assisting in adding special attraction or complimentary events, championing the B Match, and mentoring new or existing clubs when adding new events. . Guy Fisher has been named Manager of Club Development, serving under Director, Glenn Lycan. Brochure is available on the AKC website. The All Breed committee has asked for case studies to be presented to the committee detailing how the team works.

Group shows may now offer all-breed junior competition as an opt-in. Effective February 1 2017, juniors may handle in lower level herding classes, even if the dog has obtained higher titles. The AKC is hopeful of expanding the junior program including the addition of Junior Showcase events, and is currently interviewing additions to staff.

At all shows held after January 1 2017, a uniform judges' book must be used. The book must be format- ted the same across every show; the repercussion for not complying is a \$100 fine.

The Disqualified Dog Reinstatement Policy is going back to committee for refinement. The Dog Achiever Program is also back in subcommittee.

Five individuals were awarded Visionary Awards for 2016 at the DELEGATES' MEETING.

- Chris Sweetwood, Trap Falls Kennel Club
- Gail LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club
- Alan Kalter, American Bullmastiff Association

- Nancy Fisk, Hockamock Kennel Club
- Tom Davies, Springfield Kennel Club

Presentation was made regarding Link AKC, a new canine wearable. Information regarding this product can be found on linkakc.com. For every collar sold to an AKC club member, his/her club will receive \$10. The 16th AKC National Championship held in Orlando, FL is the largest ever with over 7,000 entries. The AKC Pupdate initiative in cooperation with Purina is aimed to connect new dog owners with information they need to welcome a puppy into their home over the first 18 months of its life as well as connect them to AKC and all we offer from information, events, to Clubs. The initial launch of this program has been well received. The test results have exceeded AKC marketing as well as industry benchmarks.

Individuals nominated for the Director Class of 2021 to fill three vacancies and who will be voted on at the annual meeting in March 2017 are:

- Jeffrey David Ball, Ridgewood, NJ Ramapo Kennel Club
- Rita J. Biddle, Eagle, MI Ingham County Kennel Club
- Dominic P. Carota, Selkirk, NY Pharaoh Hound Club of America
- Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Hamden, CT Elm City Kennel Club
- Thomas Powers, Northridge, CA Kennel Club of Beverly Hills
- Julian Prager, Zionsville, PA Central Florida Kennel Club
- John L. Ronald, Myersville, MD Samoyed Club of America
- Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., Laurel, NJ Burlington County Kennel Club

· Harvey M. Wooding, Redding, CT Westminster Kennel Club

Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 6, Section 9, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would extend the closing time for entries to be no later than 11:59 pm was held by counted vote. 151 in were in favor of the amendment, 94 opposed. The proposed amendment was not adopted as there was not 2/3 in favor.

Proposed amendment (to be voted at the March meeting) was read establishing that a National Retriever Derby Championship stake for qualified Retrievers shall be run not more than once in any calendar year by a club or association formed for that purpose. The club or association shall file an application for permission to run the event under the AKC Rules and Procedures for Retriever field trials. The club or association may also make special Regulations and Procedures as are deemed necessary for the conduct of the trial including the qualifications required to enter the test. Such special Regulations and Procedures are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club. The winner of the National Retriever Derby Championship stake shall be awarded the title of “National Retriever Derby Champion of 20__”. This shall be a prefix title designation by NDC . This amendment is proposed to encourage new owners of young dogs to train and participate with their dogs in AKC retriever field trials. All subsequent sections in this chapter will be renumbered. The Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club is opposed to a the amendment, stating that a prefix title should not be awarded for a minor stake and that, if anything, it should be a suffix title.

Vote will be held in March 2017 on proposed amendment to RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS Chapter 2, Section 3, Making Application to Hold a Dog Show which would enable the AKC upon receipt of an appeal, to approve a club for the holding of a show at a site within the area of another club on a case-by- case basis, if it believes the permission of the host club has unreasonably been denied.

The AKC will be re-emphasizing the AKC Code of Sportsmanship in 2017.

The Canine College is up on the AKC website. There are breed courses and tests for upcoming judges, breeding courses for the fancy, grooming courses, and others. Some require payment, while others are free of charge. The AKC Board has determined that all delegate meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesdays throughout 2017 and 2018. The next meeting will be held in Newark NJ on March 13 and 14 2017

Linda Wozniak