

## **Approved**

**Durham Kennel Club Member Meeting Monday, May 15, 2017**

**Potluck dinner: 6:30 PM**

**Meeting to follow – No program**

**Durham Kennel Club Building, Durham, NC**

Called to order 7:17 PM

Meeting: Approval of the minutes from the April 29, 2017 meeting

Joe Zawadowski motioned to accept as written. Nancy Zawadoski 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Passed unanimously.

President's Report (Ann Carter):

Treasurer's Report (Linda Wozniak): Available on request.

Recording Secretary's Report (Lisa Roberts):

Corresponding Secretary's Report (Dale Wisniewski):

AKC Delegate (Linda Wozniak):

Committee Reports:

Membership: (Terri Toohil)

Full Membership:

Melissa Hoppes; Bedlington Terriers; attended meetings and has necessary volunteer requirements. Sponsored by Michelle Meloy and Nancy Akers. Melissa Hoppes is voted in as a full member.

Other Committee reports:

Ann Carter announced we had a successful agility trial in April.

Sharon Pitz: Obedience classes start next week. Schedule online.

Lynn Reagan Hull: Conformation classes will be starting a new session. There will be another B match in August.

Ann Carter announced no one has come forward to be tracking chair

CGC – Emilie Beglane: CGC A test held last Saturday. Seven dogs entered and 6 passed.

Fall Show – Linda Wozniak: Still need volunteers for show. Martha Ann Traylor is in charge of clinics. Donna Goldstein reported the Jr. Series Suit Sale will be at the Fall Show.

Barn hunt – Donna Goldstein: Reported the spring trials were successful. Fall trials scheduled for November 4 and 5 with 4 trials. They hope to offer classes prior to the trials.

Yard Sale – Sharon Pitz: Reported the yard sale was successful. Made approximately 1200.00. She thanked everyone who helped with the sale.

Seminar: Kim Tyndall: Trick seminar Saturday, May 20. Still some open spots.

Summer Obedience Trials – Kim Tyndall: Reported the premiums are out for the trials.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

Election of board members:

Ann Carter reported there were no nominations from the floor at the April 29 member meeting. Therefore the slate of candidates stands as the newly elected DKC Board members. Ann Carter hands over the gavel to Jack Sappenfield and welcomes the new board members.

President: Jack Sappenfield

Vice President: Nancy Akers

Treasurer: Jodi LaBombard

Board Member: Vern Bell

Board Member: Sharon Pitz

**Brag:**

**Adjourned:** 7:40

Respectfully submitted

*Lisa Roberts*

Recording Secretary

Delegate Report – Linda Wozniak

AKC Delegate's Update — May 2017

Linda C Wozniak

Linda discussed the Achiever Dog program

Breeder of Merit Levels of Recognition: The Board voted to approve tiered levels of recognition in the Breeder of Merit (BOM) Program based on titles earned by dogs bred effective October 1 2017. . The purpose for this enhancement is: (1) provide an incentive for breeders to encourage their puppy buyers to become involved in AKC sports since accomplishments will reflect back on their breeding program, and (2) provide recognition to those long-term successful breeders that have produced numerous titled dogs. The criteria at each level requires a minimum number of dogs to have earned titles with a minimum number required to be prefix titles.

Breeder of Merit (Current)	Minimum of 4 dogs earn
Breeder of Merit Bronze	Minimum of 10 dogs ear titles
Breeder of Merit Silver	Minimum of 25 dogs ear prefix titles
Breeder of Merit Gold	Minimum of 50 dogs ear

	dogs earning prefix titles
Breeder of Merit Platinum	Minimum of 100 dogs earned having earned prefix title

Monitoring All-Breed Events Event Operations uses an internal report that tracks, by event month and year, the percentage of approved events that are offering the NOHS. Through the first five months of 2017, the number of All-Breed shows offering NOHS increased by 7 percent. It will be interesting to note if this trend continues with the implementation of new NOHS policies.

Elimination of the 26-inch Jump Height Changes within the United States agility community and internationally will see the elimination of a 26” jump height within the next 6 months across all organizations worldwide. To stay current, the AKC Agility staff recommends the elimination of the AKC’s top height class of 26 inches to a “24 Inch Choice” class. The “24 Inch Choice” class will be a jump height for dogs that are not required to compete at 24 inches whose handlers choose to compete at this higher height. This change is designed to keep dogs in the AKC Agility program by making AKC consistent with trends that are occurring in the sport. The “24 Inch Choice” height change also helps those handlers who want to prepare for international competitions. Without this change those handlers would move to other organizations to compete to gain the experience they and their dogs need. This jump height will allow the true 24 inch dogs (the ones required to jump 24 inches) to not have to compete with dogs that are typically smaller and lighter whose handler opts into the 24- inch height. This is a change to the Regulations for Agility Trials, the change will become effective January 2, 2018.

Allow Protective Footwear for Dogs in AKC Tracking Tests The Board approved a recommendation to allow protective footwear for dogs in AKC Tracking tests. On occasion, sites used for AKC Tracking tests have been found to have dangerous foxtail and thorny plants in them, as well as a potential to have lawn chemicals and broken glass. This change is considered a safety issue. The change will read as below:

Chapter 2. Regulations for Performance and Judging Section 24.

Protective Clothing. Dogs may wear a protective coat and/or footwear. If worn the coat, tracking harness and footwear must be put on in the

presence of both judges.

**Obedience and Rally - Transfer of Entries After Closing Date** The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to remove restrictions on when an exhibitor is allowed to transfer from one class to another at obedience and rally trials. A dog will be allowed to transfer from one class to another, if the handler and dog are eligible, at the request of the exhibitor after the closing date for entries, regardless of when the dog earned the title, provided the club allows transfers, and only if the class and judge are available. This applies both to Obedience and Rally Trials as is effective July 1 2017.

**Recognizing Stunt Dog Titles** The Board VOTED to expand AKC's new Trick Dog titling program by recognizing four Stunt Dog titles created by Do More With Your Dog (DMWYD). These Stunt Dog titles will start to be recognized by the AKC on March 15, 2018, to coincide with the DMWYD National Trick Dog Championship.

**New Conformation Class – Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy Proposal** is being considered to create a new Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy class. The Bred-by-Exhibitor (BBE) medallion is a coveted award by our breeders and can only be won from the BBE class at all breed shows and specialties. Proposal is an addition to Chapter 3, Section 3, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows to add a new class "Puppy Bred-by-Exhibitor" to the list of regular classes of The American Kennel Club. The rationale behind the proposal is that all championship points enroute to the BBE medallion must be earned from the BBE class. Points won from the puppy class make a dog ineligible to earn the BBE medallion. Breeders of slower-maturing breeds have a disadvantage when competing in the BBE class with a young puppy. Proposal is to add the BBE Puppy class and then to allow wins from that class to count toward earning a BBE medallion. The proposal would allow a division of the puppy class by 6-9 and 9-12 months at national or regional specialties.

**Badges and Pins in the Ring** It has been suggested that the wearing of badges and pins by professional handlers in the conformation ring, that identify them as members of such professional handling organizations, was unfair to the owner -handler. The Board is asked to consider changing the current Board Policy to prohibit the wearing of such pins in the ring. The current board policy (1968) reads; "The rule prohibiting badges and pins in the ring is designed to prevent an exhibitor from wearing badges or other symbols which identify that person as a particular individual and the rule

should not be construed to include the wearing of a lapel button by an exhibitor identifying him as a member of a particular club, AKC RHP, PHA, the Guild or any group.”

**Puppy of Achievement (POA) Pilot Program** The changes to the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations will be effective September 1, 2017. A certificate would require a dog to earn 10 POA points from the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition (BPUP) and/or the regular Puppy classes. The purpose of this new certificate is to encourage exhibitors to compete by providing a realistic goal for puppies while they gain ring experience. During the pilot period the AKC would issue a certificate; it will not be considered an AKC title. At the end of one year, all owners who have received the certificate will be surveyed to determine the success of the program. The future of the program will depend on the results of the survey.

The Puppy of Achievement certificate is earned based on the following requirements:

- 10 points (no major point requirement).
- Points for this certificate are earned at BPUP events and in the Puppy classes at regular events.
- The POA schedule of points would be the same for all breeds/varieties regardless of division or sex:

At regular shows, points would be awarded based on the number of dogs in competition in that class/sex (6-9, 9-12 or 6-12 Month Puppy). No points would be awarded beyond the class level at regular shows. Points can be earned with no competition. Staff feels this is appropriate FINAL Pg. 11 May 8-9, 2017 given that this is not a titling program and the large number of low entry breeds that have very few entries in the puppy classes. At BPUP events, since competition is not divided by sex, dogs awarded BOB would receive POA points based on all dogs in the breed/variety competing and

Dogs Competing	Number of Points
1-2	1
3-4	2
5 or more	3

the dog awarded BOS would receive POA points based on the number of dogs competing in their sex. A dog awarded Group 1 in BPUP would receive the highest number of POA points awarded to any puppy in their group. A dog awarded BIS would receive the highest number of POA points awarded to any puppy at that event.

Financial Results for the four months ended April 30, 2017. Total revenues of \$23.5 million were 2% below budget and 9.3% greater than 2016. Registration revenues were less than 1% under budget, but continue to outperform last year by 4.7%. Other items that outperformed year over year include Digital Advertising, Recording and Event Fees, along with Ecommerce. Total operating expenses of \$20.4 million were 11.6% below budget, but 9.4% higher than 2016 predominately due to increased headcount reflected in Payroll and Benefits costs. YTD Operating income of \$3.1 million significantly exceeded both the budget of \$959,000 for the period, as well as the previous year's actuals of \$2.9 million.