



AKC DELEGATE REPORT

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This report will cover the December 2020 Delegates Meeting. The minutes from both the Delegate meeting and the AKC Board of Directors November 2020 and January 2021 meetings are already available on the AKC site. Much is changing within the AKC and at a very rapid rate. As Borzoi now participate in such a diverse variety of AKC events, please take time to read the AKC Secretary's page in the Gazette to see what changes may have been made in your area of interest.

The important item for the December virtual meeting was the introduction of candidates for the class of 2025 AKC Board of Directors. The BCOA Board has been provided with the candidate's bios to help them make their choices and how the Board wants me to vote. Last year, my first election, there was a lot of politicking going on at the December and March meetings. As we are meeting virtually it's going to be interesting to see how the candidates present themselves and their platforms. So far, it's been very quiet.

A very hot item before the Delegates is the 18-month test program to let children with mixed breeds show in Junior Showmanship. This was voted in by the AKC Board without input from the Delegates. Likely the Delegates will bring it up for a vote at the March meeting. Please let your Regional Governor or me know about your feelings on this program.

The Delegates are awaiting a proposal from the Rules Committee on the option of offering a Bred-By Exhibitor Puppy class. The All-Breed clubs had sufficient numbers to barely defeat the proposal when it was previously brought to the Delegates. The Parent Clubs were in favor. It has been sent to committee for wording that will allow it for specialties. The BCOA Board has instructed me to vote in favor of this addition.

Many of the items presented at the December meeting had already been presented and discussed at earlier Delegate Committee meetings. General Delegate Meeting Minutes have been published in AKC Gazette Secretary Page. If you have any questions, or comments on the minutes please contact me.

Delegate Committee Meetings – items of note

1. Still an area of emphasis is the identifying and helping "At-Risk". Emphasis on identifying and assisting "At Risk" members – Best practices being developed to assist club members and community dog owners in need. Encouraging people to reach out if they need help. At Risk – loss of income, age, illness, more dogs than they can care for. Clubs/members assist before it can become an AR issue.
2. In light of the recent change that now allows live streaming of AKC events to personal social media accounts such as Facebook, a reminder that anyone filming needs to be aware of their surroundings and of the people in their surroundings. It is okay to announce a class, but there should not be any comments about any dog or any person in the ring.
3. The Board voted to extended through the end of 2021 many of its previous actions to help the sports that were set to expire the end of the year.
4. Changes have been recommended to the Premium List format, creating a simplified format.

Regards,
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