

AKC DELEGATE REPORT

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This report will cover the June 2022 Delegates Meeting and the items of interest for the September 2022 meeting. The minutes from both the June Delegate meeting and the AKC Board of Directors meetings are available on the AKC site. Please take time to read the AKC Secretary's page in the Gazette to see what changes may have been made in your areas of interest.

Delegate Meeting

The amendments up for vote at the September 2022 meeting have been listed in the Secretary's Pages of the August 2022 Gazette. Although there are fourteen amendments up for voting, five pertaining to AKC By-laws. The amendments and proposed amendments have been provided to the BCOA BOD. Amendments of special interest are in bold.

These are:

Article IV, Section 1 - Club membership qualifications

Article IV, Section 2 - Proxy voting prohibited

Article VII, Section 1 - AKC BOD Director's election process which will eliminate term limits

Article XVIII, Section 1 - Delegate meeting yearly schedule and the Annual meeting being scheduled in March

Article XX, Section 6 - Notification that all proposed amendments, demands, recommendations and other writings be filed with the executive Secretary

Pertaining to Dog Show Rules:

Two amendments pertaining to Show Veterinarians

Chapter 8 - Veterinarians are either on call or in attendance

Chapter 10 - Assure services are available during show hours and provide contact information for the vet facility

Chapter 9 Section 2 - Regulations and requirements for being a Show Secretary

Chapter 9 Section 4 - Rules/forms for requesting/requiring the health examine of a dog at an event

Chapter 14 Section 2 & 2A - Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds

Chapter 16, Section 2 amendment:

A dog in its breed competition at a show which has placed Winners, and which also has finished second, third, or fourth in its group competition at the same show shall be awarded championship points figured at the highest point rating of any breed or recognized variety of any breed entered in the show and entitled to winners points in its group, exclusive of any breed or variety that placed higher in the group class.

In addition, two proposed amendments will be read then voted on at the December Delegate meeting.

Proposed amendment on the Nominating Committee. Aligns with current practices

Chief Financial Officer responsibilities

From the Delegate Committee Meetings:

Each Committee meeting I attended spent considerable time discussing the AR agendas in Europe and concern about it jumping over here and impacting AKC events. When an alert is sent out, please do not ignore it because it isn't in your state. Be aware of the AR agenda in the US. Please consider supporting the AKC PAC. It can't be a club doing the supporting, it has to be individuals. The AKC PAC is our first line of defense against legislation that will prevent us from continuing to own show and breed dogs.

This very brief summary of some recent events in Europe was presented at the Parent Club meeting. Please take a minute to read this.

Dog shows in Germany got canceled this weekend due to state veterinarian rulings about breed bans. And not just for dock & crop issues. Then expanded to prohibit brachiocephalic nose breeds. it bans whiskers trims. New is the missing teeth and needing vet x-ray of hips and luxating patellas. Quote from German Pomeranian breeder: Angel Sophia Nogga - Animal rights extremists are pushing their agenda further. If you want to show a Pomeranian in Germany, you must now do a yearly x-ray under anesthesia for a patellar examination. Only the P1 teeth can be missing, or you cannot enter the show ground. Then, a specialist has to fill out a form that the dog doesn't suffer from torture due to breed characteristics. This will cost you more money. All documents are being controlled by the state

veterinary department. So, even if you paid the entry, did all tests, filled out all forms and paid around 500-1000€, they can still prevent you from showing your dog. If, for example, the state vet thinks that your dog's tail is too short. In Germany you need to have 2x shows to get a breeding license for your dog! The whole ordeal will cost around 3000€ before you can even breed your dog. It's a disaster! The breed clubs and cynologists should have done more to prevent this from happening! It was foreseeable and started 20-30 years ago with the ban of cropping/docking, then in some countries they banned dangerous breeds. For example, in the Netherlands you can't breed certain brachycephalic breeds. Now in Germany they banned the use of crates, transport boxes during dog shows, ancient breeds without fur are banned as well now because they are considered to be a tortured breed. Certain show leads are banned, chokers are banned, you can't cut the whiskers of a dog as it's considered to be an amputation! So shaved breeds like poodles can't be sheared in the face. Hairsprays and all kinds of products are forbidden, tables with an arm or loop are forbidden and now they even want to tell us how to show our dogs? Soon, there will be no shows in central Europe, then it will spread to countries outside the EU, America, Canada, South America, Asia and it will be the end for all of us. The situation is very serious and I'm not joking. I'm sure I forgot half of the other ridiculous rules animal rights activists have enforced over the years. Fact is, there are more of them than us and they have money, power and influence. Meanwhile our kennel clubs have only excuses and other things to do, they are literally sleeping and waiting until cynology will be history.

The Parent Club (PC) committees are still working on:

The Parent Club Best Practices report has been completed and shared with the BCOA BOD. The AKC will be presenting the report in a series of webinars.

Breeder Development & Mentoring, expanded to include a Breeder Education Coordinator to be submitted annually to the AKC.

Breed Flyers - It's also time for Parent Clubs to review the contents of their breed flyers which are sent to all AKC puppies registered from that breed.

Member Club Health Statements

Meet the Breeds – is the current model working or is MTB better in conjunction with a show or other AKC event?

5 Year Strategic Plans

The AKC approved a 1-year pilot eliminating the ownership requirements for a dog to be exhibited by a Junior in any AKC Event. The program allows Juniors to compete in all Performance and Companion events with a dog they do not own. This program does NOT include Conformation as there is a separate program already in place for Junior Conformation. This program would allow Juniors to gain a point for participation and additional points for attaining a qualifying score in events in which they participate.

New areas of interest:

Parent Club Pedigree Databases – the Parent Club (PC) committee is looking into developing a standard and a program for PC to create and administer their own pedigree databases. This is the basic formation stage and I'll keep you advised as it progresses.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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