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Delegates' Report for September 13, 2011
Held in Newark, NJ

This is the highlights of the Delegates' Meeting; a complete set of Delegates' Meeting Minutes is located at http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/delegates_meeting/sept11.pdf

Points of interest from the Delegates' Meeting

Items voted on:

The first Bylaw vote is on the proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 5 of *the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club* which would apply identical restrictions to someone who misappropriates funds from AKC or an AKC subsidiary or affiliate organization, as we now do for someone who misappropriates funds from a AKC sanctioned, licensed or member club.

The proposal was read in June; it has been published in two issues of the *Gazette*, and it was on the worksheet previously distributed. The proposed amendment was approved by the Board of Directors.

There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted. (The amendment is effective September 15, 2011).

This was good a change. LLS

The next Bylaw vote was on the proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 7 of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club*, which would allow that when the Board has determined that a seated Delegate is ineligible to serve under Section 5, the Delegate's club may appeal to the Delegate Body. The Delegate's club has been permitted to appeal that decision under Section 7, even though this is not specifically provided for in this section. So this amendment would make such provision, thus bringing this section of the Bylaws into alignment with actual practice. The proposal was read to you in June and published in two issues of the *Gazette*, and was on the worksheet previously distributed. The amendment was approved by AKC's Board of Directors. (The amendment is effective September 13, 2011).

I see nothing wrong with this. LLS

The first Dog Show Rule vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 17, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*; Chapter 4, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Approval of Judges' Panels and Premium Lists*; Chapter 5, Section 1 and 7 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Ribbons, Prize and Trophies*; and Chapter 6, Section 2A of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Premium Lists and Closing of Entries*; and Chapter 7, Section 13 and 19, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges*; all of which would establish a reserve Best in Show. These proposals were read at the June, 2011 meeting and were published in two issues of *The Gazette* and distributed on the worksheets. The amendments were submitted by the Delegates Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by AKC's Board of Directors. Without objection, since all of these amendments establish a Reserve Best in Show and they do not stand alone, they were considered as one vote. A two-thirds for affirmative vote will be required for adoption.

We now have a Reserve BIS, however this does not extend to Group or Specialty Show. (The amendments are effective July 3, 2012). LLS

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 1, Section 5 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined*; Chapter 1 and a new Section 8 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined*; and Chapter 2, Sections 11 through 15 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Making Application to Hold a Dog Show*; Chapter 3, Sections 12 through 23 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*; and Chapter 6, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Premium Lists and Closing of Entries*, which are all housekeeping changes. (The amendments are effective September 13, 2011).
Fine, these changes were needed. LLS

This will be voted on at the December meeting.

Mr. Crowley: This amendment is to Chapter 7, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges*. It eliminates the prohibition of a person connected with dog food, dog remedy or kennel supply companies in the capacity of solicitor or salesman from becoming an AKC judge. The full text is on the worksheet previously distributed. This amendment was brought forward by the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, and was disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors. The Colorado Springs Kennel Club has demanded that it be noticed per Article XX, Section 36 of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club*.

It will be published in two issues of the on-line *AKC Gazette*, and you will be asked to vote on it at the December, 2011 meeting.

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The Chair called on James Stevens, CFO, for the financial report. A summary follows: Total revenues of \$36.1 million for the first eight months of 2011 were 5% lower than last year. The major sources of our revenues continued to be adversely impacted by the sluggish economy. Successful cost containment efforts resulted in total year-to-date expenses being slightly less than the previous year.

This resulted in a year-to-date operating deficit of \$2.3 million. However, operations maintained a positive cash flow due to certain expenses being of a non-cash nature. A difficult stock market environment in July and August of this year resulted in a year-todate investment loss of \$652,000.

AKCs estimated loses will be close to \$ 3 million in 2011 and greater in 2012. LLS

Board Chairman, Ronald Menaker and President Dennis Sprung gave speeches recapping the events of 9/11/2001. You may read them at the AKC website address given above.