AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DELEGATES MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Zoom Webinar

Meeting will be called to order at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (ET) for the sole purpose of conducting the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees.

Voting will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET

The Forum will begin at 11:00 a.m. ET

"Review of the Current State of Genetic Testing - A Living Resource"

Presented by Dr. Anita Oberbauer, Professor, Department of Animal Science and Associate Dean, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences,

University of California, Davis.

Meeting will reconvene at 12:00 p.m. ET

Introduction of AKC Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman of the Board, Executive Secretary and Parliamentarian.

Delegates seated since last meeting; introduction of new Delegates by the Executive Secretary.

Approval of minutes.

Vote for (1) new member club.

Chairman's Report

President's Report

Financial Report

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 2, Section 10,** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Making Application to Hold a Dog Show, which generalizes the language by removing the reference to a form and whether the futurity or sweepstakes will be open to nonmembers, providing flexibility to remain consistent with any modification to the application procedures without further amendment to the Rule.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 8-A**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Classifications, which proposes a new Section 8-A that would create a new class, Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy, to be offered at conformation dog shows at the discretion of the club. This class will provide the opportunity for breeders to exhibit their puppies in an age appropriate class without risk of sacrificing their opportunity to attain the Bred-by-Exhibitor medallion.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 3**, **Section 3**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Classifications, which inserts the proposed new Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy Class into the list of regular classes. It also adds language to clarify the puppy classes and the 12-18 month class may be divided.

This proposal is contingent on delegate approval of the new Chapter 3, Section 8-A to create the Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy Class. Rejection of the proposed Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy Class would require amendment to this proposal.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 11,** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Classifications, inserts the proposed new Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy Class into the list of classes from which first place advances to compete in the Winners Class. It adds language to clarify the puppy, 12-18 month class and Bred-by-Exhibitor class may be divided by age. It also inserts language to clarify American-Bred and Open classes are required and all others are optional. This proposal is contingent on delegate approval of the new Chapter 3, Section 8-A to create the Bred-by Exhibitor Puppy Class. Rejection of the proposed Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy Class would require amendment to this proposal.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 11, Section 9,** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which replaces current language with generalized language eliminating references to specific communicable diseases so that the revised section would address any health issues or diseases currently being experienced.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 14, Section 3,** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellation of Awards, which modifies text for additional clarity as to when an entry may or may not be measured, as well as the judge's procedural responsibilities.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 14, Section 4,** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellation of Awards, which modifies text for additional clarity as to when an entry may or may not be weighed, the judge's procedural responsibilities and the impact on any dog weighed out and associated limitations when weighed out for condition of class.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 14, Section 6,** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellation of Awards, which modifies text for additional clarity as to obligations concerning disqualifications and conditions of class related to color and markings, the judge's procedural responsibilities and any impact on the dogs concerning future events.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 14, Section 6-A**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellation of Awards, which proposes the insertion of a new Section 6-A, which would have the effect of adding language specific to a judge's authority in classes where the condition of class is other than height, weight, color or markings.

Approval of this proposal by the Delegates would then require approval of the corresponding proposal to Chapter 15, Section 2 to allow for protest by competing exhibitors in the same class.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 15**, **Section 2**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Protests Against Dogs, which adds the proposed new Section 6-A to the list of sections where conditions of class are to allow for protest by competing exhibitors in the same class. This proposal is contingent on delegate approval of the insertion of a new Chapter 14, Section 6-A.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 16, Section 6**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Championships, which assigns the same logic to GR CH points as CH points at independent specialties with inter-variety competition as defined in Chapter 16, Section 3. It also inserts language into the section defining that at independent specialty shows for breeds divided into recognized varieties and offering a Best of Breed competition, the dog awarded BOB would receive the highest number of GR CH points awarded in any variety at the specialty show. The dog awarded BOS would receive the highest number of GR CH points awarded in its sex in any variety at the specialty show.

Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 11**, **Section 8-A**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which removes the requirement for an injury to have occurred for an Event Committee to disqualify a dog that has attacked a person or a dog at its event, presenting a hazard to persons or other dogs.

Read on the proposed amendment to **Article IV**, **Section 1**, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, which would prohibit a local Specialty Club from applying to AKC for Member Club status in accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws.

Read on the proposed amendment to **Article VIII, Section 7**, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, which would eliminate costly balloting for unopposed Board candidates during the annual election. It would also save the time that it normally takes during the Annual meeting to conduct such elections.

Read on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 16, Section 1**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – incorporates a new paragraph 8 to permit a 2020 National Specialty to be held in 2021 in addition to a 2021 National Specialty.

Read on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 14**, **new Section 36**, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds* – Rules for Pointing Breeds Trials, which provides those Parent Clubs that were forced to cancel or postpone their 2020 National Field Trial due to COVID-19, an exception to hold their 2020 and 2021 National Field Trial Championship in 2021.

Read on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 15**, **new Section 27**, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Spaniels* – Rules for Spaniel Trials, which provides those Parent Clubs that were forced to cancel or postpone their 2020 National Field Trial due to COVID-19, an exception to hold their 2020 and 2021 National Field Trial Championship in 2021.

Read on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 1**, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures* – Description of Classes and Championship Requirements, which provides clubs with the option when applying to hold a traditional brace trial, the ability to offer two classes and avoid having to combine classes later during the trial due to lower entries.

Read on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 1,** of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Basset Hounds* – Making Application to Hold a Field Trial, which increases the maximum number of trials a club can hold from 2 to 4.

General Orders

New Business