

Monday, September 12, 2011

Dog Show Rules Committee

- Eight people were seeking the four committee openings. Five of the eight were present.
- A motion was made and passed to strike the words "after closing of the entries of the show" from Ch 11, Sect 13 of the rule book. Motion passed.
- A motion was made and passed to amend the rules book that trophies not listed in the premium list can be still given out if they are listed in the show report.
- The By-Laws committee is seeking to change the rule to have votes a simple majority than a 2/3 vote at this time. The committee prefers to leave it as it presently is.
- A motion was made and defeated to support the parent club committee recommendation to add a three point major for reserve at a national specialty. One show could be designated yearly as the national and the entry would need to be double the five point requirement of that sex in the division in which the specialty is held.
- \$425,000 is spent annually on the delegate meeting, including staff attending meetings. The Board as chosen to delete all staff liaisons from attending delegate meetings and all questions must go through the committee rather than individuals contacting the staff.
- A proposal to have each of the standing committee members give \$50 of their \$200 dollar stipend for each meeting was discussed to support the re-assignment of staff to the committee meetings. A long discussion was held regarding the need to have the staff members present at the meeting.
- A discussion was made to have a breakdown of the expenses of \$258,308 for Board member travel

All-Breed Club Committee

- 846 of the 3091 eligible clubs have chosen to participate in the "opt-In" Program. 425 of those being all-breed clubs. 24,00 e-mails are being sent out monthly
- Facebook is being suggested as another mode of utilizing club resources
- business cards promoting your club and events, also the benefits of AKC, would be helpful in most communities

-promote "Did You Know" using the recent Lisa Gonzales information recently provided. Promoting all of the benefits of the \$20 registration provided to the greater community.

- Reserve Best In Show is an honor only. It would not make the entry eligible to move up to BIS if for some reason the BIS is disallowed.

-Fifth and sixth group placements have been tabled by the Board

-Review of the 4-6 month Puppy Competition - the clubs that have offered the event have found it to be very labor intensive. It requires many workers in order to teach the new people which equipment that will need to purchase as well how to show their dog. The judges chosen have to be very flexible and encouraging to the new exhibitors. A suggestion was made to take a ring and divide into two to speed up the process as there is no need to have the dogs gaited in a large area. Extra workers have been needed in most occasions. Half of the entries have been from new people that received an e-mail from AKC.

-Moratorium on new clubs- the moratorium on new specialty clubs was lifted at the July board meeting as long as they go along with an existing all-breed or group club. The all-breed moratorium will be discussed at the November meeting. Some areas of the country are in need of new clubs. It was the general feeling of the Board to lift the group show moratorium .

- A Coonhound Benched Show can be added to any all-breed show as a Special Attraction. The entries will be benched for a period of time during the day with a hunt most likely occurring that evening.

- The number of concurrent shows offered per day has been raised to four. The event operations staff will choose to limit the number of specialties.

- A discussion was held regarding the re-instatement of staff at delegate committee meetings.

General Caucus

A report of the Group Re-Alignment Committee reported a proposed eleven groups. The committee was made up of the original group members with the addition of one representative from each of the seven groups. The committee took into account the addition of all FSS breeds. Using this formula the existing groups would range up to 42 in the Working Group, 41 in the Hound, 39 in the Sporting, 38 for Herding, 31 for Terriers, 25 for the Toy and Non-Sporting being 23. The Eleven groups would split the sporting group into two, the hound group into two, the working group would be split into three with the Working-Spitz, Working-Mollosers(?sp) mastiff type and the Working-Utility - guard-like type. The remaining four groups would stay similar to what they are right now. This proposal would be voted on in 2012 with the possibility of going into effect in 2014.

A discussion was introduced to the group of gathering data of the Junior Showmanship continued support of the AKC as they are often spoken to "as the future of the AKC"

The Legislative Action Committee is holding a raffle with tickets available from committee members

A letter is to be sent to the Board regarding the no staff at meeting change

There is a need for greater breakdown of expenses, benefits, salaries and perks in the Financial Reports