To The Point

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Deadline for submission of 2020 dues is December 31, 2019
Deadline for submitting 2022 National Specialty Application February 15, 2020
Email to Karen Spey – Karen.spey@yahoo.com

The following motions were passed by the Board

Options for Companion Events:

1) Hold companion events at the host hotel. Agility equipment supplied by Max 200 for $1020. Add obedience and rally equipment at no charge and APC comps 1 hotel night.

2) Rent United Dog Agility facility from 8 to 5 for $550. Facility is an hour away. It's a building with turf for agility and we would do obedience in the same area on the turf. APC to supply the obedience and rally equipment for an additional $100.

3) Do not host companion events and move field trial and hunt test up a day.

Option #3 won 20191205-28-BM

Message from Diane Townsend, APC President

The K9JYM was under contract with the APC to host our companion events for 2020, but they are closing the facility at the end of this year, so we needed to come up with a new venue. The board reached out to multiple indoor venues to do the companion events and found one that would work a little over an hour away from the host hotel. We also got a quote to have MAX 200 bring the equipment to the hotel and hold the events outside. The board gave these options careful consideration but voted to NOT hold the companion events this year due the expense and low entries.

Approve application for 2020 National Field Trial **20191205-29-BM**

Fort Campbell State Park, Crawford, NE October 5-9, 2020 Angela Schillereff -Chair

Deb Freidus- Secretary

AKC Delegates Committee Meetings and Delegates Meeting

Orlando, FL. December 12 and 13, 2019

Committee Meetings – December 12, 2019

AKC – Canine Health Committee:

- 3 million dollar growth in canine health development
- New development in marijuana (TBD) and the impact of epilepsy
- Canine ingesting of drugs, "newly launched development" and researching ways to determine what drugs dogs may have ingested

Veterinary Outreach Updates:

- 7 conference attended by AKC staff and /or committee members
- Latest conference was NY Veterinary Conference on November 7 and 8
- KC of Philadelphia had 15 veterinary students attend a Purina sponsor Food Development lecture and students attended the KC of Philadelphia Dog Show
- Springfield (Mass) KC was also attended by 15 veterinary students from Tufts University A luncheon was held w/table discussion by exhibitors and veterinary students regarding purebred dogs.
- MaryBeth O'Neil (AKC staff) may be contacted by any club to arrange tours at shows for veterinary students.
- $35k is available for scholarships for veterinary school students

OFA / CHIC Updates:

- DNA participation by a number of breeds. DNA samples taken trying to monitor various health issues in dogs throughout their lives. Logging what diseases breeds have and at what period in their lives they obtain them.
- Breed club specialties are a great venue to collect blood samples.

AD HOC Canine Genetics Committee:

- Have established a PAC Board
- New genetic research has been started by UofCA@Davis; purpose is testing what is relevant to various breeds.

Staff/Committee report:

- AKC does not endorse any "For Profit" organization which may sell collected data.
- AKC-CHF – Researches all money received > does Peer Review > Documents w/ validation • AKC researches all companies that are doing canine research to be sure they are reputable and "not for profit".

Parent Club Committee:

Updates:

- Parent Club Lists / AKC classified / Marketplace - "No updates"

Dog Show Rules – Chapter 9,Sec. 11 , Discussion still ongoing 0n the "1970's" Chapter 9 regarding various punitive rules for event dismissal because of any canine virus or diseases. Field Trial Committee is also aware of the situation.

- "Barriers" in breeding dogs: Zoning issues, Health Testing, Veterinarian Care. These issues are to be flushed out later.

- Updating emails for Parent Club Rescue and Docking and Cropping
- Parent Club Health Statements for AKC – Clubs may write whatever they desire.
- Disaster Trailer – 110 clubs participate and over $2 million has been donated and 26 states have received trailers.
- Breed Sustainability – AKC developing a new breeder format for breeder education and mentoring program.
- AKC has developed a "check list" for Specialty Site Committee, *site selection.*

Parent Club Committee Reports:
Legislative:

- Cruelty and animal control are the key issues both State and Federal
- Importing of unhealthy dogs remain an issue with over 1 million imported annually
- Dogs which don't meet specified regulated health requirements will be returned to country of of departure.
- Development by AKC to create detailed information regarding "Service Dogs". Currently too many fraudulent identifications of service dogs.

New Business:

Best in Show Bred By Exhibitor:

- 2020 an award will be awarded for BIS, best Bred By Exhibitor to each club. (Information with guidelines is forthcoming)
- The award is to offer free litter registration awarded by AKC
- A breeder survey will be placed on the Delegates Portal

Frozen Semen Bank:

- AKC is moving forward to develop standards to identify frozen semen that has been abandoned (for various reasons; often decease of owner with no provisions in their will)
- Looking to establish a semen bank and develop a tool kit to help identify abandon semen.

Breeders, Sub-Committee Report:

- March meeting will have AKC legislative rep. to address legality of member suspension as it relates to Parent Club status

Note: AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) 2019 report included

AKC Delegates Meeting – December 13, 2019

Forum; " Q&A" for Board of Directors Candidates
Candidates running for the Board, Class of 2024

- ➢ Dr. Michael Knight -Texas Kennel Club – Owner/Operator Staffing firm
- ➢ Dr. Carmen Battaglia - German Shepherd Club of America – University Professor and former U.S.DOE employee
- ➢ Carolyn McAteer – Irish Setter Club of America – Investment Councilor
- ➢ Carl Ashbey – United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club – Retired, ATT employee and former owner /operator Hallmark Cards store
- ➢ Jeffery Barl – Ramapo Kennel Club – New Jersey Animal Welfare agent

Each candidate was asked what they felt was their most important issue and what they could offer as a Board member.
Dr. Michael Knight - Professionally has a PhD in Human Resources and Masters in Psychology and can address many issues as his background provides great experience.

Dr. Carmen Battaglia – Background in business and education and make addressing the 100 low breeds, a high priority. Breed sustainability is important.

Carolyn McAteer – Emphasis on communication, reach out to the fancy and focus on PAC

Carl Ashby – Team player, encourage creative thinking with creative ideas. Build relationships.

Jeffery Barl – There seems to be a disconnect with the public; need public outreach to assist clubs.

Four of the five candidates will be elected at the March Delegates meeting.

Please provide any input you may have as a member, directly to me and I will keep the APC BOD apprised as well between now and the time to vote in March.

Delegate Meeting:

- Approval of September Delegates meeting – Approved
- Report of President and CFO **Revenue:**
  YTD - $65 million revenue and $60 million in expenses, 4.8% increase in revenue Major revenue from:

  Registration, Litter registration and transfers

  AKC TV $ 614k

  Royalties $ 418k

  5% increase in events revenue

  Expenses:
  Payroll and Benefits - $468k

  Consultants – $1 million AKC-TV - 825k

  Investments:
  14.6% gain = $12.7 million

Following were voted on:

- Chapter 3, Section 22 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Adopted
- Chapter 11,Section 8-A, of the rules applying to Dog Shows – Return in March w/ more information
- Chapter 14, Section 20 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows -Adopted
- Chapter 9,Section 2, Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Return in March
- Chapter 14, Section 5, Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Return in March
- Chapter 6, Section 4, Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Return in March New Business:

- March 10, 2020 Delegates Meeting, Newark, NJ International Airport
- Warren Cook, South Oregon KC, will address *"Small Show concerns and act with speed"*
- Perspectives (newsletter) will have a special issue on the AKC elections

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Danny D. Seymour

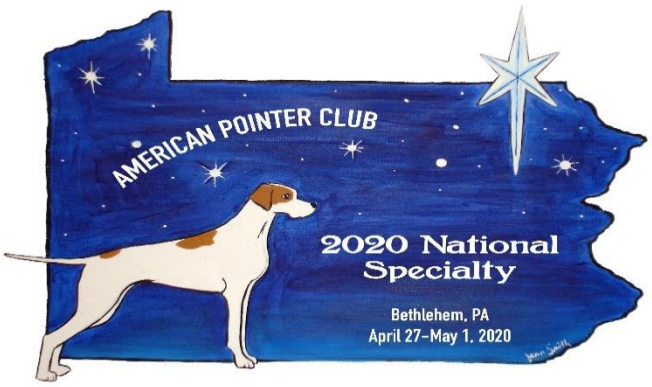
Delegate, American Pointer Club, Inc.

News from the November meeting of the AKC Board of Directors

Parent Club Titles in the Catalog of National Specialties
As part of the Show Manual revision, wording will be added to the section pertaining to catalogs to clarify that parent club **titles** not recognized by the AKC may be included in the show catalog for independent national specialties. This availability will be an option and is not a requirement. Thefinal determination whether to include will be between the club and its show secretary/superintendent and under the conditions that (1) the title is not affiliated with a competing domestic registry or event hosting organization, and (2) the non-AKC recognized parent club title(s) may only be listed as suffix titles, and after all AKC titles, and all AKC recognized parent club or other titles. This will be reflected in the updated AKC Show Manual expected to be available in January 2020.

Modification to the *Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations*

The Board at its November meeting voted to approve a revision to the *Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations* to allow assistants of professional handlers that are eligible to compete in junior showmanship to personally exhibit dogs in the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition. This modification is consistent with a recent revision to the NOHS regulations related to eligibility within the sport. **This is effective January 1, 2020.**



AMERICAN POINTER CLUB
2020 NATIONAL SPECIALTY
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Chief Ring Steward – Gerry Delakian

Lehigh Valley Hotel & Conference Center
300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem PA 18017 • 610-866-5800

Standard Room $99/night plus tax INCLUDING full hot breakfast buffet. **Exception- Guests that will stay for a week will be honored with a $89/night room rate. A week is seven nights. Three dogs per room included in the $99 rate. $15 per additional dog per day.

Each guestroom will be expected to sign a waiver for any damage to the room and will be inspected prior to departure by a Hotel Representative.

American Pointer Club will provide each guest with plastic sheets for underneath pet crates. Pets must be crated at all times when left unattended in guest rooms. Pets may not be BATHED OR GROOMED in guestroom.

A flat cleaning fee of $150 per guest room will be charged to any room requiring excessive cleaning due to hotel guest(s) not cleaning up after their pet.

If towels are missing/excessively soiled, a $25 towel replacement fee per set/per day will be charged.

Complimentary shuttle service available from the Lehigh Valley International Airport.

Airports/Transportation

Lehigh Valley International Airport (approximately 4 miles • 7 minutes to show site) 3311 Airport Rd., Allentown PA 18109 • 800-359-5842 or 610-266-6000 Airport Code: ABE • www.flylvia,com

2020 APC Field Trial & Hunt Test – April 27/28, 2020

Please support the Field Trial & Hunt Test by sponsoring a trophy and/or ribbon cluster.

Field Trial Classes - 1st place trophies in each class are $50.00 2nd-4th are $40.00
Ribbon cluster for each class are $40.00 for the entire class

- Open Gun Dog
- Amateur Gun Dog
- Open Puppy
- Open Derby
- Amateur Hunting Dog

Hunt Test - Ribbon Cluster is $40.00 for each class

- Master Hunter
- Senior Hunter
- Junior Hunter

Contact Deb Freidus – blackthornpt@earthlink.net

2020 National Specialty Schedule of Events

Unless otherwise noted all events will be held at the Best Western Hotel

Monday	April 27	Field Trial**
Tuesday	April 28	Hunt Test**
		Welcome Party – Host Hotel
Wednesday	April 29	Futurity/Maturity, Sweepstakes
		Breeders/Health Seminar
Thursday	April 30	4 – 6 Month Puppy Class, Dog Classes & Non
		Regular Classes, Parade of Champions
		Judges Education
		Annual Meeting
Friday	May 1	Bitch Classes, Junior Showmanship, Breed, Brood
		Bitch, Stud Dog, Generation Class, etc.
		Annual Dinner & Auction

** Field Trial and Hunt Test will be held at Clover Hollow Hunting Preserve, Slatington, PA

AKC National Championship Meet the Breeds Booth

Thank you to the APC members that manned the booth!

News from our APC Members

Marva Petrequin is having an unfortunately eventful end of the year. She spent the three days prior to Thanksgiving at the Hospital. After ruling out a stroke, MS, Cataracts and many other diseases (good news, she does not have Syphilis, yes they checked for that), the working diagnosis is Temporal Arteritis - in practical terms her Optic Nerves were inflamed. She went to bed Sunday night like normal, when she woke up Monday morning she could not see: she described it as looking through a paper towel tube with the lights turned low, by the end of Monday she had no vision in either eye. The treatment is high dose steroids over the next several months. Doctors are not giving any guarantee the treatment will restore her vision; however, the inflammation has gone down and the optical nerves are starting to "pink up" indicating a return of blood flow. Her current status is no vision in her right eye and extremely limited vision in the left eye. If she is looking at something with good lighting and good contrast, she can "sort" of see it but describes it as being in a very dark room. We still do not know what caused the inflammation as she does not have any of the risk factors, so please keep her in your prayers.

Deborah Harper
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Note from the editor- Marva, speaking for the entire APC membership we wish you a very speedy and complete recovery.

NEW APC DUAL CHAMPION - CONGRATUALTIONS

Dual Ch JJJ Kinike Gibb JH
Bred by June and Johnny Johnston
Owned by June and Kinnike Kennels (Erica and John Bandes)
Always Amateur owner trained and handled

Interested in becoming a ringside mentor for the APC?

Criteria for Mentors:

Those persons who apply to mentor should have skills in presenting the breed as described by the standard. The Judges Education Chair and other mentors can be a good source of experience regarding mentoring. You can send your request to the JE Chair along with the following information. The request is then submitted to the board for approval.

1. APC Member in good standing for at least 5 years.
2. I Agree: The 12/5/4 criteria set by AKC for applicants wishing to apply for a judging license.
3. I Agree: To use only materials provided by APC for distribution.
4. I Agree: To sit ringside with aspiring judges for the duration of the breed judging (except at National Specialties). *Show must be a major in at least one sex to be applicable for judges points.
5. I Agree to: Attend APC National Judges Education Seminar at least once every 3 years (Judges Exempt).

Definition of the 12/5/4 criteria set by the AKC

Have 12 or more years' experience exhibiting Pointers in Conformation.
Have bred and raised 5 or more Pointer litters on your premises.
Have bred 4 or more Pointer champions. (whether owned or handled by the applicant)

Judges Education Chair – Susan Bleckley Susanbleckley@gmail.com

American Pointer Club, Inc. Mentors 2019

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DOG FOLK:
REASONS TO ATTEND A NATIONAL SPECIALTY

by
WILLIAM H.
MILLER

...to gaze upon beautiful puppies, seasoned show dogs and bright-eyed veterans (veterans always bring a tear or two).

...to visit with your peers.

...to measure the "State of the Breed."

...to compare your breeding stock with that of others.

...to support your parent club.

...to find a stud dog or new bloodline.

...to see the dogs that you have not seen before.

...to learn something new.

...to see your dear (yet far away) friends.

...to celebrate your love of a breed with fellow fanciers.

...to remember our departed peers. (Their names are always part of the conversation.)

...to look back and recall a fond win or a winner of yesteryear.