The following motions were passed by the Board at our monthly Board meeting:

20170608-22-BM - Replace the High Combined in Rally Adv B/Exc B with High Scoring Dog in Rally

20170608-23-BM – Eliminate High Combined Score in Open B/Utility in Obedience

2019 National Specialty – Location – Purina Farms  Date to be announced shortly.

Susie Kissik attended her first AKC Delegate’s meeting in June - Below are her highlights from the meeting.

New member Clubs approved: American Polish Lowland Sheepdog and the Hungarian Pumi

Votes of Interest to the American Pointer Club Membership: Approved – Amendment to Chapter 16, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Eligible Best of Breed and Best of Variety non-regular class entrants will be included in the calculation of Grand Championship points. Previously, dogs that won Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex and Select from a non-regular class (such as veterans) could earn Grand Championship points but were not included in the count for Grand Championship.

Other Topics for Discussion: If any of these topics are of interest to you, I encourage you to look up more information on the AKC website or contact me for further information.

- AKC is planning a new launch of AKC.org in October. This should provide an update to the website, with the goal of making it more user friendly for the general public as well as Clubs and Breeders.

- AKC has a new Librarian and Archivist, Brynn White, working on many aspects of the AKC Archives. Of interest to our membership is the complete digitizing of the Gazette and Stud Books, allowing them to be downloaded and fully searchable.

- New AKC program, AKC Puppy of Achievement Certificate, for puppies winning first place from the 4-6 month program and regular puppy classes. This certificate does not carry a title, but is a recognition program for young dogs of quality.

- First AKC scentwork trials to be held at the Eukanuba Performance games in September, along with several other performance events. Go to the link for more info http://www.akc.org/events/scent-work/performance-games/

- There are many developments lately in legislation affecting purebred dogs and breeders. Please visit the AKC webpage for lots of information on how you can get involved as an advocate for the purebred dog. AKC particularly needs assistance in intervening at the local level on potential legislation because there is only a tracking mechanism in place for legislation at the State and Federal level. They need all of us monitor local
developments that may affect purebred dog legislation and notify them of potential issues so they can work to facilitate a positive outcome.  [http://www.akc.org/government-relations/]

- AKC has held two Regional Legislative Conferences, “The new regional conference is designed to bring together club members, dog fanciers, and other allied groups in a specific region to provide them with information and resources about legislative trends and proposals specifically impacting them. ‘This is an opportunity for participants to access new information and insights about national and regional trends, and to discuss how we can work together to protect our rights and the future of responsible dog ownership and breeding in the region,’ said Sheila Goffe, Vice President, AKC Government Relations.”

Be on the lookout for the next opportunity to attend a Regional Conference. The webpage also has extensive information on how to contact your legislators with sample letters, etc.

- AKC is also conducting a writing contest, details below:

  On behalf of the AKC Delegates Legal Outreach Committee led by David Hopkins, we are pleased to share with you information about our law school writing contest. The purpose of this contest is to help raise awareness about legitimate animal law issues and provide a counterweight to the influence of animal rights ideology in law schools. AKC is the lead partner on this inter-organizational initiative with the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Cat Fanciers Association and the Animal Health Institute. The contest is open to all law students at ABA-accredited law schools.

For more information, contact AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org

Report from the Treasurer

Call to all members! I am attempting to take an inventory of all the items we have available for sale that may be sitting in boxes in your house! If you have items leftover from events such as t-shirts, catalogs, yearbooks, anything the club has available for sale, please contact me at Kelley@HollyfrostPointers.com

Thank you!

Bottom Line report from 2017 APC National Specialty, Bethlehem PA:
Net Income $11,648.26

Extra copy of National Specialty Pointer Points – APC Members  - $10.00

2017 National Specialty Catalogs - $20.00 unmarked  If interested send email to susietemple@yahoo.com

Is there something you would like to see in the Newsletter?  Contact susietemple@yahoo.com

The Board approves on an annual basis a donation to the Canine Heath Foundation General Fund and the Donor Advised Fund. That money and the money donated by you the membership when renewing your membership helps to support the varies health studies that the Canine Health Foundation has approved. The following is a letter received from the CHF regarding our recent donation.
June 23, 2017

American Pointer Club, Inc.
7024 S Indianapolis Ave
Tulsa, OK 74136

Dear American Pointer Club:

Thank you for your recent gift of $1,000 to fund much-needed scientific research to help all dogs live longer, healthier lives. We are very grateful for your support. As requested, your gift has been restricted to the American Pointer Club Donor Advised Fund.

In partnership with you, the AKC Canine Health Foundation has awarded funding for groundbreaking studies to address the immediate health needs of dogs and their people, from vaccine research for bone cancer, to personalized medicine for dogs undergoing anesthesia, to finding new ways for our dogs’ own immune systems to fight diseases from atopy to cancer.

Due to your support, researchers are currently conducting innovative studies in the areas of canine cancer, cardiac disease, tick-borne disease, epilepsy, gastrointestinal disease, and more. To learn more about the exciting canine health research your gift helps make possible, please visit www.akcchf.org/researchportfolio. This important work can only happen with you. Your donation to canine health helps build on the important scientific advances in veterinary medicine and biomedical science.

Again, thank you for making a difference.

With gratitude,

Diane E. Brown, DVM, PhD
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for your generous donation!
Travels with Elvis 2017 – Part II

We have been home safe and sound from our 37 day road trip for several days now, but it has taken awhile to gather thoughts and pictures from various devices (two phones and a camera!). Some photos show the dreadful weather we encountered on our homeward journey - I always look dapper in my black and white coat, but mom looks awful! I thought it best to substitute some of them with just great “friends of Elvis” pictures. 😊 Apologies to all of my friends who did not have a photo op with me, next time for sure!

The first is with our friend Bob in Wisconsin. We had fun walking all around his beautiful woodlands.

After the dog show in Pennsylvania, we spent several days each in Kentucky and in St Louis to visit friends and family. It was hot and I was allowed to stay alone at our hotels on numerous occasions and of course I was a good boy and didn’t bark or make a nuisance of myself, I just curled up in my dog bed and waited. One time after lunch in Kentucky, friends Heather and Bob came to see me in my hotel room. That was nice! Heather took this picture of her dad with me.

We went to Indianapolis to spend the night with Dee & Tom (in-law friends supreme) and I got to be on their sofa. It was very comfy. They also had a wonderful backyard with lots of places to sniff and explore. All that fresh air and exercise made me sleepy!

In St. Louis I was so happy to see Aunt Donna again. She gave me puppy massages and promised to come to Oregon to visit us again real soon.
Westward bound found us at the Pony Express National Museum in St. Joseph, MO. We were going to trace much of their path from that starting point onward.

I’m not in this picture, but mom helped open the barn door for the rider to be on his way! (I was in the van).

The next day we visited Buffalo Bill’s Ranch in North Platte, NE. It was called Scout’s Rest and it was closed! We have nice pictures though, just before the weather turned squirrely.

This stop was made just a little out of the way in Julesburg, CO so mom could visit the town that was her dad’s name....and there was a railway depot, perfect! Unfortunately, Douglas, WY was snowed in, next time!!!
Here we are in wind and rain in Sidney, NE looking at the Pony Express statue. Guess they had plenty of bad weather to endure, too!

Now we are at Chimney Rock, one of the best landmarks guiding the emigrants west. I noticed the “beware of rattlesnakes” sign to the right...

There were two other landmarks that mom missed the turn for...she said we would have to come back another time. Dad was afraid of that. I’m saving the best picture for last, it is his favorite and he said it made the whole trip worthwhile. It was taken in Canton, OH at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Thanks for looking at my travel log and we’ll see you next year. Be sure and look at the next page.

Love, Elvis