The following motion was approved by the Board:

Revoke 10-year blanket approval for regional clubs holding specialties. All regional clubs are now required to obtain club approval annually. 20180111-01-BM In order to publicize events held by the regional clubs for our APC members and the general public we need to have the information on the application.

There is no change in the requirements for APC Supported Entries – they always required yearly submission of the application for Board approval.

Last day to renew APC membership is February 15th. If you have not sent in your dues by the 15th you will have to reapply for membership!
Kelley Cheek – 19303 S Old Highway 88, Claremore, OK 74107

Another reminder to send your New Title Application to Sarah Terns as soon as possible. If you have questions, her email is pointerRcity@yahoo.com Application can be found on the APC website. Click on the Downloadable Forms Tab on the right-hand side of the home page.

JUNIOR NEWS –
Congrats to O’Malley McGee for qualifying to enter the AKC National Championship this past December.

Westminster Kennel Club – Tuesday, February 13th. Pointers will be shown at 12:00 in ring 5 on Pier 94. Entry breakdown is 1-2(6-8) Good luck to all those that are entered.

If you are in New York on Saturday, Feb. 10th stop by Pier 92 & 94 for Meet & Compete. Be sure to stop at the APC Meet the Breeds booth.

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NATIONAL SPECIALTY INFORMATION

HOST HOTEL
Holiday Inn
4901 Six Flags Road, P.O. Box 999, Eureka MO 63025 • 636-938-6661

A block of rooms has been reserved for the American Pointer Club.
The cutoff date for reserving rooms is April 4, 2018. After April 4th, the rooms will be released and room rates will not be guaranteed.
Please specify you are with “The American Pointer Club” when making reservations.
Rates: For one to four people: $129.95 plus tax • Family room 199.95 + tax.
A $35.00 one-time non-refundable dog fee will apply.
Maximum of 4 dogs per room • 4 dog crates per room
Approximately one month prior to check-in, all guests will be required to pay a $100.00 deposit that will go toward the balance of stay; if you cancel less than TWO WEEKS prior to your arrival, this deposit is non-refundable.
ALL AMERICAN POINTER CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE APPOINTED TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE HOST HOTEL.
We are very sorry to have to announce that the APC Field Trial/Hunt Test to be held in conjunction with the Specialty scheduled for May 7-8, 2018 has been canceled.

Please read all that was done in trying to find a new location for the event.

The grounds at Wil-Nor Outdoors were sold by the landowner and are no longer available for our use. Unfortunately, the club was not informed until earlier this month.

Since the last board conference call, January 11, the field event chair, Anglea Schillereff has been reaching out and making many phone calls to other possible venues and field people from that area to try to find a place that we could host our field events. She has not been successful.

It appears part of the problem lies with our dates and the closure of public lands (due to game bird nesting) May through August in the state of Illinois. We have not found any suitable sites in Missouri, preferably within a couple hours of Purina. We do not think the members of APC would want to pursue looking into sites that are further away.

We are now about 3 months away from the start of National Specialty and running out of time. We do not want to try to throw something together last minute as this would not reflect well on our National event nor our Club. We are sad that there is the very real possibility that we will not be able to hold any field events in conjunction with the National Specialty this year. However, this may be the best choice if we cannot find suitable grounds.

2018 National Championship

The 2018 National Championship will be held October 3-7, 2018 at the Buckhorn Ranch in Condon, Oregon

The Buckhorn Ranch is in North Central Oregon, sitting on a high plateau above the John Day River. Buckhorn Ranch was founded in 1884 by pioneer William Ashley Townsend and is 18 miles from the town of Condon. It is approximately 3 1/2-hour drive from the Portland airport. It has a fully equipped kitchen and laundry facilities. They also have a large building which can host our dinners. They offer limited RV hookups, water and electrical for a small fee. Corrals for the wrangler and bird pens are a part of the grounds amenities. There are 2 motels, gas, grocery store, restaurants, auto parts store and feed store in Condon. It’s a small town but you can find most everything that you might need.

Nearby points of interest include Cottonwood State Park, the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, and the gorgeous Painted Hills. It is well worth the drive to see a beautiful part of my home state. The Painted Hills are just that, it looks like God took a brush and spent an afternoon with watercolors. Beautiful natural setting not far from Buckhorn. Of course, traveling along the scenic Columbia River gorge and seeing the various waterfalls is another reason to make the drive. Make time to stop by the local wineries and enjoy the wonderful Oregon wine!

Please contact Secretary Debby Freidus at blackthornpt@earthlink.net or Chair Angela Schillereff at sikennels@aol.com for more information.
Applications to hold the 2020 National Specialty are due no later than May 9th before the scheduled Annual Board Meeting. Time to be announced. The Guidelines for holding the specialty can be found on the APC Website or contact Susan Savage, susietemple@yahoo.com. The application must be complete with host hotel, conformation, companion and performance event sites and committee members.

Health Survey

The following survey was sent to breed clubs from the Department of Clinical Sciences at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine. If you would like to participate, please feel free.

Hello,

I am writing to request your assistance for a research study to investigate the incidence of orofacial clefts (cleft lip, cleft palate, or both) at birth in various breeds of dogs. This study is being performed by professor Santiago Peralta, DVM, DAVDC, and other colleagues in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

We would like to anonymously survey breeders to determine how many live births of dogs with cleft lip or palate occurred in their breeding programs over a 12-month period. We are asking breed parent clubs and associated foundations for help distributing the survey and encouraging breeders to participate.

Here is a link to the survey: https://cornell.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eFjygwfW7atWIJ

Please let me know if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions. Dr. Peralta can be contacted via email at sp888@cornell.edu. Any suggestions on how you think this would be feasible for the organization you represent would be most welcome.

Thank you very much for your attention. My collaborators and I all look forward to working with you.

Best regards,
Nicholas Roman, MA
DVM Candidate
Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine
(630) 843-1438
Upcoming APC Supported and Regional Events

New Brunswick Kennel Club – APC Supported Entry – March 24th
Breed Judge – G Spagnolo  Sweeps Judge – Jinny Nealon
Superintendent – Jim Rau
Contact Information – Marjorie Martorella  marjetta@optonline.net

Wilderness Pointer Club – Field Trial – Dick Cross WMA, Boydton, VA – March 24th & 25th
Contact Information – Erica Bandes – kinnike101@gmail.com

Greater Delaware Valley Pointer Club – Hunt Test – Clover Hollow Hunting Preserve – Slatington, PA – April 28th
Contact Information – Kevin Freeburn – kfreebur@sheetz.com