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President's Message

October is a busy month for Pointers and their owners. We have a Specialty at Morris & Essex that drew an entry of 46! That same weekend is the National Championship in Ohio which also drew a large entry. It is the 25th Anniversary of the National Championship. Both of these events were cancelled last year due to the pandemic.

Later in the month the Wilderness Club is holding two Specialties and a Field Trial.

By now all members who paid their dues this year should have received the proposed slate by the Nominating Committee for 2022 Officers and Directors. Also in the mailing is a nomination form for Specialty Judges for 2024. If you haven't received it, please contact Ashley Dornak, our Recording Secretary.

Plans are in full swing for the National in Perry in April of next year. Check the club's website often for information as it is constantly being updated.

Enjoy your dogs and stay safe.
Marjorie

Approval for Ashleigh Oldfield to revise the pamphlet that is handed out at the Meet the Breeds 202110810-29 PM

Good Luck to everyone entered in Morris & Essex and the American Pointer Club National Field Trial Championship.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 NATIONAL SECIALTY JUDGES ASSIGNMENTS DUE NO LATER THE OCTOBER 20, 2021

Nominations to run for an Office or Board position send to Ashley Dornak, Recording Secretary, due no later than October 20, 2021

Nominating Committee 2022 Slate Report

President – Marjorie Martorella
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Board of Directors Class of 2023

Louis Krokover	Ashleigh Oldfield
Susan Savage	Diane Townsend

Any additional nominations must be signed by five (5) members and accompanied by a written acceptance of each additional nominee including the nominee's bio if they wish it included in the ballot. Complete nominations may be mailed to the Ashley Dornak, Recording Secretary recordingsecretary@americanpointerclub.org

2022 APC National Specialty Dates
Held with the Peach Blossom Cluster

April 11-12, 2022 – Field Trial/Hunt Test
AG Preserve, Glenwood, GA

*April 13, 2022 – Obedience/Rally/Agility**
Held with All Breed Companion Events
In conjunction with the Atlanta Kennel Club
Welcome Party

*April 14, 2022 – Sweepstakes**
Julie Pullan - Judge
In conjunction with the Valdosta Kennel Club
This is an APC Supported Show
APC Health Seminar

*April 15, 2022 – Futurity**
Megan Lane - Judge
In conjunction with the Valdosta Kennel Club
This is an APC Supported Show
Judges Education
APC Annual Meeting

*April 16, 2022 – Breed**
Steve Herman - Judge
Independent Specialty
Awards/Auction Annual Dinner

**Companion and Conformation Events take place at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Argicenter, 401 Larry Walker Pkwy, Perry, Georgia 31069*

BASKET RAFFLE

Bring a Basket to the 2022 APC National
and win a chance at a special prize!

Big basket ... small basket ... anything at all!
Anyone bringing a basket will receive
a ticket to enter a special raffle.

A big thank you in advance for your generosity.

RAFFLE TICKETS
5 ticket - $10.00
10 tickets - $15.00
Stretch - $20.00

Drawing will be held
during BOB judging.

Questions?
Contact Basket Chair
Jean Smith
majestypointers@outlook.com

Support the National Specialty

2022 APC NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Title of Picture - *Elhew Pointers*
Size - 31 x 21
Artist - Cole Johnson

TICKET PRICES -1 ticket - $5.00 • 3 tickets - $10.00 • 6 tickets - $25.00

DRAWING OCTOBER 23RD

Send checks made out to the American Pointer Club to Susan Savage, 8 Parkman Place, Old Saybrook, CT 06475or pay on **PayPal** to apctreasurer@americanpointerclub.org.
Please add $1.00 to cover the PayPal charge.

THE WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THE SHIPPING OF THE PRINT.

Make Plans to attend the American Pointer National Specialty Health Seminar

Thursday, April 14th at 8:00 p.m.
Seminar will be held on the show grounds (specific location TBA)

Admission for Non-APC Members is $10.00 (pay at the door)

TITER TESTING & VACCINATIONS
Presented by Dr. Laurie Larson

- Canine Vaccine 101
- Canine titer testing – vaccine benefit versus risk
- Using nomograph analysis of breeding dam titers

to improve puppy immunization outcomes

School of Veterinary Medicine
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON

Companion Animal Vaccines And Immuno-Diagnostic Service Laboratory – CAVIDS
University of Wisconsin-Madison
School of Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Laurie Larson with her dog Soko

After five years in clinical veterinary practice, Laurie Larson, DVM joined the laboratory of Dr. Ronald Schultz at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States. Until his retirement in 2016, Dr. Larson studied canine and feline immune responses to vaccines and infectious diseases under Dr. Schultz' mentorship, eventually becoming a co-investigator with him. As current director of the Companion Animal Vaccines and Immuno-Diagnostics Service (CAVIDS) Laboratory, Dr. Larson enjoys providing titer testing and consultation for veterinarians, dog breeders, pet owners, and animal shelters. She is pleased to be able to carry on Dr. Schultz's important work in small animal immunology. Helping to improve the health and well-being of dogs and cats by serving the people who care for them is her life's work and passion. She lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

Report of the 3rd Quarter AKC Delegates Meeting
September 21, 2021

The 3rd. Quarter AKC Delegates meeting convened live on September 21, 2021 in Newark,NJ. This was the first live meeting since 2020 due to the pandemic. All committee and delegate meetings were held virtual until this time.

I was not able to attend the committee meetings which were held the previous day, also live on site in Newark.

The topic for the pre-delegate meeting Forum was *"Juniors".* Within the topic presented by the special Juniors Committee Chair and AKC staff...highlights included:

- Revisions of conformation rules for Juniors
- Reduced transfer fees to $10.00
- Pee Wee programs may be submitted as a Special Attraction for show events. The subcommittee goal

Includes the following:

- Encourage participation and assist clubs to develop Jr. programs
- Appoint club "Jr. Coordinator" which may form a juniors committee
- Encourage scholarship programs
- Showcase Jr. events
- 4-H club outreach and get 4-H 'ers involved
- Clubs may offer Jr Handling clinics
- Student art contest (work with local school art departments)
- Teach Juniors stewarding
- Jr's learning to be educated breeders

AKC encourages clubs to assign a Jr. Coordinator to work on suggested items listed above. The forum presentation is available to view on the AKC website. (September 2021 Delegates Forum)

Delegates Meeting

The meeting convened at 11:00 am with the ***Chairman's report*** presented by Thomas Davis who informed the delegates that October 2021 will record the highest of all events with a 24% increase over the previous active year (2019)

➔ Government Relations within AKC has monitored the analysis of both Federal and State legislation which impact dog owners and breeders.

➔ The Education Department continues to present various educational webinars on breeds, judging and show regulations.

➔ High school programs have been developed for students interested in learning more about purebred dogs.

➔ AKC TV continues to grow and increase viewers.

President Dennis Sprung's report was a video presentation commemorating the anniversary of 9-11 and the impact canines and their handlers had on the search and recovery after the initial attack. The presentation was well done, informative and brought many teary eyes to the body.
Mr. Sprung reminded the delegates that twenty years ago on 9/11 the Quarterly Delegate meeting was held in Newark and the meeting after much deliberation...adjourned

The video presentation is available to view on the AKC website.

Financial Report presented by CFO, Joseph Baffuto indicated Key Performance Indicators ending 6/30/21 compared to 6/30/20 were:

Litter Registration was 164,520 or 24% higher Dog Registrations was 426.484 or 31.9% higher These two areas represent 33% of total revenue

Events & Entries: Pandemic still having an impact but there is improvement. Entries are up by 86% from 2020

Net Operating: $51.2 million / Total revenue in first 6 mos of 2021 increased & expenses were flat

Growth occurring in events and exceed 2020 comparison - 34.4% ahead of budget

Business demands have increased costs. Staff costs have been reduced as has filming costs for advertising. Travel expenses have been lower.

Investments: Performance has increased 8.83% with the portfolio performing well resulting in
$179 million in assets.

AKC Purebred Preservation Bank: (report)

- 50% of all breeds are low entry
- Frozen semen usually results in: "forgotten / abandoned / destroyed"
- 1000 breeding units are destroyed every month
- AKC recommends clubs create a separate organization (501 3c)
- The Otterhound Club of America is the only club to date to form such an organization

The AKC Preservation Group organized a work group to recommend the following:

1. Government Structure 2. Policies & Procedures 3. Develop storage cost operation plan 4. Develop an extensive database of sires and dams 5. Marketing plan

Parent clubs will have options such as desire to participate, acceptance and use, who within the club will be responsible and it is definitely a "Long Term Project"!

At the September meeting, committee members are elected by the Delegates and at this time the Tellers report on the results of the election. (committee members are listed under each committee on the AKC website.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.
Next Delegates Meeting : December 17, 2021 in Orlando, FL

Respectfully submitted, Danny Seymour APC
Delegate

Veterinary Tidbits

Purina and the AKC-Canine Health Foundation

The AKC-Canine Health Foundation is the largest organization in the world devoted solely to canine health. It is a non-profit, 501C3 organization, which makes donations tax-deductible, and has a Charity Navigator rating of four stars, the highest available. Money that is donated to the CHF falls into two categories: donated for general use, or donated to a particular breed's Donor Advised Fund. The first is self-explanatory. A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) contains money which has been donated to the CHF for the benefit of a specific breed. That money, having been donated, BELONGS to the CHF, but the breed for which it has been donated has the privilege of advising the CHF for which studies it would like to see the money used. Since the CHF is a non-profit organization, the IRS requires that at least 5% of each DAF be disbursed each year, however our APC Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCP) contract with Purina requires that 25% of our DAF must be spent within each two year period.

One way in which Purina donates money to the CHF and to the APC is through the Purina Pro Club Program. You must be a Pro Club member (can sign up on line) and declare the APC to receive your Purina Points. Then you submit receipts for qualifying Purina foods (can do this on line also). For every $100 dollars of qualifying receipts, Purina will donate $10.00. Half of the donation will go to the specified DAF at the CHF, and the other half will go directly to the APC, to be used for health, education, and/or rescue. This donation does not affect the points an individual Pro Club member can accrue for his own use.

These donations can add up very quickly. In 2018, the APC received $2761 and our DAF received the same amount. In 2019, the APC received $5474 and so did our DAF. In 2020, the amount dropped to $1367, and in 2021 the amount was $1313. It costs nothing to participate and involves only a small amount of effort. We use the money that comes directly to the APC to pay for our Health Seminars, Veterinary Scholarship, Meet the Breed expenses and other educational endeavors. So, if you feed Purina products, please sign up and become a participant in this valuable program