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Board Meeting

Welcome to the following new APC Members – Tina Ambrose, Theresa Trans & Lila Holberg (Jr)

Motion to send 50% of the total 2022 trophy bill estimate to PM Graphics [20211109-38 PM](#)

Motion to approve the 2024 National Specialty venue in Doswell, VA (April 1-7, 2024) [20211109=39 PM](#)

Any judge that is elected to judge our National Specialty may not judge pointers at any show in the US for 12 months prior to the National. [20211109-40 PM](#)

Motion to approve the 2022 National Field Trial Championship at Prairie Wind Ranch, Payette, Idaho (April 5-9, 2022) [20211109-41 PM](#)

Important Upcoming Dates

APC dues are due December 31st. The very last day to remain a member of the APC for dues to be paid is February 15th. If mailing a check after December 31st please mail to Lisa Lipton, 3737 Greenway Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117

AKC Outstanding Sportmanship Award

Nominations must be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary by February 1st. Requirements for this award can be found on the APC Website - About Pointers - Applications and Forms

2022 National Specialty Information

Please refer to the APC Website for Information. All information is posted on the site as soon as received.

Photo Contest Deadline is February 15th!

Ads for the 2022 Catalog Deadline is February 21st

Trophy Donation Deadline is February 15th

Hotel for the Field Trial/Hunt Test

Mt Vernon Inn & Suites

205 Johnson Street

Mt. Vernon, GA 30445

(912) 583-2281

\$65 single \$75 double

The following trophies for the 2022 are still available. Please support your National

To be listed as sponsor in the catalog, trophy must be paid for by **February 15th, 2022** Email desired trophy(s) to Lydia Frey at snowbrookdogs@gmail.com

Payment for trophies may be made to the APC via check or PayPal.

PayPal address – treasurerweb@americanpointerclub.org

Treasurer address – Lisa Lipton – 3737 Greenway Lane, Owings Mill, MD 21177

Awards of Merit (5)	\$20.00
Best Veteran Bitch	\$35.00
Best Brace	\$35.00
Best Brood Bitch	\$35.00
Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes	\$35.00
Best Veteran in Sweepstakes	\$50.00
4-6 Best of Opposite Sex	\$40.00
High Combined Score in Open B/Utility	\$40.00

POINTERS PAST



Who can name
the people on the
left and right of
Marjorie?

American Pointer Club, Inc. Delegates Report / December 2021

The final 2021 quarterly meeting of AKC Delegates was held in Orlando, Florida December 14 and 15th. It was the first on-site live meeting since March 2020 as all committee and delegate meetings were virtual since that time due to the pandemic. Committee meetings precede the Delegates meeting and on Thursday December 14 eight committee meetings were scheduled; offering a choice to attend 1 of 4 in the morning and 1 of 4 in the afternoon. After reviewing the various agendas of each committee, I choose which two meetings to attend based on which information will be beneficial to our membership and the BOD. The following are highlights of the two committee meetings attended:

Canine Health Committee The committee is chaired by the very capable and professional Susan Hamil of California and a long-time breeder of Bloodhounds and Mrs. Hamil guided discussion through various topics of importance.

OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals)

- In 2021, 157,000 DNA chip numbers were issued of which 11,000 were new. 31,000 DNA chips were collected from over 50 breeds at their National Specialties.
 - AKC encourages breed clubs to collect DNA samples at their National Specialties which assists the OFA in research and development. Veterinary Outreach
 - This AKC program encourages veterinary students to attend dog shows and meet breeders, exhibitors and dog show officials to learn more about purebred dogs. This past year several university vet schools participated in the program such as Tufts University in Massachusetts (whose students formed their own dog club!) and The University of PA who had 45 students attend the Kennel Club of Philadelphia show in November.
 - AKC staff member, Mary Beth O'Neil heads the program and has plans to include several new Veterinarian Schools in 2022 and indicates it is a great program for students to understand more about purebred dogs from breeders and those involved with the sport.
- CHF (Canine Health Foundation)

- A hybrid conference is planned for 2023 which will allow both on-site and virtual participation.
- The 2021 CFH Conference was virtual with over 400 attending which was the largest attendance ever. Thus the 2023 hybrid concept was developed as a result of the large virtual participation,
- AKC has provided an additional \$1 million for outreach to the CHF.

AKC Semen Preservation Bank

● The AKC encourages all breed clubs to closely monitor and encourage questions and answers regarding canine preservation. Of concern are not just Low Entry breeds but all breeds. Parent Clubs should monitor registration of their breeds to ensure breed continuation.

● The subcommittee is working on the following areas as it pertains to establishing guidelines for Parent Club semen preservation: 1/ Governance 2/ Parent Club Collection & Dissemination 3/ Donation & Storage 4/ Education

● There was a great deal of discussion by the committee as well as delegates regarding semen preservation.

Some information shared was: ❖ Once a semen straw is donated there is “No Say” by the donor as to where it may be used ❖ Parent clubs will be involved in criteria as to how donor dissemination is done ❖ Parent Clubs should focus on the preservation of the breed not necessarily on breeders utilizing semen. ❖ Parent Clubs “may” focus on specific breed standards for improvement as well as address health concerns of the breed. ❖ 94% of registered dogs “Don’t” come from Parent Club breeders ❖ AKC hopes to have the Semen Preservation Site available by June 2022 ❖ The Otterhound Club of America website has information addressing several of the semen preservation issues. (The Otterhound was near extinction several years ago until OCA members began to address the concerns to preserve the breed) Parent Club Meeting Agenda Items:

● Legislation: AKC requests each club's legislative liaison to help with legislative support and inform members of pending legislative issues and the impact it may have on events as well as breeding. Current pending legislative issues are: 1. Animal cruelty 2. Working dogs (service dogs, police and search and rescue, etc.) 3. Animal Control 4. Shelters 5. Impact of legislation on AKC performance events Federal Legislation: Healthy Dog Importation Act which states that all imported dogs must have a certified veterinarian certificate verifying the dog is in good health and fully inoculated. Current House Bill that will require any manufacturer using “Zolotal” (toxic to animals) to include it on their labeling.

● Pet Disaster Trailers: 440 clubs are currently participating in the program and to date over \$2 million has been donated ● Veterinary School Outreach: The following had participation during their shows; The Wine Country Cluster (NY), Space Coast KC (FL), KC of Philadelphia and Tufts University at the Thanksgiving Cluster (MA)

● Juniors: Parent clubs are requested to appoint a Jr's Coordinator to assist with Junior's program development.

● Specialty Site Survey question: Sent December 2, 2021

● Parent Club Best Practices: Live webinar is planned for Best Practices and will include; 1. Club website 2. Corporation 3. Juniors 4. Judges' education 5. Legislation 6. Finances 7. Future of the Sport 8. Health Education

● PupDate : Program that sends all new AKC registrant's information on health, training, nutrition, etc. The PupDate has a multitude of information with follow ups and in 2021 over 700k participated in PupDates. Parent clubs must request to be placed on PupDate parent club list.

● Membership Application Sponsorship: A great deal of discussion occurred on this topic such as: → Sponsorship required or not required? → If a prospective member doesn't know sponsors, will the parent club assist? → Are prospective members posted in the club newsletter one month before voted on? → Do Parent Clubs keep member retention records? → How much analysis is done of member retention?

AKC Delegates Meeting

AKC Delegates Meeting The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President, Dennis Sprung and agenda items included:

- Introduction of new delegates
- Introduction of candidates for the Board of Directors to be voted on at the March 2022 meeting: Christopher Sweetwood / Beverley Hills KC Harold “Red” Tatetum / Ft. Worth KC Ann Wallen / Atlanta KC

● Chairman's Report (Dr. Thomas Davies) > AKC is proud to celebrate the 21st AKC National Championship in Orlando > Reported on various AKC performance and conformation events which included security service dogs. > AKC has established the Canine Detection Dogs Fund (\$1million) to secure dogs bred in the USA to be used by government law enforcement for various detection work.

● Presidents Report (Dennis Sprung) > Urged continuation of purebred breeding by knowledgeable breeders to enhance breed standards. > Discussed the expansion of the Juniors program > Addressed key legislative issues impacting purebred dogs and owners > AKC Brand continues to grow by encouraging quality AKC products and services

● Chief Financial Officer Report (Ted Phillips) > Litter Registration: 17% higher than 2020 @ 245,718 Dog Registration: 17% higher than 2020 @ 619,718 Registrations account for 47% of total revenue > Events are up 89% over 2020 @ 15,778 > Operating Revenue is \$78 million of which Advertising & Sponsorship accounts for \$11.9 million, Products & Services for \$9.2 million. > Operating Expenses is \$44million of which Staff comprises \$24 million, Professional fees is \$9.5 million > Financial position: To date, investments have had a 9.7% increase over 2020

● Vote on all proposed amendments passed. The APC BOD supported Chapter 3, Section 8 of the Rules Applying to Dog Show Classifications. The Bred By Exhibitor Class is allowed to be divided by age: 6-9 mos, 9-12 mos and 12-18 mos. Clubs (All breed and Breed) may offer all three age categories, or offer any age category at their shows. Winners of each BBE class are eligible to compete in the Winners Class. An entry from any age division of class awarded winners would be counted toward the BBE medallion as it advanced from the BBE class. Clubs may offer the classes beginning March 27, 2022.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Danny D. Seymour APC Delegate

Veterinary Tidbits



In 2021, the AKC Canine Health Foundation:

- Invested more than \$3.4 million in [50 new canine health research and educational grants](#),
- Awarded over \$1.3 million for [13 new canine cancer grants](#),
- Increased our commitment to [One Health](#) – a concept that recognizes the interconnected health of animals, humans, and our shared environments – with more than 40% of active funding supporting studies with One Health significance, and
- Continued our commitment to the future of canine health by awarding three new [Clinician-Scientist Fellowships](#) and supporting two new residents through the [AKC/AKCCHF/TF Small Animal Theriogenology Residency Program](#).

Thank you to all our donors and partners for working with us to create a healthier future for dogs!

Now is your chance to participate in canine research. The AKC Canine Health Foundation has published several areas where your dog can participate.

1. **Acute Myeloid Leukemia** | 02987

Genetic analysis to find mutations associated with AML in dogs and classify into subtypes for better treatment.

Study Location: Cornell University

Sample Type: Blood Sample, DNA Sample

2. **TPLO** I 02682-A

Investigating the cause of blood clotting in dogs with immune-mediated hemolytic anemia.

Study Location: Cornell University, Veterinary Specialists in CT, Auburn University, University of Minnesota

Sample Type: Blood Sample

3 **IMHA** I 02988

Investigating the cause of blood clotting in dogs with immune-mediated hemolytic anemia.

Study Location: Cornell University, Veterinary Specialists in CT, Auburn University, University of Minnesota

Sample Type: Blood Sample

4 **Epilepsy** I 92931

Evaluate the number/type of seizures and the effects of anti-seizure drugs in epileptic dogs using electroencephalography (EEG)

Study Location: Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph

Sample Type: Clinical Study

5. **Cancer** I 02910

Combination systemic medical therapy for dogs with mast cell tumors.

Study Location: Colorado State University

Sample Type: Clinical Study

How does this help dogs? In order to make strides in canine health, researchers depend on help from the dog-owning community. Here are just a few opportunities that need you and your dog's help from blood-draws and clinical studies to DNA samples.

Contact the Canine Health Foundation for more information.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Westminster Kennel Club show scheduled for January has been postponed until later in the year due to Covid.

Thanks to Tuni Conti for posting this on her Facebook page and Laura Reeves for writing the 12-Steps to a Happy You in the Dog Fancy. Thought it was important to share this wonderful advice.

12-Steps to a Happier You in the Dog Fancy

One step, each month, establishes the habit. Then just keep building, one new goal each month.

January  Say "Congratulations" to the winner or "Thank You" to those who congratulate you. Yes, every time. Yes, even when the winner is your most bitter enemy, actually, especially then.

February  Watch one breed, other than your own, from start to finish, at every dog show you attend.

March  Instill and enforce the "first to look at their phone during dinner pays for everyone" rule each time you go out to eat, whether at a dog show, with co-workers or family. Experience the miracle of direct human interaction.

April  Seek out a club official — show chair, chief ring steward, hospitality chair, etc — at each dog show you attend and thank them, personally, for their hard work and compliment them on a specific piece of the show which you particularly liked. Resist the urge to complain about anything.

May  Volunteer to help at one show. Even if it is an hour of ring stewarding, helping with clean up or set up, judging a fun match, simply restocking the candy dishes or picking up someone else's poopie. Do one thing for a club for no better reason than you can.

June  Help someone new. It could be as simple as assisting someone with an armband. Maybe a promising youngster with a new puppy shows up and would welcome five minutes of *kind* and constructive direction. It is important here to understand the concept of help. Focus on the positive. Just be nice.

July  Organize a potluck. Get a whole bunch of people together at someone's RV or grooming space, even invite someone you don't know well, break bread together. Laugh. Tell stories. Talk dogs. If there is a water balloon fight somewhere in the mix, this cannot be a bad thing. Remember, we're still carrying each month's goal forward, so March's "no phone" rule applies. By now, it should be ingrained and much easier to implement.

August  Read the standard for a breed about which you know nothing. Then, at the next show, while continuing your February goal of watching a new breed, go find the breed you read about. See if you can apply elements of the standard to dogs in the ring.

September  Go back to school ... In your own breed. Re-read your breed standard. Memorize it. Commit the entire standard to memory so thoroughly that you can quote entire sections verbatim. Then pull a random dog out of your pack, stack him up and go over him piece by piece according to the standard. Try very, very hard to be objective and not make excuses. Simply see what's there and what isn't.

October  Take the skeletons out of your closet. Look at them in the cold light of day. Whether as a breeder, handler, exhibitor or judge, take a look at your past mistakes, acknowledge them, then burn them at the stake and move on!

November  Talk turkey. Get off the internet blogs and approach a more experienced person about a question in your breeding program, grooming routine, handling skill set, whatever. Talk to them in person. Invite them to lunch or drinks. Do not expect miraculous secrets, but acknowledge and respect someone outside your comfort zone. You learn something new every day!

December  Give the gift of your time and energy to a local animal shelter, rescue group or other doggie emergency support system.

This 12-step program is guaranteed to bring enhanced enjoyment, satisfaction, curiosity, knowledge, camaraderie and success to anyone's dog show calendar. Make the New Year the best ever!

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