

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE

FINANCIAL REPORT

The latest financial figures available from the June, 2016 meeting which was held at the Doubletree Hotel, Newark Airport, are as follows:

Total revenues of \$27 million dollars for the first 5 months of this year showed an increase of \$2 million or an overall increase of 8% over 2015. Comparing the year to date core registrations volumes, 92,000 litters have been registered. This reflects a +7% increase and 228,000 dogs, which reflects an 11% increase.

Additional information from the March meeting, held at the same venue is as follows:

1. 2015 audited financials reflect an increase in unrestricted net assets before non-operation items of \$8.7 million. This amount reflects the consolidated financial statements of the AKC, AKC Reunite, AKC Humane Fund, and AKC PAC.
2. In 2015 AKC registered 211,000 litters, 494,000 dogs and 228,000 pedigrees in comparison to 2014 when 201,000 litters, 481,000 dogs and 223,000 pedigrees were registered.
3. Events (19,000) garnered over 3.1 million entries along with \$11.3 million in revenue.
4. AKC's investment portfolio has earned a 1.2% return over the first months of the year, or unrealized gains of \$1.1 million. The balance sheet of the AKC ewflects \$135.9 million in Total Assets with \$68.6 million in Net Assets.

AKC PAC

The AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) beongs to every member of an AKC Club, and only such members may donate. With the steady increase in anti-dog legislation, it is imperative that AKC be able to support candidates who support the sport of pure bred dogs and the ideals of the AKC. A commitment of \$5.00 per month from every club member would significantly add to our ability to fight this legislation. Please consider committing to helping fund the AKC PAC !

VOTES OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THE BCCA

1. Proposed amendment to ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1, of the *Charter and By-laws of the Amweican Kennel Club* which would eliminate term limits for Board Members, thuse gicing the Delegates the ability to make what they consider to be the best choices for the organization of the sport. The amendment was read at the

September meeting and voted on at the December meeting. A two-thirds majority was required for adoption. The vote was taken and as there were not two-thirds in favor, the amendment was not adopted.

2. Also voted on was a proposed amendment to Chapter 4, Section 2, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which would make changes to allow clubs to utilize electronic documents for premium lists. The amendment was read at the September meeting and voted on at the December. A vote was taken and as there was a two-thirds majority in favor, the amendment was adopted.
3. There was a proposed amendment to Chapter 7, Section 12, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* which would allow clubs to publish their catalogue electronically if they so desire. The proposed amendment was read in September and a vote was taken in December. As there was a two-thirds majority in favor, the amendment was adopted.
4. A proposed amendment to ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 of the *Charter and By-laws of the American Kennel Club* would permit Delegate judges to charge a fee, thus increasing the pool of potential Delegates and making the Delegate body more inclusive. The fee proposed was \$150, and after some discussion and an amendment to make the amount \$150 per day, the vote was taken. The vote was counted and there was not a two-thirds majority, so the amendment was not adopted.

AKC REUNITE TRAILER PROJECT

As you have been made aware in my reports and at the general meeting at National Specialties, the AKC has placed many fully equipped trailers in areas that are prone to disasters, whether it be tornadoes, fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, landslides, or whatever. The BCCA has yet to contribute to this. It is possible for several clubs to go together and donate enough to sponsor an entire trailer.

The BCCA Board was given the AKC literature regarding this project and how to donate. Trailers have been sent to the areas of the terrible fires out west, to Louisiana, and other places where people with dogs are in need. The trailer is equipped with crates, food, vet supplies, and anything necessary to set up a temporary shelter for the pets of people driven from their homes by disaster.

Please encourage the BCCA Board to donate to this project. It is so worthwhile, and we have many members who live in areas which are often affected by natural disasters. We'd hate for anyone to have to take advantage of this, but when danger comes, I know you want your Beardies safe with you.

AKC MARKETPLACE

All breeders who are in good standing and have registered AKC litters are allowed to An ongoing subscription for \$10.00 per month. 3. \$99.00 per year.

You must provide the litter registration number, the dam and the sire registration numbers, and the issue date. This information is verified in the database before they are allowed to advertise to make sure all litters are AKC registered as are the dams and sires. Pictures, videos, pedigrees, information about the breeder's website and an open forum to talk about their litters.

There is much more to Marketplace, and breeders who are interested should visit the AKC website to get all the information about what this new service requires and provides.

PARENT CLUB OF EXCELLENCE

Thus far 56 clubs have participated, The possible score is 130, and the scores range from 125 to 37. This program, now the Parent Club Self-Evaluation Program, gives clubs an opportunity to take a look at what they have done, what they participate in, their Code of Ethics, Junior Program, Judges Education, Breeder of Merit Program, Rescue, DNA bank, etc.

The forms are available on the AKC website.

GROUP REALIGNMENT

Because the AKC continues to recognize more and more breeds, the topic of group realignment may be brought up again. The Parent Club Committee asked its Board liaisons to take this topic back to the Board to see where we stand and if this committee can be reconstituted.

The last time most of the opposition came from people who didn't like where their breed was placed, but the same people did not provide any input to the Board or the Committee. Some people also felt that the Board did not clearly define their mission the last time. Some of the groups are getting quite large, making group judging longer and longer.

Respectfully submitted,

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