

BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA
AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
DELEGATE'S REPORT

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 2 pm on Sept. 9, 1986 in New York City by William Stifel. New delegates were introduced and instructed to gather later for a picture for the AKC Gazette. A vote was taken on D. Jay Hyman to represent the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.; he was approved. Mr. Louis Auslander, chairman of the AKC Judging Research and Development Committee, spoke of Judges Occupational Eligibility; a complete text of his comments will appear in the Gazette, however, anyone that is a judge may not profit in any manner from the sport of dogs, nor may he or she live in the same household with a person who does.

It was voted to charge a fifty-cent recording fee for dogs entered in field trials. The Board of Directors proposed a change in the time required for a club to submit a judging panel. Currently a panel must be submitted twelve weeks prior to a show - the new proposal would increase the time to twenty weeks. This would permit the printing of judging panels in the AKC Gazette. This change will be voted on at the December meeting. A committee has been established to retain a successor for William Stifel, who will retire in June, 1987. The Board of Directors want to be able to hire a professional person and change the by-laws that now require the President to be a delegate and a director. This change could have a non-dog person in charge of the American Kennel Club. A vote will be taken on this item in December.

Mr. Stifel called on Dorothy Welsh, president of the Dog Museum of America, and she spoke of the new home of the Dog Museum, which will be in the St. Louis, Missouri area, about thirty minutes by auto from St. Louis, on interstate 44. This central location should benefit canine enthusiasts. Mr. Stifel then reviewed dog legislation in various areas of the country, and mentioned a mis-quote in the New York Times that stated the "AKC was out to defend the constitutional right of a dog to bite."

Mr. Stifel then spoke of a letter sent to all judges on occupational eligibility, the household test sent to all delegates on Aug. 28, 1986, and a letter distributed at the Westchester Kennel Club Dog Show. The Chair then recognized Barbara Wicklund of the Basset Hound Club of America to reply about the letter distributed at the Westchester Show. The letter was signed by thirty-six delegates and it requested the Board to reevaluate the management changes occurring, when people like Pat Beresford "retire" as editor of the Gazette, moves of John Mandeville, and Roberta Campbell. These moves were made by a newcomer not familiar with the AKC or dogs in general. The letter also addresses the directors of the AKC to examine the terminations, demotions, discipline policies and dissension now occurring at the American Kennel Club. Mr. Stifel said he would reply to the letter.

PART II:

December 9, 1986

Mr. William Stifel called the meeting to order and introduced new delegates attending their first meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and the deaths of Mr. Dick and Mr. Savage were announced. A list of proposed delegates was read with one person being refused because of ineligibility, from the Rockland County K.C. An amendment to change the rules applying to registration and dog shows to advance the deadline kennel clubs must submit a judges panel was approved by the delegates; this will permit judges panels to be published in the AKC Gazette in a more timely manner.

A proposed change to the bylaws to permit the president not to be a Director was challenged on the basis that bylaws can only be changed at the March meeting each year. The challenge was upheld by a majority of the delegates present - therefore the proposed change will be voted upon at the March 1987 meeting. Mr. Chester F. Collier, chairman of the Board Show Operations committee read a statement on cluster shows (ED, NOTE: Due to its length, I cannot print the entire report here - for further information, either contact the AKC or check in the Gazette). "A committee of Delegates will be formed to work on (this subject). The results . . . will be forwarded to the full Board, . . . for its consideration. . . at the September meeting in 1987."

Mr. Louis Auslander read a statement relative to changes in current procedures for testing of judges. If a person fails a written test on a breed standard he or she must wait one year to take the test again; the waiting time will now be reduced to 6 months. Provisions have also been made for persons to take a test on breed standards orally. The controversial letter sent to judges and AKC Delegates on occupational requirements was discussed briefly by Mr. Stifel with statistics on those persons considered ineligible. Mr. Stifel also announced a review will be made of junior showmanship rules and the date of the September meeting will be September 15, 1987.

A motion was made and passed after much discussion to establish a committee to review AKC bylaws and report in two years to the board of directors and delegates. Finally a research firm was retained by the AKC to evaluate the AKC Gazette magazine in relation to other dog magazines. That report was made available to the delegates and will be used to improve the quality of the AKC Gazette. The meeting was adjourned.

Robert House, BCOA Delegate to the AKC

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

(submitted by Junior Showmanship Chairperson Francis Bercher)

Each month's tally finds more and more new names entering the Junior Handling classes with Basenjis. If you have not yet read it, make a point to read the Junior Showmanship column in the November AKC Gazette - it discusses how different breed clubs award their top Junior Handler. The following tally is complete through the November Gazette - if you have any additions or corrections, please send them to me at my NEW address: Box 1003, Easthampton, Massachusetts 01027.

<u>Junior</u>	<u># Defeated</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u># Defeated</u>
Beverly Arrand	3	Jennifer Bass	1
Mischa Bonicelli	5	Alyssa Coe	30
Jean Deimier	49	Marena Doolittle	3
Amy Funchess	4	Brett Doty-Garner	370
Tracie Gramann	92	Tara Kay Harris	38
Kate Hauri	5	Jennifer Hobbs	8
Kristin Lange	116	Christopher Pate	3
Michelle Sturgeon	12	Monica Swope	3
Leigh Thompson	2	Krista Ward	2
Susanne Wilson	1	Kari Wournos	431

Best Junior Handler awards were won by Alyssa Coe (defeating 11 competitors) on Aug. 16 at the Wachusett KC show; Jean Deimier (11) at the Providence County KC on July 6; Tara Kay Harris at Grand Valley KC (7) on Aug. 23; Brett Doty-Garner was BJH at the Basenji Club of America (8) on July 31, Salinas Valley KC (19) on Aug. 16, and Santa Cruz KC (19) on Aug. 17, Del Monte KC (16) on Aug. 23, Rogue Valley KC (31) on Aug. 28, Southern Oregon KC (35) Aug. 31, Sir Francis Drake KC (30) on Sept. 14; and Kari Wournos was awarded BJH at the Baytown KC (43) Aug. 8, San Jacinto KC (49) Aug. 9, Houston KC (53) Aug. 10, and Elkhorn KC (13) on Sept. 6. Kristin Lange won BJH at the Evergreen Basenji Club Specialty (15) on Aug. 2. Received a nice letter from Kari Wournos' Mother telling me that Kari has never been defeated in the Best Junior Handler classes - quite an accomplishment!!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS: In accordance with BCOA Bylaws, if any member wishes, he may send comments on any applicant to the Secretary of BCOA. Applicants are listed with their two sponsors.

Karol Asbjornson	Frank & Phyllis Lobue	Gordon & Susan Graham & Brandt*	W. Jon Fahrner
Richard Hilderman	91 Crystal Drive	9620 Regal Ridge, NE	6121 Norway Circle
Rt. 1, Box 141	Rocky Hill, CT 06067	Albuquerque, NM 87111	Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Liberty, SC 29657	Robert House	Loretta Kelley	Loretta Kelley
Barbara Jimenez	Ann House	Diane Davis	Diane Davis
Carlos Jimenez			
John DeWilde	Karen L. Gorman		
623 7th	PO Box 1088		
Lincoln, IL 62656	Brighton, MI 48116		
Arnieta Kurtz	Gary DeVoss		
Wilma Bauer	Carolene DeVoss		

NOTE: The Secretary has requested me to ask that members check the application for membership BEFORE giving to prospective members to be sure the fee is correct: Single - \$12, Family - \$18.50, Junior \$1 per junior in the family.

BALLOT NO. 1 - November 12, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

Your approval is requested for the following administrative procedures for 1986-7 Club year:

A. Unless otherwise indicated on the ballot, all board ballots must be in the hands of the President and Secretary within 14 days of the postmarked date on the ballot.

B. Ballots may only be initiated by board members after being submitted to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary.

C. An affirmative vote shall require a majority of those voting unless specified otherwise in the By-laws.

D. The President will cast a vote only in the case of a tie.

E. The Treasurer will submit a quarterly report to the Board members and the Bulletin Editor.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

BALLOT NO. 2 - November 12, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: BOARD VACANCY, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

Your approval is requested for past president Barbara Camp to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

*Curby Comment: I believe the wishes of the membership would be better served if the person who received the next highest number of votes in the election of officers had been nominated. However, Barbara Camp is otherwise an excellent choice.

BALLOT NO. 3 - November 12, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: BULLETIN BILLS

Your approval is requested for the payment of approximately \$700 so that the Oct./Nov./Dec. Bulletin can be published.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

BALLOT NO. 4 - November 12, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: DEADLINE FOR PAYING 1986 BILLS, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

Your approval is requested that no reimbursement for 1986 bills be made to committee chairpeople after the end of the fiscal year (December 31, 1986) without Board approval.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

BALLOT NO. 5 - November 12, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: AFFILIATED CLUB DUES, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

Your approval is requested for the Liaison Officer to withhold BCOA approval for affiliated club specialties unless that club is current in their dues at the time of the approval.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

BALLOT NO. 6 - November 12, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF AFFILIATED CLUBS, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

Your approval is requested to terminate the affiliation of a club whose dues have not been paid by March 31. The Treasurer will notify the Liaison Officer, Secretary, and Bulletin Editor of any affiliated club which has not paid their dues by then so that the club's name can be removed from the list of affiliated clubs.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

BALLOT NO. 7 - November 12, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: SATISFACTION OF POSTAL REGULATION, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

In order to satisfy a postal regulation that allows the Bulletin to be mailed second class, your approval is requested to denote the renewal forms that \$1.00 of the annual dues goes for a mailing fee.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

BALLOT NO. 8 - November 12, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: PAYMENT OF BILLS, circulated at the request of President Cunningham

Your approval is requested to authorize the Treasurer to pay all fiscal year 1987 ordinary regular bills until a budget can be approved. The Treasurer must be alert and request Board approval for any item which is considered an extra-ordinary expense (By-laws, Article VIII).

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

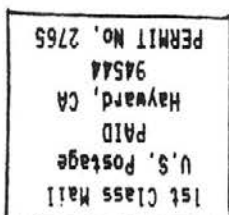
BALLOT NO. 9 - November 12, 1986 - PASSED

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF MEMBERSHIP, circulated at the request of President Cunningham.

Your approval is requested to extend through 1987 membership in the BCDA of all new members who were approved on ballots in October, November or December of 1986.

APPROVED: Bolte, Coe, Curby, Davis, Grundman, Jimenez, Laue, Russell, Williams

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