Items of interest from the committee meetings I attended in Orlando.

➢ Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee
  ▪ There was an update on the Breed Sustainability Initiative. The ESSFTA needs to consider a committee. For further information contact Florence Duggan Delegate for the Vizsla Club.
  ▪ The AKC Detection Dog Program is progressing. TSA uses 200-300 canine candidates a year with the DOD using another 300. They are working on a Patriot Puppy Program. There will be a possible seminar on this topic in the future.
  ▪ In Doug Lundren’s report it was noted that traditional field events are down 3.3%.
  ▪ Beginning 3/1/2019 applications for MH Lifetime Achievement title will be accepted. Information on the MH can go back to 1/1/2000.
  ▪ AKC will encourage clubs to become FIT DOG clubs and have four fitness walks yearly. A banner will be provided. The program provides a positive outreach opportunity to engage dog owners and provide info about the club and events. AKC Fit Dog Club-Owners that achieve the goal as recommended by the American Heart Association are eligible to receive a car magnet with the AKC FIT DOG LOGO.

➢ Parent Clubs Committee
  ▪ For the Disaster Trailers, 72 trailers have been delivered and 6 are in the pipeline, 16 clubs are working on funding if successful the total number of trailers will be 94.
  ▪ The 2019 AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference will be held August 9th-11th, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency at the Arch, St. Louis, MO

The following items were of interest at the Delegates Meeting:
  ▪ The lion share of the meeting was devoted to the large number of proposed amendments. I will list the amendments voted upon at the meeting. Please contact me if you would like more information on the discussion at the meeting.
    • **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 13, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Classification, clarifies the eligibility of Winners Dog/Bitch that has been defeated in a non-regular class as well as when the Best of Winners is awarded.
    • **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 5, Section 2, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies, allows clubs the option of including the date on class placement ribbons.
    • **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Judges, converts most of the italicized text to part of the rule while keeping one sentence regarding where eligibility is expanded in italics.
    • **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 2, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Superintendents and Show Secretaries, takes italicized Board interpretation and makes it part of the rules. Additionally, it clarifies that an individual can only provide services for one all-breed or one group club in a calendar year.
    • **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 4, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Superintendents and Show Secretaries, broadens the requirements regarding which forms the Superintendent/Show Secretary must have available at events. All necessary forms are available on the AKC website or sent to the Superintendent/Show Secretary prior to the event.
    • **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 12, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Superintendents and Show Secretaries, cleans up wording to provide clarity and adds a reference to eligibility requirements for this role.
    • **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 10, Section 8, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians, adds a reference to the eligibility requirements for this role.
    • **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, adds clarity to a foreign dog’s eligibility for a specific class without creating redundancy by listing the requirements.
• **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 11, Section 1**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, brings the Rules up to date with the intent and current practices.

• **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 11, Section 8-A**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, requires permanent identification for a dog that is disqualified if it is ever to be considered for reinstatement. Additionally, a photo of the dog must be taken in the ring. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the May 2018 Board meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee is requesting that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws.

• **DID NOT PASS** Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 11, Section 8-A**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, puts the reinstatement process into the rules and removes the possibility of a reinstatement occurring at events. AKC currently provide a list of dogs that have been disqualified but that list does not include the owner’s name or contact information as that would be a breach of the Disclosure of Information policy. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the May 2018 Board meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee is requesting that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws.

• **Sent back to committee** Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 14, Section 5**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards, requiring the Event Committee or Superintendent/Show Secretary to provide digital scales in addition to wickets. Additionally, changes were made to consolidate language and change italics to become part of the rule.

• **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 16, Section 1**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Championships, provides the Best of Winners the opportunity to earn one championship point if the combined number of regular class dogs for both sexes is the minimum required for one point (usually two competitors total).

• **APPROVED** Vote on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 14, Sections, 12, 12A, 13, 13A and 11A** of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*. Section 12 clarifies that the handlers in the current Open Gun Dog Championship are entitled to ride horses. Section 12A clarifies that the handlers in the Amateur Gun Dog Championship are entitled to ride horses. Section 13 adds a new Open Walking Gun Dog Championship stake. Section 13A adds a new Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship. Section 11A clarifies that the current Amateur Championship is an All-Age stake.

- **The slate of candidates for the Board of Directors was announced. I am attaching a document that listed each persons bio.**

  ➢ The following items will be voted upon and read at the March meeting. (Note: copied from the agenda)

  * Vote on the proposed amendment to Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Article VIII, Section 1, that would require that the Board in its appointment of the 5-member nominating committee include three (3) Delegates that have each been selected by a Delegate Committee in accordance with a proposed new standing rule. The Board would be permitted to appoint only two of the five members. The amendment was proposed by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors. The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois is demanding that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws.

  * Vote on the proposed amendment to Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Delegate Standing Rule on Committees, Section VI, that would change the nomination process by requiring that the Delegate Committees select three members of the nominating committee and would change the nomination process timeline. This Standing Rule amendment is offered and would only be effective if the amendment to Article VIII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club is adopted in March 2019. The amendment was proposed by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors. The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois is demanding that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws.

  * Read on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 11, Section 4**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, changes the formatting of the section only.
▪ Read on the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 12, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, changes the italicized portion of the section to be part of the rule.

▪ Read on the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 13, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, makes the section gender neutral, changes the first two paragraphs of italics to become part of the rule and adds clarification.

▪ Read on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 8, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards, rewords the section only.

▪ Read on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships, changes the italicized sentence to be part of the rule.

▪ Read on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 4, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers, would end the possibility for dogs to run as the first dog of a series more than once at the same stake at the same trial.

Questions on the above report are welcome. I can be contacted at windsorspringers@cox.net