AKC Delegate Report  
March 11 &12, 2019, Newark, NJ  
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Items of interest from the committee meetings I attended.

➢ Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee
  ▪ Field Trial and Hunt Test entries for 2018 are all down. Overall decline is 2.5%
  ▪ Master Hunter Test Lifetime Achievement title applies to Pointing Breed and Spaniel Hunting tests. The Owner applies for the title and indicates the number of times a dog has passed the MH test. Minimum number of passes is 12. This is grandfathered back to 1/1/2000. Effective 3/1/2019.
  ▪ In late February, the AKC expanded its FIT DOG program to include FIT DOG clubs. To date 31 clubs have applied to be AKC FIT DOG club. To participate, go to https://akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/
  ▪ An update was given on the Detection dog program. They have established the Adopt K-9 Corp. Requirements for the program are available on the AKC website. To date more than 100 breeders have applied to do protection dog breeding.

➢ Canine Health Committee
  ▪ A reminder for the Parent Club Health Conference in August 2019. Registration link is open. Early Bird registration at $60.00 ends 5/30/19.
  ▪ Dr. Brown provided an update on CHF Grants. 2018 $3.6 million in grants were awarded, the highest number for a year. During the past year Grants have been awarded for blood disorders, Cardiology, Dermatology & Allergic Disease, Epilepsy Initiative, General Canine Health, Hepatic Disease, Immunology and Infectious Disease, Musculoskeletal Conditions and Disease, Neurology, Ophthalmology, and the Tick-Borne Disease Initiative. For more details go to the AKC/CHF website.
  ▪ There was a discussion to the 2 types of DNA testing. For an explanation of the differences go to the Embark website.

The following items were of interest at the Delegates Meeting:

➢ The main focus of the meeting was the annual election of Board members. After 3 votes the individuals seated were Dr. Charles Garvin, Marion, OH Dalmatian Club of America, Steven Hamblin, West Hollywood, CA Pekingese Club of America, and Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., Mount Laurel, NJ Burlington County Kennel Club
  ▪ The new Chairman is Bill Feeney and the Vice Chairman is Pat Cruz.

➢ The following items will be voted upon and read at the March meeting. (Note: copied from the agenda)
  ▪ **Did not Pass** 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.
  ▪ **Did not Pass** 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.

Museum of the Dog
101 Park Ave, New York

On Monday all Delegates were bused into New York to attend a reception of the Museum of the Dog and tour the museum. It is a wonderful museum and should be on every dog lover’s agenda when visiting New York. It is well laid out and include a number of interactive exhibits which are fun for kids and parents alike. Here are a few random photos I took while on tour.
Questions on the above report are welcome. I can be contacted at windsorspringers@cox.net