



IN-PERSON BOARD MEETING, October 3, 2007 – 9:00 AM
HOLIDAY INN ~ 441 ELECTRONICS PARKWAY
LIVERPOOL, NY 13088
BOARD ACTIONS & VOTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julie Hanson-President, Lauren Gilman-Region 6 Director, Jody Petry-Treasurer, Phyllis McDonald-Region 4 Director, Kelly Barry-Region 2 Director, Melissa Savage-Region 7 Director, Gretchen Botner-Vice President, Patricia Kinsley-Region 1 Director, Cindy Lindemer-Secretary

All motions were unanimously approved except as noted.

Approval of Minutes: Patricia Kinsley made the motion to approve the minutes of the June On-Line Board Business Session, Jody Petry seconded and the Board approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Changes to the Club Championship Rules: Gretchen Botner moved that we accept the proposed changes as written for the requirements of the NSDTRC (USA) Championship. Lauren Gilman seconded, all but one Board member voted to approve. Kelly Barry abstained.

Changes to the Field Test Rules and Various Forms: The proposed changes were presented to Ritu Bala, Field Events Chair, and she had no problem with the changes. Patricia Kinsley moved to accept the proposed changes to various rule and forms. Phyllis McDonald seconded and all but one Board member voted to approve. Kelly Barry abstained.

Revision to the NSDTRC (USA) Field Judge Approval Requirement: Kelly Barry is still working on a basic check list or "Cheat Sheet" to be given to the judges before test set up. Patricia Kinsley made the motion to table this proposal. Gretchen Botner seconded the motion and the Board Approved. Gretchen would like to see a new proposal.

Financial Guidelines for Committees & Appointed Officials [Was Guidelines for Merchandising]: There was discussion for safeguarding the funds received from events and various other sources such as merchandise. The possibility of requiring a signed agreement was discussed with the inclusion of the FTC "Mail and Telephone Order Merchandise Rule" included. Jody would like someone outside of the Treasury of an event to receive the bank statements. It was also suggested that we require two signatures on all checks written but the logistics would be impossible. Gretchen as Events Chair will set it up so that she gets a copy of all event Bank Statements. Further discussion and possible action will be considered at the January On-Line Business Session.

Approval of Sweepstakes at Region 7 Supported Entry: Gretchen Botner made the motion to officially approve the Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran) for the Region 7 Supported Entry on Saturday, March 1, 2008. Julie Hanson seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Proposal for Disciplinary Policies and Procedures: Gretchen Botner made the motion that the Board accept the Proposal for Disciplinary Policies and Procedures and Check List. Also that it be published on the website and an announcement made in Quackers informing the membership of such. Cindy Lindemer seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Appointment of Judges Selection Committee Chair: Julie Hanson made the motion to appoint Paul Milbury as Chair of the Judges Selection Committee. Gretchen Botner seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Open Health Registry for prcd-PRA and CH/CEA: The Board addressed the issue after the Annual Meeting. Lauren Gilman made the motion to send a letter to Optigen in regards to establishing an Open Registry for tollers. Jody Petry seconded the motion and the Board approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Conduct of Business: Julie Hanson moved we continue to use the Forum to conduct business for the next year. Phyllis McDonald seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Committees and Board Liaisons: At the request of the Treasurer, the Board Liaison for Membership Chair changes to the President. Gretchen Botner moved that we approve the committees as modified. Cindy Lindemer seconded and the Board approved. See below for additional changes.

Appointment of Judges Selection Committee Members:

- **Region 5:** The Region 5 position is vacant and no one in the Region has volunteered. Several names were suggested. Gretchen Botner moved that select individuals from Region 5 be contacted by the President to ascertain a willingness to serve on the committee. Patricia Kinsley seconded the motion and the Board approved. [Note: Kathy Strathearn has accepted the position.]
- **Region 3:** Jackie Koski requested to not remain on the committee. Julie Hanson moved that Cherie Ball finish out her term for Region 3. Gretchen Botner seconded the motion and the Board approved.
- **Region 7:** After discussion regarding the two candidates for the position, Julie Hanson moved that Rod Beckstead be approved to the committee. Patricia Kinsley seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Appointment of Membership Chair: Julie Hanson made the motion to approve Michael Petry as Membership Chair. Gretchen seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Bylaws Revisions: Julie Hanson brought up concerns related to the proposed Lifetime Membership type. Additional concern was expressed regarding the possibility down the road that this will have a substantial impact on our financial situation. Gretchen Botner withdrew her proposal for changes to membership with the addition of the Lifetime Membership type. With the exception of the Lifetime Membership, Julie Hanson moved the proposed amendments to the Bylaws be submitted to AKC Club Relations for review. Patricia Kinsley seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Region 5 Application to Host 2009 National Specialty: Jody Petry moved we approve Region 5 application to hold the 2009 National Specialty at College Station, Texas. Gretchen seconded the motion and the Board approved.

AKC Mentor Program: Julie Hanson made the AKC Mentor Program presentation on Peggy Park's behalf. The requirements for being an approved mentor to be listed with AKC were reviewed. A minimum requirement to be approved is 12 years experience breeding, exhibiting or judging the breed in conformation. At present there are 7 individuals on file with AKC as approved mentors and a mechanism for application and testing is needed to approve additional members into the mentor program. The proposed test for becoming a mentor was handed out. Jody Petry made the motion to approve the Mentor Program. Gretchen Botner seconded the motion and the Board approved. Gretchen will get back to the Board with details on implementation for the January On-Line Board Session.

Clinics at a National Specialty: No action taken at this time. Gretchen said she would write a proposal and submit it to the Board for the January On-Line Board Session.

National Health Institute-Addison's Disease Study: Jody Petry moved we approve club support for the NIH Addison Study. Julie Hanson seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Electronic Applications for Awards: No action taken. Julie Hanson, Webmaster, will get back to Kim Simon to help her work out a program for the website.

Amendment to Sylvan Kennel Award Guidelines: Cindy Lindemer made a motion that the clarification to Sylvan Award guidelines (paragraph 2: *“In the case of UDX and OTCH titles, all scores appropriate for the title must be earned within the timeframe. UDX 2, 3 or higher titles, although highly commendable, are not within the spirit of the Sylvan Kennel Award, and will not be considered for this award.”*) go into effect for the 2008 fiscal year retroactive to July 1, 2007. Gretchen Botner seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Advertising for Canadian Specialties: Jean Gilroy brought the topic of Advertising for the Canadian Specialties to Patricia Kinsley. Julie Hanson suggested exploring the possibility of doing reciprocal advertising with the Canadian Toller Club. No action taken.

Format for Rising Star Award: Gretchen Botner moved we refer the recommendation of the Format for the Rising Star Award to Kim Simons, National Trophy Chair. Lauren seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Appointment of Nominating Committee: Discussion was held with suggestions for members of the Nominating Committee. The Board convened after the Annual Membership Meeting to appoint the 2008 Nominating Committee. Gretchen Botner moved to approve the committee. Jody Petry seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The committee members are: Julie Hanson, Chair, Paul Kartes, Cathy Hamilton with Alternates: Dominique Jolley and Latisha Hancy. [Note: All members agreed to serve on the committee.]

Adjournment: Gretchen Botner moved to adjourn. Lauren Gilman seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Lindemer, Secretary
NSDTRC (USA)