

AMERICAN SPANIEL CLUB, INC.
Minutes of Board Meeting

DATE: Saturday, April 8, 2006

PLACE: Omni Hotel, 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX. (972)-869-4300

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM CDT.

Present: Dr. Clyde Shaw, Jane Williams, Patricia Darke, Dee Torgeson, Nancy Foley, Bonnie Pike, Julie Virosteck, Deborah Knight, Linda Bennett, Don Harris, Sharon Elliott, Kathleen Patterson (Secretary), Barbara Lippincott (Treasurer). Jane Harmon (Membership Chair), Barbara Shaw (Delegate).

Absent: Bruce Van Deman, Bettie Campbell, Genea White Jones

Guests: Adrianna Grimes, Cara Burgess, Bob Smith

Report of President – Dr. Shaw

Welcome to Dallas, and the Spring meeting of the American Spaniel Club board of directors.

It is my pleasure (and to a degree my disappointment) to report that there is little to report. The issues that have confronted us since our meeting in January have either been dealt with or seem to be insoluble.

We have a new show chair for ASC January 07. Dr Smith is anxious to take the reins and this is a good thing. We all got used to Toni's competence and ability to get things done. I personally look forward to seeing what can happen with a fresh perspective, and openness to new ideas. We all want to welcome Bob in his new role and help wherever we can.

The merle issue still looms. For some reason, color discussions seem to stimulate an inordinate amount of emotions in our organization. Perhaps this is in part because all but one of our disqualifications pertains to color. At any rate, AKC has made their stance quite clear: They will register merles however they can and "will not refuse to register a cocker based on color alone." Nor will they revoke any registrations unless we can show color pedigree proof that they are not purebred. They, of course know that this is impossible. They want us to cure their headache by allowing the merle pattern on registration forms. Unfortunately, I see no viable alternative...but I am open to suggestions.

I think we were all impressed with the format of the most recent bulletin. Kudos to our new secretary, Ms Patterson! I think there is potential for expansion of this to include the photos of the latest national show winners and perhaps into a publication similar to that of the Irish Setter Club of America with paid ads etc.

I would like to thank the board for being here and for all they do as volunteers. So lets get the business done and see if we can't have some fun doing it.

Clyde Shaw, M.D.
ASC President

Report of Secretary – Ms. Patterson

The following items were discussed by email and decided by faxed or mailed ballots. They are included here to provide an official record of these activities.

Make A Wish Puppy

Mrs. Virosteck moved that the American Spaniel Club, Inc. appropriate approximately \$150 to help defray expenses involved in providing a cocker spaniel puppy to a child in Southern California through the Make-A-Wish organization. Mrs. Ferland seconded the motion. The discussion period was set to run from January 27, 2006, to February 2, 2006, with a ballot being sent February 3, 2006. Board member, Mrs. Campbell notified the Board that she would be unavailable February 3-5, 2006. Therefore, the ballot is being sent today, February 6, 2006. This written record will serve as your official vote.

The ballot to approve appropriating \$150 to help defray expenses involved in providing a cocker spaniel puppy to a child in Southern California through the Make-A-Wish organization was due to be returned by February 15, 2006.

In favor: Bennett, Campbell, Darke, Elliott, Ferland, Foley, Harris, Jones, Pike, Torgerson, Virosteck, Williams.

Not voting: Van Deman

The motion is passed.

January 2007 Show Chair

President Clyde Shaw reported that he had talked to Dr. Bob Smith about serving as show chair for the January 2007 Flushing Spaniel Show and that Dr. Smith was willing to volunteer for that position.

Mrs. Darke moved to appoint Dr. Bob Smith as Show Chair and Bettie Campbell as Assistant Show Chair for the January 2007 Flushing Spaniel Show. Ms. Torgerson seconded the motion. The discussion period was set to run from January 30, 2006, to February 6, 2006, with a ballot being sent February 7, 2006. Board member, Mrs. Campbell notified the Board that she would be unavailable February 3-5, 2006. Therefore, the discussion period was extended and the ballot was sent, February 9, 2006.

The ballot to approve Dr. Bob Smith as Show Chair and Bettie Campbell as Assistant Show Chair was due to be returned by February 19, 2006. Although several members indicated they would be away from their computers during part of the 10-day balloting period, none answered

affirmatively when asked if they wanted a different voting time frame or additional days to cast their ballots. The vote is as follows:

In favor: Bennett, Darke, Elliott, Ferland, Foley, Jones, Pike, Van Deman, Virosteck.

Abstain: Campbell

Not voting: Harris, Torgerson, Williams.

The motion is passed.

Mrs. Williams wishes the record to reflect that if she had voted she would have voted in favor of appointing Dr. Smith as Show Chair and Mrs. Campbell as Assistant.

Public Education Brochure

Mrs. Foley moved to authorize Mrs. Duggan to include an additional panel in the public education brochure and to reduce the total quantity printed so the total cost does not exceed the \$5400 previously approved. Mrs. Bennett seconded the motion. The discussion period extended from March 1 to March 7, 2006. Ms. Darke indicated that she would be away from the computer during part of the discussion and voting period but did not wish the balloting to be held until her return, so the ballot was sent March 8, 2006, to be returned by March 18, 2006. The vote is as follows:

In favor: Bennett, Ferland, Foley, Jones, Pike, Torgerson, Virosteck.

Opposed: Van Deman

Not Voting: Campbell, Darke, Elliott, Harris, Williams

The motion is passed.

The minutes from the various January meetings need to be approved. There are 3 sets: regular Board meeting (January 5, 2006), organizational meeting (July 6, 2006) and the Annual Meeting (January 6, 2006). These were all sent to you back in January. Despite mislabeling of various discussions, there were no objections to the Organizational Meeting minutes, nor to the Annual Meeting minutes. So those could be approved as sent.

The discussion on the minutes of the regular Board meeting revolved around the lack of detail to the discussion on the 2007 National logo. Based on comments, I have revised that item to read:

The 2007 Show Logo designed by Marlys Gallagher was presented. Ms. Darke and Mr. Van Deman objected indicating they did not feel the logo was politically correct. Several other Board members agreed that they did not like the "Native American" theme language and wanted to be sensitive to the issue Mr. Van Deman and Ms. Darke were

raising. Ms. Elliott said that "Native American" could easily be removed. Mr. Van Deman still objected saying he felt the logo was referring to Native Americans as "dogs."

Mrs. Williams moved to approve the proposed Show Logo with ASC getting ownership interest, and with the addition of PB logo, and removal of "Native American" language. Motion seconded by Ms. Buss.

Yes: Ms. Buss, Ms Elliott, Mrs. Foley, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Stallard, Mrs. Williams.

No: Mr. Van Deman, Mrs. Ferland, Ms. Torgerson, Ms. Darke, Mrs. Campbell.

Motion passed. Ms. Darke suggested reopening the discussion since the vote was so close. Dr. Shaw ruled the decision had been made and the Board needed to move on.

If this revision meets with your approval, the January 5, 2006, Board meeting minutes need to be approved as amended.

Motion by Mrs. Williams to approve minutes of Board Meeting, as amended; minutes of the Annual Meeting and minutes of the Organizational Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Elliott. Unanimously approved.

The February Bulletin was printed and mailed. Overall, I'm pleased with the way it turned out. It is a little cramped...16 pages would have made it more readable and visually pleasing. But all the comments I've gotten from members have been very favorable. Approximate turn-around time from when I delivered the copy to the printer to when members received the Bulletin was 30 days.

I'd like some direction as to how/when we want to look at expanding the Bulletin, working toward a magazine format, taking ads, etc.

Motion by Ms. Elliott for the Secretary to create a committee to recommend ways to expand the Bulletin. Seconded by Ms. Darke. Unanimously approved.

The Annual Report is ready to go to the printer as soon as the year-end financials are completed.

I sent Don Ploke a thank you note as instructed by the Board. And I want to comment that I was sent the draft Don did for the Club, and I thought it was well done, with a nice layout, interesting fonts, etc. I would have been pleased to receive it as an Annual Report last year. I think it should be made clear to the Board and members that the lack of an Annual Report last year had nothing to do with the quality of Don's layout and design.

Dr. Lippincott presented the financial data for the fiscal year to be printed in the annual report as well as a preliminary balance sheet for the January show. Not all bills for that show have been processed but se will have a final report once they have been.

Mrs. Harmon, membership chair reported that she would send second notices to those whose dues remained unpaid.

The AKC Delegate, Mrs. Shaw, reported that she attended the AKC Annual meeting plus a caucus to hear questions presented to the AKC Board nominees and two sessions of the Parent Club Committee session.

At 9 am I attended the above-mentioned meeting. Information was presented to the committee regarding the current Vermont anti-ear crop bill. It was pointed out that the emails and calls "flooding" the House Agriculture committee proved useful in seeking further information regarding this issue.

It was recommended to seek support from the Livestock industry (local and State) and the Farm Bureau (local and State) when trying to prevent or stop anti-animal legislation. When contacting representatives to state your opposition it would be important to point to the private relationship between the pet owner and their Veterinarian. Decisions for care and well-being remaining within that partnership.

A representative from the American Rottweiler Club discussed changes to their standard regarding the docked tail and avoiding specific wording. Examples "docked tail strongly preferred" vs. "non-docked tail severely penalized." It was suggested to look at the 2004 Parent Club Conference "video" for the process of Standard revisions.

Mrs. Shaw then asked for direction on two issues on the June agenda for the Delegates Meeting -- Should she vote for amendment that allows Delegate accept fees? (Yes) And how should she vote on procedure for nominations for the AKC Board? (No change)

Committee Reports

Mr. Wright sent word that he would like to continue research and would also like the Board to authorize testing so information is available in the future.

Ms. Torgerson commented that the Board should stress this is a health issue rather than color issue. Mrs. Darke said she had identified an individual who had letter from David Roberts that breeders should register merle as roan. She also said she had identified a group of active merle breeders willing to work with ASC so there shouldn't be a rush to put this color on the form. She was asked to provide this information to Mr. Wright.

Ms. Darke reported that she had heard from Eddie Dziuk at OFA that, to date, 790 Cocker Spaniels have been issued CHIC numbers based on compliance with the ASC established test protocol of hips and eyes.

For the Futurity, the chair could use the online search capabilities now to verify the results for any nominated litters sire and dam. ASC could add a line to the bitch nomination form for "CHIC Number" and that the CHIC number be allowed to be submitted in lieu of the Hip and Eye certifications. The Futurity Chair could either verify the numbers online or, if the club prefers, the Chair can email the CHIC numbers to OFA, and they will provide a written response verifying both the Hip and Eye certifications. Mr. Dziuk has offered to speak to the membership at a future show..

Ms. Darke also reported that if ASC votes to require CERF for futurity, ASC-F will reimburse cost of CERF registration and that she was too busy to continue to have responsibility for this.

She also informed the Board of a new CHIC parent club partnership program announced by the OFA titled, "Champions for Health".

For 2006, we are expanding the program to all CHIC participating parent clubs, with the creation of an OFA sponsored annual "Champion for Health" award. The award will consist of an engraved silver medallion, and a \$100 donation to the AKC Canine Health Foundation in the name of the honored dog. It is intended that the award be announced and given at the club's annual awards banquet.

The Board took no action on this award program.

Discussion of the need to have an LCD projector available for education programs at shows. Moved by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Ms. Elliott to authorize Mrs. Foley to investigate and purchase an LCD projector, extended warranty and case up to \$2000 maximum. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Virosteck reported that she had been talking with Kathy Lorentzen re updating ASC judges education program. Mrs Lorentzen has developed PowerPoint programs for a number of national clubs.

Motion by Mrs. Pike to hire Kathy Lorentzen to work with Mrs. Virosteck to put together a PowerPoint presentation for educational purposes. Seconded by Mrs. Williams. Motion carries.

Mrs. Virosteck reported that she needed pictures to use in the presentation. The Secretary will put a request for pictures on web or Bulletin.

In addition, Julie reported that she has sent out 52 Blue Books to newly approved judges.

Ms. Torgerson reported that plans for the July 2006 National Specialty were going well.

Dr. Smith reported that he has a copy of the contract for '07 and '08 with the hotel. He proposed the following chairs:

Futurity: Carol Proxee (previously approved)

Chief Ring Steward: Jane Williams

Advertising: Debbie Verdon

Education/Seminar: Julie Virosteck,

Facility/Grounds: Doug Johnson (exercise area)/Alan Santos (accepting tack room reservations

Judges' Hospitality: Bettie Campbell

Catalog Sales: coordinate with Rita' Piazas group,

Fund Raising: Stephanie Kaul as designated by Bruce Van Deman as 2nd VP

Obedience: waiting to hear from Paula Emerick
Publicity/Public Information: Elena Duggan
Spectator Seating: Genea Jones
Trophy: Tanda Shirrod
Vendor: Karen Knight

Discussion on facility/grounds. Ms. Darke proposed amending the proposed list to have Linda Pitts to be tack room chair and allowing her to accept space reservations so they would be on hand when she laid out the tack room.
Mrs. Virosteck moved, seconded by Ms. Elliott to accept show committee as amended.
Motion carries.

Genea Jones, was contacted by phone prior to the vote appointing her as spectator seating chair and indicated she would like to fill that position but requested that she be replaced as Breeders' Education Chair. Nancy Foley volunteered to fill that position.
Motion by Mrs. Bennett, second by Mrs. Pike to replace Genea Jones with Nancy Foley as Breeders Education Chair. Motion carries with Mrs. Foley abstaining.

Carol Proxee, January 2007 Futurity Chair reported that to date (3/24/06) there are 50 bitch nominations properly enrolled and 2 that are pending for additional required information. At this time last year we have about 45 bitch nominations so we are at approximately the same level.

She requested that the Board appoint a Futurity Co-chair for January 2007 – Kevin Carter – who would do puppy enrollments for January 2007 with her help and would take over as Futurity Chair for January 2008.
Moved by Mrs. Williams, second by Ms. Elliott to appoint Kevin Carter as Carol Proxee's assistant for the January 2007 Futurity. Motion carried.

Also, Mrs. Proxee requested a change to the Futurity Rules to require the bitch registration certificate to be sent with the nomination form, even if the bitch is listed in the Health Registry. The AKC registration is still needed especially for the bitch because the Futurity chairperson must confirm that all owners on the registration are current ASC members. If she looks in the health registry current information may not be posted.
Moved by Mrs. Virosteck, seconded by Ms. Torgerson to require that a copy of the bitch's registration papers accompany the nomination form. Motion carried.

Dr. Shaw presented the problem with the Standing Rule regarding expenses of Best In Show judge if not someone who normally attends the Flushing Spaniel Show. Moved by Mrs. Foley, seconded by Mrs. Pike, to amend the Standing Rule for the BIS judge's expenses to include two nights hotel, \$100 in expense money and airfare. Motion carried.

Dr. Shaw was authorized to hire a BIS judge from the following list.
1. Janie Forsyth
2 Don Sturz,
3 Houston Clark
4 Barbara Alderman

5 Bud McGivern

Mrs. Taylor submitted a report on the July 2007 National. She reported that there have been quite a few things accomplished since the January Board meeting. The contract from Cox Convention Center was received and has been sent to the Legal Chair and Insurance Chair for review. They are working out the kinks and that we should have a signed contract shortly.

She is working with The Renaissance Hotel (\$129 per night) and The Marriott Courtyard (\$119. per night). The plan is to have 15 rooms available for judges at The Renaissance Hotel, (which is a 4-star hotel), and to use the less expensive Marriott Courtyard for the exhibitors. The Courtyard has space for Meeting and Banquets.

Marlys Gallagher has once again put together a beautiful Logo. Thanks to the research that Sharon Elliot has done regarding the Indian heritage, we have decided to go with a Dreamcatcher theme that, according to our resources, would be considered New Indian Culture art, and should not be offensive to any tribes. We are hoping to use the "Catch A Dream" theme. The new logo was presented for the Board's review and approval.

Motion by Ms. Torgerson, second by Mrs. Foley, to approve the revised logo. Motion carried.

Ms Taylor reported that she had some difficulties in finding someone from Zone V to fill the Obedience Chair. Patti Saiz has been an active member of the local cocker specialty club and the local obedience club. She has submitted a membership application to ASC, and in the meantime she is working under Carolee Douglas. Patti has begun working with the local obedience club to find Obedience Judges for our Summer Nationals.

Below is a updated list of the proposed Show Committee:

Show Chair:	Jan Taylor (Okla)
Co-Chair:	Gary Mertens (Okla)
Obedience/Rally:	<i>Patti Saiz (Okla) tba after July</i>
Agility:	Sandy Roland (Missouri)
Field Events Chairman:	
Futurity:	Jim Fehring (Texas)
Facility & Grounds:	Jeff Wright & Per Rismyhr (Kansas)
Hospitality:	Betty McClendon (Texas)
Judges Hospitality:	Bettie Campbell
Chief Ring Steward:	Jane T. Williams
Trophies:	Barbara Shaw (Texas)
Catalog Advertising:	Mary Napper (Texas)
Seat Reservations:	Lisa Bowers (Okla)
Vendors:	Denise Pippin (Texas)
Publicity:	Elena Duggan(Virginia)
Education Chair:	Debbie Verdon(Louisiana)
Chief Announcer:	Clyde Shaw (Texas)
Fundraising:	Linda Moore (Texas)

Catalog Sales: Lisa Fullington (Texas)

Mrs. Taylor also provided a tentative show budget.

Mrs. Mustard, Purina Futurity Coordinator, reported that the following information has been submitted to Purina since January 2006:

Futurity - July 2006

47 bitches nominated.

Futurity - January 2007

36 bitches nominated.

Finished Champions – January – March 2006

38 finished champions reported.

Zone Reports:

Mrs. Ferland referred the Board to her Show Committee Report for July 2006 National.

Mrs. Bennett had no Zone II report at this time.

Mrs. Jones had no Zone III report at this time.

Mr. Harris reported that the Zone meeting was held March 24, 2006, following the Washington State CSC Show with approximately 18 members in attendance to discuss hosting the 2009 ASC National Specialty. Members were enthusiastic and are going to explore several potential sites in the Washington/Oregon area. The Washington State CSC and Ft Vancouver CSC are planning to work together to put together a proposal for the Board.

He also reported that he had distributed five applications to potential new members.

Ms. Elliott reported she was available for discussion and questions at the Dallas Cocker Specialty show March 24, to discuss the 2007 Summer show and have had contact with Zone members via the Zone V List. And that the zone was working on the 2007 Summer Show in Oklahoma City.

Ms. Elliott moved to accept all reports as submitted, seconded by Ms. Darke. Motion carried.

New Business:

Mrs Virosteck asked that the Board Reconsider the Standing Rule that any judge judging any class at an ASC show is not eligible to judge again for three years.

After discussion, Mrs. Virosteck moved to amend the Standing Rule on judge eligibility to read that any Judge judging BIS is not eligible to judge any breed for 3 years and any breed judge cannot judge the same breed or BIS for 3 years. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

The next item of business was consideration of the application, with funds attached, tendered by Lloyd Alton to establish the Eugene B. Estell PMT Fund. Mrs. Bennett moved to accept the application to establish this trophy for Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show at the National Specialty. Seconded by Mrs. Foley. Motion carried.

Ms. Patterson reported that she received a phone call from Sharon Norman who donates the Junior trophies each year. She pointed out that she had been looking at all the standing committees and noticed there wasn't one for Juniors and wanted to know why not, she thought there should be one.

Mrs. Foley moved to establish a Junior Showmanship committee w/ chair to be appointed. Mrs. Virosteck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pike said she would like to chair a committee on the future of the futurity as a very concerned breeder. She has seen the evolution of the futurity from its heyday of 256 puppies until this year's entry of 85. She believes that we need to be proactive and discuss some issues before the numbers drop even more. The committee would consider the effect of the new rules; judges and judges selection, ownership and membership in ASC, the fee per puppy, etc..

Mrs. Pike was told to go ahead and chair that committee. Several names of committee members were suggested: Barbara Shaw, Debbie Knight, Brenda McManigle, Lindy Bennett, Jessica Brickett, Patty Darke, Dee Torgeson, Julie Virosteck, Marilyn Spacht. Mrs. Pike indicated she would prefer to choose her own committee members and was told to do so and asked to contact Barbara Shaw and Marilyn Spacht for input.

The Board then considered Kristi Ahlquist and Tanda Shirrod's proposal to use an outside auditor for judges nominations and ballots. By consensus, the Board established a committee chaired by Mr. Van Deman, suggested he consider Mrs. Ahlquist, Ms. Shirrod and one or more other members to finalize the work presented at this meeting, including identifying the process, cost, funding source and recommendation. Ms. Patterson offered to put a notice in the Bulletin that the Board is considering using an outside auditor for judges nominations and ballots and asking for input on whether members think this is a good idea as well as whether they would you pay an additional amount to fund this and how much they would be willing to pay.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen L. Patterson