

**AMERICAN SPANIEL CLUB, INC.
MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: Friday, January 4, 2008, 30 minutes after completion of Futurity judging.

PLACE: Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia PA 19406-1355 (Room Number will be announced).

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President-Elect Charles Born.
2. Roll Call of Members Present: Born, Donaldson, Virosteck, Campbell, Pike, Pitts, Torgerson-Rismyhr, Ward, Spacht, Larson, Skinner, Gallant, Kaul, Elliott.
Ex Officio: Harmon, Patterson, Moore
Alternate Zone Directors present: Beinhauer (Zone I), Parker (Zone III), Ruvacava (Zone IV)
3. Nomination and Election of a Chairman of the Board (By-Laws Art III, Sec 1).
It was moved by Mrs. Spacht, seconded by Mr. Donaldson and Mrs. Campbell, to elect Charles Born as Chairman of the Board. No further nominations were forthcoming and Mr. Born was unanimously elected.
4. Appointment of a Secretary (By-Laws Art III, Sec 1). No action was taken as the Secretary's current contract runs until July 31, 2008.
5. Appointment of a Treasurer (By-Laws Art III, Sec 1). Motion by Mrs. Gallant, seconded by Mrs. Campbell to appoint Jane Harmon as the Club's Treasurer. Unanimously approved.
6. Appointment of a Membership Chair (By-Laws Art III, Sec 1). Mr. Born explained that the duties of the membership chair were part of the Treasurer's duties under the bylaws and since Mrs. Harmon had been appointed Treasurer, there was no longer any need for this chairmanship.
7. Appointment of the AKC Delegate (By-Laws Art III, Sec 1). No action was taken as Mrs. Virosteck had been appointed by the previous Board to fill this vacancy and her credentials have been accepted by the American Kennel Club.
8. Appointment of the Legal Chair (By-Laws, Art III, Sec 1). Motion by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ward that Linda Moore be appointed Legal Chair. Unanimously approved.

9. Appointment of Standing Committee Chairs (By-Laws Art V, Sec 1 & 2).

Motion by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Kaul to appoint Bobbie Kolehouse to the new position of AKC/CHF Liaison

Motion by Mr. Donaldson, second by Mrs. Spacht to appoint the following chairs:

AKC Gazette Columnist	Kristi L. Tukua, Esq., MN
ASC Archival Project	Wilma Parker, OH
ASC Health Chair	Margaret M. Saari, DVM
ASC Health Registry	Judy Iby, OH
ASC Rescue	Heidi A. Braun, WI
ASC Website Coordinator/Designer	Martha Bell, OH
	Jean DeLisle, Canada
Canine Legislation	Carol Dixon, GA
Cocker Spaniel Breeder Referral	Theresa L. Frye, MI
Cocker Spaniel Standard	Beth G. Speich, IL
Public Education	Elena Duggan, VA
Field	Venee Gardner, GA
	Kaye Bennett, WI
	Elaine Grabowski, TX
Foreign Liaison	Neville Ward, VA
January 2009 Show Chair	Bettie Campbell

January 2009 Futurity Chair
July Shows Liaison
Purina Futurity Coordinator
Therapy Dog Program
Top Dog

Kevin Carter, SC
Jason Harmon, TX
Jim Fehring, TX
Suzanne Nelson, FL
Margaret M. Saari, DVM, NY
Jeanne S. Grim, DVM, GA
Suzanne Moskala, NY

Versatility Award Plaques

The motion appointing the foregoing chairs was unanimously approved.

The July 2008 Show Chair, Jason Harmon, TX, and the July 2008 Futurity Chair, Jim Fehring, TX, have been previously appointed and no action is necessary at this time.

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mrs. Kaul, to change the name of the companion events committee to performance events. Unanimously approved. Appointments to chair this committee passed to April meeting.

The Secretary was directed to send out job description questionnaires with the consent to serve forms so the Board could decide if various committee duties needed to be realigned.

The Corporate Sponsorships chair has been vacant for a while. Mrs. Pitts asked that it be advertised in every Bulletin until filled.

After discussion, Mrs. Pike moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell, to appoint Bob Ennis as Judges' Education Chair. Unanimously approved. Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell, to appoint Nancy Gallant as Breeders' Education Chair. Unanimously approved.

Discussion of what to do about liaisons from other breed clubs was passed to the April meeting.

The Finance Committee is automatically chaired by the 1st Vice President, David Donaldson. The Board discussed combining the insurance committee with Finance. Mr. Ward moved to combine the insurance committee with the Finance Committee, seconded by Mrs. Virosteck. After further discussion the motion and second were withdrawn and the insurance committee retained. Mark Steffen will be approached to serve as the insurance committee chair.

Mrs. Virosteck moved to abolish the vacant Fundraising position, seconded by Mrs. Gallant. Unanimously approved

The media/technology committee is vacant. Mrs. Kaul volunteered to serve in this capacity. The Board discussed the need for a PR campaign to show potential members the value of joining ASC as well as the need to reinvigorate current members. In addition, the Field Spaniel Club wants to know benefits to a club of joining ASC. Mrs. Kaul will look at putting together some proposals that address these concerns. Mrs. Virosteck pointed out that the ASC Foundation funds research that benefits more than just cocker spaniels and this information should be included.

Mrs. Kaul will look at this from a "brand value" perspective and possibly return with a committee name change at the April meeting. Mr. Ward moves to appoint Mrs. Kaul to this position. Seconded by Ms. Elliott. Unanimously approved.

10. Date, Location, Time for Board Meeting for March/April 2008.
April 5, 2008, was chosen. Zone IV location, Las Vegas, NV.

11. There was no unfinished business from Board Meeting, Thursday, January 3, 2008.

12. New Business. Mr. Donaldson explained he was interested in indemnification of Board members but after talking to Ms. Moore had been informed that this change is in the new bylaws that are ready to be mailed to the membership. For now, the Board has Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance to cover this issue.

Mr. Born announced that he had signed an extension of the Parent Club Partnership contract with Purina and that there was a change in the contract. Now for the Club to receive funds when futurity puppies finish their championships, the ASC member must be redeeming weight circles on a regular basis, not just be signed up for the program.

Mr. Born also discussed his desire to have a password protected members-only section of the web site where he could utilize a blog to answer members' concerns and keep them up-to-date with what was going on in their club.

13. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

TO DO:

Board members to return ballot sent out by Secretary confirming these actions and appointments. (1/28)

Board members to approve minutes on form sent out by Secretary. (1/28)

Consent to Serve to be sent to all committee chairs appointed at this meeting. KLP

PDQs to be sent to all committee chairs. DT-R to provide questionnaire to KLP (1/18); KLP to send out with consent to serve forms (1/29).

Arrangements for Las Vegas meeting. JWV (2/18)

Create password protected area of web site and blog. CPB and JD (4/5)