

# **SECRETARY'S REPORT – 2nd QUARTER 2016**

**Submitted by Linda McInturff**

## **BOARD ACTIONS**

The following motions were approved by the Board of Directors after the March 1, 2016 conference call:

- 20160303 Bob Brown moved that Jean Pero's request, as co-chair of the Judges Education Committee, be approved for the 2016 National Specialty schedule for Friday and Saturday as presented. The motion passed.
- 20160314 Linda McInturff moved that the Minutes of the 2016 First Quarter Board of Directors Conference Call be approved. The motion passed.
- 20160325 Linda McInturff moved that GPCA abstain from donating to Dog Judges Educational Foundation at this time. The motion was approved.

## **AKC CORRESPONDENCE**

- AKC Communicates Weekly for January, February, March
- AKC CHF notification of funding of \$432,000 grant to understand and prevent hemangiosarcoma in dogs
- AKC Event Operations Update: Visiting judges may judge the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition in events after 4-1-16; Cluster Date Agreements are encouraged; Grand Championship levels are to become titles and the change is retroactive to the beginning of the program (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum) and dogs can earn multiple levels of Grand Champion Platinum for every 800 points earned.
- AKC Agility announced the launch of a new beginning level agility program ACT (Agility Course Test).
- AKC Gazette for January, February, and March
- AKC CHF announced that Dr. Diane Brown is the new chief executive officer for the Foundation.
- AKC Event Operations announced new options for clubs to advertise their shows including billboards, websites, and magazines; Common Site Application changes in regulations; Reserve Best Junior Handler mandatory at All-Breed shows; match promotions through AKC media; Sweepstakes application requirements being simplified after 4-1-16.
- AKC Government Regulations reported on a bill before the California Senate which could affect boarding kennels or other persons who board animals for pay.
- AKC announced the launch of a new event called Fast CAT<sup>SM</sup>.
- AKC, AKCCHF, and Theriogenology Foundation announce funding for residencies at 4 major institutions for the study of Theriogenology (reproduction and related studies in companion animals)

## **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

- Rescue and Animal Care Magazine for January, February and March
- Showsight Magazine for January, February and March.
- Animal News by Morris Animal Foundation
- Zooza Corporation advertisement
- Prize Possessions advertisement and catalog for 2016
- Request for donation from Dr. Penta on behalf of Dog Judges Educational Foundation
- Email from Mary Albee informing all purebred dog clubs of their new website Championship Breeders, dedicated to purebred dogs, dog sports, and the preservation of our breeds.