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President's Message

Jeffrey David Ball

First Hurricane Irene, now this nor'easter that dumped snow in October, we are having some crazy weather this year. I know many of you lost electric and heat for some time. I hope that you and your families are all doing well. I am extremely happy that the weather was generally nice for our shows. The cooler temperatures and breeze were nothing compared to the rest of the weather the last two months.

Congratulations to Diane Ammerman, her committee chairs, committee members and the RKC members for a very successful 2011 point shows. A special thanks to Joanne Silver who stepped up to be Obedience Chair late in the game and made sure everything ran perfectly. Everything seemed to go smoothly; the members who contributed did a wonderful job and deserve a ton of credit. It just goes to show you what this club as a group can do. Working together there is nothing this club cannot accomplish. Thank you to every member!

Next on our agenda is Meet the Breeds. We will be involved in AKC Meet the Breed on November 19th and 20th which is being held at the Javits Center in New York City. We participated in the first year AKC held it and it was a great success. Last year we could not, but this year it does not conflict with our point shows so now we can be involved once again. Please consider coming for a few hours to help educate the public at the Ramapo Kennel Club booth. You may bring your dog if you wish. If you are interested in assisting, please let us know. Kim Luikert is chairing this event and can be reached at kim.luikert@gmail.com

The club has decided that we will be holding our Holiday Celebration at the VFW Hall in place of our regular meeting. We are doing the same thing as last year. Members seemed to truly enjoy themselves. There is no charge, you can bring family and friends, and we just ask that you bring a pot-luck dish. Lorraine Fennemore at lorrfenn1@optonline.net is coordinating the event so please let her know if you and or family and guests are coming and what you wish to bring. Santa will be there and Tilly and Jack Grassa have volunteered to take photographs once again. So please feel free to bring your family for a Holiday picture, of you and your dog. Yes, you can bring your dogs! Drop in or come for the whole evening. Hopefully we can do a Yankee Swap or White Elephant again, but we will discuss that at the next meeting.

The NJFDC "How to Lobby" workshop is being rescheduled for January 2012. If you are interested in receiving more information, or interested in attending, please let Sharon Fremer know. If you are interest in purchasing a NJFDC Breeders Guide, Sharon can assist you.

Remember, Ramapo Kennel Club is a volunteer organization and is only as good as ALL its members. One or two members do not make a club, it's everyone. So please jump in and make this club better, commit and PARTICIPATE!!!!!

I hope to see you all soon!

Jeffrey

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MEETING MINUTES

Since the minutes from the May meeting were never approved they are being published here again. Following them are the October meeting minutes.

RKC Member Meeting
May 11th 2011
VFW Hall
45 Plymouth Ave Fairfield, NJ 07004

Jeffrey Ball called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

Recording Secretary- Lorraine Fennemore made a motion to accept the April 2011 minutes, Tilly Grassa seconded the motion, voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Nothing new to Report.

Treasurer's Report- Diane Ammerman was absent.

Obedience Class- Classes are filled up with new puppies and many move-ups. Rally class and the students are all doing very well.

Show Handling Class- There are two more classes left this session, they will resume in the fall.

Hospitality- The Awards dinner is set for 7pm on June 8th at Ruppert's. Members are free, guest are $25, see Lorraine Fennemore if you can come.

Sunshine- Dory Koval's father passed away, a card was sent around to be signed. Just found that Beverly Lynn is in Hackensack Hospital.

Pet Therapy- A education demonstration at the Homestead School in Ridgewood is on Friday May 13th. Several members will be attending.

Match Show- A full slate of judges have been found. Flyers are available, please help distribute and help get the word out. Ring stewards for Obedience and Rally are needed for four rings. Gerrie, Mary, Ann, Lorraine, Amy, Ruth and Elaine have all volunteered to help. The CGC and Therapy Dog are organized and they are taking their own registrations. Ruth mentioned we have key chains from the 50th anniversary left and we can use as gifts for the judges.

Point Show- Judges for four new hound breeds are needed for Monday. There is still several openings for rosette sponsors, please see Kim Luikert if you would like to be a rosette sponsor or make a trophy donation. The deadline is June 7 2011.

AKC Delegate Report- Rose Radel reported that the AKC is implementing a new Grand Championship Achievement program with bronze, silver, gold and platinum levels.

Election of Officers-President Jeffrey Ball asked the Members for any nominations from the floor. There were none and the elections proceeded.

President: Jeffrey Ball- Lena Tamboer moved for the floor to be closed, Sharon Fremer seconded, voted upon and approved.

Vice President: Sharon Fremer- Lena Tamboer moved for the floor to be closed, Joyce Wilson seconded, voted upon and approved.

Treasurer: Ruth Henningson- Lena Tamboer moved for the floor to be closed, Joyce Wilson seconded, voted upon and approved.

Recording Secretary: Kim Luikert- Lena Tamboer moved for the floor to be closed, Joyce Wilson seconded, voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Tilly Grassa- Lena Tamboer moved for the floor to be closed, Joyce Wilson seconded, voted upon and approved.

Board 2014: Joanne Silver and Arlene Stover- Lena Tamboer moved for the floor to be closed, Joyce Wilson seconded, voted upon and approved.

AKC Delegate: Rose Radel- Lena Tamboer moved for the floor to be closed, Joyce Wilson seconded, voted upon and approved.

Rose Radel moved that one ballot be cast by the Secretary on behalf of the slate, Lena Tamboer seconded, voted upon and approved.

Email Authorization Forms- RKC needs all members who use email to sign the "email authorization" form. Kim Luikert has the forms, and will put together a list of those members who need to send it in and get the forms to those members.

Membership Dues- June 1st is the deadline for membership dues, please fill out form and mail to Diane Ammerman .

Joyce Wison was honored in the AKC Gazette for 50 years in the Fancy and received the Breeder of Merit Award.

Sharon Fremer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55. Joyce Wilson seconded the motion, voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Luikert
May, 27 2011

RKC Member Meeting
October 12th 2011
VFW Hall
45 Plymouth Ave Fairfield, NJ 07004

The evening's program was Dr Perez from the Plainfield Animal Hospital speaking on Stem Cell Therapy in dogs.

Jeffrey Ball called the meeting to order at 9:02pm, and apologized to the members about having to cancel September's meeting. He suggested the phone tree be updated.

Recording secretary-The minutes from May will be reprinted in the Growl.

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MEETING MINUTES, Continued

Corresponding Secretary-Judging panel and event notices are now available via email. Upcoming events were read, Tilly will now forward those events via email to members.

Treasurer's Report- The checking balance was $13,215.94 and the Money Market was $25,655.29

Obedience Class- Going well and the students are numerous. Nov 16 is the start of the new session.

Show Handling-There have been two small classes so far, in the winter it always picks up, flyer are in the back.

Sunshine- A $35 check was sent to American Cancer Society in honor of Beverly Lynn. A card was sent to Shirley Irwin's husband. A $100 gift cert to Home Depot for Casey (the prior VFW commander) as she was flooded out. Anyone wishing to contribute additionally please see Lorraine.

Refreshments- Tilly, and Kim will bring refreshments to November's meeting.

Program- Meet our Breeds will be November's theme. Please see Phyllis if you would like to participate.

Holiday Party- This year the Holiday party will be at the VFW, it will be Pot Luck!

Point Show- Judging schedules are available, parking passes available to those who are working. Obedience still needs ring stewards. Meet the Breeds will be during lunch, Sharon and Dawn will be working on it, see them with your dog on Sunday.

Membership- First reading of two applications: Anita Spielman from 108 Central Ave, Glen Rock, has Shetland Sheepdogs—sponsored by Elaine and Ruth. Karen Barel of 114 Warbler Dr, Wayne, has Belgian Tervuren—sponsored by Elaine and Ruth. Patrick Dearborn of 81 Fairway Ave, Verona, 973-857-4538— sponsored by Arlene Stover and Cindy McMillan.

AKC Report- Group realignments final proposal for 11 groups. Tom Davies suggested Working divided by 3, Sporting by 2, Hound by 2. Read at Dec. Delegate meeting to be voted upon in March. It will cost clubs apx $35-50 more per group. It will not take effect until 2015. Nominations for the 2016 Board will be William J Feeney, Thomas Powers and Lynworth Smith.

Material and Property- The trailer is old and not in working condition. The Board has made a decision to discard the trailer and what property is there will be stored at the storage facility.

Unfinished business- Danielle from Franklin Lakes came to our meeting looking for the clubs "backing" in her fight with the town and Tyko. Anyone who can come to support her Court appearance on Wednesday October 19th at 9:30 am will be greatly appreciated.

Joan Murko made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 pm, seconded by Sharon. Voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Luikert
October 23, 2011

Upcoming programs

November 9th the program will be MEET OUR BREEDS. Several members will be bringing dogs and will talk about their breeds. We also have a photographer coming, Liesl Siozon who will talk about her unique style of pet photography and has agreed to do complimentary photos of the dogs in the program that night. It should be an informative and interesting program.

A big thank you to all who volunteered!

As the Chair of the Programs Committee, I'd like to invite all of you to please e-mail or call me with new ideas and suggestions you might have for programs at our club meetings. Any and all will be considered and appreciated.

Thanks so much for your help and look forward to hearing from you!

You can get in touch with me through my e-mail address, *cantails@optonline.net,* or phone which is 201-529-2714.

Phyllis Rosinsky, Programs Chair

GROUP REALIGNMENT — THE TIME HAS COME

In October, 2007, the AKC Board of Directors appointed a committee to evaluate the existing alignment of breeds within the seven variety groups and determine if a different alignment would better serve the Sport.

In 2008, the committee reported its recommendations to expand the number of groups from seven to ten and to move breeds from the current groups to the new groups. The proposal was scheduled to be voted on at the March 2009 Delegate meeting.

At the March, 2009 Delegate meeting, the Committee recommended that the proposal be referred back to the BOD, as additional information had rendered a vote premature. The BOD subsequently referred the action back to a re-formed Realignment committee, which began its work in 2010.

In accomplishing its task the Realignment Committee met in person, via conference call and through email coordination. In its study, the committee considered the current groupings, the previous comments from all stakeholders, the development of AKC record keeping and event management software, the numbers of breeds in the recognition pipeline and AKC plans for streamlining the breed recognition process, and the parallel work of the AKC Judging Approval Process committee. A composite of Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers) which provide detail is included in this summary

Significant changes in the Groups include splitting the Working Group into three groups, the Hound Group into two groups and the Sporting Group into two groups. A listing of proposed Groups and their composition is included in this summary.

The committee recommends the addition of four groups to the listing currently in place (7 groups). This change which requires Delegate approval to amend Chapter 3, Sections 1, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20, and Chapter 6, Section 3 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Concurrently, the committee notes that it may be useful to remove the reference to the number of groups from all of the above sections, except Chapter 3, Section 1.

In addition, Chapter 2 of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline refers to the number of groups, and would require Delegate approval to amend.

The committee, by submission of this report, requests the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club, in accordance with Article XX of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, propose and submit the necessary amendments to the Delegate body, to be read at the December, 2011 meeting of the Delegate Body, published in two issues of AKC Gazette, and voted upon at the March, 2012 meeting of the Delegate Body.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Tom Davies, Chair

REALIGNMENT FAQs

Why realign the groups?
The proposed Group Realignment will

- Align breeds that are similar in conformation, structure or function
- Improve judges' education by building on similarities
- Accommodate new breeds within the groups
- Increase entries/enhance exhibitor experience by providing additional opportunities for group placement
- Improve spectator understanding of dog shows

Why now, when the proposal two years ago was set aside?
A number of factors influenced the decision to postpone the Realignment Initiative. Most of those issues are now resolved, or are on parallel timelines to implement solutions. Revision is inevitable, or the current scheme becomes unmanageable.

With entries declining, how can AKC justify enlarging the number of Groups?
AKC recently revised the process for accepting new breeds. As these breeds gain full recognition, and begin appearing in our events, the current groups will become unmanageable. Additional groups bring additional positive competitive opportunities for our exhibitors.

If we do nothing what happens to sizes of the Groups?

As of 7/1/2011	Current	2014 Projected (adding Miscellaneous)
Sporting	29	39
Hound	28	41
Working	28	42
Terrier	29	31
Toy	23	25
Non-Sporting	20	23
Herding	26	38

REALIGNMENT FAQs, continued

Can't we just divide fix the large groups and avoid moving other breeds around?
Incremental solutions only solve half of the problem, but not at half of the cost. After reviewing the comments from the previous proposal, and understanding the impact that new breeds will have, the committee felt that a comprehensive revision now would mean we should not have to revisit the groups in 3, 5 or 10 years.

What's different about this proposal?
A major concern with the 2008 proposal was that the projected size of the working group was not addressed. This proposal answers that concern. .

How long will this take to implement?
Current estimate is 3 years from approval to implementation. Assuming approval would occur in March 2012, implementation would be mid-2015.

How do these groups align with other organizations?
There was no attempt to mirror any other organization's structure. There are similarities - and differences - to FCI and others.

What input do Parent Clubs have in this process? Will they have opportunity to determine what which group their breed is assigned?
The committee took into consideration the previous comments of all stakeholders. Cogent, well-supported Parent Club inputs will be given due weight. In the long term, however, the groups will be based an overall plan to enhance the Sport.

Eleven groups?
Group 1: Sporting - Pointer & Setter
Group 2: Sporting - Retriever & Spaniel
Group 3: Scent Hounds
Group 4: Sight Hounds
Group 5: Working – Utility
Group 6: Working – Molosser
Group 7: Working – Spitz
Group 8: Terriers
Group 9: Toy
Group 10: Non-Sporting
Group 11: Herding

- Sporting group: Divided into Pointer/Setter and Retriever/Spaniel breeds by considering both physical form and function
- Hound group: Divided into Sight and Scent by function and the physical characteristics related to each
- Working group: Divided into Working-Utility (multi-purpose breeds which vary in ancestry and function) , Working-Molosser (generally dogs of the Mastiff type) and Working-Spitz (breeds which common physical characteristics and ancestry.)
- Terrier Group: Unchanged
- Toy Group: Essentially unchanged.
- Non-Sporting Group: Based on similarity of form and function, Spitz-type breeds were moved to Working-Spitz. Non-Sporting name is retained
- Herding Group: Several breeds moved to other groups. Remainder of composition unchanged

With this many groups won't shows take longer? The administrative time to move additional groups in and out of the ring(s) should not add more than five to ten minutes. Groups can also be judged concurrently. Of course, more entries resulting from realignment could mean shows would become longer---and that would be a good thing.

How much more will this cost for AB clubs?
The club determines actual costs based on what it decides to award. Should the club opt for rosettes, estimated pricing is $35-$50 per each additional group. Prizes are also at the discretion of the show-giving club. Note: Rosettes and/or prizes are not required by the Rules.

How will realignment affect the approval of judges?
AKC has developed a favorable package for judging approval which relaxed some requirements and enables judges to attain approvals on a compressed time frame.

What about existing group clubs?
When realignment is implemented, Group Shows may only offer competition for breeds in the new groups. A breed or variety may only be eligible to compete in one group and that would be the new group to which it is assigned. Existing Working, Hound, Sporting and Non-Sporting clubs eligible to hold AKC events at the time of implementation, may concurrently hold shows for the two new Sporting or Hound Groups, the three new Working Groups, and the Non-Sporting Group may hold shows for the Non-Sporting and Working-Spitz groups. There may be no inter-group competition, nor Best in Show at these events. When a club offers competition within the new groupings, they would be treated as two separate, but concurrently held, Group Shows. There are currently nine approved Sporting, eighteen approved Hound, ten approved Working and seven approved Non-Sporting Group Clubs.

REALIGNMENT, continued

THE GROUPS – *projections with breeds currently in the Groups, Miscellaneous Class and Foundation Stock Service (with inclusion of FSS, numbers are higher than short term projections listed)*

Breed listings subject to refinement.

Group 1: Sporting – Pointers & Setters
(18 breeds)
Bracco Italiano
Brittany
Drentsche Patrijshond
Pointer
Pointer (German Shorthaired)
Pointer (German Wirehaired)
Portuguese Pointer
Setter (English)
Setter (Gordon)
Setter (Irish
Setter (Irish Red & White
Small Muenstenlander Pointer
Spinone Italiano
Stabyhoun
Vizsla
Weimaraner
Wirehaired Pointing Griffon
Wirehaired Vizsla

Group 2: Sporting - Retrievers & Spaniels
(21 breeds)
Barbet
Koolkerhondje
Lagotto Romagnolo
Retriever (Chesapeake Bay)
Retriever (Curly-Coated)
Retriever (Flat-Coated)
Retriever (Golden)
Retriever (Labrador)
Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)
Spaniel (American Water)
Spaniel (Boykin)
Spaniel (Clumber)
Spaniel (Cocker) ASCOB
Spaniel (Cocker) Black
Spaniel (Cocker) Parti-color
Spaniel (English Cocker)
Spaniel (English Springer)
Spaniel (Field)
Spaniel (Irish Water)
Spaniel (Sussex)
Spaniel (Welsh Springer)

Group 3: Scent Hounds
(21 breeds/varieties)
American Foxhound
American English Coonhound
Basset Hound
Beagle 13 & 15 in
Black & Tan Coonhound
Bloodhound
Bluetick Coonhound
Dachsunds (3 varieties)
English Foxhound
Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen
Harrier
Otterhound
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
Plott
Portugese Podengo Pequeno
Redbone Coonhound
Treeing Tennessee Brindle

Group 4: Sight Hounds
(15 breeds)
Afghan Hound
Azawakh
Basenji
Borzoi
Cirnecco dell'Etna
Greyhound
Ibizan Hound
Irish Wolfhound
Italian Greyhound
Pharoah Hound
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Saluki
Scottish Deerhound
Sloughi
Whippet

Group 5: Working-Utility
(18 breeds)
Anatolian Shepherd
Appenzeller Sennenhunde
Bernese Mtn. Dog
Black Russian Terrier
Dalmation
Doberman Pinscher
German Pinscher
Giant Schnauzer
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
Great Pyrenees
Entlebucher Mountain Dog
Komondor
Kuvasz
Newfoundland
Portuquese Water Dog
Saint Bernard
Slovensky Cuvac
Standard Schnauzer

Group 6: Working-Molosser
(20 breeds)
Boerboel
Boxer
Bullmastiff
Cane Corso
Caucasian Ovcharka
Central Asian Shepherd Dog
Chinook
Dogo Argentino
Dogue De Bordeaux
Estrela Mountain Dog
Great Dane
Leonberger
Mastiff
Neapolitan Mastiff
Perro de Presa Canario
Rafeiro Do Alentejo
Rottweiler
Spanish Mastiff
Tibetan Mastiff
Tosa

Group 7: Working-Spitz
(24 breeds)
Akita
Alaskan Malamute
American Eskimo Dog
Chinese Shar-Pei
Chow Chow
Eurasier
Finnish Lapphund
Finnish Spitz
German Spitz
Island Sheepdog
Jindo
Kai Ken
Karelean Bear Dog
Keeshond
Kishu Ken
Norrbottenspets
Norwegian Buhund
Norwegian Elkhound
Norwegian Lundehund
Samoyed
Schipperke
Siberian Husky
Shiba Inu
Swedish Vallhund

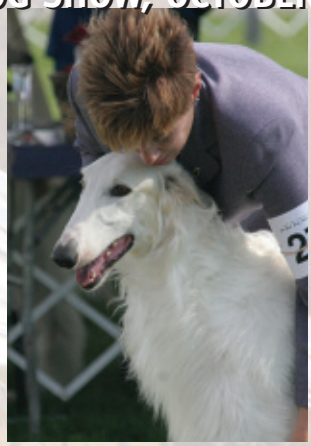
Group 8: Terriers
(41 Breeds)
Airedale Terrier
American Staffordshire Terrier
Australian Terrier
Bedlington Terrier
Border Terrier
Bull Terrier (Colored)
Bull Terrier (White)
Cairn Terrier
Cesky Terrier
Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Fox Terrier (Smooth)
Fox Terrier (Wire)
Glen of Imaal Terrier
Irish Terrier
Kerry Blue Terrier
Lakeland Terrier
Manchester Terrier (Standard)
Miniature Bull Terrier
Miniature Schnauzer
Norfolk Terrier
Norwich Terrier
Fox Terrier (Wire)
Glen of Imaal Terrier
Irish Terrier
Kerry Blue Terrier
Lakeland Terrier
Manchester Terrier (Standard)
Miniature Bull Terrier
Miniature Schnauzer
Norfolk Terrier
Norwich Terrier
Parson Russell Terrier
Rat Terrier
Russell Terrier
Scottish Terrier
Sealyham Terrier
Skye Terrier
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Welsh Terrier
West Highland White Terrier

Group 9: Toy
(22 breeds)
Affenpinscher
Brussels Griffon
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua (Long Coat)
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)
Chinese Crested
English Toy Spaniel (B& PC)
English Toy Spaniel (KC & R)
Havanese
Japanese Chin
Maltese Manchester Terrier (Toy)
Miniature Pinscher
Papillon
Pekingese
Pomeranian
Poodle (Toy)
Pug
Shih Tzu
Silky Terrier
Toy Fox Terrier
Yorkshire Terrier

Group 10: Non-Sporting
(14 breeds)
Bichon Frise
Boston Terrier
Bolognese
Bulldog
Coton de Tulear
French Bulldog
Lhasa Apso
Lowchen
Poodle (Miniature)
Poodle (Standard)
Peruvian Inca Orchid
Tibetan Spaniel
Tibetan Terrier
Xoloitzcuintli

Group 11: Herding
(28 Breeds)
Australian Cattle Dog
Australian Shepherd
Bearded Collie
Beauceron
Belgian Lakenois
Belgian Malinois
Belgian Sheepdog
Belgian Tervuren
Bergomasco
Berger Picard
Border Collie
Bouvier des Flandres
Briard
Canaan Dog
Cardigan Welsh Corgi
Catahoula Leopard Dog
Collie (Rough)
Collie (Smooth)
Czechoslovakian Vicak
German Shepherd Dog
Lancashire Heeler
Mudi
Old English Sheepdog
Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Puli
Pumi
Pyrenean Shepherd
Schapendoes
Shetland Sheepdog

FACES AT THE RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW, OCTOBER 16-17, 2011



HOLIDAY MEETING BACK AT THE VFW HALL

The December 14th Holiday meeting will be held once again at the VFW Hall in Fairfield. It will be a pot-luck dinner so please bring a dish and coordinate with Lorraine Fennemore *(lorrfenn1@ optonline.net)* before you bring something. Bring your dogs and have a photo taken with them and Santa!

GOT STUFF?

Send your news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to either Tilly Grassa, *tgcreative@aol.com,* or Sharon Fremer, *teneo@mac.com*. Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Check the calendar on the last page for submission deadlines. The *Growl* is by and for the members so we need your help.

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Ramapo Kennel Club will once again have a booth at Meet the Breeds this year. For information or if you'd like to volunteer please contact Kim Luikert at *kim.luikert@gmail.com*.

Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

VFW HALL
45 PLYMOUTH STREET
FAIRFIELD, NJ AT 8:00 PM

November 9	Membership Meeting. Program TBA
November 19- 20	Meet the Breeds, Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, NYC
November 30	Deadline for December Growl submissions
December 14	Holiday Party at the VFW Hall

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