

Kennel Club, Inc.; Dr. Robert Bishop, American Manchester Terrier Club; Richard A. Diamond, Irish Terrier Club of America; Daphne S. Gentry, Virginia Kennel Club, Inc.; Jesse J. Mitchell, American Chesapeake Club, Inc.; Mrs. Richard G. Wood, III, American Sealyham Terrier Club; Janice L. Mullen-Stewart, Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.

Mr. Stifel said, for the benefit of the new Delegates in particular, he would like to introduce the Officers of The American Kennel Club who were seated on the dais. He thereupon introduced, from his right to left, the following Officers: Mark T. Mooty, Secretary; Charles A.T. O'Neill, Executive Vice-President; Roy H. Carlberg, Executive Secretary; Haworth F. Hoch, Chairman of the Board; John S. Ward, Treasurer.

Upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 10, 1981 meeting. It was then moved, seconded and VOTED that the Minutes as published in the April 1981 GAZETTE be accepted and placed on record.

The President announced the deaths of the following Delegates since the last meeting: Alan Harper, Delegate of the California Collie Clan who was elected September 1962. He died May 1981; Emanuel F. Miller, Delegate of the Terre Haute Kennel Club who was elected March 1981. He died May 28, 1981.

Mr. Stifel then presented the applications for membership of the American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.; Scottish Deerhound Club of America, which have been approved by the Board of Directors. He said without objection a motion was in order for the Executive Secretary to cast one ballot for the election of these clubs.

It being duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Executive Secretary cast one ballot for the election of these clubs. The Executive Secretary having cast one ballot, the President declared the American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.; Scottish Deerhound Club of America, duly elected member clubs of The American Kennel Club.

Mr. Stifel then read the names of 14 Delegate candidates, all of whose credentials had been approved by the Board of Directors. He said that the credentials of Henry L. Nielson, Jaffrey, New Hampshire,

to represent Cheshire Kennel Club, had been withdrawn by Mr. Nielson. He said that these candidates could be voted upon collectively, if the meeting so wished, and that, without objection, a motion was in order for the Executive Secretary to cast one ballot for the election of the persons named.

It being moved and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Executive Secretary cast one ballot for their election. The Executive Secretary having cast one ballot, the President declared the following persons elected as Delegates:

Elmer S. Bredt, Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania, to represent Bulldog Club of Philadelphia; Grace M. Brewin, Agawam, Massachusetts, to represent United States Lakeland Terrier Club; Judith V. Daniels, La Crescenta, California, to represent Kennel Club of Pasadena, Inc.; Martha Dean, Lexington, Kentucky, to represent Lexington Kennel Club, Inc.; Ruth B. Hager, Madison, Connecticut, to represent Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.; Dr. Robert D. Helferty, Flint, Michigan, to represent Genesee County Kennel Club; John F. Johnson, Siler City, North Carolina, to represent Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.; Nadine A. Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colorado, to represent Colorado Springs Kennel Club; Dorothy McLawhorn, Greensboro, North Carolina, to represent Carolina Dog Training Club, Inc.; Mary B. Meyer, Orange, California, to represent Kennel Club of Beverly Hills; Sandra J. Parente, Georgetown, Pennsylvania, to represent Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.; Claire E. Pettegrew, Norwell, Massachusetts, to represent Bulldog Club of New England, Inc.; L. Allen Shepherd, Russiaville, Indiana, to represent Western Beagle Club; Duke Work, Willow Street, Pennsylvania, to represent Basenji Club of America, Inc.

Mr. Stifel reported on officers and directors liability insurance.

He spoke as follows:

As reported in June of last year, the Club acting in accordance with the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law reported that it had obtained insurance to indemnify its officers and directors against liability for acts performed in connection with the discharge of their duties. As of April 30, 1980, the policy was renewed for a period of three years with the American Casualty Company for an amount of five million dollars for which the premium is \$4,360 per year.

Mr. Stifel called on Mr. Carlberg to discuss a proposed rule change.

Mr. Carlberg spoke as follows:

Since 1947, the designation, "*Dual Champion*" has been applied to dogs having been awarded both show and field championships.

Inasmuch as a dog may now meet the requirements for an obedience championship as well, your Board is considering amending the dog show rules, field trial rules and the obedience regulations, to provide that a dog which has been awarded the titles Champion of Record, Obedience Trial Champion, and Field Champion, may be designated "*Triple Champion*." No special certificate is issued for "*Dual Champions*," nor will there be a certificate for a "*Triple Champion*."

Proposed amendments to the respective rules will be published in the August and September issues of the GAZETTE, for a vote in September. If adopted the designation "*Triple Champion*" may be applied retroactively to all dogs that have met the requirements.

Mr. Stifel then spoke on several matters as follows:

At the March meeting, I read a statement about a genetic defect in the *Dalmatian* and a project undertaken in 1973 by *Dr. Robert H. Schaible*, a geneticist and Dalmatian breeder, aimed at breeding Dalmatians that are free of a genetic defect that causes faulty metabolism of uric acid.

I said that your Board had considered a proposal from Dr. Schaible that two fifth-generation offspring of a Dalmatian-Pointer breeding be registered as Dalmatians and that it was the decision of your Board to approve Dr. Schaible's proposal.

Since that meeting, I, like you, have received a letter addressed to all Delegates from a group of seven breeders, enclosing an article entitled "A Comprehensive Review of the Uric Acid Stone Problem in the Dalmatian Dog." The article was written by Dr. Christopher Fetner and Dr. David Beddows.

If you have not already read the article, I strongly urge you to do so. I urge you to read it through. It contains a certain amount of technical language, but it describes the problems that may be caused by faulty uric acid metabolism very well, and it tells how these problems may be prevented or

managed through regular physical examinations, X-rays, medication, and special diet or surgery.

The covering letter that went out with the article allows that the incidence of stone formation may be as high as 5% in male Dalmatians and 1% in females. In 1980, there were some 6,000 Dalmatians registered. If half of these were males, that would make a total of 3,000 males born in 1980, and 5% of these would be 150. If Dalmatians live for ten years, that means that at any given moment, there would be some 1,500 male Dalmatians throughout the country subject to the treatment described by Dr. Fetner and Dr. Beddows.

If there are only one-fifth as many females affected as males, that would make an additional 300 Dalmatians, or a total of some 1,800 subject to the described treatment.

Dr. Schaible made his formal presentation to AKC last fall. His presentation is what was eventually published in the April issue of the GAZETTE. Having examined the presentation, we looked into some of the background. We learned that, among other things, in the spring of 1976, Dr. Schaible made application to the Morris Animal Foundation for support of his project. He sent a copy of his application to each member of the Dalmatian Club of America Board, together with a letter stating that he planned to seek AKC registration of his Dalmatians when he felt he had dogs that were good enough representatives of the breed.

In 1977, he made presentations to the Chicagoland Dalmatian Club and the Dalmatian Club of Greater Indianapolis on his research, including his intent to seek registration of some of his dogs.

In March 1979, he reviewed his project with the Chicagoland Dalmatian Club, which meanwhile donated some \$300 in support of the project.

In 1979, he also wrote all Dalmatian Club of America Board members, indicating his intent to seek to register his dogs, and he took two generations of them to the president of the Dalmatian Club of America for examination.

In 1980, he took photographs and made a display of all of the generations of the dogs in his project, and wrote a research protocol. He had this material available at ringside at the Dalmatian Club of America National Specialty show in Lexington, Kentucky last August. This gave an opportunity to all Dalmatian Club of America members who were present at the

show to see what he was doing and to ask questions. Dr. Schaible stayed in the vicinity for two days to answer questions. He was also invited, at that same national specialty show, to give a talk to the regional club council, made up of representatives of local Dalmatian clubs from all across the country. In addition, he presented his proposal in person to the Dalmatian Club of America Board.

Given the problem and Dr. Schaible's proposal, your Board wrote the Dalmatian Club of America, asking their position with respect to the proposal, and in particular to his request for the registration of two fifth-generation offspring of the original Dalmatian-Pointer breeding. The Dalmatian Club responded that they supported Dr. Schaible's research and supported, as well, his request for registration of the two fifth-generation offspring.

Accordingly, at the meeting last February, your Board acted to register the two puppies in question, two littermates, a male and a female, who were approximately ten months old at the time.

Your Board's action was very narrowly limited to two puppies. Your Board has no plans at this time to register any further such puppies in any breed.

The problem to be dealt with was a serious genetic defect. The proposal offered the only known means of breeding dogs without the defect.

Your Board's action was based on a fully developed scientific rationale which had had very considerable public exposure and which had the support of the Board of the parent club of the breed.

In regard to the question of *Splitting the Working Group*, your Board is not prepared to announce a final determination at this time. The matter, with its various ramifications, is still under active consideration by your Board, and we will keep you informed.

Last December I announced your Board's decision to hold an *AKC Centennial Dog Show* in the fall of 1984, specifically, on November 17-18, the weekend just before Thanksgiving.

Mr. Charles A.T. O'Neill, a member of your Board and AKC's Executive Vice-President, has been appointed Show Chairman. Mr. John S. Ward, also a member of your Board, has been appointed as Obedience Chairman.

Within the next few days, Chuck will be sending a letter to all National Breed clubs

and Jack will be writing to Obedience clubs seeking their help in putting together a judging panel. This is a first step in what we think is going to be a great event.

Mr. Stifel then spoke on the new Bell Telephone system to be installed effective June 22, 1981. He called attention to the telephone directory cards with the *new telephone numbers* that had been distributed at each Delegate's place prior to the meeting.

Mr. Stifel then spoke as follows:

The *September Delegates Meeting*, under our normal formula, which puts meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, would fall on Tuesday September 8, the day immediately after Labor Day. This last happened in 1970. Because of travel problems and conflicts, in particular, with Labor Day weekend vacation travel, the September Delegates meeting this year will be held on September 15. It will be in the Bowman Room, which is where we are meeting today.

Regarding *registration work*, in the first five months of this year 443,000 individual dogs were registered compared to 444,850 for the same period in 1980, a decrease of .4%. For the same period, 162,900 litters were registered compared to 156,550, an increase of 4.1%.

The following figures were distributed to each Delegate at the Meeting:

REPORT OF REGISTRATION WORK
FROM JANUARY 1, 1981 THROUGH
MAY 31, 1981 COMPARED WITH 1980

| | DOGS AND LITTERS REGISTERED | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| | 1981 | 1980 | % Difference |
| Dogs | 443,000 | 444,850 | 0.4% Decrease |
| Litters | 162,900 | 156,550 | 4.1% Increase |
| TOTAL | 605,900 | 601,400 | 0.7% Increase |

Following a question from the floor, there being no further business to come before the meeting it was unanimously VOTED:

To Adjourn
Adjourned
A True Record

Attest: _____

Mark T. Mooty
Secretary