

November 24, 2015

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Support the Good Sportsmanship Award and the Shining Star – SEND INFORMATIONS TO MEMBERS.

Collie Club of America, Inc.
2016 National Specialty
March 20 – March 26, 2016 – includes performance dates
Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville KY

President's Message

As we come to the close of 2015, I have to sit back and first say "where did the time go"? It seems just last week that we were celebrating New Year's. It seems like time goes faster and faster each year, I can't believe I am coming to the end of my term as your President, and we have accomplished many things since April 2014. We are now holding Board Meetings by phone conference, board members that cannot attend still vote by mail. This is new to us, but New York State law mandates we hold our meeting either this way or Skype or in person. The one thing that will change with the revised Constitution will be votes will only be counted that are by phone, Skype or in person.

There has been a lot of discussion going back and forth among the board which is a good thing, **BUT** I would ask that **EVERYONE RESPECT** each other and their opinions, we all don't see things the same way, we must work together and run this club with the betterment of the Club and the Collie in mind.

I will be presenting 3 to 5 names to create our Operational Procedures on how the club will be run in conjunction with the Constitution and Bylaws.

I would like to thank all the Officers and all of the DD's for the work you have done to make the CCA a better club. We all don't agree on the way the club should be run and that is a good thing, there are great ideas on both sides, but I can honestly say I consider myself lucky and I am Proud to call each of you my Friend.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, please take the time and reflect of what is really important in your life, I have so many things to be thankful for. My Family and Friends are what is most important to me. I cherish every friendship that I have. Without my Family my Friends my life would be very empty.

Please remind you members of the National coming up in March and the "Take the Lead" event the CCA is holding in conjunction with AKC on March 19, 2016.

Thanks for all you do for the CCA and the Collie,
Mike Van Tassell

ATTENTION: ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**“End of the Year” Reports are due to the Secretary by January 15, 2016.
Send to ccasec@tctelco.net. Thank you.**

Secretary’s Message

CCA 2016: Please take the time to review the trophy book listed on the CCA website or contact the CCA 2016 Trophy Chair, Gwen Means for the available trophies. Additional updates for 2016 will soon be available. Keep informed by reviewing the CCA website link of information on CCA 2016.

Elections: Your final round of voting for officers, DAL, and District Directors has been sent to the US post offices. If you have not received your voting packet by December 1, please notify the secretary. All ballots are due to the Tellers Committee by January 14, 2016.

Good Sportsmanship Award: Please join in the selection of a Good Sportsmanship Award nomination and send your nominee’s name to Joan Kirkland or Carrie Lenhart. Guidelines for the nominations are listed in the October issue of the ‘Communique’ which can be found at the CCA website or write to the chair, Joan Kirkland for details. You will find more information is listed within this ‘Communique’ for contact.

Bids for CCA 2019 are included with this Communique’. Please look them over carefully and submit your selection to your district director. We have two very nicely assembled bids from Iowa and Illinois.

Bids for 2016 Herding Regional are also provided with this ‘Communique’. A report from our AKC Delegate is enclosed. A **Show Rules** change has been sent from committee and back to the Board.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Janie

TREASURER REPORTS – MIKE ESCH, TREASURER

Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2015

ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$14,445.73
Columbia money market	\$14,361.75
Membership Checking	\$7,358.73
National Conformation account	\$97.03
National Performance Account	\$7,741.31
Savings - Banner Blue	\$462.18
Savings 2720 - CCA	\$177.86
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$44,644.59
Other Assets	
Mergard Trust	\$123,983.64
Inventory of trophies	\$13,291.04
TOTAL Other Assets	\$137,274.68

Investments	
Various Securities	\$206,186.36
TOTAL Investments	\$206,186.36
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$388,105.63

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES	\$0.00
EQUITY	\$388,105.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$388,105.63

CC of A Income Statement October 2015 YTD

01/01/2015 - 10/31/2015

INCOME

Inc Advertising	\$19,846.92
Inc CCA Loving Cup	\$2,590.00
Inc Donation - General	\$1,000.00
Inc Herding Certificates	\$255.00
Inc Library	\$1,388.95
Inc Material Sales	\$1,791.00
Inc Membership - Renew	\$45,933.87
Inc Purina Parent Club Partnership	\$2,902.72
Inc Regional Herding Trials	\$9,119.00
Inc Sales	\$9,467.93
Inc Seminars	\$2,965.00
Inc Video Streaming	\$877.50
Interest - Banner Blue	\$0.10
Interest - Bonds	\$2.66
Interest - Mergard Trust	\$46.54
TOTAL INCOME	\$98,187.19

EXPENSES

Advance - Meet the Breeds	\$500.00
Advance - 2016 National	\$5,000.00
Annual fees	\$300.00
Application fees - Regional herding events	\$140.00
Bank charges	\$254.85
Banners - Public relations	\$300.00
Board meeting expenses	\$1,596.93
Bond Insurance	\$359.00
Booth expenses	\$110.00
Communication expenses	\$504.00

Computer hardware & Repair	\$736.76
D&O Insurance	\$1,607.00
Donation - 501 (c) 3 qualified	\$9,509.00
Eukanuba medallions	\$290.00
Insurance - National Trophies	\$664.00
Insurance - National Liability	\$625.00
Mail prep	\$3,189.10
Postage	\$11,969.64
Printing	\$34,705.00
Regional Herding trials expenses	\$7,132.92
Registration Inserts	\$77.58
Remote Deposit Monthly fee	\$360.00
Rent Storage Room for materials	\$1,045.00
Seminar expenses	\$6,262.18
Shipping Fees	\$1,489.16
Seminar registration fee - AKCHF	\$250.00
Show application fees - 2016 National	\$525.00
Show records from AKC - 2014	\$200.00
Site Rentals	\$8,545.00
Supplies	\$6,900.24
Telephone Charges	\$119.74
Travel expenses	\$2,519.15
Trophies	\$3,922.00
Trophy case manufacture	\$767.96
Videos	\$3,670.61
Web Site Hosting Fee	\$418.40
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$116,565.22
NET CHANGE	-\$18,378.03

CHECKING JOURNAL & CASH RECORD October 2015

Date	Num	Description	Category	Tag	Amount
10/1/2015	BANK	Monthly Fee	Bank Charges	Treasurer Budget	-\$29.95
10/1/2015	DebitCard	USPS	Postage	Secretary Budget	-\$9.67
10/2/2015	DEP S		Inc CCA Loving Cup	Show Perm&Trph	\$150.00
			Inc Herding Certificates	Versatility Program	\$40.00
			Inc Bulletin Advertising	2015 Bulletin	\$175.00
			Inc Sales	2016 Calendar	\$425.00
10/2/2015	DebitCard	USPS	Postage	Secretary Budget	-\$1.20
10/13/2015	DebitCard	Misc Paypal Transfer From	Paypal test	Paypal	-\$1.95
10/13/2015	DEP	DPI	Inc Advertising	2015 Bulletin	\$200.00
10/14/2015	3997	Collie Expressions	Postage	2016 Calendar	-\$300.00
10/14/2015	DebitCard	USPS	Postage	Secretary Budget	-\$110.76
10/14/2015	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2016 National	-\$15.00

10/14/2015	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2016 National	-\$35.00
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10/14/2015	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2016 National	-\$100.00
10/14/2015	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2016 National	-\$100.00
10/14/2015	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2016 National	-\$50.00
10/14/2015	DebitCard	AKC	Show Application Fees	2016 National	-\$50.00
10/14/2015	DebitCard	Misc	Paypal test	Paypal	\$1.95
10/15/2015	DEP	Paypal Transfer	Inc Sales	2016 Calendar	\$7,800.00
10/24/2015	DEP				
	S		Inc CCA Loving Cup	Show Perm&Trph	\$200.00
			Inc Herding		
			Certificates	Versatility Program	\$35.00
10/27/2015	DebitCard	USPS	Postage	Secretary Budget	-\$7.83
10/29/2015	DebitCard	USPS	Postage	Secretary Budget	-\$1.42
10/29/2015	DebitCard	Staples	Supplies	Secretary Budget	-\$149.00
10/30/2015	4005	Nancy McDonald	Postage	2016 Breeders	
				Education	-\$79.10
10/30/2015	4003	Paul Beck	Video Preperation	2016 Breeders	
				Education	-\$405.61
10/30/2015	4002	Fed Ex	Postage	Show Perm&Trph	-\$45.75
	4001				
10/30/2015	S	Minuteman Press	Printing	Membership	-\$714.54
			Postage	Membership	-\$804.12
	4000				
10/30/2015	S	Gary Jordan	Web Page	Web Committee	-\$56.10
			Web Site Hosting Fee	Web Committee	-\$179.40
	3999				
10/30/2015	S	DPI	Printing	2015 Bulletin	-\$3,345.00
			Supplies	2015 Bulletin	-\$353.00
			Mail Prep	2015 Bulletin	-\$155.60
			Shipping Fees	2015 Bulletin	-\$1,489.16
			TOTAL INFLOWS		\$9,026.95
			TOTAL OUTFLOWS		-\$8,694.16
			NET TOTAL		\$332.79

Show Rules Change

This is the recommendation from the show rules committee in response to the recent discussion on changing the time required to be eligible to judge the CCA National Specialty. We would be changing the time from six years to five, but **not** counting the first provisional show as a marker for this time period.

8. JUDGES CONTROLS

3. At the time of nomination, a conformation judge will have been published as an approved judge for collies by the AKC for a period of 5 years. Ie, Judges eligible for the 2020 show will have been approved as regular judges in the year 2015 as per the AKC judges directory.

CCA National Show Rules Committee

Nancy McCue, Chair

Laurie Jeff Greer, Helga Kane, Sue Larson, Joe Reno

CALENDAR SALES REPORT

As of November 15, we've sold 273 2016 calendars for total sales of \$4,762.50. Production and marketing costs are \$3,250, postage and paypal fees are \$250.40 and \$145.22 respectively, with a net profit of \$1,116.88.

The cash balance in the CCA's calendar Paypal bank account is \$788.28. \$7,800 (representing unreported calendar income since 9/1/2014) was transferred to the club's operating account on October 13.

Each additional calendar sold generates at least \$16.99 in profit, so please ask your DDs to help promote it during the giving season! Order online at <http://www.colliclubofamerica.org/publications.html#calendar> or checks payable to CCA, 2834 Cotten Rd, Sanford, NC 27330.

REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT

Notice to the Board: I received a note from Michelle Esch-Brooks requesting the purchase of a new computer for the Editor of the Yearbook. The officers made a motion to purchase the computer immediately as there is consideration for timelines associated with the production of the Yearbook. The request included the cost of the machine. The Board is being asked to ratify the vote of the EC in this communique'. Mike Van Tassell
Below is the letter received from Michelle Brooks.

On Nov 11, 2015 6:38 PM, "Michelle Brooks" <esch.michelle@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Mike,

I didn't want to bother you with everything on your plate right now with the Constitution but I've reached the point where I cannot proceed with the 2015 Yearbook.

My old computer is done. It cannot work on it for 20 minutes without it crashing and it is taking me 5 times longer to work on a page than it should because of the lag.

I know in the past that the CCA has bought a computer for past publication editors that the CCA maintained ownership of after they were done with their tenure. I would appreciate it if the CCA would buy me a new computer under the same rules. I have used my personal computer now for 6 years and 8 books, and I am now concerned about getting the 2015 YB done in time for the National. I've done everything I can think of to make it work more efficiently but to no avail.

I've done research and I'd like to propose an Asus Zenbook Pro at a cost of \$1,777, excluding tax. This would be the CCA's computer that they are letting me use. When I'm done (and I am still doing the next 3 yearbooks – 2015, 2016 and 2017), the computer goes to the next person.

I need the approval to move forward with this purchase by the first week in December in order to make the National. Would you consider either 1) you authorize it for me and ask the Board after the fact to ratify that decision or 2) at least present it at the next Board meeting in December for approval with no discussion?

I'm sorry to dump this on you at the last second but I really thought I could get the old personal one going. Sorry.

Please advise. Thanks.
Sincerely,
Michelle Esch-Brooks

FROM THE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD COMMITTEE

CHAIR, JOAN KIRKLAND

Hi folks. We realize how busy everyone is at this time of the year and, for that matter, any other time in the year and it's difficult to get to things. So... this is a reminder to send us your choices for the Good Sportsmanship Award for the year. It is quite an honor to win the award and included in it is the recognition by the AKC for our club and members. What we need are 3 or more letters of support for your chosen Good Sport of the year and any pictures or anecdotes you can provide which describe how well thought of they are. Surely some of you must know a person who would be worthy of this honor. Hopefully we will hear from many of you soon. Remember the deadline for nominating your choice is **December 31, 2015**. Send letters, etc to Carrie Lenhart, DD MD, marnuscollies@gmail.com or Joan E Kirkland, DD NY, Kirkhaven1@verizon.net. Thanks for your choices.

The GSA Committee

LETTER FROM BREED EDUCATION ON THE INTERN PROGRAM

November 7, 2015

To Officers and Members of the Board:

First, thank you to Board members who touched base with Breed Ed concerning our prospective intern program. We appreciate the opportunity to explain the program's intent. Open dialog is the key to effective communication.

After the 2015 National, the Committee discussed the viability of including an intern or two to symbiotically assist our expanding needs while nurturing newer members who have shown passion for and commitment to the breed. We are not looking for permanent individuals but rather for those willing to share thoughts, ideas, work, and learn. Over those months, the Committee gathered names of prospective candidates and through our process, put forth to you the names of two worthwhile candidates.

Our thought processes are detailed in our Breed Education Committee Intern Position descriptor. Should you have any other questions, do not hesitate to contact me between 7:00 – 9:00 Central (Chicago) time. 815-653-2037.

On behalf of Collie Club of America Breed Education

Patt Caldwell, Chairperson
Barbara Cleek,
Debbie Holland,
Nancy McDonald,
Larry Parsons,
Mary Robischon,
Leigh Cohen, Mentor Liaison

Breed Education Committee Intern Position

An internship is a *temporary program* with an emphasis on “on-the-job training” rather than a permanent position. Internships personally afford individuals hands-on training, real experience, and mentoring opportunities while bringing novel perspectives, fresh ideas, and an extra set of hands to a business or organization. In the case of CCA and Breed Education, it is nurturing and fueling the lighted torch so that the torch may be passed on and not be extinguished.

The ideal Breed Education Intern Candidate:

- Has bred at least one champion, no more than five (prefer owner-handled to titles).
- Publicly demonstrated active engagement as an exhibitor and is a contributing local club member.
- Has attended at least 3 National specialties
- Has the ability to contribute at least 1 to 1 1/2 hour per week attending Breed Education Meetings and attends the National specialty
- Has been a CCA Member in good standing 4-7 years
- Is nominated by consensus of approved Committee members

- Is known PERSONALLY to Committee members to validate the intangible quality of “passion for the sport.” By definition, “interns” do not have a historical national record yet in the breed and will most likely to be unknown to a majority of the Board.

Job Description

The Breed Ed intern position(s) is intended to be a symbiotic relationship. While our Committee is comprised of long time breeders and exhibitors, we recognize the value of keeping touch with not only the needs of those long term enthusiasts but also recognize the importance of meeting the needs of our newer members. Candidates will be appointed by the Breed Education Committee Chair and submitted to CCA Board for approval either at the time of member appointments or after approval of regular members. Ideally, this will establish an ongoing position of intern for qualified candidates for the future.

Role of the intern shall include but is not limited to:

- Participate in weekly Breed Education meetings
- Offer concerns and issues faced by newcomer breeders to aid the CCA Breed Education Committee to better support novices in becoming more responsible collie breeders and stewards of our sport
- Participate as a mentee at the National
- Assist in coordinating logistics for National seminars, including seminar participant check-in and working at the Breed Education table
- Participate in researching *Bulletin* articles and other educational materials
- Become familiar with policies and procedures of the Breed Education Committee and CCA in order to grow into future mentors and contributors

Shining Star Committee

The President has received a resignation as chair from Leslie Rappaport.

10/29/2015

Dear Mike,

With regrets, I find that I am no longer able to give the CC of A Shining Star program the time and commitment it needs and deserves.

It has been my pleasure to serve the CC of A these past years and I wish the CC of A and it's wonderful Shining Star program all the best going forward.

*Sincerely,
Leslie Rappaport*

The President sent a “thank you” reply to Leslie Rappaport. He has asked present committee member, Ann Boles to chair the committee. She will be an interim chairs due to a Health issue, but she is working to find a new chairman and additional members for the committee. This will provide continuity as we move towards the National.

Below is being provided from her bio submitted for the committee when we voted to establish the committees in 2014.

Ann Boles

My name is Ann Boles, I am a member of the Shining Star Committee. I have worked at Harlingen Veterinary Clinic as office manager for the past 17 years. My love for animals has lead me this position. and my involment in the collie world. We have shown collies for the past 10 years on a limited base.

I started a pet therapy program at Robert Wood Johnson's Children Hospital 18 yrs ago. My collie Ch Riverrun's Jump for Joy and I visit the hospital every Thursday for several hours. We are also on call for any of the kids that need a special visit during the week. Jump has a special bond with many of the children on the oncology floor, many of these children have become and important part of my life and think of Jump as their dog. We also do a program at a local nursery school in Princeton, NJ.

I am a active member of the Collies Club of Northern New Jersey. My husband and I volunteer to run Boles Bistro at Sunnybank each year with the help of our wonderful members .We have been very successful with 100% of all proceeds going to the Collie Health Foundation. I held the position as Grant Secretary to Dr. Nancy Kelso for several years. I am hoping to retire is a year and become more active with the Collie Health Foundation and devote more time doing therapy work with my collies.

FROM YOUR AKC DELEGATE – John Buddie

Attending the delegates meetings as a new delegate can be somewhat overwhelming, as there is so much to see, so much to learn, and so much to get involved with As new delegates we are mentored by others of long standing, who help make you feel at home and help you get your feet wet

My new friend, Mr. Johnny Shoemaker has been extremely helpful and is a great note taker, and also has a better grasp of some of the goings on, so I am going to defer to the notes that he graciously shared me concerning the September Delegates meeting.

VIEWS FROM A DELEGATE

BY JOHNNY SHOEMAKER

I flew into Newark, NJ on Thursday, September 10th for the Delegate Committee Meetings on Friday and the Delegate Meeting on Saturday. The usual dates for the Delegate meetings for most of the meetings are scheduled for a Monday and Tuesday except for the June and December meetings. This time, due to a religious holiday, the dates were changed. This created situations in which some of the Delegates were unable to attend due to previous commitments such as judging assignments or clubs' dog show.

I was chosen at the July AKC Board of Directors meeting to be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the AKC Board of Directors for the Class of 2020. I cannot tell you what an honor this is for me. I was also fortunate to have Nominating Committee members such as Mary Manning-Stolz (Tampa Bay KC), Mary Lou Olszewski (American Bloodhound Club), Larry Sorenson (Dachshund Club of America) and Margarete (Peggy) Wampold (South Windsor KC) chosen by the AKC Board to serve with me. Our committee decided to interview applicants for the Board the afternoon of Thursday and Friday. We had scheduled eight interviews of the nine applications we had received. The ninth interview was to be a teleconference due to her show being on that weekend. Paula Spector, Director of Conference and Travel, had arranged everything for us.....the room and a telephone for use as one of the members was not able to be there in person (due to illness in his family) but was able to participate via conference call. If you want anything done regarding meetings etc. held by AKC, Paula is the best person in the whole world. She has handled all the details of the meeting and in my opinion and the rest of the Delegates she is the best. James Crowley and Neil Singer are the best in what they do and help set up our telephone conference calls prior to our meetings in Newark and were always there to answer questions. What more can you ask for? Thank you Paula, Jim and Neil....you have made the process go so smoothly. I have named the committee members the BEST NOMINATING COMMITTEE EVER and we have requested to be appointed the permanent NOMINATING COMMITTEE. That suggestion was met with a nice smile and no response. The reason I

thought that our committee should be the permanent nominating committee is we work so well together. We received nine applicants and everyone is very well qualified to serve on the AKC Board. Our task is to evaluate them via interviews and their applications. Each one of us has done their homework. My suggestion was for each to review the questionnaires and be able to discuss with the applicant various parts of the questionnaires and ask questions. The interviews went perfect and that was possible due to great committee members who are working wonderfully together and some very good applicants.

Thank you to the committee members and the applicants and thank you to the AKC Board for letting me serve as Chairman and giving me such great committee members. We will have our nominations to Jim Crowley prior to our October 15th deadline. After that date those not chosen by our committee can run from the floor with the required signatures of 75 Delegates. It may be 50 Delegates but who's counting?

The Committee Meetings on Friday started with the Dog Show Rules Committee which I am a member. Harvey Wooding is our Board Liaison and does a great job of reporting back to our committee what is happening with the Board and also giving us feedback on items we have ask him to report back to us. At the September Board Meeting same day entries for the 4-6 months Special Attraction was approved.

Gina DeNardo, AKC Executive Assistant Secretary, who is fantastic in her job, reported on the Certificate of Merit expansion in the 4-6 months SA and reported that no puppy has earned enough CM points to earn suffix titles since the program begun. This is being referred back to the Board for reconsideration. The idea of awarding 1 point to be carried on to the regular breed classes was voted by the Board to be withdrawn from the Chapter 16, Section 1 of the Dog Show Rules. There was some objection to the CM title when it can be obtained without defeating another dog. Suggestions for a new name for the CM title included Certificate of Achievement or Puppy of Distinction. Only 7% of puppies are participating in the regular classes which is not the way it used to be. The Board also approved the idea of a Show and Go practice ring at dog shows. This could be used by the 4-6 months SA and other exhibitors at the shows. There was an update on specifications whether altered animals are permitted to compete for Best Veteran Competition/Best Brace in Show-Yes, if Special Attraction offered after Best of Breed Competition.

Some of the items discussed at the September AKC Board meeting held on September 10th were the following:

Effective January 1, 2016, the judges books will have the asterisk next to the armband number for those eligible for the NOHS. To me this is a mistake by the Board. Anything that identifies the person exhibiting the entry should not be in the judges' book except for the BBE or Amateur Owner Handler classes. I can understand these two as the Bred by Exhibitor or breeders are the backbone of our Sport and certainly it is nice to know an amateur. Why do we need to know that this is an owner handled dog? This tells the judge that this is an owner handled exhibit...what will we do next....tell a judge that this is a handler or that this is the first time this exhibitor has been in the ring or have them wear name tags? The possibilities are ENDLESS. I would like to know which Board members voted for this!! There is a rule in the Dog Show Rules that prohibit the wearing of certain badges etc. that can identify a person showing a dog....what is the difference here? Another item voted on was the awarding of a Reserve Best Junior which becomes effective October 7, 2015. In my opinion this is a good thing.

The only problem I have along with the majority of the Dog Show Rules committee in the procedure in which the Reserve Best Junior will be selected. Our committee had sent in our original proposal to award the Reserve Best Junior the same way as the Reserve BIS is awarded. The Board decided and God knows why (they tried to explain in a previous explanation) that it must be awarded the same way that the Reserve Winners is awarded in confirmation. The whole purpose of a Reserve Winners is simply to allow, if necessary, the Reserve Winners the award of Winners if the Winner was disqualified for some reason. That makes sense but the way the Board approved the awarding of the Reserve Best Junior certainly does not make sense in my opinion. I have discussed this with many Juniors and in the majority they want it the same way as RBIS. I think our committee will continue to pursue this as the Board certainly has the history of reversing their decision. Remember the "ever so popular" masking of the judges' names and the mandatory NOHS? Speaking of the Reserve NOHS that award becomes effective October 8, 2015

There was a great presentation by Sue Goldberg regarding the fantastic success of the Pee Wee Special Attraction presented the week before at the Somerset Hills KC. Sue was the judge (mentor) and there were 6 children from ages 5 to 9 years old. There were lots of people at ringside cheering each child and their family. There were older Juniors mentoring them along with some of the 4-H leaders. There was also a party for the kids and parents with a beautiful cake. This gave time for the children and their parents to get to know the other children and parents. Please go to the website for the Somerset Hills KC and see some of the wonderful pictures. Thanks to my dear friend, Marjorie Tuff for helping steward, Sue Goldberg, Lisa Warren and all the other members of the club for putting on this wonderful event. **THIS MAKES THIS GUY A HAPPY CAMPER** as this was my little baby. I have been ask to mentor (judge) this SA in January 2016 and I can hardly wait. It is for the Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers who put on the first one of this event with 11 young children. That event went off without any problems also. This is the first of the Pee Wee attractions offered on the East Coast. I am so proud of this club and the Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers in Washington State which was the first one and that was done earlier in the year on the West Coast.

There is a complete explanation of this SA in the July Board Minutes...why this is not available on the website or been publicized and been announced like other Special Attractions...I have **NO CLUE**. Let me get on my soap box for a few minutes and say that this, in my opinion, has never had the support of AKC Board and Staff. They believe it opens up the door for clubs to be liable for any injury of the child, dog or some other dog on the grounds. My point is and still remains why is this liability concern expressed when a 3 or 5 year old walks into the confirmation ring with a dog? Why is there no concern for the child in the Novice Junior Class or any of the Junior Showmanship classes when a child walks into those classes with a dog? What is the difference between a child that is 9 years and one day old and that of the one who is just a few days or weeks from being 9 years of age? In this Pee Wee SA the requirements are that the child **MUST BE IN THE RING WITH A RESPONSIBLE ADULT**. There are double leads for the dogs if necessary. This is just a learning class and nothing more. There is only one dog in the ring with the child, the responsible adult and the mentor judge. It also lets the child know what is going to be expected of them when they reach the age to enter the regular Junior Showmanship Classes. This event has been held at the 4-H, UKC, the Canadian KC with **NO PROBLEMS**. Why is the Pee Wee Class being signaled out for a release having (required) to be signed by the parent or responsible adult before they can enter the ring? This is outrageous! I sent an email to the AKC Board members discussing some of my outrage but have yet to receive a reply. AKC says they want to attract more young people into our sport...I do not think so if this is the reception the Pee Wee Class Special Attraction has received by the powers that be.

There was discussion on the territory issue for clubs by Mike Liosis, Director-Club Relations. Our Committee and other committees have been discussing for a long period of time and a sub-committee (Harry Miller, member) had been formed to review this. Our committee will be submitting to the Board some new suggestions from our committee and those in the Delegate body in the audience. Some suggestions were to add that outside of the 90 days clubs must be notified of clubs whose territory/venue is being used. A letter of explanation must be sent to that club if the club that wishes to use that territory is denied. There is also a territory that is called Open Territory that is undefined. Anyone can go into that territory without permission subject to the mileage requirements. Territories also apply to Specialty Clubs. This will be reviewed by the Board and read at the December Delegate meeting and voted on in March, 2016.

Cindy Stansell presented a very well researched update report on

Misc/FSS Competition. Cindy comes from a history of FSS breeds and helped get the Finnish Spitz through the process of recognition. She said it was hard to get responses from some of the clubs. Some would like more exposure and breed mentoring. They would like to know the AKC process and have someone to guide them through the various classes at the AKC Confirmation classes. They are mostly going to the UKC shows while they are still in the AKC registry. They wanted to know the advantage of being in the AKC. They would like Open Shows/FSS clubs. Cindy did lots of work on this and the outcome was that since some of the FSS/Misc breeds are not reaching out to us as much as we would like no more action is being done. Cindy is also Chairperson of a sub-committee, composed of Sue Goldberg, Mary Manning-Stotz and myself regarding cleaning up the italicized portion of the Rules. We have been working hard as each person has been assigned Chapters in the Rule book. We will be giving a report of our progress at the December meeting.

At the All Breed Committee, Mark Dunn, Vice President, Registration and other things, gave a very interesting overview of the Bred with H.E.A.R.T program. As announced in July, Bred with H.E.A.R.T program is modeled after the successful Breeder of Merit program. BWH is a new way to engage, encourage and recognize all breeders who meet specific health testing standards and who participate in continuing education. Those health testing requirements for each breed are based on the recommendations of the respective Parent Club as documented in their Code of Ethics or in the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals' Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). Susan LeCroix Hamil, Chair of the AKC Delegate Canine Health Committee said that this program is great because it not only requires participants to health test their breeding stock, it provides resources and education which will benefit all breeders, from beginners to experts. They will be subject to AKC inspections. They must have disaster plans. In 2014 there were 250,000 litters registered with 18% coming from the Breeder of Merit program of dogs being shown. Commercial breeders composed 13% and breeders who sell to pet shops (USDA) with more than 7 litters most likely commercial breeders. There were 69% produced by breeders not BOM candidates. We need to engage these people. We have an obligation to educate these people. There were 400 enrollments in the last 4 months. There were 57% signed up from casual breeders and 10% commercial and the rest were BOM candidates. They want to engage casual breeders. There is an online program to take first (reading of a book by breeding expert, Claudia Waller Orlandi, ABC's of Dog Breeding and Practical Canine Anatomy & Movement, available in course format at akc.org.) There have been 94 breeders who have done this. There is a \$25 annual fee per breed to sign up for BWH.

There was a discussion of being able to offer the 4-6 months puppy classes at Puppy Matches that All Breed Clubs could offer. That is being taken back to the Board. There was also a discussion of reviewing the out of date Match Regulations Booklet.

At the Coordinating Committee discussions presented by the Chairperson of each Committee was: DAAC: Video being made to give clubs an idea of what to expect from their delegate. By-Laws: The right for a Delegate to charge a maximum of \$150 fee is being read in December and voted on in March. There was some discussion on the idea that each Parent Club being admitted as member clubs.

Parent Clubs: There should be Parent Club health requirements in the AKC Classified. PPC is in support. On AKC.ORG there should be a link to the Parent Club website. They are asking each Parent Club to send in their health requirements. There was also a discussion of the requirement for free grooming spaces at each show and how sometimes that area is not used. There should be a change and they are asking Alan Slay to change it from 25% to a reasonable free grooming space...not blanket requirement. Pat Laurens said that in 2 years the Trailer program has raised more than 1 million dollars. There are currently 30 trailers across the country with 8 more almost completed and 21 more clubs actively raising money to build.

The morning of the Delegate Meeting on Saturday, there was a wonderful presentation by Mari-Beth O'Neil on the AKC Foundation Stock Service or FSS. Being the competent presenter and very knowledgeable on this and other subjects it was very well received by the Delegate Body. Mari-Beth explained that the FSS was created by the AKC to answer the needs of today's rare breed fanciers. The FSS is a record-keeping service for all purebred breeds not currently registrable with the AKC. The FSS allows purebred rare breeds to continue to develop while providing them with the security of a reliable and reputable avenue to maintain their records. To be eligible for AKC FSS (The AKC considers requests to enter FSS from breed clubs or individual fanciers of a breed) the breed must be recognized by an acceptable foreign or domestic registry. They must submit a questionnaire including breed history and photos. FSS is a requirement for fanciers of a breed who want to achieve full AKC recognition. FSS breeds may now compete in Companion and Performance Events that AKC determines to be applicable. The guidelines for AKC registration is first to form a breed club. A breed entering the FSS based upon being an established breed in a foreign registry must have reached FCI recognition to be eligible to request Miscellaneous Class status. There are lots of FSS breeds such as the Braque du Bourbonnais, German Longhaired Pointer, Small Munsterlander Pointer, and the Stabyhoun, Hamiltonstovare, Drever, Transylvanian Hound (I wonder if Frankenstein was the breeder), Karelian Bear Dog (now that is a beautiful breed in the picture). Mari-Beth pronounced each of the many breeds in the FSS and from what the audience and I thought pronounced them beautifully. The road to full recognition for a breed is the number of dogs enrolled in FSS must be a minimum of 300 with three generation

pedigrees. Minimum of 5 different dogs earning Certificate of Merit titles owned by Parent Club members. Club that is conducting business and holding events. There must be a minimum of 100 households geographically distributed. The club must conduct a minimum of 2 open shows for miscellaneous class and FSS breeds. There must be a minimum of 1 year that has been elapsed since entering the miscellaneous class. Thanks to Mari-Beth for sharing this information with me for this article.

Before the regular meeting, each Delegate, when they signed in, were given ballots to vote for the Delegate Standing Committees. I was very happy to be elected to the Dog Show Rules Committee again for a 3 year term. Congratulations to the members of my committee who were also reelected: Cindy Miller, Chairman (elected again), Robert Schroll, and Mary Manning-Stolz. Thank you for all the delegates that voted for me as I certainly appreciate your confidence in me. At the Delegate meeting President Dennis Sprung ask us all to stand for a moment of silence for those lost in the 9-11 attack. Dennis also gave an emotional speech regarding that day and what the AKC did to help the service and rescue dogs (DOGNY) that day and the days to follow and the many people across the country that helped in the process. One such help came trying to get a portable x-ray machine to the 9-11 or Ground Zero site. That was accomplished with the help of so many people and including FED EX which donated the services for lots of shipment and did not charge a dime. There is one statue of a German Shepherd Dog called "Lost in the Search" that has names of all of those lost in the 9-11 attach written or etched in the coat of the dog. Please read the President's Report when it is released as it is very well done and left everyone in tears. Joseph Bafauto, CFO gave his report. In the time ending on August 31, 2015, there were 141,348 litters (-0.3%) and 330,720 dogs (+1.2%) registered. There was revenue of \$1,829,000 with a 4.8% increase. Income was derived from Electronic ads of \$532,000, Interest on Portfolio of \$460,000, Sponsorship of \$386,000, total registration \$303,000 with a total expense of \$249,000 or 0.7%. Some of the expenses were Benefits/Payroll of \$270,000, consulting fees of \$130,000 and service fees of \$117,000. There was an investment loss of \$240,000 and an investment return of 0.2%. There are total assets of \$135.3 million and total liabilities of \$69.9 million with an operating reserve of \$117.6 million.

There was no voting for the Chapter 16, Section 1 of the Dog Show Rules as it was referred back to the Board for more revisions.

After I left the Delegate Meeting I was off to visit my dear friends, Michael Faulkner and his husband, Michael Rawlings. After a bumpy ride trying to find their home in Center Cross, Va. In the dark with a GPS that did not work (which I am sure Michael will be writing about in a future article in his The Lighter Side of Judging) I arrived to a warm reception by the Michaels and their wonderful French Bulldog, Murphy French and their cat...whose name I cannot remember (remember I am old but still pretty). Their home is just so beautiful and it is over 300 years old. It was at one time a plantation home and its history is so much there when you enter the various parts of the house. Michael and Big Mike, as Michael Rawlings is also known, have redesigned the house but lost none of the historic aspects of the home. As most people who know Michael F realize, he is a gourmet cook among other things such as an award winning author and the writer and artist in many children's books. Needless to say I did not go hungry. As I was also hungry for knowledge of the Sporting breeds, Michael F spent three days sharing his vast knowledge of the 12 breeds I am applying for and others. Michael goes a long way back in the history of some of these breeds such as the Golden Retrievers, Field Spaniels and English Springer Spaniels to name a few. One day Michael F had to go into work for a few hours and I was, of all things, given homework to do on the Sporting Breeds with a test to follow.... I learned so much from him! Michael R took me on a boat ride on a river nearby that I cannot spell nor pronounce (Indian name) that was, on this day, experiencing rough waters with big waves and two impending storms. I thought I was going to wind up on Gilligan's Island..... Oh which character shall I be? You tell me! Remember I am still pretty) I had one of the best times of my life with these dear and wonderful people...I forgot to tell you I also went to Church and also to a Lobster Fest....what fun and wonderful memories!

Until next time

 John Buddie

New Members and Reinstates (November 2015) for 2016 Membership

New Members

USA

CA-S Ace and Donna Mask, 1988 Heather Circle, Brea, CA, 92821, 714.529.0850, acemask@yahoo.com,

Sponsor: Geri Cox (CA-S) Has known applicant for how long & under what circumstances? Over 10 years at collie events including conformation and agility. Also member of So. Cal. Collie Club

Sponsor: Loretta Allen (CA-S) Has known applicant for how long & under what circumstances? 10+ years, agility, collie show, therapy work, member SCCC.

Occupation: Actor

Why do you want to be a member of the CCA? As therapy dog handlers our collies are extensively involved in public service and outreach and receive a great deal of exposure to the public. We wish to do all we can to promote the virtues of this breed.

Explain what and/or who got you started in Collies: Our collies have competed in AKC Agility for several years and during that time we became acquainted with CCA member and Southern California Collie Club president Geri Cox, who along with breeder Melinda Sunnarborg, further encouraged our involvement with this breed

Number of Collies owned. Dogs? 1 Bitches? Altered? 2 Do you own any other breeds? no

Number of litters bred (all breeds) in past 5 years: None Collie litters?

Do you show your dogs in Conformation events? Yes Performance events? Yes

Have you ever sold dogs to a commercial outlet? No

Member of what local or national clubs & offices held. Member, Southern California Collie Club

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from or refused membership in CCA, AKC, or any other dog club? no

What special skills (including computer) do you have that might be helpful to the CCA?

IA Lynette Wheatley, 3101 E. Porter Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50320, 515.953.0469, xcyted4cy@aol.com

Sponsor: Michelle Struble (IA) Has known applicant for how long & under what circumstances? 3 yrs. Lyn has purchased a dog from me which she is starting to show.

Sponsor: Lisa Finken (IA) Has known applicant for how long & under what circumstances? Lyn is a member of the Central Iowa Collie Club and I have gotten to know her through the club and at shows.

Occupation: Retired accountant

Why do you want to be a member of the CCA? To further my knowledge of this wonderful breed and to promote the breeding of healthy animals. Also to educate others about the breed.

Explain what and/or who got you started in Collies: My grandparents had a Collie, whom I dearly loved. In the summer of 1987, a stray collie appeared in our neighborhood. We were unable to find his owner, we've had collies ever since.

Number of Collies owned. Dogs? 1 Bitches? Altered? no Do you own any other breeds? no

Number of litters bred (all breeds) in past 5 years: 0 Collie litters? 0

Do you show your dogs in Conformation events? Yes Performance events? no

Have you ever sold dogs to a commercial outlet? no

Member of what local or national clubs & offices held. Central Iowa Collie Club

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from or refused membership in CCA, AKC, or any other dog club? no

What special skills (including computer) do you have that might be helpful to the CCA? Very social, accounting knowledge

MS Catherine Sims, 1745 Old Cumberland Rd., Maben, MS, 39750, 662.263.7723, diamandcollies@gmail.com

Sponsor: Kathleen Price (MS) Has known applicant for how long & under what circumstances? Over 20 years, met her at dog shows, been friends since then.

Sponsor: Patricia Blakely (MS) Has known applicant for how long & under what circumstances? I have known Cathy for eight years. During this time she has been involved with the all breed club as show chairman several times and active in showing collies.

Occupation: Business Manager

Why do you want to be a member of the CCA? To participate and learn with fellow members of the club.

Explain what and/or who got you started in Collies: A love of the breed. First mentor was Kathy Moll who was the owner of the sire of the first collie I purchased from a fellow Mississippian and breeder of my first collie champion.

Number of Collies owned. Dogs? 1 Bitches? 3 Altered? 1 Do you own any other breeds? no

Number of litters bred (all breeds) in past 5 years: 0 Collie litters? 1

Do you show your dogs in Conformation events? Yes Performance events? Yes

Have you ever sold dogs to a commercial outlet? No

Member of what local or national clubs & offices held. Member of the local all breed club – Golden Triangle Kennel Club of Mississippi since 1985, Past President, Secretary, Webmaster, Present Board Member, Newsletter Editor, and Show Chair.

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from or refused membership in CCA, AKC, or any other dog club? No

What special skills (including computer) do you have that might be helpful to the CCA? Very knowledgeable with computer desktop publishing.

Minutes of Teller's Meeting-Judges Ballot (round one)

The following members of the Teller's meeting, Gail Currie and Rene Coutu, met Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 3:30pm at Brooksville, FL.

The purpose of the meeting was to count ballots for 2018 Judges – First Round Ballot by the Board

The sealed envelopes were inspected for date received and to compare return addresses against the eligible list (referred to List Board Members & DD's 2014-2016). Once it was ascertained that all received were eligible, the envelopes were opened and votes tabulated.

There were 46 ballots received on time.

Ballots were not received from:

Joann Romero - CO
En Harriet Chang – HI
Susan Martin – ME
Linda Langham-Sotoodeh – NV
Betty Abbott – TN
Nancy Anstruther – Canada
John Geddes – Europe

Arrived late – Jane Armatys - Australia
Mary Oliphant-Wood - LA

Breakdown:

Dan Cardoza – 20	Judy Adams – 1
Adria Weiner - 17	Bill Brokken – 1
Joseph Reno – 15	Judy Bryant – 1
James Noe – 13	Carol Chapman – 1
Harry (Butch) Schulman - 12	Dennis Elliott – 1

Lori Montero - 10
Gwendolyn M. Means - 9
George E. Horn – 8
Janet Hitt – 4
Mike Van Tassell - 4
Maret Halinen – 3
Patricia Jung - 3
Sue Abrahams - 2
Phyllis Autrey – 2
Grace Kosub - 2

Debbie Ferguson – 1
Mary Hutchinson – 1
Robette Johns – 1
Helga Kane – 1
Barbara Linder – 1
Pati Merrill - 1
Joe Purkhister – 1
Murrel Purkhiser - 1
Matt Stelter - 1

Respectfully submitted



Gail Currie, Co-Chair, Teller's Committee

FINAL SELECTION OF JUDGES FOR CCA 2018

Show Rules – 9. Judges Nominations and Selection

Based on the results of the first balloting the CCA Secretary shall notify the top third of the Judges nominated (with a minimum of 4 votes) and get their consent to accept the assignment. ALL HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND AGREED TO CONTINUE INTO THE SECOND ROUND.

Dan Cardoza – 20
Adria Weiner - 17
Joseph Reno – 15
James Noe – 13
Harry (Butch) Schulman - 12
Lori Montero - 10
Gwendolyn M. Means - 9
George E. Horn – 8
Janet Hitt – 4
Mike Van Tassell - 4

Minutes Tellers Meeting – Nomination District Directors

The following members of the Teller's meeting, Gail Currie, Connie DuBois, Kathleen Thomas and Rene Coutu met Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 1:00 pm at Plant City, FL. The purpose of the meeting was to count ballots for District Directors for 2016.

The sealed envelopes were inspected for date received and to compare return addresses against the eligible list (Ballot lists used for this). It was ascertained that all received, with the exception of those noted below, were eligible, the envelopes were opened and votes tabulated.

There were 2 ballots not eligible as they were included in envelopes with another ballot but the return address label for the extra ballot was not included.

A total of 797 ballots were received.

An Excel file with the tabulated votes, yellow highlighted names indicate willingness to run is included as an attachment to these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Currie
Co-Chair, Teller's Committee

SUBMITTED ON SEPARATE PAGES

HERDING REGIONAL BIDS FOR 2016

Attached are the bids for the 2016 CCA Herding Regionals - one for Western (Sept. 17 & 18, 2016, in Olympia, Washington) and one for Eastern (Oct. 29 & 30, 2016, in Watkinsville, Georgia).

Both bids are from experienced trial committees and are at facilities with a proven track record of hosting high quality AKC herding events. In addition to both AKC & CCA instinct testing and AKC test classes, the trials will offer both A and B course sheep and ducks.

In 2015, both of our herding regionals did quite well. The Eastern Regional was a full trial, and both events were modestly profitable. I would expect good entry numbers and a similar financial outcome in 2016.

As always, I and the Working Collie Committee very much appreciate CCA's continuing support of the herding regionals. We are happy to answer any questions you might have.

Jeanine Blaner
Working Collie Committee Chair

BIDS ARE ATTACHED IN PDF....EASTERN AND WESTERN

BIDS FOR CCA 2019 IN PDF....IOWA AND ILLINOIS

RESULTS BALLOT – closing November 5, 2015

This ballot will be tallied via phone call set up by the President on November 5, 2015, and will count as our meeting if a quorum is reached. We request that you submit your paper ballot vote as verification as well, and all paper ballots received from district directors unable to attend the meeting will be counted during the Board’s transition period. Paper ballots, therefore, will be counted.

Total Board Members on Board: 55; Voting 36; absent 19 from phone meeting but 9 submitting hard copy vote = 45 votes.

Ballots sent by Hard Copy, but not on phone...counted...Gayle Kaye, Peggy Darington, Melinda Sunnarborg, Paula Clairday, Susan Kaelin, Carolyn Foreman, Martha Skilton, Joanne Huff, Jane Armatys.

Not at phone meeting or submitting a hard copy ballot: John Buddie, Joann Romero, EnHarriet Chang, Mary Oliphant-Wood, Susan Martin, Linda Langham-Sotoodeh, Katie DelGrosso, Nancy Anstruther, Hiroshi Tojo, John Geddes.

FOR VOTE:

1. The President presents for approval the New Members and Reinstates (unpaid longer than one year and less than five years) from Membership. There are no reinstates this month.

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| A. Connie Marie Grosky, CA S | A. Approve __35 + 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |
| B. Deborah Jack, CA S | A. Approve __35+ 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |
| C. Anthony Jack, CA S | A. Approve __35+ 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |
| D. Roger Barry, IA | A. Approve __36+ 9= 45_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain _____ |
| E. Kellie Barry, IA | A. Approve __36+ 9= 45_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain _____ |
| F. Allison Wade Harvey, MA | A. Approve __35+ 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |
| G. Renee Wallace, PA | A. Approve __35+ 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |
| H. Shelley Collard, TX | A. Approve __36+ 9= 45_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain _____ |
| I. Gerald Collard, TX | A. Approve __36+ 9= 45_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain _____ |
| J. Rex Willhellm, TX | A. Approve __35+ 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |
| K.Lorna Willhellm, TX | A. Approve __35+ 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |
| L. Karin Bennett, UT | A. Approve __35+ 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |
| M.Janis Dymont, WA | A. Approve __35+ 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |
| N. Mary J. Yerkes, VA | A. Approve __35+ 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |
| O. Nancy Mathes, WA | A. Approve __35+ 9= 44_ | B. Disapprove ___ | D. Abstain __1___ |

2. The President presents for approval the Treasurer’s Reports presented by Mike Esch, Treasurer (July and August-September Financials).

- A. Approve __36+ 9= 45___ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

3. The President presents for approval the Herding Regional Reports presented by Mike Esch, Treasurer.

- A. Approve __36+ 9= 45___ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

4. The President presents for approval the Treasurer’s Reports from CCA 2015 presented by Mike Esch, Treasurer.

- A. Approve __36+ 9= 45___ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 5, 2015 Via PHONE.

START TIME WAS 7:09 MST

The President stated this concludes the voting. Then, the meeting was opened for discussion. The President began with opening discussion on the matter before the Board on funding a trailer for San Diego shelter area. We began with reading of the letter from Gene Mills, CCA member from CA heading the project for the five trailers needed to help the shelters in the area. The President gave some background on the trailers mentioning and confirming with Mike Esch, treasurer, that the CCA had donated \$1000 for the AKC ReUnited project to develop trailers in areas all over the USA. Opening the discussion, Martha Ramer confirming that the \$1000 had gone towards the first trailer for this particular location and our logo is on the first trailer donated to San Diego County. Marion Johnson added that she appreciated Martha's comments but she stated we had already made a donation to this area. Donna Walle stated that maybe we should not give the funds for this location again. Several directors spoke up in agreement. Sue Kuechenmeister and Leah Warner both were in agreement that they would vote against at this time. Their agreed reason was maybe we need table considering our present budget. Martha Ramer again gave a clearer picture of the wide area the San Diego shelters cover. She suggested maybe a donation of \$250 to \$500 as a vote of confidence. Mike then asked if we wanted to go forward with donation to AKC ReUnited or table for the time being. Asked if anyone wished to approve any amount of donation? The following directors support a donation: Joan Armitage, Randy Smith, Martha Ramer, Jackie Caruso, and Hildy Morgan.. Question: if other states had asked for help was asked by Randy Smith. The President stated that this was the only request for funding the CCA had received from anyone on these trailers and Gene had done so as a CCA member. It was also stated that he did not request a precise amount in his letter. The Secretary asked Mike E. if we needed to table till next year, stated that we have meet our tax donation, but would prefer 2016, this is a board but we do need to make sure this is a 501c3 organization. Mike went on to state that general regarding health of CCA , we have seen large loss for 2015, but herding regionals have bounced back from 2014. Would it be better preferred to donate to AKC ReUnite rather than directly and any amount that we wish. Isabel Ososki mentioned that we don't seem to have a large consensus to donate. The Secretary then mentioned that she learned regarding the ReUnite program and the financial distribution. which includes notification of the Parent Club before the funds are donated. The President doesn't see a problem of a donation, but we do need to take advantage to use for a tax donation. Isabel Ososki wondered if there were other clubs for donation in CA...the President said that he felt that Gene Mills had already approached those clubs. Decision was to table for this time and bring back in 2016.

The President stated we have two other items which are members to join Breed Education Committee and those to join the Breeder of the Year Committee.

First he wanted to mention that Emily Berkley has been appointed to the Motion Tracker, to oversee that chart which will keep a moving record of our motions and their status. He re-iterated that a motion is only valid if presented to the Secretary. Emily stated everything is going well with the chart set up. Thank to Emily for agreeing to manage and it the agreed chart follows the sample guidelines as presented by Jackie Caruso.

Judy Guthrie asked a question regarding the reasoning of Patt Caldwell, chair of the Breed Education Committee on her thoughts of selection of these members. She went on to say that some of these members presented only have a few years of experience in the breed vs why is she not adding to this committee from established breeders in our community.. The President stated is a Board reasonability issue to ask those questions and they should be checking with Patt for the answers. Judy said she'd like to see something written. As a board member, Judy got several directors to agree with her as to why they were selected to join the Breed Ed committee. The President said to contact the personally making the proposal and bring this back to the Board. Judy asked if everyone was in agreement that she call to Patt, and they agreed.

Kathy Moll is stating that there is little time to get Amy Gau and the Breed of the Year committee working to be ready for this year's National Specialty. She is asking to make a motion that they be voted upon at the meeting. Kathy Moll made

the motion and Emily Berkley seconded this motion. Clarification we had voted to begin this program at the Louisville National, wanting to know if we're in agreement to go ahead.

11/5/2015 Made by Kathy Moll and seconded by Emily Berkley during the phone meeting.

I make a motion that the following nominees for positions on the Breeder of the Year Committee be approved: Jeff Silverman-Presley, Erin Gorney and Robette Johns.

This motion was voted upon at the meeting by those in attendance via phone. **36 Board members attending...full approval.**

Few other things Mike said he'd like to address. One thing is would like to have from each member is a feedback from your members regarding the Constitution...only five or six items so that he could discuss with the Constitution Committee. He plans two meeting with the Board and the Constitution Committee on with east coast and one with west coast board members. Send your input directly to his personal email contact and he said he will guarantee no one will see but himself. When we do vote on the Constitution it will be a full vote of the membership by paper ballot. No vote in Louisville, but will have regular board meeting in KY. Marion asked for full explanation and Isabel thanked him for the consideration regarding the meeting in KY and the voting issue that seems to be a problem circulated among members.

He went on to state that he will be forming a committee of to develop a Procedural Manuel for the Club. He said that of the many attorneys he has spoken with and contact with many Clubs, all advice that we need to create a procedural manual/standing rules of order and not have all those details in our Constitution. If we put all these procedures in our Constitution we must go through this process as now before change can be made, but with an Operating Manual we'll be able to change and adjust as we need. The Manual will also be voted on for approval. The Club will stay a member run club and the board follows the wishes of the members. With the use of constant contact they will be better informed than ever before. Martha Ramer asked about the Operating Procedural and stating that it needs to go with the Constitution at the time of voting for approval. The President explained that they will to go together. Marion Johnson asked if we were still going to go ahead with proxy voting? Yes, but will not be done until the new Constitution is approved. Everyone up for re-election presently, you will serve your complete term beginning with the new Constitution. Linda Mabus wants to know about sending final copy to the their members. The President stated when the Constitution if approved as a finished document by the Board, then it will be sent to members every member and then each director is to get feedback from their members. After that it will be sent to AKC for review which we have no time limit estimate for their approval or their changes which will have to be made and again sent back to AKC. When we get a final approval from AKC then we will take back for a final approval of the membership. He feels that it will not be completed by March 2016. AKC can tie this up for 56 months or more. Linda Mabus asked if we are going to approve section by section or as a whole.

Any other discussion? Mike Esch states that hard to vote on section by section so we have to be careful. Major items that need to be cover for example the proxy voting. If any section causes us issues then this will be agreed upon by the Board before it is sent to members.

One thing the President wanted to discuss is our matter of trust and building this with the members. He emphasized that it is our duty as Board members to vote as their members wish. We need to work together instead of fighting against each other.

He then called for adjournment. All in favor...agreed at 8:02 PM MST.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Clymer, Secretary

Motions:

11/5/2015 Made by Kathy Moll and seconded by Emily Berkley during the phone meeting.

I make a motion that the following nominees for positions on the Breeder of the Year Committee be approved: Jeff Silverman-Presley, Erin Gorney and Robette Johns.

Was voted upon at the meeting by those in attendance via phone. 36 Board members attending...full approval

11/11/2015 A letter was provided by Michelle Esch-Brooks with the request for a new computer to service the Editor of the CCA Yearbook. The amount requested was \$1,777 including tax for a Asus Zenbook Pro which will be used in the production of the next three CCA Yearbooks – 2015, 2016, & 2017. (The letter of request is provided within this Communique’).

The President presented this letter and asked for approval from the Executive Committee for the immediate purchase of the computer. This was presented to the EC on the CCA Officer yahoo group list. **There was full approval for the purchase with the stipulation that this vote will be taken to the Board for ratification by the entire Board.**

7/10/2015 Made by Ed Degner and seconded by Martha Ramer. Was sent to Show Rules for discussion and was returned to the Board for final vote approval.

I move that the National Show Rules be amended that an AKC approved judge, CCA member in good standing be eligible to judge the National Specialty 5 years from the date of their first assignment.

NEW MOTION TRACKER UPDATE INCLUDED WITHIN COMMUNIQUE’ PACKET TO THE BOARD.