

AMERICAN SPANIEL CLUB, INC.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, January 6, 2005

Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Dr. Clyde Shaw, President.

2. Present:

Dr. Clyde Shaw, President
David Donaldson, Second Vice-President
Donald B. Harris, Director, Class of 2005
Anthony Stallard, Director, Class of 2005
Nancy L. Foley, Director, Class of 2006
Kathleen L. Patterson, Director, Class of 2006 & Legal Chair
Laurie Ferland, Director, Zone I
Dee Torgerson, Alternate Director, Zone I
Becki Buss, Director, Zone II
Bruce Van Deman, Director, Zone III
Julie Virosteck, Director, Zone IV
Sharon K. Elliott, Director, Zone V
Dr. Barbara Lippincott, Treasurer, Ex-Officio
Dorothy J. Mustard, Secretary, Ex-Officio

Arriving Late:

Carolee K. Douglas, Director, Class of 2005
John Swank, Director, Class of 2006

3. Committee Chairs Present:

Jane Harmon, Assistant Treasurer
Linda G. Moore, By-Laws Revision Committee Chair
Martha Orkins, ASC Website Coordinator

Other Members Present:

Bettie A. Campbell
Patricia Darke
William "Tom" Dowell
Suzanne Nelson
Dr. Gary L. Walker
Jane T. Williams

4. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Shaw announced that the following items are to be deferred: 11-C (for committee members to arrive); 13-G (until Dr. Saari arrives); 13-K (until Linda Moore arrives); 13-DD (until Lee Brown arrives) and Item 15-A to the Executive Committee meeting immediately following this meeting. Discussion of ethics charges will also be deferred to the Executive Committee meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY Ms. Buss and seconded by Mrs. Foley to approve the January 6, 2005 Agenda with changes as listed. Unanimously approved.

5. The minutes of the July 7, 2004 Board Meeting, as amended, were approved via e-mail balloting on September 11, 2004; therefore, no approval is necessary at this time.

6. Report of the President – Dr. Shaw.

Since I have been in office just about a month, I don't feel ready to provide a report for you. Dr. Grossman sent his report to Dot some weeks ago – I feel his words will provide a full report. "It seems much longer than a year since I assumed the chair. Many events and problems have consumed a large share of my time. Just keeping up with the club's secretary alone demands time. How she keeps up with the volume of work I'll never know.

As we face a New Year, the 124th of the Spaniel Club's existence, I am happy to report that we are on firm financial ground. We will never be able to afford a new Mercedes for the president; but then again, a VW would be nice.

You will be happy to know that Dog Fancy magazine will be featuring the Cocker Spaniel as its premier breed in their January 2005 edition. The club has taken out a full-page ad trumpeting the advantages of belonging to the ASC to go along with the article.

PETA and their cohorts are actively working toward banning all tail docking and ear cropping. Clubs without any specific wording in their standards as to the undesirability of undocked tails may be at a disadvantage when it comes to legal tangles. We need to consider proper action in this matter.

I strongly believe that the club should make major efforts to increase membership both at the local and national levels. Perhaps the advertisement cited above will be a starting point.

More and better educational programs for local clubs should also be our focus for 2005. I believe this is an imperative. The chair would like to bring this up for discussion during our January meeting.

Also, starting in January, AKC will be sending a flier that we designed to all persons registering a Cocker. This should also help our recruitment drive as the flier gives all the pertinent facts about our breed and pertinent contact numbers."

7. Report of the Secretary – Mrs. Mustard.

The following e-mail discussions and subsequent ballots were handled by Board Members since the last meeting:

1. *Approval of the July 7, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes*

It was moved by Mrs. Ferland and seconded by Mrs. Virosteck that the minutes of the July 7, 2004 Board Meeting be approved as amended on September 2, 2004.

The e-mail discussion was forwarded to voting members on August 22, 2004. Ten days, until September 1, 2004, was provided for discussion.

The above motion was sent via e-mail to all voting Board members on September 2, 2004. Responses were due via snail mail or fax by September 11, 2004.

No Board Member stated that he/she would be unable to participate in the discussion period provided nor that the e-mail attachment forwarded on September 2, 2004 could not be opened. No Board Member stated that they would be unable to vote during the period provided.

The vote for the motion is as follows: Yes: Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Harris, Mr. Stallard, Ms. Patterson, Mrs. Ferland, Ms. Buss, Mr. Van Deman, Mrs. Virosteck and Ms. Elliott. Not Voting: Dr. Shaw, Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Foley.

The July 7, 2004 Board Meeting minutes are approved.

2. *CSC of Southern CA be Granted Permission to Hold Their Specialty Show on the Same Dates as the July 2006 National.*

It was moved by Mrs. Ferland and seconded by Ms. Patterson that the CSC of Southern CA be granted permission to hold their specialty show on the same dates as the July 2006 Cocker Spaniel National.

The above motion was sent via e-mail attachment to all voting Board members on September 11, 2004. One week, until September 17, was provided for discussion.

The e-mail topic was forwarded to the voting members on September 11, 2004. One week, until September 17, was provided for discussion.

The above motion was sent via e-mail to all voting Board members on September 16, 2004.

No Board member stated that he/she would be unable to participate in the discussion period provided nor that the e-mail attachment forwarded on September 16, 2004 could not be opened. No Board member stated that they would be unable to vote during the period provided.

The vote for the motion is as follows: Yes: Dr. Shaw, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Harris, Mr. Stallard, Mrs. Foley, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Swank, Mrs. Ferland, Mr. Van Deman, Mrs. Virosteck and Ms. Elliott. Not Voting: Ms. Buss.

The motion to grant permission to the CSC of Southern CA to hold their specialty show on the same dates as the July 2006 Cocker Spaniel National is approved.

3. *Increase in Minimum Amount to Establish a Perpetual Memorial Trophy.*

It was moved by Ms. Patterson and seconded by Mrs. Foley that the minimum amount to establish a Perpetual Memorial Trophy be increased to \$2500.00.

The e-mail topic was forwarded to the voting members on September 14, 2004. One week, until September 21, 2004 was provided for discussion.

The above motion was sent to all voting Board members on October 2, 2004, to be returned to the Secretary no later than October 12, 2004.

No Board member stated that he/she would be unable to participate in the discussion period provided nor that the e-mail attachment forwarded on October 2, 2004 could not be opened. No Board member stated that they would be unable to vote during the period provided.

The vote for the motion is as follows: Yes: Dr. Shaw, Mr. Donaldson, Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Harris, Mr. Stallard, Mrs. Foley, Ms. Patterson, Mrs. Ferland, Ms. Buss, Mr. Van Deman, Mrs. Virosteck.

Not Voting: Mr. Swank, Ms. Elliott.

The motion to increase the minimum amount to fund a Perpetual Memorial Trophy to \$2500.00 is approved.

4. *Approve the Donation of \$1500.00 to AKC/CAR.*

It was moved by Mrs. Ferland and seconded by Mrs. Virosteck that the ASC donate \$1500.00 to the AKC/CAR.

The e-mail topic was forwarded to the voting members on October 17, 2004. One week, until October 25, 2004 was provided for discussion.

The above ballot was sent to all voting members on October 6, 2004, to be returned to the Secretary no later than November 6, 2004.

No Board member stated that he/she would be unable to participate in the discussion period provided nor that the e-mail attachment forwarded on October 26, 2004 could not be opened. No Board member stated that they would be unable to vote during the period provided.

The vote for the motion is as follows: Yes: Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Swank, Mrs. Ferland, Ms. Buss, Mr. Van Deman, and Ms. Elliott.

No: Dr. Shaw, Mr. Stallard, Mrs. Foley, Ms. Patterson. Abstain: Mr. Donaldson. Not Voting: Mr. Harris, Mrs. Virosteck.

The motion for ASC to donate \$1500.00 to the AKC/CAR is approved.

Standing Rules

As many of you know, I have been bringing the ASC Standing Rules up to date. There were several items in the rules that need to be removed. I took the liberty of removing them from the written document and now I need your approval.

1. Under ASC Events & Committee: remove 7/1/2001 – Establish an ASC Fundraising Committee to be headed by Annette Davies and Pam Maher. With Annette's death and Pam's refusal to continue, I believe there is no need for this item.
2. Under Audits & Finances: remove 7/12/2000 – Pay for the AKC list of all juniors who won with Cocker Spaniels in 1999 for a fee of \$84 and change and make it an annual expense. This list is no longer needed since the Juniors must keep track of their points for the Junior Showman award.
3. Under Reimbursements: remove 4/18/1995 – The Secretary will have all meals included in reimbursement. First, the statement could be interpreted to include ALL the Secretary's meals. I interpret that to mean her meals would be paid for during her stay for the meetings and the two shows. I have not used this rule since I became the ASC Secretary and I do not feel it is an appropriate one.
4. Under Awards – remove 1/7/1998 – Merit Award recipients and owners to be published in ASC Bulletin. We no longer have a Merit Award Program.
5. Under Membership – remove 7/16/1996 – *Guidelines for Breeding Cocker Spaniels* should be included in the new member packet mailing. Pamphlet is no longer in existence.

I ask that you approve the deletion of the five Standing Rules listed above.

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Donaldson to approve the deletion of the Standing Rules as stated. Unanimously approved.

I am sure most of you know by now that the most recent ASC Bulletin and attachments was not received by most members of Zone II. To date, to my knowledge, none of these envelopes have turned up. Since there were time-sensitive items in the mailing, after consultation with the Legal Chair, I prepared and mailed a cover letter with the Zone II ballot, Ballot envelope, return address envelope and the Seating Reservation Form for this show. I mailed this package to each Zone II member that I had some knowledge of not receiving their mailing and those I knew nothing about. Since I had a record return mail for the Zone II election, I am pretty sure that the supplemental mailing worked. I believe that a "box" of envelopes reached the Nashville Postal Clearing House and was lost or destroyed there. I know the mailing that left my local post office included all of Zone II members.

AKC Stud Book – Cocker Spaniel

Earlier this year AKC announced that they would no longer publish hard copy Stud Books. Instead they offered breed clubs a copy of their stud book. Provisions were that it could not be sold nor distributed to a general membership. Each member of the breed club who wished to receive the Stud Book must sign a legal agreement with AKC that they will not release the material in an inappropriate manner.

I sent this information to the membership via the Bulletin and the website. Several people inquired but dropped out when they discovered the legal requirements.

I started receiving the Stud Books on-line in September. I currently have eight subscribers.

Photographs of ASC Shows

I have files going back several years (probably 20) containing the photographs purchased for the Club; the only use they serve in my office is to print in the Annual Report; they then just sit there.

I have spoken to Wilma Parker, the ASC Curator. She has agreed to take these photographs and maintain them as part of ASC history. She will be able to use them in displays for various shows, etc. She also has better facilities for storing photographs than I do.

I propose that with your approval, the ASC photographers continue to send the pictures to the Secretary's Office; once I am through with them for the Annual Report, I will forward them to the Curator for storage.

I also request approval to send the current store of photographs I have to the Curator.

After minimum discussion, Mrs. Mustard was instructed to forward all photographs to Mrs. Parker to hold and use as part of the archives.

I need to report to you that the Club's IBM Thinkpad laptop computer is dead, just before I was to leave yesterday evening, everything stopped. I tried to bring it back to life and again failed. This is not the first time the laptop has given me problems; it has a long history of problems. I will take the minutes of this meeting by hand, but I'm sure you realize how difficult this will be; before the April meeting, I will need a new laptop.

Board members discussed how we need to go about this; Mr. Donaldson, speaking for the ASC Foundation, stated that since the IBM laptop was co-owned by ASC and the ASC Foundation, a newly purchased one would also be jointly owned.

Mrs. Mustard was instructed to send some comparable prices of some laptops and the Board would, with Mrs. Mustard's input, decide which one to purchase.

I regret that this last year has been a tough one – for me personally as well as the Spaniel Club work I've done. I hope you will continue to put up with me and that the New Year will be a better one.

8. Treasurer's Report – Dr. Lippincott.

Dr. Lippincott distributed several financial reports, to include the final figures for the July 2004 National and a budget for the July 2005 National. The 2004 report shows a net profit of almost nine thousand dollars and the 2005 estimate shows a very healthy profit.

9. Assistant Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Harmon.

ASC dues are coming in slowly but surely. To date, I have deposited about \$10,000 in dues money. I have a few remaining on my desk to be processed, but not enough to markedly change that figure.

Hopefully lots of people will pay their dues at the ASC in January.

10. Purina Parent Club Partnership – Mr. Allway.

Mr. Allway was not present and will be recognized when he arrives.

11. Unfinished Business.

A) Goals & Objectives for Standing Committee for Companion Events – Dr. Grim.

No report was submitted. There was discussion that a part of the Committee's proposed guidelines (submitted by former Committee Chair Melissa Frye) had been approved at the January 8, 2004 Board meeting. Board members requested that the financial needs for the Committee be clarified before approval of the entire proposal. Dr. Grim has seemingly made no effort to continue with those goals and objectives. Board members decided to suspend this Committee until the required financial information is submitted and approved. Mrs. Douglas volunteered to work with Dr. Grim to submit the needed information and bring to the Board for approval. At that time, the Board will entertain a request to reinstate the Committee. Mrs. Mustard will forward the already approved goals and objectives to Mrs. Douglas.

B) Medallions for First in ASC Show Classes – Ms. Patterson.

Here is the information I received from the Bradshaw Company, which has been making ASC Medallions forever. The prices compare favorably with those from the same company in 1966 when Margaret Ciezkowski's handwritten notes indicate the die charge was \$150 and the cost per unit was \$10, based on a minimum order of 100. The sample I have from 1966 is die-cast and does not have a neck ribbon, which I believe we would want to eliminate anyway.

Here are some close approximations on 1.5" medallions. Price includes neck ribbon and box. (based on 100+ quantity):

Casted = \$6.22 ea. no die charge. Casted is a "poured" process using rubber molds. The definition is less precise, and the finish is usually not as classy. But it can still look good.

Die-Struck (best quality) = \$8.44. \$125.00 die charge.

Die-struck is the best...very detailed and smooth. If \$budget is a problem, let me know...there are lesser quality medals available. The above are premium quality.

John

IT WAS MOVED BY Mrs. Foley and seconded by Mr. Donaldson that ASC purchase die struck medallions from the Bradshaw Company for the 125th Anniversary Shows in 2006 (first place in all offered classes and all breeds. Motion unanimously approved.

C) Media Committee Report – Mr. Van Deman.

Mr. Van Deman and his committee presented a PowerPoint report, culminating in several recommendations, as follows:

- 1) ASC Board establishes Media Committee as a Standing Committee
 - define vendor status
 - logistics development
 - sales/marketing development
- 2) Rights
 - ASC has rights to the recordings
 - Marketing
 - Future Development
- 3) Technology Considerations
 - Recordings to be digital
 - Vendor to provide VHS and DVD
- 4) Content
 - Vendor to provide a Taping Plan
 - ASC has tailoring and approval authority for Taping Plan

Board members were enthusiastic about the presentation and indicated their appreciation of the work that went into putting this report together.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Ferland and seconded by Mr. Donaldson to establish a Media Committee. Unanimously approved.

12. Other Unfinished Business

There was no other unfinished business.

13. Reports from Standing Committee Chairs and Show Committee ChairsA) AKC Delegate – Mrs. Spacht.

Report attached. Members discussed the AKC Online Breeder Ads. Mrs. Foley will draft a letter to AKC to request that some oversight be used to halt the use of membership affiliation where that membership is falsely claimed.

Mrs. Spacht reported that AKC is asking parent breed clubs to clarify their position on tail docking and ear cropping. The NBCA has raised the possibility of AKC allowing parent clubs to submit standard changes clarifying their requirements regarding docking and cropping. Standards Committee Chair Mrs. Speich will be instructed to draft an ASC position statement regarding tail docking in our breed.

B) AKC Gazette Columnist – Mrs. Tukua.

Report attached.

C) and E) ASC Archivist & ASC Curator – Ms. Ozechowski & Mrs. Parker.

Report attached.

D) ASC Bulletin Editor – Mrs. Donovan-Tandy.

Report attached. Board members discussed adding an op-ed column to the Bulletin - to be worked out by the secretary.

F) ASC Decals/Pins – Mrs. Sell.

Report attached.

G) ASC Health Chair – Dr. Saari

Report attached. Zone Directors are to remind their members to get blood drawn as it is free for ASC members until July 2005.

H) ASC Health Registry – Mrs. Iby.

Nothing to report at this time.

I) ASC Rescue – Ms. Buss.

Report attached. The following item required action:

Fundraising:

As has been proven this year, one major rescue initiative could use a large portion of the Foundation treasury. Rescue is not a popular fundraiser with the fancy, ASC members or not. Rescue IS very emotional and popular with the general public. Many people would gladly make a purchase or donate funds to aid rescue. I again propose an online store for rescue fundraising. The Initial offering would include the recently approved Geoff Lasko limited edition prints with the potential to add additional board-approved offerings.

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Patterson and seconded by Mrs. Virosteck that the Rescue Committee be allowed to offer the limited edition Lasko prints for sale on the website. Motion carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Stallard and seconded by Mrs. Ferland that Reports 13 A through 13 I be approved as presented.

J) ASC Website Coordinator - Mrs. Orkins.

Report attached. Board members requested that Mrs. Orkins work with Mrs. Harmon to set up the website so dues can be paid via credit card from the website. The use of credit cards should also be extended to other online ASC purchases.

K) By-Laws Revision - Ms. Moore.

Report attached. After some discussion, it was agreed that Ms. Moore will bring a final By-Laws revision to the April meeting.

L) Canine Legislation - Mrs. Dixon.

Report attached. Board members recognized the great job Carol is doing in providing information to the membership. Request that she put an occasional column in the Bulletin and on the website informing members of status of various legislation.

M) Cocker Spaniel Breeder Referral - Mrs. Frye.

Report attached.

N) Cocker Spaniel Standard - Mrs. Speich.

Nothing to report at this time.

O) Companion Events - Dr. Grim.

The report submitted related to the Top 20 Committee rather than Companion Events. It will be available as an attachment with that report.

P) Coordinator of Volunteer Services -Mrs. Harmon.

Report attached.

Q) English Cocker Spaniel - Mr. McFarlane.

Report attached. Some discussion took place on the reason for the ECSCA being the only club having an ASC Standing Committee. Mrs. Mustard informed Board members that there had been a Rare Breeds Committee and the Springer Spaniels had a Standing Committee. Both these committees were dropped when the long-time committee heads resigned (retired) and there were no replacements for them. There was further discussion about the Clumber Club being the only ASC member of all the other flushing spaniel breeds. A letter to all the Flushing Spaniel breed clubs to invite their membership was suggested and further discussion about who was to send it - Dr. Shaw, with Mrs. Virosteck's input, will send the letters to the various Club Presidents.

R) Ethics - Mrs. Henson.

Report attached. There was some discussion concerning how ethics complaints were handled. Mrs. Mustard stated that she probably erred in the initial processing of the charge currently being investigated by using the ethics guidelines rather than the By-Laws requirements.

S, T, U) ASC Field Committee Report -Mrs. Cacchio, Ms. Kolehouse, Mrs. Linehan.

Report attached.

V) Finance - Dr. Lippincott.

Dr. Lippincott requested that her report be deferred to Agenda Item 15-H.

W) Foreign Liaison - Mr. & Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. Ward stated that she had nothing to report since the National. She tries to contact foreign visitors that she gets in her guest book. Many times signatures are fairly indecipherable. Board member suggested that the catalog table volunteers be asked to check the e-mail addresses when the guest signs in.

X) Insurance - Ms. Torgerson.

Report attached. Members discussed the insurance companies refusing liability coverage when live ammunition is in use at Club events. Our guidelines need to be changed to document gunner requirements. The Event Field Committee Chair responsibility should be moved from the Show Committee to a Standing Committee.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Stallard and seconded by Mrs. Ferland to accept all reports through 13 X). Unanimously approved.

Y) January 2005 Show Chair - Mrs. Mills.

Mrs. Mills stated that, despite the past three weeks of intense work getting the Flushing Spaniel moved from the Adams' Mark Hotel in Philadelphia to the Valley Forge Convention Center in King of Prussia, everything seems to be working well. She recognized the extremely hard work of her committee and said she could not have done it alone. Board members expressed their appreciation to Toni.

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Mrs. Ferland to purchase a gift for Toni Mills not to exceed \$200 to be presented before Best in Show at the 2005 flushing Spaniel Show. Such gift a token to express appreciation for her work above and beyond that required of a Show Chair. Unanimously approved.

Z) January 2005 Futurity Chair - Mrs. Proxee.

Report attached.

AA) Judges and Breeders Education - Mrs. Speich.

Nothing to report at this time.

BB) National Show Liaison Ms. Patterson.

Report attached. Ms. Patterson expressed a desire to have the National Guidelines on the agenda in April to discuss some changes that she believes will make show planning easier and more consistent. Since these should have zone wide support, rather than just support by a single club, she would like us to look at starting the process by working through the Zone Director instead of the individual clubs. We also need to review each of show committee chair's duties and see if we can utilize our standing committee chairs in some instances.

After some discussion Board members agreed that the Top 20 Competition is to be an annual event.

CC) July 2004 Show Chair - Final Report - Mrs. Foley.

Report attached.

DD) July 2005 Show Chair - Mrs. Brown.

Board members reviewed the "Schedule of Events" and requested the following changes:

- Move the Veterans Sweepstakes to another day in the schedule.
- Move the Top 20 in Conformation, Obedience, Agility and Field from just following BIS. Members expressed concerns about exhibitors and spectators staying after BIS.

The following items were approved:

-- **IT WAS MOVED** by Ms. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Stallard to change the breakdown of ages for the Veterans Sweepstakes - allow "7 & 8," "9 & 10," "11 and over," with all varieties shown together. The motion passed.

-- **IT WAS MOVED** by Ms. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Elliott to accept committee chair changes as listed. The motion passed.

-- **IT WAS MOVED** by Ms. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Buss to accept educational Seminars as discussed, except that the seminar, "Are We Giving Judges The Right Choice?" must have a better objective definition. The motion passed.

After much discussion covering the space and charges for grooming areas, **IT WAS MOVED** by Mrs. Douglas and seconded by Mrs. Virosteck to charge \$50 for a minimum 8' X 10" space at the Perry facility. Each space will have one electrical plug. The motion passed, with Mr. Donaldson opposed.

EE) July 2006 Show Chair - Mrs. Ferland.

The contract with Rau Dog Shows was discussed. **IT WAS MOVED** by Mrs. Virosteck and seconded by Ms. Elliott to accept Jim Rau Dogs Shows, Ltd. as the superintendent for the July 2006 Cocker Spaniel National. The motion passed.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Stallard and seconded by Ms. Elliott to accept the listed show committee assignments subject to receiving a signed Consent To Serve form from all individuals. Unanimously approved.

FF) Legal - Ms. Patterson.

Report attached.

GG) Public Education - Mrs. Findley.

Report attached.

HH) Purina Futurity Coordinator - Mrs. Mustard.

Report attached.

II) Top Dog Committee - Dr. Saari and Dr. Grim.

The report was not available to Board Members.

JJ) Versatility Award Plaques - Mrs. Moskala.

Report attached.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Stallard and seconded by Ms. Buss to accept reports 13 G through 13 JJ.

14. Zone Director Reports.

I) Zone I - Mrs. Ferland.

II) Zone II - Ms. Buss.

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III) Zone III - Mr. Van Deman.

IV) Zone IV - Mrs. Virosteck.

V) Zone V - Ms. Elliott.

Individual Zone Director reports are attached.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Virosteck and seconded by Mrs. Foley to approve the Zone reports as written. Motion accepted.

15. New Business.

A) Applicants for Membership and Election to Membership (Written, secret ballot).
Deferred to Executive Meeting.

B) Life Membership for then following members with continuous membership for 25 years: 10/79- Rita Mae Evans, Maryland

11/79- Barbara Barham, Virginia

1/80- Judith A. Adams, South Carolina

Edith M. Bennett, Pennsylvania

Douglas & Marleta McFarlane, California

Linda W. Self, Maryland

2/80- Jose F. Criado, Florida

Ruth F. Goldner, New Jersey

Dr. Kenneth Kellerhouse, New York

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Buss and seconded by Mrs. Virosteck to award life membership status to the listed members. Unanimously approved.

C) 2005 ASC Audit - Dr. Shaw.

After some discussion about the possibility of utilizing ASC members to perform an audit of the ASC accounts, it was decided that Dr. Shaw will hire EideBailey to perform a limited audit of ASC finances for fiscal year 2004. **IT WAS MOVED** by Mrs. Foley and seconded by Mr. Van Deman. The motion carried.

D) Parent Breed Club Conference Report - Ms. Buss.

Report attached. Ms. Buss discussed her report and attendance at the Conference. There were several questions from Board members.

E) Funding for Emergency Relief and Reestablishment of the Welfare of the Cocker Spaniel Fund - Ms. Ferland.

I am proposing that the American Spaniel Club create a Disaster Relief Fund. This fund would be used for donations for rescues, members and organizations that request our help in time of need. Examples would be the hurricanes in Florida or the wild fires in California.

In most cases, our donation would not be targeted strictly for cocker spaniels. However, since we are unable to determine how many cockers are involved in these incidences, if any, these funds would be used for other breeds or mixed breed dogs. ASC should be willing to donate for these special causes based on the possibility there are cockers involved.

I would like two members who would help me, as a committee, define the purpose of the Fund and form guidelines for disbursements.

Possible fundraising events could be raffles at ASC shows, private donations or a yearly fund raising event.

I ask the Board to consider the importance and benefit of creating this much need Fund.

Consensus of the board members is that this is a good thing, but legal issues must be checked. Do our By-Laws allow this? Mrs. Ferland is to investigate and present her findings at the April meeting.

F) Therapy Dog Proposal - Mrs. Nelson.

Proposal attached. **IT WAS MOVED** by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Mrs. Foley that a Committee for Therapy Dogs be created with an initial working capital budget of \$100.

G) Power Point Presentation and Judges and Breeders Education (Possible General Discussion).

Dropped for lack of interest at this time.

H) Finance Committee - Current Membership and Proposed Changes - Dr. Lippincott.

Report attached. Board members agreed that Dr. Lippincott's recommended changes made sense. The Finance Committee will now be composed of:

First Vice-President, Chair

Treasurer

Legal Chair

President, ex-officio

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Foley and seconded by Mrs. Ferland to approve the changes to the Finance Committee as recommended by Dr. Lippincott. The motion passed, with Ms. Patterson abstaining.

I) National Breed Club Alliance - Ms. Buss.

Report attached.

J) Corporate Sponsorship for ASC Activities - Mrs. Foley.

Report attached. Discussion, with no action taken.

K) 125th Anniversary of the ASC - Ms. Patterson/Mrs. Parker.

Report attached. Ms. Patterson outlined the proposal for the anniversary book to be ready for publication in 2006. The proposal was approved.

L-M) Reprint and Rewrite of *The Sporting Spaniels* - Mrs. Mustard.

Report attached. After some discussion, **IT WAS MOVED** by Mrs. Foley and seconded by Mrs. Ferland that the Breeders Education Committee be asked to look at updating the Sporting Spaniels publication.

N) Debate on Increasing ASC Membership and Establishing a Committee.

No report submitted. Some discussion among members but no action taken.

O) Perpetual Memorial Trophy Application - Mrs. Mustard.

1) Ruth Baumgartner - Best Cocker Spaniel in Show - Annual Flushing Spaniel Show.

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Stallard to accept Mrs. Baumgartner's proposed trophy as stated. Unanimously approved.

P) Discussion of Best of Breed Judge and Junior Showmanship Judge for January 2006.

No action taken. Deferred to April meeting.

Q) Rules for Junior Showman Award - Mrs. Mustard.

Proposed rules attached. The rules were accepted as written. Mrs. Mustard was asked to forward a copy to each ASC Junior Member.

R) Editorial Changes for Versatility Award and the Ruby Perpetual Memorial Award - Mrs. Mustard.

Proposed report attached. Changes to the awards as follows:

For the Versatility Award: "During the period when the three titles were achieved, at least one of the owners of the Flushing Spaniel must have been a member of the Club.

For the Ruby Perpetual Memorial Award: "At least one of the owners of the Cocker Spaniel being considered for the Award must be a member of AKC during the time when the titles were achieved.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Elliott to accept this wording. Unanimously approved.

S) 2005 Annual Report - Printing Options - Mrs. Mustard.

Mrs. Mustard did not bring the materials she needed to present to the Board. She will bring proposals to the April meeting.

T) Addendum to Code of Ethics - Owners - Ms. Buss.

Proposal attached. Referred to the Public Education Committee for consideration.

U) Amateur Field Champion Title Proposal for Award - Mr. McFarlane.

Report attached. Mr. McFarlane expanded on the proposal that the rules governing Cocker Spaniel Field Trials be revised to add an Amateur Stake. Specifically the request is to seek approval from the AKC to hold Amateur All-age Stakes where champion points may be awarded toward an Amateur Field Championship title for English Cocker Spaniels and Cocker Spaniels. A letter requiring the signatures of both Club Presidents will be prepared.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Virosteck and seconded by Ms. Buss to approve the letter to AKC with both signatures. The motion passed.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy J. Mustard
Secretary

The minutes were approved as written on April 12, 2005.