

AMERICAN SPANIEL CLUB, INC.
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at 9:00 A.M., Eastern Daylight Time.

PLACE: Comfort Inn & Suites, Indianapolis, IN

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m., Charles P. Born, Presiding.
2. Roll call of members present. Charles Born, David Donaldson, Julie Virosteck, Bettie Campbell, Calvin Ward, Bonnie Pike, Linda Pitts, Marilyn Spacht, Xiomara Larson, Tony Skinner, Nancy Gallant, Stephanie Kaul, Sharon Elliott
Absent: Dee Torgerson-Rismyhr
Ex Officio: Jane Harmon, treasurer; Linda Moore, legal chair; Kathleen Patterson, secretary.
3. Notation of Committee Chairs and others present. Quinn Ruvacava, Zone IV Assistant Director; Marleta McFarlane, Assistant Show Chair 2009 National
4. Report of the President – Mr. Born

Since last meeting – contracts for the 2009 National and various small contracts for 2008 National were signed. As a matter of process – just want you to know that for major contracts I consult with legal for a review before I sign and all contracts are filed with both Treasurer and Secretary. I do not keep club records at my office other than some personal files. My feeling is it is most appropriate that all records be centralized with these two officers. Other than the contracts – any other news of correspondence or transactions will be communicated in the coming reports from Jane and Kathy. Speaking of Kathy – I've asked her to stay on as Secretary of ASC for another year – and her contract has been extended from July 08 to June 09.

As you all know – I try and write a monthly column for the ASC website. A few months ago I wrote a column suggesting maybe it's time we take more of a leadership role for the Cocker Spaniel throughout the world. Naturally we must recognize the sovereignty of each of the Cocker Spaniel parent clubs outside the US. But why not lead a collaboration of Cocker Spaniel clubs from around the world in discussions on health, standards, breeder ethics and expanding appreciation for the breed. Create a respectful invitation to these other Cocker Spaniel parent clubs to serve on an ASC workgroup to develop formal global relations. This would represent the Cocker Spaniel where ever it lives – it isn't the Swedish, Brazilian, Australia, and German orAmerican Cocker Spaniel. It's just the "Global" Cocker Spaniel and ASC should be at the forefront in facilitating discussions between these clubs about the future and well being of the Cocker Spaniel. We should be guiding these changes collaboratively and not reacting to them. I am going to work with two ASC members who have expressed an interest in this idea (and would be happy to include a Board member or two who is interested) and create a program that could be launched in January. I'll come back to the Board with the ideas and your approval on our Yahoo Group and am hopeful we might be able to launch this in January.

In my most recent column I wrote about the need for membership and mentoring (M&M as I called it) within ASC. I'm very excited to see the ideas forthcoming in this regard. Nancy Gallant, our Member Education chair, has some really new and innovative programs scheduled here in Indianapolis. The Pop-Ups and Breeder seminar all sound great and I hope get good attendance. And Stephanie Kaul has an intriguing big yellow button of an idea that will be implemented at this show as well to encourage a dialog with members, prospective members and those who just want to ask questions. These are just the tip of the iceberg of the types of things we need to continually expand on and do to include all fanciers of the Cocker Spaniel in the ASC – be it confirmation, performance or juniors. Our breed survival depends on it.

So, Board members, thank you for being here and once again volunteering your time in support of ASC. We have a full agenda – let's get on with the meeting.

5. Report of the Secretary – Ms. Patterson.

Since the April meeting, the Board has had one vote resulting from a conference call motion with mailed/faxed ballots that needs to be placed in the record.

A ballot was forwarded to Board members on June 3, 2008, reading, "It was moved by Mrs. Spacht, seconded by Mrs. Kaul, to print and mail a stapled version of the Membership Directory to all members." Ballots were to be mailed or faxed to the Secretary within seven (7) days.

Yes: Donaldson, Kaul, Larson, Pike, Spacht, Virosteck.

Not Voting: Campbell, Elliott, Gallant, Pitts, Skinner, Torgerson-Rismyhr, Ward

Those Directories have been printed and mailed.

Speaking of mailings, I'd like some direction on what to do about mailings that are consistently returned as undeliverable. Mailings to some individuals listed as Life Members have been returned EVERY time one has been sent out since I became Secretary two and a half years ago. Each returned mailing has cost the Club more than \$5. How long do we continue to keep these individuals on our membership roll?

In addition, since we rarely hear from most of Life Members (only about a dozen of them return ballots), I propose that this year's dues notice have a place for Life Members to update their addresses and contact information and indicate whether or not they wish to continue to receive mailings. Mailings would be discontinued unless they affirmatively respond.

Since the April meeting, applications for the January show and judges have been approved except for the judge for the rally trial. A contract is in the mail to the rally judge and the application will be completed when the signed contract is returned. We have been notified that 2 of the other breeds have already applied for sweepstakes.

AKC has sent us several communications.

First, opportunities to support the Invitational – medallions for conformation (\$75/variety); obedience (\$45), and agility (\$45); advertising (\$140/page); and a Meet The Breeds booth. Motion by Mrs. Virosteck, seconded by Mrs. Spacht to support the AKC Invitational with medallions in conformation, obedience and agility. Approved.

Mrs. Virosteck volunteered to coordinate the Meet The Breeds booth again this year.

Second, as a member club, we have a vote for the annual Lifetime Achievement awards in three categories – conformation, companion events and performance.

Finally, the Secretary's contract is up July 30 and the Board needs to reappoint me if you wish me to continue.

6. Report of the Treasurer – Mrs. Harmon.

Report handed out at meeting. Got 1st payment from Barbara. (\$3800)

7. Report of the Membership Chair – Mrs. Harmon. Average drop list.

Moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Skinner to accept the reports presented to this point. Approved.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Recognition of Juniors – Mrs. Pitts

After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Ward to use statistics from Bestjunior.com for the period January 1st thru Dec 1st to determine junior showmanship awards. The Club will make 3 awards for the top handler in junior, intermediate and senior classifications. Each will receive a recognition certificate and an ASC junior membership for one year. One of those 3 will be recognized as top junior. The top junior who is an ASC member will receive the cash award for Westminster if he/she is qualified and entered. Approved.

B. AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award – Mrs. Virosteck & Zone Directors

The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

In the American Kennel Club's ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club.

Nomination Guidelines and Process

- **Any ASC member in good standing is eligible for nomination.**
- **The award will be presented annually at the National Specialty Show**
- **Nominations will be accepted by E-mail, Fax, or Postal Mail to the club secretary.**
- **All nominations must be received by: (A date to be determined to be available for the Spring board meeting.**
- **Nominations must include the name of the person being nominated, and a brief summary, no more than one page describing how the nominee has made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and been an active and valued member of The American Spaniel Club.**
- **Nominations received will be evaluated by a committee made up of the Zone Directors.**
- **The winner will be chosen by majority vote of the committee**

Mr. Ward moved to accept the proposal. Seconded by Mrs. Kaul. Approved

9. Reports from Standing Committee Chairs and Show Committee Chairs

A) AKC Delegate – Mrs. Virosteck.

On Sunday, June 8 and Monday, June 9, 2008 I attended the AKC Delegate's Meeting in Quincy, MA. The two-committee meetings I chose to attend this time were the Parent Club Committee and the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee meetings.

Group Realignment

One of the more important topics of discussion at the Parent Club meeting was the Group Realignment recommendations that have been made to AKC. While they did not mention any breeds that might be moved to a different group by name, I had heard that the Cocker Spaniel might be one of them. Seems that was a rumor. They did say that the parent clubs of the affected breeds would be notified in writing within the next few days after the meeting was over. Those letters have gone out and ASC has not received one. The breeds that did receive a letter are to collect responses from their club members and return them to AKC by the end of August.

The information that was given out is that the Group Realignment committee has recommended that AKC go from 7 to 10 groups. They have recommended creating a Northern Breeds Group and a Companion Breeds Group was also mentioned but the 3rd group was not named at all. There are 20 breeds that have been recognized as "moveable" to different groups.

While, at this point, the Cocker Spaniel has not been named as a moveable breed and the realignment does not directly affect us, this will eventually affect all breeds of dogs attending dog shows. There

are quite a few parent and all breed clubs that are voicing their adverse opinions over the delegates list.

Mixed Breed Listing Service

Another topic that was discussed is the Mixed Breed listing service and separate companion events classes that are being considered for spayed and neutered mixed breed dogs. A letter from Dennis Sprung was read and given out to each Delegate, which I will include at the end of this report. Toward the end of this letter there are 4 questions that are asked. AKC would like the opinion of the members of each club to be returned to them by Monday, July 14. I plan on polling members that will be attending the National in Indy as well as posting the letter on the ASC web site so members can voice their opinions as well. I will have to email them the clubs opinion on the day after our national.

While I was not at the December 2006 meeting there this was originally discussed the tone at this meeting to me anyway, is that AKC does plan on going thru with this and that they are now down to asking us for final input.

Parent Club DNA Testing Requirement

Something else that is becoming increasingly popular is for parent clubs to require that all entries at their national events (shows, field trials, etc.) must be DNA tested before they are entered. AKC will give parent clubs discounted testing if done thru the parent club.

Conditional Registration

The conditional registration was discussed as well. I was not aware that if someone was to buy a puppy from me and for some reason I chose to not register either the litter or individual puppy but maybe gave the new owner a copy of a pedigree on that puppy or his parents pedigree's AKC can and will register that puppy anyway and these puppies are not registered on Limited Registrations but Full Registrations. They did say that they would first try to contact the breeder of the puppy to discuss registering it but if they cannot be reached they will just register it. They do need to have at least a 3-generation pedigree that they can verify. The thing that scares me about this is that they do not require DNA testing to register these puppies. Anyone could register anything this way by just using another dog's pedigree.

June 2008 Votes

The things that were voted on at the June meeting were some changes to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. In Chapter 11, Section 6 it was voted to make it possible for a dog that is incorrectly entered at a show according to its owner/agent to be transferred to an eligible open class prior to the judging of any regular conformation class within the sex of that breed or variety, provided any differential fee's are paid.

There were also 4 other changes voted on the Rules Applying to Dog Shows that were all voted down. The were voted down because all of them had to do with fees that AKC charge for different things and the changes were to be left open ended.

I have some proposals that were read at the June meeting and will be published in the Gazette before the vote will be taken at the September Meeting. If anyone would like to see these please see me at the July ASC board meeting. I do have some of the proposals that have to do with changes in Field Trial Rules for Retrievers so I would like some input from our field committee.

Mr. Donaldson moved to have the President of ASC, on behalf of Board, respond to AKC that the club is appalled that AKC is even considering promoting mixed breed dogs. A copy of the letter should be sent to Dennis Sprung and Ronald Meneker. Seconded by Mrs. Pike. Approved.

B) Cocker Spaniel Standard – Mr Born.

Judging The Cocker Spaniel With A Natural Tail

Proposed wording based on the English Cocker approach. This approach was approved by the Standards Committee by a vote of 7-3. Minor edits and reformat for Cockers by C. Born

From the American Spaniel Club (ASC)
(Adopted by the Board of Directors on July 9, 2008)

The Cocker Spaniel is a docked, hunting breed. The characteristic incessant, merry action of the tail while working in thick, dense cover which is sometimes deeper than the dog is tall, necessitates docking to prevent injury.

The ASC continues to support docked tails as an important characteristic required by the breed's function as a hunting dog. Therefore, the ASC does not intend to change the breed standard as regards docked tails. But, in accordance with A.K.C. rules (Chapter 7, Section 15), a judge may either choose to excuse a Cocker Spaniel with a natural tail as being inconsistent with the standard, or judge the dog, considering the tail to be a fault. The ASC will support your decision to excuse, as well as judge, an undocked dog.

Should you choose to keep a natural tailed Cocker Spaniel in the ring, it is expected that you would prioritize your judging by virtues and factor in faults lastly. The natural tail is thick at the root (consistent with the required generous amount of bone), tapering to the end, and ideally not reaching below the hock joint. As the Cocker Spaniel has always been and should continue to be a docked breed, determine the tail carriage of an undocked tail by observing the first quarter to third of the tail as the dog is being moved.

Moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Skinner to approve the above wording and communicate same to AKC. Approved, with Mrs. Pike voting No.

C) Companion Events – Ms. Ruvacava

After the Obedience/Rally Chair retired for the upcoming National in Indianapolis, the committee assisted the ASC Secretary Kathleen Patterson to resolve all issues as quickly as possible. We quickly mobilized and secured ring stewards, volunteers and addressed other issues that had not been taken care of to assure a successful show. Within a very short period of time we were able to pull resources together for a great show. I also like to thank Nancy Gallant and Nancy Foley for their help.

Job descriptions have started and will be completed shortly. Upon completion, the job description will be submitted to the ASC Secretary.

A Yahoo group for ASC members will be started with the help of Julie Virosteck.
(asc_membership@yahoo.com)

Respectfully submitted, Quinn Ruvacava, Chairman

D) Education –

Judges – Mr. Ennis. The Board discussed the need to make more copies of the Judges' Education Power Point and directed Mr. Ennis to get a price for reproducing them in his area to save shipping from the west coast.

Breeders – Mrs. Gallant discussed her plans for breeders education during the upcoming show.

Public – Mrs. Duggan The Board addressed reprinting Public Education brochure – Mrs. Duggan has 3,000 left of 30,000 printed. The Board requested Mrs. Duggan to check with the clubs who had received initial shipments and determine how many brochures are left before reordering.

Mrs. Duggan also presented information from conversations with the Clumber Spaniel Club on their approach to beefing up the breeder referral pages. The Board was generally favorable but needed

more details. The Secretary was to inform Mrs. Duggan that the Board was very interested in the approach and would like her to bring specific ideas and recommendations for names, as well as what to link to and where to place ads. Mrs. Duggan can bring that information back as soon as it is available doesn't have to wait until the January meeting.

E) Finance/Audit – Mr. Donaldson/Mrs. Spacht/Mrs. Harmon. The committee reported that the audit had begun and Mrs. Harmon had supplied the auditor with all requested information.

F) January 2009 Show Chair – Mrs. Campbell

Mrs. Campbell reported on preparations for the January 2009 Flushing Spaniel Show. Jason Harmon has requested that he remain Assistant Show Chair, Jan 09. I accepted his offer gratefully.

Due to the change in our dates that has caused a conflict with Maryland shows, John Ashby will send his associate to photograph ASC.

At this time, the ONLY solution to the long Sunday hours is to go to two rings all week-end, including Sunday. Mrs. Campbell sent out emails to the Flushing Breeds and none expressed interest in a 2nd videographer to shoot their breeds. We will continue with the one videographer primarily taping Cocker classes and Varieties through to BIS.

The two rings will be opened up to one ring for BIS only. Discussion ensued and determined that one ring was large enough and did not need to take the time to move chairs and combine the rings.

Before the Board meeting in July Mrs. Campbell agreed to have information from VFCC regarding renting carpeting for 2009. At that time the Board can see options and decide the path most practical for 2009.

The Board discussed flooring alternatives for January. A bid for rubber flooring, approximately ¼ inch thick by 4' wide weighs 100 pounds for each 100' roll. 8000 sq ft is necessary for the 2 rings and costs \$15,600 plus \$950 shipping and handling. Event Deck has 28½" x 28½" squares which interlock and cost approximately the same per sq ft. After discussion on the advantages of each format, Mrs. Pike moved that Mrs. Campbell to make arrangements to purchase squares. Seconded by Ms. Elliott. August 1st is final date for all information to be available on flooring so Board can authorize purchase.

After discussion of seating at the January show, Mrs. Pitts moved to charge a higher amount for front row seats and to offer bundled patron seats. Seats in the second and third rows would not carry a charge. Seconded by Mrs. Campbell. Approved.

Mrs. Campbell has been in touch with Flushing Breed liaisons regarding their Sweepstakes judges and AKC applications for Sweeps approval. Hopefully, we won't be scurrying for judges and approvals in October or November as we did last year!

ASC January, 2009 Show Committee

Show Chair:	Bettie Campbell
Assistant Show Chair:	Jason Harmon
Chief Ring Steward:	Jane Williams
Futurity Chair:	Kevin Carter
Publicity and Advertising:	Elena Duggan
Announcers:	Lloyd Alton & Diane Kepley
Judges Education:	Robert Ennis
Breeder Education:	Nancy Gallant
Performance Events:	Quinn Ruvacava
Catalog Advertising:	Stephanie Kaul
Gallery of Pedigrees:	Bonnie Pike
Trophy Chair:	Joy Stevens
Basket Raffle:	Judi Kline
Silent Auction/ Fund Raising:	Regina Beinhauer & Linda Pitts
Vendor Chair:	Karen Knight

Reserved Seating: Penny Hoover
Tack Room: Linda Donaldson
X-Pen & Bathing Coordinator Michael Pitts
Catalogs Sales: Rita Piazza, Mya Klock & Carol Mott
Memorabilia Sales: Deb Gunkle & Kim Vavolo

Mr. Ward moved to approve committee assignments, seconded by Ms. Elliott. Approved

G) January 2009 Futurity Chair – Mr. Carter.

The January 2009 Bitch Nominations are going well. I feel the new forms and stressing the importance of eye exams having to be within the year of breeding has really helped. With only a little over a week to go before the deadline of nominations we have received 59 bitch nominations. January 2008 we had received 72. As of today, nominations for 2009 are down by 13 from the previous year.

H) July 2009 Show Chair – Mrs. McFarlane.

ASC 2009 NATIONAL SPECIALTY
PROGRESS REPORT
July 2008

Highlights

- Dates --- July 8-12, 2009
- Location --- Fairplex – Pomona, California
- Host Hotel --- Sheraton Fairplex
- Theme --- “Life’s a Beach in California”
 - California Crusin Cockers revisited
 - Logo design is complete --- Shirts on sale Sunday
 - Informational Brochure available on Sunday
- Planned Events
 - Conformation
 - Obedience, Rally, CGC
 - Agility
 - Field – WD/EDX. Instinct Test
 - Tracking
- Superintendent --- Jack Bradshaw – Contract signed

Facilities

- Fairplex --- L.A. County Fairgrounds – Contract signed
 - Building 9 --- 45,300 sq ft
 - Agility Barn --- Open sided, covered barn
- Sheraton Fairplex --- Immediately adjacent to Fairplex – Contract signed
- Field Work --- Prado Recreation Area

Key Positions

- Show Chair --- Doug McFarlane
- Assistant Chairs --- Julie Virosteck, Marleta McFarlane
- Judges Hospitality --- LuAnn Presser
- All Committee positions have been filled

Health Registry Report
Bylaw revision distributed

I) July 2010 Show Proposals – Mr. Skinner.

Mr. Skinner presented information on the Raceway Complex in Richmond, VA. Motion by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Pike that the 2010 National in Zone II be held in Richmond, VA, and that Tony Skinner and Tom Dowell be appointed Show Chair and Assistant Show Chair. Approved.

In discussing the Richmond facility, Mr. Ward presented information on a possible alternate Zone II site in Tunica, MS, but indicated he would be fine with the Richmond site for 2010 with the Tunica site being explored for 2015.

J) Marketing/ Media – Mrs. Kaul

Update to ASC Brand Discussion from April 2008 Board Meeting

As stated in the ASC constitution, “the object of the Club shall be the encouragement of the promotion, breeding and protection of all Sporting Spaniels...”. With this objective in mind, our ASC brand strategy shall be to further this statement with materials and promotions designed to instill a sense of pride and unity within our club. Members of ASC – prospective, new, and established – can all contribute to this brand strategy. New and prospective members need established members to build programs to promote the values stated in this simple statement. Programs to promote, protect, and preserve our breed comes about not just through health-tested, selective breedings, but through the mentoring of new and prospective members. These members learn the purpose of ASC and their role in continuing the preservation of the ASC brand, by understanding the key elements to protecting and preserving our breed. When it comes time for them to start their breeding program, promotion, protection, and preservation will be in the forefront of their minds. Through this new identity, established and new/prospective members join forces to help the breed, thus ASC, in the process. Specific programs to support the new brand identity such as ASC memorabilia, new/prospective member welcome program, mentorship programs, etc. can all help us reach our brand identity goals.

One program example that could be implemented immediately would be the ‘Button Campaign’. Similar to Julie Virostec’s delegate meeting example where new delegates where a button that identifies them as a new delegate and all the other delegates introduce themselves, this program would have established members of ASC, interested in spending some time with new/prospective members, wear buttons that say “New to cockers? New to ASC? Come sit by me.” Buttons would be large (and colorful) enough for new people to see them, and we’d also have the show announcers remind people to look for the buttons. Established members interested in participating would only need to wear the buttons when they are available to sit and chat with folks. The goal here is not to do ringside mentoring, although I would expect these established members to be able and willing to answer basic questions like “what is the judge looking for here”, etc, etc.. The purpose of the ‘come and sit with me’ is to offer the new person a “face to a name” opportunity and for you to learn a little more about him/her, help introduce them to reputable breeders/ASC members in their area, and make sure that they are aware of all the social events. This way when they attend, they know someone. The key is to get them introduced to other members and breeders, so that their circle within the breed and ASC grows. How can we expect the new/prospective members to promote, breed, and protect the sporting spaniels if they don’t know the key people they can learn from. The introductions made at this show could (and hopefully will) lead to these people forming established relationships with reputable breeders/ASC members, and that these members might sponsor these newcomers to ASC at some point.

It’s a first step - there are many in this process, but I believe we are on the right path to promoting and protecting our sporting spaniel.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Kaul, Chairman
Marketing & Media Committee

K) JANUARY 2008 DVD SALES REPORT

Unfortunately for the first time since starting selling DVD’s we have lost money this year. Although we ordered fewer sets than normal due to fewer orders received at the show, we still have several remaining sets. If these sets were to sell we would again break even and perhaps show a small profit. I will bring them to the show in July and attempt to sell them; those not sold after the first couple of days will be placed in auctions or raffles, hopefully bringing in some additional income.

Although we lost money I feel selling the DVD’s is a very important benefit to judges and club members. All of the Junior handlers received free DVD’s donated by Purebred Studios; we also

receive three complete sets for free, one of which is preserved in archives, the others sold. This year the judges all received a gift of a DVD of their judging assignment (at a cost to us of \$81.25.) It is my opinion that the benefits far outweigh the loss. Through raffling and auctioning off remaining sets some of this loss will be recouped. I will reduce the number of extra sets I order next time to hopefully prevent further losses by the club, unless the amount of pre orders is increased.

NUMBERS ORDERED

- Option 1 cockers only 35
- Option 2 BOB & BOV 9
- Option 3 ENTIRE SHOW 8

Also ordered copies of each judge's assignment to send to them

UNSOLD SETS REMAINING AS OF JULY 1ST

- Option 1 cockers only 6 sets
- Option 2 BOB & BOV 0 sets
- Option 3 Entire show 4 sets

One incomplete set of option 3 missing two DVD's that were used to replace faulty ones. (one set of option 2 was lost in the mail and replaced)

Income from DVD sales \$5,912.00
Expenses \$6912.96

Loss of \$1000.96

Kathy Reid, DVD Sales

Kathy & Stephanie to work on a patron bundle for January to include the DVD, an ASC Flushing Spaniel show sweatshirt, front row preferred seating.

Youtube link availability to be publicized.

L) ASC Foundation – Mrs. Williams

Originally proposed by the late ASC board member William Cobb and supported by other board members, the American Spaniel Club Foundation was founded and has since funded almost \$50,000 in research grants. This effort is for the betterment of the breed now and in the future. Information about these research projects will be available during the show, I want to give a more detailed summary for your reference.

The first research grant was funded in 1998-99 from a bequest given to ASC for cataract study. This project gave the Foundation a base for identifying studies and a selection process for funding future studies.

The following studies have received funds from the Foundation; some of the studies have been part of the Canine Health Foundation projects, so the Foundation contributions have been matched by AKC.

2000	\$5,000	Epilepsy study	University of Missouri
2004	\$5,000	Immune study	University of Utah
	\$2,500	Lymphoma study	
	\$2,500	Genetics-thyroid disease study	Alaska
2007	\$6,000	Immune study	Kassel
	\$5,000	ACORN Chronic ear disease	pending
	\$300	Eyes	University of Pennsylvania
2008	\$500	Immune study	Guelph

	\$1,000	CBC/diagnostic changes	University of Minnesota
	\$2,500	Epilepsy	University of Minnesota
	\$2,000	Immune study	Kassel
	\$3,000	Morris Foundation - Genetics	Cornell
2009	\$2,500	Epilepsy	University of Minnesota

The Foundation has provided funding for rescue efforts. Heidi Braun chairs the Rescue Committee for both the ASC and ASCF.

The Foundation still has Lasko prints for sale and we are undertaking a fundraising project to be available by July 2009. This will be a one-year calendar and the specifics will be announced soon.

I encourage all members of the American Spaniel Club to be pro-active in their support of the Foundation.

Jane T. Williams
ASCF President

After discussion, the Board determined to ask for a summary of the results of studies including an ASCF financial report and a discussion of rescue funding. ASC should provide a format and ask for this information by a deadline of October 1st. That way information can be published for the membership.

13. Zone Director Reports

Zone I – Mrs. Larson.

I would like to add these members concerns to the upcoming agenda:

1. Some members would like to see Breeder Referral through ASC be renewed for the year and paid for at the same time as our dues are paid. Also, if anyone would like to take an individual business card ad for 6 months or a year, it could be done at the first of the year along with dues and the breeder referral. This would save having to write multiple checks at various times throughout the year, and would serve as a good reminder since it is all done at the same time. If it is felt that this would create a financial hardship on the membership, then it could be made optional for those that would like to renew everything at the beginning of the year, and a reminder on our dues notice would help.

Consensus of the Board was that we will look into implementing this, particularly when Paypal is implemented online.

2. Members used to have to sign their faxes to ASC along with printing their names and addresses. I am not sure why this procedure was stopped, but some of our members would like to see it reinstated.

Signature on voting documents. Nomination, judges, Print name and sign here. By consensus, a signature line will be added to the forms.

3. Some Specialty Clubs are struggling to keep their heads above the waters with today's economics, (gas prices etc) being what they are, and it is only going to get worse. Show entries are down, and it is even difficult for members to make it to scheduled meetings due to these hardships. AKC's requirements for established Specialty Clubs is putting an even greater strain on all of this. Possible Julie could share some of these concerns at the next AKC delegates meeting.

Julie suggested clubs think about hosting an Eye clinic, DNA clinic, Educational match or Dog Show Orientation.

ZONE 1 Xiomara B. Larson Zone 1 Director

Regina Beinhauer Alternate Director

Zone II – Mr. Skinner.

Things are becoming exciting in Zone II as we gear up to host the 2010 National Specialty show. Many people are volunteering to help to make sure the show is a success. I will be presenting the proposal to hold the show in Richmond Virginia at this meeting.

I was available for questions and discussion at the Carolina Cocker Spaniel Club specialty shows in April and had a good response. I am making an effort to keep members of the zone informed of events through email, however, several of the email addresses that I have are no longer valid. Any member of the zone who would like to receive updates via email and isn't is encouraged to email me at lochmondkennel@msn.com with their correct email address.

The upcoming months and years will be a challenge to all of us as we endeavor to cope with the ever increasing cost of gasoline and the subsequent increases in the price of other necessities. It is also imperative that we remain diligent in our efforts to thwart the rampant proliferation of restrictive animal rights legislation. All members are encouraged to exercise their rights to contact their elected officials in effort to educate them on the difference between responsible and irresponsible breeders and owners.

I would like to thank all the members of Zone II for their continued support and ask them to feel free to contact me at any time with their questions or concerns.

Respectfully
Tony Skinner

Would Bd consider, if was appropriate, to keep site in same area.

Zone III – Mrs. Gallant

Zone meetings are scheduled for July 4th in Michigan and another will be held at the National in Indianapolis.

At the meeting, Mrs. Gallant shared some thoughts from an agility exhibitor asking that next time pick a venue that is dog friendly. Marlborough, Perry, Oklahoma City permitted dogs to walk to and from. The Indianapolis Convention Center was very un-dog friendly with their "No paws on the premises" rules.

Zone IV – Mrs. Kaul.

I am still in the process of getting as many zone IV members as possible onto the Zone IV Yahoo! Group that has been established. A few technology issues have caused this to take longer than anticipated, but I'm confident we'll get all who can get on to get onboard.

Zone IV members are continuing their efforts for the 2009 Nationals to be held in Pomona CA. Our first meeting was held March 29, 2008 at the show site in Pomona. The second meeting was on June 14, 2009 at Doug & Marleta MacFarlane's house. Committee chairs and members are in place and t-shirts will be available for sale after noon on Sunday at the national specialty in Indianapolis. A Zone IV meeting was held in Billings, Montana. We had 10 ASC members present and 15 newcomers to the breed who are now considering ASC membership. Discussions were about the 2008 national specialty, plans for the 2009 national specialty, benefits of joining ASC, Charles Born's 'Mentorship and Membership' write-up in the April 2008 presidential message and what it means to both established members and newcomers. I'd like to thank those cocker fanciers who joined us for the meeting – a great time was had by all.

I'd like to give a special congrats again to Zone IV member, Gail Workman, for winning the "Back Home Again in Indiana" Raffle. Congrats, Gail!

In legislative news, AB1634 moved ahead on a party vote of 3-2. It's no longer just about mandatory spay and neuter, the newest sections contain penalties for owners of intact dogs if *any* kind of complaint is made against them. It will take all of our effort to fight this down again. Interested in fighting this battle or learning more about how you can help? Go to www.cdoca.org – Concerned Dog Owners of California – for lots of great information and materials.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact me at stephanie@kauls.com or via phone at 408 737-1557.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Kaul
ASC Zone IV Director

14. New Business

A) Applicants for Membership and Election to Membership moved to Executive Session as election is by written, secret ballot.

B) Life Membership for members with continuous membership for 25 years
Margie Baybrook, Joe & Sandy Bell, Barbara Chadwick, Ronnie DeClerck, Kathleen Egeland, Gale Gordon, Linda Johnson, Marcia Joslyn, T. Alan & Barbara Kloss, Doris Koeneman, Frances McCue, Ron & Kathryn Smith, Tony & Joan Stallard, Sandra Steiner, Linda Wright

Motion by Mrs. Spacht, seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve Life Member status for these members.
Approved.

C) Selection of National and Zone Nominating Committee Members.

Sharon Elliott (chair)	Mary Napper
Bob Ennis	Per Rismyhr
Marilyn Spacht	Mike Pitts
Joan Stallard	Lisa Arnett
Tracy Caroll	Al Grossman

Harriet Kamps,
David Kittredge, chair
April Stinch alternate
Pat Leamy

Linda Donaldson, chair
Kathy Reid
Sandy St. John
Kevin Carter, alternate

Laura Heidrich, chair
Barry Harrison
Kevin Hughes
Melinda Hart alternate

Carolyn Calkins, chair
Kelli Smith
Maricel Torres Young
Billie Hayes, alternate

Jim Fehring chair
Cindy Lane
Debbie Vedon
Darla Piner alternate

Motion by Mrs. Gallant, seconded by Mrs. Spacht to accept these committees. Approved

D) Pay Pal demonstration – Mr. Fehring

Mr. Fehring presented a summary of work to date on the Paypal implementation proposal and asked for input from the Board members. Motion by Mr. Ward, second by Mrs. Spacht to move forward and give Mr. Fehring, in conjunction with Mr. Born and a test committee to be appointed by the President, the authority to make the decisions necessary to implement usage.

PAYPAL: Decisions: Calvin/Marilyn move forward to implement

E) **ASC Awards – Mrs. Larson.**

AMERICAN SPANIEL CLUB

Proposal to establish breed, breeder and member recognition awards.

Submitted by Kristi Ahlquist (Krismyth), Xiomara Larson, (Hillside),
Wilma Parker, (Triannon), and Bobbie Kolehouse, (Kindred).

July 2007

Overview

People join national breed clubs for a number of reasons, but it is the responsibility of the parent club to foster its members in ways that advance the breed. Acknowledging outstanding achievement on various levels offers the American Spaniel Club a way to build support for its global goals and to provide measurable, achievable benchmarks for individuals.

This proposal is to establish new breeder and member recognition awards that will recognize outstanding contribution to the breed by a) the dogs, b) the breeders, c) service to the parent club, d) service to local clubs, (i.e. rescue, fundraising, education, e) community service such as participation in school “read to the dog” reading programs, healthcare dog therapy programs, dog bite prevention programs, or search and rescue volunteer work.

These new recognition awards naturally fall under the umbrella of the History Committee, with ties to all activities and interest areas; Top Dog, Versatility, Field, Companion Dog Events, and Education Committees. Details of the criteria and process for awarding are in draft form in this proposal.

Goal

The goal of this proposal is to establish recognition awards for outstanding achievement and/or service in support of the Cocker Spaniel breed.

Objectives

- 1) Develop criteria and procedures for awarding these recognition awards.
- 2) Increase member awareness of the awards
- 3) Increase member participation and support for the awards.

Method

1. Awards and criteria
2. Procedures for nomination and coordination [New oversight committee made up of the chairs for each activity area, led by Kristi and Xiomara.]
3. Notation in archives [History]
4. Determination of awards [What will be given?]
5. Supported by what? Where does the money for this come from? Breeder Education?

Timeline

July 08 Proposal to the ASC Board
Jan 09 Revisions to the Board and final approval
July 09 First Awards at the ASC CS National Specialty

What give as award? Talk to Boxer Club individual.

Promotion

1. Website
2. Newsletter
3. Mailing of request for applications

Presentation

1. Given at 2008 CS National Specialty Awards Banquet
2. Insert into the program
3. Noted in the Annual Report

Working List of Potential Awards

INDIVIDUAL DOG AWARDS

[Many of these Marge tracks]

most puppy dog wins
most puppy bitch wins
most bred by exhibitor dog wins
most bred by exhibitor bitch wins
most american bred dog wins
most american bred bitch wins
most best of opposite sex bitch wins
most best of opposite sex dog wins
most best of breed dog wins
most best of breed bitch wins
most working group first dog wins
most working group first bitch wins
most best in show dog wins
most best in show bitch wins
most best in show specialty wins

sire producing the most titled off-spring
dam producing the most titled off-spring

These are in place I think: Top Dogs

Top obedience award
Top Tracking Dog
Top Field Trial Dog
Master Hunters
Top agility award

BREEDER AWARDS - against kennel awards

kennel with the most puppy wins
kennel making the most champions
kennel breeding the most champions
Community Service (rescue, fundraising, educational programming, therapy, canine ambassadors, animal welfare.)

YOUTH AWARDS

most junior showmanship wins
Community Service—youth award for the above.

TITLE AWARDS (they carry these behind their names as an ASC designation.)

LOMS: Legion of merit sire - produce 4 producers
LOMD: Legion of merit dam

SOM: Sire of Merit - 7 champion

DOM: Dam of Merit – 4 champion

A dog or bitch that has achieved Legion of Merit means a dog or bitch that has four or more get that have achieved either sire of merit or dam of merit.

LOM, SOM, or DOM can then be put behind their names on pedigrees forever.

SOM: To be a sire of merit you must have produced a minimum of I think, seven champions,

DOM: dam four champions.

[I think this needs to be expanded to include other titles too, but don't want to lose the need for the breed champion, so how would this work for us? A mix of champion and other titled off-spring that shows the dog's genuine breeding capacity? I think there needs to be a certain number of champion off-spring (type) in this award, but how many? Need to work on these. Same for the sires. Maybe there's something in another breed that describes this... whippets maybe...they have ROM and that Record of Merit might be a different designation from a DOM or SOM or LOM. I'll check.]

PRESENTATION AND PROMOTION

Banquet: At every place setting at the annual awards dinner was a fold out print out that lists everything (The Program mentioned in the proposal) above, including the dogs name, names of their get, also a list of all in the Hall of Fame

and those that have achieved Lifetime Achievement (not sure what this is)

and something called a Special Award

Catalog: In the show catalog they actually list every single SOM, DOM and LOM in the breed's history, again, a great research tool of such historical data.

They also list those animals that have achieved above and beyond the minimum for example, they list the sires that have produced up to 14 sires of merit, pretty impressive. It gives you a window into so many different pedigrees as to their producing ability.

Catalog: The catalog also lists every person that has donated a memorial to the ABCF memorial wall, there are something like 600 plus animals in this listing, their names, owners, age of death and reason for death. (Our Ring of Honor program)

Exhibit: They had the same thing up on a wall at the national except the wall included pictures. (That is a wonderful idea—a visual exhibit.)

Motion by Mrs. Pike, second by Mrs. Kaul that a committee composed of Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Alquist and one additional person from each zone work to come back with a proposal for awards firmed up by the January 2009 Board meeting. Approved.

Without objection, meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.