American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club
Annual Meeting - May 1, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President, Tina Sterling

Recording Secretary Report - Sandra Harrison

Minutes of the ACKCSC Board of Directors meetings are available under the "Members" section of the website - ackcsc.org

Corresponding Secretary Report - Lu Dunham

Lu Dunham was not present at the meeting, but her report was presented in the Annual Meeting Agenda as follows:

- Ongoing monitoring of AKC Marketplace club membership claims
- Maintain Breeder Referral Listings
- Judges' contracts and travel
- Breed Standard Vote Approved

See John Ioia's statement about our Cavaliers Standard change regarding acceptable Cavalier colors at the end of the agenda

Treasurer's Report - Betty Ann Brown

Copies of an unaudited "Statement of Financial Position" was made available to all members attending the meeting

Per the recommendation of the Parliamentarian (who attended the meeting remotely), President Tina Sterling declared a quorum.

Committee Reports

AKC Gazette Column - John Ioia
Copies of the following AKC Gazette Columns were made available to all members attending in the Annual Meeting Agenda pack:

- March 2022 - Remembering Robert Schroll
- June 2022 - Movement, the Front Assembly: Let's Talk Anatomy
- September 2022 - Colors and the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
- December 2022 - The ACKCSC National - A Display of Cavalier Quality and Health

John further explained that there are often two versions of these columns - one for the AKC Gazette and one for ACKCSC members.

Annual - Marji McCormick, Editor; Co-Editors - Mary Hanus, Joni Marquardt, LuAnn Rogers, and Emily Wensel.
The report was included in the Annual Meeting Agenda - presented at the meeting by Joni Marquardt)

- Camera Ready Ads will be taken from May 22 until early July
- Gallery Ads - $150
- New Title Holders and Stud Dog Section - $75 half page
- National Winners - including Juniors and performance events, Versatility Award, Register of Merit, and Legion of Merit - complimentary
- Regional Club - free ad - but must be camera ready
- She announced that Barb Hoorman, Stefanie Hart, and Samantha Pool have agreed to design ads for the Annual. It is the responsibility of the person wanting an ad to contact an ad designer. Contact information for these designers will sent via a special email. Joni emphasized that the information currently on the website IS NOT CORRECT!

Breeder Education - Charlie Fippin

- Charlie announced Jeanie Montford will present the breeder education at the National
- Asked for volunteers to serve not the Breeder Education committee
- Asked for ideas and suggestions for future programs
- Please email her at charlie@athercroft.com

By-Laws and Policies and Procedures

- Committee members announced
  - Dr. John Ioia
  - Lu Dunham
  - One more committee member to be appointed

- A copy of our current by-laws was made available to members attending the meeting
- John's email address is bonefixr@gmail.com
- Please email John if you have concerns or questions regarding a possible update to our by-laws

Calendars and Publications - Stephanie Abraham

- A complete report was included in the Meeting Agenda
- 300 copies sold to date
- 100% of the profits go to the Charitable Trust and the Rescue Trust - usually $6-7 per calendar
- Calendars have been donated to our Juniors and hope to offer them as prizes for registrants for the Cavalier Walk
- 2022-2023 - Stephanie Abraham, Cindy Huggins, and Jeanie Montford have had articles in Top Notch Toys and ShowSight Magazine

- Dr. John Ioia continues his Cavalier columns in the AKC Gazette

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Electronic Communication - Kim Baillie, Chair

- **Eileen Starks**
- **Kim Maret**
- **Stephanie Sterling**
- **Elaine Challacombe**
- **Margie McCormick**
- **Joni Marquardt**

- New website platform - WordPress
- Eileen Starks developed 2023 Website and store in a very short amount of time
- Newsletter team continues to provide great newsletters to the membership - Kim asked that everyone take time to read them
- The committee REALLY wants suggestions for new content. If you have suggestions, please contact Kim Baillie

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Futurity - Sandy Harrison

- The Futurity Program was inaugurated in September 2007 is a breeder showcase for conformation, comparable to the Kentucky Derby for breeders of top running horses.

- Sandy's complete report was included in the Annual Meeting Agenda
- Highlights:
  - This year:
    - 44 dam nominations
    - 31 puppy nominations
  - Last year:
    - 56 dam nominations
    - 59 puppy nominations
  - Two years ago
    - 145 dam nominations
    - 141 puppy nominations
- Members were encouraged to nominate their dams to keep this worthwhile program going
- Suggestions were made by the membership to develop a reminder system to facilitate this
- Questions or concerns - contact Sandy at sandybh@juno.com

Health Committee - Tina Sterling RN AS, Chair

- **John Ioia, MD, PhD**
- **Leslie Slusher, BS, MS, PhD**
- **Stephanie Sterling, BS**
- **Kathy Yonkers, BSDH, RDH, BS, MS**

Mission Statement: To identify health issues in the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel; to evaluate research proposals and make recommendations to the Charitable Trust and lead in educating the ACKCSC membership and Cavalier community.

- The complete report was included in the Annual Meeting Agenda
- Highlights:

- **Completed Research**
  - Three research grants completed in the last four years - more information available on the CT website
- **Progress report**
  - ACKCSC-CT Grant #107 - Rejuvenate Bio
    - Start 5/1/2017; End 3/20/21
    - Grant Amount $100,000
    - 2017-2019 - Safety study in Beagles and development of treatment dosage
    - 2020-2021 - Follow-up on dogs in Pilot Study - 2+ years
    - 2023-2024 - Preparation for and distribution of the treatment to veterinarians nationally
- **Current Research**
  - *ACKCSC-CT Grand #108 - Use of a Novel, Whole Brain Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopic Imaging Technique in the Evaluation of Dogs with Idiopathic Epilepsy* - University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine - Total Grant $37,589. Duration 24 months

  - *#02930 - A Dose-Finding Study of Cannabidiol in Dogs with Idiopathic Epilepsy* - Colorado State University. Total Grant $107,995; ACKCSC-RT donation - $10,800. Grant period - 5/1/2021-4/30/2024

  - *CHF Small Animal Theriogenology Residency Program*
    - CT Donation $2,500
    - Possibly an annual donation

- **Future Research**
  - The Health Committee will continue to review potential research to fund each year. The ACKCSC-CT will work with the AKC/CHF fund studies for Cavaliers and all breeds

- **Health Survey**
  - We have completed two surveys on behalf of the ACKCSC and are working on a third

- **Conferences**
  - The Health Committee members continue to attend various conferences, seminars, and webinars throughout the year to keep current on new scientific research and discoveries
  - The Health Committee will be hosting several Zoom presentations throughout the year and one in-person seminar this year (at the National).

- **Cavalier Academy**
  - New program which will give members credits for attending each of the seminars.

- **Research Testing**
  - Testing for DM, ESF, DE, and CC can be done at OFA, VetGen, Embark, Wisdom Panel, GenSol Labs to name a few

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Judge Education Committee

Cindy Huggins, Chair
Stephanie Abraham
Lu Dunham
John Ioia
Lamont Yoder
Carla Mathies
Patty Kanan
Tina Sterling

- Numerous breed seminars given across the country to continue to educate judges - both provisional and licensed
- The committee would like to set up groups of individuals to become mentors and presenters. Anyone interested - fill out the application on our website

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Junior Showmanship Committee - Lu Dunham

- 2022 Cavalier Juniors Top 10
  1. Madyson Smith
  2. Alaura Brown
  3. Dylan Page
  4. Katryna Smith
  5. Sarah Anderson
  6. Isabel Beaumont
  7. Wyatt Brown
  8. Avery DeVault
  9. Sadie Lemoine
  10. Landon Gonzales
- Four juniors approved to get a $500 stipend if they show their dogs on Thursday.
- Stefanie Sterling announced the special events planned for the rest of the week at the National

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2023 ACKCSC AKC Legislative Liaison Report
Maureen Pogorezelski

- Maureen presented an in-depth report which was included in the Annual Meeting Agenda
- She urges each club member who is on Facebook to join the Facebook Group “devoted to sharing legislative issues with members of the Cavalier community”
- You can find it on Facebook - **ACKCSC Legislative Liaison**

Membership - Lu Dunham

- Current Total Membership - 336
  - Regular Members - 179
  - Associate Members - 150
  - Foreign - 6
  - Junior - 1
  - Member Clubs - 24

- 17 new associates and 7 new regular members since 2022 annual meeting

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National Specialty Oversight Committee

- **Rick Alexander - Chair**
- **Kim Baillie - Website, Shop Now, Trophy Acquisition, Committee Secretary**
- **Mark Baillie - Audio-Video, Electrical and Engineering, Graphic Acquisitions**
- **Lu Dunham - Judges Contracts and AKC Applications and Compliance**

- **Eileen Starks - Graphics and Specialty Website Development**

Rick thanked the sub-committee chairs - and thanked everyone for their hard work on this year's National:

- 2023 ACKCSC National Specialty Show Chair - Kim Baillie
- 2023 ACKCSC National Specialty Obedience/Rally Chair - Mary Morris
- 2023 ACKCSC National Specialty Agility Chair - Joan Williams
- 2023 ACKCSC National Specialty FAST CAT Chair - Beci Markjohn
- 2023 ACKCSC National Specialty CGC/Trick Dog Chair - Mary Morris/Sandy Avert

He also announced the dates and venue for the 2024 National Specialty

- April 15-19, 2024
- Hampton Inn & Suites - Dallas - Mesquite
- A link will be provided to the membership when our block of rooms becomes available
- He asked that each member reserve only ONE room - except for special circumstances

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Charitable Trust - Patty Kanan

- The CT has funded/is funding a total of three studies that are investigating heart disease, SM, and PSOM. Tina Sterling - Chair, Health Committee - has discussed details of Current and Completed Grants in her Health Committee Report
- Rejuvenate Bio
  - Successfully got funding to allow them to take the research out to the public. By the end of 2023, early 2024 - the injections will hopefully be available to the general public
  - Results from the original studies - dogs injected with the serum - have been successful
  - Patty reported that Rejuvenate Bio feels that they are close to human trials
- Mark Baillie reported a new project - the luminaries. He reported 300 luminaries were purchased this year
- Patty/Mark also mentioned the Cavalier walk - which will hopefully happen again in 2024

Nominating Committee

- **Charlie Fippin - Chair**
- **Beth Reed**
- **Robyn Russak**
- **Alternates**
- **Kim Maret**
- **Sheryl Skidmore**

- **The slate presented by the Nominating Committee:**
  - **Officers - to serve one-year terms, May 2023-May 2024**
    - President Bettina Sterling (PA)
    - Vice President Dr. John Ioia (NY)
    - Rec Secy Suzanne Robinson (IA)
    - Corr Secy Luanne Dunham (GA)

- Treasurer Betty Ann Brown (NC)

- **Directors - To serve two-year terms, May 2023-May 2025**
  - Patty Kanan (CA)
  - Leslie Slusher
  - Lamont Yoder (AZ)

- **Delegate - Class of 2025**
  - Patty Kanan

- **Nominations by written petition:**
  - Corr Secy Kim Baillie MN)
  - Treasurer Kim Cain (TX)
  - Director Sandra Harrison (CA)

Performance/Companion Events

- Trick Dog Novice
- CGC
- FAST CAT
- Agility
- Obedience
- Rally

- Beci Markjohn-Beasley is coordinating the FAST CAT and asked for ACKCSC members to come to volunteer
- Mary Morris - Trial Chair for Obedience and Rally - in the tent on Tuesday and Wednesday

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Regional Clubs - Kim Maret (kjmaret@aol.com)

- 2023 - 25 Regional Clubs
  - 24 AKC Licensed Clubs
  - 24 AKC Member Clubs
  - 1 AKC Sanctioned-A Club (Kansas City)
  - 1 Disbanded - Hawaii

- **Contact information:**
  - **Regional Clubs Google Group** - Contact Kim Maret - kjmaret@aol.com to get your club secretary registered. Information from the ACKCSC and other regional clubs - including specialty invitations, legislation updates and requests for volunteers is sent to this list
    - This is also a great venue to ask questions and get input from other regional clubs

  - **ACKCSC Website Calendar** - send your club event dates to Kim Maret (kjmaret@aol.com). Specialties, matches, performance events, educational seminars, health clinics, and recreational/fun events geared for both club members and pet families

- **ACKCSC website -** Send your updated membership roster and list of officers to Kim Maret (**kjmaret@aol.com**)

- **Charitable Trust/Rescue Trust Calendar**
  - Send your specialty dates/location to Stephanie Abraham - landmarks.properties@snet.net as soon as your AKC event has been approved

- **Regional Club Reports and Newsletter Articles**
  - Send to Margie McCormick - newsletter@ackcsc.org
  - Deadlines
    - March 15
    - June 15
    - September 15
    - December 15
- If you have ideas for articles or have an article you would like to share in addition to club news, please let Marji know

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Rescue Trust

- **Renee Bruns**
  - 32 dogs in foster care
  - 2 heartworm positive dogs coming in soon
  - Averaging 4-6 intakes per month
  - Serious lack of foster homes
  - She asked for more volunteers to assist
    - Foster
    - Home visits
    - Transportation
- Again this year, the RT has sponsorships to 100% underwrite the RT Party - Tuesday night
- Rescue Trust Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet 2022 was attached to the Annual Meeting Agenda

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Statistics - 2022

- **Mary Hanus**
  - **Champions 259**
  - **Grand Champions 96**
  - **Bronze Grand Champions 34**
  - **Silver Grand Champions 14**
  - **Gold Grand Champions 4**
  - **Platinum Grand Champions 1**
  - **Canine Good Citizenship 204**
  - **Therapy Dog 20**
  - **Performance Titles 1,606**
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  - **Total CKCS Titles 2022 2,238**

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- **Award Recipients 2022**
- **ROM Dams 4**
- **ROM Sires 2**
- **LOM Dam 1**
- **Advanced Performance Award 9**
  - Six from the same owner/kennel

Election of Officers - Tina Sterling

- **Newly Elected Officers and Directors**
  - President Tina Sterling
  - Vice President John Ioia
  - Corresponding Secretary Kim Baillie
  - Recording Secretary Suzanne Robinson
  - Directors
  - Sandra Harrison
  - Leslie Slusher
  - Lamont Yoder

- **Directors beginning the second year of their two-year term**
  - Rick Alexander
  - Charlie Fippin
  - Stephanie Abraham

  - **AKC Delegate**
    - Patty Kanan

- **Going off the Board of Directors**
  - Elizabeth Brown
  - Lu Dunham
  - Eileen Starks
  - Sandy Harrison - leaves at Recording Secretary - but will remain on the board as a director

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Additional Discussion

- **2024 - National Specialty Judge**
  - A question was raised from the floor about the 2024 National Specialty judge
  - Tina Sterling and Rick Alexander explained that a general club email will be sent out in the next few weeks asking for suggestions from club members for the 2024 judge.
  - Claire Parker is the chair of the judge selection committee - and she will mastermind the selection process after she gets these suggestions

- Mark Baillie made a request that the ACKCSC Board of Directors develop a more consistent protocol to oversee the financial records of the club and additionally requested a report to the membership.

- A question from the audience regarding recognized Cavalier colors. John Ioia offered a history of the process of producing a breed standard with the AKC and explained that work is being done to solidify the platform.

Meeting was adjourned - and we all left to go enjoy a FUN week!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Robinson