

LATEST UPDATE ON AKC REGARDING PCA

August 17, 2009

To: PCA Members

From: Tony Rosato, Secretary

Re: Club info update

Below is an email received from AKC along with the section from the August AKC Board minutes pertaining to PCA.

The PCA Board has agreed to hold another membership meeting at the request of the AKC Board with a meeting agenda that was worked out between John French and AKC President Dennis Sprung. While the meeting is set, the details are still in the works, so members will receive a meeting call notice in the mail soon.

To give you some background, the PCA Board was none too pleased that reportedly some (not all) AKC Directors wanted PCA to do another membership meeting after the Club just held one in June and another (general membership meeting) was scheduled for September with the National Specialty. PCA's professional registered parliamentarian affirmed that the June 14th meeting and its agenda were proper and followed PCA bylaws and Robert's Rules.

The objective of that June 14th meeting -- or so the PCA Board was led to believe by AKC prior to the meeting being held -- was to fulfill a requirement (apparently placed only on PCA by AKC) to have a quorum present at a membership meeting before approving the club's shows. Reportedly, the reason for that was because PCA has not held a membership meeting with a quorum for a very long time. The PCA Board and members accepted that reason and fulfilled the request,

From AKC August Board Minutes:

From: AKC

To: Johndanafrench@aol.com

Sent: Mon, Aug 17, 2009 1:29 pm

Pekingese Club of America

Mr. Sprung reported on a communication he received from John French, President of the Pekingese Club of America. Mr. French outlined the proposed agenda for a special meeting, as follows:

- Roll Call (may be done by sign-in sheet)
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Report of the President
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Report of Committees (notice will include itemized list of which committees will be reporting)
- Unfinished business (notice will include itemized list)
- New Business (notice will have itemized list which will include a notice item called "Open Forum on any topic members wish to discuss")
- Adjournment

Mr. French requested verification that this would meet the AKC Board request for a membership meeting. It was the sense of the Board that contingent upon a quorum at the meeting and satisfactory minutes and reports, the above agenda would meet the Board's prerequisite for considering the approval of a future PCA Specialty Show. The Board also specified that the Report of the Treasurer should indicate all club balances, and be accompanied by the latest official bank statement.

even though it is widely known that AKC does not make that stipulation with other clubs. It was understood that the issue was a quorum.

It seems that once PCA's meeting with a quorum was completed and reports were submitted to AKC, some at AKC reportedly said the meeting was not sufficient, while others at AKC reportedly insisted that the meeting was indeed sufficient and complied with our Club's bylaws.

The issue then evolved into a disagreement between some at AKC as to whether PCA could hold a general membership meeting or a special meeting outside of a show weekend. PCA Bylaws are clear on this point, so there should have been no question at all. There was certainly no question as far as the PCA Board was concerned. Our Board understood that the Club can only hold a special meeting outside of a show weekend, period. After considerable debate, AKC agreed on that point.

Once that point was settled, the PCA Board would not agree to ask members to attend yet a third membership meeting this year until there was a very detailed list and complete assurance from the AKC Board spelling out what they wanted the PCA members and Board to do. The result was a meeting agenda worked out between John and Mr. Sprung that the AKC Board agreed to, that would fit under the format of a special meeting as noted in the August AKC Board minutes.

Sincerely,

