

Third Quarter 2003 Delegates Report  
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As your Delegate I attended the Quarterly Delegates meeting in Portland, Oregon on June 9th and 10th. Monday morning was the Delegates Caucus where discussions were held regarding issues that would be brought up or voted on at the Tuesday meeting and topics, such as the Registration and Computer System problems and the additional fees for event giving clubs were talked about.

Monday afternoon I chaired the Delegates Parent Club Committee Meeting where we announced that The AKC has committed \$100,000. As a partial sponsorship for a 2004 Parent Club Conference. We have received indications from AKC CAR that they will also contribute, and once that is solidified will request additional corporate sponsor contributions.

At that meeting we announced that we are working on a National Specialty Show Site Directory that will be housed on the AKC Web Site. With staff assistance we hope to have it up and running some time early in 2004.

Many other topics were discussed

Over 70 Delegates, AKC Staff and Board members were in attendance.

Following that meeting I chaired the Coordinating Committee meeting, where the heads of all of the Committees, some Board and Staff Members discussed what had been accomplished at the various meetings, their plans for the future and what needs to be done in the future. We determined that the topic for the September Delegates Forum would be on the proposed Working Dog Sport.

Tuesday morning the Forum was an excellent staff presentation on the Discipline Process.

Following the Forum the regular Delegates meeting convened. The proposal to make the 4th quarterly meeting one that could be held in either December or January was defeated.

There were presentations and comments re: other issues facing AKC, the Delegate body and the Sport.

Some notes of interest:

1. September 17th has been proclaimed " AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day" Over 100 clubs and organizations across the country have signed up to hold a celebratory event.
2. AKC has awarded over \$160,000. In Veterinary Scholarships

The next Delegates meeting will be held September 8th and 9th in New York