# American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club
# Annual Meeting
# April 14, 2015

President Patty Kanan called the Meeting to order at 3:45pm EDT
Board Members Present were: S. Abraham, R. Alexander, K. Baillie, C. Bond, B.A. Brown, L. Dunham, C. Fippin, S. Harrison, J. Ioia, P. Kanan, T. Sterling,

A quorum was present at this meeting. Seventy six members attended.

**President's Report:**
Patty Kanan welcomed all the members attending the 2015 Specialty Show.

President Patty Kanan introduced the newly elected Officers and Board of Directors for 2015 – 2016. Officers hold office for a period of one year, Board of Directors hold office for two years.

President – Patricia Kanan
Vice President – Bettina Sterling
Recording Secretary – Sandra Harrison
Corresponding Secretary – Luanne Dunham
Treasurer – Betty Ann Brown

Directors, Class of 2017:
Kim Baillie, Carol Bond, John Ioia

Directors, Class of 2016:
Stephanie Abraham, Rick Alexander, Shirley Stewart-Fippin

Delegate – Patty Kanan

**Recording Secretary Report:**
Sandra Harrison reported:

- Board Meeting and Annual Meeting minutes are available on the website in the Members Only section, once they are approved by the Board.
- The Annual General Meeting Minutes will be available once the Board approves them.

**Corresponding Secretary Report:**
Lu Dunham reported she:

- Maintains the online user list and Membership Directory updates.
- Produced and mailed over 400 mailings
- Completed the 2015 Show Application and Compliance Report.
- Filed the "Blanket approval" with AKC for 2 years for clubs licensed by October 2013.
- Created and managed all judge's contracts for 2015 National Specialties and beyond.
- Please let Lu know if you have changed your address or contact information.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Betty Ann Brown reported:

- The Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014 totals $138,162.

**Delegate's Report**: Patty Kanan

- Patty reported that she attuned the last Delegates Meeting.
- Many Parent Clubs do not have their own web sites.
- AKC wants all parent clubs to separate their rescue and health trusts from the parent club, as we have.
- The AKC web site is being upgraded. Parent clubs will each have their own web page on AKC's site.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES:**

**Ads and Publications: (Stephanie Abraham – Chair)**

Stephanie Abraham authored articles in:

- Dog News and Top Notch Toys article and photographs of the ACKCSC National Specialty,
- Web articles in Showsight.
- Royal Dispatch – ACKCSC National Specialty article & photos.
- AKC "The Complete Dog Book" has been updated and was released in 2014. She thanked everyone who submitted photos.
- The club has ads in the Westminster and AKC/Eukanuba catalogs.
- ACKCSC helps support regional clubs first specialties by advertising in your catalogs, and supplies their rosettes.

**AKC Gazette Column: (Stephanie Abraham – Chair)**

- Stephanie submitted a column every 3 months with topics of timely interest to the
  Cavalier community.
- The Gazette ceased print publication in 2011 but remains available online at www.AKC.org/pubs/gazette/digital_edition.cfm
- Stephanie welcomed our new columnists John Ioia and Meredith Johnson-Snyder

**Awards & Statistics: (Mary Hanus – Chair)**

Patty Kanan reported for Mary:

2014 ACKCSC Titles
Register of Merit (ROM) –
Sires: 0
Dams: 5
Legion of Merit (LOM) - 0
Advanced Performance Awards – 5
Versatility Awards - 2

2014 AKC Titles
Agility, Obedience and Rally - 929
Conformation:
Champions – 274

Grand Champions – 105
Canine Good Citizen – 185
Therapy dog – 27
Lure, Track, Barn - 25
Total Awards = 1545 Cavalier Titles!

**Breeder Education: (Cindy Huggins – Chair)**

Kim Baillie gave this report:

- The Committee formed in 2010
- Committee Members are:
  - Cindy Huggins (Courtlore Cavaliers), chair
  - Kim Baillie (Kimark Cavaliers)
  - Charlie Fippin (Athercroft Cavaliers)
  - Karin Ostmann (Sheeba Cavaliers)
  - Carol Rose (Karlee Cavaliers)
  - Robert Schroll (Ravenrush Cavaliers)
  - Erica Venier (Orchard Hill Cavaliers)
- Past seminars:
  - 2011 Breed Standard, type and structure
  - 2012 Favorite Pedigrees
  - 2013 Forging a Future by Remembering the Past! English Foundation Cavaliers
  - 2014 Influential American dogs and Pedigrees
  - 2015 Evaluating and Rearing Puppies
  - Please send us your ideas for 2016 and beyond!

**Breeder Referral: (Lu Dunham)**

- Thanks for our committee members Susan Haller and Anne James. They responded to over 250 phone calls and 700 email correspondences per year!

**Calendar Sales: (Stephanie Abraham)**

- 2014 Calendar donated over $3000 split between Health and Rescue.
- First published in 2007, ours is the only calendar to donate 100% of the profits to our Health and Rescue Trusts.
- We need someone to help with the calendars. They must be familiar with Adobe InDesign software, can help with the tech aspects of the calendar, and work with the printer. They must be willing to work in August and September, but only then. If you are interested in this project, contact Stephanie Abraham.
- Submit your photos for the 2016 Calendar – "Beautiful Dogs in Beautiful Settings"
- There are still some 2015 Calendars available, at a discounted price, for sale at the club table.

**Charitable Trust: (Patty Kanan - Chair)**

- October 2014: First Facebook Page for the CT.
- November 2014: CT is recognized for eBay and PayPal Giving Fund status.

- Current: New CT Website under construction – Work interrupted due to the preparation for the 2015 National Specialty Show and Charitable Trust Banquet and Auction.
- Tina Sterling attends the CHF conference each year.

**Electronic Communications: (Kim Baillie – Chair)**

Kim reported:

- The Electronic Communications Committee members are Kim Baillie – Chair, Kim Maret, and Eileen Starks.
- The committee sends out Club constant contacts.
- A new website will launch in 2015. Key features are:
    - Easier navigation (drop down boxes)
    - Responsive (mobile friendly) design
    - Clean look.

**Futurity: (Sandy Harrison – Chair)**.

- This year we had 91 dam nominations and 73 puppy nominations. The total paid out in Futurity winnings for 2014 was $2,045.20.
- We have 31 Dam and 14 Puppy Nominations for the 2016 Futurity Stakes in Oklahoma.

**Health Committee: (Bettina Sterling – Chair)**

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 Committee members are: Tina Sterling, RN, AS, John Ioia, M.D., PhD, Rita Rudkin, RN, Carmen Herbel-Spears, RN, DHA, MSN, PhD, Kathy Yonkers, BSDH, RDH, BS, MS, & Diane Zdrodowski, B.S.
- Tina thanked Helen Jesse for her work on the new CT website.
- The Health committee is working to build a new Health Website with info for Cavalier Health, Health Clinics, specialties, MRI Centers, Symposiums, and genetic tests.
- The Health Committee is working on the 2nd Health Survey which is almost ready.
- The committee has recommended these grant proposals to the Charitable Trust:
    - Development and Testing of a Novel Canine Annuloplasty Ring for Mitral Valve Repair – MSU, Augusta Pelosi, DMV – Pending MSU acceptance.
    - Quantifying Bisphenol A in Breast Milk of Nursing CKCS: A pilot Study WC Univ. - Completed

- Health Committee Projects:
    - 2nd Health Survey – West Chester Univ. Leslier Slusher PhD. Completed and going live in May 2015.
    - Education Survey – Measure membership knowledge base – will be out in summer or fall – Carmen Herbal-Spears.

- Research testing – DNA and MVD blood draws – 2nd phase – projected 2016.
- Review, revise and compose new forms for the CT and Health Committee, Kathy Yonkers. Complete and submitted to the CT Board.

- New Grants, 2014-2015, Approved by the CT
  - Early and Accurate Prediction of Mitral Valve Disease Development – Cornell University – Sydney N. Moise, DVM 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014
  - Canine Epilepsy: Genetic Variants, Biomarkers and New Therapies (phase 1) Univ. of Minnesota – New E Patterson, DVM, PhD 10/1/14 – 9/30/2015
  - Identifying the Gene Responsible for Inherited Infertility and Sterility in 20 Breeds. Cornell Univ., Dr. Vicki Meyers-Wallen 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015
  - Determining the Characteristics of Sperm That Accurately Predict Fertility. Univ. of CA Davis – Stuart Meyers, DMV,PhD 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015
  - Defining the Genetic Foundations of Chiari-like Malformation and Syringomyelia as a Tool to Better Treat Neuropathic pain in the Dog – North Carolina State Univ. – Natasha J Olby, VetMB, PhD, Sofia Cerda-Gonzalez DMV, Dip ACVIM (Neurology) – Cornell Univ. 1/1/2015 – 12/1/2015
  - 2 studies on Chairi-like Malformation and Syringomyelia (CM/SM)
    - The 1st aim of this project is to quantify thresholds to temperature and touch in dogs with and without CM/SM
    - The 2nd aim is to perform genetic analysis on affected and unaffected dogs with the intent to develop genetic tests that will aid breeders in breeding away from the problem.

**Judges Education Committee: (Stephanie Abraham – Chair)** Stephanie announced the other members of the Committee are Cindy Huggins, Shirley Fippin, David Kirkland, Carla Mathies, Tina Sterling, Lamont Yoder.

- Seminars:
  - April 2014 – National Specialty in Harrisburg, PA – Verbal presentation plus Hands-on and Ringside Mentoring.
  - Repeated at the 2015 National Specialty in Asheville, NC
  - Various CA,OK,WA, MA, PA etc. by approved presenters from the ACKCSC.
  - PowerPoint to be posted on our web site. A fluid presentation constantly updated.
- Trifold has been reprinted. It is available to all for purchase online.
- Breed Guide – Nominated for a DWAA Award. It is available to all for purchase online.
- Correspondence – Answering questions from judges, and linking prospective judges with mentors in their geographical area.
- Maintaining a list of ACKCSC approved Mentors and Presenters.

**Judges Selection Committee:**

- New Committee appointed for 2017 and beyond
    - Committee members are Betty Ann Brown, Claire Parker, Stephanie Sterling, Karin Ostmann, Gwen Crawford and alternate, Marji McCormick.

**Junior Showmanship: (Julia Johns – Chair)**

- Julia Johns reported there has been a decline in Cavalier Juniors in the US.
- To encourage Junior Showmanship, the Junior's Committee and the ACKCSC has developed the ACKCSC Junior Handler Scholarships and Stipends program.
- The Committee had created a new Juniors page on the ACKCSC website.
- Qualifying Juniors may apply for a College Scholarship ($1,000). They may also apply for a stipend to attend and exhibit a Cavalier at either Westminster KC ($500), or the AKC Eukanuba ($250). Also, each year the Jr. Handler may apply for a $100 stipend to attend and exhibit in the ACKCSC National Specialty Show.
- The 1st Stipends were awarded this year. 1 each for the Eukanuba and the ACKCSC National Specialty Shows.
- Congratulations to the Top 10 Juiors for 2014: 1. Matthew Zuleger 2. Taylor Scott, 3. Ashley Barns, 4. Rheanna Fitzgerald, 5. Malynn Johns 6. Madelyn Hofschulte, 7. Emma Moon, 8. Mariah Cousino, 9. Lena Konzelman, 10. Deeratu Massey.

**Legislation:**

Patty Kanan welcomed back Maureen Pogorzelski as our Legislative Liaison!

- Each Regional Club should appoint a Legislative Liaison.
- Follow your local news carefully.
- Take advantage of local information.
- Familiarize yourself with the local legislative process. If a dog bill passes in one state, it will make an appearance in other states. If it is defeated, file that information in case the same type of law is introduced in your state.
- Know how you can become involved.
- Get to know your elected officials.
- Involve others.
- Communicate with other groups. Join your local all-breed club.

**Membership: (Lu Dunham – BOD Liaison)**

The membership committee consists of: Lu Dunham (BOD Liaison), Dee Wallis, Jason Maret, and Marji McCormick. This year the ACKCSC accepted 18 new Associate Members, 6 members were upgraded to Regular Membership status, and 6 memberships lapsed, and 3 deceased of resigned. The current total is 145 Regular Members and 207 Associate Members. The total membership is 352.

**National Specialty Oversight Committee: (Rick Alexander – Chair)**

Rick Alexander thanked our Conformation Chair Barbara Pepper, Performance Chair Eileen Wilson, and all our Benefactors, Patrons and sponsors.
The National Oversight Committee Members are:

- Stephanie Abraham – Judges' Education and Ringside Mentoring
- Kim Baillie – Wesite, One Stop Shopping and Committee Secretary
- Mark Baillie – Audio/Video, Electrical and Apps
- Cheryl Barnes – Vendor Management and Site Layout
- Carol Bond – Benefactor, Donor and Patron Fundraising
- Lu Dunham – Judges Contracts and AKC Application/Compliance
- Sandra Harrison – Futurity Secretary and Keeper Trophies
- Helen Jesse – Charitable Trust Banquet and Auctions
- Kim Maret – Regional Clubs Coordination and Fundraiser
- Tina Sterling – Challenge Trophies and Seminars
- Eileen Wilson – Performance
- Betty Ann Brown – On-stop Shopping, Club Table and Hotel Contracts
- Jennifer Wehking – Veterans Activities and Concessions
- Eileen Starks – Corporate Sponsorship/Promotion

- Rick presented info about our 2016 National Specialty Show
    - 2016 – Regional Host –CKCSC of Central Oklahoma
    - Embassy Suites and Conference Center, Norman OK
    - Monday May 2nd – Thursday, May 5, 2016
    - Show Chair – Renee Bruns
- The judges for the 2016 National Specialty are (pending AKC approval)
    - Conformation – Brian Claydon
    - Sweepstakes - Erica Venier
    - Futurity – Carol Rose
- Our 2017 National Specialty Show
    - Hosted by the Twin Cities CKCSC, Minneapolis, MN
    - Double Tree by Hilton, Minneapolis, MN
    - Monday April 24 – Thursday 27, 2017
    - Show Chair – Kim Baillie

**Nominating Committee: (Charlie Fippin – Chair)** The committee consisted of Charlie Fippin – Chair, Hank Williams and Kay Trad. Alternates were Gary Beebower and Glenda Schroeder. The Nominating Committee nominated the current Board. There were no additional nominations from the membership. The nominating committee's slate was elected.

**Performance Committee**: **(Eileen Wilson – Chair)**

- Performance includes but is not limited to: Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Agility, Lure Coursing, Therapy, Freestyle, and Canine Good Citizen.
- We need a performance chair.

**Regional Clubs: (Kim Maret – Chair)**

- Kim reported that as of 2014 we have 33 Regional clubs.
    - 24 AKC Licensed Clubs
    - 4 AKC Sanctioned A Clubs
    - 2 AKC Sanctioned B Clubs
    - 26 ACKCSC Member Clubs

        - 3 forming clubs –Welcome to the latest additions, Hawaii, Susquehanna Valley and Chesapeake Bay Clubs.
        - Congratulations to the No. Florida Club on gaining Specialty Status in 2014!
    - Each regional club corresponding secretary and one other club member should be a member of the Regional Clubs Yahoo Group. Information from the Parent Club and other Regional Clubs, including specialty invitations, legislation updates and requests for volunteers are sent to this list. List members are then responsible for distributing the emails to their members.
    - This is also a great venue for newly-formed clubs to ask questions about getting started.
    - Please review your club's information on the AKC and ACKCSC websites. Updates go to Kim Maret. Send updated roster to Lu Dunham.

**Rescue: (Renee Bruns – Chair)**

- Renee reported this has been the most rewarding year of the Rescue Trust. Because of the Rescue Trust's policies, the TR cannot purchase dogs. David's Fund was set up as a way to rescue some of the dogs that went to auction. We don't seek media attention. All rescues are vetted, fostered at least 3 weeks, and spayed and neutered.
- Glenda Schroeder is our Natl. Fundraising Director.

**Royal Dispatch: (LuAnn Stuver-Rogers – Editor)**

- Patty Kanan reported the Royal Dispatch was named the "Best Club Magazine" in 2014 by the Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA).

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Kay Hoyt moved for adjournment at 5:56 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Harrison
ACKCSC Recording Secretary