

# APONC Board Meeting

April 9th, 2024

<b>Officers Present</b>	Pam Siehr, Margaret Korzeniowska, Amanda Bangera, Isabelle Majerus
<b>Board of Directors Present</b>	Martin Cabral, Tracy Campanella, Denise Hovdestad
<b>Board Member(s) - Absent</b>	
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	8:04 PM ET

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- March 12th, 2024 - Edits Needed
  - EXEC SESSION\_3.12.24
- March 19th, 2024 - Edits Needed

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Pam Siehr

- Cheryl Kerner passed away on March 30, 2024.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT - Amanda Bangera

- While going over membership renewals, I saw that Darlene Cross lost a PON in 2023, Willow. Per Pam, Jan Gryck lost Mystery. I will send the mailing addresses to Magda.
- I am almost done with the 2024 directory. I will have it completed by the end of the week. I will email Mim an updated email list and send Herald updated labels.

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Isabelle Majerus

- The check from the old APONC account has been received.
- For 2024, we have about 160 members:
  - 13 Lifetime Members
  - 31 Households = ~\$1,860
  - 30 Individuals = ~\$1,200
  - 10 Breeders (Breeders List) = ~\$750
  - Giving us a total membership fee revenue of ~\$3,830.
- Herder will be 48 pages in color.
  - PrintCo Graphics Estimates
    - 100 pages = \$655
    - \$2.35 per booklet for postage
  - Other possible vendors have not responded yet with quotes.

<u>Financial Report as of March 29, 2024:</u>		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Assets			N/A
Chase Checking account	\$17,682.45	Membership	175.74
Chase Savings account	\$10,001.38	Savings Acct. Interest	0.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,683.83</b>		<b>\$175.82</b>
Beginning Balance:	\$17,506.71		
Revenue	\$175.82		
Expenses	(0.00)		
Ending Balance	\$27,683.83		

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Herder:** Would like to dedicate the next Herder to Cheryl (not the one about to go to print) - Still waiting on captions for photos and an article.

**Rescue:** Nothing to report.

**Illustrated Standard:** Pam will email addresses of judges for 2024 National Specialty so we can send them an illustrated standard.

### 2024 National Specialty:

- August 16-18, 2024
- Greensboro Coliseum Complex
- Regional Specialty (8/16): Judge - John Cole
- National Specialty (8/17): Judge - Al Bianchi
- Sweepstakes (8/17): Judge - Donna Gray
- Specialty Dinner (8/17) with Annual Meeting to follow
  - Location and menu updates to come.
- Hotel - The Wyndham Garden Greensboro Hotel
  - Room Block: August 15-19, 2024
  - \$115 per night
  - Pet fee of \$25 per pet per day (2 pet max)
  - Deadline: August 1st, 2024 | 4 pm
- Security - Bob and Darius

**Health & Research Committee:** See report email for more details.

- Diabetes article
- List of Health Committee Topics Requested by BOD
  - Weight loss: How-To for PONs
  - Diets that Prevent Diabetes
  - Renal dysplasia - Martin will get back to Chris about this.
- APPROVAL REQUEST: The Health Committee requests that a publication schedule be developed for the Herder and provided to the Health Committee so that health articles can be completed in time to meet both Board approval requirements and Herder publication timeframes.

- APPROVAL REQUEST: The Health Committee requests that the two articles submitted for inclusion in the March/April Herder be approved.
- APPROVAL REQUEST: The Health Committee requests a blanket approval for any AKCCHF publication in the Health Newsletter and/or Herder.
- APPROVAL REQUEST: The Health Committee requests approval of the May 1, 2024 Health Newsletter.
- APPROVAL REQUEST: The Health Chair requests that any member indicating interest in the Health Committee on their membership form be reviewed and approved at this BOD meeting and that the member's names and contact information be sent to the Health Committee Chair by May 1, 2024.
  - Members:
    - Diana McCullough [already approved]
    - Barbara Mallach
    - Chris Gibson [already approved]
    - Isabelle Majerus [already approved]
    - Darlene Cross [already approved]
    - Nishi Jadczyk

**Judges' Education:** No updates.

**Bylaw:** No updates.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS - N/A

- Judy Torge - Herder mailed/received? YES
- Ron and Joanne Masiak - Herder mailed/received?
- Pam called Liane Paulson twice and left messages to explain the error in lapsed membership. Received no response.

## ELECTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS - N/A

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Call members for the nominating committee starting May 1st.
  - If any BOD member wants to rerun for a BOD position, please let Amanda know.
  - 3 people are needed with 2 alternates (5 total)
  - Eligibility: Consecutive membership since June 1st, 2022, No desire to run for BOD position
  - Amanda will get Pam a list of eligible members once the 2024 directory has been completed.
2. Have taxes been submitted for APONC? YES per Isabelle.
3. Beverly Wilson-Cabral: I am asking the Board to pass a standing rule to limit bios for elections to 1 page or 500 words. In the last 2 elections, some of the bios were 3-4 pages; it made the mailing of the ballot very expensive.
4. Crufts Qualifier Certificate 2025-2026
5. AKC Pupdate program → Table
  - The Delegate Parent Clubs Committee is encouraging every Parent Club to support the AKC Pupdate program. AKC Pupdate is a free, weekly email newsletter for puppy owners with personalized content based on your puppy's breed and age from one week to 18 months. Essential information about puppy health, training, socialization, grooming, and more.
  - The Pupdate newsletter offers AKC Parent Clubs the free opportunity to be promoted to new owners of their breed. Signing up for a promotion is a great way for Parent Clubs to reach possible new members, drive interest in their breed, and assist new owners as an informational resource.
  - We are not currently listed as a participating club.

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- To join:
    - Complete our Parent Club Sign Up Form
    - Edit your website to include information on breed standards, membership benefits, club contact info, breed-specific training/care, and an up-to-date event calendar
    - Pick out an adorable puppy photo for your promotion
7. Editing the Membership Renewal Form
- Adding missing committees: Bylaws [Ad hoc], Calendar [Ad hoc], Awards
8. Parent Club/Member Club position on SafeSport Petition → Table
- The AKC currently does not require its judges to pass background checks or maintain SafeSport certification - this needs to change.
  - SafeSport is an initiative created to, not only address misconduct in sport, but to also provide education materials that equip individuals to recognize, reduce, and respond to misconduct in sports. It aims at fostering safe environments for athletes at all levels, from grassroots sports to elite athletes (source: U.S Center for SafeSport). By requiring AKC judges to pass and maintain this certification, we can ensure that they are educated about appropriate conduct around minors.
9. The Legacy Breeder Project → Table
10. Breeder Education Coordinator → Table
- The position of Breeder Education Coordinator is now in the AKC database of Officers and Committee members. We again strongly encourage all Parent Clubs to send in the name of your Breeder Education Coordinator immediately. The Suggested Guidelines for Establishing Breeder Education was sent in June 2023. If you did not get it, contact Peter Piusz. All Breeder Education Coordinators will be receiving a Welcome Packet after this meeting.
11. Pedigree Databases - Do we want to do this? → Table
12. Goldie's Act (HR 1788/S 4033)
- Redefines “violations” of the federal Animal Welfare Act;
  - Allows for immediate seizure or euthanasia of animals suffering from “psychological harm”, a term it does not define;
  - Removes distinctions between minor non-compliances such as paperwork errors and animal care violations. AWA enforcement emphasis should be on the health and welfare of animals;
  - Requires posting of images of violations on a publicly accessible database; and
  - Undermines the property rights of responsible breeders.
13. Junior AKC Coordinator → Table

**MOTIONS**

Motion: 0424-1	<p>I make a motion to approve the March 2024 EXEC SESSION minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr</li> <li>● Seconded By: Martin Cabral</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	<p>Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad</p> <p>Not approved:</p>
Motion: 0424-2	<p>I make a motion to approve dedication of the 2024 APONC National Specialty to Cheryl Kerner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr</li> <li>● Seconded By: Martin Cabral</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	<p>Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad</p> <p>Not approved:</p>

Motion: 0424-3	<p>I make a motion to approve 3 articles on diabetes, bobtails, and medication for the Health Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr</li> <li>● Seconded By: Martin Cabral</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	<p>Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangerera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad</p> <p>Not approved:</p>
Motion: 0424-4	<p>I make a motion to approve a blanket request from the health committee for use of articles from AKCCHF in the Health Committee Newsletter and/or Herder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Martin Cabral</li> <li>● Seconded By: Margaret Korzeniowska</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	<p>Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangerera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad</p> <p>Not approved:</p>
Motion: 0424-5	<p>I make a motion to approve Barbara Mallach for the Health Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr</li> <li>● Seconded By: Martin Cabral</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	<p>Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangerera, Tracy Campanella, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad</p> <p>Not approved:</p>
Motion: 0424-6	<p>I make a motion to approve Nishi Jadczyk for the Health Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr</li> <li>● Seconded By: Martin Cabral</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	<p>Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangerera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad</p> <p>Not approved:</p>
Motion: 0424-7	<p>I make a motion to approve Pam Siehr for the Judges Education Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Margaret Korzeniowska</li> <li>● Seconded By: Amanda Bangerera</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	<p>Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangerera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr</p> <p>Not approved:</p> <p>Absent: Denise Hovdestad</p>
Motion: 0424-8	<p>I make a motion to approve Amanda Bangerera for co-chair of the Awards Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr</li> <li>● Seconded By: Margaret Korzeniowska</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	<p>Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangerera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad</p> <p>Not Approved:</p>

Motion: 0424-9	I make a motion to limit bios for elections to 1 page single-sided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Amanda Bangera</li> <li>● Seconded By: Denise Hovdestad</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad
Motion: 0424-10	I make a motion to designate our 2024 National Specialty as our Crufts qualifying show. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Margaret Korzeniowska</li> <li>● Seconded By: Martin Cabral</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad Not Approved:
Motion: 0324-11	I make a motion to schedule our next BOD meeting for May 7th, 2024 at 8 PM ET. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr</li> <li>● Seconded By: Amanda Bangera</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad Not Approved:
Motion: 0324-12	I make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 PM ET. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion Made By: Pam Siehr</li> <li>● Seconded By: Isabelle Majerus</li> </ul>
<b>Approved UNANIMOUSLY</b>	Approved: Margaret Korzeniowska, Isabelle Majerus, Amanda Bangera, Tracy Campanella, Martin Cabral, Pam Siehr, Denise Hovdestad Not Approved:

## ADJOURNMENT

<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	9:49 pm ET
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday, May 7th, 2024
<b>Minutes Submitted By</b>	Amanda Bangera, APONC Secretary