

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB WAS HELD AT ITS OFFICES, 55 LIBERTY STREET, NEW YORK CITY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 1900.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President, and President of the Associate Members, Mr. A.P. Vredenburg was selected Chairman.

Present:

Associate Members	A.C. Wilmerding
	H.K. Bloodgood
	Henry Jarrett
Boston Terrier Club	C.F. Clarkson
Bull-dog Club of America	Tyler Morse
Collie Club of America	James Watson
Columbus Fanciers' Club	J.M. Taylor
Dog Owners Protective Association of Cincinnati	Charles W. Rodman, Jr.
Duquesne Kennel Club of Western Pennsylvania	G.M. Carnochan
Great Dane Club of America	G. Muss-Arnolt
Irish Terrier Club	S. Van Schaick
Metropolitan Kennel Club	H.T. Foote
Philadelphia Dog Show Association	Louis A. Biddle
Pointer Club of America	George Jarvis
Rhode Island Kennel Club	W.C. Codman
San Francisco Kennel Club	C.B. Knocker
French Bull-dog Club	F.J. Bristol
Brunswick Fur Club	L.W. Campbell
American Spaniel Club	Marcel A. Viti
American Pet Dog Club	S.C. Hodge

The Secretary read the following certificate:
To the American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, James Watson, representing the President of the American Kennel Club, and Charles W. Rodman, Jr., representing the president of the Associate Members of the American Kennel Club, met this date at the office of the American Kennel Club for the purpose of opening and canvassing the vote received by the Secretary of the American Kennel Club for the officers and delegates of the Associate members of said American Kennel Club, to hold office for the term of one year from February 19th, 1900, or until their successors be elected.

We found the total number of Associates entitled to vote to be 190. Total number of votes cast, 97; total number of votes scattering, 17; total number of irregular votes, and thrown out, 4.

We do therefore declare the following persons as having received the greatest number of votes to be duly elected as officers and delegates of the Associate Members for the year ending in February, 1901, to wit:

President, H.H. Hunnewell, Jr.; Vice-President, Frederick S. Stedman;
Secretary, John Lorillard Arden; Delegate (1) A. Clinton Wilmerding; delegate (2)
H.K. Bloodgood; Delegate (3) Henry Jarrett.

(Signed)

James Watson,
Representing the President A.K.C.

C.W. Rodman, Jr.,
Representing the President Associates
A.K.C.

Attest:

A.P. Vredenburgh,
Secretary A.K.C.

The Report of the Membership Committee was read, as follows:

New York, Feb. 19th 1900.

To the American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Membership Committee held this day for the
purpose of examining and reporting upon applications for admission to
membership, and upon credentials of delegates filed with the Secretary, your
Committee would respectfully report:

An application from the American Pomeranian Club has been
received, and the same being filed in accordance

with the Constitution, it is recommended that said Club be duly admitted to active membership.

That the credentials of Mr. F.J. Bristol, filed by the French Bull-dog Club; Mr. L.C. Campbell, filed by the Brunswick Fur Club, are found to be in regular form, and their acceptance is hereby recommended.

Credentials from the Ladies Kennel Association of Massachusetts, appointing Mr. Henry Jarrett, were not filed in proper form. Mr. Jarrett, having been elected as a delegate by the Associate members, and having accepted said office, notice to that effect was duly mailed to the Ladies Kennel Associate.

Credentials from the Vermont Kennel Club, appointing Mr. George F. Chaffee, not having been filed within the time specified in the Constitution, said credentials are laid over until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

C.B. Knocker,
Singleton Van Schaick,

On motion, the same was accepted and placed on file.

The delegates then proceeded to ballot and elec-

ted the American Pomeranian Club as a member of the American Kennel Club; and Messrs. F.J. Bristol, to represent the French Bull-dog Club, and L.W. Campbell to represent the Brunswick Fur Club.

The Secretary then read his quarterly report, as follows:

New York, February 17, 1900

To the American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:

I beg to report that all matters under the jurisdiction of the Stud Book and membership committees have been turned over by me to said Committees, and their reports will be presented at this meeting.

I submit resignations from the Joliet Kennel Club and the Pacific Mastiff Club, and would respectfully recommend their acceptance.

Notice from the Philadelphia Dog Show Association was duly filed with this office of the suspension of Charles Busch, 23 Union Square, New York. I promptly notified Busch of said suspension and advised him of his right of appeal to this Club. Pending action, if appeal is lodged, said Busch is now under suspension by the A.K.C.

William Stuber and Robert Irvine lodged complaints with this Club against the American Pet Dog Club for non-payment of prizes awarded to them at the late show of said Club in November last. In connection with said charges, I beg to submit a request from the American Pet Dog Club for an extension of 60 days within which a promise is made to liquidate all outstanding prize money. I would inform you that in many cases the Club has voluntarily given an additional 30 days time in similar cases.

I have a communication from the San Francisco Kennel Club in reference to registration, and will submit same for your consideration.

The volume of work at this office during 1899 was so great that I found myself unable to cope with it, and am now over 60 days behind with the work of last year. The business of this office since January 1st last has been even greater than at any period of the last year, and with out present force I find it impossible to keep our current work even, let alone finishing the unfinished work of 1899. Heretofore I have been able to turn over to out printers all copy for the annual Stud Book about January 20th, but have been unable to do so this year, and at this writing

We have about 700 uncompiled pedigrees for last year's book. Much as I dislike to ask for additional help, I am forced to do so, and would request permission to add to our present clerical force until such time as we can bring out unfinished affairs up to date, which can probably be accomplished by May 1st next.

Respectfully submitted,

A.P. Vredenburg,
Secretary

On motion the same was accepted and placed on file.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary's Report be taken up under the heading of New Business.

Carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: I have a financial statement for the year 1899. It was published in the January Gazette. Do you wish it read?

MR. WATSON: I move it be accepted as published in the Gazette.
Seconded and carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read, as follows:

New York, February 17th, 1900

To the American Kennel Club:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my quarterly report of all moneys received and disbursed by me since January 1, 1900.

Balance on hand, January 1, 1900	\$6,824.33
Receipts from January 1, 1900 to date	<u>1,967.86</u>
T O T A L	\$8,792.19
Disbursements since January 1, 1900	<u>828.53</u>
Balance on hand	\$7,963.53

I beg to report the following Clubs as being in arrears which were due and payable January 1, 1900:

Bloodhound Club of America, Bloomington Kennel Club, Georgia State Fair Association, Texas Kennel Club, The Fanciers Club, Sharon, Pa.

Bills were duly sent to above Clubs on November 30, 1899, and second bills on January 23rd, 1900, to which no replies have been received.

The Fanciers Club of Sharon, Pa. held a show under our rules in January last, and the dues being unpaid, places

That Show in a position that you will have to determine. I still hold its deposit of \$25 and deferred returning same, having no authority to deduct the dues therefrom.

The Clubs now in arrears cannot be represented at this meeting, and I respectfully request your action regarding the continuance of their names on our list of members.

Respectfully submitted,

A.P. Vredenburgh

Treasurer.

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be laid upon the table and taken up under the head of New Business.

Carried.

The Report of the Stud Book Committee was read, as follows:

The Stud Book Committee beg to report as follows:

Since the last quarterly meeting applications have been made for the registration of the following Kennel names and prefixes:

"Dartmouth" by R.F. Monahan, Dayton, Ohio

“Lakewood Pomeranians” by Mrs. C. Hartley, Williamson, 44 West 84th Street, New York City.

“Montmarte” by S.L. de Fabry, Red Bank, N.J.

“Pembroke” by Mrs. W.W. Green and Garrett Lyndecker, Englewood, N.J.

“Vexation” by G. Gretzner, New Orleans, La.

“Cloverly” by Charles Sinichson and Richard G. Park, Westchester.

“Auburn” by Stanley H. Kidd

“Hollywood” by Dr. J.P. Randall

“Springfield” by Louis A. Biddle, Chestnut Hill

As the above applications do not conflict with any names already registered, the Committee recommend that the applications be granted and the names registered.

Applications have been filed asking for a transfer in ownership of registered kennel names as follows:

“Hudson” now vested in the name of C.H. Mantler, to be transferred to the firm of Mantler & Perpende.

“Lemington” now vested in the names of J.A. Davidson, Joseph B. Vandergrift, and J.H. Vandergrift, J.H. Vandergrift having retired from the firm.

The Committee recommend that the above applications for transfers be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcell A. Viti

Chairman

C.B. Knocker

Stud Book Committee

New York, February 1900

It was moved and seconded that said report be accepted and the recommendations there in contained adopted.

Carried.

The Report of the Pacific Advisory Committee was read, as follows:

San Francisco, January 23rd, 1900

A.P. Vredenburgh, Esq.,

Secty Am. Kennel Club

New York

My dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that a meeting of this Committee was held on 22nd inst., J.E. de Ruyter presiding. Present, J.E. de Ruyter, Merton C. Allen, J.P. Norman. The McCarty protest was called up, the same having been referred back to this Committee by Secretary of San Fran-

Cisco Kennel Club, Mr. McCarty having failed to produce evidence in support of his allegation that the handler of the respondent. Dog won the special by reason of an infraction of the rules of the Bench Show Committee. It was therefore moved and seconded that it be resolved that the appellant has failed to show any reason for reversing the decision of the judge in the case of the special awarded to the heavyweight pointer dog Sam's Bow at the San Francisco Bench Show of 1899, and that the said decision should be and hereby is confirmed and the deposit of \$10 made with this Committee on appeal by Mr. McCarty is hereby forfeited to the American Kennel Club.

Yours very truly,

J.P. Norman

Secy.

San Francisco, January 24th 1900

A.P. Vredenburg, Esq.,

Secy. American Kennel Club,

New York.

My dear Sir:

Supplemental to my letter of 23rd inst., containing report of the decision of this Committee with refer-

ence to the McCarty appeal, I beg to communicate the following resolution passed at the same meeting on 22nd inst.:

Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of this Committee that the organization known as the Pacific Kennel League issues in the prospectus of shows held under its rules the following announcement: "A circuit of 10 P.K.L. shows is promised for the coming season. If you have a good dog you can make a champion of him in one season. On the other hand one show is the grand total of shows to be held under A.K.C. rules on this coast during the coming season, and its wins will not be recognized right here at home where one wants them most. It is little satisfaction to tell a man that his dog's win made at San Francisco will be recognized at New York. What the exhibitor wants is to have it recognized by the official kennel organization of the Pacific coast. That can only be done by showing your dog under Pacific Kennel League rules." And,

Whereas, this Committee desires to place on record with the Honorable parent body its sentiments as hereinafter expressed, and

Whereas, the foregoing paragraphs printed in the

Premium lists of the P.K.L. are on a par with the usual behaviour of that organization, and are unworthy of notice by any dignified body, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to communicate to the American Kennel Club that it is the sense of this Committee that the above announcements of the P.K.L. and its authors be entirely ignored.

Respectfully submitted,

Pacific Coast Special Committee,
American Kennel Club

J.P. Norman
Secretary.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I move that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Seconded and carried.

The delegates having decided to take up the election of officers at this point, Mr. Viti nominated Mr. August Belmont as President of the Club.

DR. FOOTE: I move the nominations be closed.

Seconded and carried.

MR. RODMAN: I move the Secretary be instructed to cast one vote for Mr. Belmont as President.

The Secretary announced that he had cast the vote

and the Chair announced the election of Mr. August Belmont as President of the Club for the ensuing year.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I move that Mr. Edward Brooks be continued as Vice-President for the ensuing year.

On motion the nominations were closed.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I move that the Secretary be directed to cast one vote for Mr. Brooks as Vice-President

Seconded and carried.

The Secretary cast the vote as directed, and the Chairman announced the election of Mr. Edward Brooks as Vice-President.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The next is the Stud Book Committee. I would like to state for the information of the members that in voting for the Chairman of each one of the Committees, they are likewise voting for a member of the Executive Board of the Club. They become members of the Executive Board of the Club, which meets at intervals between regular meetings.

MR. RODMAN: I nominate Mr. Viti as Chairman of the Stud Book Committee.

On motion nominations were closed.

MR. RODMAN: I move that the Secretary be directed

To cast one ballot for Mr. Viti.

Seconded and carried.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the Chairman announced the election of Mr. Viti as Chairman of the Stud Book Committee for the ensuing year.

MR. VREDENBURGH: There are two members of this Committee to be elected in the place of Mr. Herman F. Schellhass and C.B. Knocker. There is a vacancy on that Committee owing to the death of Mr. Schellhass, which has never been filled.

MR. RODMAN: I nominate Capt. Knocker as one of the members of that Committee.

On motion, nominations were closed.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be directed to cast one ballot for C.B. Knocker as a member of the Committee.

Carried.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the Chair announced the election of Capt. Knocker.

Mr. C.W. Rodman was nominated as the other member of the Stud Book Committee.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to cast one

Ballot for Mr. Rodman.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the Chair announced the election of Mr. Rodman.

MR. VREDENBURGH: Next is the field trials and coursing meetings Committee. The outgoing members are Mr. Schellhass, Chairman, Mr. Joslin, and Mr. Van Dorn.

Under the Constitution the Chairman only is to be elected. The other members of the Committee become members by virtue of their credentials of the Field Trial Club. I would like to state for your information that Mr. Appleton, one of the Vice-Presidents of the National Beagle Club, has been approved as Mr. Schellhass' successor as a delegate to represent that Club, and it is within your province to postpone the election of the Chairman of this Committee until such time as he can become a candidate.

MR. RODMAN: I move that the nomination be held until Mr. Appleton qualifies. Carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The next is the Committee on Constitution and Rules. The outgoing members are Messrs H.K. Bloodgood, Chairman, Mr. James Watson, Mr. H.F. Schellhass, Mr. D.W. H. Ritchie, and Mr. Vredenburgh, who continues on the Committee by virtue of his office as Secretary

Of the American Kennel Club.

MR. RODMAN: I nominate Mr. Bloodgood to succeed himself.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I move that nominations be closed.

Seconded and carried.

The Secretary cast the vote as directed, and the Chair announced the election of Mr. Bloodgood as Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Rules.

MR. WILMERDING: I nominate Mr. James Watson to succeed himself.

Nomination seconded.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I nominate Mr. Rodman on that Committee.

Nominations seconded.

Mr. Henry Jarrett was also nominated as a member of the Committee.

Mr. J.M. Carnochan was also nominated.

Nominations seconded.

MR. VREDENBURGH: I would like to state that

all notices of amendments that are sent in here have got first to be acted upon by that Committee in session before they can be acted upon by the American Kennel Club, and it will be necessary for the members to be present at such meeting.

MR. CARNOCHAN: I respectfully decline that nomination.

It was moved and seconded that nominations be closed.

Carried.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I move that the Secretary be directed to cast one ballot for the three gentlemen mentioned.

Seconded and carried.

The Secretary cast a ballot for Mr. James Watson, Mr. C.W. Rodman Jr., and MR. Henry Jarrett, as directed, and the Chair announced their election as members of said Committee.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The next is the Finance Committee. The retiring Chairman is Mr. A.C. Wilmerding.

Mr. Wilmerding was nominated for re-election as Chairman, and on motion of Mr. Carnochan the nominations were closed.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for Mr. Wilmerding.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the Chair announced the election of Mr. Wilmerding as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

MR. RODMAN: I nominate Mr. Carnochan and Mr. James B. Blossom to succeed themselves as members of the Finance Committee.

Nominations seconded.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I move that the Secretary be directed to cast one ballot for Messrs. Blossom and Carnochan.

Seconded and carried.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the Chair announced their election as members of the Finance Committee.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The next is the membership Committee.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I nominate Dr. H.T. Foote, as Chairman of that Committee.

On motion, nominations were closed and the Secretary directed to cast one ballot for Dr. H.T. Foote.

The Secretary cast the ballot as directed, and

The Chair announced his election.

Messrs. C.B. Knocker and Singleton Van Schaick were nominated as members of the Membership Committee by Mr. Rodman, and on motion nominations were closed.

MR. RODMAN: I move the Secretary be directed to cast one vote for the gentlemen named.

Seconded and carried.

The Secretary cast the vote as directed, and the Chair announced their election.

On motion, the Secretary's Report was taken up and the resignation of the Joliet Kennel Club read.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I move that the resignation be accepted.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: I don't think we should stretch the rules all the time. Those Clubs know the time of expiration. I make a motion to drop the Club. I offer that as an amendment.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I think it is very scant courtesy to drop them from the roll when they have written simply to say they have resigned as members. I think it would be more courteous to accept the resignation.

Amendment withdrawn.

The resignations of the Joliet Kennel Club and the Pacific Mastiff Club were accepted.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The next matter to come before you is a communication from the Philadelphia Bench Show Club dated January 19th. Immediately upon the receipt of that, I sent notice to Mr. Busch of his suspension here with the American Kennel Club, and notified him of his right to appeal. Mr. Busch called here in company with the Secretary of the Great Dane Club and wanted to appeal. I asked him upon what grounds his appeal was desired, and the only ground that he had was just exactly what it was claimed he did, and that he would like to be re-instated. I told him there was no ground for appeal there; that he had to show that the Club was wrong. He said he could not show that the Club was wrong because the Club was right, and he finally left here with the promise that he would send to the judge whom he insulted and make an apology to him, and ask that judge to communicate with the Philadelphia Show asking them to remove his suspension. To-day I received this letter, Date February 17: "A.E. Vredenburgh, Secretary. Dear Sir: I beg to notify you that at a meeting

Of the Executive Committee of the Great Dane Club of America, Mr. Charles Busch, New York, has been suspended from membership in the Club on account of misconduct during the late Philadelphia Bench Show." The Constitution provides that at the next succeeding meeting of the American Kennel Club after the suspension of a man at any Bench Show the A.K.C. must either remove that suspension or change it to disqualification.

MR. WATSON: I move that he be disqualified. There is no other course to take.

Seconded and carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: Under date of February 5th, Mr. William Stuber lodged a complaint that his dachshund at the American Pet Dog Club Show was awarded the second prize. The prize has not been paid. Under date of February 10th, Mr. Robert Irvine claims that he won a prize with his Scottish terrier at the American Pet Dog Club Show, and the same has not been paid. By to-day's mail, which I have not included in my report, here was a letter December 28, sent to Mr. S.C. Hodge, Superintendent of the Pet Dog Club Show: "Dear Sir: Referring to your former communication, would say that as yet I have heard nothing in reference to

Prize cups or premium won at your late show. I shall be pleased to hear from you, and awaiting your favor, I remain, Your very truly, Edwin W. Fiske," on which is endorsed: "Dear Sir: No cups or medals have yet been sent out owing to our inability to get the cups engraved during this holiday rush. They will all be sent out next week. Your truly, Hodge." Under date of the 17th, Mr. Fiske sends this letter: "My cocker spaniels won \$50 in prize money at the Show held under the auspices of the American Pet Dog Club, December 29, 30 and 31, 1899, but as yet I have not received any payment from the above Club, although I have received any payment from the above Club, although I have received two medals I won at the same time. Kindly inform me what can be done in this matter, and oblige, Yours truly, Edwin W. Fiske."

In connection with these charges I would like to read this letter: "The American Pet Dog Club having had trouble with the management of the Show, have been compelled by force of circumstances to delay the payment of a portion of the prize list, but hope to have all difficulties arranged and all obligations paid within the next 60 days. It there should be any complaint entered against the Club for non-payment of

Prizes I would request that judgment be postponed for that period of time. In the meantime please cancel any dates that may have been taken for the Show of 1900.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: What is the limit of Bench Shows to meet their obligations?

MR. VREDENBURGH: 60 days. That expired on the 1st of February.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: I move the Pet Dog Club be disqualified.

MR. CARNOCHAN: I move to amend that by giving the Pet Dog Club 60 days more in which to settle this matter.

Amendment seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is moved and seconded that the Pet Dog Club be granted an extension of 60 days in which to pay their prizes. I would like to state that in every instance I can recall when charges have been preferred against a club for non-payment of its prizes, that the Kennel Club have voluntarily passed a resolution to this effect: That 30 days additional be granted to pay the prizes and if the same be not paid within that 30 days, then the officials be disqualified and the Club suspended.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: I will amend my original motion to that effect.

Seconded.

MR. CARNOCHAN: My only reason for making this motion is this: I was also quite a large prize winner at that show, and I of course like many other prize winners have not been paid the prize moneys that I am entitled to. I am also a member of the club. I believe I am the only life member of the Club, and from all I have heard about the various troubles in the Club it seems to me that it is only fair to the Club to let them wash out their own affairs, which I believe will be done in the next thirty or sixty days.

I believe that there is no question but what the prize money due will all be paid, and on that account, while I say I have not any interest in the matter except as a member of the Club, I should feel very badly at seeing that Club thrown out of disqualified on account of the internal troubles which are in it, which, as I say, I think will be settled in a short period. Another thing, I received the other day a notice of a meeting of the Club which is to be held I think this Wednesday, and it does not seem right to disqualify a Club without letting them get at the bottom of it, and ascertaining where the trouble is.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: I really cannot see that the Pet Dog Club should be treated any better than any other

Club. I have no affiliation with anybody in the Club. I cannot see how the American Kennel Club can make flesh or fish of it. They should be able to wash their dirty linen in thirty days.

MR. CARNOCHAN: I accept the thirty days.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: A Club of that prominence should have been able to settle their obligations before that time.

MR. CARNOCHAN: I simply named sixty days because that was the time mentioned; what I meant was to give them the customary time allowed in such cases.

MR. HODGE: Thirty days from February 1st., or thirty days from this meeting? I think it should be thirty days from February 1st if granted at all. There is no reason why the Club should be granted this delay at all. The Club is abundantly able to pay, and had the money and not paying, these prize exhibitors are forced to wait. They have waited ninety days now. I think something is due them. I think in the interest of square dealing and justice the American Kennel Club should take a hand and force those that are back of this delay to pay these prizes in the interest of the people who have in good faith paid their

Entrance money and gone in there. I beg to state that while I do not wish to go into the personalities of the matter, that I have done almost nothing for the last two months but answer the inquiries of exhibitors. I had nothing to do with the finances of the show, and that money is being retained by one person designed by the Club. He says now there is a slight loss. Nevertheless there are \$3,000 of debts not paid, and he is retaining this money, and I think that this Club should take it up and discipline it. I have no desire to recommend disqualifying innocent parties, because there are innocent parties who are officers of this Club, but something should be done to force it to pay these prizes, and to prevent such things as this occurring in the future. Mr. Vredenburg will bear me out in justice to myself come here and represent a Club, and stand for that, and I would not be here as its delegate, but heard that there was to be a request for sixty days additional time in which this matter could be straightened up, and then I made up my mind that I would come here, and exercise my prerogative and fight it. It was made over my head and without any authority from me. I think the American Kennel

Club should say to the officers of the American Pet Dog Club to pay these prizes at once. They have had ninety days now nearly. The sixty days were up on February 1st. at a meeting of the executive committee of the American Pet Dog Club, at his house on January 19th, it was ordered that a copy of his report be given to me at once so that I could go over it and check it up and report upon it, so that the Club could get at the bottom of it. I have never been able to get that report from him although it was ordered to be delivered to me over a month ago. I have written to him; I have written to his attorney, and I have written to the officers of the Club, and have never gotten it. At the annual meeting of the Club held on January 31st this man jumped up immediately after his wife had made a report, and ordered that the meeting be adjourned without date. There was immediately a storm of protest; one member got up and wanted to know where the report of the finances was, and this party said "nothing has been stated about finances." The member allowed that it was high time that something was said about the finances of the club. He asked him where the funds of this show were, in what bank deposited, and to whose credit, and he refused to answer, and to this day the American Pet Dog Club knows absolutely

Nothing officially of the finances of that show. I put in my report as superintendent of the show at the meeting of January 31st, and swore to it, and it was accepted unanimously by the Club. A copy of it is filed with the Secretary of the American Kennel Club. It can be read here if needed. It shows my connection with the show. I oppose this delay in the interest of the exhibitors. I do not think it is right to grant a further extension. As I have stated, the American Pet Dog Club is abundantly able to pay these prizes.

MR. CARCOCHAN: As I have already said, I am not interested in this think at all. I do not want to go into it in any show or form, but it seems to me it is only courtesy to allow the extra period of time. We have done it in the past. I have heard both stories. I have heard the statement of Mr. Hodge, also that of Mr. Stanton, and apparently so far as I can judge as an outsider, it is more or less a personal matter between Mr. Hodge and Mr. Stanton. It is very advisable, it seems to me, to hold this matter for thirty days so as to let this meeting be held when something will be done. I desire to say that I have not feelings in the matter at all. I am simply stating what has been told to me and with regard

to the finances of the show as I understand it there is a deficit balance which under the circumstances as a proprietary matter is between Mr. Hodge and Mr. Stanton. I understand that they were together to stand any deficit or take any profit, and it would seem as if the Club which is the innocent party in the matter and which allowed these two gentlemen to take the matter of running the show in their hands should not be made to suffer. It would seem to be more a matter of arrangement between Mr. Hodge and Mr. Stanton. I do not stand for the truth of any of these statements whatsoever, but that is the way I understand it as a member of the Club, and I am in favor of allowing the thirty days additional time.

MR. HODGE: If it be the wish of the delegates I would like to have my report read.

MR. RODMAN: It would seem to me that we are losing sight of one question that comes before this question. It is not a question of internal difficulties of the Pet Dog Club, but it is a question of the payment of prize money, and the good standing of the American Pet Dog Club in the American Kennel Club. I can see no objection to extending, if it will do any good, the time in which the payment of the prizes and the cups offered may be made. There is a note written

To the Secretary, I don't know by whom not by what authority the writer had in sending it, but I cannot see how the American Kennel Club can suffer in extending to that Club thirty or sixty days towards settling its difficulty with the American Kennel Club, but not its difficulties with its own members. That I think should be eliminated from this meeting. I am a member of the American Pet Dog Club, but like a great many other members I have not the first conception of what it has ever done. I am only speaking personally now, but I do not think that seventy-five per cent of the members of the American Pet Dog Club know anything about its affairs, and it seems to me that if by giving that Club thirty or sixty days we can get them to effect a settlement of the differences between themselves and the exhibitors, and it is in our province to do so, and if they will do what they say they will do, it will remove all further trouble. Let the American Pet Dog Club effect a settlement of its own difficulties, and I would speak in favor of granting the extension of thirty or sixty days, whichever the case may be.

CAPT. KNOCKER: Is it not creating a precedent? We have allowed sixty days to Club to settle up and pay their prizes, and this would be going beyond our usual time allowed for settlement.

MR. VREDENBURGH: Clubs are usually allowed thirty days additional time.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I do not see why the American Pet Dog Club should get any privileges not granted to any other Club unless you are going to make a precedent in the matter of the Pet Dog Club.

MR. CARNOCHAN: As I understand it, I think you are laboring under a slightly wrong impression. A club has sixty days in which to settle up their prize money at their own convenience. It has been the custom that the American Kennel Club when the sixty days were up, would allow a club thirty days more, and that is my motion that we allow them thirty days more. That is the regular custom, and all I ask is to allow them the same customary privilege of thirty days from this meeting.

MR. VITI: I submit that is we give them thirty days time to=day we are giving them 49 days more.

MR. CARNOCHAN: You cannot allow the thirty days until there has been a complaint, and a complaint has just come in.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The first complaint came in on February 5th.

MAJ. TAYLOR: I move in order to end the discussion

That the American Pet Dog Club have thirty days, and if their affairs are not settled in that time they stand disqualified. That is thirty days from the end of sixty days.

MR. VREDENBURGH: There is a motion already to that effect before the house.

MAJ. TAYLOR: Has the motion attached to it that the Club shall stand disqualified if they have not settled up by that time?

MR. VREDENBURGH: I would like to state for your information, and I think the delegates will bear me out when I make this statement, that it was never the intention of the American Kennel Club to permit any one, two or three members of a Club to run a show and make good a deficit or take a profit. The intention of the American Kennel Club was true sportsmanship on the part of the Club and not on the part of individuals. There is no definite rule to that effect, but I believe it will be borne out that that was the intention of the rule. If I am wrong just call me down. This last show was held. Mr. Stanton, the husband of the President, stated to me that Mr. Hodge and himself had been made trustees by the Club to carry on this show, they agreeing between themselves which department each one would assume control over. Mr.

Hodge was to superintend the show, and Mr. Stanton was to attend to the finances. Mr. Hodge made the statement that they never were appointed trustees for the show, that they entered into the agreement between themselves, which was a partnership, that they would assume responsibility for the show, pay the deficit if any occurred, and as I understood it if any profits accrued that they were first to take from those profits a sufficient amount to reimburse the persons who had made good the deficit of the previous show of 1898. Am I correct?

MR. HODGE: Yes.

MR. VREDENBURGH: Then the net profits would be equally divided between Mr. Stanton, and Mr. Hodge. Before you come to a vote on this subject you have got to take into consideration one point, and that is in the internal arrangement of this Club, that these gentlemen say we ought not to take into consideration--- the Chair thinks to the contrary, and will state his reason. The ladies and gentlemen, mostly ladies, I believe, having the utmost confidence on the two gentlemen who undertook to run this show did not bother themselves in the least about the outcome of it, and if you disqualify the persons that the rules say you must disqualify, you have got to disqualify these ladies who had nothing to do

With and know nothing about the affairs of the Club. Of course, you can reach Mr. Stanton and Mr. Hodge. They were both officials of the show, but at the same time you have got to take in Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Green, who was an exhibitor of grey-hounds, who came here to this office and protested against the action of Mr. Stanton. She said she insisted upon the payment of these prizes, but she was powerless, and she could not compel it. You have got to take in Mrs. Stokes, who knows nothing about it, and one or two other ladies who are really innocent. Mr. Stanton called at this office to-day to get some information about some prizes that he was going to pay, and he asked me if there were any complaints lodged. I told him there were two small ones. He said "If you give me their names I will pay them their prizes." He said "I assure you we are going to pay every single penny of outstanding indebtedness of this Club within the time that we have asked. We are moving heaven and earth to do it." He also told me he had \$1,100 in his possession, though the outstanding prizes amounted to about \$1,400. I may be mistaken in the figures, but he said that he had to call a halt there until they could find out just where they stood. I want to tell you this so that you can

Vote intelligently on this matter.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: It has already been stated that by this rule we have nothing to do with the internal affairs, and I say those matters are none of our business. That is their affair absolutely. We have got nothing absolutely to do with those matters. The Club must fulfill its agreements, and must stand by them. If we come down to sift these internal matters every time there is a matter of this kind up for consideration I think you will find a half a dozen or a dozen of clubs themselves know nothing about these affairs. There are a lot of shows run in that way in this country which you do not know of, but practical exhibitors do know about.

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion before the house now is that the American Pet Dog Club be granted an extension of thirty days from the date of the first complaint, February 5th., and if the prizes are not paid within that time the Club shall stand suspended, and the officials connected with the show disqualified.

Motion seconded.

MR. WATSON: I offer an amendment that the date of February 5th be stricken out. We have never done that before. It has always been thirty days from date to the [illegible].

THE CHAIRMAN: An amendment if offered that the extension of time shall begin from this meeting. The vote is on the amendment.

The amendment was then carried by a vote of 12 to 5.

THE CHAIRMAN: The question is now on the amended motion that the American Pet Dog Club be granted thirty days extension of time from this date to pay the outstanding prizes, in default of which the Club will be suspended, and the officials disqualified.

Carried.

THE SECRETARY: I have a communication from the San Francisco Kennel Club in reference to registrations. The Secretary writes: "I would like to be able to receive registration with application in lieu of listing. Would such a course be feasible? Supposing a man enters a dog a day before the entries close and wants to register his dog. There is absolutely no way in which he could get the registered number on the catalogue in time. Do you not think in view of the geographical distance between you and us that it would be beneficial to the Club and to the exhibitors also if the executive committee were to pass a special rule allowing us to insert on the entry blank registration applied

for, in cases such as I have mentioned. It would go a very long way towards strengthening the hands of this committee, and consequently the American Kennel Club on this coast. You can have no idea of the amount of dissatisfaction caused last year by our inability to accept registration fees provisionally in the case of dogs eligible to be registered.” etc.

MR. CARNOCHAN: I move that that be referred to the proper committee.

MR. VREDENBURGH: It is a matter that needs immediate attention. They are six days from here and they are getting out their premiums lists now, and what I want to know is just what to do.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: It looks very feasible, and I think it is very desirable that we should grant such a request. If there is the proper committee appointed there to accept applications with the power to repudiate in case the applications are improper.

MAJ. TAYLOR: Are they printing their lists?

MR. VREDENBURGH: They ask permission to accept a fee for registration to inset in the catalogue registration applied for to take the place of the word “listed”, or the stud book number, and then for them to send on the money

Here. The American Kennel Club does not permit any show to accept a single registration. They have passed a resolution that the only place to apply for registrations is at the home office. Now we take for instance this California Club. A man applied for registration of a dog that he will call Jack. The dog is entered in the catalogue as Jack. They accept the registration of the dog, take the man's dollar and name of Jack. We have got to send back to him, and when we register the dog it is registered by an entirely different name from what appears in the catalogue. Is that right? I do not care how careful the Club are when they used to accept registrations they would send them here, and we had to return them. They were not eligible.

CAPT. KNOCKER: Couldn't this matter be arranged by the San Francisco Kennel Club telegraphing to the American Kennel Club with regard to the name that they wished to register. A man that applied for registration if he is anxious to get the registration will spend a dollar for it.

MR. VREDENBURGH: That same man can get the same thing by an additional expense of 25 cents by listing his dog. That is where the kick comes in. That man can list his dog and immediately send on for a number, and the number is sent to him the same

day the application is received.

MR. CARNOCHAN: I think the matter is such as important one that it ought to be referred to the committee on rules.

The Secretary then read the rule covering the matter in question.

CAPT. KNOCKER: They have paid their dollar and they have applied for registration. Isn't that registration?

MR. VREDENBURGH: There is no registration until the certificate has been signed.

DR. FOOTE: It seems to me it was for that purpose of a listing to meet such an emergency. The fact is that any dog that is good enough to show is good enough to be registered long before the show. The chances are in favor of it. It strikes me that as the rule is one of long standing and one that has done good work while it has been in force it should remain.

MR. VITI: I do not see how we can get away from the rule.

MR. HODGE: It does not occur to me that it is necessary to change the rule at all, if you deem it wise to adopt any such system. Have a form printed for such applications, and have that form state that they enclose one dollar for registration if possible. If not possibly 25 cent are

To be deducted for listing the dog. Then the dog is either registered or listed, and make him sign his name.

MR. VITI: I simply state that there is a rule which seems to me is very hard and fast, and I do not see how you can do anything in this case unless you amend or abrogate the rule. The rule says every dog must either be registered or listed with the American Kennel Club previous to being exhibited. How can you take it to be listed when the rule says he must have been registered? You have also held that making the entry was part of the exhibition of the dog. I rise to a point of order.

DR. FOOTE: I move it be referred to the Committee on Rules.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair rules that the point of order raised by Mr. Viti is good.

The motion to refer the matter to the Committee on rules was seconded and carried.

Mr. Vredenburg then read the report of the Committee on Rules as published in the Gazette.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I want to make a motion with regard to benching dogs. I move that dogs of the same owner and same breed shall be benched together.

MR. MORSE: I second the motion.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I think the rules are made for the benefit of dogs and for the benefit of the exhibitors of dogs. I think it is a very necessary rule, a rule that ought to have been in force long ago. Dogs are worried and often get sick, and not only that, they make a most infernal row if benched next to strange dogs.

The motion resulted in a vote of 9 in favor and 8 against.

THE CHAIRMAN: It requires a two-thirds vote, and the amendment is therefore lost.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The next is that dog show committee cannot offer moneys or other inducements to exhibitors to influence entries.

Motion seconded.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: How are you going to find that out? I think the motion is frivolous. That is beyond our powers.

MR. CODMAN: I consider it a very wrong thing that any club should offer any dog exhibitor any inducement of money to bring dogs to a dog show. That is against the interest of dog shows. I am speaking with great feeling on this matter, because at the late Rhode Island Kennel Club show, three or four handlers went so far as not only to write

Letters to the press, but made it a business to protest because they could not be treated with in that matter. We have had handlers saying if they cold get so many dogs they would give thirty dollars or some such sum as that. I consider that when gentlemen put themselves in committee and hold a dog show, and it is the hardest thing in the world to make it pay financially outside of New York, and then get together money to bring in dogs, then dog shows will soon go to the ground. It is not to the benefit of any man that has the dog's interest at heart.

DR. FOOTE: It is not only a matter that concerns bench show management, it also concerns the exhibitor. If one considers the amount of entrance fees and the prize to be won, and figures that he cannot afford to send more then a term of two to a show, he may have to come in competition with some one else who sends a team of four or half a dozen, because he is getting his dogs in for less. He is getting a rebate, and the man who sends a paid is at a great disadvantage. That was my idea in offering this amendment, knowing that bench show managers were continually bored with bids for money.

MR. VREDENBURGH: I would like to state for your information that there is nothing in the world in the rules of the American Kennel Club that forces any Club to charge any entrance fee. That is purely a domestic matter. The Club holding the show can invite entries and they can charge one, two, three, five or ten dollars, just as they please, whatever they can demand. If there is no rule to that effect how are you going to prevent a club saying to any exhibitor, "we will allow you your entry free." There is no rule which says there must be an entry fee. If you want that amendment you have got to have it in such a shape that you can enforce it, because it would be silly to have a rule that you cannot enforce. Then again how are you going to find out whether there is any inducement offered? If you pass such a rule, and the handler says to Mr. Jones, "I will give you fifty dogs if you will give me my entrance fees back," as was offered in this office to take a team of fifty dogs out to San Francisco, a man that gets that money is not going to tell of it, not is the show going to tell of it, and the American Kennel Club cannot be on the ground and act as a detective. If you cannot prevent it, is it good sense to have a rule on your books that you cannot enforce? Then there is a question that the committee thought of, that it

Was a domestic matter entirely, and that if a club determined that it was a good investment to offer an inducement to get a lot of celebrated dogs there because it was going to help their gate receipts, there is no way of preventing it.

MAJ. TAYLOR: It seems to me that this is a matter that is wholly in the province of the Club giving the show. If they want to do it let them do it. Let there be a perfect understanding between exhibitors and committees.

The amendment was then put and lost.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The next recommendation is in regard to Article XIV. after the word "meeting" on the fifth line, to add the words, "and can only be filed by a member in good standing through its delegate, such notice however, must be officially signed by the member's secretary." In other words if the Philadelphia Dog Show Association should bring up an amendment that they think proper to the rules, passed it in their Club, then their secretary sends an attested copy of that amendment to its delegate, and then the delegate can officially bring the matter up here, and we have got to publish it in the regular course.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I object to the amendment for this reason: A delegate is not going to bring his personal feelings or his personal matters in the case; if he does he

Is not fit to be a delegate. When he makes a motion or amendment it is under the authority of the Club he represents. If he is going against the wishes of that Club it is that Club's business to call him down, and therefore I think it ought to be taken for granted that when a delegate makes a motion he is making it as his club's representative, and therefore it is not necessary to make it compulsory that he should show written authority for his motion. I represent my Club, and my Club calls upon me when they choose. If I bring up a motion I am doing it for my Club, and I think the amendment is entirely unnecessary.

Proposed amendment lost.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The next is section IV, after the word "been" on the 7th, line to add the words "filed in like manner as is provided for in Article XIV of the Constitution", and after the word "published" on the 8th line of the section to add the words "in the American Kennel Gazette."

Proposed amendment adopted.

MR. VREDENBURGH: I would like to state here that the Capitol City Kennel Club of Washington D.C. has made an application for admission to membership. Everything is

In proper form with one exception. The application came in on the 17th day of February, last Saturday. The Constitution says it must be in my hands at least ten days prior to any meeting at which it can be acted upon. They are to hold a show next month or possibly early in April. I wrote them telling them that it was too late for action at this meeting, and that the next regular meeting of the Club would be held in May next, and I did not care about putting their check through the books until they had been informed what they might expect and let me know. I got a telegram from them to-day saying "Would be of no avail for us to wait until May; let the letter written to you in December stand as application." They wrote a letter in December saying they wanted to apply, but they did not apply. The only possible way for that Club to become a member is to wait until ten days have elapsed and then have the membership committee look over their application, and if correct approve it, and then have a meeting of the executive board. I have a similar case here with the Hoosier Poultry & Kennel Club of Logansport. That application did not arrive until February 15th. I simply report these cases to you so that you may now what is going on.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: I move that it be referred to the membership committee and referred to the executive board with power to act.

THE CHAIRMAN: You request a meeting of the executive committee in time to act upon this so that this Club can be admitted so as to hold its show at the time it desires?

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: Yes.

MAJ. TAYLOR: I think similar action should be taken on all applications of the kind. I happen to know the Youngstown Club made application, and it was a little too late. There should be some arrangements made. Kennel Clubs do not always know when to make their applications. It is a good thing to have as many members as we can get. This Club may prove to be one of the very best members of the American Kennel Club, and there should be something done to meet their wishes in this matter.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The Chair would like to state for your information that on two occasion the Committee on Rules recommended an amendment to the rules that we cover just such a case, and both times it was votes down. The delegates would not listen to it. The proposition was that the American Kennel Club could license a club to hold a show, which would cover just this case. The American Kennel Club

would not have it. The question to be decided is whether it is advisable, whether it is expedient for the American Kennel Club to call a special meeting for the purpose of admitting any Club that applies for membership. The rules are very explicit that they can be elected at any regular meeting of the American Kennel Club or at any regular meeting of the executive Board. The executive board have not any stated time to meet. They are called together whenever there is sufficient business. We have members from Boston, Wellesley and Philadelphia. Is it well to call those gentlemen here to New York for the sole purpose of voting upon the admission of a club to membership. If clubs did not wait until the last minute, as is usually the case, they could be regularly admitted without this extra trouble. Isn't it somewhat lowering to the dignity of the Club to call special meetings as suggested? That is a question for you to decide.

MR. CARNOCHAN: It does seem right that we should go a little out of our way to grant a Club the power to hold a show. If our meetings happen to be one in February and one in May, it is taking out the whole show season, and any Club that may want to become a member and hold a show, is barred unless it comes in ahead of the time appointed for

Its show. Sometimes Clubs cannot fix their finances so they can hold a show until shortly before the time they wish to do so. It seems to me that it would be right to make every concession, but it always seems a useless gathering together of the officers, of men who have other matters to attend to, to attend a special meeting of the executive board, and I would suggest that as to clubs coming in and desiring to hold a show in this way, that a vote be taken by mail; that is to say if the executive committee men are agreeable that that club should be allowed to hold a show, then they may send in their votes by mail. That seems to me to be a clear solution of the difficulty and would prevent the great expense attached to bringing the members of the executive committee together.

MAJ. TAYLOR: I move that it is the sense of this meeting that a meeting of the executive board shall be called in time to elect these clubs so they can hold their shows next month.

MR. CANOCHAN: I would move to amend that by adding that the ballots be taken by mail. I make the motion that the applications for membership from various clubs be acted upon by the membership committee, and then refer to the

Executive committee for action, and that the vote of the executive committee may be taken by mail or otherwise.

MR. RODMAN: I would suggest just one thing. I do not see the necessity of limiting it to mail. I think the rule as it stands is broad enough to cover a vote by mail, and why limit it or let it go on record as accepting a mail vote.

MR. CARNOCHAN: The reason is this—This is not a reflection on you, Mr. Chairman, but I am speaking of a case where the Secretary was unfriendly to a certain club. He would call an executive committee meeting, and inform this committee of what was going to come up, merely the application of a club for membership. The members out of town would say, “This is very unimportant, I won’t attend that meeting,” and the result is you have not got a sufficient number of persons present to decide whether it is a two-thirds vote or not.

MR. RODMAN: I think you are answered by that rule. It says by a ballot. Therefore it is necessary to send them a ballot. They must cast it one way or another.

MR. CARNOCHAN: Well, by a mail ballot or otherwise.

MR. VREDENBURGH: During my absence on vacation last summer the Vermont Kennel Club sent in their application, and their was practically a signed vote/ The meeting was not regularly convened, and the members that could be gotten out constituted a quorum, and every one of them signed this application and voted in the affirmative. As it was entirely irregular, so far as custom might have been at the September meeting, if you recall, I returned it, and asked a confirmation of that act. I did not want any question to arise. All I want to know is what the sense of this meeting is. If the sense of the meeting is that a mail vote should be taken that settles its. The mail vote will be taken.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: I am in favor of Mr. Canochan's motion to settle this question once for all.

Mr. Carnochan's motion was then repeated.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair would suggest that is wrong because that take it out of the hands of the regular meeting. I would say applications received during the intervals between regular meetings.

MR. CARNOCHAN: I accept that.

Motion seconded and carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: I have stated pretty fully in my report that the experience since 1887 up to 1889, has been that by the 25th day of January at the outside, usually the 20th my copy for the stud book of the preceding year has been in the hands of the printer. To-day in the 19th day of February, and there are about 700 registrations still in the other office uncompiled, which means continuous work of a man that is thoroughly familiar with it at least twelve days from nine o'clock to five, without doing another thing. The first of this month I took Mr. Watson off of his Gazette work and put him on the cash book. I took Mr. Day from the cash book and put him upon compiling registrations, and we kept that up for seven days. Finally I had to change. There have been days this year for the first time in our experience that we have not been able to complete that day's work during that time. For the last two weeks I doubt whether there has been a single registration for 1899 compiled. We have three men working here from early in the morning until late at night. I hate to ask for extra help, but there is the matter before you. I must do it. We cannot cope with the work. 1899 was the record year of this association, and up to date from January 1st, of 1900, is way ahead of the biggest months of 1899. I do

Not see any relief. It is the effect of good times I suppose, but in every single registration that comes in here there is an immense amount of detail, and every one of them has got to have just so much time expended upon it. I just say for your information, the other morning when I arrived here about half past nine, I found on this desk 91 letter. That was my first mail. The letters kept coming in right straight until five o'clock. I lost count of them during the day, but there were 91 when I arrive in the morning. No letter that comes here is filed that is not answered. I do not care how trivial it is. If that continues we cannot get at our stud book for 1899 without extra help. I believe that I may be able to get up even with one more assistant by the first of May; it may be the first of June before I can do it. I have nearly a thousand registrations on the new book. We cannot do anything to them except send out the numbers. I have not been able to this month's entries compiled for the Gazette. We can only put in a portion of them. We agreed to publish in the Gazette every registration received by 20th of each month; we sent the registrations for the Gazette to-day, and I imagine only about 75% were sent. I want to give you an idea of the state of affairs here.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: Is this assistance to be permanent?

MR. VREDENBURGH: No, temporary, although I could have used in 1899 another man permanently. There is one thing that handicaps me terribly. Men come in here and want to talk to me. I cannot bar them out of the office. I have got to listen to them and when they talk it take up just so much of my time away from current business. Dog men from all over when they strike New York they are bound before they leave New York to come here, and of course a great deal of their talk is personal. They tell me of the magnificent dog they have, and I cannot ask them to excuse me. I have got to entertain them; got to be courteous to every one of them. If a man steps in here for an hour, that is an hour gone out of my day's work.

MR. RODMAN: I do not think there is any member present who would not be in favor of lightening the burdens of the Secretary.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The only thing I ask for is the right to engage somebody until we get even in our work.

MR. CARNOCHAN: I move that the Secretary be empowered to engage temporary help until such time as the unfinished work in the office can be caught up, and to engage extra help as long as the work in the office warrants it.

Motion seconded and carried.

Capt. Knocker: I move that it is the sense of this meeting that all shows held under American Kennel Club Rules shall be held by the Bench Shows themselves, and they cannot delegate their right to any person or body.

Maj. Taylor: I think it occurs very often where Clubs do not want to hold shows, but where two or three members agree to hold it, and I do not see any reason why they should not do it, because if they don't pay their prizes the whole official list is disqualified. It comes right back on the Club.

Mr. Carnochan: Isn't it perfectly legitimate for members of the Club to form a guarantee fund? Wouldn't the passage of this resolution tend to discourage certain members of the Club from making a guarantee fund? I think a great many clubs hold shows where certain influential members of the Club come forward and guarantee it.

Mr. Vredenburgh: It strikes me that the motion is not worded as was intended. I infer that the intention and meaning of this motion is, that no single person, or one or two persons, can get the use of the name of a

Club for the purpose of holding a show for their own benefit.

Capt. Knocker: That is it.

Mr. Muss-Arnolt: Has ever any such case arisen?

Maj. Taylor: I imagine it is a case where the American Pet Dog Club would not have given a show if these two members had not come forward and guaranteed it.

Mr. Viti: You eliminate all elements of sport when you allow private members of the Club to give the Shows. They were going to take the profits.

Mr. Carnochan: It is a perfectly legitimate thing for a number of persons, members of a club, when the club is thinking of holding a show to form a guarantee fund.

Mr. Viti: Yes.

Mr. Carnochan: So far as we know officially, the matter concerning the Pet Dog Club may have been a guarantee fund, made up only of two people instead of half a dozen. I do not see how we can act upon that. I do not see that this is a case of syndicate holding, but if you word your motion so as to meet that particular

Instance which you have in your mind, why don't you also meet the question of forming a guaranty club in every show?

Mr. Viti: In the first place, allow me to correct you by saying it is not my motion. In the second place, I am not hitting at any particular club. You said a while ago that the two gentlemen were to run this show, and if there had been any profits they were to take them.

Mr. Carnochan: I only know what I was told. I am not responsible for that statement.

Mr. Viti: Assuming that that is a fact.

Mr. Hodge: I would be glad to answer any questions.

Mr. Viti: Well, then is that so.

Mr. Hodge: That is why I asked that my report be read. That was owing to bills not being collected at the previous show, for advertising and various things of that kind. Although the show, on its face, showed a very small profit the year before, there was, in the finish, a loss on the previous show. Mr. Walter Stanton and myself put our hands in our pockets and paid those

Debts. I drew my check to Mr. Stanton for \$297 and he was to settle all the bills with that \$297. The constitution of the American Pet Dog Club, provided that the Executive Committee would have complete jurisdiction over making such arrangements as it thought fit for all dog shows to be given by the Club. Mr. Stanton claimed that he entered into a contract with the Executive Committee whereby he would be allowed to get back the money that he had paid out of his pocket on the previous loss, and then Mr. Stanton individually, and Mr. Hodge individually, signed a written contract between ourselves that we would divide equally any loss or any win, that is, any profits, on account of the money that we had put up out of our pockets at a previous show. The Club endorsed the whole thing, and Mr. Stanton claims that the Executive Committee appointed him and me trustees to conduct the show, and the show was conducted in the name of the Club, and all contracts were signed in the name of the club. There was no such thing as the firm of Hodge & Stanton, or a corporation, or anything of that kind. It was conducted for the Club, and the Club received the benefits in so far that it did not have to pay the loss

On its first show.

Maj. Taylor: I see no reason why these men who went in there, paying the deficit of the year before, saying if there was a deficit they would stand by it, should not, if they have gone into this guaranty, have the profits, if any, being members of the Club.

Mr. Viti: Leaving aside the question of the Pet Dog Club, do you think an active member of this Club, that is, a Bench Show Club, has a right to sublet its rights which the American Kennel Club gives it. For instance, that you can go out on the street and say "I am a member of the American Kennel Club, you agree to reimburse me", etc. It is something similar to the possibility of prefixes being hawked around the street. I am leaving out entirely the question of the Pet Dog Club. I am speaking in general terms. Are they allowed to do that sort of thing. Is it proper that they should go forth in the streets and sell to the highest bidder the right to show under the American Kennel Club.

Maj. Taylor: I said explicitly that it should not be done outside of members of the Club.

Mr. Viti: I know of instances where shows

Have been guaranteed by persons who were not members of the Club.

Maj. Taylor: If there was a membership of eighty in the Club, and ten men guaranteed the loss, isn't it one and the same thing in fact.

Mr. Viti: They guaranteed that there was not to be a loss, and if there was they should make it good.

Mr. Watson: If this resolution had been in existence a year ago, two shows would have been off our roll for this last year; one, Cincinnati, the other, Providence. The shows legitimately transferred their rights to another body to manage for them. If you aim to get at something else, you ought to amend your resolution and not hit legitimate transactions between Clubs.

The motion was carried by a vote of ten to seven.

On motion the Clubs reported by the Treasurer as being in arrears were given thirty days within which to pay their dues, in default of which they will be dropped from the roll.

In the case of the Fanciers' Club of Sharon, Pa., in arrears for dues, having held a show during 1900, the Secretary was directed to deduct from the date deposit a

Sufficient amount to pay their dues for 1900.

The meeting then adjourned.

A.P. Vredenburgh

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB HELD AT ITS
OFFICES, 55 LIBERTY STREET, NEW YORK, THURSDAY, MAY 17TH, 1900.

Vice-President Edward Brooks presiding.

Present:

Associate Members

American Fox Terrier Club
American Dachshund Club
American Spaniel Club
Collie Club of America
Dog Owners Protective Association of
Cincinnati
Duquesne Kennel Club of Western
Pennsylvania
Gordon Setter Club of America
Great Dane Club of America
Irish Terrier Club of American
Metropolitan Kennel Club
New England Kennel Club
San Francisco Kennel Club
National Beagle Club
New England Beagle Club
Danbury Agricultural Society

A. Clinton Wilmerding
H.K. Bloodgood
H.H. Hunnewell, Jr.
Dr. C. Motschenbacher
Marcel A. Viti
James Watson

Charles W. Rodman, Jr.

G.M. Carnochan
James B. Blossom
G. Muss-Arnolt
S. Van Schaick
H.T. Foote
Edward Brooks
C.B. Knocker
J.W. Appleton
John Caswell
Dr. J.R. Bacon

The report of the Membership Committee was read, and on motion
accepted and placed on file. The same is as follows:

New York, May 16th, 1900

To the American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Membership Committee, held this day for the purpose of examining and reporting on applications for admission to membership, and upon the credentials of delegates filed with the Secretary, your Committee would respectfully report:

An application from the Ladies Kennel Association has been received, the same having been filed in accordance with the constitution, it is recommended that said Club be duly admitted to active membership.

An application has been filed by Messrs. Oliver Ames and Henry Brooks, and concurred in by Mr. James L. Little, the sole remaining members of the American Scottish Terrier Club, requesting that said Club be dissolved and its name dropped from active membership in the Club. This application is duly approved by your Committee.

The following credentials of delegates are on file and duly approved, and their acceptance recommended to wit: Capitol City Kennel Club, appointing Thomas J. Sheubrooks; Danbury Agricultural Society, appointing Dr.

John R. Bacon, National Beagle Club, appointing Mr. James W. Appleton; New England Beagle Club, appointing Mr. John Caswell; Vermont Kennel Club, appointing Mr. George T. Chaffee.

Respectfully submitted,

H.T. Foote, Chairman

C.B. Knocker

The following named gentlemen were then elected as delegates to represent the following named clubs: Dr. John R. Bacon, Danbury Agricultural Society; James W. Appleton, National Beagle Club of America; John Caswell, New England Beagle Club; Thomas Sheubrooks, Capitol City Kennel Club; George T. Chaffee, Vermont Kennel Club.

The Secretary read his quarterly report, as follows:

New York, May 16th, 1900

To the American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that all matters under the jurisdiction of the Stud Book Committee, and the Membership Committee, have been turned over by me to the said Committees.

And their reports will be presented at this meeting.

Pursuant to instructions at our last meeting, final bills were mailed to all Clubs in arrears for dues on February 24th, and at the expiration of the additional thirty days extension allowed said Clubs by your body, I dropped from membership the following clubs: Bloomington Kennel Club, George State Fair Association, Omaha Kennel Club and Rhode Island Fair Association.

Under the ruling of the last meeting, that a mail vote for the admission of candidates to membership was constitutional, the following clubs were duly admitted, a full vote of the Executive Board being received in the affirmative: Atlanta Kennel Club, Capitol City Kennel Club, Hoosier Poultry & Kennel Club and Washington Kennel Club of Seattle, Wash.

The San Francisco Kennel Club, through its delegate filed a notice of a proposed amendment to the rules. The same was considered by the Rules Committee, and its report duly published in the Gazette, in which it withholds its approval of said amendment. The matter can now be taken up and be disposed of by this meeting.

The Austin Kennel Club made a loss at its late

show, and appealed to you for an extension of time within which to settle its outstanding claims for prize money. The appeal is made upon the ground that owing to the late floods by which a granite dam of 60 x 1200 feet was carried away, thereby depriving the City of water, light and power, that the people are greatly demoralized, and no one is in a condition to attend to affairs beyond the actual necessity of the time.

The St. Louis Kennel Club suspended Mr. L.F. Whitman for obtaining access to its Show on a non-transferable ticket, after he had been warned against such a practice. Said notice was duly filed with this office, and suspension pending appeal issued by this office, and notice of same duly mailed to Whitman. An appeal has been made, and under the rules this meeting must either remove the suspension of change same to disqualification.

The Westminster Kennel Club has filed charges against W.B. Wells, Chatham, Canada, for refusing to comply with the rules, and also requests a ruling on the question of a special prize paid to said Wells, who, owing to the cancellation of the awards by the American Kennel Club, is not entitled to it, but refuses to refund it. This

man Wells refuses, and has refused, to list his dogs. At the Chicago Show of 1899 we gave him an opportunity to make his listing, but received an impertinent letter in reply, and were obliged to cancel his awards. At the New York Show of 1900, we again cancelled his awards for non-listing, and the request of the Westminster Kennel Club for the return of \$90.00 paid him through error has been curtly and positively refused, and he still retains money belonging to the Westminster Kennel Club, which is now called upon to pay to the dog moved up.

There has come to my notice that the Northwestern Kennel Club is practically two clubs trading under one membership, and I now submit the matter to you to decide if such a state of affairs should be allowed to continue.

At the last meeting of this Club the election to fill the Chairmanship of the Field Trial Committee was laid over to be acted upon at this meeting.

I beg to inform you that the bills for dues for 1900 were mailed to all associate members on November 30, 1899. Final bills were mailed to members in arrears on May 7th, 1900. At this writing there are thirty-eight members still in arrears. I would respectfully recommend

that all members in arrears after June 7th, 1900, which is 30 day from the mailing of the final bills, be dropped from the roll.

I beg to report an error made in the entry of the Irish Terrier "Royal Sportsman" at the St. Louis show of 1900, by the show officials, and recommend that this meeting correct the award.

President Belmont felt obliged to undo the action of Mr. E.D. Brown, who took it upon himself to suspend two persons for the non-payment of a personal debt. Mr. Brown was Secretary of the Northwestern Kennel Club, and after its show in 1899 advanced to W.A. Hodgins, the sum of \$25.00. Said amount was not repaid, and nearly one year after suspended and disqualified said Hodgins and W.R. Dobson, and took it upon himself to notify the Chicago Show of their suspension and disqualification. President Belmont suspended the penalty and directed me to wire Chicago of his action, and to report the case to this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
A.P. Vredenburgh,
Secretary

On motion said report was accepted and placed on file.

The Treasurer's report was read, as follows:

New York, May 16th, 1900

To the American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:-

I herewith submit my quarterly report:

Balance on hand January 1, 1900	\$6,824.33
Receipts from Jan'y 1, 1900 to date	4,958.51

TOTAL	\$11,782.84
Disbursements since Jan'y 1, 1900	2,913.16

Balance on hand	\$ 8,869.68

An estimated amount due on Printing Account for which bill has not been rendered is \$1,200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A.P. Vredenburgh

Treasurer

On motion the same was accepted and placed on file.

The report of the Executive Board was read as published in the Gazette, and it was moved and seconded

That the action of the Executive Board be confirmed.

Carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The next report is from the Committee on Rules. This was published in the Gazette. The report is on the amendment offered by Capt. Knocker to the Rules, by which he wants to make it obligatory upon all Club to bench dogs of one breed together when applied for by the owner.

On motion said report was accepted and placed on file.

MR. VREDENBURGH: At the annual meeting the election of a Chairman of the Field Trial Committee was left open. The reason given was that although the National Beagle Club has appointed a delegate, his credentials had not reached this office within the time prescribed by the constitution, so that they could be acted upon, and a resolution was adopted that the matter should go over until this meeting so that the delegate from the National Beagle Club could have the opportunity of becoming a candidate for that office.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: I nominate Mr. J.W. Appleton as the Chairman of that Committee.

MR. RODMAN: I move the nominations be closed.

Seconded and carried.

MR. HUNNEWELL: I move that the Secretary be authorized to cast one ballot for Mr. Appleton, as Chairman of the Field Trial Committee.

Motion seconded and carried. The Secretary casts the ballot as directed, and Mr. J.W. Appleton was declared to be elected.

MR. VREDENBURGH: Next in order is the matter of the dropping of Clubs from active membership that did not pay their dues within the thirty days allowed them. It was provided that if they did not pay within the thirty days given them I was to drop them. They have not paid and I dropped them.

MR. HUNNEWELL: I move that the Secretary's action be endorsed.

Motion seconded and carried.

The application of Messrs. Oliver Ames and Henry Brooks, concurred in by Mr. James L. Little, the remaining members of the American Scottish Terrier Club, was considered, and Dr. Foote moved that the resignation of said Club be accepted.

Motion seconded and carried.

The Ladies Kennel Association was duly elected to active membership in the American Kennel Club.

The Appeal of the Austin Kennel Club for an extension of thirty to sixty days in which to arrange to pay prize money in full, won at its late show, was read.

MR. HUNNEWELL: I move that said Club be given sixty days from April 10th, as requested.

Motion seconded and carried.

In regard to the suspension of Mr. L.F. Whitman, by the St. Louis Kennel Club, the Secretary read the correspondence in the matter, and said that he had notified Mr. Whitman on April 26th, that by virtue of his suspension by the St. Louis Club, he was suspended by this Club and that he had an opportunity to appeal; that he then wrote to Mr. Long, and told him that he would like to have the name of the man to whom the ticket was originally issued, and asked why he was not included in the suspension; that he had received a reply from Mr. Long in which he stated that he had no positive knowledge whose ticket Mr. Whitman used.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: That whole transaction looks

Like a piece of spite work, and I do not think that the American Kennel Club should be used in the matter. I do not think we should be asked to act in a case like this.

MR. HUNNEWELL: Wouldn't that properly come before the Executive Board.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not see how we are going to disqualify people simply because they do not use proper tickets.

MR. WATSON: The ticket was given to the exhibitor. The penalty is printed on the ticket. The penalty is taking the ticket from the man and showing him to the door. It looks very much, as Mr. Arnolt says, like a piece of spite work.

DR. FOOTE: I move that the suspension be removed, and that it is the sense of the American Kennel Club that clubs holding shows should make their own rules governing the use of their tickets; that they have their own redress in forfeiting the ticket and in ejecting the man using it.

Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Vredenburgh then read the correspondence in the matter of the charges filed by the Westminster

Kennel Club against W.B. Wells for refusing to comply with the rules of the American Kennel Club, and said: I would like to state that last year during the Spring circuit we gave every person the opportunity after the closing of a show, to list their dogs that had not been listed for that show, for the reason that we felt that possibly they were not thoroughly posted on the amended rule, which required a dog to be listed each year; so, after the catalogue came in, we made a memorandum of all that had not listed their dogs and sent them a notice asking them if they had listed, and if not, to send the listing, and we would accept it and hold their awards good. Mr. Wells received one of these letters, and if I am not mistaken he received a second letter from us, to which he replied in a very impertinent way, a sample of which you can see in his reply to the request of the Westminster Kennel Club. At the New York show this year he has done the same thing, entered his dogs without registering or listing them, and we cancelled the awards. The Westminster Kennel Club, acting under the rules, asked him to return the fees.

Mr. Watson gave particulars of the difficulty with Mr. Wells in regard to the entry of his dogs at the

Chicago Show of 1899.

MR. HUNNEWELL: Has he been notified of the charges filed against him by the Westminster Kennel Club?

MR. VREDENBURGH: He has not.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think according to our rules he must be notified of the charges against him.

MR. HUNNEWELL: I move that charges be preferred against him on the counts stated, by the Secretary, and that the matter be referred to the Executive Board.

MR. VITI: I would further suggest that the Secretary of the American Kennel Club if possible, ascertain how this gentleman made out his entries. If he made out his entries fraudulently, is there not a third count against him? If he has stated in his entry blank that the dog was listed, he has committed a fraud. If he has neglected to put in that column which is placed at his disposal on the entry blank, either the registered number or the word "listed", it seems to me that then there is some question as to whether or not the gentleman had not a right to show his dog. If a Secretary of a show accepts an entry blank, without its being properly filled in, is that to be laid en-

-tirely to the door of the exhibitor? I grant it may, if his attention is called to it, and subsequent opportunity is offered him to make reparation, or to conform to the rules, but it seems to me that if he has willfully put down a false number, or willfully stated that the dog was listed when he was not, then he is guilty of a greater charge than that of not conforming to the rules in refusing to return money which he has won.

MR. HUNNEWELL: He has paid the penalty by his dogs being disqualified. I change my motion, and now move that the Secretary be authorized to prefer charges against him for not returning that money which he unlawfully holds, and that he be suspended pending investigation.

Motion seconded and carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The Westminster Kennel Club received \$25.00 in cash for a special, and supposing that Mr. Wells had legally won it, paid over this \$25.00 in good faith. The dog next to the winner was moved up in place of the cancelled dog, and its owner of course claims this special. The Westminster Kennel Club now desire a ruling whether it can be held liable for again paying that prizes out of their own pocket in case they are unable to collect it

from Mr. Wells.

MR. BLOODGOOD: I should say it was liable. It is the business of the Club to see that it is paid to the right man.

THE CHAIRMAN: They are responsible under the rules.

Considerable discussion followed on the subject, in which Mr. Rodman, Mr. Hunnewell, Dr. Foote and others, contended that the Westminster Kennel Club having accepted the entry of Wells, even if improperly or fraudulently made, was liable for the payment of the \$25.00 special to the owner of the dog moved up in the place of the cancelled win of Wels, while Mr. Watson strenuously insisted, that when the prize was paid in accordance with the judge's decision, the Westminster Kennel Club should be relieved from liability in the matter.

Mr. Hunnewell moved that the request of the Westminster Kennel Club for a ruling in regard to the \$25.00 special be referred to the Executive Board.

Motion seconded and carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: At the St. Louis show the

Irish Terrier "Royal Sportsman" was by error of the Club placed in the novice class instead of the open class. We have the entry here in which is was entered in the open class. The St. Louis sent advices of the award with a marked catalogue and requested that it should be rectified by this office. He was advised that is was impossible for that to be done in the office, but that the matter would be referred to the American Kennel Club at its May meeting. Since that time a communication was received from the owner of "Royal Sportsman", enclosing a letter from Eberhard, who had charge of the dog at St. Louis. From Eberhard's letter it was learned that he, being aware that the dog was not eligible for the novice class, had the entry looked up and it was found that the error was made by the St. Louis Club and he received from that Club the amount of prize in the open class. On receipt of this information the St. Louis Club's Secretary was written to and asked why it was that when the error was discovered during the show, no attempt was made to have it rectified by the Judge, or, if he had left, by one having authority to do so. The Secretary's reply to this letter acknowledges that the error was discovered before the show closed but after the judge

had left for his home.

The Secretary then read the correspondence in connection with the matter.

Dr. Foote moved that the dog be recorded as winning in the open and winning classes.

MR. HUNNEWELL: I offer an amendment that it shall not in any way be considered as a precedent.

DR. FOOTE: I accept the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is moved and seconded that this dog "Royal Sportsman" be recorded as having won first in the open and first in the winners classes at the St. Louis Show, and Mr. Hunnewell's amendment has been accepted that this shall not in any way be considered as a precedent.

Carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: I was rather puzzled during the last year to know exactly who the officers of the Northwestern Kennel Club were, as at one time I would receive a letter signed W.A. Moore, Secretary, and at another time one signed E.D. Brown, Secretary; so I wrote them letters on May 12th, asking about this. I received a letter written by the superintendent of the show, concurred in by Mr. Moore,

and all this correspondence I will submit to you.

MR. HUNNEWELL: I think the Northwestern Kennel Club should be disqualified. They have no right to do business under any such arrangement as that.

MR. CARNOCHAN: I move the matter be referred to the Executive Board.

Motion seconded and carried.

THE CHAIRMAN: The next question is relative to the action taken by the president in regard to the suspension of Messrs. Hodgins and Dobson, by the Northwestern Kennel Club.

MR. VREDENBURGH: I submitted this case to Mr. Belmont. Mr. Belmont removed the suspension at once and directed me to wire Chicago that the suspension imposed by the Northwestern Kennel Club as inoperative, and to notify Mr. Brown to the same effect. This is the first case I ever heard of where notices of suspension were sent around to all the different clubs by any other club except the American Kennel Club. The matter is now before you for your determination. The question is, is it proper for this Club to be organized that way? It is practically two Clubs.

DR. FOOTE: I move that his action be sustained.

Motion seconded and carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: It seems to me we should take some action as to whether we are going to allow the Secretary of any Club to send information to other Clubs about what they have done in the way of suspension.

After some discussion it was declared that it was the sense of the meeting that the Secretary of the Northwestern Kennel Club should be reprimanded for his violation of the rules in taking it upon himself to forward notices of suspension to other clubs, as such notices can only be sent out by the American Kennel Club, but no action will be taken at this meeting, as it is, under the Constitution, a matter that must be acted upon by the Executive Board.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Secretary that all members in arrears after June 7th, 1900, said date being thirty days from the mailing of the final bills, be dropped from the roll, be adopted.

Carried.

The report of the Stud Book Committee was then made by Mr. Viti, its Chairman, as follows:

The Stud Book Committee begs to report that since its last meeting the following applications for regis-

-tration of Kennel names has been received, and as they do not conflict with any names already registered, the Committee recommends that they be allowed:

Charlottesville Field Trial Kennels, Hobart Ames, Northwestern,
Mass.

DeVon-Hill, Seth Bunker Capp, Devon, Pa.

Huron, Sanborn & Shields, Port Huron, Mich.

Nestledown, Boudinot, Keith, New York City

Also two transfers as follows:

Prospect Park, transfer from H.C. Winther to Mrs. H.C. Winther,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Hastings, transfer from A.D. Cochran to Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Cochran,
Hastings on the Hudson, N.Y.

At a meeting of the Committee held on April 11th, at which all the members were present, a number of suggestions in reference to proposed changes in the methods of registration, including several proposed by E.D. Brown, of Minneapolis, Minn., was discussed, but all appeared to the Committee to be grossly impractical, and inadequate to reach better results than under our present rules. While the

Committee considered that the present rules may be inadequate, the plans submitted in no way bettered the situation, and tended simply to encumber the method of registration and subjected owner to considerable extra expense in the matter of procuring a large number of affidavits. The Committee therefore recommend that the rules continue in force as at present. In the matter of the registration of the English setter, "Doctor Mack", the Committee have held in abeyance pending correspondence with a view of obtaining necessary information from the breeder. We have recommended that a similar disposition be made of the matter of the Great Dane, "Bertha", and two collie bitches. We have been in active correspondence with the parties in interest, whom we believe to be in possession of the necessary information, but we have not been enabled to get what we consider sufficient facts to enable us to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. We would also recommend that the application for the name "Oakwood" be held in abeyance until the applicant complies with all the rules of this association.

The matter of next year's Stud Book, or the publication of next year's Stud Book, was considered at a

Meeting held at twelve o'clock to-day. The present Stud Book is the largest that the Club has ever published, and the indications are that the volume for the current year will contain probably heretofore. The registrations to-day are coming in at a rate of a hundred per month greater than the average for any previous year. The Committee were [illegible] to recommend that the Stud Book should be published in two volumes, as that would necessitate two indices for the one year, but we find that by using a lighter paper we can publish a volume of the same size as this year and yet have twelve hundred more names in it. The sample of the paper has been submitted, and it seems to the Committee advantageous to utilize that hereafter.

Respectfully submitted.

Marcel Viti, Chairman

C.B. Knocker

Charles W. Rodman, Jr.

On motion the same was accepted and placed on file.

MR. VREDENBURGH: Now, gentlemen, the next and the last matter to come before you, will be the report of

The Rules Committee. As amendment is now before you to amend Section 3, Rule 12, covering dog shows, as follows: "It shall be the duty of dog show committees to bench all dogs of a breed together, owned and entered by one exhibitor, provided a request to do so be made on the entry form." You heard the report of the Rules Committee read earlier in the day, in which they disapproved of the adoption of this amendment. The matter is now in your hands.

At this point Chairman Brooks resigned the Chair to Mr. Vredenburgh.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I am placed in a very peculiar and awkward position. I have been pushing this matter to a vote, backed up and endorsed by my Club, the San Francisco Kennel Club, both by letter and telegram, up to this last week, when my Club withdrew its endorsement of it, and I received a notice that they have passed a resolution that it is not good to force bench show committees to take action in the matter. Now, gentlemen, this takes the wind out of my sails. I am only a delegate of the Club. I am supposed to have no personal wishes. I have aired this as a delegate of the Club heretofore pretty fully, in favor of benching dogs together, and making it a

Rule. As I now stand, I cannot take any further steps in the matter. I shall not vote one way or the other, and I suppose it will be decided at this meeting what is to be done. I have to apologize for ever having brought the matter up.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you wish to withdraw the amendment, or do you wish to put it before the meeting?

CAPT. KNOCKER: I have no power to withdraw it. I think in justice to the Club it ought to be put before the meeting and let the delegates decide what they will do in the matter.

MR. HUNNEWELL: Hasn't this question been up three times?

THE CHAIRMAN: This is the third time.

MR. HUNNEWELL: And every time we voted that the American Kennel Club had no jurisdiction in the matter?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, that we deemed it inexpedient.

MR. HUNNEWELL: I move that the report of the Committee be confirmed.

Motion seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN: You understand what this vote

Means. If you confirm the recommendation of the Rules Committee, the proposed amendment to the rules will be declared lost. It is a great deal better, though, in the opinion of the Chair, to move the question itself, that the rules be so amended and then you vote just as you please. It takes two-thirds of the votes of this meeting to carry this amendment. That is a better way to bring it before the meeting.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: I move that we put it before the House.

THE CHAIRMAN: You move that the amendment offered by Capt. Knocker, to wit, that it shall be the duty of dog show committees to bench all dogs of a breed together, owned and entered by one exhibitor, provided a request to do so be made on the entry form, be adopted.

MR. MUSS-ARNOLT: Yes.

DR. FOOTE: I second the motion.

The vote on the motion resulted in the loss of the proposed amendment unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned.

A.P. Vredenburg

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REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB,
HELD AT ITS OFFICES, 55 LIBERTY STREET, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER
20TH, 1900

Vice-President H.H. Hunnewell, Jr., presiding.

PRESENT:

Associate Member	Henry Jarrett
American Fox Terrier Club	H.H. Hunnewell, Jr.
American Dachshund Club	Dr. C. Motschenbacher
American Spaniel Club	Marcel A. Viti
Butterfly Bench Show Association	Dudley E. Waters
Bull Dog Club of America	Tyler Morse
Collie Club of America	James Watson
Dog Owners Protective Association Of Cincinnati	Charles W. Rodman, Jr.
Duquesne Kennel Club of Western Pennsylvania	G.M. Carnochan
Great Dane Club of America	G. Muss-Arnolt
Irish Terrier Club	S. Van Schiack
Mascoutah Kennel Club	C.F.R. Drake
Metropolitan Kennel Club	Dr. H.T. Foote
Pointer Club of America	George Jarvis
San Francisco Kennel Club	C.B. Knocker
San Francisco & San Mateo Agricultural Association	R.P. Keasbey
Milwaukee Kennel Club	D.D. Jennings
St. Bernard Club of California	J.L. Arden

The report of the Membership Committee was read, as follows:

“New York, September 19, 1900

To The American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Membership Committee,

Held this day for the purpose of examining and reporting on credentials of delegates, filed with the secretary, your Committee would respectfully recommend the acceptance of the following:

James Mortimer to represent the Ladies Kennel Association.

D.D. Jennings to represent the Milwaukee Kennel Club.

F.S. Stedman to represent the American Pomeranian Club.

J.L. Arden to represent the St. Bernard Club of California.

R.P. Keasbey to represent the San Francisco and San Mateo Agricultural Association.

S.D. Brandt to represent the Hoosier Poultry & Kennel Association.

Respectfully submitted, H.T. Foote

C.B. Knocker

S. Van Schaick

On motion, the report was accepted and placed on file, and the delegates named therein duly elected by ballot.

It was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with and that they be accepted as published in the May Gazette.

MR. VREDENBURGH: Before that is done, I would like to state that in my report I call attention to what I consider an error in those minutes, and I would like to have those minutes laid over until the matter can be properly reached.

Motion to accept the minutes as published, withdrawn.

The secretary read his report, as follows:

“New York, September 19, 1900

To The American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:

Since the last quarterly meeting four applications for admission to active membership have been filed, and in accordance with the ruling of this club at its meeting held February 19, 1900, a mail vote of the Executive Board was taken, which resulted in the unanimous election of the San Francisco and San Mateo Agricultural Society, West Virginia Exposition & State Fair Association and the Vicksburgh Fox Terrier Club.

I have submitted all matters under the jurisdiction of the Stud Book Committee and the Membership Committee to the respective committees, and their reports will be present-

Ed in the usual manner. At the last quarterly meeting of this Club a resolution was adopted by which the Secretary of the Northwestern Kennel Club was reprimanded for violation of the rules. Said resolution was improperly worded, as the person who it was undoubtedly meant to reach was the ex-secretary of that club. Mr. E.D. Brown, ex-secretary of said club, had appealed and protests against said reprimand, and I respectfully ask that the whole matter may be taken up at this meeting and finally settled, as my veracity in the case has been questioned.

The Executive Board at its meeting held June 27, 1900, passed the following resolution regarding the present organization of the Northwestern Kennel Club, to wit: "It is the sense of this Board that two separate clubs are acting under one title, and that the same is contrary to American Kennel Club usage and prejudicial to the best interests of the American Kennel Club." A copy of said resolution was mailed to W.A. Moore, Secretary, who replied under date of July 20, 1900, denying the allegation of the Executive Board, and asked for particulars. My reply was mailed July 26, 1900, to which no reply has been received. In this connection I would respectfully ask for an interpretation of the resolution of the Executive Board for my future guid-

ance.

Charles Busch was suspended by the Philadelphia Dog Show Association for insulting one of its judges, and said action was duly reported to the American Kennel Club at its meeting of February 19, 1900, at which time the American Kennel Club changed the suspension to disqualification. Busch now appeals for re-instatement.

The Executive Board passed a resolution to the effect that if W.B. Wells, of Chatham, Canada, did not return the prize money illegally held by him, to the Westminster Kennel Club on or before July 27, 1900, he shall stand permanently disqualified for fraudulent conduct. On July 27, 1900, the Westminster Kennel Club notified me that said Wells had failed to return said money, upon receipt of which I disqualified him in accordance with the orders of the Executive Board.

Complaint has been filed by the Montebello Kennels against the Kansas City Kennel Club for its failure to pay over two silver cups, won by said Montebello Kennels. Notice was sent to the Secretary of the Kansas City Kennel Club on August 23, 1900, requesting it to give the matter its prompt attention. No reply has been received by this Club.

Charges have been filed by the St. Louis Kennel Club against George Morris, Jr., Mexico, Mo.; Joseph Meisenheimer, Milwaukee, Wis.; A.M. Roth, St. Louis, Mo.; Charles L. Krause, St. Louis, Mo. And D.P. Redd, Milwaukee, Wis. for their refusal to refund prize money paid for winnings that had been subsequently cancelled by the American Kennel Club. The complaint sets forth that repeated requests had been made of these persons for the return of said money, but without success. I have called upon them to show cause why they should not be disqualified. One of the parties accused, Joseph Meisenheimer, has deposited with this Club the amount claimed by said St. Louis Kennel Club, together with his protest, which will be submitted to you.

For my own protection I am obligated to report that the California State Fair Association and the West Virginia State Fair Association published a certificate of their classification and their winners class ratings over my signature, without having received such a certificate, and wholly without my knowledge or consent. The first named club published a rating of five points when it was only entitled to one point, and both clubs published said cer-

tificate without having claimed dates, without having made the necessary deposit, and without having submitted their classification for approval. The omission have been rectified, and were apparently due to a misunderstanding of the rules. I hold, however, that it is rather serious to publish an official notice over an official signature that has never been obtained.

The Pacific Advisory Committee has filed a request to be furnished with a complete file of the Stud Book.

The Public Library of Boston has filed a request for a donation of a set of the Stud Books for Volume VIII to date.

Since writing the above report I have received replies from George A. Morris, Jr., A.M. Roth, Charles L. Krause, in defense of the charges filed by the St. Louis Kennel Club.

Respectfully submitted,

A.P. Vredenburgh,

Secretary

On motion, the same was accepted and placed on file.

The Treasurer's Report was read as follows:

"New York, September 19, 1900

To The American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my quarterly report:

Balance on hand January 1, 1900	\$6,824.33
Receipt from January 1, 1900 to date	<u>8,884.54</u>
	15,708.87
Disbursement since January 1, 1900	<u>8,391.57</u>
Balance on hand	\$7,317.30

Respectfully submitted,

A.P. Vredenburgh,

Treasurer

On motion, the same was accepted and placed on file.

The report of the proceedings of the Executive Board of June 27, 1900, was read, which was published in the July Gazette, and on motion, the same was accepted and placed on file.

The report of the Stud Book Committee was read, as follows:

“New York, September 20, 1900

To The American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:

Your Committee beg to report that they have, at a meeting this day held, allowed the following prefixes:

Columbia, to Dr. & Mrs. Jennings
Blue Grass, to Nelson J. Edwards
Claybrook, to Arthur Perrin
Fernleigh, to F. Ambrose Clark
Plumeria, to E.C. Plumb
Stafford, to Henry D. Riley
The Duffers, to E. Hicks Herrick
Venlo Farm, to L.A. Klein

Your Committee also grant to P.J. Peckham and to William C. Augheimbauch, to the former the right to register with the prefix of Royal-Kreuger, and to the latter the prefix of Royal-Nugget, upon their severally registering the names as kennel prefixes, using a hyphen in each case.

In the matter of Charles W. Gilbert your Committee direct the Secretary to notify said Gilbert that he must return the certificate of pedigree sent to him, and upon receipt of same a new certificate will be forwarded to him, and in case of his refusal so to do, your Committee recommend his disqualification.

Your Committee report progress with relation to the matters of the English Setter bitch of Pet of Vassar and Great Dane bitch Bertha, and expect to report in full upon same at next meeting.

C.W. Rodman, Jr., Secretary

On motion, the same was accepted and placed on file.

The Report of the special meeting of the Pacific Advisory Committee was read, as follows:

“Special Meeting Pacific Advisory Committee, A.K.C. August 17th, 1900.

PRESENT: H.H. Carlton, M.D. Allen, J.P. Norman

ABSENT: J.E. De Ruyter, Dr. E.N. Lowry

The meeting was called to order in Room 90, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, by the Secretary, J.P. Norman.

Moved Carlton, and seconded that Mr. Allen take the chair.

Carried.

Mr. Allen then took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Moved (Carlton) and seconded, that as it appears to this Committee that Dr. E.N. Lowry, by reason of physical disability and consequent absence from the city, is unable to attend the meetings of this Committee, and that this Committee is thereby seriously embarrassed in the performance of its duties, be it therefore.

RESOLVED, that this Committee does hereby declare vacant the position of the said Dr. Lowry, by reason of physical disability and consequent absence from the city, is unable to attend the meetings of this Committee, and that this Committee is thereby seriously embarrassed in the performance of its duties, be it therefore.

RESOLVED, that this Committee does hereby declare vacant the position of the said Dr. Lowry, and the Committee hereby extends to him its best hopes for his speedy and complete recovery.

Moved (Carlton) that Arthur J. Allen be nominated to the A.K.C. to fill the vacancy.

Moved (Norman) that R.H. Rountree be nominated to the A.K.C. On the statement of the chair that the Executive of the A.K.C. preferred to see the Committee constitution in part at least of members who were not affiliated with clubs, Mr. Norman withdrew the name of Mr. Rounree and seconded the nomination of Mr. A.J. Allen. Mr. A.J. Allen was nominated unanimously to the American Kennel Club for appointment on this Committee.

The following letter was read by the Secretary:

“Aromas, Monterey County, Cal. March 18, 1900

To J.P. Norman, Esq.

Sec. P.C.A. Board, San Francisco.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been drawn to a report of the P.C.A.B. in last month's A.K.C. Gazette. The report states that Pacific Kennel League Clubs have published in their premium lists an article regarding a ten show circuit of P.K.L. Clubs, and a one show circuit of A.K.C. Clubs. I regret to inform you that that statement is absolutely untrue and is likely to injure P.K.L. Clubs. The article in

Should be ignored by the A.K.C. And it is further resolved that the above communication be placed on file.

The following communication was read by the Secretary:

“San Francisco, June 20, 1900

To J.P. Norman,

Sec. P.C.A.C, A.K.C.

Dear Sir:

At several meetings of the delegates of the Specialty Clubs of this coast held recently, discussion as to the limited powers of your Committee was had and the unanimous opinion is that your Committee should be empowered with authority to receive and act upon applications for membership to the A.K.C. of all clubs upon Pacific Coast, to grant dates for the holding of shows and to pass upon the premium lists submitted. There has been some suggestion made as to provisional registration. This is a matter that requires thoughtful consideration, and we are not prepared to offer any advice upon the matter at present. The Pacific Coast, as you know, has been unfortunate for the past three years in not having any A.K.C. shows outside San Francisco. At present there are prospects this fall of two shows under its rules, Sacramento and Tanforan. The princi-

Pal opposition to the A.K.C. upon this coast has been made upon the ground that there was no authority vested in your Committee that was of any moment or consequence, and that we were ruled by a New York clique. Now, if the A.K.C. take a favorable view of those matters and grants the changes asked, it will strengthen its organization upon this coast and give no reason for the continuance of the Pacific Kennel League.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J.B. Martin

Chairman Special Clubs' Delegate

Moved and seconded that a copy of the above communication from Mr. J.B. Martin be transmitted to the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, and that it is the sense of this Committee that this Committee be empowered to receive applications for membership, to pass upon premium lists submitted, and to receive such further powers as may tend to benefit the interests of the A.K.C. upon this coast. And it is further the sense of this Committee that the matter of registration should be dealt with in the same manner as at present, as there is nothing, in the opinion of the Committee, that would necessitate any radical change from the method at present in vogue. Carried unanimously.

In the matter of the appeal of A.F. Colvin.

From the decision of the bench show committee reversing the decision of Judge Mortimer in the matter of the cup offered by the Pacific Coast Field Trials Club for the best pointer or setter in the Field Trials Class, as per the complaint of Mr. Colvin on file, it appears that no conditions were specified as to the said class in the premium list of the Fourth Annual Bench Show of the San Francisco Kennel Club, and that in answer to an inquiry from Mr. Colvin, he received from the office of the S.F.K.C. a letter signed J.P. Norman, per B.T.B., which was written by Mr. Bromfield, a paid attaché of the Club, who stated that he wrote it at the dictation of D.J. Sinclair, the official clerk of the Show; this letter stating that the Field Trials Class was open to any dog that had been entered in any Field Trial regardless as to whether it had been placed or not; it appears further from the record that the Bench Show Committee of the S.F.K.C. confirmed the award to Mr. Colvin's pointer bitch, Lady C. over the protest of J.W. Flinn, the owner of the reserve dog, Senator P., and that the said Bench Show Committee did illegally reverse their decision. Therefore, be it resolved that this Committee decides that the decision of the judge should stand, and that Lady C. is rightfully

Entitled to the cup, and the Secretary is hereby instructed to request the Secretary of the San Francisco Kennel Club to place Mr. Colvin in possession of the same. The deposit of ten (\$10.00) dollars on this appeal reverts to the appellant. Carried unanimously.

As it appears to this Committee that the management of the Sacramento Show have announced five points in their premium lists, whereas the Show as an initial one is only entitled to one point, it is the sense of the Committee that this mistake should be called to the prompt attention of the Secretary of the A.K.C., who, it is known to this Committee, has granted to the said Show, subject to release, a certificate for one point; and the Secretary of the A.K.C. is requested to take such steps as will rectify the error made by the Sacramento management. It is further the sense of this Committee that the present is an instance in point where authority to handle such errors would redound if placed in the hands of this Committee to the interests of the A.K.C. in particular, and to the dog interests of the Pacific Coast in general.

There being no further business the Committee, on motion, adjourned.

Attest,

J.P. Norman, Secretary

The Secretary read an appeal from E.D. Brown from the reprimand imposed upon him as Secy of NWK Club.

MR. VREDENBURGH: In my report at the last quarterly meeting I made the following statement:

“President Belmont felt obliged to undo the action of Mr. E.D. Brown, who took it upon himself to suspend two persons for the non-payment of a personal debt. Mr. Brown was Secretary of the Northwestern Kennel Club, and after its show in 1899 advanced to W.A. Hodgins the sum of \$25. Said amount was not repaid, and nearly one year after suspended and disqualified said Hodgins and W.R. Dobson, and took it upon himself to notify the Chicago Show of their suspension and disqualification. President Belmont suspended the penalty and directed me to wire Chicago of his action, and to report the case to the meeting.”

I also beg to quote from the official minutes of said meeting the following:

“The Chairman: The next question is relative to the action taken by the President in regard to the suspension of Messrs. Hodgins and Dobson by the Northwestern Kennel Club.

Mr. Vredenburg: I submitted this case to Mr. Belmont. Mr. Belmont removed the suspension at once, and directed me to wire Chicago that the suspension imposed by

The Northwestern Kennel Club was inoperative, and to notify Mr. Brown to the same effect. This is the first case I ever heard of where notices of suspension were sent around to all the different clubs by any other club except the American Kennel Club. The matter is now before you for your determination. The question is, is it proper for this Club to be organized that way? It is practically two clubs.

Dr. Foote: I move that his action be sustained.

Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Vredenburg: It seems to me we should take some action as to whether we are going to allow the secretary of any club to send information to other clubs about what they have done in the way of suspension.

After some discussion it was declared that it was the sense of the meeting that the Secretary of the Northwestern Kennel Club should be reprimanded for his violation of the rules in taking it upon himself to forward notices of suspension to other clubs, as such notices can only be sent out by the American Kennel Club, but no action will be taken at this meeting, as it is under the constitution, a matter that must be acted upon by the Executive Board."

Mr. Brown denies the truthfulness of my statements, and appeals. He inundated this office with so many letters,

And couched them in such an offensive manner that I at last was obliged to decline to reply to any further communications from him, and turned his subsequent letters over to Mr. Watson, who was likewise obliged to discontinue the correspondence. The matter has now resolved itself into a question of veracity between Brown and myself, and I now propose to submit to you the papers on which I based my report of last May and my remarks at same meeting, and ask this meeting to declare whether my statements were statements of fact or otherwise. In the first place, I beg to submit the Minneapolis catalogue of 1899, by which it will appear that the show was held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Second: I submit Brown's letter of March 2nd, 1900, in which he says: "One W.A. Hodgins arrived at Minneapolis, as he claimed 'busted'. He hoped to win enough at our Show to get him and his outfit back home, but when he came to settle, we were owing him \$4.75 only, which we paid him." I submit that the payment of above amount on the closing day of the show, and that said show did close on Friday night, March 24th 1899, that all official connection between the Northwestern Kennel Club and its exhibitors ended. In same letter Brown continues: "The next day, Saturday, and depend-

Ing on his (Hodgins) representatives as to financial standing of Dobson (owner of some of Hodgins' dogs) we paid Hodgins \$25, and took his receipt. We have been trying ever since to collect of Dobson and Hodgins, and they simply give us the laugh." I submit that I stated the fact when I reported that the unpaid loan was a personal debt, it having been contracted one day after the closing of the show, and after all official connection between the Club and its exhibitors had ceased.

Third: In same letter Brown notifies the A.K.C. "That by virtue of Rules 18 and 19, the Bench Show Committee of the Northwestern Kennel Club has disqualified and suspended both of the above parties, and I have this day sent notice to that effect to the Mascoutah Club. If the matter is not settled at once we propose also to send similar notice to other clubs that are to hold shows this season."

Rules 18 and 19 of the A.K.C. are as follows:

"XVIII: A person or club guilty of misconduct of any kind in connection with dogs, dog shows or field trials may be suspended by the President of the American Kennel Club, or in his absence by the Vice-President, or by the Committee of the show or trial where the offense was committed. The disqualification or suspension of an owner shall apply to all dogs owned by him or connected with the perpetration of a fraudulent act, and no dog so disqualified is eligible for entry at any show under any ownership."

“XIX: No person under suspension or sentence of disqualification can make an entry, exhibit or take a prizes act as agent for an exhibitor, or take a dog in the judging ring at any show held by a member of the American Kennel Club. The privileges of the Stud Book are withheld from all persons under suspension of disqualification, for registration of dogs owned or bred by them.”

I also quote Rule XIV. Under which clubs can act:

“XIV: In the event of the suspension by a Show Committee of any person for misconduct as provided for in Rule XVIII. Of the Dog Show rules, notice of such suspension shall be forwarded within twenty-four hours of the Secretary of the American Kennel Club, who shall at once notify the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, who shall investigate the case, and if he see fit, suspend the penalty until the next meeting of the Executive Board. The Executive Board must, at its first meeting thereafter, either remove the suspension or impose a penalty of disqualification for such period as it may decide upon.”

I submit that the Northwestern Kennel Club, through its Secretary, violated the rules above quoted, first, in disqualifying, a penalty that can only be imposed by the American Kennel Club itself; and second, by sending notices to other bench show clubs, a prerogative only to be assumed by the American Kennel Club.

Fourth: I have evidence that E.D. Brown, Secretary, did notify the Mascoutah Club, and have his statement that he would notify all other shows, as above quoted.

Fifth: The letter from which above quotation are taken is signed “E.D. Brown, Secy. Northwestern Kennel Club, 1899.”

Sixth: I beg to submit a letter dated March 2, 1900, to the Secretary Mascoutah Kennel Club, as follows: "This is to notify you that Mr. W.R. Dobson, 299 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich., and W.A. Hodgins, Circle P.O., Oakland County, Mich., have been suspended and disqualified to enter, exhibit, or act as agent for any exhibitor, or take any dog in the ring at any show held by a member of the A.K.C. The above suspension and disqualification is made by the Bench Show Committee of the Northwestern Kennel Club by virtue of the provisions made in Rules XVIII. And XIX. of A.K.C. Rules governing dog shows." This notice is signed by William B. Mac Lean, Chairman, and by E.D. Brown, Secretary. As no year is stated other than the date the notice was written, to wit, March 2, 1900, it is to be presumed that Brown was then Secretary of the Club.

Seventh: I beg to submit a letter signed by W.S. Moore, Secretary, dated February 16, 1900, which is fourteen days prior to Brown's notice of March 2, 1900, signed as secretary; also another letter dated March 31, 1900, signed W.A. Moore, Secretary, which is twenty-nine days subsequent to Brown's notice of March 2, 1900, signed as Secretary, which is presumptive evidence that Brown exceeded his authority in sending out any official document signed as secre-

tary.

Eighth: I also submit that at the annual election for offices of the Northwestern Kennel Club all unfinished business should have been turned over to the new officers, for any official act of the Club. This is usage.

Ninth: I also submit that after new officers and committees have been elected in any organization, to call together the members of any committee that has ceased to exist, and for said committee to attempt to exercise any official act, the same is illegal and void. And in like manner, for any person to sign an alleged official paper as an officer when he has ceased to hold that office, is reprehensible, and should subject such a person to severe discipline.

I now beg to hand to your Chairman all of the papers referred to in my statement so that he may verify them and attest that my statements have been solely statements of fact, and leave the whole question of veracity between Mr. Brown and myself in your hands.

MR. VITI: I move that the minutes of the meeting of May, 1900, be so amended as to read that E.D. Brown should be reprimanded for his violation of the rules in taking it upon himself to forward notices of suspension to other clubs, as such notice can only be sent out by the American Kennel

Club, and that the statements made at the May meeting by the Secretary of the American Kennel Club have been found to be fully substantiated by the evidence submitted; also that a copy of the evidence read at this meeting be sent to Mr. Brown.

Motion seconded and carried.

MR. RODMAN: I move that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as amended and placed on file.

Motion seconded and carried.

In regard to the request of the Secretary for an interpretation of the resolution passed by the Executive Board at its meeting held on June 27, 1900, that "It is the sense of this Board that two separate clubs are acting under one title, and that the same is contrary to A.K.C. usage, and prejudicial to the best interests of the American Kennel Club," it was, after some discussion, moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to send out his bills as usual.

Seconded and carried.

Concerning the appeal from Charles Busch, Mr. Vredenburg said: I wrote Mr. Busch acknowledging the receipt of his appeal, and that the original action was taken by the Philadelphia Dog Show Association, and that that was the club

That was insulted, and if he cared to make an apology it should be made to that club. However, here is his appeal; it has never been withdrawn and I submit it.

MR. VITI: Mr. Busch wrote a letter to the Philadelphia Dog Show Association on, I think, the week commencing September 10th, this year, in which he said he desired to apologize to the American Kennel Club for his ungentlemanly behavior at our show. I thought that that was a very meritorious desire, but inasmuch as he had not apologized to the Philadelphia Dog Show Association, to our steward or judge, I wrote him that I could not see how under those circumstances he could expect me to intercede for him. He then wrote me again on September 15th, a letter which I received on the 17th, saying that he had apologized to the Philadelphia Dog Show Association. The offense occurred in November of last year. I acknowledged the receipt of the letter, and at the same time I wrote to Mr. Muss-Arnolt telling him that inasmuch as he was one of the persons who was offended jointly with the Association, I felt it would be improper for the Association to take any action in the premises whatsoever until we had heard from Mr. Arnolt. I have not as yet received a letter in reply, excepting to-day Mr. Arnolt told me he had a letter on file, and that he thought

That would answer both purpose. I did not know the contents of Mr. Arnolt's letter until Mr. Vredenburg read it. This sentence was imposed by the Bench Show Committee. A number of our members are still absent upon their summer vacation, and as I told Mr. Busch, I would bring it to the attention of the Committee at its next meeting. As an individual I certainly do not wish to express any opinion. The letter has only been in my hands since Monday of this week.

On motion of Mr. Rodman, the matter was laid on the table until some action can be taken by the Philadelphia Dog Show Association.

The charges filed by the St. Louis Kennel Club against George Morris, Jr., Josephe Meisenheimer, A.M. Roth, Mrs. G.H. Goddard, Charles L. Krause and D.P. Redd for their refusal to refund prize money paid for winnings that had been subsequently cancelled by the American Kennel Club, were then considered, and on motion of Mr. Carnochan were referred to the Executive Board.

In relation to the complaint filed by the Montebello Kennels against the Kansas City Kennel Club for failure to pay over two silver cups won by said Montebello Kennels, Mr. Carnochan moved that the Kansas City Kennel Club be given thirty days in which to pay those prizes, and if not paid

within what time said Club should be disqualified.

Motion seconded and carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: I want to bring up this matter of the California State Fair Association and West Virginia State Fair Association. As I reported, they published my certificate over my signature at the top of their classification, when they had never claimed dates, had not paid their deposits, had not sent their classification for approval, and had not received my approval. The California Club published their rating as five points. On my return from my vacation I received a letter from a gentleman in which he said he refused to send his entries to Tanforan because they rated only one point, but that he did go to the expense of sending his dogs to Sacramento because there he could get five points. He asked me if I would be kind enough to inform him why I discriminated between the two shows, both being initial shows, and both being probably about the same sized shows. Well, I could not answer him; I didn't know anything about it; but it appears that during my absence on my vacation that this office received a communication on the subject from somebody else, and we immediately sent a letter to the Sacramento Show, and they published that letter, which set the exhibitors straight on the subject that

They would only win one point if they won there. The Wheeling Show, at West Virginia, wrote me that they supposed that an old club like it of twenty years standing would not be required to claim their dates and pay their deposit, and supposed that that was only intended for a club that was gotten up by a lot of gentlemen who were inexperienced in dog show matters, and that some secretary of a club, I think the Milwaukee Club, had sent them their premium list and told them they had better copy that and they copied it, and copied it with my certificate. They wanted to know how they could square the matter. I told them they would have to claim the dates, make a deposit and then I would report the matter here. I received their claim for dates and their deposit just one day before their show opened, which was probably a week after their entries closed. I am perfectly willing to admit that this action on their part was due to a misapprehension of the rules, but it is rather serious to have such a certificate appear over my signature, because people might think I was discriminating. I want to make it a matter of record that these certificates were published without my knowledge or consent. I don't know whether you want to do anything in the matter or not.

MR. WATERS: It would be rather hard on the exhibit-

ors if all wins were to be disqualified.

DR. FOOTE: I move that the two clubs be censured and cautioned.

Seconded and carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The Pacific Advisory Board had asked for a complete file of the Stud Book. I cannot give it to them, as Volume V. is out of print.

CAPT. KNOCKER: I move that their request be granted so far as possible by sending all we have.

Seconded and carried.

MR. VREDENBURGH: The Publish Library of Boston asks for a donation of Volume VIII. and all volumes published since of the American Kennel Club Stud Book.

MR. WATERS: I move that it is the sense of this Club that it makes no further donations of the Stud Book.

Motion seconded and carried.

On motion of Mr. Carnochan the meeting resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

Upon reassembling Mr. Vredenburgh reported as follows:

Mr. Chairman, as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole I beg to report that it was moved, seconded and carried that the chair appoint a committee of three, of which the Secretary of the American Kennel Club shall be one, to consider a project that was debated by the

committee of the whole and confer with the parties in interest, and report later on the result of its consideration and conference.

Mr. Carnochan moved that the report of the Committee of the Whole be now brought up for action, and the same was seconded and carried, and the chair appointed Mr. Rodman and Mr. Carnochan in connection with Mr. Vredenburg as the special committee recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

The meeting then adjourned.

A.P. Vredenburg
Secy.

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB,
HELD AT ITS OFFICES, NO. 55 LIBERTY STREET.

December 18th 1900

PRESENT:

Associate Member	H.K. Bloodgood
American Spaniel Club	Marcel A. Viti
Brunswick Fur Club	L.W. Campbell
Collie Club of America	James Watson
Dog Owners Protective Association Of Cincinnati	Charles W. Rodman, Jr.
Duquesne Kennel Club of Western Pennsylvania	G.M. Carnochan
Irish Terrier Club of America	Singleton Van Schaick
Metropolitan Kennel Club	H.T. Foote
National Beagle Club	Jas. W. Appleton
New England Beagle Club	John Caswell
Philadelphia Dog Show Association	Louis A. Biddle
Pointer Club of America	George Jarvis
San Francisco and San Mateo Agricultural Association	Rowland P. Keasbey
St. Bernard Club of California	J. Lorillard Arden
The Ladies' Kennel Association	Jas. Mortimer

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Capt. Knocker nominated Mr. Vredenburg as the Chairman of the meeting.

Nomination seconded and carried.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and they were accepted as published in the Gazette.

The Membership Committee report was read as follows:

New York, Dec. 17. 1900

To the American Kennel Club,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Membership Committee, held this day, for the purpose of examining and reporting on applications for membership, and credentials of delegates, filed with the Secretary, your committee would respectfully recommend the acceptance of the following:

--APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP--

Memphis Kennel Club

Scottish Terrier Club of America

To take effect January 1, 1901

--CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES --

B.S. Smith, to represent the Welsh Terrier Club

Frank R. Story “ “ “ Chicago Pet Dog Club

Respectfully submitted –

H.T. Foote, Ch.)	:	Membership
S. Van Schiack)	:	Committee
C.B. Knocker)	:	

On motion the report was accepted and placed on file, and the Clubs applying for admission elected; also the gentlemen named therein, presenting credentials to represent the Club therein mentioned were elected as such.

The Secretary then read his quarterly report as follows:

New York, Dec. 17, 1900

To the AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB,

Gentlemen:-

Since the last quarterly meeting four applications for admission to active membership have been filed, two of which, namely, the Louisiana Kennel Club, and the Welsh Terrier Club were duly elected by the Executive Board at its meeting held Nov. 14, 1900. The other applications, and the credentials for delegates will be duly reported at this meeting by the Membership Committee. Applications for the registration of six Kennel names will be reported at this meeting by the Stud Book Committee.

I beg to report the reception of a resignation, from the Butterfly Bench Show Association, and would recommend the acceptance of same, as said club is now in good standing, having discharged all obligations to the A.K.C. to Dec. 31st,

1900.

The Ladies Kennel Association applies to have its title changed to that of "THE LADIES KENNEL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA", to prevent any confusion of confusion or conflict with the name of one of our members, Ladies Kennel Association of Massachusetts. I recommend the change as requested.

The officers of the Kansas City Kennel Club were duly disqualified at our last meeting, for having failed to pay special prizes to the Montebello Kennels and to L. Loring Brooks. These prizes have been paid and notice to that effect filed by the parties who made the charges- An official notice from the Kansas City Kennel Club to the effect that all prizes have been paid, has been filed with this office. I would recommend that the appeal for reinstatement be granted.

An appeal from William Routley for reinstatement has been filed, and his letter will be duly submitted at this meeting. I believe that the appellant has been fully punished for his offense and would recommend his reinstatement.

I have a notice from the Philadelphia Dog Show Association that so far as it related to that Club, it has removed the suspension it imposed against Charles Busch. Said Busch was disqualified by the A.K.C. by virtue of his suspension by the Philadelphia Dog Show Association, and I would recommend his reinstatement by the A.K.C. at this meeting.

A. R. Castagner has filed charges against the Northwestern Kennel Club for non-payment of Seven Dollars (\$7.00) on account of prizes won at its late show. By reason of cancellation made by the A.K.C., Castagner's dogs were moved up under the rules, and his demands on the Northwestern Kennel Club of the moneys due him, have not been honored.

The Philadelphia Dog Show Association has filed a notice with the A.K.C. that its Bench Show Committee has suspended Edwin H. Morris for conduct at its show prejudicial to the best interests of dog shows. This meeting must either remove said suspension, or change same to disqualification. In either case either party has the right of appeal.

The Cleveland Kennel Club duly claimed Feb. 26, 27, 28, and Mar. 1st, 1901, for a Dog Show, and made the necessary deposit. Under date of Dec. 9, 1900, said Club applied for a cancellation of said dates, it being its intention not to hold a show during 1901. Other clubs have claimed dates based upon the dates granted Cleveland. I beg to request instructions relative to the amount deposited here, with the original claim.

Mr. H.H. Carlton, has appealed against my decision in cancelling the award given to his Boston Terrier Tremont (47976), shown at the last San Francisco show as Oakside Tremont (47976). Said cancellation was based upon the fact that there was no registration of a Boston Terrier under the name of Oakside Tremont No. 47976. One reason of said

appeal is that said dogs win the year previous, was allowed by me, although similar circumstances prevailed. That fact has been acknowledged by me. The win of 1899 was permitted to stand, owing to the non-discovery by this office of the error. The question I take it, has been settled by former rulings of this Club that giving a registered dog a prefix after such registration is a change of name, and no change of name is permitted after a registration have been published in any volume of the Stud Book. The question as I understand it, shall the win of said dog be reinstated, or shall it remain cancelled, and if the latter, what disposition shall be made of the win of 1899 that was overlooked by this office.

The Pacific Advisory Committee has rendered a Bill for disbursements from July to December, amounting to Eleven 40/100 Dollars (\$11.40) which requires your approval or otherwise.

In closing my report, I beg to congratulate the A.K.C. upon the most successful year in its history. All records have been broken, and the condition of the Club is in a most satisfactory state.

Respectfully submitted,

A.P. Vredenburgh

Secretary

On motion the same was accepted and placed on file.

The Treasurer read his report, as follows:

New York, Dec. 17, 1900

To the AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB,

Gentlemen:-

I hereby submit my quarterly report:-

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1900 -----	\$ 6,824.33
Receipts from Jan. 1, 1900, to date -----	<u>11,909.68</u>
Total.	18,734.01
Disbursements since Jan. 1, 1900 -----	<u>10,552.83</u>
Balance on hand	\$ 8,181.18

All bills for Active and Associate dues for 1901, were duly mailed on Nov. 30, 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

A.P. Vredenburgh

Treasurer

On motion the same was accepted and placed on file.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board be accepted as published in the Gazette.

Carried.

The report of the Stud Book Committee was read as follows:-

The Stud Book Committee beg leave to report as follows:

Applications have been duly made for the registration of Kennel names as follows:-

Bayside	G.S. Haliwell, Wollaston, Mass
Crosswicks	Mr. & Mrs. Clement B. Newbold, Phila
Lorna	Dr. Leon H. Jastremski
Massasoit	Fred. A. Bearse & Chanming de Frate
Montez	J.P. Norman, San Francisco
Vancroft	J.B. Vandergrift, Pittsburgh

As they do not conflict with any names already registered your committee recommend that they be allowed.

Application has been made for the transfer of the name Lemington from J.B. Vandergrift to E.P. Young of Pittsburgh, and as the transfer has received the Endorsement of Mr. Vandergrift, your committee recommends that the transfer be allowed.

In reference to other matters pending before the committee, the committee beg to report that they have not concluded the correspondence necessary to a proper investigation of the same, and therefore ask that action be deferred until the next

Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Stud Book Committee

C.W. Rodman, Jr.

Marvel A. Viti

C.B. Knocker

On motion the same was accepted and placed on file, and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

The report of the Pacific Advisory Committee was read, as follows:-

Adjourned Special Meeting of the Pacific Coast Special Committee of the
American Kennel Club, Held in Room 61, Occidental Hotel,
San Francisco, November 23, 1900.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

The Secretary read the following communication from the American
Kennel Club:

New York, November 15, 1900

Mr. J.P. Norman, Secretary,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise you that at the meeting of the Executive Board held the 14th inst., that Mr. A.J. Allen, as nominated by your committee, was duly appointed as a member of said committee in place of Dr. E.N. Lowry, resigned. Your request for a greater scope of authority and more power to be accorded to your committee was carefully discussed but the Board did not deem it expedient to accede to said request.

Yours truly,

(Signed) American Kennel Club,

By

A.P. Vredenburg,
Secretary

On motion, the letter was ordered on file, and it was resolved that a copy of same be placed on the minutes.

Mr. Merton C. Allen read the following communication to the committee:

Mr. Chairman, and Fellow Members of the Committee:

It occurs to me at this time that there is occasion for some decided action on the part of this committee. The present grant of power which we hold from the A.K.C. is utterly insufficient to justify our existence. We exert in

Dog affairs on the Pacific Coast no influence of substantial value to the interests we are supposed to subserve. We represent in theory a large and important territory holding claims upon the interest and attention of the A.K.C. In point of fact, however, we are so circumscribed in authority that in the eyes of dog owners and exhibitors we appeal as mere figure-heads. Our position is anomalous and unsatisfactory. Instead of promoting harmony between the A.K.C. and dog owners on the Pacific Coast the mere fact of the committee's existence under existing conditions accentuates and aggravates points of differences between the A.K.C. and a great body of dog fanciers, differences, which, under a different arrangement, might be readily adjusted.

It does not please me, Mr. Chairman, that this committee should continue to act under such conditions. Unless this committee can be put in position to profitably serve dog interests on the Pacific Coast it should go out of existence. After nearly two years of trial we are in position to thoroughly understand the situation. We know that never since the creation of this committee has it been able to serve the commendable purposes for which it was called into being. For this fact we are in no wise responsible. We lack power to accomplish for kennel interests on the Pacific Coast that which interests demand and require. The sooner we recognize that fact the better for this committee and the A.K.C.

Mr. Chairman, in justice to kennel interests, we should present the existing condition fairly to the A.K.C. We should ask that our existence be justified by more positive authority, or, failing in that request, that the A.K.C. terminate our existence as a committee and take to itself the imaginary authority we are supposed to hold. The sympathy of the members of this committee with the A.K.C. is well known. We are anxious to serve the interests of the organization in every manner possible but at the same time we are not able to close our eyes to the physical facts by which we are confronted. Both in theory and fact the committee stands for all that the A.K.C. is on the Pacific Coast. Candor and truth, however, call for an admission that because the committee is small in power and authority the A.K.C. appears small and is subjected to a petty opposition and rivalry for which under a more generous arrangement there would be not cause or excuse.

Let us not, Mr. Chairman, and Fellow Members, deceive ourselves as to the truth. Let us recognize the fact that the Pacific Advisory Committee, as now organized, is of no substantial value to the A.K.C. or to dog interests on the Pacific Coast. To be of real value this committee should be to all intents and purposes the A.K.C. on the Pacific Coast. It should have power to do on this Coast all things that the A.K.C. can do. This proposition carried with it the idea that the committee should receive and act upon applications for dates, receive for transmission to the A.K.C.

(subject to confirmation) registrations and fees for listing approved rules of bench show clubs, -- in fact have original and complete jurisdiction in all matters connected with and arising out of kennel affairs on the Pacific Coast, subject of course to the rules of the A.K.C. and to such right to appeal as may be necessary at any time to correct error and mistake.

The geographical distance separating the Pacific Coast from New York renders it impossible that the A.K.C. exercise direct control, through its general officers, over kennel affairs in the far West. That has been proved in the past by various happenings which have contributed to the embarrassment of Coast shows. The A.K.C. has made mistakes due entirely to a lack of knowledge and has thereby jeopardized its own interests, and paved with obstructions the pathway of supposed usefulness mapped out for this committee. It is justly claimed that the kennel interests of the Pacific Coast are of such character and importance as to justify a reasonable measure of home government. Exhibitors demand that to the fullest extent possible their interests be governed here and their rights determined by men able to act promptly and with full knowledge of all the facts involved.

I have in mind, Mr. Chairman, two cases arising out of the last San Francisco show. In one case a win was cancelled because a registered dog was shown under a name other than a registered name; in the other case the Secretary of the

A.K.C. cancelled the win of a dog because, through a clerical error on the part of the show management, the name of the dog was omitted from the listing blank forwarded to the A.K.C.

As to the merits of these cases there need be no argument. In the first case the Secretary of the A.K.C. was technically correct. His decision came in such a way, however, as to leave room for bad feeling. Had the case been decided here in the same way, by a local committee fully understanding the equities, all feelings would have been avoided. The owner of the dog would have been made to fully realize the legal aspect of the situation and would have been able to accept the committee's judgment without question.

The moral of the second case is none the less apparent. If the Pacific Coast Committee were allowed to accept listings for all shows within its jurisdiction such mistakes could not occur; -- innocent owners would not be made to suffer for the mistakes of others. Under such an arrangement a rule could be made that all listings be submitted to the Committee in advance of the show or shows to which they might apply. The Committee would then have opportunity to observe and correct mistakes. The show would be the gainer; there would be equal gain for the exhibitor, and by reason of the principle of home government involved there would follow an immeasurable benefit and gain to the A.K.C.

In citing the above-mentioned cases, Mr. Chairman, my only idea has been to emphasize the proposition that this

Committee to serve any useful purpose must enjoy added powers. I believe fully that were this Committee clothed with full power from the A.K.C. to regulate A.K.C. shows on this Coast that all local opposition to the A.K.C. would cease, that conflicting interests could be reconciled, and this Committee could become an agency of far-reaching benefit to all the interests it is intended to represent. In a word, Mr. Chairman, this Committee should be created the absolute agent of the A.K.C. for the purpose of transacting the business of the national organization, on this Coast, and I would go to the extent of saying that the A.K.C. should take no action in a purely Pacific Coast matter until it has first been referred to and acted upon by this Committee. With such a power of agency this Committee would be able to accomplish much for kennel interests in this jurisdiction. Lacking this power the Committee is of absolutely no value and may as well as not go out of business.

My views as here expressed I have reduced to writing in order that they may be of record on the minute of this meeting. I submit them to the Committee for such action as may be deemed proper. Personally I am much dissatisfied with the status of this Committee. Should the other members share in my views I favor such action as will promptly advise the A.K.C. of our position. In this spirit I leave the matter in your hands.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Merton C. Allen

San Francisco, November 23, 1900

After some remarks by all the members, in which the consensus of opinion was that the concessions of the powers asked would result in a Pacific Coast, once more united under the aegis of the American Kennel Club, it was

Resolved, that the foregoing statement submitted by Mr. M.C. Allen be spread upon the minutes and transmitted to the American Kennel Club as expressing the unanimous views of this committee, and it was further

Resolved, that should the American Kennel Club in its wisdom not see its way clear to grant the additional powers requested, the members of this committee herewith respectfully tender their resignations and request that the future discharge of the duties of this committee in its present form be entrusted to other hands, and be it further

Resolved, that it be spread on the minutes of this committee that this resolution has been unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on motion, subject to the call of the Chair.

Attest:

J.P. Norman

Secretary

On motion the said report was laid upon the table, to be taken up later under the head of new business.

THE SECRETARY: The first business will be the resignation of the Butterfly Bench Show Association.

MR. MORTIMER: I move it be accepted with regret.

Motion seconded and carried.

The Secretary: I desire to state that at a previous meeting the officers of the American Pet Dog Club were disqualified for default in the pavement of their prizes, and that was done under the rule. At the last meeting of the executive board, held on the 14th of last month, the question was brought up by one of the members of that board how it would be possible to re-instate some of the officers who had been disqualified, who were practically figure-heads, who had nothing whatever to do with the management of the show, and therefore the non-payment of prizes was not due in any way to their negligence or desire to avoid payment. The matter was not discussed officially by the board, but the member who raised the point was told that they thought that a disposition shown by any of these disqualified persons to pay his or her share toward the liquidation of these unpaid prizes might carry some weight with this meeting. In line with that unofficial discussion I replied to an inquiry the other day; I extended an invitation to one of the parties under discipline to be present at this meeting and state his case. If it is your pleasure to hear the gentleman I think it would be well to do so.

Capt. Knocker. I move that he be heard.

Motion seconded and carried.

At this point Mr. Green entered the room and was intro-

duced to the members of the club.

Mr. Vredenburg: This is Mr. Green, who is the husband of one of the ladies who unfortunately came under our disqualification. If you would like to make a statement we would be glad to hear you.

Mr. Green: With the permission of the board I should be glad of the opportunity to remark briefly in regard to this matter. I suppose that it is hardly necessary for me to go into the question of the organization of the club, or what transpired anterior to the time of the disqualification of the officers, among whom my wife was one, but I might state that prior to that time, and as soon as she was informed that there was any likelihood of a default, or that there had been any default in the payment of the prizes, she used every endeavor at her command to bring about their payment. She called upon the President, Mrs. Stanton, and also Mrs. Horace Stokes in an endeavor to get the prizes paid. It was rather difficult at that time, and has been ever since, to ascertain the exact amount of the indebtedness of the club, including the prize money in default, and also including other outstanding debts. She had constant assurances from Mr. Stanton, and I think from Mr. Hodge, who was associated with him in the position of trustees to manage the show, the whole matter being turned over to them under contract by the club, that they would obtain first the payment of these claims, and, secondly, at least a statement of the amount of the claims, in order that the persons responsible actively, or by negligence, might be able

To come together and contribute at least their pro rata share so as to make up the amount necessary to remove the disqualification. I advised her that so far as the outside debts of the club were concerned, that was another matter, and that that was a matter which would have to be determined by the legal position of the club. Of course those I shall resist in every way. I took the matter up with Mr. Stanton and told him that Mrs. Green was then, and she is now, perfectly willing to contribute any fair pro rata share of the amount of the claims outstanding which this Association might recognize, and I obtained from him all the books of the club that he had, which consisted merely of the minute book, which contained no information whatsoever as to the amount, and a copy of the contract between himself and Mr. Hodge and the club. I had an interview with him and a Mr. Wood who, he said, was representing the club and rep[re]senting himself in an endeavor to get together all these claims. I could get no definite statement from him as to the amount of prize money which was outstanding and unpaid, but he said that it was in the neighborhood of \$700., or 800., - -- he thought nearer \$700., than \$800., He promised us that since last June. He said that they would obtain a statement of the amount, and I told them at that time that Mrs. Green would be very glad to co-operate with any one in paying these claims to the extent of her share. He sent me those books in July, and he said he wanted them for the purpose of having Mr. Wood prepare this statement. I have heard nothing

From him since, but Mrs. Green had a letter written to him in October last, a copy of which I have here, asking that he furnish some statement of the amount of money due for prizes, and in answer to that she got the same reply that I had got before, that the matter was in the hands of Mr. Wood, and that he would prepare, or would have prepared and sent to her a statement of the total indebtedness of the club, and outside of various claims which Mr. Stanton said he had assumed, the matter stands in that position. As I said before, Mrs. Green is perfectly willing to pay whatever is fair and right under the circumstances, and has used her best endeavors to that end, and I submit to the Association whether or not under the circumstances, if she will pay what you consider is her fair proportion of the outstanding prize money so far as it can be ascertained, for which I will send you a check at once, she might be re-instated so that she can show her dogs.

Mr. Vredenburg: I wish to state for your information that the American Kennel Club has no knowledge whatever of the outstanding indebtedness of the Pet Dog Club. We have on file here but two claims for non-payment of prizes and those two claims I think amount to in the aggregate of about \$250 or \$300. I know of another party who has not filed a claim, who has a claim of over \$100., but Mr. Hodge told me that he had taken a poll of all of the exhibitors who had received their prizes, and who had not, and that it figured up in round numbers about \$800., but that is the only knowledge the club has in that regard. We know there are unpaid prizes. They ought to be paid within sixty days after the close of the show, which opportuni-

ty they did not avail themselves of, and hence, under the rules, every officer is responsible, and they were disqualified. That is the position so far as we are concerned. As I understand it, Mrs. Green was the Vice-President of the Club and took no active part whatever in its affairs.

Mr. Green: I believe she attended one meeting about eighteen months ago, or some time before that.

Mr. Vredenburgh: She has endeavored to get hold of the financial man and has not succeeded?

Mr. Green: She has tried and I have tried.

Mr. Vredenburgh: And she stands ready to pay her share of the indebtedness?

Mr. Green: Entirely so.

Mr. Vredenburgh: And under those circumstances she appeals for reinstatement?

Mr. Green: Yes. Of course it is an important matter with her to be able to show her dogs, and I told her if it came down to a question of what should be done I would remit the whole thing myself, but that she preferred I should not do. I would rather do that than have this disqualification hanging over my head, but I thought that it might be possible if she offered to pay what in your opinion would be a fair pro rata of the indebtedness, the disqualification as to her could be removed.

Mr. Rodman: Have legal proceedings been taken to compel an accounting by these gentlemen?

Mr. Green: No, I believe not.

Mr. Rodman: You think, as a matter of fact, they could

be, could they not.

Mr. Green: I think possibly they might.

Mr. Rodman: Don't you think an accounting might be compelled in that matter?

Mr. Green: I doubt from the statement of the gentleman whether you could get any more definite information from them.

Mr. Caswell: Is the check book of the prize money available to Mrs. Green?

Mr. Green: I have endeavored to get that from Mr. Stanton, but I have not been able to. He said some of the money was paid in cash and some of it was paid out of her personal account.

Capt. Knocker: Would it not be possible to get the information you want by either writing to the exhibitors, which would be rather difficult, or by an advertisement in the papers requesting all those who had claims for prizes against the club to send in their claims within a certain time in order that they might be acted upon?

Mr. Green: I understand that Mr. Hodge, who was one of the joint trustees with Mr. Stanton, prepared and sent to all of the exhibitors in the catalogue return postal cards. I know the Pembroke Kennels received one, and Mr. Hodge has written to Mrs. Green to the effect that he had sent those postal cards to every exhibitor.

Capt. Knocker: Couldn't the matter be published in the Kennel Gazette, drawing attention to the fact that a list is wanted of the prize holders at that show, which all the

exhibitors would receive, and then you might arrive at the very data you are hunting for.

Mr. Mortimer: I would hazard the opinion that if Mrs. Green deposited her check in trust with the American Kennel Club in payment of her pro rata share of this prize money, she would be re-instated.

Mr. Green: She does not know what that pro rata is.

Mr. Mortimer: We will assume that the total liability of prize money amounts to \$800. How many executive officers were there?

Mr. Vredenburg: The disqualified officers were Mrs. Walter Stanton, Charles F. Spaulding, Mrs. George W. Carr, Mrs. W.W. Green, Mrs. Horace Stokes, Mrs. R.K. Pritchard, Walter Stanton and S.C. Hodge, eight in all.

Mr. Mortimer: Which would make the indebtedness about \$100 each.

Mr. Caswell: I do not see how we can assume that the unpaid prize money amounts to any certain sum. Would it not be b[e]tter to simply take the statement of Mr. Green, signed by Mrs. Green, that she will assume her pro rata share of the unpaid prize money, and pending the amount being accurately ascertained she be allowed to exhibit, as it were, on probation.

The Chair: I would have to rule that that would be contrary to the rules, which state that a suspended or a disqualified person cannot exhibit dogs.

Capt. Knocker: Can't you remove the disqualification temporarily?

The Chair: Then it is removed.

Mr. Rodman: It seems hardly necessary for me to state that I regret as much as any one here that an innocent person should be compelled to suffer for the wrong doings of others, and I for one would be delighted to see these ladies who occupied the positions of officers of the Pet Dog Club be re-instated, those who were innocent of officiating, but at the same time the American Kennel Club is one which states and makes precedents, and the thought has just occurred to me that although our sympathies might predominate in this case, and although the justice of this case may appeal to us as men, yet at the same time let me put this case to you and see what dangerous ground we are treading on. Suppose, for the sake of argument, that a club south, composed of a number of ladies, was to fall in this same unfortunate position. It might be possible that some one of the officers of that organization was not blessed with as much of this world's goods as certain others, and you said in this meeting that the American Kennel Club has withdrawn the suspension on the ground that those members of the board of officers each contributed his or her pro rata share toward the liquidation of the debts of the organization. It might be that one of those parties, entirely innocent, was unable to meet the proportionate share of the obligations --- what are you going to do in a case of that kind?

Capt. Knocker: The others would settle it.

Mr. Rodman: That is a case to be decided by them and not by us. It seems to me that under the rules of the American

Kennel Club we are, in the first place, bound to act as we have acted. It seems to me with all due respect to the statements that have been made here to-day, and I appreciate to a certain extent the enormity of the task imposed upon these people in their endeavor to get at the bottom of the facts as they exist, yet, at the same time, there is a method which as yet has not been called into use which might bring to light the evidence and information which is now desired, and of which the American Kennel Club has no knowledge. There is a law which can compel Mr. Stanton to produce the books of the American Pet Dog Club; there is another law which can compel him to use his best endeavors to present to the officers of the organization all the information which he has in his possession, or any other officer has in his or her possession. If that is done I am not sure but what the American Pet Dog Club may find that it has more information regarding the indebtedness of the organization than it has at present. I only speak in this way because I see ahead if this is made a precedent, a chance for opening the door where we may not be in the possession of as many facts as we are at present, but yet, by reason of our having made the precedent, would have to live up to it.

Mr. Mortimer: In reply to Mr. Rodman I might say that this club has already established a precedent in matter of this sort. I recollect some years ago when the Bull Terrier Club was disqualified. I wish you would call attention to that case, Mr. Vredenburg.

The Secretary: The Bull Terrier Club's officers, consisting of four, were suspended. We demanded of that club that it should rescind a certain resolution which was passed, and to give it the same publicity that they gave the original resolutions. They found it impossible to get a quorum present in order to carry out our instructions. Mr. Dole was president. He called meetings. They would not attend. He then called a meeting here at this office in order to show the American Kennel Club what he was doing, and he attended, coming down from New Haven. There were no other persons present. The president appealed for reinstatement on the ground that he had done everything in his power to bring about the rescinding of this obnoxious resolution. On the strength of that his appeal was granted and he was re-instated. Mr. John Moorhead Jr., who was Vice-President, said he knew nothing about this resolution and was not present at the meeting, and that as he could not get a meeting of the club he resigned from the club; resigned as an officer and as a member, saying that he would not be willing to continue in a club that would pass such a resolution and then refuse to rescind it. Upon the strength of that he was re-instated. Mr. W.D. Breweton, the Secretary, sent an apology for the part he took in the transaction and he was re-instated; so that at the present time the second Vice President, Mr. J.O. Horn, of Pittsburgh, is the only disqualified person because he would not apologize, or do anything.

Mr. Rodman: I ask what rule of the American Kennel

Club was broken by the Bull Terrier Club.

Mr. Vredenburg: Sending out an official communication to the sporting papers insulting the members of this club in criticizing the remarks that were made while exercising the prerogatives of their positions as delegates.

Mr. Rodman: Then as a matter of fact no rule was broken, but because they saw fit to use language which the American Kennel Club considered improper they were disqualified. I think there is a distinction between that case and this.

Capt. Knocker: They did break a rule, didn't they. Will you read the rules in regard to the payment or non-payment of prize money? I think there is a specific rule on that point.

The Secretary then read rule Five.

Mr. Green: In regard to the suggestion of a possible suit against these trustees, outside of the question of what practical results could be obtained by it, the question in my mind is, who is entitled to bring that suit. Mrs. Green certainly is not; she is not a member or officer of that club, she resigned, and I suppose her resignation has been accepted by this time.

Mr. Rodman: There is no doubt but that a creditor has a right to bring suit?

Mr. Green: I do not know whether a creditor could bring a suit, to bring an accounting between the trustee and the club. In regard to the amount, if it be proper and fitting, I would state, whether it is \$800/ or a \$1,000. I am willing to sign my check for Mrs. Green's share.

Mr. Van Schiack: I move that Mrs. Green be now reinstated upon the condition that she agrees to pay her pro rata share of the indebtedness of the Pet Dog Club of prizes when that amount is ascertained.

Mr. Caswell: Not when the whole amount is ascertained, but as it is ascertained.

Mr. Rodman: I move as an amendment that this matter be referred to the Rules Committee.

Mr. Viti: If the persons who are on the inside, so to speak, and are supposed to have control of the books and papers of the club, after an investigation consuming over a year, are not able to ascertain the liabilities of this Association, is the American Kennel Club to undertake it?

The Secretary: I would like to state for your information, that if you look back at the records in my report I particularly mentioned the case of Mrs. Green before the disqualification, as I happened to know something about the case, and knew that she had never taken any active interest in the club, simply permitting her name to be used in the club as an officer, - - - I think it is a hardship, there is no question about that, but I would suggest this, that I will give Mr. Green the address of Mr. Hodge and Mr. Hodge can furnish him with a full list so far as he was able to obtain it, and he told me that it was a very full list of the indebtedness of the club. I just throw that out as a suggestion.

Mr. Rodman: I think, if the Chairman please, that this is opening the door for another member of that board of officers to come in here and ask leave to pay his or her pro

portionate share of the indebtedness on an assumption, for it is purely and simply an assumption, that by fulfilling that one condition, namely, the payment of his or her proportionate share they will be in a position to ask for the same terms that are allowed in this present case.

The Chair: There is no doubt about that, and if the eight came in and did the same thing, it would not be very long before the entire indebtedness would be paid.

Mr. Rodman: Is the American Kennel Club to use its endeavors to settle the outside business of the American Pet Dog Club? If this indebtedness or these liabilities can be liquidated by the co-operation of eight members of that organization, why is not that done, and then why does not the Pet Dog Club come before this club with clean hands and ask for re-instatement? Why should we re-instate one member and not all the members?

The Chair: The American Kennel Club ought not to determine the indebtedness of the Pet Dog Club. That is a domestic matter, and it is their business to do it; but if after making attempts for the better part of a year to obtain information by which a person could pay his share, or do all in his power to pay this indebtedness, and he cannot do it, it shows the American Kennel Club that that person under discipline is anxious to do it, and the only way he can show that he is willing to so it is by coming here and assuming a debt greater than it is supposed to be, and he will deposit with the American Kennel Club his prorate share of that assumed debt, it

Shows that that is the last resource.

Mr. Rodman: I think that it has been conceded here to-day that the last resource has not been exhausted. The most effective measure of all, the demanding of an accounting, has not been employed.

Capt. Knocker: Who is going to sue?

Mr. Rodman: A creditor. I look at this matter from a legal stand-point. I can see breakers ahead if this is permitted to go through, but at the same time the most effective measure which could be employed toward the ascertainment of the full indebtedness of the organization has never been employed.

Mr. Viti: You must recollect another point, and that is, we must consider the exhibitor. Very frequently exhibitors are attracted to a show by the statement of who compose of board of officers. They may see there the name of one person that they know is thoroughly responsible personally, and they make entries, because the American Kennel Club rule say that all the officers shall be responsible, and therefore in view of the fact that the name of this one individual appears as an officer, they make their entries, knowing that under our rules this person is responsible for this prize money. Our rules are very hard and fast on the subject.

Capt. Knocker: Yes, but the rule is that the American Kennel Club is to determine the length of time these people are to be disqualified the length of time these people are to be disqualified, and if they wish to re-instate them that settles it.

Mr. Viti: The Executive Committee, when they decided this case, said they would not hear a recommendation for re-instatement unless upon a clean balance sheet, and then after that was shown we would determine whether or not these persons were negligent or whether they were deliberate in the non-payment of the prize money.

Capt. Knocker: Doesn't it look as if they had done everything they could to get that statement, and could not get it? Mr. Rodman says a creditor can sue. The creditors are the exhibitors. How are you going to force creditors to commence suit? It is a totally different thing where a party comes in and claims that they are willing to do all that is right. We are not anxious to punish innocent people. If that is making a precedent, I think it is a good precedent where people are willing to come forward and pay their share of the prize money, or more than their share. It seems to me that it is a very simple thing and ought to be allowed.

Mr. Mortimer: We have a case here where an exhibitor, or an officer who is disqualified unfortunately, an officer that has taken no active part in the actions of the club, and that officer is willing to deposit a check here for the amount of the full indebtedness of this club, if it comes to that --- at least I will say is willing to put up a check for the pro rata amount, or more than the pro rata amount; isn't it a very hard thing that that exhibitor should be kept out?

Mr. Van Schaick's motion was then repeated as follows: I move that Mrs. Green be now re-instated upon the condition that she agrees to pay her pro rata share of the indebtedness of the

Pet Dog Club when that amount is ascertained.

Mr. Rodman: I offered an amendment to refer to the Rules Committee. I offer my amendment in the form of a motion that the matter be referred to the Committee on Rules of the American Kennel Club.

The Chair: We will take the vote first on the amendment.

The vote resulted in the amendment being carried by seven to six, and the Chair declared that the matter is left to the Committee on Constitution and Rules.

The Secretary: The next matter of business before you is the request of the Ladies Kennel Association to have its title changed to that of "The Ladies Kennel Association of America."

On motion said application was granted.

The Secretary: The Kansas City Kennel Club defaulted in the payment of two special prizes. They paid them after hearing from us, and I have a notification from the recipients that they received their prizes. Here is an appeal for re-instatement.

Moved and seconded that the appeal of the Kansas City Kennel Club for re-instatement be granted.

Carried.

In regard to the appeal of Mr. William Routley for re-instatement, Dr. Foote moved that it be not granted.

Motion seconded and carried.

The Secretary: The Philadelphia Dog Show Association has sent here a communication stating that the suspension im-

Posed by it against Charles Busch has been removed.

Mr. Mortimer: I move that the disqualification be removed.

Motion seconded and carried.

The Secretary: The next matter is the charge made by A.R. Castagner against the Northwestern Kennel Club for unpaid prizes at its late show. If there is no objection it will be referred to the Executive Board. It was so referred.

The communication from the Cleveland Kennel Club, asking for cancellation of its show dates in March, 1901, was received and filed.

The Secretary: I have a communication here from the Philadelphia Dog Show Association notifying this club that it has suspended Edwin H. Morris for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of dog shows.

The Chair: If there is no objection this will be referred to the Executive Board.

Mr. Carnochan: I beg to differ with the Chair in that regard.

The Chair: The Chair decides that owing to custom the Secretary shall report to every meeting of the American Kennel Club such cases as come before it that must be acted upon the Executive Board. If there is any appeal from that decision now is the time to make it.

The Secretary: I will state for the information of this meeting that Mr. Morris has appealed and has filed his defense with me, and before the Executive Board meeting I will call upon the Philadelphia Kennel Association to produce its minutes and testimony upon which it acted, so that both sides of

The case can be heard by the executive board. The case was referred to the Executive Board, under the rules. –

The Secretary: I call attention to the appeal of Mr. H.H. Carlton against my decision in cancelling the award given to his Boston terrier Tremont (47976) shown at the late San Francisco show as Oakside Tremont (47976).

Mr. Rodman: I move that in view of the extenuating circumstances surrounding this case the win be allowed to stand, at the San Francisco show of 1900.

Capt. Knocker: I think that he ought to get the benefit of that win. He was not warned in 1900 that he made a mistake in 1899. He had been granted a win, with a prefix that year and he naturally supposed that he had the right to use it. I did not know that the stud book committee had made a rule that an affix or prefix was a change of the name of the dog.

Mr. Carnochan: I think Capt. Knocker is absolutely right. I think it would be a great injustice to this exhibitor if after the American Kennel Club had allowed the one win, to not allow him the second. It may be said that we should not allow him the second. It may be said that we should not perpetuate a mistake, but I think that we having acquiesced in that mistake should not make him suffer for it.

The Secretary: I cancelled this win according to the rules. If you vote to sustain his appeal against my action you are voting against the rules. I simply want to tell you that so that you can vote knowingly. If you open the door to this, somebody from California or Mississippi, or some other

State will send me word that he has purchased such a dog and ask if he is registered? I look in the records and send him back word, No, he is not registered; the dog is not registered under that name, if you use a prefix after he has been registered.

Mr. Viti: I make the point that the motion is out of order because it abrogates a rule of the American Kennel Club.

The Chair: The point of order has been raised that by the adoption of this resolution it abrogates a rule of the American Kennel Club. The Chair is bound to sustain that point of order because the Chair, as Secretary, acted in accordance therewith in cancelling this win.

Mr. Rodman: Now I rise to object to the objection made to my motion. My motion has never been referred to the registration of that dog; the distinction has been lost sight of. My motion is with relation to permitting a win to stand, not the cancellation of a registration, and I demand with all due respect that my motion be allowed.

Mr. Rodman's motion was then put and carried.

Dr. Foote: I move that the Secretary be instructed to write this gentleman that in the future his dog must be shown as "Tremont", for he may labor under the mistaken idea that he can go on with the prefix "Oakside".

Motion seconded and carried.

The bill for \$11.40 rendered by the Pacific Advisory Committee for disbursements from July to December was on motion approved and ordered paid.

The Chair: Now, gentlemen, this report of the

Pacific Advisory Committee is on the table.

Capt. Knocker: I move that it be taken from the table and considered.

Motion seconded and carried.

Capt. Knocker: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: the Pacific Advisory Board has written me a letter and asked me to give some attention to this matter. It seems to me there are reasons for as well as reasons against granting what they ask. When it is possible to grant it I leave it to the Board. I would like to read an extract of a letter what I have here:

G.1.

“With regard to the Special Committee of the A.K.C., we held an adjourned meeting last Friday, at which Vredenburg’s letter was read, announcing the refusal to grant the extension of power sought by the committee. It was decided that the existence of the committee in its present form was a farce, and a resolution was passed asking the A.K.C. again for the powers needed, and in the event of their repeated refusal, tendering the unanimous resignation of the members of the committee. There can be no doubt that with a reasonable amount of home rule, the P.K.L would at once cease to exist, and I am assured of that by the leading lights thereof. It certainly does seem ridiculous, that a club that wants to hold here under A.K.C. rules has to spend at least three weeks or a month in obtaining the necessary permission from New York, and is frequently prevented from holding a show under those rules by reason of that very circumstance. Such was very nearly the case with the late Sacramento show. A club that wants to give a show here under the A.K.C. rules has to start in with the arrangements at least three months in advance of the show, and it is therefore impossible to arrange on its side. As for the committee, its sole function is to decide protests and appeals, and for that it is not worth while prolonging its existence. The powers sought by the committee are as follows:

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To receive and act upon applications for dates; to receive, for transmission to the A.K.C. (subject to confirmation) registrations and fees for listing; to approve rules for bench show clubs; in short to have original and complete jurisdiction in all matters connected with and arising out of kennel affairs on the Pacific Coast, subject of course to the rules of the A.K.C. and to such right of appeal as may be necessary at any time to correct error and mistake. It is impossible for the A.K.C. to govern this coast at the geographical distance by which they are separated. It is my firm belief, that if these concessions are refused in toto [total], the time will come, and at no distant date, when the whole coast will be united under a reorganized P.K.L. with a stud book of its own, and a complete jurisdiction over all kennel matters from the Rockies to the Sea, and from the burning sands of San Diego to the Frozen frontier of British Columbia (You will please notice the original and brilliant eloquence contained in the foregoing sentence). It can not be denied that the territory and population of this extent of country are sufficient to make a very respectable kennel association, which would be at least as large as that of Canada. The only obstacle in the way of the formation of such an association has heretofore been the S.F.K.C., and if that fell away from the A.K.C. there would be nothing left of the latter on the Coast.

G.3.

On the other hand, with a certain amount of home rule, the Coast would be solid for the parent body, and would be the source be weighed before finally rejecting the demands made. I have written A.P.V. that if these powers were granted, de Ruyter would allow us the free use of his private wire to New York, whereby a close supervision could be kept over the operations of the committee, and a ready reference facilitated to New York.”

Now, gentlemen, that is about all there is in the letter that refers to that matter and they seem to feel, and I think with a certain amount of justice, that being on the other side of the continent as they are, if it is possible it may be well to give them some power. They of course want to refer everything to the parent body. At the same time there is a great deal to be said as to the fact that they are laboring under very great difficulties, and that unless something is done they will drop away and cease from getting people to come in and belong to the American Kennel Club. I believe I have heard it said that the American Kennel Club would rather be without the Pacific Kennel clubs than with them. Personally I should be very sorry to see it, because it would drop me out and that would be my loss. I would like you gentlemen to think the matter over and give it your careful attention. I do not know whether it will be referred to a committee, probably will, but I think that the matter ought to be sifted thoroughly and both sides of the question looked into.

The Chair: The Chair would state that this matter came before the Executive Board, and the Executive Board acted. Now it has come to you as an appeal from their action, and I trust that you will not refer it to any committee, but that you will settle it right here.

Mr. Mortimer: I think that is where it ought to be settled.

Mr. Rodman: It seems to me that this is an important question which should be well weighed, and it seems to me

That for this reason it would be better to refer it to a committee to be appointed by the Chair, to report at the next meeting its conclusions in regard to this matter. I make that in the form of a motion.

Mr. Carnochan: I second the motion.

The Chair: A special Committee of five?

Mr. Rodman: Yes.

The Chair: I now state the motion: It is moved and seconded that the report of the Pacific Advisory Committee be referred to a special committee of five to be appointed by the Chair, said committee to report back its recommendations at the annual meeting to be held in February.

Carried.

The Chair: The Chair will appoint Mr. Rodman, Capt. Knocker, Mr. Bloodgood, Mr. Carnochan and Mr. Mortimer as the members of the committee.

Mr. Viti: I should like to include the Chair as a member of that committee ex-officio. I make that as an amendment, if it is not too late, that the Chair be added to that committee.

Mr. Vredenburg: That is not at all necessary. If the committee would care for any suggestions from me I would be more than delighted to give them to it. I have a very decided opinion on the subject, and I would be very glad to express that opinion to the committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

A.P. Vredenburg

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