

April 9, 2024: ARC General Board Meeting

RSG: Robert Galusha, President

KC: Kimberly Cardona, Vice President

AG: Ann Glynn, Secretary

ANG: Adam Gray, Treasurer

SL: Sue Ledoux, Director

SM: Sherma Miles, Director

LO: Lew Olson, Director

MT: Michelle Tribble, Director

TW: Tonya Williamson, Director

Date: April 9, 2024. **Start Time:** 8:17 PM EDT **End Time:** 9:14 PM EDT

Minutes recorded by Ann Glynn and the duration of meeting was and 57 minutes.

Roll Call: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.

Motion: To excuse Kim Cardona.

Motion: Robert Galusha. Second: Sue Ledoux.

Minutes for the March 12th meeting have been posted on the members-only section of the ARC website.

Motion: Robert Galusha. Second: Michelle Tribble.

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, SM, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

Presidents Report:

SafeSport Certification - Dennis Sprung, (President & CEO AKC), wrote a letter to AKC fanciers condemning alleged criminal conduct considering recent activities reported. AKC encourages the reporting of wrongful behavior if witnessed. Many Parent Clubs throughout AKC are taking up their own measures of SafeSport Certification in response. The American Rottweiler Club will address the situation by discussion in the April 9, 2024, board meeting and at the Annual Meeting on April 24, 2024.

Liaisons to contact Committees to obtain reports for the Annual Meeting. Committees, please have reports and information to share to Liaisons by 4/17/2024.

2024 Elections – Ballots have been mailed to the membership. Ballots are due back to Chris Dickey by June 1, 2024. The election will be for (1) President, (1) Vice President and (3) Director positions. Below is the slate for the upcoming election:

Robert Galusha CA – President

Kim Cardona FL – Vice President

Randi Garske CO – Director

Kate Player DVM IL – Director

Lew Olson AR – Director

Jeff Shaver TX – Director

Laura Wells CT - Director

AKC Breed Flyer sent to people registering new puppies was being sent with an outdated Flyer. The matter has been corrected and the correct flyer is back on file with AKC.

Future status up upcoming ARC Nationals after 2024:

2025 – Roberts Centre - Wilmington, OH - 6/22/2025 – 6/28/2025, contract signed

2026 – Purina Farms – Gray Summit, MO – 6/6/2026 – 6/14/2026, contract signed

2027 – open discussion to be in Florida

2028 – Purina Farms – Gray Summit, MO – 5/20/2028 – 5/28/2028, contract signed

Secretary's Report:

Sherma Miles has left the meeting 8:32 PM EDT.

(3) Tabled Member Motions from March 12, 2024 meeting. (Randi Garske, Karen Bang, Erin Piercy-Foreman *withdrawn*) and (1) New Member Motion from Erin Piercy-Foreman.

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MM1- Member motion from ARC member Randi Garske to change the National Specialty Standing Rules to the following proposal:

~~NSSR.14.F. The dates of the ARC National Specialty fluctuate from year to year. Puppies are eligible to compete in the first ARC National Sweepstakes held on or after the date they reach 6 months of age, and only in this Sweepstakes. Occasionally, puppies entered will be older than 18 months on the date that the first Sweepstakes for which they are eligible occurs. When needed, the additional class of "+18 months" will be added to the normal classes listed below. The exact age qualifications for this additional class will vary from year to year and will be stated in the Premium List. Example: Sweepstakes 2015 held on April 17; Specialty 2016 held on April 23 — the +18 class for the 2016 Sweepstakes would be for dogs that were born between October 18 and October 23, 2014, thus making them 18 months to under 19 months. (10/20/13)~~

Puppy Sweepstakes for the ARC National Specialty will be divided as follows:

Puppy Dogs, 6 months to under 9 months
Puppy Dogs, 9 months to under 12 months
Puppy Dogs, 12 months to under 15 months
Puppy Dogs, 15 months to under 18 months.

Puppy Dogs. 18 months to under 24 months.

(Same classes for Puppy Bitches)

Effective date starts with the 2025 ARC National.

Motion to discuss at the April 24, 2024.

Motion Robert Galusha. Second: Sue Ledoux

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

MM2- Member motion from ARC member Karen Bang to change the National Specialty Standing Rules to include the following wording to Randi Garske's proposal:

NSSR.14.F Puppy Sweepstakes is open to all Rottweilers at least 6 months of age but under 18 months of age, which are NOT Champions of Record, and which have not completed the requirements for championship prior to the closing of entries for the ARC National Specialty. Puppies shown in Sweepstakes must be entered in one of the regular classes at the regular entry fee.

Puppy Sweepstakes for the ARC National Specialty will be divided as follows:

Puppy Dogs, 6 months to under 9 months
Puppy Dogs, 9 months to under 12 months
Puppy Dogs, 12 months to under 15 months
Puppy Dogs, 15 months to under 18 months.
(Same classes for Puppy Bitches)

Effective date starts with the 2025 ARC National.

Motion to discuss at the April 24, 2024.

Motion Robert Galusha. Second: Sue Ledoux

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

MM3 - Motion Withdrawn - Member Motion from ARC Member Erin Piercy-Foreman - I'd like to file a motion that ARC national sweepstakes rules be unchanged and if they are to be changed, that the change be put to the general membership for vote to decide.

Motion to discuss at the April 24, 2024.

Motion Robert Galusha. Second: Sue Ledoux

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

MM4.New Member Motion from ARC Member Erin Piercy-Foreman - I would like to make a new motion that if sweepstakes rules are to be changed, that the change be put to the general membership for vote to decide first. I would also like to include that any dog eligible for entry may compete. The rules should remain the same for champion puppies to be eligible and we should consider (by letting general membership decide) changing next years sweeps and consecutive years after, to include 18-24 month class since the dates of the national are changing by 2 months for 2025 and may change again year to year.

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Motion to discuss at the April 24, 2024.

Motion Robert Galusha. Second: Sue Ledoux

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

Treasurer's Report:

March 31, 2024, Treasurer's Report
Conference call 04/09/24

US Bank - General Checking	\$ 6,815.50
US Bank - General Savings	\$ 92,514.17
US Bank – Nationals Account	\$ 30,968.66
Huntington Bank – Membership	\$ 200.00
US Bank Investment Account	<u>\$ 124,586.20</u>
Total Account Balances:	<u>\$ 255,084.53</u>

Interest Earned on the General Savings account Mar 29, 2024: \$19.58

Interest earned on the US Bank Investment Account (Patricia DeMarzo Memorial Tracking Fund) Mar 2024; \$11.60.
Qualified Dividends received in Mar 2024 \$0.00, Realized capital gain(loss) in Feb 2024 \$0.00. Advisor fees applied quarterly.

Note: The US Bank Investment Account balance reflects the value of the stocks held in the account on the statement date, plus interest and dividends earned less Foreign Tax Paid, less expenditures on tracking events and seminars.

Committee Reports:

Website Development:

- Update membership directory
- Weekly check-in for Wordpress & Plug-in Updates
- Weekly server & backup check to ensure site is running optimally
- Updating and assisting member account setup & password support
- Updated Sieger Judge release form & update contact information
- Updated the Committees of the ARC Club
- Posted ARC Board minutes
- Approved and checked new ARC events
- Updated Standing Rules for General & Nationals
- Updated ARC Mentor list
- Pending: Setup meeting with Health & Therapy Committees

National Specialty

Less than two weeks away from the National! The excitement is building! Layouts for the Event Center and Pavilion have been provided to Brandie Hughes, event coordinator at Estes Park. Randi is putting together a timeline of deliveries, site setup, vendor arrivals, etc. Menus for the welcome get together and awards banquet have been finalized.

The numbers and judging program are available on BaRay's website. The numbers are fantastic! Five-point majors for both the Regional being held on Monday, April 22 and for the National starting on Wednesday April 24! Thank you to all who entered and thank you to the volunteers for all your hard work.

Tina Walters has managed to get sponsors for all events and classes. Thank you for persevering and keeping track of all the awards!

Thank you, Ann Glynn for getting volunteers to steward for obedience and rally. Keep in mind, if you steward for a full trial, you will receive a \$75 stipend and a \$15 meal ticket. All volunteers will receive a \$15 meal ticket per day.

Barn Hunt was cancelled by the owner of the Barn Hunt Association on March 28.

Teresa Bradley was able to work with the owner and another local Colorado Barn Hunt club to offer Barn Hunt during the

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National. Thank you, Teresa Bradley for getting Barn Hunt back on the schedule in a few short days. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends at the National and rooting for all the Rottweilers! Here's to a fantastic National at Estes Park! – Randi Garske

New Business:

3.14 Motion to add to the ARC Sieger Show Procedure's in the Awards & Eligibility section: The American Rottweiler Club "Anya Award". This award will be awarded to the Most Beautiful Female at the American Rottweiler Club National Sieger Show and sponsored by Paul and Tina Walters. This award will be made available at all future ARC National Sieger Shows until no longer sponsored.

Motion: Robert Galusha Second: Michelle Tribble Discussion:

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

3.16 Motion to amend Standing Rule I.10. American Rottweiler Club Heroism Award to the following changes:

A letter of recognition and a certificate will be awarded to any Rottweiler, person, or organization that, in the opinion of the ARC Board of Directors, has performed an act of "heroism". The dog need not be owned by an ARC member. If a person is nominated, the person does not need to be an ARC member.

Nominees for either of the above awards may be submitted to the ARC Board at any time during the year, when the act/incident for which they are nominated occurs. Nominations may be made by anyone; they do not have to be an ARC member. After the Board has approved the award, the ~~ARC Secretary Board~~ will **coordinate the delivery or presentation of plaque, and official mailing** ~~mail the letter and certificate~~ to the recipient(s) of the award(s)" At the same time information about the recipient and the circumstances of the act will be submitted to the *ARK* Editor for publication in the next newsletter and to the ARC Webmaster for the ARC website. There is no limit to the number of times this award may be approved in a given year, nor is there any requirement that any need be presented.

Motion: Robert Galusha Second: Tonya Williamson Discussion:

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

UCF 4.1: Motion to approve a mailing expense for membership first class mailing for the Officers and Directors

Ballot not to exceed 1200.00 dollars paid from the general fund to Allegra & Image 360 6839 Ashfield Drive Cincinnati, OH 45242 (513) 554-1797 Fax: (513) 554-0343.

Motion: Ann Glynn: Robert Galusha Discussion:

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

4.2 Motion to approve Sarah Janner as the Junior AKC Coordinator for the American Rottweiler Club. The AKC Board approved the role of a Junior Coordinator for every Club. The person filling this role is to be submitted with the officers from each club as the Junior Education Coordinator and Public Education Coordinator. This will allow the AKC to communicate with the individual in this role.

Motion: Robert Galusha Second: Lew Olson Discussion:

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

4.3 Motion to accept Robert Galusha's application for addition to the National and Regional sweepstakes approved judges list and has met all requirements.

Motion: Adam Gray Second: Lew Olson Discussion:

Approve: AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Abstain RG

Passed 4/8/2024

4.4 Motion to approve a Group of ARC Members (Tish Edwards, Donna Pierce and Liz Aldinger) to host a Sweepstakes Only Specialty to be held indoors on **Friday November 1, 2024** in Doswell VA in conjunction with the Warrenton Kennel Club. The Specialty will include the following: Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes Only to be judged by Mrs. Jane Dyar.

Motion: Ann Glynn. Second: Robert Galusha Discussion:

Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

4.5 Motion to approve a Group of ARC Members (Tish Edwards, Donna Pierce and Liz Aldinger) to host a Sweepstakes Only Specialty to be held indoors on **Saturday November 2, 2024** in Doswell VA in conjunction with the Warrenton Kennel Club. The Specialty will include the following: Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes Only to be judged by Ms. Cheryl Sams (AKC#-111737).

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Motion: Ann Glynn. Second: Robert Galusha Discussion:
Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

4.6 Motion to approve a Group of ARC Members (Tish Edwards, Donna Pierce and Liz Aldinger) to host a Designated Regional IV Specialty to be held indoors on [Sunday November 3, 2024](#) in Doswell VA in conjunction with the Old Dominion KC. The Specialty will include the following: Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes to be judged by Mrs. Elizabeth Chamberlain. Conformation to be judged by Mrs. Kennette Tabor (AKC#97959). ARC will donate \$100 toward each venue for trophies for a total of \$400.

Motion: Ann Glynn. Second: Robert Galusha Discussion:
Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

Show Chair

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4.7 Motion to approve a USPS postage expense for membership first class mailing for the Officers and Directors Ballot not to exceed 1200.00 dollars paid from the general fund to Allegra & Image 360 6839 Ashfield Drive Cincinnati, OH 45242 (513) 554-1797 Fax: (513) 554-0343.

Motion: Ann Glynn: Robert Galusha Discussion:
Approve: RSG, AG, ANG, SL, LO, MT, TW.

Passed 4/8/2024

Next meeting May 14, 2024, 8:00 PM EDT.

Motion to adjourn: Robert Galusha. Second: Michelle Tribble Unanimous. Adjourned at 9:14 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Glynn