



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUBSM

October 19, 2009

Amy Johnson, Secretary
Working Group Dog Club of Alaska
4867 N Palmer-Fishhook Road
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Further to our August 18, 2009 letter, the representations submitted on behalf of the Working Group Dog Club of Alaska have been reviewed.

We are pleased to inform you that the committee acted favorably on your request and the Working Group Dog Club of Alaska has been approved for the holding of Plan B(OB) matches with Rally. Please be advised that your club can hold events under the auspices of only those organizations which have been approved by the American Kennel Club's Board of Directors (www.akc.org/rules/policymanual).

However, the committee has expressed concern over the club's overall membership. AKC's Board of Directors has set minimum membership requirement for Group Clubs, effective January 1, 2009: a minimum of 30 households with at least 25 in the local area. The current membership data shows 22 total voting households, with all considered local to the club. The club is urged to increase its membership to be more in line with what AKC requires before its request for advancement.

During the course of your club's formal match program and before a presentation is submitted requesting advancement, there are bylaw revisions that must be implemented:

Constitution, Article I, Section 1d) – the statement should read: “under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club”

Bylaws, Article I, Section 1 – the statement should read: “There shall be **four (4)** types of membership...”

Article II, Section 1 – the statement should read: “Written notice of such meetings shall be sent **via mail or email** by the Secretary...”

In **Section 3**, Board meeting must be held in the same time frame as club meetings (each month).