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SYNOPSIS OF THE JUNE 6TH, 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This synopsis summarizes the key business addressed at the Annual Meeting of Members (AGM) held on June 6th, 2026, in Etobicoke, Ontario. The hybrid meeting included both in-person attendance and remote participation via Zoom. Approximately 65 members and guest were in attendance. The meeting was also livestreamed to attendees at Erie Shores courtesy of the Royal Canin booth.

Please note that the summary below has been paraphrased for brevity. In the event of any dispute, the official minutes will govern. The full minutes will be formally approved at the next AGM.

Lee Anne Bateman, Director for Zone 10—Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut—served as master of ceremonies. She opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. ET, welcomed attendees, and introduced Michelle Boyer, Partnership Development Manager, Canadian Distribution Groups, Trupanion, who spoke about *The Power of Partnership: Breed & Claims Data That Matter*.

This was followed by a **keynote address** from Dr. Andreas Schemel, Board Director of the Royal Kennel Club and a veterinary surgeon, who joined remotely from England to speak on *Evaluating Canine Health and Function: UK Tools and Insights for Breeders and Dog Owners*.

Following a refreshment break – and having confirmed quorum – Robert Whitney, Chair of the Board of Directors welcomed everyone and called the 2026 CKC Annual General Meeting to order. Introductions were made and a moment of silence was observed in memory of the members of the CKC community that we have lost since our last Annual General Meeting.

The **minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on May 31st, 2025, were approved.

There was no **correspondence** received for the meeting.

The **2025 Audited Financial Statements** were presented by Marcus Sconci, CPA, CA, Partner, BDO Canada LLP. BDO issued a clean, unmodified opinion confirming that CKC's 2025 financial statements fairly presented its financial position. Key highlights:

- CKC ended 2025 with strong cash and liquid investment position of \$3.6 million.
- Total assets were \$5.77 million, down from \$6.13 million in 2024, mainly due to expected amortization of capital and intangible assets.
- Total liabilities fell to \$1.3 million from \$1.5 million, mainly due to lower deferred revenue and lease obligations.
- At year-end 2025, net assets were \$4.47 million versus \$4.62 million in 2024; \$2.46 million was unrestricted for operations and future priorities, with the balance tied to capital assets or internal restrictions.
- In the Statement of Operations (summary of the 2025 revenue and expenses):

- Revenue was \$7 million, slightly below the previous year. Registration and membership revenue declined modestly, while shows and trials rose to about \$1.8 million.
- Expenses were \$7.15 million, down from \$7.25 million in 2024. Human resources remained the largest cost at about \$4.5 million, while other costs were stable or slightly lower.
- CKC reported an operating deficiency of about \$145K—an improvement on the prior year and modest relative to its size—while remaining financially stable.
- The organization generated approximately \$109,000 in positive cash flow from operations during the year.
- Cash at year-end increased to approximately \$516,000, and the investment portfolio remains strong.

In his **Chair's report**, Bob Whitney reflected on the Canadian Kennel Club's progress over the past year and its future direction, emphasizing that its strength lies in a passionate and engaged membership. He highlighted the contributions of leadership, staff, Board members, and volunteers, and underscored the importance of strong governance and collaboration. He described advocacy as essential in a shifting policy landscape and emphasized that the organization must continue evolving with its members. Despite challenges, the outlook is optimistic, grounded in active participation and commitment. He concluded by reaffirming the Club's core purpose – supporting purebred dogs, ethical breeding, sport, and education –and expressing gratitude to all involved.

Corinne Walker was recognized for her long service to the CKC and for her leadership during her tenure as Chair of the Board.

Annette Maggs was congratulated on her retirement after having served nearly 19 years as CKC's Recording Secretary.

Natalie Tarini then delivered the **Executive Director's report** which is summarized below:

From a balance sheet perspective, the organization remains stable. At the same time, we continue to navigate pressures affecting many member-based and volunteer-driven organizations, including softer membership and registration trends and the need to diversify revenue while maintaining strong service to members. Despite these pressures, CKC continues to benefit from strong engagement in its events portfolio. In 2025, the organization recorded more than 4,300 sanctioned events and over 240,000 entries across disciplines, underscoring the continued strength of participation in the sport. This engagement provides an important foundation for future growth and reinforces the value of continued investment in member programs, event support, and community-building.

Over the past year, CKC focused on strengthening core operations and improving the member experience. This included streamlining registration and transfer processing, improving customer service responsiveness, expanding digital options for pedigrees and ownership transfers, and introducing new tools and programs to better support members and event delivery. The organization also worked to strengthen communications and public visibility, using initiatives such as Top Dogs and the return of the CKC National Show to celebrate member achievements, broaden awareness, and reach new audiences.

CKC also continued to advance its role as a national advocate for responsible dog ownership and ethical breeding, while investing in modernization to improve service delivery and long-term sustainability. Key priorities include digital transformation, process improvement, and the launch of a new CKC website designed to better serve members, strengthen public visibility, and connect prospective owners with responsible breeders. Strategic partnerships with organizations such as Trupanion and Royal Canin continue to add value for members, while initiatives like the Future Leaders program are helping prepare the next generation of engagement and leadership. Taken together, these efforts reflect an organization with a strong foundation, a clear understanding of the challenges ahead, and a focused commitment to long-term relevance, service, and growth.

On behalf of the CKC, the Chair congratulated 52 members who are celebrating 50 years of membership while their names scrolled on the screen.

Each year, the Board appoints an Honourary Chair to recognize someone whose lifetime of service, leadership, and dedication has left a lasting mark on the CKC and the purebred dog community. Before announcing the name of the 2026 Honourary Chair, Bob Whitney recognized 2025 Honourary Chair, Dr. Michael Woods, and thanked him for his lifelong contributions to the sport, the breeds and the community.

Bob Whitney then announced the posthumous appointment of Margaret “Marg” Willmott as the 2026 Honourary Chair and thanked her for her lifetime contributions to purebred dogs.

The meeting then moved to the presentation of the four **2026 Chairs’ Awards**, which recognize CKC members for outstanding commitment, dedication, achievement and sportsmanship. Nominations are submitted by their peers to a Selection Committee comprised of the current Chair of the Board, the Past Chair of the Board, and the Honourary Chair. On behalf of the Chairs’ Awards Selection Committee. Bob Whitney congratulated the following recipients:

- Gary Overs was awarded the **2026 CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award** which recognizes an individual whose long-standing contributions has helped shape and strengthen canine performance sports in Canada.
- James Deptuch was awarded the **2026 CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year Award** which recognizes an individual whose dedication, sportsmanship and contributions has helped strengthen the sport obedience in Canada.
- Lynne Bruce was awarded the **2026 CKC National Breeder of the Year Award** which recognizes an individual whose dedication, expertise, and commitment to responsible breeding has made a lasting contribution to purebred dogs in Canada.
- Christina Koffman-Heard was awarded the inaugural **Thomas Curley Memorial Sportsmanship Award** – a new Chairs’ Award introduced this year.

Tempest Deptuch, Vice Chair of the Board and Director for Zone 11, BC Southwest, then presented the **2025 Annual Report**, which captures the work of the Canadian Kennel Club over the past year. It includes updates from our committees and councils, stories from across the country, and offers a snapshot of the programs, events, and activities that continue to define the CKC.

Earlier this year, members were invited to enter a draw to win one of five CKC Scent Detection Kits. Scent Detection is one of the Canadian Kennel Club's fastest-growing performance sports. It lets dogs use their natural scenting ability to find target odours in a range of environments. It is a sport in which you mainly compete against yourself while building confidence, skills, and a stronger bond with your dog. The winners of the five CKC Scent Detection Kits were: Victoria Weber (Zone 10), Karin Beeler (Zone 12), Sara Manzi (Zone 7), Linda Horner (Zone 8), and Brian Howlett (Zone 10).

The floor was then opened to questions and comments from members.

Bob Whitney introduced two new members of the senior leadership team: Heather Burke, Director of Finance, and Brock Bowman, Director of Advocacy and Communications.

Before adjourning the meeting, the Chair thanked members not only for attending the AGM, but also for their year-round contributions inspired by a shared love of dogs. He encouraged everyone to become involved in the Club and emphasized the importance of voting in the upcoming triennial election and referendum.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. ET.

