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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Bulldog Club of America was held on Monday afternoon, Oct.29, at the offices of The American Kennel Club in New York City. The annual election of members to the Board of Governors of the Bulldog Club of America was conducted and the following members were chosen to fill existing vacancies: Edward I. Pratt, Frank A. Fletcher, Frederick J. Page, Frank A. Carolin, and Warren H. Blaisdell, III. As the Board of Governors consists of nine members, this left four vacancies remaining to be filled.

The following evening the Board of Governors held a meeting and elected the following members to fill the remaining vacancies: Mrs. Richard Trimpi, John Collins, Mrs. Millard White, and George M Beckett. The Board also elected the following officers of the Club for the fiscal year, 1946: President, Frederick J. Page, Vice-President, Frank A. Fletcher, Treasurer, 'Warren H. Blaisdell, III. and Secretary, Edward I. Pratt. Mr. Blaisdell was appointed to handle publicity for the Club.

For many years the Bulldog Club of America has not been as active in the interests of the breed as it might have been. During the war, activities were few. The recent election produced a new Board of Governors and an entirely new set of officers. The new officers of the Club are all active Bulldog breeders and exhibitors with a sincere interest in furthering its interests. It is their earnest desire to build up a national membership in the Club of the leading fanciers all over the country and to make it an organization for all the fancy in America, in fact as well as in name.

The Club particularly desires to strengthen its membership and representation among the breeders of the Mid-West, South and Pacific Coast, to welcome all fanciers to an active participation in the affairs of the Club, and to receive their ideas and suggestions whereby the latter may better serve its purpose as the parent organization.

The Bulldog Club of America will heartily support the activities and exhibitions of the many Bulldog clubs in the country. It desires their suggestions as to how it may help them and to co-ordinate the efforts of all the clubs in furthering the interests of the breed.

In past years many leading fanciers have joined the Bulldog Club of America and later, because of its inactivity and various other reasons, have allowed their memberships to lapse. With the new program of vigorous activity now planned, the Club hopes that these fanciers will return to the fold and makes the following offer to them. A resolution by the Board of Governors extends the offer to all fanciers who were elected and held membership cards in the Bulldog Club of America since Jan. 1, 1940, the privilege of retaining their membership in the Club upon payment of dues for the fiscal year 1946 which commenced on Oct. 1. In order that all may take advantage of the offer, time limit for payment of the 1946 dues is extended to Mar. 1, 1946 and all former members in the above category may retain active membership and participation in the affairs of the Club by paying their 1946 dues by that date. Applications from new members will he welcomed, promptly acknowledged, and given immediate attention. Dues for membership are \$10 a year for each member. An initiation fee of \$5 is required of new members in addition to the annual dues. Correspondence maybe addressed to the Secretary, Edward I. Pratt, Box 277, Route 1, Norwalk, Conn.

Plans are now under way for a 1946 Bulldog Specialty Show of the Bulldog Club of America, details of which will be announced at a later date in this column. An annual Futurity for membership is also being scheduled.

The Club extends holiday greetings to all Bulldog clubs and to the fancy and best wishes for their success in the coming year.

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