

November 13, 2012
COA Board Meeting

Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Report of President
3. Report of Vice-President
4. Report of Secretary
5. Report of Treasurer
6. Report of Immediate President
7. Report of CQ Editor
8. Report of Bench Chair
9. Report of Membership Chair
10. Report of Committees
 - o Registrar
 - o Publicity & Advertising
 - o Rescue
 - o Historian
 - o Crossbreeding
 - o Health
 - o Working Dog Program
 - o MACC
 - o CNE
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
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14. Approval of Minutes
15. Adjournment

1. Roll Call

Present:

Kim Kramer
Karen Schiller
Karen Hinchy
Dave Schiller
Kris Holleran
Ginger Corley
Dan Silvertree
Corine Lindhorst
Donna Canfield

Absent:

Kathleen Riley-Daniels
Vicky Delfino
Ed Bigos
Pentheia Burns

- 2. Report of President** – The President had nothing new to report

3. **Report of Vice-President** – Contact has been made with UKC regarding the process of documenting the review and revision of the Constitution & By-laws. The next step is to determine what we currently have in place and determine potential problem areas.
4. **Report of Secretary** - The September 21, 2012 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been uploaded to the COA website.
5. **Report of Treasurer** –
 - The most recent Treasurer's Reports were posted on the Board Yahoo group.
 - Bank accounts are being changed to reflect the new President, Vice-President and Treasurer as signatories.
 - Initial steps have been taken to obtain a credit card for Karen Hinchy to use for the CQ.
 - Current Club Activity –
 - Auction – The auction has concluded and raised \$888.45 with a net income of \$751. Many thanks to Amanda Bays for her hard work!
 - Hurricane Fund – As of 10/31/12, the Hurricane Fund has received \$2,585 in contributions plus the \$250 authorized by the BOD for a total inflow of \$2,835. Reimbursements have been made for \$1,352, leaving a Fund balance of \$1,482.18.
 - Cover Dog Contest – This contest raised \$130 which was added to the Rescue Fund.
 - Membership Drive – Nothing new to report.
 - Specialty and Roundup –A better process of keeping the Treasurer informed needs to be considered for the next Specialty.
 - Chinook Store – No recent activity. Informal discussions continue on changing the way the store operates.
6. **Report of Immediate Past President** – The Immediate Past President had nothing new to report.
7. **Report of CQ Editor** - The Winter 2012 edition is in pre-production. All members with email addresses have received instructions on how to continue receiving a paper CQ. CQs will be sent to those with no email or bouncing addresses, along with an insert requesting they update their online profiles.
8. **Report of Bench Chair** – The Specialty Committee has prepared a Proposal and Preliminary Budget for the 2013 Chinook National Specialty. The Specialty will be held on July 12, 2013 in the Walden, New York area. Tentative plans are for a multi-day event including a conformation show, the COA Annual Meeting & Banquet, a pulling seminar, Chinook Olympics and an opportunity to work toward a Working Dog Program title.
9. **Report of Membership Chair** - Membership is pleased to announce the addition of seven new puppy memberships and one membership change to a breeder member. Our newest members are:

Hania Powch, VT
Bruce Laukaitis, NJ
Natalie Schumacher, IL
Ruth Goodyear, ME
Ann Goyen, IL
Anne Galullo, MA
Brenda Romano, CA

10. Report of Committees

Registrar – I have been in communication with the UKC about changes they are incorporating in the cross to pure process, which may require an additional fee to move the DNA status when a dog becomes a purebred. I am working to clarify whether this applies to all Chinook crosses that become purebred, or those who may not have been LP registered.

Publicity & Advertising –

- Karen Hinchy and I are working on the standardized colors for the updated COA logo.
- Work continues on the text for the short-form flyer. There will be a focus on the Chinook's unique place in American history. High quality photos will be included, some of which will be from COA Calendar submissions. Donna Canfield will assist with proofreading.
- The press release for the 2011 UKC Top Ten Best of Breed is nearing completion. The P&A Committee will coordinate with the WDP Chair regarding press releases for WDP participants.

Rescue –

- The Rescue Committee members are Dan Silvertree, Jude Griffin, and Bryan Smith in an advisory position. The Committee began discussing the draft COA Rescue Policy with the goal of possible refinement.
- A call has gone out to COA members requesting a geographically diverse group of volunteers who would be available to help Rescue with checking on dogs in undesirable conditions and to conduct house visits before and after Rescue placements. We would welcome more volunteers for both the Committee and the 'network'.
- There has been a recent uptick in applications, especially for adult Chinooks. Ginger will work with Rescue to develop a list of Chinooks in need of rehoming by breeders, and other Chinooks that are available (non- Rescue). The Rescue Chair will decide whether to publicize these Chinooks with a third party or on the COA homepage.

Historian – Rick Skoglund has donated the rights to the PGK Historic DVDs, along with the rights to other historic documents to CNE/COA. Many thanks to Rick for his generosity!

Crossbreeding - The Crossbreeding Committee had nothing new to report.

Health –

Working Dog Program –

- The WDP Committee has been using the COA Forum for our discussions, which has proven to be more dynamic, useful, and easier than using standard emails.
- New award certificates:
 - Moonsong Darzee's Chant* owned by Dan Silvertree, Working Team Dog title
 - Frontier In Bocca al Lupo*, Dan Silvertree, Working Lead Dog title
 - Granite Hill Ooli*, Karen Bourque & Robert Horton, Novice Pack Dog certificate
- We are reviewing two new Novice Pack Dog applications
- Modifications have been made to the program in the Advanced and Excellent levels of the Sledding and Skijoring sections. Originally three photos were required at the start, midpoint and end of each run when a witness was not present. The new requirements are:
 - a video clip of at least ten seconds in length of the team in motion from at least two qualifying runs;

- a photo of the team in motion from at least three other qualifying runs

For those using races for their required mileage, two points have been added for clarification:

- Races must be run under rules where the safety and wellbeing of the dogs is paramount, such as ISDRA. The WDP Committee reserves the right to disqualify race miles run under rules not defined sufficiently to ensure the safety of the athletes. The WDP Committee recommends that mushers compare race rules to ISDRA requirements and refer any questions to the WDP Committee prior to a race.
- Mileage earned for qualifying races legs will be the posted mileage in the event of any variances to planned race distances

At the Excellent level of both the Skijoring and Sledding sections, those using training recreational runs were previously under a requirement that four of the runs must be ten miles or more in length. The WDPC has made the following modification:

- Five of the qualifying runs must be five miles or more in length
 - One of the runs must be ten miles or more in length
- Work continues on the Temperament section of the WDP.

MACC -

CNE –

- Rick Skoglund has reported that the sale of the PGK Historic DVDs has brought in over \$700 to benefit CNE. Thank you Rick!
- Winter Carnival is coming up in February 2013.

11. Unfinished Business

- Hurricane Fund – Vicky *See Report of Treasurer

Motion 2012-50 states, in part, “...*Contributions in excess of the amount needed to transport the dogs to Seattle will be applied to a suitable memorial for Joyce and/or applied to the COA Rescue Fund.*” Motion was made by Vicky:

Motion 2012-_____ – Hurricane Fund Allocation - Tabled

The text of the motion is:

I move that the COA transfer all remaining funds in the Hurricane Fund to the Rescue Fund. Any additional amounts received for the Hurricane Fund should be directly attributed to the Rescue Fund.

The Chair moved, and there was no dissent, to table this motion until the January 2013 Board meeting. Meanwhile, a committee chaired by Ginger Corley will develop an appropriate memorial for Joyce Maley.

- Constitution & By-laws Review/Revision – Kathleen *See Report of Vice-President

- Outreach for Board Vacancies
➤ Health Chair – Kim will post a call for volunteers on COA-L and COA Forum.
- Pet Expos - Ginger
The Board discussed the need for COA participation in various Pet Expos around the country. Ginger will keep the Board apprised of upcoming events.
- Board Processes
➤ Board Work Plan/Timeline - Kim
We will review progress of Board work in the December meeting.
- COA Calendar – Karen Hinchy
For the past few years, we've ordered 100 calendars and basically sold out. In 2011, we sold out in early December and placed a second order. We have a "lifetime pricing" deal with the company, so there is no minimum order quantity. Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Karen Schiller:

Motion 2012-69 – COA Calendar Order – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

I move the COA purchase 100 calendars and sell them for \$19 per calendar, inclusive of shipping.

- Transition to COA Forum – Kim
Progress continues as the Working Dog Program Committee transitions its work to COA Forum. Positive comments were received from the WDPC Chair. The Rescue Chair is also utilizing the features of COA Forum and is pleased.
- Updated COA Logo – Ginger *See Report of P&A Chair
- Short Form Flyer/Long Form Brochure – Ginger *See Report of P&A Chair

12. New Business

- 2013 Chinook National Specialty Proposal – Dave *See Report of Bench Chair
Motion by Dave, Second by Donna:

Motion 2012-70 – 2013 Chinook National Specialty Proposal – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

I move that the COA Board of Directors approve the 2013 Chinook National Specialty Proposal and Preliminary Budget.

- Remembering Walt Pasko – Penthea, Dave
Penthea suggested that the COA should make an appropriate tribute to Walt Pasko following his recent passing, to acknowledge the support he and June have given the Chinook breed, including their many years of service as members of the COA Crossbreeding Committee. Dave spoke with

June Pasko at Gateway Nationals, and she made a recommendation for a donation. Motion by Corine, Second by Ginger:

Motion 2012-71 – Remembering Walt Pasko – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

I move that the COA make a donation of \$50.00 to the Sunshine Terrier Club in memory of Walt Pasko.

- Subcommittee to Identify How to Get Entire Chinook Registry On-line – Penthea
Postponed until December meeting.
- Global Dog Pedigree Project – Karen Hinchy
A proposal was presented regarding Dr. Carol Beuchat's interest in using the Chinook as the pilot breed as she develops a service to provide information for dog breeders to use in planning their breedings. The information includes a view on the entire breed's genetic diversity and ways to reduce inbreeding. Dr. Beuchat, a dog-lover and biologist, has convened a network of canine researchers, conservation biologists and population geneticists to aid in this effort. The service will ultimately be part of the Global Dog Pedigree Project (<http://www.carolbeuchat.com/2012/07/global-dog-pedigree-project/>). A proposal was made to form the Chinook Dog Pedigree Project Committee, an independent committee jointly sponsored by the COA and CCA to work on the project. As sponsors, both clubs would appoint their Registrars and a Club Liaison to the Committee. Karen Hinchy would be the Chinook Breed Coordinator. Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Karen Schiller:

Motion 2012-72 – Global Dog Pedigree Project – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

I move the COA support the Global Dog Pedigree Project and name Penthea Burns, Registrar, and a COA Liaison to work with the Chinook Breed Coordinator to develop a way forward.

***Post-meeting note: CCA has declined to participate in this project as a club, although breeders are free to provide individual support.**

13. Schedule Next Meeting

The next COA Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

14. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Donna, Second by Kris:

Motion 2012-73 (Approval of Minutes) – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

I move that the November 13, 2012 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

15. Adjournment

Motion was made by Kris, Second by Corine:

Motion 2012-74 (Adjournment) – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

I move that the November 13, 2012 Board meeting be adjourned by unanimous consent following email approval of the minutes. If there are no objections by the conclusion of the vote on the minutes the meeting will be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Schiller, COA Secretary