

February 18, 2013
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 Past 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
13. Schedule Next Meeting
14. Approval of Minutes
15. Adjournment

1. Roll Call

Present:

Kim Kramer
Kathleen Riley-Daniels
Karen Schiller
Ed Bigos
Karen Hinchy
Dave Schiller
Kris Holleran
Pentheia Burns
Dan Silvertree
Corine Lindhorst

Absent:

Vicky Delfino
Ginger Corley
Donna Canfield

2. **Report of President** – The President had two items to discuss in Unfinished Business.
3. **Report of Vice-President** – The VP had nothing new to report.

4. Report of Secretary –

- The January 15, 2013 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been uploaded to the COA website.
- The Secretary received two CD's from Rick Skoglund for safekeeping. Rick was sent an acknowledgement of receipt.

5. Report of Treasurer –

6. Report of Immediate Past President – The IPP had nothing new to report.

7. Report of CQ Editor –

- **Chinook Quarterly**
The first edition of the color, digital CQ was published in January and well received. Thanks to our webmaster, Chester Holleran, who worked through some kinks in the process to make it all happen. The Board was advised of costs associated with the few members who have elected to receive a paper copy.
- **Chinook Pedigree Project**
The independent committee has been formed, and a Google group established. Breeders are being contacted to identify who will participate. The committee will review pedigree information for dogs without participating breeders. The first phase of the project, data validation, is expected to take through April.

8. Report of Bench Chair –

- Our Specialty Judge, Antonio Raposo, has signed and returned his contract.
- David Arthur has agreed to judge our Specialty in 2014, which will be held in Kalamazoo in conjunction with UKC Premier.
- All Specialty registration forms have been timely filed with UKC.
- We are working with a graphic artist to design the logo for the 2013 Specialty, and are also looking into making a variety of items available (caps, shirts, sweatshirts, packs, etc.)
- Specialty plaques are being inventoried. The rotating NBOB plaque is full and a new one should be purchased. The Specialty Committee will investigate the cost and advise the Board in the March meeting.
- We will be doing a series of updates in CQs, COA-L, the COA website and Facebook page to remind folks of the Specialty dates, location, and logistics.

9. Report of Membership Chair –

- As of 2/13/13, the COA has 296 active memberships, and a new puppy membership was received.
- Email notices were sent to the memberships due to expire. A reminder will be posted on COA-L, the COA Facebook page, website and Forum near the end of February, and a second reminder on or about March 1. Renewals by check will go to the Treasurer, who will relay the information to Membership.

10. Report of Committees

Registrar –

Publicity & Advertising –

Rescue –

- The Board discussed the need for defining Rescue policy in cases where a Chinook owner needs financial assistance in returning a dog to a breeder.
- The online rescue application is now in a downloadable form that can be filled out online and emailed back to Rescue. The data entered can then be exported to an Excel file for distribution and follow up.

Historian –

- Bob Cottrell's outreach program, "Harnessing History: On the Trail of New Hampshire's State Dog, The Chinook" has been accepted by the New Hampshire Humanities Council as part of its Humanities to Go program. The first official outreach program was in Goshen, NH on January 26, 2013. Seven other programs are scheduled. Check the New Hampshire Humanities Council website for dates and locations.
- Chinook sled dog Mountain Laurel Tamworth Tugger owned by Rick Skoglund and the Cottrell family was featured on the cover and in an extensive article in the Conway Daily Sun on 1/26/13. Contact Bob Cottrell for a pdf copy of the article, which will hopefully be posted to the historical documents section of the COA website.
- Bob Cottrell has been going through the Chinook films found and digitized by Rick Skoglund and adding captions that help identify locations, people, etc. It is hoped that the film will be available for next year's 20th annual Chinook Winter Carnival.
- Rick Skoglund sent us two additional CD's of information.
- This summer Bob Cottrell is helping the Tamworth Historical Society, the Conway Historical Society and the Chocorua Lake Association to catalog their collections. As part of this Bob will be keeping my eye out for anything related to Chinook and sled dog history to share with you all.
- The Tamworth Historical Society is planning an extensive upgrade of their new museum building in the center of Tamworth village. This should make the building an excellent place for exhibitions, storage, research, small meetings, etc.
- Bob is also continuing the project of scanning selections from the Chinook and dog sled related books Rick Skoglund donated, as well as the Admiral Byrd books we already had in our collection.

Crossbreeding - The Crossbreeding Committee had nothing new to report.

Health –

Working Dog Program – Since the last meeting the WDPC has awarded one Novice Sled Dog certificate, and is currently working on two advanced packing applications. We are expecting an advanced sledding application to arrive.

MACC –

CNE – CNE had nothing new to report.

11. Unfinished Business

- *Hurricane Fund* – Vicky/Ginger
Postponed until March Board meeting.
- *Constitution & By-laws Review/Revision* – Kathleen
The Board began discussing the process to be utilized for revising the Constitution & By-laws.

- Outreach for Board Vacancies
 - Health Chair – Kim will post a call for volunteers.
- Board Processes – Kim
 - Board Work Plan/Timeline
Postponed until March Board meeting.
 - Transition to COA Forum
The Board will make a decision on transitioning from Yahoo to COA Forum in the March Board meeting.
- COA Calendar Wrap-Up – Vicky
Postponed until March Board meeting.
- Short Form Flyer/Long Form Brochure – Ginger
Postponed until March Board meeting.
- Press releases for 2011 Top Ten BOB and 2012 NBOB - Ginger
Postponed until March Board meeting.
- 2013 Chinook National Specialty – Dave *See Report of Bench Chair
- Chinook Pedigree Project – Karen Hinchy - *See Report of CQ Editor

12. New Business

- Digital Chinook Quarterly – Karen H.
Postponed until March Board meeting.

13. Schedule Next Meeting

The next COA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. EDT.

14. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Penthea, Second by Dan:

Motion 2013-5 (Approval of Minutes) – Passed by Unanimous Consent
 The text of the motion is:
I move that the February 18, 2013 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Dan, Second by Corine:

Motion 2013-6 (Adjournment) – Passed by Unanimous Consent
 The text of the motion is:
I move that the February 18, 2013 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