

August 20, 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  
Karen Schiller  
Vicky Delfino  
Ed Bigos  
Jon Jolly  
Dave Schiller  
Pentheia Burns  
Dan Silvertree  
Ginger Corley  
Donna Kirkley Boatwright  
Karen Hinchy  
Corine Lindhorst

Absent:

Kathleen Riley-Daniels  
Kris Holleran

- 2. Report of President** – Bench Chair Dave Schiller and the 2013 Chinook National Specialty Host Committee were thanked for an excellent weekend of events. Board members were reminded to make plans to finish projects by the end of the Board's term.

3. **Report of Vice-President** - Information has been sent to those interested in participating on the Constitution and By Laws review committee.
4. **Report of Secretary**
  - The June 25, 2013 and June 30, 2013 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been uploaded to the COA website.
  - The President will send the Annual Report to the Webmaster for posting to the COA website.
5. **Report of Treasurer** – The most recent Treasurer’s Reports are posted on the Board Yahoo group.
  - Bank Accounts –in progress
  - Credit Cards – in progress
  - Current Club Activity
    - Hurricane Fund –The remaining Fund balance is \$1,482.18. Fund balance to be transferred in the future.
    - Specialty – The Specialty netted \$1756.70 in income. We also have \$977.48 in prepaid plaques that will be expensed over the next 9-21 years.
    - A motion was submitted to reimburse Penthea Burns for expenses.
6. **Report of Immediate Past President** – The IPP had nothing new to report.
7. **Report of CQ Editor** – I have communicated with the previous CQ Editor regarding the basics of developing the Chinook Quarterly. There was some delay in getting the last edition out, but that has been remedied. A number of potential design and story elements are being considered with a goal of identifying elements that could be updated, added, etc. to expand the reading audience.
8. **Report of Bench Chair**
  - The Chinook National Specialty/Chinook Family Reunion weekend was a great success. The final Specialty budget was uploaded for the Board’s review.
  - T-shirt orders have been filled. The Specialty t-shirt ordering process has been re-enabled, and orders will be accepted until August 31, 2013.
  - Plans are underway for the 2014 Specialty, scheduled to occur the second weekend in June in Kalamazoo, MI. Judge David Arthur is secured and we are looking for folks to contribute ideas for potential additional activities.
  - A motion was proposed to update the COA website with current conformation show winners.
9. **Report of Membership Chair** – We have one new member, one new puppy membership and four renewals. The COA now has 234 active memberships.
10. **Report of Committees**

**Registrar** – The Registrar had nothing new to report.

#### **Publicity & Advertising**

- Short Form Flyer is complete and will be reviewed annually to update photos and ensure that it stays fresh. The flyer is available for members to download.
- Press Releases for the National Specialty and Top Ten winners will be done by end of August. When these are successfully done, we will develop a calendar of press releases for the rest of the year.

- Long Form Brochure is the next major project and will primarily be an accurate history of the breed. The brochure will be a key piece of the “press kit” folder along with flyer and press releases.
- Website needs to be updated with past National Specialty winners and Top Ten finalists.
- Register of Merit - Will pull report from UKC on existing Top Producer stats and Champion report so we can start looking at the status of present Chinooks and how that would fit into a ROM program.

### **Rescue**

- A draft proposal for the Joyce Maley Breeder Assistance Fund was uploaded for the Board’s review and comment.
- There is no current rescue activity.

### **Historian**

- The process to scan the past issues of the CQ’s has begun. These will be made available to the membership.
- The Historian proposed that the COA make a formal agreement with the Tamworth Historical Society or other museum in the Tamworth area to display the retired perpetual plaques from the Chinook National Specialty.

### **Crossbreeding**

- The Committee welcomed a new member, Corine Lindhorst.
- A modification to the program was approved to include the new OFA eye certification in addition to the CERF eye certification, and a motion was submitted to the Board. Updates to the program rules will be posted on the website once complete.
- A cross to pure application was approved but has since been withdrawn by the owners.

### **Health** – There are three main initiatives underway:

- Chinook Pedigree Project - Analysis of historical information has been completed, and pedigrees and some information on an additional 560ish Walden, Lombard, and Perry Greene Chinooks have been added. It is believed this represents the majority of the entire breadth of pedigree for Lombard and Perry Greene, with only the first generation of Chinook's offspring that were lost in the distemper outbreak in 1924 missing. There are some missing pedigrees for the late 50s/early 60s, which make it impossible to completely link the modern dogs back. The Chinooks with known pedigrees in the early 1950s all have inbreeding coefficients in the 50-55% range, making them genetically full siblings. Using this information, the CPP is working with a couple of population geneticists to make the most reasonable estimates for closing the 1-2 generation pedigree gap.
- Chinook Reproductive Health Survey - I am working with the Health Chair of the CCA to develop a proposal on a joint Chinook reproductive health survey for the breed. Some canine researchers are interested in being involved to analyze the data, which we could also feed to the population geneticists in the Chinook Pedigree Project.
- Genoscoper - Genoscoper (a European canine research corporation) has launched a DNA test that checks for a number of canine genetic diseases in addition to cosmetic issues like coat color and ear set. I am working with Dr. Beuchat and the Genoscoper Director of R&D to understand options for the Chinook to be a sponsored breed, including the possibility of Genoscoper analyzing a proportion of our breeding population to a) help us better understand true genetic variability, and b) provide them with a good subjects to analyze to potentially identify additional genetic diseases such as anasarca. Their test does include one for chondrodysplasia, a mutation originally found in Norwegian Elkhound and Karelian Bear

Dog. I am working with a member to test a Chinook known to be affected with chondro. If this genetic test is positive, it is possible the Chinook gene for chondro is the same as the Elkhound (which the Mars DNA work deemed one of the breeds to whom we are more closely related), which could provide us with a test! If the initial test is positive, I will be preparing a proposal for the Board to sponsor the testing of a couple more affected and unaffected dogs to validate the test.

**Working Dog Program** – A Working Team Dog title has been awarded to Hurricane Elwa Taigi Rain owned by Jeff Plantinga and a Novice Pack Dog certificate has been earned by Bashaba Pemigewasset owned by Bryan Flagg. We are currently working on a Pack Dog Excellent for Callicoon Arya owned by Tiffany Sparks.

**MACC** –

**CNE**

- A motion was proposed for the COA to fund the cost of a vendor booth at the Northern New England Sled Dog Trade Fair.
- The Tamworth Historical Society (THS) celebrates Tamworth's 250th anniversary in 2016. The 100th anniversary of Chinook's birth is 2017. A motion was proposed to form a committee to begin the planning of 2016 and 2017 events.

#### **11. Unfinished Business**

- Constitution & By-laws Review/Revision **\*See Report of Vice-President**
- Long Form Brochure **\*See Report of P&A Chair**
- Press Releases for 2012 Top Ten BOB and 2013 NBOB **\*See Report of Bench Chair**
- Chinook Pedigree Project **\*See Report of Health Chair**
- Chinook Reproductive Health Survey **\*See Report of Health Chair**
- Hurricane Fund/ Breeder Relocation Assistance **\*See Report of Rescue Chair**  
Initial ideas were discussed on how the Fund would be administered. The Board recommended a committee be formed to define policy for the proposed program. Dan will solicit a volunteer to chair this committee and report progress to the Board in the September Board meeting.

#### **12. New Business**

- Policy for COA emergency donations – Postponed until September Board meeting.
- Policy for COA Facebook Page  
Motion by Dan Silvertree, Second by Vicky Delfino:

**Motion 2013-27 (Policy for COA Facebook Page) Passed by Unanimous Consent**

The text of the motion is:

*I move the COA Board appoint a committee to be Chaired by Dan Silvertree to define policy on how the COA Facebook page can best be utilized to further the charter of the COA.*

- OFA Eye Certification **\*See Report of CrossBreeding Committee.**  
Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Ginger Corley:

**Motion 2013-28 (OFA Eye Certification) Passed by Unanimous Consent**

The text of the motion is:

*I move that the CrossBreeding Program include OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) eye certification registry as an acceptable registry for the ophthalmologist exams required in the program.*

- 2014 COA Calendar  
Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Corine Lindhorst:

**Motion 2013-29 (2014 COA Calendar) Passed by Unanimous Consent**

The text of the motion is:

*I move the COA authorize the 2014 calendar contest to follow the same process as 2013.*

- Vendor Booth for Northern New England Sled Dog Trade Fair  
Motion by Ed Bigos, Second by Dan Silvertree

**Motion 2013-30 (Vendor Booth for Northern New England Sled Dog Trade Fair) Passed 12-0-0-2**

The text of the motion is:

*I move that COA fund the cost of a vendor booth at the Northern New England Sled Dog Trade Fair which has been scheduled for October 5 & 6. The fee is \$85.00.*

- Committee to Plan 2016-2017 Events \*See Report of CNE Representative  
Motion by Ed Bigos, Second by Donna Kirkley Boatwright:

**Motion 2013-31 (Committee to Plan 2016-2017 Events) Passed by Unanimous Consent**

The text of the motion is:

*I move COA create a 2017 Committee to begin planning for 2017 events, to build a relationship between COA and the Tamworth Historical Society (“THS”), to work with the people of Tamworth on the 2016 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town of Tamworth, and to lay the groundwork for the events of 2017 in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Chinook. Ed Bigos will serve as temporary Chair of the Committee.*

- Updating COA Website with Current Show Winners  
Motion by Dave Schiller, Second by Vicky Delfino:

**Motion 2013-32 (Updating COA Website with Current Show Winners) Passed by Unanimous Consent**

The text of the motion is:

*I move that the Bench Chair be given authority to report items such as show winners, Specialty winners, Top Ten winners directly to the COA Webmaster for timely publication to the website.*

- Reimbursement to Penthea Burns  
Motion by Vicky Delfino, Second by Jon Jolly:

**Motion 2013-33 (Reimbursement to Penthea Burns) Passed 11-0-1-2**

The text of the motion is:

*I move that the COA reimburse Penthea Burns for the cost of postage (\$12.35) for the process of mailing CQs for the purpose of the Historical CQ project.*

**13. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next COA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. EDT.

**14. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Kim Kramer, Second by Donna Kirkley Boatwright:

**Motion 2013-34 (Approval of Minutes) – Passed by Unanimous Consent**

The text of the motion is:

*I move that the August 20, 2013 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.*

**15. Adjournment**

Motion by Kim Kramer, second by Vicky Delfino:

**Motion 2013-35 (Adjournment) – Passed by Unanimous Consent**

The text of the motion is:

*I move that the August 20, 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