

January 6, 2015  
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 Registrar
11. Report of Publicity & Advertising Chair
12. Report of Rescue Chair
13. Report of Historian
14. Report of Health & CrossBreeding Chair
15. Report of Working Dog Program Chair
16. Report of CNE Representative
17. Report of MACC Representative
18. Report of Committees
19. Unfinished Business
20. New Business
21. Schedule Next Meeting
22. Approval of Minutes:
23. Adjournment

**1. Roll Call**

Present:

Kathleen Riley-Daniels  
Karen Hinchy  
Karen Schiller  
Vicky Delfino  
Kim Kramer  
Jon Jolly  
Mary Malkiel  
Kristy Jolly  
Corine Lindhorst  
Dave Schiller  
Dan Silvertree  
David Hassilev  
Ed Bigos

**2. Report of President**

The President had nothing to report.

**3. Report of Vice-President**

The Vice-President had nothing to report.

#### **4. Report of Secretary**

- The November 18, 2014 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been uploaded to the COA website.
- Committee Work:
  - 2015 Specialty

#### **5. Report of Treasurer**

- Current Club Activity
  - Director's & Officer's Insurance – In process.
  - Specialty – Awaiting information from Show Secretary.
  - Bank Accounts – Awaiting assistance from IPP to have signatories changed
  - Credit Cards – Awaiting assistance from IPP
  - Calendar – Two printings have been done. Two calendars are being held for the judges. Ten remain for sale from the second printing as of 12/29/14.
  - Health Fund & Rescue Fund  
The Secretary noted that prior Cover Dog Contest proceeds were incorrectly included in the Health Fund and should have been attributed to the Rescue Fund. Funds for 2013 and 2014 have been moved to the Rescue Funds.
- Committee Work
  - §501(c)(3) status for Rescue portion of the organization or full organization with Dan Silvertree
  - General research about breed clubs that are §501(c)(3) organizations
  - Constitution and Bylaws Revision

#### **Motion 2015-01 (Move to Executive Session) Passed by Unanimous Consent**

Motion by Vicky Delfino, Second by Karen Schiller:

*I move that the COA Board move to Executive Session.*

#### **Motion 2015-11 (Executive Session Vote) Passed 13 Yes, 0 No**

Motion by Karen Schiller, Second by Dan Silvertree:

*I propose that the Secretary include the motion language and results of the Executive Session vote taken on Motion 2015-02 during the January 6, 2015 Board of Directors meeting, as follows:*

#### ***Motion 2015-02 (Breeders List) Passed by Unanimous Consent***

Motion by Dan Silvertree, Second by Dave Schiller:

*I propose that the COA sever any association with the Chinook Breeders List, and request that the list owner revise the text: "The Chinook Owners Association, Inc., sponsored the development of this breeders group." to something that does not imply current involvement by the Chinook Owners Association in list operations.*

#### **6. Report of Immediate Past President**

#### **7. Report of CQ Editor**

- CQ  
All litter information has been updated in preparation for the next CQ. Submissions are due by 2/1/15.
- COA Website  
General file structure and navigation are being reorganized and will eventually be put up on the COA test server so the Board can evaluate the changes as a group.

## **8. Report of Bench Chair**

- New Titles  
Updates have been sent to the CQ Editor for inclusion in the next edition.
- 2015 Specialty
  - The Specialty will be held in conjunction with the Twin Peaks Dog Club Western Weekend, Friday, July 17th 2015 in Longmont, Colorado.
  - Hotel room blocks have been contracted.
  - Judge for Specialty has been contracted.
  - Site for Annual Banquet and Silent Auction has been secured.
  - Volunteers are being recruited to help with various tasks.
  - UKC paperwork has been received by Bench Chair and will be timely filed.
  - UKC has confirmed that there are no scheduling conflicts with this event.

## **9. Report of Membership Chair**

- Memberships
  - We have one new family membership: Mike Venti & Karen Trudeau
  - We have 3 single and 3 family puppy memberships from Wachusett Chinooks: Becky Denning, Kevin Hopkins, Judith Gross, Gabriel & Robyn Travis, Lisa & Evan Philo, and Mark & Sandy Cagno
- The Membership drive will begin in late January.

## **10. Report of Registrar**

### **11. Report of Publicity & Advertising Chair**

- West Yellowstone News was contacted about Dan Silvertree's Chinook team racing in the area. There will be additional opportunities to promote upcoming races through early February.
- Jon Jolly continues to work on updating the website and should have a test area built for review soon.
- The final budget for the 2014 Specialty will be submitted soon.
- Work continues with the Bench Chair to file UKC paperwork for the 2015 Chinook National Specialty.

### **12. Report of Rescue Chair**

Hurricane Uncle John has a new home with Shawn Gebhardt.

### **13. Report of Historian**

The Historian sought Board input on expectations for the position.

### **14. Report of Health & CrossBreeding Chair**

- North Wind Dogs  
UKC is unable to conduct our requested DNA investigations into the North Wind dogs. The Board was asked to allow the Registrar and the Health/Cross Chair to pursue the issue with UKC
- Estimated Breeding Values  
The COA/Chinook has been chosen as a potential pilot breed for the ICB to develop Estimated Breeding Values based on hip scores. A motion was proposed that the COA recommend members and Member Breeders to participate in this opportunity, which would provide actionable data to help breeders make better decisions about matches that will improve the health results in offspring. **\*See New Business**
- A committee meeting will be held in late January.

- Calendars  
See Report of Treasurer
- MACC  
A motion was presented to the Board for the dissolution of MACC. **\*See Unfinished Business**
- CNE  
A motion was presented to the Board for the dissolution of CNE. **\*See New Business**

#### **15. Report of Working Dog Program Chair**

- Kim Kramer and Karen Hinchy were thanked for their support and participation in the Working Dog Program. Corine Lindhorst was recognized for the guidance and assistance she has provided during the transition to a new Chair. Moving forward, the WDP Committee consists of Dan Silvertree, Corine Lindhorst, David Hassilev and John Habermehl.
- Bashaba Sky, Moonsong Tuktu and MountainThunder Doc have earned their Novice sledding certificates. They are handled by MJ Crance and John Habermehl.
- The WDP Committee is in the process of revising the current policies, procedures and requirements in order to streamline the process and make it more accessible to a greater audience. Input has been solicited from the COA members. The committee has met, and will meet again to discuss any possible changes or upgrades.

#### **16. Report of CNE Representative**

- The 21st Chinook Winter Carnival is on track for January 24th, 2015.
- We are in discussions with the Tamworth Outing Club to have a Chinook/COA informational display and meet & greet at the Lake Chocorua Sled Dog Race scheduled for the weekend following Winter Carnival.

#### **17. Report of MACC Representative**

#### **18. Report of Committees**

- Constitution & Bylaws Committee
- 501(c)(3) Committee
- 2016/2017 Events Committee
- 2015 Winter Carnival Committee **\*See Report of CNE Representative**
- 2015 National Specialty Committee **\*See Report of Bench Chair**

#### **19. Unfinished Business**

- Affiliate Clubs
  - MACC  
Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Kim Kramer:  
**Motion 2015-04 (Dissolution of MACC) Passed 13 Yes, 0 No**  
*I propose that the COA accept the proposal from MACC to disband, with any remaining funds provided to the COA. The COA should use those funds to support regional activities.*
  - CNE  
Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Dan Silvertree:  
**Motion 2015-05 (Dissolution of CNE) Passed 13 Yes, 0 No**  
*I propose that the COA require Chinooks New England to either hold an election and membership drive by April 2015 to be compliant with its Constitution, or to disband as a COA affiliate. If CNE disbands, the COA agrees to support member-led activities in New England.*

## **20. New Business**

- Calendar Reorder  
Motion by Vicky Delfino, Second by Karen Hinchy:  
**Motion 2015-06 (Second Calendar Reorder) Passed 13 Yes, 0 No**  
*I move that the COA sell the remaining calendars and does not create a second reorder. An announcement should be made on the Facebook page and the COA website that there are only limited calendars remaining.*
- Calendar Reimbursement  
**Motion 2015-07 (Reimbursement for Calendar Reorder) Passed 12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain**  
Motion by Vicky Delfino, Second by Kim Kramer:  
*I move that the COA reimburse Karen Hinchy for the second printing of the 2015 COA calendars, including shipping, in the amount of \$214.24 with an invoice, receipt or proof of payment to be sent to the Treasurer.*
- Estimated Breeding Values  
**Motion 2015-08 (Estimated Breeding Values) Passed 13 Yes, 0 No**  
Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Dan Silvertree:  
*I propose that the COA sponsor an effort between the Health & CrossBreeding Committee and the Institute of Canine Biology to develop estimated breeding values for Chinooks to help improve health results in successive generations. The COA recommends members and Member Breeders support this by providing and making public health data to the researchers for their dogs.*
- Updating UKC Chinook Standard – Kristy Jolly  
Postponed to February Board meeting.

## **21. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the 2014-2016 COA Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

## **22. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2015-09 (Approval of Minutes) Passed by Unanimous Consent**

Motion by Kim Kramer, Second by Vicky Delfino:

*I move that the January 6, 2015 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.*

## **23. Adjournment**

**Motion 2015-10 (Adjournment) Passed by Unanimous Consent**

Motion by Vicky Delfino, Second by Corine Lindhorst:

*I move that the January 6, 2015 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, Secretary  
Chinook Owners Association, Inc.