

March 6, 2017  
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 Bench Chair
7. Report of Communications Chair
8. Report of Membership Chair
9. Report of Health & Genetics Chair
10. Report of Historian
11. Report of Regional Activities Chair
12. Report of Rescue Chair
13. Report of Registrar
14. Report of Working Dog Program Chair
15. Report of Committees
16. Unfinished Business
17. New Business
18. Schedule Next Meeting
19. Approval of Minutes
20. Adjournment

**1. Roll Call**

Present:

Karen Hinchy  
John Habermehl  
Karen Schiller  
Vicky Delfino  
Jon Jolly  
Kristy Jolly  
Denise Reed  
Corine Lindhorst  
Dan Silvertree  
David Hassilev

Absent:

Kim Kramer

**2. Report of President**

- Board Priorities Survey  
The Board discussed the results of the Board Priorities survey. The top goals for the 2016-2018 Board term are:

- Revise CrossBreeding Program
- Update COA website
- Revise breed standard
- Obtain 501(c)(3) nonprofit status

A motion was presented to form a Special Committee, Chaired by the Vice-President, to explore key steps to obtain 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. The committee will advise the Board about possible benefits this status will provide for the COA. **\*See New Business**

- Create Judges' Education

### 3. **Report of Vice-President**

The Vice-President has received 175 photos of the Chinook 100 Birthday Bash, which he plans to archive.

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

- Meeting Minutes

The January 26, 2017 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been sent to the Communications Chair for posting to the COA website.

- 2017 Specialty Silent Auction

- The first solicitation for volunteers has been sent to the Membership via email, the COA Facebook page and COA-L. Several donations have already been promised.
- The Board discussed the comments, concerns and alternative ideas received from members unable to attend the Specialty Banquet/Silent Auction.

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

- The Treasurer provided the Financial Statements through February 28, 2017.

Cash position remains very strong as follows:

\$27,600 – Unrestricted Funds

Restricted Funds broken down as follows:

\$300 – Chester H. Sweetie Fund

\$721 – Health Fund

\$3,879 – Rescue Fund

- Chinook 100 Birthday Bash contributed \$2,513 of net income through February
- Overall income, July-February, was \$1,236

### 6. **Report of Bench Chair**

- 2017 Specialty

- The Corner House Inn has been secured for the Annual Banquet. A motion was presented to approve the cost of the deposit. **\*See New Business**
- Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up during the events. Contact Denise Reed or Patti Richards if you can assist.
- A lure master has been obtained to run lure coursing on Saturday, contingent upon verifying space for the course at the Fairground. A motion was presented to approve the lure master expense. **\*See New Business**
- The planning committee is working with a graphic artist to create a design that can be used for the 2017 Specialty & Chinook Olympics on wearable and promotional items,

as well as the programs and signage. A motion was presented to approve the designer's fee. \*See New Business

- Drafts of the Premium and Show Program are close to completion.

**7. Report of Communications Chair**

The Communications Chair is working on the website and the interface for joining and renewing.

**8. Report of Membership Chair**

- Membership
  - Renewed Members (2):  
John Habermehl (NY), Kay Lee Brown (OR)
- 2017 Calendar Contest
  - As of 02/18/17, 44 calendars were sold, netting \$1,107.00 in profits.
- Membership Drive
  - The Membership Chair is working on the first round of membership renewal email reminders.

**9. Report of Health & Genetics Chair**

- Chinook Breed Conservation Program
  - The committee approved the final draft of the Chinook Breed Conservation Program ("CBCP"). The CBCP has been posted for three weeks to solicit Board and member feedback. The committee will then convene to discuss modifications prior to sending a final draft to the Board for approval.
- **Litter Badging Program**
  - The first litter through the Litter Badging Program has been awarded a Silver Badge for both Health and Diversity. The litter is a planned Bashaba satellite litter from BrownStone Cascade Mt. Trask and MountainThunder Calamity Jane.

**10. Report of Historian**

**11. Report of Regional Activities Chair**

Position vacant.

**12. Report of Registrar**

**13. Report of Rescue Chair**

The Rescue committee consulted on the rescue of Rain, very likely a Chinook in a Florida shelter/rescue. Reimbursement funds were offered to the new family, but not accepted. They have signed all the paperwork and paid any/all required fees.

**14. Report of Working Dog Program Chair**

The WDP Chair had nothing new to report.

**15. Report of Committees**

- Chinook Centennial Committee

- 2017 Specialty Committee \*See Report of Bench Chair
- 2017 Silent Auction Committee \*See Report of Secretary

## **16. Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business

## **17. New Business**

- **Motion 2017-05 – 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Status (Passed by Unanimous Consent)**  
Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Corine Lindhorst:  
*I move the COA Board create a 501c3 exploratory committee chaired by John Habermehl to define the benefits of 501c3 status and identify and approach the key steps required to obtain such status.*
- Yahoo Alternatives – Dan Silvertree  
Several Board members expressed the desire to switch from Yahoo to another platform, due to security concerns. Alternatives will be explored and reported back to the Board.
- **Motion 2017-06 – Lure Coursing Expense (Passed 9 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent)**  
Motion by Denise Reed, Second by Karen Schiller:  
*I move that the COA authorize the expenditure of no more than \$375 to provide lure coursing during the 2017 Specialty/ Chinook Olympics.*
- **Motion 2017-07 – Specialty Logo Expense (Passed 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent)**  
Motion by Denise Reed, Second by Karen Hinchy:  
*I move that the COA authorize the expenditure of no more than \$150 for design services for a Specialty logo.*
- **Motion 2017-08 – Banquet Deposit (Passed 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent)**  
Motion by Denise Reed, Second by Karen Hinchy:  
*I move the COA Board to authorize a refundable expenditure of \$250 to the Corner House Inn in Sandwich, New Hampshire, to reserve the venue for the Annual Banquet.*

## **18. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the 2016-2018 COA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. EDT.

## **19. Approval of Minutes**

### **Motion 2017-09 (Passed by Unanimous Consent)**

Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Denise Reed:

*I move that the March 6, 2017 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.*

## **20. Adjournment**

### **Motion 2017-10 (Passed by Unanimous Consent)**

Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Corine Lindhorst:

*I move that the March 6, 2017 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.