



December 12 2019
COA Board Meeting

COA Mission Statement (adapted from Constitution and Bylaws):

To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Chinooks in particular; To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Chinooks; To support and promote study and research on the history, character, breeding, genetics and particular health problems of Chinooks; To establish a national data base of resource materials about the Chinook; To further understanding of the disease, defects, injuries and other ailments that afflict dogs in general and Chinooks in particular; To acknowledge and advance the critical role of an UKC National breed club in providing education, health research and support of rescue for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs, and Chinooks in particular; To conduct activities including sporting events, licensed events, specialty shows, working certificate tests, obedience, agility and tracking trials, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the United Kennel Club, in furtherance of the above purposes; To urge members and breeders to be guided by principals of good sportsmanship, including fair and honest conduct, and to accept the standard of the breed as established by the COA and the United Kennel Club (UKC) as the only standard of excellence by which the Chinook shall be bred and judged. To otherwise preserve and protect the Chinook and to do all things possible to promote its natural qualities, including the encouragement of regional activities and/or interest/study groups

Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a. Present:
 - i. John Habermehl
 - ii. Denise Reed
 - iii. Taylor Scanlon
 - iv. Vicky Delfino
 - v. Brendan Aldrich
 - vi. Mary Aldrich
 - vii. Jon Jolly
 - viii. Kristy Jolly
 - ix. Corine Lindhorst
 - x. Bob Cottrell
 - xi. Karen Hinchy
 - b. Absent:
 - i. Jude Griffin
2. Report of President
 - a. It's been a busy few months but thanks for the work on the calendar and other association duties (and puppies!)
 - b. John went to the CCA event and got to network with Chinook owners and breeders
3. Report of Vice-President
 - a. VP has nothing new to report.
4. Report of Secretary
 - a. Secretary has nothing new to report.
5. Report of Treasurer
 - a. Budget documents have been distributed via email
 - b. We remain in a strong position financially.
 - c. Restricted funds at 6300USD. Monies incoming for the breed conversation program and from the calendar sales.
 - d. Still working out timing on membership income and timing due to membership renewals coming in year round.

6. Report of Bench Chair
 - a. Specialty next year June 10.
 - b. Contract for the judge, Rick Gann, has been sent out.
 - c. Mary spoke to UKC and we can't register until February.
 - d. Kay Lee Brown still has the grand champion plaque from the past specialty and will return it as soon as her house is unpacked.
 - e. Denise has contacted a hotel for room bookings. Mary will follow up with Denise and go over upcoming specialty items.
 - f. John asks if Mary feels satisfied with the progress of the 2020 specialty. Mary confirms the plan is to increase the marketing in anticipation of more Chinooks/owners attending, and to have additional specialty specific merchandise.
7. Report of Communications Chair
 - a. CQ went out.
 - b. A donate button was added to the website
 - c. Stories available for the next CQ.
8. Report of Membership Chair
9. Membership Report – November/December 2019
 - a. Current Membership Total: 210
 - i. New Members (3): Peter Clarizia (MA), Jessica Hughes (MD), Nathan Rouillard (VT)
 - ii. Renewed Members (10): Ira Bittues (ME), Alisa Druzba (NH), Dustin Cathcart (MA), Linda Ryan (CA), Suzanne Schofield (ON, CA), Lauren Brigham (NH), Keirsten Wagner (PA), Jayne Spaulding (NH), Melissa Dury (NH), Anne Chomyn (CA)
 - iii. Puppy Memberships (0):
 - b. 2020 Calendar Contest
 - i. Here are the stats and status update of the 2020 Calendar Contest.
 - ii. There was a total of \$410 donated to the Chinook Breed Conservation Fund through the cover contest donations. Of that \$410, a total of \$55 was donated directly (no photos submitted for that \$55).
 - iii. A total of 14 people signed up with new memberships during the calendar contest. Of that 14, there were 9 that immediately submitted photos for the contest so I believe they signed up because of the calendar contest! Those 9 people equate to \$245 in membership fees.
 - iv. Vicky asks if coordinating for the photo contest is possible just to make sure the numbers are correct.
10. Report of Health & Genetics Chair
 - a. BMD litter currently 6.5 weeks old; Lab litter incoming; oops Seppala x Chinook litter currently 5 weeks old (breeder is pursuing health testing to apply retroactively)
 - b. Second generation breeding done earlier this week
11. Report of Historian
 - a. Bob sent updated information on his talks to Jon
 - b. More information on the Tamworth and New Hampshire events will be added to the website and CQ
 - c. Tamworth event: Saturday February 2nd
12. Report of Regional Activities Chair (vacant)
13. Report of Rescue Chair (vacant)
14. Report of Registrar
 - a. Registrar has nothing new to report.
15. Report of Working Dog Program Chair

- a. (from John): Jude has been working diligently with networking online via the Working Chinook Facebook page.
16. Report of Committees
- a. 501c: John will be continuing to work on solidifying 501c status, and will make it a top priority as his term as president wraps up
17. Unfinished Business
- a. Budget item review: any changes desired by board members?
 - i. Vicky sent out a monthly breakdown of the budget for board members to review. Vicky will resend the information so members can review and update with any desired changes (will revisit at next meeting)
 - b. Bob's schedule for Chinook related events (see new business for updated item)
 - c. Additional thoughts on a Chinook merchandise store?
 - d. Family membership language and cost
18. New Business
- a. Moving the Yahoo group files (this has already been done by Jon?)
 - i. Jon has downloaded all the Yahoo board files. He can put the items on the board Google drive or put select items on the website
 - b. Chinooks at the AKC museum of the dog (Bob)
 - i. Although the COA is affiliated with the UKC rather than the AKC, this is an opportunity to further showcase the breed
 - ii. The question becomes our level of involvement and whether it's appropriate to be involved (Denise)
 - iii. Corine brings up that members, including board members, have dogs who are dual registered. She does not believe that this has to be an AKC exclusive endeavour
 - iv. Karen brings up the points that the CCA should be coordinating this and if help is requested, we can provide it.
 - v. Bob will reach out based on his work with Chinook and sled dog history events, and if further interaction makes sense, the board will make a decision about how to network with the CCA
19. The next COA Board meeting is scheduled for the third/fourth week of January 2020 at 6:00 p.m. MT.
20. Approval of Minutes
- Motion 2019-33**
 Motion by John, Second by Corine:
I move that the December 12 2019 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.
21. Adjournment
- Motion 2019-34**
 Motion by John, Second by Corine
I move that the December 12 2019 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.