



March 23 2020
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
 - ii. Denise
 - iii. Vicky
 - iv. Brendan/Mary
 - v. Jon
 - vi. Kristy
 - vii. Corine
 - viii. Karen
 - ix. Bob
 - b. Absent:
 - i. Jude
2. Opening remarks by president
 - a. The increasing pressures created by the Covid-19 pandemic and the complications its creating for various municipalities, states, and so on leaves the board with the question of whether to cancel, postpone, or carry on with the annual Chinook specialty to be held in Kalamazoo in June.
 - b. To date UKC has not issued a statement of cancellation or postponement with regards to the premiere.
3. New business
 - a. Open discussion between board: the UKC event, Chinook specialty, and COVID-19
 - i. Denise: we should cancel for the entire year. Caution in the face of rebounds and waves of the virus is prudent. If we reschedule it would be at Gateway, which is more populated and tighter spaced. While it's not ideal, people's health is paramount to a dog show.
 - ii. Taylor: Cancel.
 - iii. Vicky: Echo Denise's thoughts on cancelling as a conservative measure.
 - iv. Jon: No strong feelings either way. Preference would be postponement at the moment.
 - v. Kristy: Also no strong preference, but leaning towards postponement.

- vi. Corine: Cancel due to logistics. A smaller regional specialty might be possible but that raises the same problem on a smaller scale.
- vii. Karen: Okay to cancel in conjunction with the premiere but leave open the possibility of hosting an event by the end of the year.
- viii. Bob: if postponement doesn't cause a lot of problems, it might be worthwhile to leave that option open so there's a Chinook event to look forward to within the year.
- ix. Brendan/Mary: Mary agrees with the comments of others. We may not have to cancel totally, but postponing is good. It does take time for logistics to get rearranged (ie a judge). We can go by what UKC is saying as well. Brendan states that there is groundwork to do in the meantime: reaching out to the judge and seeing if they would be available in the future. His thinking is to postpone to the next major event, and if/when we learn more, we can make the decision to cancel at a later time.
 - 1. Corine comment: not against postponement, but the concern is that if we decide to host at a later date, would that allow people enough time to plan the trip out to the specialty?
 - 2. This October event would be the UKC Gateway National near St. Louis.
 - 3. Mary thinks there would be enough time as this is a popular show at a well known venue. In the prior June specialty, many participants registered in the weeks before.
- x. John: leaning towards postponement. Denise raises the point that we haven't yet voted to have the event at the UKC Premier (Brendan and Mary affirm). The board had non-officially agreed on the UKC Premier as the event to coincide with the specialty.
 - 1. Mary: we give UKC roughly 6-8 months notice to participate in their event
 - 2. Denise: membership will need several months so notice for an October show would go out in July.

b. Motion to vote

Motion 2020-9

I move the COA defer the 2020 specialty from June to be held in conjunction with UKC Gateway Nationals in October.

Motion by: Brendan **Seconded by:** John

Motion to postpone COA Specialty passes with 10 Yes votes, 1 absent.

- c. Making an announcement to COA members
- d. Contacting judge and venue
- e. Cancellation fees
- f. Elections: in a week and a half we need to get nominations out to membership and ask for potential nominees. Denise will draft an email to membership.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2020-10

Motion by _____, Second by _____:

I move that the March 23rd 2020 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

5. Adjournment

Motion 2020-11

Motion by John, Second by _____:

I move that the March 23rd 2020 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.