



Chinook Owners Association

UKC Chinook National Breed Club

2011 Annual Report

President – Ed Bigos (MA)

This has been a busy year for the Chinook Owner's Association. A significant improvement to membership services has been implemented by the Membership Committee; Kris Holleran (Chair), Dave Schiller, and Chester Holleran (Information Coordinator/Website manager). Chester's expert programming has created a website with the capability for members to keep their own information up to date. Utilizing the new membership management website software the Membership Committee diligently pursued leads on Chinook owners to increase the number of active members for 2011 over the 2010 levels. This year the Working Dog Program (WDP) has become a reality. I see the program's goal to focus on the Chinook's working heritage as a great way to motivate more Chinook owners and dogs to activities that will improve the breed. Thank you to Working Dog Program Chair Corine Lindhorst, Kim Kramer, and 2010 committee members Karen Hinchy and Karen Schiller for their work to make this program a success. I am very glad to see the Chinook National Specialty return to the Seattle area. It gave me the opportunity to see the Northwest and meet people that I have only met online. The Canadian Relocation was an ambitious endeavor to bring the Canadian Chinooks is almost complete. I would like to thank all the current and past members of the Board, the committee chairs, and the COA members who have contributed their time and efforts to keep COA running, provide support to the members, and to promote the breed. Ed Bigos assumed the President's role following the resignation of the elected President, John Donais in 2010. (NOTE: Karen Hinchy resigned as the Past President and other board roles in April 2011.)

Vice President – This position is currently vacant.

Treasurer – Kim Kramer (NJ)

After twelve years of dedication to the Club, Robert Fowler retired from the position of Treasurer - such big shoes to fill! Kim Kramer was elected to replace him and Kim wishes to thank Robert for his patience as she learns this position. This year was one of learning new things. Turns out the process of turning over bank accounts and the like is a lot more difficult than any of us imagined, but perseverance won out and we have excellent relationships with our financial institutions. Another big change was computerizing the 'books' which has allowed the Treasurer to print almost limitless types of financial reports. Looking to the future, the Treasurer will concentrate on budgeting and creating a Treasurer Continuity Plan. Please don't hesitate to contact Kim if you have questions about the club's funds.

Secretary – Penthea Burns (ME)

In the past year, in addition to the Board appointment motions, the COA Board and Executive Board have acted on the following motions. All of the following motions were entertained by the Board:

Motion 2010-22: I move Donna Canfield be appointed as CrossBreeding Program Chair. Passed 6-1-2

Motion 2010-23: I move that Penthea Burns be appointed COA Registrar. Passed 7-0-2

Motion 2010-24: I move that Corine Lindhorst be appointed Chair of the COA WDP. Passed 7-1-1

Motion 2010-25: I move that Leslie Donais be appointed Historian of the COA. Passed 8-0-1

Motion 2010-26: I move that Rebecca Clapp be elected as the CNE representative to the COA Board of Directors. Passed 11-0-1

Motion 2010-27: I move that the COA Board approve the Canadian Relocation Plan submitted by Karen Hinchy on July 25, 2010 (version 4), including the draft budget. Passed 12-0-2

Motion 2010-28: I move that the COA Board commission a Judges' Education Committee to be chaired by Joyce Maley. Passed 8-0-4

Motion 2010-29: To postpone Motion 2010-28. Failed 4-8-2

Motion 2010-29A: The President's resignation be accepted by unanimous consent. Accepted by unanimous consent. Ed Bigos assumed the role of COA President.

Motion 2010-30A: Adjourn this meeting by unanimous consent. Accepted by unanimous consent

Motion 2010-31: Run the calendar contest for 2011 as in previous years. Passed 11-0-1



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- Motion 2010-32:** Reform the committee of John, Corine, Donna and Penthea to summarize any feedback from the membership on the COE (which was published in the CQ). Passed 12-0-0
- Motion 2010-33:** Change the WLDX to remove the requirement for miles in single lead. Passed 10-0-2
- Motion 2010-34:** Accept the July meeting Minutes by unanimous consent. Passed by Unanimous Consent
- Motion 2010-35:** Appoint Chester Holleran as Information Coordinator. Passed 11-0-1
- Motion 2010-36:** Adjourn by unanimous consent after the vote on Motion 2010-35 concludes. Passed by Unanimous Consent
- Motion 2010-37:** COA Secretary to send a written request to the UKC to remove Chinook drawing with the breed standard. Passed 10-0-2
- Motion 2010-38:** Accept the meeting minutes for the August meeting by unanimous consent. Passed
- Motion 2010-39:** The Board will authorize the funds to pay for WDP plaque for WR Duncan. Passed 10-0-2
- Motion 2010-40:** Adjourn the September meeting by unanimous consent. Passed
- Motion 2010-41:** Accept the September meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Passed
- Motion 2010-42:** Authorize the COA Treasurer to reimburse CNE for the vendor booth and advertising for the 2010 Northern New England Sled Dog Trade Fair. Passed 8-0-4
- Motion 2010-43:** Order 100 calendars for sale for 2011. Passed 11-0-1
- Motion 2010-44:** Appoint Michael Parks as COA Rescue Chair. Passed 9-0-3
- Motion 2010-45:** Appoint committee with members Chester Holleran, Kris Holleran and Dave Schiller to refine the website registration system, bring the paper and online membership renewals into conformance with the same rules, and to modify the basic membership renewal policies to streamline the process. Passed 6-0-6
- Motion 2010-46:** Adjourn the October meeting by unanimous consent. Passed
- Motion 2010-47:** Sell the calendars for \$20 for one, \$18 for two or more (plus \$2 for shipping for three or more). Passed by Unanimous Consent
- Motion 2010-48:** Affirm a prior Board's interpretation that the COA Constitution states that the COA Board is responsible to fill a vacancy in the Vice Presidency that occurs between elections. The Constitution further stipulates that any such appointed Vice President would assume the Presidency in the next Board term. Passed 10-0-3
- Motion 2010-49:** Proposed annual membership fee structure. Failed 5-6-2
- Motion 2010-50:** Order pre-printed deposit tickets for the club. Passed by Unanimous Consent
- Motion 2010-51:** Appoint Donna Russell as Chair of the Health Committee. Withdrawn
- Motion 2010-52:** Authorize funds for items the COA Historian (scanner, 2T external hard drive, DVD's). Passed 12-0-1
- Motion 2010-53:** Adjourn the November meeting by unanimous consent. Passed.
- Motion 2010-55:** Accept the website membership proposal. Passed 12-0-1
- Motion 2010-56:** Approve the October meeting minutes as written. Approved by Unanimous Consent
- Motion 2010-57:** Donna Russell Appointed Health Chair with 7 votes, 4 cast for another candidate and 2 abstained.
- Motion 2010-58:** Dave Schiller be appointed Vice-President of the COA. Passed 13-0-1
- Motion 2010-59:** Karen Schiller Appointed Publicity & Advertising Chair with 9 votes and 5 abstained.
- Motion 2010-60:** 2011 COA National Specialty be held on July 4, 2011 in Bothell, WA. Approved by Unanimous Consent.
- Motion 2010-61:** Accept the 2010 November meeting minutes as written. Approved by Unanimous Consent.
- Motion 2010-62:** Adjourn the December meeting. Approved by Unanimous Consent.
- Motion 2011-1:** Confirm Lifetime Memberships. Motion passed 9-0-4.
- Motion 2011-4:** Reimbursement of rescue expenses. Motion passed 9-0-4.
- Motion 2011-5:** Accept revised December minutes by unanimous consent. Motion passed.
- Motion 2011-6:** Adjourn January meeting by unanimous consent. Motion passed.
- Motion 2011-7:** Amended language for Guidelines for co-chairs Motion passed 13-0-1
- Motion 2011-8:** Voting guidelines for co-chairs (motion proper) Motion passed 13-0-1.



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Motion 2011-9: Motion to appoint Penthea Burns as interim Secretary. Motion passed 13-1-0

Motion 2011-10: Motion to accept Ruth Lind's resignation as CQ editor and appoint Karen Hinchy as CQ editor. Motion passed 12-1-1

Motion 2011-11: Approve new WDP documents. Motion passed 11-1-2

Motion 2011-12: Approve Cerf Expenses. Motion passed 12-0-2

Motion 2011-13: Appoint Ruth Lind as CNE Representative. Motion passed 12-0-2

Motion 2011-14: Executive Session. Motion passed 13-0-1

Membership – Kris Holleran (NH), Chair

Three spreadsheets were justified and merged to give an accurate accounting of membership. This information was used to create an online database of all current members. The membership renewal campaign rolled out in January of 2011. Membership in the COA currently stands as follows:

- COA now has 175 active memberships
- 22 Active Breeder Listings
- 8 paid stud listings
- 12 lifetime memberships

Records from years prior to 2009 were obtained and demonstrate a decrease of about 150 members since 2007. A database of lost members was posted for Board members to use in reaching out to friends, acquaintances and prior puppy owners. This effort contributed to a small increase in membership. Memberships are valid for the calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31) and include voting privileges for officer elections and association business, a subscription to the Chinook Quarterly newsletter, and an individual login account for this website's member area - where members may list information about themselves and their dogs. New memberships are pro-rated for the first year according to the number of full months remaining. Two-year memberships are discounted \$5. Optional services are not discounted or pro-rated. Memberships not renewed by the following March 31 will be terminated. A flat fee of \$2 is added to each transaction to partially offset PayPal charges.

Basic Memberships:

- **Single:** One named member (over the age of 18), one vote (\$25 - 1 year, \$45 - 2 years), pro-rated for year 1.
- **Family:** Two named members (over the age of 18), two votes. Dependents under age 18 are automatically designated as Junior Members without voting rights. (\$35 - 1 year, \$65 - 2 years), pro-rated for year 1.

Optional Additional Services (require basic membership):

- **Stud Listing:** Members may opt to advertise their dogs for stud service on this website. (\$10 - 1 year, \$20 - 2 years)
- **Breeder Listing:** Members may advertise their breeding kennels and planned litters on this website. Payment of the breeder's fee *includes* the right to advertise studs. (\$50 - 1 year, \$100 - 2 years)

Registrar – Penthea Burns (ME)

During the last year 2 graduates from the COA CrossBreeding Program were UKC registered through the Single Dog Registration process. GreatMountain Madison and GreatMountain Macwahoc received 'PR' pedigrees. Currently the Registrar is working with the MMI, UKC and the COA Executive Board to complete the single registration for Tullibardine Mahalia Jackson. The Registrar has worked with the COA CrossBreeding Committee and the Executive Committee to approve the application of Bowerbank Jake to be included in the COA CrossBreeding Program. The UKC is no longer provided breed registry spreadsheets to breed clubs.

Rescue – This position is currently vacant

The COA Rescue Committee assisted with a re-home of seven Chinooks from Manitoba to a number of new homes in the US. The committee is currently reviewing the lessons learned from the re-home. In addition, the committee is working to establish standard operating procedures to make future activities more efficient. Joyce Maley, Rick Skoglund and Kathleen Daniels are the current committee members. Mike Parks resigned as the Rescue Chair in April 2011.



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Health Committee – Donna Russell (NH), Chair

The Health Committee has re-established the practice of publishing quarterly reports from OFA and CERF, to the Chinook Quarterly. We have begun to have a "Health Flash" article published in the Chinook Quarterly and posted on the COA website, as well. We have established relations with the CCA Health Committee in order to gain more involvement of Chinooks and Chinook owners in current research and health studies. We began looking at the prospect of another Chinook Health Survey, but do not have a data analysis and results from a past survey completed yet. We have been in contact with Albert Jergens, DVM, MS, PhD from Iowa State University who has agreed to include the Chinook in his research on the treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease. He has submitted a preliminary application to obtain funding for this research.

CQ – This position is currently vacant

Since the last Specialty, the Chinook Quarterly has met its publication deadlines, offering members a lasting source of information on breedings, health certifications, Chinook titles and accomplishments and a wide variety of stories about COA members and their dogs. The CQ publishes the approved minutes of COA Board meetings, so members are able to keep up with what their elected representatives are working on, as well as a treasurer's report in each issue. The COA is currently seeking a new editor for the remainder of the election term (summer 2012). The elected CQ Editor notified the Board in February that the March issue would be her last, due to many other obligations in life outside the COA. A new editor was appointed, but resigned soon after. The former editor stepped in to complete the spring 2011 edition.

CrossBreeding Committee – Donna Canfield (FL & ME), Chair

R. Rowdy Yates (UKC Judge), Penthea Burns (Registrar), Bob & Connie Jones (share 1 vote), Joyce Maley, Richalene Kelsey

The CrossBreeding has accepted two dogs so far this year as Cross-to-Purebreds (GreatMountain Madison and GreatMountain Macwahoc). COA CrossBreeding Committee has recommended to the Executive Committee that they approve the application of Bowerbank Jake to be included in the COA CrossBreeding Program.

Working Dog – Corine Lindhorst (MT), Chair

Since the last COA Annual Meeting the WDP has awarded a total of 17 certificates and titles:

- 7 Novice Team Dog certificates
- 6 Novice Lead Dog certificates (no longer being offered)
- 1 Working Team Dog title
- 1 Working Lead Dog title
- 1 Working Lead Dog Excellent title
- 1 COA Working Chinook title and plaque

The Sledding, Skijoring, Packing, and Titled Events sections have all been revised. These sections are now on the COA website. Our goal is to get the Carting, Weight Pull, and Temperament Group sections finished, approved by the Board. Current WDP information is posted on the COA website at <http://www.chinook.org/wdp.html>.

Historian – Leslie Donais (NH)

The historian has been reading, cataloging and placing historical documents in special archive boxes purchased by the club. There is only one more box of Perry Greene materials to go through before the selected scanning of documents begin. Eventually the scanned material will be made available to all club members.

Publicity & Advertising – This position is currently vacant

This position was formerly referred to as the COA Information Coordinator, but has been renamed to be the Publicity and Advertising Chair. The Information Coordinator is now the position which updates the COA website to assure consistent information flow. Karen Schiller resigned as the COA Publicity and Advertising Chair in April 2011.



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Bench – Joyce Maley (SC), Chair

The 2011 Chinook National Specialty will be held on July 2, 2011, in conjunction with the Washington Classic, in Auburn, WA. The Judges' Education Committee has completed a rough draft of the slide show on the UKC Chinook Standard and accompanying script.. The original slide presentation had been lost, so this is a relatively close replica to the original slide show. The script is a new addition.

Chinooks New England! (CNE!) – Ruth Lind (ME), Representative to COA Board

Chinooks New England has moved their website to www.chinooksnewengland.org.

Chinooks New England has had a busy year since the last Specialty. As usual, the club organized the Chinook Olympics at It's a Dog's World in York, Maine, an event where the whole family comes together for lighthearted competition, great food and lots of laughter. At Chinook Winter Carnival, CNE's annual winter event, dozens of 'Nooks and their families gathered at the Remick Farm Museum in Tamworth, New Hampshire for a weekend of sledding, skijoring and fellowship. CNE's annual membership meeting was held during Winter Carnival, and this year CNE members voted to cut dues by half, to \$10 for a single membership, \$15 per family. As a result, we signed up eleven new members on the spot. On the heels of Winter Carnival, CNE members represented the breed and dogsledding at the Owls Head Transportation Museum Annual Winter Transportation Festival. Chinooks demonstrated dogsledding, while CNE members coordinated display of Chinook history. The same day, Chinooks and CNE members greeted the public at the Massabesic Audubon Society in Auburn, New Hampshire, again offering demonstrations and rides. CNE is looking forward to this year's Chinook Olympics on July 16, again at It's a Dog's World. Rebecca Clapp resigned as CNE representative to the COA Board and Ruth Lind was later appointed.

Mid Atlantic Chinook Club (MACC)

MACC is working on plans for a 2011 event! Check out MACC's website at - <http://www.midatlanticchinooks.org/index.htm>.

COA Website – Chester Holleran

The on-line membership database has been designed to handle automatic renewals with prompts to update personal and pet information. Personal login pages show the type of membership and when the current term expires. Members are able to use a PayPal option for renewal, or may download application and renewal forms to use via USPS. The COA website has information and tips on renewal. Puppy memberships are not automated and continue to be available at half price on a pro-rated basis. The format and capabilities for this remain under construction. Until this is completed, breeders with inquiries on how to provide this service to puppy owners should contact membership services. Further updates to the COA website include Member Dog photo section, which has been very popular. The Working Dog Program information and documents have been uploaded to the COA website.

COA-L

The Chinook Owner's Association (COA) is pleased to provide a Mailing List, the COA-L, for Chinook owners and those interested in the breed. This list is known as the Chinook Neighborhood for a very good reason -- the Chinook community is so geographically widespread that COA members and those interested in the breed need a forum where they can safely discuss common concerns and issues. There are currently 108 members on this list. It's a friendly neighborhood that never runs out of room for new neighbors. To learn more about the COA-L group, please visit: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/COA-L>