

September 21, 2012
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 President
7. Report of CQ Editor
8. Report of Bench Chair
9. Report of Membership Chair
10. Report of Committees
 - o Registrar
 - o Publicity & Advertising
 - o Rescue
 - o Historian
 - o Crossbreeding
 - o Health
 - o Working Dog Program
 - o MACC
 - o CNE
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
13. Schedule Next Meeting
14. Motion to Approve the Minutes
15. Adjournment

1. Roll Call

Present:

Kim Kramer
Kathleen Riley-Daniels
Karen Schiller
Vicky Delfino
Ed Bigos
Karen Hinchy
Dave Schiller
Pentheia Burns
Ginger Corley
Dan Silvertree
Corine Lindhorst

Absent:

Kris Holleran
Donna Canfield

2. **Report of President** - Many members of the Chinook community have sent condolences for the passing of Joyce Maley, and contributions to the Hurricane Fund have been generous. A memorial service was held for Joyce on September 15. Ed was able to attend and represent the club.
3. **Report of Vice-President** – The Vice-President had nothing new to report.
4. **Report of Secretary** - The August 21, 2012 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been uploaded to the COA website.
5. **Report of Treasurer** –
 - The most recent Treasurer’s Reports are posted on the Board Yahoo group.
 - Bank accounts are being changed to reflect the new President, Vice-President and Treasurer as signatories.
 - Initial steps have been taken to obtain a credit card for Karen Hinchy to use for the CQ.
 - Current Club Activity –
 - Specialty and Roundup –A better process needs to be considered to keep the Treasurer informed.
 - Chinook Store – No recent activity.
 - Membership Drive – The Treasurer is receiving payments via PayPal for the 2012 membership drive with any relevant updates from Kris Holleran along with related check deposits.
 - Auction - The Treasurer is receiving a few payments via PayPal with most payments being made by check. To date (8/31), the auction has grossed \$810.45.
 - Hurricane Fund - To date (8/31), the Hurricane Fund has received \$1,730 in contributions plus the \$250 authorized by the BOD for a total in the Hurricane Fund at 8/31 of \$1,980. No reimbursements have been made from the fund as of 8/31. Contributions continue to be received in September.
6. **Report of Immediate Past President** – The Immediate Past President had nothing new to report.
7. **Report of CQ Editor** - The summer edition is out. Extra copies are available to be sent to dog magazines, distributed at the Sled Dog Trade Fair, and sent to new members. The next edition goes into pre-production in early October. Submissions are due 15 October.
8. **Report of Bench Chair**
 - A Specialty Committee has been formed. Committee members are Karen Hinchy, Tammy Gibson, Arica Young, Maria Sommer, Kim Kramer, Jo Ann Secondino, Rachel Fentzke and Dave Schiller.
 - An email was sent to the COA-L to assess interest in hosting the 2013 Specialty. Unfortunately, no responses were received.
 - The Specialty Committee looked to two geographical areas to serve as the venue: Albany, New York and Washington D.C.
 - The committee put together a Survey to ask COA members several Specialty-related questions. The results of the survey are as follows:
 - Location - The survey results indicated an overwhelming preference for the Albany area.
 - Attendance - Roughly 60% of 26 respondents indicated they would likely attend.
 - Date - Second weekend of July.

- Activities - Strong preference for a pulling seminar and WDP event. Final decisions will be related to the opportunities provided by the venue selection.
 - Assistance - A fair number of responses were received indicating a desire to help out on committees.
- Follow-up Actions:
 - Specialty planning documents to be distributed to committee members
 - Venue suggestions for the area and venue options for the show (indoor)
 - Draft proposal to present to the Board for approval
 - Map out a daily schedule of activities, based on venue and survey results, looking at logistics, weather options, and other considerations.

9. Report of Membership Chair - Membership is pleased to announce the addition of four memberships and one membership renewal. Our newest members are:

Jason and Peter Smith, OR
 Martin Zanaghi, ME
 Kristy Jolly, AZ
 Rob Arey, NH

10. Report of Committees

Registrar – I am working with Angela Smith in the UKC’s Registration Department to clarify and repair errors that arise when Chinook crosses become registered purebreds. Errors include things like DNA status not transferring from the non-purebred to purebred registry. Responses have been slow and often the error is repeated.

Publicity & Advertising – I have posted a number of files to the Board Yahoo group:

- Short flyer proposal – request Board input
- Long form brochure proposal – request Board input
- Public relations plan including an initial press list for CQ promo copies and press releases
- Sample articles for press releases
- Information on the New England Pet Expos – there may be an opportunity for a free breed booth if someone in New England can assist.

The Board discussed how the P&A Committee should prioritize its work. Publicity & Advertising Committee members are Ginger Corley and Kathleen Riley-Daniels.

Rescue – Rescue is continuing outreach to previous committee chairs and beginning to put together a committee.

Historian – The Historian had nothing new to report.

Crossbreeding - The Crossbreeding Committee had nothing new to report.

Health –

Working Dog Program –

- Amy McCollett's Skyland Sabino Cuculann Grt Mtn has qualified for a Working Pack Dog title.
- We are currently working on applications for a Working Team dog and a Working Lead dog.
- Working Dog Program Committee members are Corine Lindhorst, Kim Kramer, Karen Hinchy and Dan Silvertree.

MACC -

CNE - CNE will staff a trade booth on September 29th & 30th, at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH.

11. Unfinished Business

- COA Auction – Vicky will coordinate with Amanda Bays to close this project.
- Motion 2012-40 – Motion by Vicky, Second by Penthea:

Motion 2012-65 (Motion to Supersede Motion 2012-40) – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

*The COA Board adopts a Special Rule of Order to supersede Motion 2012-40, allowing meetings to take place via conference call, **electronic call, or any other means the Board deems practicable.***

- Hurricane Fund – The cost of transporting two dogs to the west coast was \$1,150. Veterinarian charges were \$202. The webmaster has removed the request for contributions from the COA website and replaced it with a note of appreciation to those who donated. The excess funds will go toward establishing a memorial in the name of Joyce Maley.
- Calendar Contest – The contest is underway. The Cover Contest raised \$125 for COA Rescue.

12. New Business

- COA Board Processes – Kim
 - Skype Calls - Some Board members are having trouble hearing the Skype meetings. Ginger will research other options for meeting electronically.
 - Board Work Plan/Timeline - Each Board member should come to the October meeting with a list of committee members and a work plan/timeline for their projects.
- COA Logo – Kim

My father, a retired art teacher and commercial artist, volunteered his time to redraw the COA logo. No substantive change has been made, but detail has been added to improve a large-scale rendering of the design. Motion was made by Kim, Second by Ginger to approve the updated logo.

Motion 2012-64 (COA Logo) – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

I move that the COA Board approve the use of the updated logo, updated 5-29-2012.

The Board agreed to work toward enhancing the colors used in the updated logo.

- COA Forum – Kim
COA Board work should make the transition from Yahoo to COA Forum. The Working Dog Program Committee has volunteered to conduct its work on COA Forum in the coming month, and report back to the Board.
- Outreach for Board Vacancies: - Kim
 - Health – A call for Health Chair/Committee volunteers will be placed on COA-L, COA Forum, and perhaps the CQ.
- Subcommittee to Identify Procedure to Place Entire Chinook Registry On-Line – Penthea
Tabled until October meeting.
- 2008 Health Survey Data – Karen Hinchy

I have been corresponding with Dr. Carol Beuchat, project coordinator of the Global Dog Pedigree Project. Dr. Beuchat read Dr. Bell's 1998 Chinook Diversity and Health study and inquired whether any subsequent health or diversity studies had been done. She was provided with a link to the 2004 Chinook Health Survey conducted by the COA, and was also advised that we had done a broad study in 2008 for which we only recently completed data analysis. Dr. Beuchat asked if I could send the data and analysis from the 2008 Health Survey for her to review and discuss with some of the population geneticists she is working with. If she finds it interesting, we may ask if she/her team would provide a written analysis. Motion by Karen H.,
Second by Penthea:

Motion 2012-66 (Health Survey Data) – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

I move the COA approve sending the 2008 Health Survey data and Dr. Brand's analysis to Dr. Beuchat for review and comment.

13. Schedule Next Meeting

The next COA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. EDT.

14. Motion to Approve the Minutes

Motion was made by Vicky, Second by Penthea:

Motion 2012-67 (Approval of Minutes) – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

I move that the September 21, 2012 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

15. Adjournment

Motion was made by Corine, Second by Vicky:

Motion 2012—68 (Adjournment) – Passed by Unanimous Consent

The text of the motion is:

I move that the September 21, 2012 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
COA Secretary