



Chinook Owners Association

UKC Chinook National Breed Club

2012 Annual Meeting Report

President – Ed Bigos (MA)

Incoming President – Kim Kramer (NJ) President@chinook.org

This has been a busy year for the Chinook Owner's Association. We have seen a significant improvement to membership services, the ability to contact our membership, and the renewal process due to the online membership database and management system. Chester Holleran has fine-tuned the system this year which has streamlined the membership renewal process, provided up to date information to run the election this year, enable us to easily contact all of membership via email, and provide the Board with instant information on membership trends. The addition of the new forums on www.chinook.org will increase communications for special interest groups within the membership and between the membership and the Board. Technology has also improved the way the Board and its committees conduct business. Board meetings have been moved to Skype audio conference calls. It makes it much easier to tackle the complex issues. After our initial tests some committees and groups have moved to Skype conference calls and online groups. I would like to thank all the current and past members of the Board, the officers and committee chairs.

Vice President – Kim Kramer (NJ)

Incoming Vice President – Kathleen Riley-Daniels (MN)

I think it's an understatement that I have learned an enormous amount this board term; I started the term as treasurer, and now I'm VP, and about to become President. I am extremely grateful for all of the wisdom provided by this Board and very VERY much appreciate their service. I am looking forward to beginning the new term and look forward to working with the new board members. In the meantime, as always, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Treasurer – Vicky Delfino (ME) Treasurer@chinook.org

Incoming Treasurer – Vicky Delfino (ME)

A big thank you to the former Treasurer, Kim Kramer, for the Treasurer Continuity Plan and the multiple Google docs she created to make this position run as smoothly as possible. As in the last transition, the process of turning over the bank accounts and the like has been difficult but everything seems to be falling into place. I have begun the process to create a budget by analyzing the last 4 years of financial data and beginning the process of a proposed budget. This may take another year to put this in place but, hopefully, after that, it will be a seamless, yearly process. Please don't hesitate to contact Vicky if you have any questions about the club's funds.

Secretary – This position is currently vacant.

Incoming Secretary – Karen Schiller (CO) Secretary@chinook.org

Beginning in October, 2011 the Minutes of COA Board meetings have been posted on the COA website at http://www.chinook.org/board_minute.html). In the minutes you will find summaries of meeting discussions and text of motions acted on by the board. Motions that were entertained by the board between June – September, 2011 are listed below:

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

Motion 2011-27 Motion to Adjourn - Passed by unanimous consent.

Motion 2011-30 Board Meetings By Conference Call - Motion passed 9-0-1

Motion 2011-31 Appointment of Susan Kolukisa as CQ Editor - Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion 2011-32 Appointment of Corine Lindhorst as Past President - Motion passed 8-0-2.

Motion 2011-33 Appointment of Jude Griffin as Rescue Chair - Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion 2011-28 Karen Hinchy Run the 2012 Calendar Contest - Motion passed 9-0-1

Motion 2011-29 Sled Dog Trade Fair and Seminar Show - Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion 2011-34 Approval of CoE Survey - Motion passed 9-0-1.

Motion 2011-35 Approval of Purchase of a Scanner - Motion passed 9-0-1.

Motion 2011-37 Approval of Meeting Minutes – Passed by unanimous consent.

Motion 2011-36 Motion to Adjourn - Passed by unanimous consent.

Motion 2011-39 Appointment of Vice President (Kim Kramer appointed)

Motion 2011-43 Appointment of Treasurer (Vicky Delfino appointed)



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Bench – Joyce Maley (SC), Chair

Incoming Bench Chair – Dave Schiller (CO)

The 2012 Chinook National Specialty is being held on Thursday, June 14th, in conjunction with the UKC Premier in Kalamazoo, MI. Sonja Ostrom has been selected as our Specialty Judge. The Bench Chair utilized a process of selecting the 2012 National Specialty judge engaging the COA Board and other COA members in good standing in the selection process. This group conducted its business at SpecialtyJudge@yahoo.com and was open to all COA members in good standing, to participate as workers or observers. A Chinook National Specialty Working Group was established together to develop a good National Specialty plan and conducted its business at CNSWG@yahoo.com.

CQ – This position is currently vacant.

Incoming CQ Editor – Karen Hinchy (NJ) CQ@chinook.org

Since the last Annual Report, 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.

Membership – Kris Holleran (NH), Chair

Incoming Membership Chair – Kris Holleran (NH) member.services@chinook.org

The COA had an increase of 52 memberships this year, celebrating a total of 227 active memberships. The 2012 membership campaign included intensive recruitment of lapsed members and former CDCA members. A change in the policy for puppy memberships allows any person with a UKC registered Chinook 12 months or younger to join the COA for a reduced and pro-rated fee. Formerly this option was only available to Breeder members. The Membership Committee always welcomes input on ideas to aid in recruitment and retention of members. Please share your thoughts with us at member.services@chinook.org.

Working Dog – Corine Lindhorst (MT), Chair WDP@chinook.org

It has been another great year for the COA WDP. This year has brought us 8 new applications. We are very excited to have received our second COA Working Chinook application, a title that demonstrates the working ability, sweet nature, and versatility of the Chinook breed. We've issued four more Novice Sled Dog Certificates, and three we haven't issued before - Novice Pack Dog certificate, Working Pack Dog Title, and a Working Team Dog Excellent title. These new titles and certificates enable us to see where the WDP needs clarification or adjustments and help us to ensure that the WDP is the best program it can be. Twenty five certificates and titles have been awarded to date. These are the certificates and titles for this year:

Channahon Wasco Yukon	Craig & Lynette Watson	Novice Sled Dog
GreatMountain Cutler	Lee Ann Simonson	Novice Pack Dog
Brown Stone Iditarod Kayuk	Kay Lee Brown	Novice Sled Dog
Brown Stone Willamette	Kay Lee Brown	Novice Sled Dog
Moonsong Cedar River Touchdown	Kay Lee Brown	Novice Sled Dog
GreatMountain Cutler	Lee Ann Simonson	Working Pack Dog

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 6 dogs so far this year as Cross-to-Purebreds (GreatMountain Madison, GreatMountain Tom Neidermeyer, GreatMountain Abbey Jones, Callicoon Bigelow, Callicoon GreatMountain Callie, Callicoon Hawkeye). Bowerbank Jake was included in the COA CrossBreeding Program. The Committee has conducted a survey of club members to identify the current population of breedable Chinooks. This was done in conjunction with CCA. The results will be tabulated and examined for what further information needs to be gathered.



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Health Committee – Donna Russell (MA), Chair

For the past year the Health Committee has been submitting health related articles for publishing in the CQ, along with Quarterly reports from the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF). After much searching and contacting individuals with backgrounds in Canine Research, Population Genetics, Veterinary Medicine and Statistics. The "Chinook Cross Breed Health Survey" data from 2008 started to be analyzed in March 2012 by Stephen Brand, PhD. from the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Brand is a Professor of Statistics and has lengthy experience doing statistical analysis on a wide variety of projects. His professional information can be found at www.statisticsdoc.com. The data needed to be reformatted from a text to a numerical format, so we have received a preliminary finding and are expecting a full report and conclusions in June 2012. In response to the COA-L discussions which questioned the genetic diversity, health and future of the Chinook Breed, the Health Committee was asked to work with the COA Cross Committee on the creation of the "Breed-able Chinook Survey" which was implemented in March 2012. We are anxiously awaiting the publication of the information collected by the Survey. The Health Committee would like to thank the COA Board for their support and due diligence, over the past year, which allowed these projects to move towards completion.

Historian – This position is currently vacant

The COA Board is pleased to announce that Bob Cottrell will be serving as the Historian Archivist for the COA. Leslie Donais, the previous Historian scanned numerous historical documents, many loaned to the COA from Perry Greene Collections owned by Rick Skoglund. Many documents have been posted on the COA_L, providing access to the documents to members. The Historian donated and scanned a 1930 book, "*Paramount Newsreel Men with Admiral Byrd in Little America*", which includes many photos of the first expedition.

Publicity & Advertising – This position is currently vacant info@chinook.org

COA Website – Chester Holleran, Webmaster (NH) webmaster@chinook.org

Chester Holleran has done a terrific job keeping the COA website current. Efforts have been made to remind breeders to keep their breeding plans current so that promotion of litters is accurate and comprehensive. The members section is a great feature for finding other members across the country. The COA facebook page is prominently displayed on the home page, as are a list of timely events, news, and announcements. Stories about Chinooks that appeared in the NH Union Leader and on www.funnyordie.com are featured on the website.

COA-L

The COA Board wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to Marne Lindhorst and Jess Maurer for the many years of service as the COA-L moderators. In acknowledging the length of their service in this role, the board determined to identify a way to create a more reasonable rotation of service. To that end, the current Board Vice President and Immediate Past President will serve in this role during each board term. Kim Kramer and Corine Lindhorst took over this role from Marne and Jess in 2012. With the incoming board, Kathleen Riley Daniels and Ed Bigos will assume this role.

COA Forum

The Chinook Forums is an underutilized club asset. At this time there are six main forum areas, with topic sections ranging from "Happy Tails" to "Intense Discussions" where conversations about philosophy and club direction take place. At the moment the lists are pretty quiet, which is to be expected when most of the country is out of snow season. It has been the hope of the outgoing Board that club business would take place in the forums, and that the migration process continues. The incoming Board will further explore this with membership and trial runs with committee work on the Forum.

COA Facebook Page

The COA has a presence on Facebook with a page named, *Chinook Owners Association*. The COA website includes a prominent link on the home page which brings people directly to the Chinook Owners Association



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Facebook page. The Facebook page currently has 273 "Likes" with people posting photos of their Chinooks; links to articles, videos and websites; announcements about events and puppies; information about resources and research; historical photos and more.

Registrar – Penthea Burns (ME) Registrar@chinook.org

During the last year four graduates from the COA CrossBreeding Program were UKC registered through the Single Dog Registration process. GreatMountain Madison, GreatMountain Tom Neidermeyer, GreatMountain Abbey Jones, and Callicoon Bigelow received 'PR' pedigrees. At the time of this report writing, two more CrossBreeding Program graduates have their single registration application being reviewed by the COA Executive Board. Callicoon GreatMountain Callie and Callicoon Hawkeye are in the process of UKC Single Registration. Tullibardine Mahalia Jackson, a previously unregistered purebred was also UKC registered through the Single Registration process. Another previously unregistered purebred Chinook, Hidden Valley Skookum has also been pursuing UKC Single Registration and is awaiting DNA profiling and parent verification as is required for the single registration process.

Rescue – Joyce Maley (SC), Chair rescue@chinook.org

The Rescue Committee worked on reviewing documentation and processes for rescue, fielding inquiries this year for potential rescue homes, exploring Chinook-a-likes in shelters and with rescue organizations and assessing an inquiry about potential Chinook mix needing rehoming in Maine. Applicants for rescues contacted for updates on status and interest.

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

Chinooks New England (CNE) has had a busy and active year of having fun with our dogs, and taking them to the public at several venues. The first event after last year's Specialty was the Chinook Olympics in York Maine, a day of silly games, great food, and fun for the family. Donna Canfield and her lovely Miss Karelia took home top honors, among several dozen Chinooks participating. In October, the Sled Dog Trade Fair and other similar events, brought the dogs out to strut their stuff, led ably by CNE President Ed Bigos and GRCH Rain Mountain Skookum Tum Tum, otherwise known as the large and lovable Harry. In February, we all gathered again in Tamworth for Chinook Winter Carnival. The winter's lack of snow kept us from our customary offerings of dogsled rides to the area's children, but Chinooks turned out in force nonetheless, and the hundreds of attendees at the event were able to pet, snuggle and play with our amazing dogs, as well as watch them romp in the sparse snow in the ring. The CNE annual meeting and banquet that night offered us a chance to see a vivid history of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, offered by historian Bob Cottrell, who is owned by the ever affectionate Tamworth Tugger. The CNE's elections this spring will see a new slate of officers take over running the club, and we hope to host many more family friendly events in the months to come. As ever, CNE's motto remains: Go out and have fun with your dog!

Mid Atlantic Chinook Club (MACC) - Kim Kramer (NJ), Representative to COA Board

Mid-Atlantic Chinook Club (MACC) - MACC has had several existential challenges this year, relating to banking and insurance. Fees for each of these vital areas have become a burden on the club. The MACC Board is looking into options, and is confident that a solution will be found.