

Chinook Owners Association UKC Chinook National Breed Club

2012-2013 Annual Meeting Report

President – Kim Kramer (NJ)

As President, I enjoy the lively discussions that take place each month on our Skype call. The Board is working very smoothly, and as of this writing, all positions are filled. It is a privilege to work with this group of dedicated, passionate individuals.

The following reports outline the activities of your Board. The officers and committee chairs are more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have about their areas of responsibility. My club email is <u>president@chinook.org</u>, and I welcome your questions, comments or concerns at any time.

Vice-President – Kathleen Riley-Daniels (MN)

This past year has been spent getting up to speed with Board projects and evaluating the Constitution and By-Laws for updating. A call has been put to the members for those interested in assisting in updating the By-Laws and that process will begin after the 2013 National Specialty.

Treasurer – Vicky Delfino (ME)

This past year has run rather smoothly as my second year in this position. During the past year, we created the "Hurricane Fund" in memory of Joyce Maley in an effort to re-home her dogs. It's been a pleasure to work with other Board members and subcommittees on various financial matters. With the use of PayPal and QuickBooks, all our financial data is computerized so it is fairly easy to provide any information requested by others. I am in the middle of working with the Specialty team and just learning about the recordkeeping for that process. The goal of developing a budget still exists for next year. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the club's finances.

Secretary – Karen Schiller (CO)

The Minutes of COA Board of Directors 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 upon by the Board.

Bench – Dave Schiller (CO)

The Bench Chair has established a process to provide show recaps and recognition of newly titled Chinooks for publication in the Chinook Quarterly.

As of this writing, we are poised to have a very successful and enjoyable Chinook National Specialty and Family Reunion Weekend (Chinook Roundup) the weekend of July 12th in Montgomery, New York. Many thanks to the Specialty Committee consisting of Karen Hinchy, Tammy Gibson, Diana Fowler, Mary Malkiel, Mary Jo Crance, John Habermehl, Karen Schiller, Maria Sommer, Penthea Burns, Vicky Delfino, Rachel Fentzke, Carol Carlson, and Kim Kramer for their perseverance, creativity and overall energy and coordination skills. This has been a wonderful experience for me personally and has set the example as to how a regionally diverse group of folks can work together to pull off a wonderful weekend of events for our Chinook community!

Looking forward, work has already begun on the 2014 Chinook National Specialty, which be held next June in conjunction with UKC Premier in Kalamazoo, MI. The Honorable David Arthur has agreed to serve as our Specialty judge. Stay tuned for details!

I strongly encourage you to show your Chinook if you haven't already dipped your paws into those waters. It's really quite a lot of fun, and there is nothing better than hanging out with other Chinook owners. I hope to see many of you at UKC shows in the coming year.



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CO –Karen Hinchy (NJ), succeeded by Jon Jolly (AZ)

Since the last Annual Report, the Chinook Quarterly has experienced significant changes. In addition to providing quarterly updates, in 2013 the CQ produced its first color edition for online subscribers. Over 95% of our membership chose to receive the CQ online, which set the stage for a fully digital edition in summer 2013. This new format will provide ongoing savings to the COA to invest in priority health and wellness programs for our Chinooks, and offer a richer newsletter experience for members. The CQ continues to offer members a lasting source of information including a wide variety of stories about COA members and their dogs, breedings, health certifications, Chinook titles and accomplishments. More recently, it has celebrated the growing number of Chinooks with achievements in the Working Dog Program. 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

The COA currently celebrates a total of 228 active memberships and wants to thank all new and returning members for their valued support.

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 Program - Corine Lindhorst (MT), Chair

This has been a great year so far for the WDP. As of June 15, we have received 15 applications, compared to 18 applications for the entire year in 2012. In total we have processed 54 applications. We've very excited to have awarded our first COA Working Chinook Excellent title to Lee Ann Simonson's Great Mountain Cutler, a dog who has demonstrated his working ability by qualifying for the Working Pack Dog Excellent title, his wonderful temperament by receiving both the Friendly Paw and Diplomat awards, and his versatility by receiving two Rally titles.

Crossbreeding - Donna Canfield (ME), co-Chair, Karen Hinchy (NJ), co-Chair

The Crossbreeding Committee is reviewing a cross to pure application and eye certification requirements for the program with the advent of the OFA eye health database. As the Chinook Pedigree Project moves into the analysis phase, the Crossbreeding Committee will be working to review the impact the program has had on the breed, and whether changes are sensible based on the health and diversity of the Chinook population.

Health Committee – Karen Hinchy (NJ), Chair

Karen became the Chair in June. She will re-start the committee later this summer. We look forward to the committee's updates in the CQ this fall.

Historian – Ed Bigos (MA)

Rick Skoglund has generously donated the rights to the PGK Historic DVD's at the end of the DVD sale to benefit CNE along with the rights to some other historic documents to CNE/COA. Bob Cottrell has given several Chinook history presentations to the public in Tamworth and the surrounding areas.

Publicity & Advertising –Ginger Corley (WA)

The Advertising & PR Committee developed active Communications Plan and is busy with the projects outlined on there. Our Chinook flyer will be making its debut at the upcoming Chinook Specialty. After that, members will be able to download and print it as they require it for events they are attending in their own areas. We'll be getting our first batch of Press Releases out shortly as well.

We've also been active researching a Register of Merit Program, looking what other breeds use and gathering information on what Chinooks on average have as number of champion offspring. We hope to prepare a permanent program for the COA.



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Registrar - Penthea Burns (ME)

In the last year, two graduates from the COA Crossbreeding Program were UKC registered through the Single Dog Registration process. GreatMountain Callie and Callicoon Hawkeye received 'PR' pedigrees. The COA Registrar has also worked with the UKC and Chinook owners to resolve Chinook registration and DNA issues. The Registrar has served as a member of the COA CrossBreeding Committee and a resource to the Chinook Pedigree Project.

Rescue – Dan Silvertree (OR), Chair

This year we investigated several potential rescue situations, including a sled dog kennel seizure in Michigan which included 3 dogs that may have been Chinooks. Unfortunately we were unable to uncover any specific evidence that tied the dogs to a breeder or past line even after extensive researching with the assistance of several Chinook historians and breeders. The dogs were adopted out by a local rescue organization. We assisted breeders looking to rehome dogs and fielded the regular Chinook-alike inquiries. The committee is working on revising the draft Rescue policy as well as drafting a new Breeder Relocation Assistance program. We streamlined the application process, and continue to update our list of potential homes.

Chinooks New England (CNE) - Ed Bigos (MA), Representative to COA Board

Winter Carnival was held in February 2013. This year was more difficult than last year due to the lack of adequate hotel and meeting space available in Tamworth. No Chinook Olympics was held this year. Rick Skoglund has reported that the sale of the PGK Historic DVD's to benefit CNE has brought in over \$700.00. CNE staffed a meet and greet at the Sled Dog Trade Fair.

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

MACC is inactive at this time. The rising cost of liability insurance was more than the club could realistically cover. The MACC representative to the COA Board is researching ways for regional groups-of-members to sponsor events but reduce the financial hardship of fundraising to cover the cost of insurance.