

March 18, 2014
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 Past President
7. Report of CQ Editor
8. Report of Bench Chair
9. Report of Membership Chair
10. Report of Committees
 - Registrar
 - Publicity & Advertising Committee
 - Rescue Committee
 - Historian
 - Crossbreeding Committee
 - Health Committee
 - Working Dog Program Committee
 - Nominating Committee
 - Constitution & By-laws Review/Revision Committee
 - Breeder Relocation Assistance Committee
 - 2016-2017 Events Committee
 - COA Policy & Procedures Committee
 - MACC
 - CNE
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
13. Schedule Next Meeting
14. Approval of Minutes:
15. Adjournment

1. Roll Call

Present:

Kim Kramer
Kathleen Riley-Daniels
Karen Schiller
Ed Bigos
Jon Jolly
Kristy Jolly
Dave Schiller
Kris Holleran
Pentheia Burns
Dan Silvertree
Karen Hinchy
Corine Lindhorst

Absent:

Vicky Delfino

Ginger Corley
Donna Boatwright

2. Report of President

The President advised that there has been a considerable decline in the use of COA-L. Agreement was made to remove Karen Hinchy as a COA-L moderator.

3. Report of Vice-President

*See reports of Nominating Committee and Constitution & By-laws Review/Revision Committee

4. Report of Secretary

The February 18, 2014 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 were posted to the Board Yahoo group.
- **Current Club Activity**
 - **Calendar** – We have sold 106 2014 calendars, and received \$2,014 as of the end of February. A motion was brought for New Business.
 - **Membership Drive** – Just over \$2,000 was received in February, bringing the year to date total to just under \$2,600.

6. Report of Immediate Past President

The IPP had nothing new to report.

7. Report of CQ co-Editors

- The winter issue of the CQ was sent on February 16. The next issue will focus on Rescue.
- Jon Jolly led a discussion on reviving the COA Forum and discontinuing the use of Yahoo groups/COA-L. A proposal will be presented in the April Board meeting.

8. Report of Bench Chair

- 2014 National Specialty
 - The Specialty Committee is planning a contest for the 2014 Chinook National Specialty t-shirt logo.
 - Work continues to secure hotel rooms and a Show Secretary.
 - The Committee will meet the last week of March and update the Board in the April meeting.

9. Report of Membership Chair

- Membership reported the addition of five new members and five new puppy members.
- The 2014 membership renewal campaign is underway. As of 3/18/14, 73 of 150 renewals have been completed. Reminders have been sent via Facebook, COA-L and personal email.
- The Membership Chair will provide a list of COA member benefits to be posted on the Facebook page.

10. Report of Committees

Registrar

The Registrar continues work with the CrossBreeding Committee, and is assisting with registration of four rehomed Hurricane Chinooks.

Publicity & Advertising

- The Publicity & Advertising Chair had nothing to report.
- Facebook – Kristy Jolly, Social Media Coordinator
We are nearing 500 “likes” for the COA Facebook page. The Board was advised of plans underway to help cultivate more interest in the Facebook page

Rescue

- The Board received an updated report on a Chinook who was taken into custody by Rescue and placed into foster care.
- The Committee has begun revising the rescue application, to help evaluate the level of experience an applicant may have with handling dogs with behavioral issues.
- The Committee is working on a new owner contract.
- A Rescue Facebook page has been created for updating information on rescues, fundraising and general education about breed specific rescue. A planned refresh on chinook.org/rescue is in the works as well. Kristy and Dan will discuss potential consolidation of the Rescue page with the COA Facebook page, and report to the Board in the April meeting.
- The Committee is planning sale of Hi Viz dog jackets as a Rescue fundraiser.

Historian

The Historian had nothing new to report.

Crossbreeding

- The UKC has been notified of the approved change in the CrossBreeding Program to move purebred eligibility to the third cross generation. The CrossBreeding Program requirements document has been revised to reflect both this change and the change agreed by the Board in August to accept OFA eye testing in addition to CERF testing. The draft document is currently circulating with the Committee for final review before posting to the COA webpage.
- The CrossBreeding Committee is drafting a Request for Information from some of the scientists involved in the Chinook Pedigree Project to review the current program scope, requirements, and objectives and develop a plan to renew it in the context of all of the most recent information on the Chinook breed. It is expected that the RFI would go out in May.

Health

The data from the 2008 Health Survey along with the mathematical analyses provided by an external consultant have been sent for scientific review. The purpose of the inquiry is to determine if the straight mathematical analysis done a couple of years ago was valid, or if incorrect methodology was used (straight math vs. modeled statistical sampling). Determination will be made on whether to seek additional review of the data or consider creating a new survey.

Working Dog Program

The WDP Committee is currently working on a Working Sled Dog application for Jeff Plantinga’s Hurricane Mojo and a Novice Sled Dog application for Southwind in the Willows.

Nominating Committee - Kathleen

- The Chair is awaiting one response to have a complete Committee.
- The Board discussed the expiration date of the current term, and whether the new Board should be seated at the Specialty in October.

Motion 2014-09 (Timing of COA Board Elections) Passed 8 Yes, 1 No, 5 Absent

Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Dave Schiller:

I move that the COA Board hold elections in accordance with the standard timetable targeting a transition to the new Board in June, regardless of the timing of the 2014 Specialty.

Constitution & By-Laws Review/Revision Committee – Kathleen

- UKC has not yet responded to a question on membership in their new format for Constitution & By-Laws.
- No additional input has been received from COA Board members regarding UKC's required wording.

Breeder Relocation Assistance Committee – Dan

The Committee had nothing new to report.

2016-2017 Events Committee – Ed

The Committee had nothing new to report.

COA Policy & Procedures Committee – Dave

- The P&P Committee has met to discuss various drafts and the process for moving forward. Committee members are Dave Schiller, Penthea Burns and Vicky Delfino. The policies and procedures can be incorporated into the overall Constitution re-write.
- The Board discussed the Communication Policy and agreed on the amount of deposit that should accompany the filing of a complaint.

MACC

CNE

- The 20th Annual Winter Carnival was held on February 22, 2014. Approximately 40 Chinook owners were in attendance. Rick Skoglund was presented with a plaque commemorating the 20th Annual Winter Carnival in Tamworth. The New Hampshire Chronicle interviewed Chinook owners at the event.
- CNE was the donation partner at the Tamworth Lyceum for the month of February. The Lyceum donates 10 cents of every coffee sold during the month to the donation partner. We brought in a Chinook display with a Moody sled. Bob Cottrell made the arrangements and gave a presentation on Chinook history.

11. Unfinished Business

- Consolidation of Board Positions – Kathleen
Discussion postponed until April Board Meeting.
- Switch from Skype to Teleconferencing for Board Meetings
Jon stated that he would like to try teleconferencing again before making the decision to have Board meetings via Skype. Board members will offer comments before the April meeting.

12. New Business

- **Motion 2014-10 (Reduce Calendar Pricing) Passed by Unanimous Consent**
Motion by Vicky Delfino, Second by Kris Holleran:
I move that the COA drop the price of the remaining 13 saleable calendars to \$11 in order to sell the remaining stock.
- **Motion 2014-11 (2014 Specialty Logo Contest) Passed 11 Yes, 3 Absent**
Motion by Dave Schiller, Second by Penthea Burns:
I move the COA approve \$150.00 for a t-shirt contest for the 2014 Specialty.

13. Schedule Next Meeting

The next COA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. EDT.

14. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2014-12 Passed by Unanimous Consent

Motion by Penthea Burns, Second by Corine Lindhorst:

I move that the March 18, 2014 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

15. Adjournment

Motion 2014-13 – Passed by Unanimous Consent

Motion by Penthea Burns, Second by Kris Holleran:

I move that the March 18, 2014 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