

February 24, 2015
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 Registrar
11. Report of Publicity & Advertising Chair
12. Report of Rescue Chair
13. Report of Historian
14. Report of Health & CrossBreeding Chair
15. Report of Working Dog Program Chair
16. Report of CNE Representative
17. Report of MACC Representative
18. Report of Committees
19. Unfinished Business
20. New Business
21. Schedule Next Meeting
22. Approval of Minutes:
23. Adjournment

1. Roll Call

Present:

Kathleen Riley-Daniels
Karen Hinchy
Karen Schiller
Kim Kramer
Jon Jolly
Mary Malkiel
Kristy Jolly
Corine Lindhorst
Dave Schiller
Dan Silvertree
David Hassilev
Ed Bigos

Absent

Vicky Delfino

2. Report of President

The President had nothing to report.

3. Report of Vice-President

The Vice-President had nothing to report.

4. Report of Secretary

- The January 6, 2015 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been uploaded to the COA website.

- A second Change of Officer form was faxed to UKC, along with a letter stating that Corine Lindhorst has replaced Penthea Burns as COA Registrar
- Committee Work:
 - 2015 Specialty Host Committee
Working with Bench and P&A Chairs to develop plans for Specialty.
 - 2015 Silent Auction
The first Auction solicitation will go out to the membership in April 2015.

5. Report of Treasurer

The Treasurer provided the December 2014 financial reports.

6. Report of Immediate Past President

Motion 2015-13 (Move to Executive Session) Passed by Unanimous Consent

Motion by Kim Kramer, Second by Karen Schiller:

I move that the COA Board enter Executive Session.

- Mid-Atlantic Chinook Club
The bank account has been closed, and monies transferred to the COA Treasurer. This concludes the activities and existence of MACC as a stand-alone regional affiliate
- Constitution and Bylaws Review
Penthea Burns has replaced Karen Schiller on the committee, and two additional members are being sought. Using the experiences learned by the Code of Ethics review process, the committee plans to produce an opinion survey to be emailed to the membership. A motion was presented.
***See New Business**
- 2015 Chinook Winter Carnival
50+ people came through the exhibit at the Salyards Arts Center in Conway. The Tamworth Historical Society was thanked for lending their Chinook/Arthur Walden tabletop exhibit. Jerry Kloby was also thanked for bringing his sled for several good runs on Sunday.
- Tamworth 250
The IPP will meet with Ed Bigos and Bob Cottrell to discuss Chinook participation in Tamworth's 250th birthday celebration.
- Chinook Centennial
Informal conversations have begun with Ed Bigos and Bob Cottrell regarding celebration of the birthday. Discussion has included events in Tamworth, virtual events that could tie people together, and lasting tributes such as plaques. The IPP plans to form a committee.

7. Report of CQ Editor

- CQ
The CQ should be out before the end of February. Karen Hinchy is helping to provide access to all of the 2015 Calendar Contest photos for future editions.
- COA Website
The Webmaster presented a YouTube video showing progress on the interface of the new COA website. Responsive design aspects and reorganization of the navigation are completed. Two new functions will run on the start page, including a fully functional search capability. Multiple people will be able to add content. The next step will be integrating membership functionality and our current databases into the new site.

8. Report of Bench Chair

- New Titles
Lists of 2014 UKC Top Ten Chinooks and New Titles were submitted to the CQ Editor.
- 2015 Specialty
Planning for the 2015 COA Chinook National Specialty is progressing nicely. The preliminary Budget for the Specialty was submitted to the Board for approval. ***See New Business**

9. Report of Membership Chair

- Membership
We have eight new members/renewals: Susan Fletcher (WA), Craig Ross & Denise Nelken (MA), Mindy Beltramo (NH), Shawn Gebhardt (MA), James & Elaine Collora (CA), Karen Hinchy (NJ), Marleen Mandt (WA) and Steve & Kim Kramer (NJ).
- Website
The Board discussed the need to add a “Committee” information page to the COA website to help recruit members for various committees.

10. Report of Registrar

Inquiries have been made to UKC about purchasing copies of the DNA certificates of the North Wind dogs for the Chinook Pedigree Project. It is hoped that there is enough DNA information on the certificates to determine the actual heritage of these dogs so we can have an accurate record and better determine the status of the current Chinook population.

11. Report of Publicity & Advertising Chair

- Local media outlets were notified about the recent races Dan Silvertree and team have been running.
- Web page development is progressing under Jon Jolly.

12. Report of Rescue Chair

Rescue took legal custody of Hurricane Sugihara and Hurricane Chamberlain, both classified as special needs. Several applicants were vetted for Chamberlain and he was placed in a wonderful home where he appears to be flourishing. One Board member expressed concerns about Rescue’s placement process and potential liability issues. A review of policies was provided by the Rescue Chair.

13. Report of Historian

The Historian is awaiting transfer of materials from the prior Historian. The Board discussed how to expedite the transfer. Next steps: a website write up for interested committee members, and reaching out to people closer to the ‘old’ data to assist with material collection.

14. Report of Health & CrossBreeding Chair

- Health
The planning stages have begun for a universal, public Chinook Health database. Five health conditions have been identified by the CPP group that would be a test foray into data collection and the research analysis. Discussions with Carol Beuchat at ICB are underway, to see if they could/would host the database in conjunction with the pedigree database. Once the data is collected, this would set the stage for Chinooks to have Estimated Breeding Values calculated for some of these conditions.
- Crossbreeding
Dr. Beuchat is preparing a re-run of the Chinook population data based on latest updates. This information is being used by a group of geneticists she has put together to review the existing program and discussion opportunities for improvement.
- A committee meeting will be scheduled to review these recent events.

15. Report of Working Dog Program Chair

- wdp.v3 is nearing its beta release. It will include updates and revisions to the current drafting requirements as well as a new program that is being designed to encourage participation and friendly competition, nationally.
- Frontier Blisschief Maker “Bliss” (owned by Susan Fletcher) and Silvertree’s Lion Indomptable “Song” (owned by Dan Silvertree and Lindsay McCann), both handled by Dan and Lindsay, earned their Novice Sled Dog titles.

16. Report of CNE Representative

- Winter Carnival
The 21st Chinook Winter Carnival was held at the Salyard's Center for the Arts in Conway, New Hampshire on January 24th, 2015 in conjunction with the Conway 250th Winter Carnival. There were approximately 25 Chinook owners in attendance, and about 90 people came through the Center to see the Chinooks and the exhibit. There were not enough people on Saturday evening to have a meeting. On Sunday, people enjoyed sledding before leaving for home.
- The annual sled dog race on Lake Chocorua in Tamworth, NH is scheduled for February 28 and March 1. Bob Cottrell has arranged to have an informational table at the race to pass out COA/Chinook information and have another opportunity for the public to meet Chinooks.

17. Report of MACC Representative

See Report of Immediate Past President

18. Report of Committees

- Constitution & Bylaws Committee ***See Report of Immediate Past President**
- 501(c)(3) Committee
- 2016/2017 Events Committee ***See Report of Immediate Past President**
- 2015 Winter Carnival Committee ***See Reports of Immediate Past President and CNE Representative**
- 2015 National Specialty Committee ***See Report of Bench Chair**

19. Unfinished Business

- Dissolution of Chinooks New England
Postponed until April Board meeting.

20. New Business

- Updating UKC Chinook Standard
This item will move to Unfinished Business and be addressed by the Board as time allows.
- Constitution and Bylaws Opinion Survey
Motion 2015-15 (Constitution Survey) Passed by Unanimous Consent
Motion by Kim Kramer, Second by Dan Silvertree:
I move that the COA Board approve the creation of an opinion survey to go out via email blast to the full membership. The purpose of the survey is to receive input from the membership regarding areas of concern in the current COA Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee intends to have the survey ready for review by the COA Board by March 1 at the latest, and out to the membership on/around March 15. The reply deadline will be approximately two weeks later. The committee will coordinate with Membership to send reminder posts out via COA-L & Facebook.
- 2015 Specialty Budget Proposal
Motion 2015-12 (Passed 12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent)
Motion by Mary Malkiel, Second by Karen Hinchy:
I move that the COA Board approve the 2015 Specialty Budget Proposal.

21. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting of the 2014-2016 COA Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. EDT.

22. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2015-16 (Approval of Minutes) Passed by Unanimous Consent

Motion by Kathleen Riley-Daniels, Second by Kim Kramer:

I move that the February 24, 2015 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

23. Adjournment

Motion 2015-17 (Adjournment) Passed by Unanimous Consent

Motion by Karen Schiller, Second by Corine Lindhorst:

I move that the February 24, 2015 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, Secretary
Chinook Owners Association, Inc.