

January 12, 2016
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 Committees
17. Unfinished Business
18. New Business
19. Schedule Next Meeting
20. Approval of Minutes
21. Adjournment

1. Roll Call

Present:

Kathleen Riley-Daniels
Karen Hinchy
Karen Schiller
Kim Kramer
Jon Jolly
Kristy Jolly
Corine Lindhorst
Dan Silvertree

Absent

Vicky Delfino
Mary Malkiel
David Hassilev

2. Report of President

The President had nothing new to report.

3. Report of Vice-President

The Vice-President expressed a desire to chair the Nominating Committee for the 2016-2018 COA Board election. The Secretary presented a motion for the Board to appoint the Chair as outlined in the COA Constitution & Bylaws. ***See New Business**

4. **Report of Secretary**

- Board Meeting Minutes
The December 8, 2015 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been uploaded to the COA website.
- UKC Newsletter
The UKC Newsletter was received by the Secretary and posted for the Board's review.

5. **Report of Treasurer**

- Current Club Activity
 - The TeeSpring Fundraiser for the Health Fund netted \$1,993 initially, plus an additional \$373 on the second run.
 - An additional contribution of \$300 was received in December.
 - Some membership monies continue to trickle in
 - We received \$589.50 for 78 calendar sales through November (prior year overall net \$1,373)
 - As time allows, the Treasurer will look into changing banks, issuing credit cards and purchasing CDs.
- Form 1024 for 501(c)(7) status
The Treasurer requested assistance in completing Form 1024.
- Future Items
 - Directors & Officers Insurance – To be done after nonprofit status is secured
 - §501(c)(3) status for Rescue or full organization – To be done after 501(c)(7) status is secured

6. **Report of Immediate Past President**

- Constitution & Bylaws Review
The IPP presented a draft of the revised COA Constitution & Bylaws. The document is being reviewed by the Board for verification of job descriptions. A draft of the revised document will be provided to the Membership for a short comment period. The revised Constitution & Bylaws must then pass by 2/3 vote of the Board.
- 2017 Chinook Centennial
An informal meeting in Tamworth is being planned for either January 16-17 or January 23-24 to work on potential accommodations for centennial events.
- Tamworth 250 Commemorative Book
The IPP proposed that the Board purchase a congratulatory ad, and presented a motion to approve the expense. ***See Agenda - New Business**

7. **Report of CQ Editor**

- CQ
Meeting minutes have been posted to the COA website, and the next CQ will be published by end of month
- Request from 2014 Specialty Judge
The Board had no objection to allowing Judge David Arthur to use 2014 Chinook National Specialty photos on his website.

8. **Report of Bench Chair**

Planning continues on the 2016 Specialty. The contract with Judge Alan Krenek has been signed, and papers have been filed with the UKC.

9. Report of Membership Chair

- Membership
 - New Members (5): Thomas Hobbs (BC, Canada), Meegan Hatch (MA), Barry Gilbert (MO), Lynn Philipp (NH), Karen Tempesta (MA)
 - Renewals (2): Lisa Larson (MA), John Habermehl (NY)
 - Puppy Members (10):
 - Carrigain Mountain Chinooks: Laura Lombardi (NH), JoAnne Oppenheimer (PA), John Ganley (NH), James Esdaile (MA), Kristina Shillingford (CO), Leigh Conner (CA)
 - Spook Nook Chinooks: Christopher Appoldt (NY), Debbie Covicz & Matt McDonnell (NJ), Andy & Robin Hafitz (NY), Jackye Lagen (AK)
- 2016 COA Calendar
As of 1/5/16 we had 100 orders totaling 138 calendars sold with the profit sitting at \$1,052.00.
- 2016 Postcard
The postcard has been ordered and will be mailed once received.

10. Report of Registrar

11. Report of Publicity & Advertising Chair

Position vacant.

12. Report of Rescue Chair

Rescue had nothing to report.

13. Report of Historian

14. Report of Health & CrossBreeding Chair

- The committee chair expressed appreciation to the Chinook Community for the great response to the Optimal Selection DNA testing. Due to a recent agreement between Genoscoper and Mars Veterinary, the test is now available from wisdompanel.com (Optimal Selection Test) for \$99 and free US shipping. Around 65 Chinooks have been tested; 44 have public profiles. Genetic tests have been identified for two conditions in the Chinook:
 - Dwarfism - Genoscoper confirmed that the test Chinook dwarf was homozygous (affected) for the chondrodysplasia mutation identified in Norwegian Elkhounds and Karelian Bear Dogs. This effectively validates the test for the Chinook, and Genoscoper plans to publish the information in January. Thus far, about 9% of the Chinooks tested have come up as carriers.
 - MDR1- Over the Christmas break, the Optimal Selection website was updated to include two new tests, one for Degenerative Myelopathy, one for Multidrug Resistance 1 (MDR1), both previously unknown in the Chinook. Through the public profiles alone, we have found a 15% carrier rate for MDR1 for Chinooks. This is a very important finding, as MDR1 might be linked to some instances of Chinook seizures, and it is clinically important for affected and potentially carrier dogs to be aware of their risks.

The pilot webinar on the Optimal Selection Report was held the first weekend in January, and received favorable reports. The webinar was live-streamed on YouTube, making it immediately available as a video following the conclusion of the event. There will be an additional seminar on this base topic and one on the Optimal Selection Breeder Tool in January.

- The Committee will meet later in the month to agree how to move forward with testing a few Chinooks for the Belgian Shepherd seizure disorder.

- A draft of a Breeder Badging program is underway, providing two levels of "seals" for breeders participating in the program and for litters that meet set criteria in three different categories (Health, Diversity, and Performance). The goal of this program, if adopted, would be to incent breeders to follow some voluntary best practices in one or more of those areas when planning a breeding. The Committee will review the draft prior to any submission of the proposed program for the Board's review.

15. Report of Working Dog Program Chair

Position vacant

16. Report of Committees

- Constitution & Bylaws Committee – Kim Kramer ***See Report of IPP**
- 2016/2017 Events Committee – Kim Kramer ***See Report of IPP**
- 501(c)(3) Committee – Vicky Delfino ***See Report of Treasurer**
- 2016 Specialty Committee – Mary Malkiel ***See Report of Bench Chair**

17. Unfinished Business

- UKC Chinook Breed Standard
- Vacant Board Positions
 - Publicity & Advertising Chair
 - Working Dog Program Chair

The Board will share the work of these committees until Chairs are named.
- Registry of Merit
- Chesterh Sweetie Award Plaque

The Bench Chair agreed to purchase the plaque.

18. New Business

- Nominating Committee for 2016-2018 Election
Motion 2016-01 (Passed by Unanimous Consent)
 Motion by Karen Schiller, Second by Corine Lindhorst:
I move that the COA Board appoint Karen Hinchy to Chair the Nominating Committee for the 2016-2018 election.
- Tamworth Commemorative Book
Motion 2016-02 (Passed 8 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent)
 Motion by Kim Kramer, Second by Karen Schiller:
I move that the COA spend \$250 on a full page message (ad) to congratulate the town of Tamworth, New Hampshire on the occasion of their 250th Anniversary. The message (ad) will be included in the Tamworth 250th Commemorative Book.

19. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting of the 2014-2016 COA Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. EST.

20. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2016-03 (Passed by Unanimous Consent)
 Motion by Karen Schiller, Second by Kim Kramer:
I move that the January 12, 2016 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

21. Adjournment

Motion 2016-04 (Passed by Unanimous Consent)

Motion by Karen Schiller, Second by Corine Lindhorst:

I move that the January 12, 2016 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